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# Cashie

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egies moving forward, and work with the Army Corps of **Engineers and other Federal** partners to implement basinspecific mitigation measures recommended by respective studies.

"Today's news is an important step to develop and maintain better defenses against natural disasters like Hurricane Matthew," said Senator Richard Burr. "Mitigations will make it easier, faster and cheaper for North Carolina to bounce back from weather related events, especially in vulnerable areas like these four river basins. I am pleased with the progress and look forward to working with state and

local entities to begin these efforts."

Bertie County and the town of Windsor are currently working with North Carolina State University on a hydrologic and hydraulic model and strategic mitigation study of the Cashie River.

The study is being funded through the Disaster Recovery Act of 2016 (DRA-16) allocation to the Golden LEAF Foundation.

The results of the study are expected to be available in early 2018.

North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM), working with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), will lead a basin-wide study of the Lumthe spring of 2018.

The study will also put forward recommended mitigation strategies.

Recently, NCEM Risk Management completed a study on the flooding around the levee in Lumberton. It was a major source of flooding for properties along and around I-95.

The study generated five possible flood mitigation strategies for the City of Lumberton to consider, including the installation and operation of floodgates where there are openings along the levee.

The results of the study are expected to be shared with the city soon.

NCEM, in partnership with

ber River to be completed in the NCDOT, will lead a flood source and mitigation study of the Neuse River basin to be completed in early spring 2018.

The study will also put forward recommended mitigation studies.

North Carolina State University will partner with NCEM and other experts to coordinate with the U.S. 70 Corridor Commission and communities in the Neuse River basin.

Additionally, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCD-EO) has been rewarded a \$500,000 grant by the United States Army Corps of Engineers to catalogue all existing information on dam systems throughout the basin, and integrate this information into a model.

This model will further the experts' understanding of the effectiveness of the dams.

NCEM, in tandem with NC-DOT, will lead a basin-wide study of the Tar River to be completed in the spring of 2018.

Additionally working with NCDOT, the engineering firm Moffat & Nichol is conducting an in-depth hydrology study of the section of the Tar River between Tarboro and Princeville regarding the causes of major flooding and the best strategies to mitigate future floods.

The study will be incorporated into a larger Tar River study led by NCEM.

# Change

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the road, current Lewiston Commissioner Woodville James Earl Pugh was elected mayor by a 70-36 count over incumbent Dayle Joyner Vaughan.

DiAnne Bazemore earned a second term as Commissioner from the Lewiston District with 68 votes. Judy Brown received 30 votes as a write-in. June Jernigan was re-elected Woodville District Commissioner with 64 votes. Brown also received 13 writein votes in that district.

In Windsor, Mayor Jim Hoggard was elected to his third term, with 274 votes in an uncontested race. Commissioner David Overton was named on eight mayoral ballots as a write-in.

The Windsor Commissioner's race saw Overton re-

Wreaths

elected with 208 votes, while challenger Randy K. Whitaker won the second seat with 161 votes. Commissioner Jon Powell received 135 votes.

"I am honored by the confidence the citizens of Windsor have shown in me," Whitaker said. "I look forward to serving the citizens of Windsor, and to working with the mayor and commissioners as we continue to move Windsor forward."

In the other race for Windsor Commissioner, Randy Walston earned the final two years of the late Bob Brown's term. He defeated Jason White 175-120.

"I am thankful to the citizens of Windsor for their support, and I am anxious to get started," Walston said. "My wife, Angie, and I have lived here for 24 years, and we have no plans to go anywhere. We are proud of our community, and I want to help continue to move it forward."

Walston said many times people get into politics to make changes, but he decided to seek office to be part of the change he already sees taking place in Windsor.

In Powellsville, current commissioner James Peel was elected mayor in an unopposed bid.

Commissioner Carlyle Hoggard was the only member of the Powellsville board re-elected as he earned 43 votes. He will be joined by newcomers Hattie Askew (42) and Gerald Waters (32). Commissioner J.T. Watford (27) was defeated in his bid for re-election.

