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Carter was a true leader

Windsor commissioner succumbs

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WINDSOR – A true gentleman succumbed to a brief illness last week.

Windsor Commissioner Lawrence “Speedy” Carter Jr. died Thursday at Vidant Medical Center in Greenville.

Carter, a longtime Bertie County Magistrate, served more than five years on the town board following his retirement.

Windsor and Bertie County officials remembered Carter as a man who was thoughtful, deliberate and a true statesman for the town of Windsor.

“Lawrence was a calm, measured voice who had the town’s best interest at heart,” Mayor Jim Hoggard said. “He and I talked confidentially a number of times and he always gave sound advice.”

Hoggard appointed Carter to serve as Police Commissioner, and the latter led the search when Windsor Police Chief Justin Jackson was chosen to serve the town.

“I appointed him Police Commissioner where he brought years of judicial experience,” Hoggard said. “That was an appointment I’m proud of.”

“Lawrence will be missed,” the mayor added. “Personally, I lost a good friend and know many of our citizens feel the same way.”

Windsor Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Wilson agreed.

“Lawrence and I joined the board about the same time, and we

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Kimberly Dunlow performed a selection of Christmas songs inside the visitor's center and the Hope Mansion.

Christmas at Hope

Historic home of Gov. David Stone is site of annual holiday gathering

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WINDSOR - Historic Hope House celebrated its Christmas Open House last Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Hope mansion and the King-Bazemore House were both decorated in Christmas décor appropriate to the early 19th century.

Horse and Carriage rides were available for guests to be transported from house to house.

Governor David Stone built the centerpiece of the site, the Hope Mansion, in 1803.

The porches and widow walks of Hope Mansion were draped with live greenery garlands.

Inside the foyer, former Historic Hope House President Joe Cooper greeted guests.

He welcomed everyone and gave a brief history of the house and property. Guests were asked to sign a registry.

The first floor rooms- which include the childrens’ room, the girls’ bedroom, the boys’ bedroom and the Stones’ master bedroom- were decorated with live greenery and



Visitors of all ages enjoyed the grounds at the Hope mansion. The Mansion was decorated with time era décor.

fresh fruit.

Abby Sutton was seated in the foyer behind a large spinning wheel, answering questions and explaining to guests the art of spinning.

Live Christmas music filled the house from the second floor. Nayland Collier played the saxophone and Mary Mardre played the piano while Kimberly Dunlow sang.

The library, dining room and upstairs foyer were also

decorated in live greenery and fresh fruit.

“Hope House went through a major restoration by a group of Bertie County Citizens and opened to the public in 1972,” said Hope House President Turner Sutton.

Just steps away from Hope House, in the kitchen, biscuits were being made in an authentic oven. It takes about

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Health plan battle looms

Treasurer, health care collide

BY BOBBY BURNS
The Daily Reflector

An escalating conflict between North Carolina’s treasurer and the state’s health care networks is pitting the thin financial margin on which many providers operate against a floundering state health plan, officials said, and exposing a bitter disagreement over the path forward.

A proposal by state Treasurer Dale Folwell aims to restructure how the N.C. State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees, one of the state’s largest purchasers of health care services, pays providers in an effort to produce an estimated savings of \$300 million for taxpayers and \$65 million for plan members annually.

To do that, the new payment structure will greatly reduce reimbursements to health care networks and hit those serving rural areas like eastern North Carolina particularly hard, health care administrators said.

Officials with Greenville-based nonprofit Vidant Health, the largest provider in northeast North Carolina, estimate the plan would reduce the \$52.5 million operating margin it had last year by about \$40 million, dealing a devastating blow to its ability to reinvest in communities and serve 29 counties from Duplin and Edgecombe east to the Outer Banks.

The cuts could force Vidant to curtail services, in turn limiting

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