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Walk to raise awareness about S-bridge

Save Our Bridge, Save Our Towns

By CATHY WILSON
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Twenty-two years ago, local historian Charlie Skinner wrote memories about the historic S-bridge and causeway in his column that ran in The Perquimans Weekly.

Today, the youth are penning their memories about the historic S-Bridge whose future is questionable, and how they feel about the road and bridge that connects Hertford to Winfall.

It represents the past connecting with the future - much like the Save Our Bridge, Save Our Towns

project.

In the October 20, 1988 edition, Skinner wrote: "The Hertford-Winfall Causeway, officially listed as U.S. 17 Business Route, has been called many things in the past. Once known as the Virginia Dare Trail in the twenties, in the thirties as the New York to Miami Ocean Highway, as part of a highway patrol speed trap in the fifties, cursed by some that failed to negotiate the curve-thus landing in the river, revered by the people who know the story of the song "Carolina Moon", and turtle watchers, citizens desirous of clean river water, and generally people that appreciate a short route between points in Perquimans County.

The Causeway is an engineering marvel, the North Carolina Department of Transportation nightmare, and the world's biggest mystery as to where tons of asphalt have disappeared."

On the Winfall side, the Causeway leads to the historic S-bridge over which supporters will walk Saturday at 2 p.m. in an effort to rally support to save the swing span bridge that was built in 1929. Citizens are encouraged to join the walk as a part of the awareness campaign to save the bridge.

The bridge will be closed to traffic while pedestrians walk from the county courthouse in Hertford over the S-bridge and back to the courthouse where

food and entertainment will be available.

The NCDOT plans to build a new bridge and causeway and is in the process of determining where and how to replace what state officials have deemed costly to repair and aging. Nine options were originally placed on the drawing board including various options connecting Church Street to the Causeway just below Larry's Drive In, connecting Punch Alley behind the town office to the Causeway, and one that bypasses the town business district entirely by connecting to South Edenton Road Street.

Hertford's town council supports keeping the

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Seventh and eighth grade students from Perquimans Middle School recently visited the historic S-bridge to shoot video and pictures as part of a school project documenting the local controversy over saving the bridge. Students working on the project include Caden Trueblood, Mason White, Megan Jones, and Kyle Midgett.

Voters ask about housing standards

County candidates respond on housing

By CATHY WILSON
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A policy imposing minimum housing standards, or lack of it, was a key issue posed to county commissioner candidates during a recent election forum held jointly by the Snug Harbor and Holiday Islands civic leagues.

Four candidates seeking three commissioner seats were asked where they stood regarding minimum housing standards. County commissioners failed to pass a minimum housing standards ordinance earlier this year on a 3-3 vote, and it has not come up during commissioner meetings since then.

"Is it a dead horse, and are you for or against it?" asked Elaine Mazur during the forum. "The commissioners are doing us a disservice by not addressing it."

Tammy Miller-White (D), who is seeking re-election in the Nov. 2 general election, said she voted in favor of the minimum housing standards, but the vote was tied at 3-3.

"There was no need to continue to work on it," she explained. "The state has since passed one for

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Hitting the big 'Four-OH'



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Food, people and good fun were in abundance recently during Snug Harbor's 40th anniversary celebration and Family Fun Festival.

Snug Harbor celebrates!

Residents and visitors enjoy Family Fun Fest

By CATHY WILSON
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Between the antics of the Snug Sistas and the Yo Yo Yopim Rappers, residents of Snug Harbor celebrated the 40th anniversary of the subdivision with a Family Fun-Fest recently.

Over 300 residents and friends attended the celebration which included lots of good food, inspirational music, and

fun times including a rap song written and performed by local residents...aka Snug Sistas and Yo Yo Yopim Rappers.

Decked out in their 40th anniversary tee-shirts, "bad" head gear, cool shades, and striking poses with an attitude, "sistas" Beverly Holmes and Carol Oste rapped the community's praises, as the Yo Yo Yopim Rappers provided back-up.

"Here's you here's me, in our count-tee. Perquimans, Perquimans, Land of Beautiful Wimmins! Come to celebrate,

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The Snug Sistas, Beverly Holmes and Carol Oste, lead the Yo Yo Yopim Rappers during the recent 40th anniversary celebration for the Snug Harbor community.

WEEKEND WEATHER

FRIDAY
HIGH: 68 LOW: 46
SUNNY

SATURDAY
HIGH: 65 LOW: 51
MOSTLY SUNNY

SUNDAY
HIGH: 71 LOW: 55
PARTLY CLOUDY



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White named Wachovia Principal of Year

From staff reports

Linda Layden White, principal of Perquimans Central School (PCS), was recently selected as the 2010-2011 Wachovia Principal of the Year for Perquimans County Schools in a program sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and Wachovia, a Wells Fargo Company.

"It was a surprise and an honor to learn of the principal of the year recognition," said White. "Perquimans is blessed with so many outstanding and deserving administrators, that I am delighted to have been selected. I will do my best to represent all

principals and the entire system in a way that supports quality education for all students and families. Specifically, the faculty, staff, parents and students of PCS are equally as deserving of this award because we are a team and it takes all of us to make 'Big things happen at our little school.'"

White now moves on to compete with other local award recipients from the northeast region of the state. After the state selection process is completed, one principal will be selected as the 2011 Wachovia Principal of the Year.

"Mrs. White brings an array of past experiences to PCS," said Superintendent

Dr. Dwayne Stallings. "She began her career in Perquimans County having served as a teacher at the elementary and middle school levels. She also served as curriculum specialist for Perquimans County Middle School before moving to Dare County where she served as a district-wide curriculum specialist and assistant principal."

Before returning to Perquimans County two years ago, White worked for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction as a regional consultant.

She has been an effective

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