In Aulander, three commission seats were available, and it appears three members of the same family have been elected to take seats on the board.

Current Commissioner Jason Tinkham led all vote-getters with 100 votes while former Commissioner Jeanette Tinkham received 89 writein votes. Jamie Tinkham received 68 write-in votes. If results hold after canvassing, the three family members will earn seats after having defeated challenger Jerry Welch (57) and incumbents Ron Poppell (54) and Philip L. Thomas (52).

In Colerain, only two commissioners filed for reelection. Commissioner Bill Harrell was re-elected with 10 votes and Commissioner Duncan Hughes with six. Current Commissioner Bob Kaylor, who had announced his intention to retire from service, was re-elected with

four votes.

Askewville Mayor Gloria Bryant received 18 votes, and was re-elected without opposition. The same was true for commissioners Carla Pesce (18), Mike Baker (15) and Kay White Brantley (15).

Like Askewville, Kelford will have no changes in its town leaders.

Mayor Bailey N. Parker received 24 votes in his bid for re-election. All five commissioners were re-elected including John "Timmy" Eaton (28), Tim Emory (24), Jim T. Harrell (21), Wayne Bland (20) and James Bland Jr. (18).

All results are unofficial until canvassing by the Bertie **County Board of Elections** Friday. Following the canvass, the board will declare the results official.

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tion founded to continue and expand the annual wreathlaying ceremony at Arlington sion to "Remember, Honor, National Cemetery, begun by

Worcester in 1992.

The organization's mis-Teach" is carried out in part

wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as more than 1,000 cemeteries and other locations

Orders can be placed by going to Wreaths Across America website, WWW. wreathsacrossamerica.org.

use the following Edgewood Cemetery code: NCEWCW. The fundraising group number is NC0040.

# Honored

## Concord on Oct. 14.

Sackrison has been with Vidant Health for nearly 15 years, having served in his current role for 13 of those years. He earned Bachelor's degree a in Nursing from East Stroudsburg University and a Master's degree in Business Administration from California Coast University. He is also a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and a member of the following organizations: North Carolina

North Carolina Hospital Association Strategic Partners Board, Eastern Area Health Education Center Executive Board, Edenton Chowan Partnership Board and Executive Committee, and the Edenton Rotary Club.

In accepting the award, Jeff stated, "I am truly honored, and humbled, to be chosen as one of the Class of 2017 Great 100 Nurses of North Carolina. As I approach retirement, I can't think of an award that means more to me – especially given that

From A1 Hospital Association, I was selected by my peers. It is one of the most meaningful compliments I have ever received."

### **About Vidant Health**

Vidant Health is a mission-driven, 1,439bed health system that annually serves more than 1.4 million people in 29 eastern North Carolina counties. The not-for-profit system is made up of 12,000 employees, eight hospitals, home health, hospice, wellness centers, and Vidant Medical Group, a multispecialty physician and provider

group with more than 420 providers in 80 practice sites. Vidant Health is affiliated with the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University. As a major resource for health services and education. Vidant Health has a mission to improve the health and well-being of eastern North Carolina. For more information, visit www.vidanthealth. com.



Jeff Sackrison was recently honored as one of the 100 Great Nurses of North Carolina.



# Letters

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cepting our annual Letters to Santa from boys and girls who live or go to school here in Bertie County.

Letters should be submitted to:

Bertie Ledger-Advance

Attn: Santa

P.O. Box 69

Windsor, NC 27983. Anyone wishing to use email to send the letters can do so by emailing bertienews@ ncweeklies.com. Please make sure the subject

line says "Letter to Santa."

Those wishing to drop them off at the office should bring them to 109 South King St. in Windsor.

Those letters will be gathered and published in our Dec. 21 edition, as well as being forwarded to the North Pole.

Individuals wishing to submit letters should do so by 4 p.m. on Friday, December 8.

Local school classrooms and daycares are also encouraged to

work on a project together and submit them as a class. Those letters should be submitted by 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6.

