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Hertford FD Awarded \$26K Grant

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey paid a visit to area fire stations during a recent trip to listen to firefighters' concerns and discuss the need to improve volunteer recruitment and retention.

During that visit, Commissioner Causey, who is also the State Fire Marshal, presented a ceremoni-

al grant check for \$26,550 to the Hertford Fire Department. The grants are part of \$8.5 million given to more than 500 volunteer fire departments statewide.

HFD will use the grant to purchase eight sets of firefighting gear, a thermal imaging camera, a hose reel, traffic cones and flashlights.

"Yes, the equipment will come in handy and save lives," Assistant Fire Chief Robbie Reed said. "The

PPE protects our firefighters safety as well as the traffic cones. The thermal imaging camera is used to search in reduced visibility for victims in fires and also hidden fires. The booster reel hose is a quicker deployed hose line that can be used on smaller fires. All this was made possible by the grant as in the flashlights, everyone now has there own flashlight attached to

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North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey presented the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) Northeast Region Coordinator of the Year award to Jewel Winslow.

State Asks Chowan to up COVID Restrictions

BY JULIAN EURE AND NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON
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EDENTON — With COVID-19 cases on the rise, state officials are urging Chowan County and 35 other counties to adopt stricter restrictions to help stop the spread of the coronavirus.

Chowan County Manager Kevin Howard confirmed Thursday, Oct. 22, the county received a letter from state health and public safety officials Oct. 21 asking it consider new measures, such as firing businesses that fail to enforce the state's mask-wearing mandate.

N.C. Department of Health and Human Services Mandy Cohen and Secretary of Public Safety Erik Hooks sent the letter to county managers and commission board chairs in 36 counties, asking they consider "local actions to improve compliance" with existing COVID restrictions and "better position our health systems and first responders to respond to the challenges of rising cases."

The letter asks officials to consider adopting a pandemic-specific ordinance that imposes a civil penalty or fine — separate from a Class 2 misdemeanor — on those who violate its provisions. It also asks them to support their local health department director in issuing and enforcing "an Imminent Hazard Abatement Order" against anyone whose actions, "including failure to comply with the governor's executive order," pose an "imminent hazard to your community."

Actions Cohen and Hooks suggest the governments take include imposing fines on businesses that fail to enforce mask-wearing requirements; setting lower mass gathering limits; suspending the sale of alcohol after 11 p.m.; closing "high-risk" venues like bars and nightspots; and "limiting" restaurant service.

The letter was sent to Chowan and the other counties because they met one of three criteria, Cohen and Hooks said. Either the county has reported 300 or more new COVID cases in the past two weeks and been identified as a "county of concern" by the White House Coronavirus Task Force; it has a rate of cases greater than 50 per 10,000 people; or it's one of the

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'Get Up, Get Out and Go Vote'

BY MILES LAYTON AND PAUL NIELSEN
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The clock is winding down toward the general election, Nov. 3.

Local civic activists like Connie Brothers are doing their best to get people to the polls to cast their votes.

An advocate for Perquimans County, Brothers along with Spirit and Truth United Methodist Church in conjunction with Democracy NC will provide 100 free lunches to voters between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday (Oct. 31) at the Perquimans Board of Elections' parking lot on First Street.

From "Owl Feed Ya" catering, the meal includes hamburger/cheeseburger and fries, Philly cheese steak, brisket sliders along with coleslaw and sauce, and piled up fries with three-cheese blend topped with bbq sauce. And there will be free giveaways. For more information, contact 252-333-9662 or 252-312-9420 or 252-333-8959.

"Get up, get out and go vote!" Brothers said. "It's our responsibility as a citizen to vote. We have the opportunity to choose leaders of this country who would lead and represent the people to the best of the abilities."

Brothers said on Election Day there will be entertainment featuring a local DJ and Fat J's catering as well as Free Food Lion gifts cards and other giveaways.

Anyone in need of transportation to the polls should contact one of the above mentioned phone numbers for a ride to the polls.

Early voting for the Nov. 3 election started Oct. 15 and ends Saturday at the Perquimans Board of Elections office along with two other sites: New Hope Ruritan Building 2151 New Hope Rd. and the Bethel Ruritan Building, 392 Snug Harbor Rd.

Election Day, everyone has to go to their precinct to vote. Polls open up at 6:30 a.m. on Election Day and close at 7:30 p.m.

