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## Town hopes to move forward with marina project

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
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The Town of Hertford is hoping for a \$30,000 grant from the Coastal Area Management Act to provide the final piece of funding to allow boat docks.

The grants are usually made by now, but the process has been delayed by

the failure to adopt a state budget.

The need for boat docks was documented back in the late 1960s, but funding has been an issue.

"It's always been an issue of funding," said Town Manager Brandon Shoaf.

The town is using \$25,000 from the STEP (Small Towns Economic Prosperity) program. It

also obtained \$58,000 through boating improvement grant.

The initial plan is to build nine boat slips. According to Shoaf keeping the number under 10 slips, the town is exempt from some of the regulations that larger marinas must comply with.

"We do have a decent number of boaters coming

through during the summer and there is no place for them to dock," said. "You can anchor in the river and that's not horrible, but a lot of these boats don't have tenders (smaller boats) to get them to land."

There are no plans at this point to provide fuel pumps. That creates a whole new level of chal-

lenges, including providing the staff to man them. There is also the cost of added insurance for a fueling station.

But the need is there. Boaters would need to go to Lambs Service Station in Camden or Albemarle Plantation to fuel up now. The current plans do include a pump-out station so larger boats with

onboard bathrooms can empty their waste tanks.

But relocating the Hertford Police Department and leasing that building out to a private developer has also been discussed.

If a private individual wanted to open a ship's store or an outfitter wanted to open there, it's possible the police department could move, Shoaf said.

## Program gives free lunch to children

■ Program starts today at Market at Missing Mill

From staff reports

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### PROGRAM DETAILS

- The Market at Missing Mill will host a free summer feeding program for children under 18 years old on Wednesdays starting today.
- Free lunches will be distributed every Wednesday through August 21 from 11:30 a.m. through 12:30 p.m.
- Children are to eat their lunches in the Missing Mill Park pavilion. For any questions, call 228-990-2021 or email 63lynner@gmail.com

The Summer Food Service Program was created to ensure that children who need to could continue to receive a nutritious meal during school vacation time. The nutrition needs of a large number of children who depend on free and reduced-price meals during school may not be met in the summer months.

Historic Hertford, Inc., sponsor of the Market at Missing Mill, has partnered with Junior Adult & Children's Enrichment, Inc. (JACE, Inc.) to bring the program to Perquimans County and the Town of Hertford. Free lunches will be distributed every Wednesday through August 21 from 11:30 a.m. through 12:30 p.m.

Children are to eat their lunches in the Missing Mill Park pavilion. For any questions, call 228-990-2021 or email 63lynner@gmail.com. JACE, Inc. has been sponsoring the USDA's Summer Food Service Program in Pasquotank, Perquimans and Chowan Counties since 2008.

The Food Bank of the Albemarle has been instrumental in the success of this program by providing low cost products, food donations and storage.

## KIDS KICK IT OUT AT SPORTS CAMP



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Aaliyah Blanchard (above) kicks a football Monday at a free sports camp being offered at the Perquimans County Recreation Center.



Heather Smith (center in left photo) and others spin in circles to warm up for exercises at Monday's Youth Sports Camp. The event is hosted by Up Rivers Friends Meeting, Piney Woods Friends Meeting and the North Carolina Yearly Meeting. A volunteer staff of nine adults came from all over North Carolina to help.

## Hertford mourns loss of Skinner

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
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Perquimans County paid respects Sunday to a firefighter, Scout leader, historian and patriot.

Charlie Skinner, 85, died Thursday at Vidant-Chowan Hospital following an accident at his home in Hertford.



SKINNER

Skinner was credited for raising the level of training for the Hertford Fire Department and thereby helping save the town from a huge fire in 1978. He also spent most of his life collecting the rich history of residents and sharing it with others. He made sure every veteran had a flag on their grave on patriotic holidays.

Pastor Larry Bowden of Hertford United Methodist was one of two ministers who spoke at Sunday's service. The church lost another member as well. Lester Simpson, another former county commissioner died the same day — July 4. A memorial service for Simpson will be held in early August.

"Charlie was involved in every aspect of the church," Bowden said. "He was a generous, hospitable and funny man. He truly loved this town and gave back to the community."

Bowden said many people credit Skinner for actually saving the town. Skinner was a member of the Hertford Volunteer Fire Department for 36 years and a chief of the department for

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## Hurricane expert: Be ready for the big one

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
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People should focus more on being prepared for the one big storm that can ravage the region and less concerned about general forecasts for the entire hurricane season, a meteorologist told Perquimans County officials recently.

Projections are there will be 13 to 20 named storms this season. A normal season has 11 storms.



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"The media has led us to believe that if the seasonal forecast is for a lot of named storms it will have a big impact on the U.S.," Bill Sammler said. "That's not necessarily

## SERVICES FOR HURRICANE SAFETY GET AN UPGRADE

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
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If an emergency strikes, the Perquimans County office of emergency management may be calling you before you call them.

The county has had a system in place that allows for it to make automated calls to selected phone numbers in the case of an emergency. The company that held the contract, Delta Alert, was pur-

chased and a new subsidiary — Code Red — is serving Perquimans now.

Residents can log in on the county's web site —

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late last month for their annual pre-hurricane briefing.

He used Hurricane Andrew in

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