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Bridge to the future



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Perquimans County residents begin walking across the new S-Bridge in Hertford following a ribbon-cutting event Saturday to mark the span's near completion. About 200 people attended the event.

200 help christen nearly complete span

NCDOT: Bridge to open to vehicles in 'next few weeks'

BY JOHN FOLEY
Staff Writer

HERTFORD — Nearly 200 Perquimans County residents helped christen the nearly completed new Hertford S-Bridge on Saturday by either walking or biking across the half-mile span.

North Carolina Department of Transportation Division 1 Engineer Win Bridgers thanked those gathered on the Hertford side of the bridge for a ribbon cutting

ceremony that preceded the pedestrian crossing.

"It's great to see everyone here as we give the community a close-up look at the new Hertford S-Bridge, nearing completion here on the Perquimans River," Bridgers said. "It's not easy replacing a 92-year-old icon, but we at the NCDOT hope that once you get a chance to walk or bike across this state-of-the-art bridge, the communities of Hertford and Winfall will be just as proud of this new bridge as they were of the old one."

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Mayor Earnell Brown addresses the crowd on hand for the ribbon cutting for the nearly completed S-Bridge in Hertford, Saturday. Behind her (l-r) are former state Sen. Bob Steinburg, R-Chowan; North Carolina Department of Transportation Division 1 Engineer Win Bridgers; and Perquimans Board of Commissioners Chairman Wallace Nelson.

Hertford responds to state agency on audit findings

CPA firm hired to bring bank reconciliations up to date

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

HERTFORD — Hertford town officials try to make strategic use of personnel to ensure good internal control over finances despite having a small staff, the town stated in a response to state finance officials.

The N.C. Local Government Commission included Hertford on its list of municipal governments required to respond to findings in the town's annual audit report.

The response prepared by interim Town Manager Janice Cole got a thumbs-up Monday from the Hertford Town Council at the council's work session.



COLE

Cole told the council that LGC members visited Hertford about 3½ weeks ago. The officials

have reviewed the town's proposed response and determined that it was acceptable, Cole said.

Mayor Pro Tem Ashley Hodges described the town's response as accurate and well-written.

During brief discussion of the matter, Hodges said he thinks that sometimes there is an expectation that a town has a large staff to handle financial matters. He said he believes the town has done a good job

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A group of line dancers participate in the street dance at the annual Indian Summer Festival in this 2013 file photo. This year's festival will be Sept. 9-10.

Indian Summer Festival to feature 60 artisan vendors

After 4-year hiatus, festival to be held Sept. 9-10

BY JOHN FOLEY
Staff Writer

The 36th annual Indian Summer Festival is back and Perquimans County Tourism Director Stacey Layden couldn't be more excited about the reception the event is receiving.

"We have about 60 artisan craft and retail vendors already committed to participating," said Layden of the festival that will be held in downtown Hertford Friday and Saturday, Sept. 9-10.

Sponsored by the Perquimans County Tourism

Authority, the Indian Summer Festival is one of three Perquimans County events — the Perquimans County Restoration Association's Jollification and Historic Hertford Inc.'s Toast of Perquimans — scheduled for successive weekends in September expected to draw hundreds of residents and visitors.

This year's Indian Summer Festival, which was first held in 1982, will be the first in four years. The festival had been canceled even before the COVID-19 pandemic shut down most large events in 2020.

Layden said the

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Fog fails to dim school return excitement

Students, teachers, bus driver all happy with first day

BY JOHN FOLEY
The Perquimans Weekly

HERTFORD — Students in Perquimans County Schools eager to return for the first day of school had to wait an extra two hours because of heavy fog blanketing the region Monday morning.

With fog reducing visibility for motorists, Perquimans school officials delayed the start of school out of an abundance of caution.

Although there were some disappointed stu-

dents, parents and teachers, all was back to normal as the fog lifted and school doors opened just after 10 a.m.

Despite the two-hour fog delay making "schedule a little bit different from what everyone had prepared for," the district's first day of school was very successful, Superintendent Tanya Turner said.

"Our bus drivers did a great job as always getting our students to school safely; our child nutrition staff adjusted to the time change for meal preparation; our schools adjusted their

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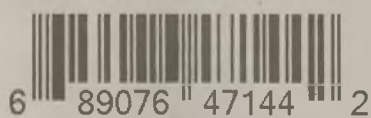
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Tiffany Stallings is shown with daughter, Annabelle Stallings, on Annabelle's return for the first day of school at Perquimans County Middle School, Monday.

Perquimans Weekly, Chowan Herald win 8 press awards

PW won Ad Sweepstakes and General Excellence honor

From staff reports



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RALEIGH — The Perquimans Weekly and Chowan Herald won a combined eight awards in the A division of the 2022 North Carolina Press Association's Editorial and Advertising Contest.

The awards were announced Aug. 25 during the N.C. Press Association's annual conference held at the Raleigh Hilton North Hills.

The Perquimans Weekly won an Advertising Sweepstakes and General Excellence award



ALEXANDER

The Perquimans Weekly won first place for community coverage in the editorial category of the

contest. Bev Alexander and staff won four awards for the Perquimans Weekly in the advertising category.

contest.

The awards included a first-place healthcare/medical entry for an Albemarle Eye Care ad and a first-place entry for use of humor in a Bass Services ad.

Alexander and the staff also won second place for a small ad entry for The Hertford Hub and third place for a healthcare/med-

ical entry for a Coastal Carolina Family Practice ad.

Alexander and staff also won two awards in the advertising category for the Chowan Herald.

Those awards included second place for a healthcare/medical entry for a Jerry Bradley, DSS ad and third place for an institutional entry for an Edenton Lions Club ad.

Judges for the NCPA's 2022 contest were supplied by the Iowa Press Association.