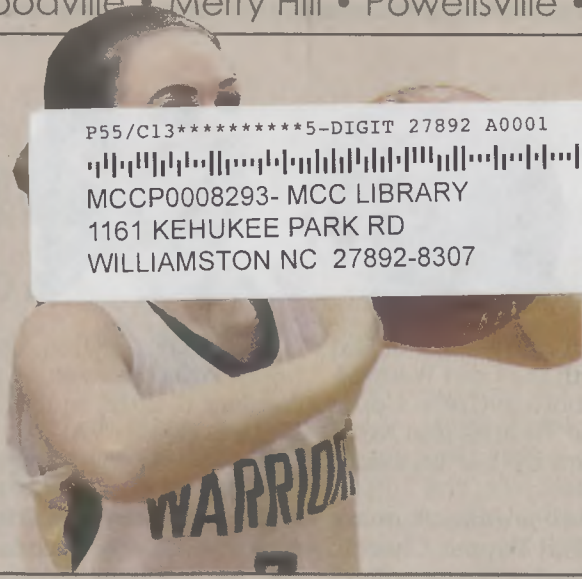


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Buyout dollars possible this summer

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WINDSOR – Slowly moving forward. The town of Windsor is methodically moving forward with the execution of documents needed to se-

cure the \$6 million in flood mitigation dollars awarded to the town. The \$6 million will be used to purchase 34 homes and elevate 11 others. It has been awarded, but still is working its way through channels, according to Chris Hilbert of

Holland Consulting. Hilbert gave the update at the most recent meeting of the Windsor Board of Commissioners. Hilbert said his organization was working to provide the state government information it needs to provide to

the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). "We're not anticipating anything to happen for the next couple of months," he said. Windsor Mayor Pro-Tempore Cathy Wilson asked whether the 45 people

whose properties would be bought-out or elevated were aware they qualified for the program. Hilbert said most of them know, but the town has not been able to confirm any-

See SUMMER, 10

Town seeks CDBG

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WINDSOR – First steps. The Windsor Board of Commissioners took the first step toward applying for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to help with housing projects in the town.

Chris Hilbert with Holland Consulting appeared before the board as part of a public hearing to inform the public of the chance to apply for the CDBG for Neighborhood Revitalization in 2018.

Hilbert told Mayor Jim Hoggard and the board priority will be given to flood-impacted communities, which will provide the town of Windsor the opportunity to receive funding.

"We will have more details about what the grant will look like before the next public hearing," Hilbert indicated.

Hilbert indicated the CDBG housing program had basically been eliminated by the N.C. General Assembly, but was

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Vidant Bertie and Vidant Chowan hospitals were involved in a variety of community activities in 2017, including the Windsor Christmas parade.

VBH has successful 2017

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WINDSOR – 2017 was a resounding success.

Vidant Bertie Hospital and Vidant Chowan Hospital had excellent years, and continued to provide quality health-care services to the citizens of Bertie and Chowan counties, according to President Jeff Sackrison.

"Our employees are dedi-

cated to the Vidant Health mission to improve the health and well-being of eastern North Carolina, and they demonstrate that on a daily basis," Sackrison said. "As I reflect on the work the staff members did on their respective campuses, and in the community, I'm filled with pride."

New initiatives last year included a Nurse Residency program, a Live Chat and

the first Health Careers Boot Camp with John A. Holmes High School in Edenton.

In addition, several staff members obtained advanced degrees and pursued leadership development opportunities, he said.

"The number of community events that both hospitals facilitate or participate in each year is remarkable," Sack-

See VIDANT, 3

Snow could come

LESLIE BEACHBOARD
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WINDSOR - There is a growing chance that Bertie County will see another round of wintry precipitation today.

Although the amount may not be as much as the amounts seen in the winter storm earlier this month, any amount of precipitation on roadways can become a danger.

According to North Carolina Emergency Management, there will be a chance of rain and snow showers before 10 a.m., followed by a likely snowfall. It will be cloudy with a high near 37 with a light north wind increasing to five to nine miles per hour in the morning.

The chance of precipitation is 70 percent with new snow accumulation of one to two inches possible.

Wednesday night there is a chance of snow showers before 9 p.m. It will be cloudy during the early evening, followed by a gradual clearing, with a

See SNOW, 10

Transplant for Hodges changes venue

CAL BRYANT
 Roanoke-Chowan News-Herald

GREENVILLE – Nothing ever goes as planned.

For Brandon Hodges, that fact may wind up working in his favor.

Hodges, a Como na-

tive and former standout baseball player at Hertford County High School where he later came back to coach before moving to Greenville, is currently battling IgA nephritis. He can survive through periodic dialysis, but only a

kidney transplant can allow Hodges to live somewhat of a normal life.

IgA refers to the antibody molecule. This is a normal substance present in all of us that helps to fight infections in the throat, airways, and in-

testine.

In IgA nephritis, the antibody gets deposited in an abnormal way in the filter units of the kidneys. The buildup of this material damages the filtering units, allowing protein and blood to leak

into the urine. Both kidneys are equally affected by this condition. This is a kidney disfunction that worsens with age.

Healthy kidneys function at between 80 and



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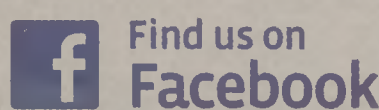
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