

Walkers help Open Door Food Pantry exceed \$20K goal

Students, churches helped swell Walk for Hunger's ranks

BY JOHN FOLEY Staff Writer

Some 250 Perquimans County residents kicked it into high gear Saturday for the Open Door Food Pantry's 1.5-mile Walk for Hunger.

Although totals are not complete yet, Walk for Hunger Chair Dina Hurdle expects donations to the fundraiser for the food pantry for a walk," said Albemarle football team wearing their

will exceed its \$20,000 goal. Bobby Layden emceed Saturday's event and got the crowd fired up. Pastor Gene Tyson of Hertford United Methodist Church then led they set off.

Food Pantry banner, the Perquimans County High led the way from the Perquimans County Library, down schools and the communi-Church Street toward the new S-Bridge, and back.

Soundings publisher Julia jerseys, lead us off and to Stapleton, who was walking have so many students, with her puppy, Sunshine. "This is a wonderful community event."

While previous Walks for walkers in a prayer before Hunger focused on Hertford, this year's event was Holding the Open Door the first to seek countywide participation.

pation, especially from the ty in general," Hurdle said. "What wonderful commu-"It's a beautiful morning nity support. Having the

school staff, churches, individuals and the excitement of everyone was beyond our expectations."

Following up on the success of Saturday's Walk for Hunger, Hurdle said she's already thinking about the "I am still so excited Open Door's next event, the School Pirate football team about Saturday's partici- annual Turkey Drop next month.

> Funds raised from the Walker for Hunger help support the Open Door Food

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Walkers sign up for the Open Door Food Pantry's Walk for Hunger in Perquimans County, Saturday. More than 250 people participated in the walk, helping the food bank exceed its \$20,000 fundraising goal.

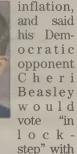


Budd: Inflation raising ranks of 'persuadables'

Republican Senate candidate campaigned in Edenton Oct. 13

> **BY REGGIE PONDER** Staff. Writer

EDENTON — U.S. Rep. Ted Budd said during a visit to Chowan County last week that rising inflation is making more voters "persuadable" who might not previously have con-



step" with Beasley, a former chief justice of the N.C. Supreme

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Bailey Sawyer (left), Megan Sawyer (center) and Paisley Sawyer are shown at the entrance to the corn maze at Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church's Fall Festival, Sunday. More than 350 people attended the annual event, which included a corn maze.

Hundreds attend Bagley Swamp's Fall Festival

Event featured corn maze. pumpkin carving, games

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attended Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church's Fall Festival on Sunday, and many on their face exited with of them ended up winding their way through tunnels of corn stalks at the event's event also featured pumpkin corn maze.

The Corn Palace in Mitch-

ell, South Dakota, pales in comparison to the church's masterful creation in a comfield on Bagley Swamp Road.

Maps were provided for those adventurous enough More than 350 people to step inside the giant puzzle, and kids who entered with looks of apprehension beaming smiles of joy.

Beside the maze, the

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sidered voting for him.

"I'm for an economy that helps everybody," Budd said.

The Republican candidate for U.S. Senate blamed policies of President Joe Biden for severe

Court, and Budd, a North Carolina congressman and close ally of former President Donald Trump, are in what most observers consider a tight race for the

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Biden.

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Schools get \$211K to buy 2 new buses

Grants part of settlement with Volkswagen in emissions case

BY JOHN FOLEY Staff Writer

The Perquimans County Schools will receive more than \$200,000 in grant funding from the N.C. Volkswagen Settlement Program to purchase two replacement diesel buses for the district.

According to Superintendent of Schools Tanya Turner, the district will spend its \$211,500 in grant monies from the

N.C. Phase 2 Volkswagen Mitigation Program purchasing two new school activity buses to transport students on field trips, athletic competitions and other extracurricular activities.

"We are thankful to receive these much needed funds for updated transportation," she said in a press release.

The funds are part of the \$30.1 million the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality is awarding to public schools, charter

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Edmundson-Fox Monument to be rededicated on Sunday

Monument honors Quakers' first visit to county in 1672

From staff reports

A monument marking the first visits by Quaker missionaries to Perquimans County 350 years ago will be rededicated at a special



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The Edmundson-Fox Monument will be rededicated at the corner of Church and Newby streets Sunday at 3 p.m.

According to organizers, the rededication marks the 350th anniversary of Quakers William Edmundson and George Fox's visit to Perquimans in the spring and fall of 1672, as well as the resetting of the monument as part of the new S-Bridge project.

Edmundson, accompanied by a guide and one or two companions, Great Dismal Swamp in May 1672 to the home of Henry and Hannah

ceremony in Hertford this week- Phelps, who lived on the banks of the Perquimans River.

> Edmundson gathered local English settlers and held the first recorded service of Christian worship in what was then the English colony of North Carolina, according to a press release.

> "From this work the Religious Society of Friends, known as Quakers, grew and became the leading Christian denomination in the colony through the first part of the 18th century," the release states.

"Friends controlled the Colotraveled from Virginia through the nial government during that time,"

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The Edmundson-**Fox Monument** will be rededicated at the corner of Church and Newby streets Sunday at 3 p.m. The monument commemorates the first visits by Quaker missionaries to Perquimans County in the 17th century.