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Lady Tigers to play Camden Lady Cubs for title today



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Senior center participants go zip lining in Fayetteville



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Colington Yacht Club wins 2nd straight Challenge Cup

## 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

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 walkers in a prayer before they set off.

Holding the Open Door Food Pantry banner, the Perquimans County High School Pirate football team led the way from the Perquimans County Library, down Church Street toward the new S-Bridge, and back.

"It's a beautiful morning for a walk," said Albemarle

Soundings publisher Julia Stapleton, who was walking with her puppy, Sunshine. "This is a wonderful community event."

While previous Walks for Hunger focused on Hertford, this year's event was the first to seek countywide participation.

"I am still so excited about Saturday's participation, especially from the schools and the community in general," Hurdle said. "What wonderful community support. Having the football team wearing their

jerseys, lead us off and to have so many students, 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 Open Door's next event, the 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.

## A-mazing



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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

BY JON FOLEY  
Staff Writer

More than 350 people attended Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church's Fall Festival on Sunday, and many of them ended up winding their way through tunnels of corn stalks at the event's corn maze.

The Corn Palace in Mitch-

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

Maps were provided for those adventurous enough to step inside the giant puzzle, and kids who entered with looks of apprehension on their face exited with beaming smiles of joy.

Beside the maze, the event also featured pumpkin

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The pumpkin carving and painting table at Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church's Fall Festival Sunday was a popular attraction.

## 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 considered 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



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inflation, and said his Democratic opponent Cheri Beasley would vote "in lock-step" with

Biden.

Beasley, a former chief justice of the N.C. Supreme 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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## 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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ceremony in Hertford this weekend.

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, traveled from Virginia through the Great Dismal Swamp in May 1672 to the home of Henry and Hannah

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 Colonial 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.