

Conway

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John Trent welcomed those in attendance.

"This is a university that has supported Eastern North Carolina since 1891. As Bertie County moves forward we welcome you to join us," said Trent.

"Martin Community College welcomes you. We look forward to working with you," expressed Ann Britt, President of Martin Community College.

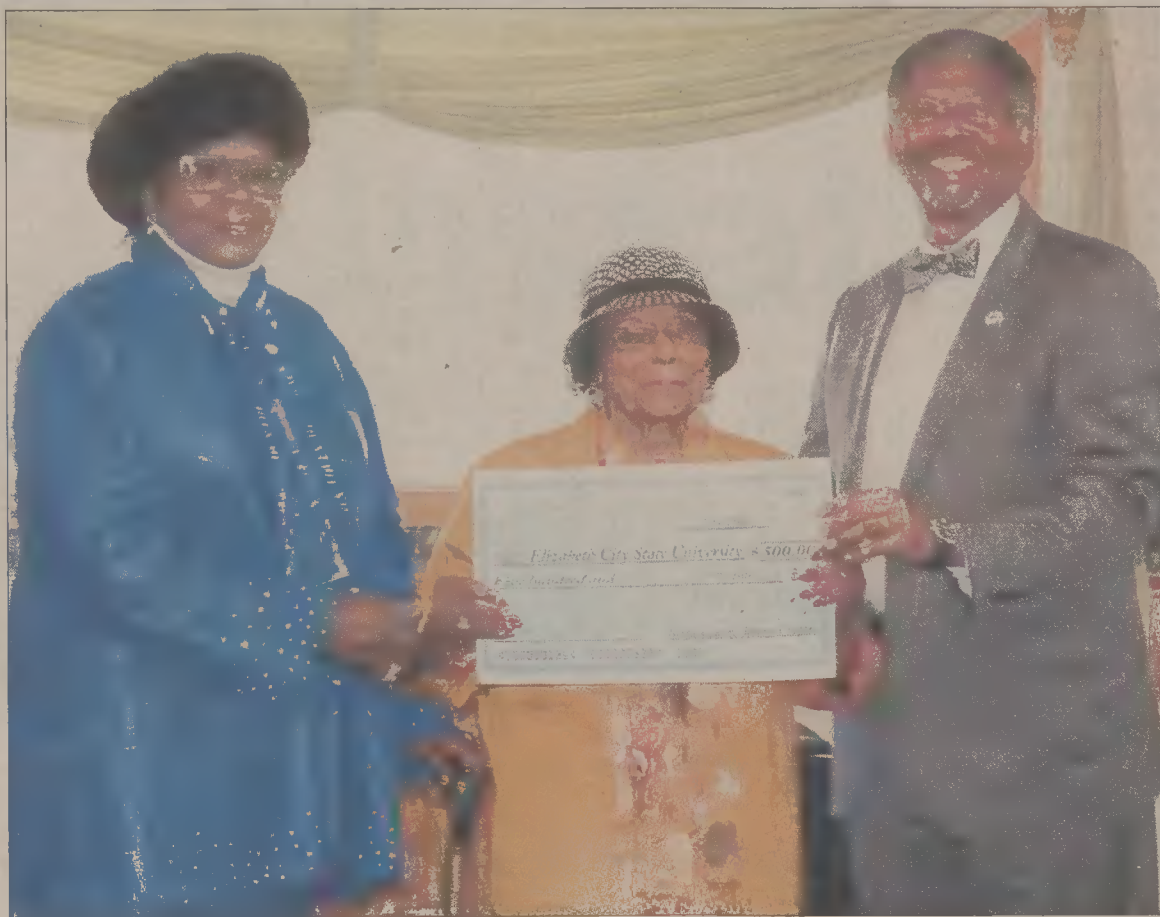
Town of Windsor Mayor James Hoggard welcomed Dr. Conway to the town.

Hoggard said, "We look forward to working with you. ECSU is also an economic engine for the area."

Norman Cherry explained, "He is the right man for the job. He wanted to visit the local counties and meet with the citizens. This is the second town he has visited."

Dr. Thomas Conway said, "I am in this role because I sought it. I had fallen in love with the Elizabeth City area."

"Elizabeth City State University was founded in 1891 to bring economic development to the area," he continued. "In 2016, ECSU is the local university and will continue to bring economic development. What we do and what the local communities need to do, is to be synchronized."



Estella Simons (center), the treasurer of the Bertie County alumni of ECSU, presented a check to Dr. Thomas Conway (right) for Elizabeth City State University. Joining Simons for the presentation was Dr. Viola Vaughan.

