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Teen dies in moped accident, vigil held

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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A 14-year-old Perquimans County teen was killed and a 17-year-old seriously injured Saturday when the moped they were on was struck by a car on Edenton Road Street.

The school system was planning to have counselors and ministers at both Perquimans County Middle School and Perquimans County High School Tuesday for students who need to talk. Killed was Mustafa Holley of Stokes Drive, a freshman at PCHS. The

driver of the moped, Trevon Narshell Moore, of Harvey Point Road, is a senior at the high school.

The driver of the car was Latrenda Dillard Hunter, 27, of Gatesville.

About 100 students didn't wait to show their grief. They gathered at Missing Mill Park for a vigil on Sunday night. Some carried flowers and some candles, said Teresa Beardsley, a spokesperson for the school system.

"I saw a post of Facebook and then more and more of the posts," she said.

She drove by the park

and said it was packed with students and young adults.

"It's was amazing to see the kids come together like that," she said.

From the park, the crowd marched to Holley's home and laid candles there. The Hertford Police Department provided an escort, according to Police Chief Douglas Freeman.

The fatal accident happened about 3 p.m. on Saturday in the area of Edenton Road Street and Wynne Fork Road.

Chief Freeman said

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Friends gather Sunday night at Missing Mill Park to honor students involved in Saturday afternoon's moped accident.

Group wants more study

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Some Perquimans County residents are asking the N.C. Department of Transportation to take a deeper look at plans to build another swing-span bridge to replace the S-Bridge in Hertford.

A swing-span option known as Alternative B was among the three finalists after several years of study.

In the end the Town of Hertford and many residents favored Alternative D-Mod, a 33-foot-high fixed structure that would extend off Church Street and bridge the area between Hertford and an area near Larry's Drive in on the Winfall side.

Alternative B would closely follow the current path of the S-Bridge and causeway and would also require the demolition of a home on Phelps Street.

D-Mod was the least expensive of the three final options at \$19.3 million and would mean the link between Hertford and Winfall might be closed for just six months or less, not years

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LONG-TIME COMMISSIONER DIES



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Charles Ward is sworn in recently as a member of the board of trustees at College of The Albemarle.

Ward remembered for fiscal policy

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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Charles Ward, a 20-year veteran of the Perquimans County Commission, died Monday at Sentra Norfolk General Hospital.

Ward, 76, served as chairman of the county board for four years and was vice chair twice.

"Charles served and gave of himself and we are deeply saddened by his death," said Janice McKenzie Cole, the chairman

of the county commission. "We are grateful for the progress the county has made under his leadership."

He also served as the Perquimans County representative on the board of trustees at College of The Albemarle.

Ward as appointed to the COA board in 2009 and reappointed to another four-year term in 2013.

"The college has lost a true advocate and friend in Charles Ward," said

COA President Dr. Kandi Deitemeyer. "He was dedicated, loyal, and extremely passionate about his service to College of The Albemarle. His talents and contributions over the years made us a better institution.

"I will be forever grateful to him for his professional support of me during the past four-plus years. I'll miss him - and his wisdom. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Alice Jeanne, and the

entire Ward family."

Ward also dedicated much of his time representing the county in a variety of functions, including on the regional jail authority, the landfill authority and the Northeast partnership.

"Charles Ward was well known in Perquimans County and across northeast North Carolina for his years of service to the community, serving on many boards as a rep-

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Festival kicks off Friday

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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The 33rd annual Indian Summer Festival will kick off Friday with what will be the last Hertford festival performance of the Original Rhondels, at least for a while.

The group is set to hit the stage on the courthouse green at 7 p.m. Friday for a street dance.

Lynne Raymond, the president of Historic Hertford, Inc., said the performance will be their last for now.

"They prefer not to perform more than three times in a row at any given event," she said.

Warming up the crowd for the Rhondels will be D.J. Cowboy, who performed at the event last year. That starts at 6 p.m.

There will be no parking along Church and Market Streets starting at 3:30 p.m. Friday to allow vendors time to set up shop.

Raymond said there will be even more vendors than last year because of a last minute surge.

"We were getting them as last as yesterday," she said last week.

One new wrinkle in the festival this year will be a parade of cars at Saturday morning. The event is scheduled to start at 9 a.m.

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Relay For Life considering changes this year, moving forward

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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The days of the 24-hour Relay For Life event may be numbered.

Or maybe not. That's what the American Cancer Society is trying to let communities decide and it's scheduled a meeting for Sept. 8 in Edenton to talk about it. It's set for 7 p.m. in

the Pembroke Room of Vidant Chowan Hospital.

The Relay in Edenton is a two-county effort and includes Perquimans.

Next year will mark the 30th anniversary of Relay. It started off as a 24-hour event where people would walk around a track to raise money for cancer prevention efforts.

Times change, and the

demands on volunteers to staff a 24-hour event have become great, said April Smith, a Cancer Society spokesperson in Greenville.

"The Cancer Society has realized that not everybody is able to stay overnight," Smith said. "We wanted to give each community a vote on the duration of the event. It could be six hours, 12 hours or they could keep it

at 24 hours."

The Chowan-Perquimans event already scaled back to run from 6 p.m. that Friday through noon on Saturday. That's still 18 hours. Between 150 and 200 people are involved each year.

Kathryn Brabble, a Chowan County resident, has been involved in Relay for about eight years. She currently chairs the event.

She's seen the evening numbers dwindle.

"Over the years I've noticed fewer and fewer people spending the night out there," she said. "When you look at the age of the general population, that might be part of it."

If you went out to the football field at John A. Holmes High School at 3 a.m., she suspects you might see one

walker out on the track.

"Realistically for me it should be six hours," Brabble said. "I think you'd get more people involved and more teams than you would staying out there all night."

The local event is held on the third weekend in May. Last year there were 21 teams involved

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Ticket sales prompt additional performance

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Tickets for the upcoming Carolina Moon Dinner Theater production sold so fast the group is adding a fifth performance.

"I thought we'd still have tickets to sell at the Indian Summer Festival, but we didn't," said Lynne Raymond, the president of Historic Hertford, Inc. The festival is this Friday and Saturday.

"I honestly though it would take two weeks to sell out," Raymond said.

Tickets are being sold

Habitat dedicates another Hertford home

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Sharra Lee holds a Bible and the keys to her new Habitat for Humanity house outside the home on Dobbs Street on Saturday.



From staff reports

Sharra Lee became a homeowner last month.

Lee accepted the keys Aug. 23 to the 13th home built by the Chowan-Perquimans Habitat for Humanity.

The home on Dobbs Street did not come without effort. Lee had to play an active part in building it.

"I look forward to telling my grandchildren that this is the house that grandma built," Lee said.

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