

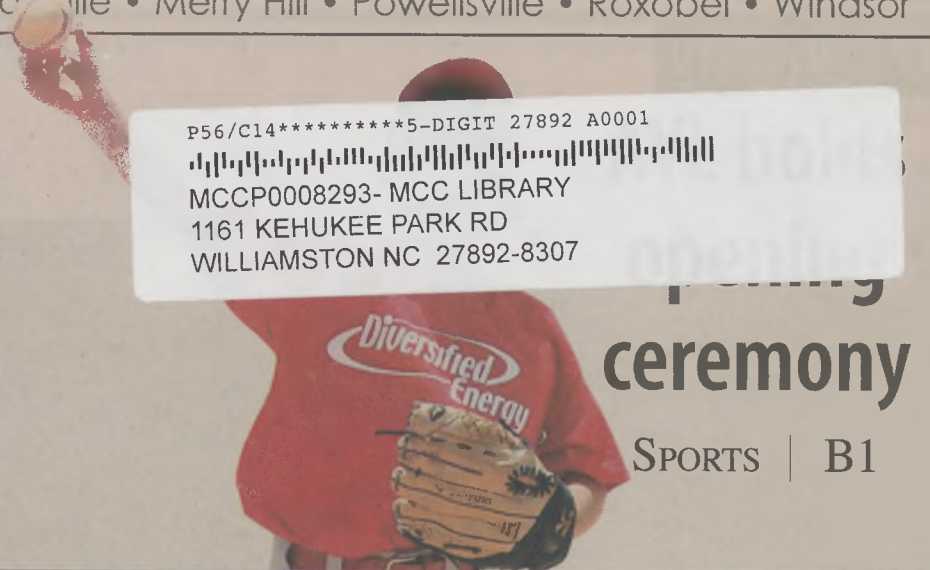
Bertie Ledger-Advance

50¢

WEDNESDAY • JUNE 14, 2017

P56/C14*****5-DIGIT 27892 A0001

MCCP0008293- MCC LIBRARY
1161 KEHUKKEE PARK RD
WILLIAMSTON NC 27892-8307



Opening ceremony

SPORTS | B1

New fire truck rolls into Windsor



THADD WHITE / Bertie Ledger-Advance

The new truck pulls into the driveway of the Windsor Fire Department Monday afternoon.

Vehicle will replace two trucks

BY THADD WHITE
Bertie Ledger-Advance

WINDSOR – It arrived complete with bells and whistles – literally.

The Windsor Fire Department brought home its newest member Monday afternoon – a brand new Spartan Fire Truck.

Mayor Jim Hoggard, Town Administrator Allen Castelloe, Fire Chief Bobby Capehart, Commissioners Cathy Wilson, Lawrence Carter Jr. and Amy Williford, and a host of firemen were on hand to inspect the

new vehicle.

The new truck – which features a 1,250 gallon pump, and dual extraction tools – has been under construction for more than a year.

“The truck is built to not only serve our citizens, but our neighbors and anyone in Bertie County when we are requested,” Windsor Fireman Josh Kilpatrick said.

Kilpatrick, who served on the committee of firemen who led the purchase, said the truck has a generator

See **TRUCK**, A3

Plan gets okay

Windsor, county approve mitigation

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD
Bertie Ledger-Advance

WINDSOR - The Bertie County Commissioners and the town of Windsor Commissioners met in a special meeting Monday afternoon to receive updates and discuss future updates about hurricane relief funding.

Holland Consulting Planner Chris Hilbert explained at a meeting in Roper, that there is \$114,000,000 available in the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

This funding is available for counties that submitted applications for properties that received damage from the floods of Hurricane Matthew last year.

“The amount of funding authorized will only provide funding to one-third of the properties that applied. The state is looking at a bill to add state money,” said Hilbert.

According to Hilbert, 102 properties in the town of Windsor and throughout Bertie County completed an

See **BOARDS**, A3

POUND THE SOUND



LESLIE BEACHBOARD / Bertie Ledger-Advance

Two Pound the Sound participants transition from swimming to riding the bicycle during Saturday's event.

Third time's still the charm

Sprint triathlon deemed successful again

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD
Bertie Ledger-Advance

MERRY HILL - It was a beautiful day for a triathlon.

Competitors in North Carolina and several adjoining states participated in the third annual Pound the Sound triathlon last Saturday, June 10.

The triathlon, hosted at Scotch Hall, is a competition where participants begin with a 750-meter swim, followed by a 14-mile bike ride and a 5-k run.

Participants began registering at 7 a.m. and met in the transition area for a meeting at 7:30 a.m.

Pound the Sound Coordinator Todd Lane thanked the competitors for their participation in this year's event.

“I want to thank everyone for participating. This triathlon helps support our local Bertie County YMCA, which is one of the smallest facilities in the country,” said Lane.

Participants began to prepare for the first event of the competition, the swim, by zip-

ping into wetsuits and making his or her way to the water to swim several warm-up laps.

The horn blew at 8 a.m. and the first wave of competitors started the swim.

After that initial splash, every five minutes at the sound of the horn, another round of competitors would begin.

The participants started from the shore, swam out to a buoy, turned left, swam across to another buoy, then turned left and swam back to

See **TRIATHLON**, A5

Town holds rates

Windsor budget has \$350K for streets

BY THADD WHITE
Bertie Ledger-Advance

WINDSOR – The tax rate will remain unchanged.

Ditto for services and fees.

The Windsor Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the 2017-2018 budget ordinance at its regular meeting June 8.

The new budget contains no tax increase for citizens as the ad valorem tax rate will remain at 14.5 cents per \$100 valuation. There are also no increases in garbage collection, water, sewer or electric rates.

The general fund revenues expenditures for next fiscal year are estimated at slightly more than \$2.8 million, with the electric fund at just under \$5.3 million. Other budget figures include water fund (\$343,000), sewer fund (\$624,700) and project funds (\$549,266).

The total budget is just more than \$9.65 million.

Windsor will make a few changes in expenditures this year, increas-

See **BUDGET**, A3

In this edition



- Obituaries.....A2
- Opinion.....A4
- Sports.....B1
- Classified.....B4
- Church & Faith.....B6



GOOD MORNING, EARL WHITE
Thank you for subscribing!

Find us on Facebook

Volume 119: No. 24



JERNIGAN
OIL & PROPANE
415 E. Main St., Ahoskie
252-332-2131



Visit Us At Our NEW Corporate Office

DUCK THRU
FOOD STORES
36 Locations throughout Northeastern North Carolina & Virginia