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Controversial road ordinance passes

Commissioners split 3-2 in final vote

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WINDSOR - The Road Safety and Maintenance Ordinance for Bertie County passed

Monday night in a 3-2 vote. Commissioners Ernestine Bazemore and Tammy Lee have expressed their concern with the proposed ordinance since it first came

to the board table. Monday night they made it clear their positions had not changed. "Sure, the owners should be held accountable for their roads," Bazemore said, "Not

the citizens."
 "I'm still not convinced," Lee said.
 Staying with her previous concerns, Lee made clear she did not believe this ordinance in question was the best way to handle the problem.

As expected, favorable votes were cast by Chairman John Trent, Vice Chairman Greg Atkins and Commissioner Ronald D. Wesson. Votes against were made by Bazemore and Lee.

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MCC suspends president, dean

DEBORAH GRIFFIN
Enterprise & Weekly Herald

WILLIAMSTON - The Martin Community College (MCC) Board of Trustees has placed its president on administrative leave. An emergency meeting of the board was called Thursday, May 2. The meeting was closed because it involved personnel issues. After the meeting it was announced President Dr. Paul Hutchins

was suspended. It was also announced Vice President, Student Services Dr. Brian Busch would be serving as interim president. "The Martin Community College Board of Trustees held an emergency meeting on April 30 and a special called meeting on May 2 to discuss a personnel matter which is confidential under North Carolina General Statute 143-

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This pair was taking a break from the race circuit to participate on Saturday.

N.C. 45 project moving ahead

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MERRY HILL - Preliminary steps have begun on a project to widen N.C. 45 from the Washington County line to Colerain, according to N.C. Department of Transportation officials. A public meeting designed to answer questions on April 16 drew more than 50 people, according to Brooks Braswell, Division Resident Engineer.

He explained the proposed layout for the project seeks to cause the least possible disruption to residents. "We have initially chosen an alignment that does not impact any homes," Braswell said. He added the proposed alignment would require additional right of way, which has the "potential" to affect septic tanks or wells connected to adjacent

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Powellsville Day is fun for all

Grand marshals are all 101



Youngsters enjoyed Powellsville Day.

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POWELLSVILLE - The town's 19th annual Awareness Day got underway Saturday morning with the traditional parade. While excited about how the outcome, event organizer Hattie Askew hesitated to even guess on a number of those in attendance. "Powellsville Day turned out

very well," said Askew. "I just want to thank everyone that took part and made the day possible. We are already looking forward to number 20." The highlight of this year's parade were the three grand marshals helped lead off the event, each being 101 years of age. "It means a lot," explained Es-

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Stamp Out Hunger campaign slated for Saturday

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On Saturday, May 11, letter carriers nationwide will once again be fighting hunger with The National Association of Letter Carriers' (NALC) Stamp Out Hunger

Food Drive. The campaign is the largest one-day food drive in America, and directly benefits Food Bank of the Albemarle, which serves Bertie County. Last year marked the celebration of 25 years of the drive.

"On behalf of the food bank and all those we serve, I'd like to thank the NALC for keeping this essential food drive thriving for over two and a half decades. All the non-perishable food that is collected stays right in your communities in north-eastern North Carolina, and

we sincerely appreciate all of the effort that goes into making this food drive a success," said Food Bank of the Albemarle Executive Director Liz Reasoner. The Food Bank of the Albemarle and its partner agencies will be promoting this event on social media, and

the official hashtag for this event is #StampOutHunger. In more than two decades, the Stamp Out Hunger food drive has collected more than 1.5 billion pounds of food. To donate, just place a box

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