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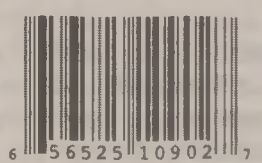


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Carl Beacham of Williamston Thank you for subscribing!

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Roanoke Women's clinic closed

Vidant plans to open OB/GYN center in 2020

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Enterprise & Weekly Herald

WILLIAMSTON - Roanoke Women's Healthcare has closed - effective today (Friday), according to Martin General Hospital officials.

"While this is not the outcome we desired, patients are already choosing to receive

women's health services at other facilities," explained Heather Wilkerson, Director of Marketing at Martin General Hospital.

"We had hoped to retain gynecological services; however, the practice will close effective Jan. 3," she said.

"Within 35 miles, patients have access to obstetrics

and gynecological services in Washington, Tarboro and Greenville," Wilkerson added.

Assistance is reportedly available to help Roanoke Women's Healthcare patients transition their care and transfer their medical records.

Martin General Hospital discontinued labor and delivery services effective Oct. 21,

2019.

A press release from Martin General Hospital, sent at the time the labor and delivery unit closing was announced, included statements from then-CEO Joan White-Wagoner.

"Over the last several years, we have closely monitored our obstetrics service line and determined that the declining

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Bear Grass Charter School's Junior FFA team won the state championship recently.

BEST OF THE BEST

Bear Grass Charter team wins state title

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BEAR GRASS - The Bear Grass Charter School Future Farmers of America (FFA) won the Junior FFA State Championship in Livestock Judging recently.

According to the Bear Grass Charter School FFA Instructor Sarah Lawrence, they competed against 73 teams from across the state to earn the title.

"The Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event is the largest FFA competition held each year with more than 800 students in attendance at the Hunt Horse Complex in Raleigh," said Lawrence.

Members for the Bear Grass Charter School FFA were tasked with evaluating sheep, goats, cattle and swine for proper structure, confirmation and marketability.

Members of the team



Students participated in the competition at the Hunt Horse Complex in Raleigh.

included Landon Mizell, Noah Abel, Sierra Price and Izzy Wiggins, who are all freshmen.

Abel placed fourth and Price placed third

in individual awards.

Middle school members of the team were Ashley Clinefelter and Exum Taylor. They also did well during

the competition.

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Project overrun is \$200K

Commission may help meet obligation

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WILLIAMSTON - During their regularly scheduled December meeting, the Martin County commissioners voted to consider taking on up to half the responsibility for a \$200,000 spending gap in an ongoing project at the Martin County Regional Business Park.

County officials continue to seek additional sources for funding to complete this project, according to conversations during the meeting.

Gov. Roy Cooper introduced the Rural ReadySites grant program on Feb. 7, 2018. The program reportedly funded public infrastructure projects that benefit economic development.

Water, sewer and industrial access improvements were given higher priority, according to information from the Martin County Manager's office. Eligibility is limited to government entities in Tier 1 or 2 counties.

On March 14, 2018, the Martin County Board of Commissioners approved the submission of a Rural ReadySites pre-application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce in the amount of \$1,126,600 for expansion of the gravity sewer system and the rehabilitation of the existing elevated storage tank at the Martin County Regional Business Park. The request was for \$1,013,940 in

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