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Edmonds leaving Bertie Co. Schools

Superintendent leaving after 16 months on the job

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The Daily Advance

ELIZABETH CITY - Bertie County Schools Superintendent Dr. Catherine Edmonds will become the superintendent of Elizabeth City-Pasquotank

Public Schools July 1. The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Board of Education voted unanimously Monday afternoon to name Edmonds to the post.

"I know that we will work together and put children

first in all the decisions that we make," Edmonds said in a brief statement after the school board's meeting Monday, which was held in the auditorium at Sheep-Harney Elementary School. She said she is looking forward to

listening to students, teachers, parents, retired teachers and anyone in the community who is interested in helping her recognize what is already working and how the school district can move forward to best serve all its

students. Edmonds has been superintendent of the Bertie County Schools since February 2018. Before that she worked for the University of North Carolina System as director of educational leadership and development and

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Windsor to study horses

LESLIE BEACHBOARD
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WINDSOR - More horse talk.

The Windsor Board of Commissioners revisited the discussion of horse pastures within the town limits at their regularly scheduled meeting last week.

The discussion was a follow-up to a meeting held on April 25 where Windsor Mayor Jim Hoggard and the commissioners heard from citizens for and against horse pastures within the city limits.

At the previous meeting, Mary Pierce voiced her concerns over living next door to a horse pasture on Winwood Drive. She said she was opposed to the horses being there and presented a petition to the mayor and the commissioners.

After Pierce spoke, other citizens against pastures in the city limits voiced their concerns over the possibility of pollutants, an increased amount of insects and the effects on property values.

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The North Carolina Junior State Bible Quiz Champions from Askeville Assembly of God. Pictures are (front row, from left: Austin Perry, Lindsey Perry, Olivia Bazemore and Shane Lowers. In the back row are coaches Gloria Bryant and David Pesce.

Askeville Assembly wins state Bible Quiz

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ASKEVILLE - Members of the Askeville Assembly of God Junior Bible Quiz Team traveled to Alabama for regional competition after taking the top spot in North Carolina on April 13.

Brother and sister pair, Austin and Lindsey

Perry, represented their team during the competition.

"They did very well," explained Gloria Bryant, team coach.

Overall the team placed eighth out of 23. Austin Perry, a third grader, barely slipped outside the top 10 placing 11th for the event.

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Census data sought

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WINDSOR - Every person counts.

The Windsor Board of Commissioners heard from Bertie County Assistant to the County Manager Dominique Walker regarding the 2020 Census and the establishment of a Census outreach team.

"I am currently serving as the county's liaison for the Compete Count committee, which is made up of the county's most trusted voices that will go out and have a plan of action, a strategy to do community work to get members of Bertie County to take the Census," said Walker.

"I have been reaching out to elected officials to have them identify individuals in their communities that would be the best asset on the committee. Currently we have 20 members that have expressed interested to sit on the committee, as well as a separate resource list of individuals that would serve as a resource it

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Bertie Co. citizens work longer to afford gas

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Gas prices are declining slowly but steadily across the country, pushing the national average down three cents on the week to \$2.86.

The May 13 average is

four cents cheaper than last month and the same price as one year ago. In fact, 25 states have gas price averages that are just a nickel or less expensive than this time last year.

North Carolina's average price per gallon for regular

gasoline is \$2.66. The national average is \$2.86.

Although prices are beginning to decrease, Bertie County was recently noted on an unpopular list.

Working with Oil Price Information Service, AAA identified the median income for

each county in the country broken down to an income per minute assuming a 40-hour workweek.

The average gasoline price was compared to the income per minute finding counties in the Southeast have been hit hardest, according to

AAA.

Bertie has the highest work increase in North Carolina, ranking 91st nationally with an average of motorists having to work 11.05 minutes to buy one gallon of gasoline.

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