"We have to understand the work we do, it is for the next generation. The town has grown from a town of entrepreneurship. I want to work with entrepreneurs to train students to be the person who brings the next jobs," Dr. Conley said.

"As Chancellor I want to be involved in the process. We intend to collaborate with

all 21 counties in the ECSU area. We need to have conversations so we can align our goals. We can grow the economy in this part of the state," he continued.

"We live in an aging community. We want to encourage social service and healthcare programs that will help assist this community, tourism, and other

areas that will be identified," added Dr. Conway.

Elizabeth City State University had the highest graduation rate at a four-year level from 1996 through 2006 out of all the Historical Black Colleges and Universities.

Trent suggested interest in talks of collaboration between Bertie County

School's, Bertie County Cadet Program and a program with ECSU.

"Most of the participants in the program have at least another 2 years before they can be sworn in at any department. We need to develop a program for the cadets to continue their education for another two years and to provide scholarships," said Trent.

The Bertie County Chapter of ECSU Alumni Association Treasurer, Estella Simons, presented Dr. Conway a check for \$500 as a contribution to the college.

Dr. Thomas Conway was appointed chancellor of Elizabeth City State in January 2016. He comes to ECSU from Fayetteville State University, where he served as assistant chancellor and chief of staff since 2008.

Dr. Conway earned an undergraduate degree in agricultural education in 1971 and a master's degree in guidance and counseling in 1976 from N.C. A&T University. He earned a Ph.D. in counselor education from North Carolina State University in 1994.

He is a native of Louisiana. He is married to his wife of over 35 years, Mychele. They have two adult children, Simon and Zena.

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION BERTIE COUNTY, NC

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that Primary Elections will be held on **Tuesday - March 15, 2016**, in Bertie County, North Carolina, to vote on Republican Party, Democratic Party, Libertarian Party, and Nonpartisan Judicial offices; and a Public Improvement Bond.

The polls will be open for voting on that day from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at each of the 12 polling places. The polling places are located at:

- Colerain Fire Department - 105 W. River St., Colerain, NC
- Powellville Town Hall - 106 E. Main St., Powellville, NC
- Indian Woods Missionary Baptist Church - 2330 Indian Woods Road, Windsor, NC
- Hexlena Community Building - 1427 Early Station Road, Aulander, NC
- Aulander Community Building - 116 S. Commerce St., Aulander, NC
- Merry Hill-Midway Fire Department - 109 NC Highway 45 N, Merry Hill, NC
- Kelford Fire Department - 106 N. Main St., Kelford, NC
- Mt. Ararat Baptist Church - 305 Cowtrack Road, Windsor, NC
- Windsor Community Building - 201 S. Queen St., Windsor, NC
- Askeville Fire Department - 105 Askeville South Railroad St., Windsor, NC
- Lewiston Woodville Fire Department - 103 W. Church St., Lewiston Woodville, NC
- Perrytown Fire Department - 848 Perrytown Road, Colerain, NC

Most voters will be asked to present acceptable photo identification when presenting to vote in person at the polls, with exceptions for voters who are unable to obtain acceptable photo identification, have a religious objection to being photographed, or are victims of a natural disaster. The acceptable forms of photo identification are a NC Driver's License or DMV-issued Identification Card (expired up to four years), US Passport or Passport Card (unexpired), Military ID Card or Veterans Affairs ID Card (unexpired, if there is an expiration date), and certain Tribal Enrollment Cards. Voters who are unable to obtain one of these forms of identification may still vote if their inability is due to a reasonable impediment such as a lost or stolen ID, lack of transportation, illness or disability, a lack of proper documents, work schedule, and others. These voters may vote a provisional ballot after completing a Reasonable Impediment Declaration and providing an alternate form of identification or the last four digits of their social security number and their date of birth. Acceptable alternate forms of identification for voters who complete a Reasonable Impediment Declaration include their voter registration card or a current utility bill, paycheck, government check, bank statement, or other government document bearing the voter's name and current address. Alternative voting options are available for voters who do not present acceptable photo identification for a reason other than a reasonable impediment to obtaining one. Voters who use curbside voting may also present one of the alternative forms of identification described above. No identification is required to vote an absentee ballot by mail. Free Identification Cards for registered voters are available from the NC DMV. For assistance with obtaining acceptable photo identification for voting or for more information on exceptions and alternative voting options, contact the NC State Board of Elections voter outreach team toll-free at 1-866-522-4723 or visit www.VoterID.nc.gov.

