

# Lady Falcons win league title

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## GOOD MORNING,

Hope Taylor  
of Merry Hill

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subscribing!

# Primary election up in the air

## Court rules Districts unconstitutional

By THADD WHITE  
Bertie Ledger-Advance

WINDSOR - The fate of the March 15 primary election is still very much up in the air.

On Feb. 5, a three-judge panel ruled the First and Twelfth

N.C. Congressional Districts are unconstitutional, and that they were drawn to stack and pack them with black and minority voters.

The panel, representing the Fourth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, ordered new dis-

tricts to be drawn by Friday.

Last week, Republican lawmakers - who drew the districts and have argued for their legality in court - asked the same three-judge panel to stay the order, but the court refused.

The decision has now been appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. Chief Justice John Roberts is expected to make a decision in the case, as he oversees the Fourth Circuit. It is not clear how or if the death of Justice Antonin Scalia will affect the court's decision.

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# Clean report issued

Windsor has no auditing issues

By LESLIE BEACHBOARD  
Bertie Ledger-Advance

WINDSOR - The Windsor Board of Commissioners meeting was held Thursday, Feb. 11 at the Windsor Town Hall.

Lowell Taylor presented the audit for the 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 fiscal years.

The major events over the course of the two fiscal years were a new well and a new pump station for the town.

"We had no compliance issues and had a clean opinion of the report," Taylor said.

The big change was the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's statement 68. This statement requires governments providing defined benefit pensions to recognize their long-term obligation for pension benefits as a liability for the first time, and to more comprehensively and comparably measure the annual cost of the pension.

"We are actually \$147,000 to the good for this," said Taylor.

The water and sewer

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WELCOME

Dr. Thomas Conway (right) is greeted by Bertie County Board of Education Vice Chair Bobby Occena.



Dr. Conway speaks about Elizabeth City State University to an interested group of Bertie County citizens.

## Dr. Thomas Conway meets Bertie County

By LESLIE BEACHBOARD  
Bertie Ledger-Advance

WINDSOR - Meeting members of the community one county at a time.

The Bertie County Elizabeth City State University Alumni Chapter sponsored a meet and greet with the new chancellor of ECSU, Dr. Thomas Conway. This event was held at the Heritage House Restaurant on Thursday, Feb. 11.

County officials, school board members, alumni, along with people from the community were present at the event.

Bertie County Commission Chairman

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# Ring's owner found

Warlick works for discovery

By LESLIE BEACHBOARD  
Bertie Ledger-Advance

WINDSOR - The search is over.

An article ran in last Wednesday's edition of the Bertie Ledger-Advance

about a found class ring from Windsor High School class of 1929.

Louis Corprew Jr., a native of Bertie County now living in Seguin, Texas, found the ring in the 1950's on the playground at the school.

Windsor citizen Cleo Warlick saw the article and immediately began researching in hopes of finding the ring's owner.

"It was like a community thing. I called several others and they all helped. It only took us about a day," Warlick said.

"We had a big reunion for all of the classes of Windsor High School.

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Dr. Samuel Sears speaks to the group-gathered for the annual dinner celebrating heart health provided by Vidant Bertie Hospital.



# Annual Heart Health dinner held

By KYRA RUIVO  
Bertie-Ledger Advance

COLERAIN - A lot was learned at the annual heart health event last week.

On Tuesday, Feb. 9, Vidant Bertie Hospital held the event at Greater Wynns Grove Baptist Church, where speakers Dr. Earic Bonner and Dr. Samuel Sears spoke to

guests about the importance of heart health and leading a healthy lifestyle. They also spoke about living with heart disease and how people cope with it.

Bonner started the event by talking about stress, which can lead to heart disease.

"Stress is a state of mental or emotional strain or tension re-

sulting from adverse or demanding circumstances," Bonner said. "When you are stressed, your body responds as though you are in danger. It makes hormones that speed up your heart, make you breathe faster and give you a burst of energy."

Bonner, a doctor of

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