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Bridge agreement up for review this month

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

The N.C. Department of Transportation, US Coast Guard and other parties involved in the final debate over a replacement of Hertford's S-Bridge, are being asked to sign off on agreement this month so the project can proceed.

The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) will solidify some of the finer details of the \$40 million plan to build another swing-span to replace the one built in 1927.

The project is several years behind schedule. One snag is because that part of Hertford is considered an historical district and any removing the old bridge automatically would have an adverse impact on the district.

Because a federal permit will be required to build a new bridge, the federal government was obliged to do everything possible to lessen any impact.

To reach that end, the Town of Hertford and 12 residents representing the group Citizens for the Preservation and Growth of Hertford were named concurring parties in the MOA process and allowed to provide input.

A list of stipulations was compiled on how the project should proceed. First, the DOT agrees that before it starts work it must photograph the existing conditions of properties and landscapes in the district, including the old bridge.

The second point sets out the design of the new bridge. That includes the requirement for decorative pedestrian lights that match the streetlights already in the town. There is also a requirement to build two observational "bump outs" on the bridge.

Jay McInnis, the project engineer for DOT, said each would be about 10 feet wide and six feet deep and extend off the sidewalk on the bridge. The five-foot wide sidewalk would extend from Hertford to Winfall along the east side of the bridge.

McInnis said ideally one of "bump outs" would be on the Hertford side of the bridge and the other would be on the Winfall side. However if the final location of the new bridge is too close to Hertford, both "bump outs" would be on the Winfall side.

"We may have to shift them," he said.

The agreement also calls of reusing the current bridge plaque on the new bridge along with the addition of a second plaque for the new

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Foundation elects new officers

From Staff Reports

The Perquimans County Schools Foundation, Inc. recently elected Antoine Moore as president and Todd Kemp as vice president for the 2017-2018 academic year.



MOORE

Moore is a 2003 graduate of Perquimans High School and 2007 graduate of NC State University where he earned a degree in Agricultural Communications and Agricultural Business Management.



JOHNSON

Brenda Lassiter, the executive director of the foundation, said Moore has been active on the board and provided leadership on the scholarship selection committee for a number of years.



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Kemp also has been on the foundation board for a number of years and is active and visible in schools on a daily basis,

Lassiter said.

"He probably has the most volunteer hours of any individual that I know. He serves as a youth pastor at Bagley Swamp and is well acquainted with and has a real desire to ensure students are successful."

The board also approved two new board members for three year terms at the October meeting.

Phil Johnson is employed with Pepsi Bottling Ventures,

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FIELDS OF FAITH



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Top, groups form circles to pray Sunday during a Fields of Faith event at Perquimans County High School. About 180 people attended the event. Right, Students and adults sit in the stands for the start of Sunday's Fields of Faith event at Perquimans County High School.



Belvidere Day returns on Oct. 28

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

The fifth annual Belvidere Day will be coming again on Oct. 28 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Doug Layden and a handful of supporters started the event to put a focus on what Belvidere had to offer.

"It's grown every year since then," Layden said last week.

The event will feature food, crafts, hay rides, raffles, prizes, a cake bake off, a tractor race, and a parade.

There will be events at Layden's Country Store, 1478 Belvidere Road, the Ruritan Club building, The Nicolson House and other locations.

Roughly every 30 minutes from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. there will be somebody in the dunking booth. The public can pay \$1 for a chance to throw three balls and all the money goes to local Ruritan Club for projects like scholarships.

Those who will be getting dunked will be: Glen White, 9:30 a.m.; Michael Stallings, 10 a.m.; Henry Norman, 10:30 a.m., Matt Norman, Noon; Tony Howard from 252 Grill, 12:30 p.m., David Stumsky, 1 p.m.; Sheriff Shelby White, 1:30 p.m.; someone from the Belvidere Fire Department, 2 p.m.; Tony Cook, 2:30 p.m. and

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Christmas gifts sought for area seniors

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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Ashley Lamb still wants Santa Claus to come to older residents in the northeast region who may not any friends or family that can bring Christmas this holiday season.

Lamb, an aging program specialist with the Albemarle Commission, said the group was able to help last season in part because of a grant from SunEnergy1, a solar power developer. The Santa for Seniors grant provided money for gift bags for seniors in the nutrition program in all 10 counties in the region plus shelf stable meals for the holidays for clients in Camden, Chowan, Currituck and Gates counties.

This year the Commission is trying the program without the grant.

Lamb said some seniors have no family in the area, or any family at all. Lamb wants to make sure they get a little something at Christmas. That includes members of area senior seniors, not just those in the meal program.

The Commission is asking for donations of blankets, towel sets, socks/slippers for both men and women; puzzle books; bath robes for men and women, candies, stationary and wall calendars.

"We want everybody to have something," Lamb said. "Last year we sort of threw it together at the last minute, but this year we're starting early."

Lamb said Hertford United

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Workers assemble gift bags for seniors in the Albemarle area who might not of had any presepts last Christmas. The Hertford-based Albemarle Commission is doing the program again this year.

Rotary concert to feature classic rock

From Staff Reports

The Rotary Club of Hertford will be hosting an evening of "Classic Rock" for its 12th annual scholarship concert. The show will begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday at the Perquimans High School Auditorium.

The Rotary Club of Hertford has been providing scholarships for Perquimans County students each year for the past 11 years. Ad sales and ticket sales for the concert are solely used to fund the scholarships.

Earlier this year, \$5,000 in scholarships were awarded to Perquimans County high school graduates. The concert also funded a \$1,000 scholarship administered by the College of the Al-

bemarle for a Perquimans County student.

The Rotary Club of Hertford intends to provide a similar amount for scholarships in the spring of 2018.

This year's concert will feature Savannah, a Norfolk-based band, that has been performing since 1977 in more than 30 states from Florida to Connecticut and as far west as Texas.

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The Savannah Band will perform Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. in the annual Rotary Club of Hertford concert at the Perquimans County High School Auditorium. For more information on tickets, call 426-5246.