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A strong advocate for Perquimans County, Connie Brothers (center) is among those who have organized a get-out-the-vote drive to help folks cast their ballots on or before the Nov. 3 general election. Early voting ends Saturday.



Brother's daughter Courtney Smith holds up a sign that provides a phone number to assist anyone who has questions or needs help voting.

ROUND-UP Newlyweds & Halloween Festivities

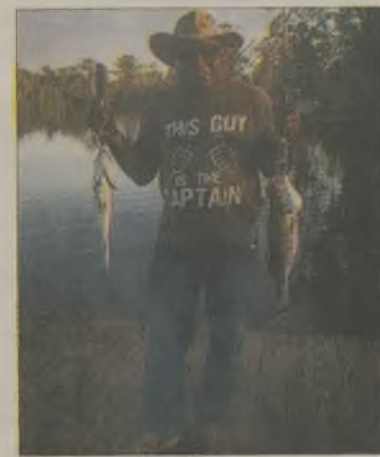
BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

A round-up of all things Perquimans County...

Offer congratulations to County Commissioner Kyle Jones and his lovely bride Grace Swain who were married Friday, Oct. 23. Their honeymoon was spent in snowy Colorado. A Republican, Mr. Jones, is running unopposed for re-election. Mrs. Jones is a music teacher across the Albemarle Sound at Tyrrell Elementary School.

On that note, local Perquimans races of note, albeit uncontested,

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Per Ed Sanford, "while the rest of y'all argue over politics or fret over the virus, I fish. When the going gets tough, the tough go fishing! To those of you who give AMENS, I will take one." Wise words, very wise words! Did you know that Sanford, in addition to being a business owner with a long and successful career in marketing, is an alumnus of Towson State (undergraduate) and University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law? Yep! PQ County attracts the most amazing people.

Hertford Man Receives NCWorks Award of Distinction

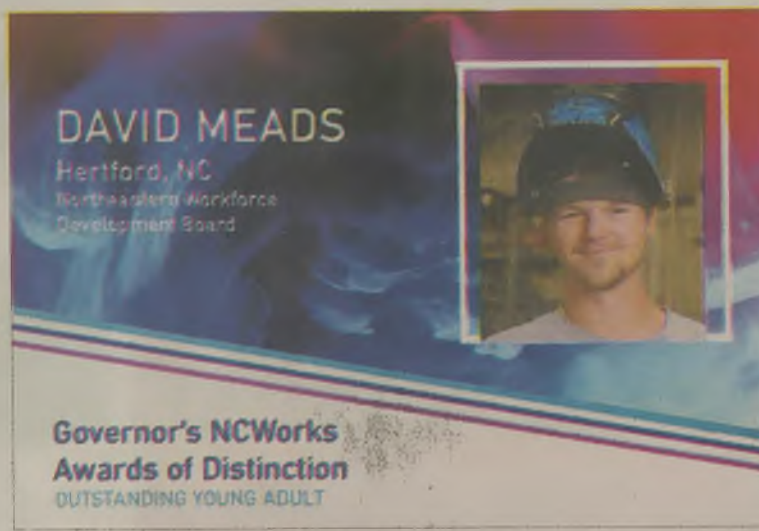
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RALEIGH — A Hertford residents was among those who recently received NCWorks Awards of Distinction. The recipients were recognized during the 33rd annual NCWorks Partnership Conference, organized by the N.C. Department of Commerce and held this year in a virtual format.

"These award winners are focused on getting North Carolina job ready, connecting workers to the skills they need as well as employers who need those workers. Each of these honorees stand out for their contributions to develop our state's workforce and has a big role in helping our state recover from economic challenges that we face," said Governor Roy Cooper.

The Governor's NCWorks Awards of Distinction honor outstanding examples from the state's workforce development system — including the students and jobseekers who receive training, the professionals who provide career services, and the employers and other organizations that support a skilled workforce.

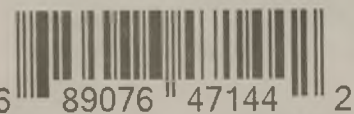
David Meads received the Outstanding Young Adult award. After enrolling in the NCWorks Next-Gen youth services program of the Northeastern Workforce Development Board, Meads received career guidance and identified welding as a promising occupation. He completed his high school equivalency diploma and received support for



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Congratulations to this year's Outstanding Young Adult Award recipient, David Meads, nominated by the Northeastern Workforce Development Board.

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