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Boaters 'Sail to the Sun', stop at Plantation

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More than a dozen sailboats heading for Florida made a stop at Albemarle Plantation last weekend.



BY PETER WILLIAMS
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More than a dozen boats sailing from Virginia to Miami, Fla. made a stop last weekend at Albemarle Plantation.

The event was part of "Sail To The Sun" sponsored by the Waterway Guide — a 68-year-old publication that produces annual guides for boaters. One of the guides covers the Intra-coastal Waterway (ICW) that runs through the Albemarle Sound.

Ed Tillett, the editor and general manager of the publication, was making the trip — at least part of it. He's going as far as Belhaven.

The flotilla of boats visited Elizabeth City on Friday and the Plantation on Saturday and Sunday. They were scheduled to be in Belhaven by Tuesday and Beaufort this Saturday. The goal trips ends near Miami on Dec. 15.

Albemarle Plantation and the Osprey Yacht Club welcomed the boaters with a "Docktails"

party Saturday evening. The Plantation was also prepared to host a Sunday service, a brunch and an oyster roast, but weather prompted the boats to leave a little early Sunday.

It's the first time the publication has sponsored a "Sail To The Sun" rally, and Tillett said it might be an annual event. Each boat paid \$500 to take part.

"There are some folks who have done the ICW many times before, and some that this is

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New jobs could fuel funding

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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Attracting a new business that would create 75 new jobs should be enough to get state and federal funding for the first phase of the Perquimans Marine Industrial Park, a county official told a crowd last week.

A more ambitious plan to create a 2,100-foot long boat basin may be too ambitious, said Dave Goss, the economic development consultant for Perquimans County. Goss was addressing a crowd attending a monthly Perquimans County Chamber "Conversations Over Coffee" event.

Goss laid out the history of how the commerce park came to be and what needs to happen to move it forward.

The county was looking for a place to build a recreation center and needed land.

A farmer had 400 acres that straddled Harvey Point Road but wanted to

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BELVIDERE DAY



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Visitors stop to take a look at old photographs of Belvidere in the Ruritan Club building Saturday.

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Doug Layden talks to a customer in Layden's Supermarket Saturday during the annual Belvidere Day event.



Four officials decide not to run

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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The current chairs of both the Perquimans County Commission and the Perquimans County School Board and at least two other elected officials say they won't run again when the filing period opens in December.

County commission chair Janice Cole has served on the county commission since 2010. School board chair Susan Cox has been on that body since 2008.

Commissioner Matt Peeler also said he won't seek office and school board member Steve Magaro can't run because of a change in a state law.

That leaves Commissioner Kyle Jones, who said he's "99.999 percent sure" he'll run and school board member Arlene Yates who said last week she's undecided.

Normally candidates for county offices in even-numbered years have until February that year to file their intentions to run. But the General Assembly moved all 2016 primaries to March

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Friends of child go "bald" to support cause

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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Aleah Sawyer has been bald for longer than most 6-year-olds.

But then soon after birth, Aleah also had a tumor in her brain the size of a grapefruit.

However for one day this month it was Aleah who had the hair and the staff at Laura's United Hair-Lines that

was bald was part of a "Be Bold, Be Bald" fundraising event the salon put on.

Laura Spruill, her staff and Aleah's mother, Sarah Sawyer wore caps over their heads that covered their hair and gave the look of being bald.

Aleah was there and she was smiling.

So was Sarah. Sarah worked at the Hertford salon at the time

her daughter was born. It quickly was clear something wasn't right.

"At the age of 5 weeks, they determined she had a glioblastoma," Sarah said. "That was unheard of for a child her age. The doctors at Kings Daughter's pretty much told me that they didn't know what to do."

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Aleah Sawyer (front, center) poses with mother Sarah Sawyer (left), Laura Spruill, Marcia Evans, Samantha Martin and Sara Rowe during a 'Be Bold, Be Bald' event at Laura's United Hair-Lines salon in Hertford earlier this month.

Veteran's Day to be observed on Nov. 11

From Staff Reports

Hertford American Legion Post 126 will hold their annual Perquimans County Veterans Day observance Nov. 11 on the Perquimans County Courthouse lawn at the Veterans Monument. The event will begin at 11 a.m. In case of inclement

weather, it will be moved to the County Recreation Center off Harvey Point Road in Hertford.

"Veterans Day, while deceased veterans are also remembered, is the day set aside to thank and honor veterans who have served honorably in the military in wartime or peacetime," said Post 126 Commander John Spear. "But, beginning with the Persian Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan and maybe Vietnam, there

Older PW issues now on-line to view

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A copy of the Dec. 12, 1941 edition of the Perquimans Weekly includes a story about how Germany is expected to follow Japan with a war declaration against the United States.



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Computer users won't be able to go "Back to the Future" but they will be able to go "Back to the Past" as of this week.

The N.C. Digital Heritage Center has converted old issues of The Perquimans Weekly into digital files that can be searched on-line. The system went live on Tuesday. Computer users can go to <http://www.digitalnc.org/newspapers/the-perquimans-weekly-hertford-n-c/> or go to www.digitalnc.org and then click on "newspapers" to find the link.

Lisa Gregory, the interim program coordinator and digital projects

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