One Stop Absentee (early) voting will begin on Thursday, March 3 and end on Saturday, March 12 at the following locations:

Bertie County Board of Elections office 210 W. Watson St., Windsor	Powellville Town Hall 106 E. Main St., Powellville
Thursday, March 3 - Friday, March 4	Thursday, March 10 - Friday, March 11
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 5	Saturday, March 12
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Monday, March 7	
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
Tuesday, March 8-Wednesday, March 9	
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
Thursday, March 10 - Friday, March 11	
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	
Saturday, March 12	
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	

The Board of Elections will meet on February 23, March 1, March 8, and March 14 at 5:00 PM; on March 22 at 10:00 AM; and at other times as may be necessary for the purpose of approving absentee ballot applications.

Absentee ballots are allowed and requests for an absentee ballot must be made using the State Absentee Ballot Request Form, available at the County Board of Elections office and at all one-stop early voting sites, and received in the Bertie County Board of Elections office or any one-stop early voting site by 5:00 PM on Tuesday - March 8, 2016. Completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Bertie County Board of Elections by 5:00 PM on Tuesday - March 15, 2016 or postmarked on Tuesday - March 15, 2016.

Canvass Day will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at the Bertie County Board of Elections.

All residents of Bertie County who are registered to vote with the Bertie County Board of Elections may vote in this election. Any person who is already registered to vote need not re-register to vote for this election. Those voters who are registered unaffiliated may vote in the Primary Election. Unaffiliated voters will be given a choice of ballot at the polling places. Those residents of Bertie County who are not registered to vote must register on or before Friday - February 19, 2016, in order to be eligible to vote on Election Day. Those voters who are not registered by Friday - February 19, 2016, may register and vote during one stop early voting only, and will be required to provide documentation of their identity and residence. Voters who wish to change their party affiliation or who have changed their name or address must notify the Board of Elections in writing by Friday - February 19, 2016. Voters who fail to notify the Board of Elections of a change to their name or address must update their information when presenting to vote, and may be required to vote a provisional ballot.

Voters who require assistance with casting their ballot are entitled to assistance by an appropriate person of their choice or an election official. Registration facilities and polling places are accessible to the elderly and handicapped. Curbside voting is available for voters who are not physically able to enter the polling place.

Persons with questions about registration, location of polling places, absentee ballots, early voting at One-Stop locations or other election matters may call the For additional information contact the Bertie County Board of Elections at (252) 794-5306.

BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Audit

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system's operating systems are running at an average cost consistent with prior years.

Are we good with budget compared to towns similar in popu-

lation?" asked, Town Commissioner Cathy Wilson.

"The town's funds are making money. I think your budget is fine for the size of your town. Others on the list

may have a larger budget but they are larger communities. For instance, Washington and Winterville have larger budgets but they have a higher population," explained Taylor.

Tax Return Sale!

February 15-March 18, 2016

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405 Washington street
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- SHAW'S R2X STAIN RESISTANCE
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Adopt-A-Pet Program

Bertie County Humane Society

325-3647



Reggie

I'm the BOMB! I'm REGGIE. I'm a flashy medium-size adult male Terrier with LOTS OF ENERGY. I crave attention and will WORSHIP you if you will please COME SAVE REGGIE! More pix on FACEBOOK!



Tucker

I'm TUCKER!! A VERY HANDSOME happy-go-lucky guy with short black fur and white markings. I'm a SLENDER guy who looks like a BLACK & WHITE Whippet - and I run like one, too! See my VIDEO on FaceBook then call for TUCKER because I need a FUREVER HOME!



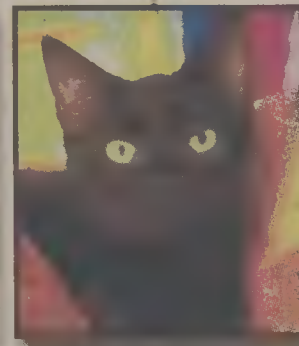
Trixie

I'm TRIXIE! I'm smart and BEAUTIFUL! I'm a friendly girl with love to share. I'm medium size with short white fur and brown patches. Please call for TRIXIE!



Dino

DINO is my name and I'm a very SOCIABLE fellow. I'm an adult male Terrier with short brown & white fur. I'm a HAPPY guy and I'm looking for someone to PLAY with! See more pix and a VIDEO on Facebook then call for DINO!



Coal

I'm a sweet FRIENDLY adult with smooth black fur. BLACK CATS are the SMARTEST! I'm UTD on SHOTS and have been already NEUTERED. Call for a FRIEND - call for COAL!



Oreo

I'm a small black & white with a cuddly personality. My name is OREO and I think we'll get along purrrrrfectly. Add some SWEETNESS to your life - call to visit me at the Cat Barn. You'll be HAPPY you did!

Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful. -Ann Landers
The Bertie County Animal Shelter is located on the County Farm Road in Windsor and check us out on Facebook.com.