



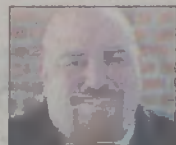
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New Windsor Mayor Lewis Hoggard takes the oath of office with his parents, Minnie and Robert Hoggard, nearby. Hoggard was sworn in Thursday morning by Bertie County Register of Deeds Annie Wilson.

'Changing of the guard'

Windsor welcomes new leadership

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Group Editor

WINDSOR – The changing of the guard has taken place in Windsor.

Earlier this morning (Thursday), Lewis Hoggard was sworn in as only the third mayor in more than three decades in the town of Windsor. He was joined by new commissioner L.C. Hoggard III and re-elected commissioner Randy K. Whitaker in taking the oaths of office, which were administered by Bertie County Register of Deeds Annie Wilson.

As the meeting began, Mayor Jimmy Hoggard called the group to order and led the initial business, including approval of minutes and the like.

The retiring mayor then offered his thanks to those who attended, as well as his congratulations for the new members of the board.

"I'm glad to see so many people here on this happy occasion," he said. "Congratulations to those who were recently elected."

He also said thank you for the support he received while in office.

"Thank you to everyone for your



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New Windsor Commissioner L.C. Hoggard III (left) is sworn in while his son, Stephen C. Hoggard, holds the Bible. Commissioner Hoggard was sworn in to his first term on the board Thursday by Bertie County Register of Deeds Annie Wilson.

support over these last 12 years," he said. "I have been privileged to work with good boards and good employees."

The outgoing mayor then recognized the 50-plus years of service of

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N.C. Supreme Court halts filing

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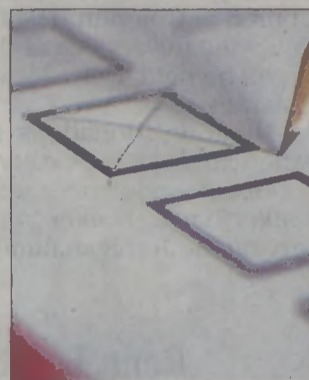
Filing ended almost before it started.

Late Wednesday afternoon (Dec. 8), the N.C. Supreme Court issued an order halting all filing for the midterm elections, as well as delaying municipal elections.

Filing had begun in North Carolina Monday, but not before there was confusion about the process.

Just before filing began Monday, a N.C. Court of Appeals judge stopped filing for seats in the N.C. General Assembly and U.S. Congress in response to a lawsuit filed against the state legislature and board of elections related to the redrawn districts for the U.S. House of Representatives, N.C. Senate and N.C. House.

The same afternoon, the entire N.C. Court of Appeals restored filing, but indicated the court would take a look at the lawsuit and could pause filing should it deem it necessary.



On Dec. 8, the N.C. Supreme Court stepped in to stop all filing and move the Primary election from March 8 to May 17 of next year.

"In light of the great public interest in the subject matter of these cases, the importance of the issues to the constitutional jurisprudence of this State, and the need for urgency in reaching a final resolution on the merits at the earliest possible opportunity, the Court grants a preliminary injunction and temporarily stays the candidate filing period for the 2022 elections for all

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'Wreaths' event set for Saturday

BRANDICE HOGGARD
Staff Writer

WINDSOR - Two National Wreaths Across America Day ceremonies will be held in Windsor this weekend.

The ceremonies are set to take place at noon on Saturday, Dec. 18 at Edgewood Cemetery. That will be followed by a ceremony held at 2 p.m. later that day at Hillcrest Cemetery. Both cemeteries are located in Windsor.

Len Haste Joyner is the founder of the Windsor branch of WAA. There are more than 2,700 participating locations like this one

with millions of Americans gathering safely as one nation to Remember, Honor and teach.

The service will be about 15 minutes long, proceeding the service the wreaths will then be distributed. Windsor Mayor Lewis Hoggard will be welcoming everyone to the service.

Lt. Col. (Ret.) James Lee, will be presenting the program at the Hillcrest Cemetery and Ken Rome, Col. Retired, will be presenting the program at the Edgewood Cemetery.

At the beginning there

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Another 900 get vaxx booster shots; active cases dip

ARHS: Four COVID deaths in Pasquotank, Chowan, Camden

JULIAN EURE
The Daily Advance

New COVID cases, active cases and infections at nursing homes-assisted living centers all fell across

the region last week as another 938 residents got their booster shot, raising the total to over 10,000.

Albemarle Regional Health Services did report four more COVID-related deaths across the region last week, raising the total to 363 since the pandemic began.

Two Pasquotank County

residents between the ages of 50 and 64 died of complications from COVID, ARHS reported Friday. One Chowan County resident and one Camden County resident, both over 65, also died from COVID complications, the agency said.

ARHS plans to host mass drive-thru clinics offering the Pfizer and Moderna vac-

cine this week after hosting three last week. Those left for this week include the Perquimans Recreation Center on Thursday, and the American Legion in Edenton on Friday. All clinics are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

To get a booster, residents of ARHS' eight-county region should have completed their first two shots

of either Moderna or Pfizer at least six months ago or their single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least two months ago. Booster-seekers are urged to bring their vaccine card with them.

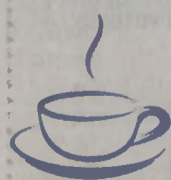
Data ARHS released Friday shows 241 new COVID-19 cases reported in the region last week, down

from 312 new cases the week before.

Active COVID cases declined to 234, a decrease of 17 from the previous week. Pasquotank had the highest number of new cases (59) and second-highest number of active cases (51). Currituck had the

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