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Horses at center of town discussion

Windsor citizens speak for, against pastures inside city limits

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WINDSOR – The Windsor Mayor and Board of Commissioners simply listened. The mayor and commissioners invited those for

and against a horse pasture on Winwood Drive to come to the meeting and air their opinion last Thursday evening. “We are here to listen,” Mayor Jim Hoggard said. “We will take your comments un-

der advisement.” Hoggard said the board would not make a decision during the meeting, but would discuss the situation at their next regular meeting, scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Thursday, May 10.

The mayor allowed the spokesperson from each side to speak five minutes, and then allowed others who agreed with them to follow up on their comments. The first to speak was Mary Pierce, who lives next

door to the horse pasture. She said she was opposed to the horses being there and presented a petition to the mayor and commissioners. She said those who signed the petition accepted the horse pasture was legal, but didn't think because it was

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County talks TGOW

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WINDSOR – Bertie County Commissioners met with other county officials to begin discussions on the future of the Tall Glass of Water Project, the county's recreational property on the Albemarle Sound. Robin Payne, who is experienced in project development in Eastern North Carolina, is providing guidance to county officials, according to County Manager Scott Sauer.

Results from the workshop will assist officials in pursuing grant applications, private donors and other resources to fulfill the vision for this public access site.

“First steps will include branding and message development with a name, logo and tagline for the Tall Glass of Water project,” Sauer explained.

“It is a goal of the Board of Commissioners to hold an open house this summer to provide an onsite tour and recreational experience to kick-off the pub-

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LEWIS HOGGARD / Windsor/Bertie Chamber of Commerce

Some of those participating in the Cycle NC Coastal Ride pull into the rest station near Livermon Park and Mini-Zoo.

Cyclists pay visit to Bertie County

LEWIS HOGGARD
 Windsor/Bertie Chamber of Commerce

WINDSOR – The 16th annual Coastal Ride presented by Cycle NC brought over 1,700 cyclists to eastern North Carolina.

The cyclists came from over 30 states and numerous coun-

tries. This event was a three-day ride with the cyclists touring Bertie County on Saturday.

On Saturday, the riders had six routes to choose from, of which five were in Bertie County. The Coastal Ride is not a race but rather a tour. The routes in Bertie County ranged from 30 miles to 100 miles. Ev-

ery 15 miles or so there was a rest stop.

The cyclists are supported by having the rest stops and aid stations along the way and are followed by Support and Gear vehicles (SAG). These vehicles can pick up the rid-

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Windsor reverses course

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WINDSOR – There will be One-Stop and absentee balloting for the town of Windsor commissioner races this November.

Thursday night, the board reversed an earlier decision to stop One-Stop voting after it became clear the verdict would also halt any absentee ballots.

Earlier this month, board members said they were not aware of the relationship between the two, but could not agree to end absentee ballots.

Commissioner Randy K. Whitaker and Mayor Pro-Tempore Cathy Wilson were outspoken in their belief absentee ballots should be allowed, thus permitting service members and others who are currently away to vote.

Commissioner Randy Walston wanted more information about the relationship between the two, but also said he believed absentee ballots should be allowed.

Thursday evening, Town Administrator Al-

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Powellsville Awareness Day slated for Saturday

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POWELLVILLE – The town of Powellsville will hold their 19th Awareness Day this Saturday, May 4.

“It's a time where we bring awareness to the commu-

nity of services available in the area,” explained Margie Taylor.

The day is also a continuation of the town's 100th anniversary.

Events kick off at 10 a.m. with the annual parade through town, according to

Taylor, who serves as parade chairperson.

“It begins at the Baptist Church uptown and will go to the C.G. White Elementary School Campus,” she said.

Three very special residents, with one thing in common, will serve as the

parade's grand marshals.

“They are all 101 years old,” said Taylor. Little Askew, Ez-zie Perry and Estelle Simmons will lead the parade.

Having her mother, Perry, as one of the grand marshals makes this day even more special for Taylor.

“Oh, it's going to be a great day,” she explained.

Events for seniors will be held in the fellowship hall of the First Missionary Baptist Church. Children's' events are slated for the area be-

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