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Village gets new moniker

Cashie River Treehouse Village, Campground

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD
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WINDSOR - The local campground received a new name and fees.

At last Thursday's regularly scheduled commissioners' meeting the town of Windsor Commissioners heard recommendations from Windsor's Recreation Director Jeremy Maxik. During the presentation Maxik

described different treehouse/campground facilities charges around the world.

Maxik explained Flanner Beach Campground in New Bern charges \$17 a day with electricity only for camping. Electricity only camping means campers will be provided electricity but no other services like water or sewer. The U.S National Park Service's rates range from free up to \$25 a day.

"Treehouses range from \$35 to \$500 a night," said Maxik.

Maxik recommended to the Windsor Commissioners that they charge RV park users \$20 a night for the first two weeks or less, and then \$15 a night for additional nights beyond two weeks.

Campers planning to use tents would pay \$10 a night for desig-



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The two tree houses that are the beginning of what will now be the Cashie River Treehouse Village.

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Audit goes well

Windsor in good shape financially

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD
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WINDSOR - The town of Windsor's 2015-2016 audit is in.

Carr, Riggs & Ingram CPA Partner Lowell Taylor presented the Windsor Commissioners with the town's 2015-2016 fiscal year audit.

"The town of Windsor received an unmodified opinion, which is the highest level of assurance. The town also received a clean opinion on basic financial statements," said Taylor.

According to the audit, the 2015-2016 fiscal year fund balance was \$810,647. The investment earnings rose sig-

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A NEW FACE



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New Lawrence Academy Head of School Jason Wynne speaks with students in the hallway of the school.

Wynne grabs reins at Lawrence

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD
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MERRY HILL - Lawrence Academy's new head of school began Jan. 1.

The Lawrence Academy Board of Trustees appointed Jason Wynne as the new head of school for Lawrence Academy.

Wynne took his position

Jan. 1 following the retirement of Thomas Gregory.

"Jason is a leader with a vision. Indeed, Jason is dedicated to maintaining and strengthening Lawrence Academy's position as the educational option in the region. He believes through the strengthening of a triangle of learning consisting of school, student and family, the scho-

lastic enthusiasm of the students and faculty," said Lawrence Academy Board of Trustees Chairman Jon Powell.

According to Wynne, he had been with the school apparently a year and a half before taking the new position. He taught anatomy and

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MCC pays Britt

Funding source unknown

BY DEBORAH GRIFFIN
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WILLIAMSTON - Martin Community College (MCC) continues to be weighed down by leadership concerns.

President Dr. Ann Britt is still employed by the college, according to MCC Board of Trustees Chairman Jackie Gillam.

"Her contract is with the board of trustees," she said. "Her agreement is binding. She will be paid by the board."

Gillam is unsure where the money will come from.

Britt is planning on retiring March 14 after being with the college 17 years.

In November, the North Carolina Board of Community Colleges sent a report to the college, based on findings from the audit, as well as a team visit to the school. The report criticized many areas in the college, including Dr. Britt's leadership.

As a group, the Martin Community College Board of Trustees responded to those allegations in December, citing Dr. Britt's impending retirement.

Later in December,

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Dorothy Papadakos to appear in Windsor

Famed musician, now writer, has many talents

BY LANNY HIDAY
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WINDSOR - World famous organist Dorothy Papadakos has added the term "writer" to her resume.

Papadakos, who now lives in Wilmington, and whom many locals have come to know and admire, came to international attention as the first woman Cathedral Organist of the world's largest gothic cathedral, the

Cathedral of St. John the Divine, in New York City. She held that post from 1990 to 2003.

Papadakos will appear in a low profile role as substitute church organist at Windsor's St. Thomas' Episcopal Church at the morning service on Sunday, Jan. 29.

She then will put on her literary hat after the service, in order to present

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Dorothy Papadakos, a world-famous organist, and now author, will be at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church Sunday.

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