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A romantic horse ride could be yours for \$20. Cruise around Easton in style and snuggle up to your beloved. This carriage business is owned by Jessica Tanglao who lives between Easton and Denton. The rides began and ended at The Tidewater Inn.

In Easton, treat your significant other on a sleigh with a neigh

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EASTON — If snuggling up to your sweetheart is part of your Valentine's Day plans, then nothing could be finer than a wintery horse and carriage ride in downtown Easton.

The horse-drawn carriage rides began Friday, Feb. 12, and run through Valentine's Day on Sunday. The holiday effort is led by the Easton Economic Development Corp.

Mayor Robert Willey, and his wife Betty, took a spin Friday afternoon. She even brought a throw blanket to keep toasty.

"It was chilly. We saw Easton from a different perspective. But it was fun. We went down Harrison Street to Goldsboro to Hanson and back. We got some horns blown and some waves and some cat calls. So it was fine," said the mayor.

"It's another way to spend a weekend. To come up, have a ride. Have dinner. Spend a couple of days. See the sights. Shoot the bull," he said.

The owner of the business Jessica Tanglao said, "This is my carriage business. I started it from scratch. I have been in the industry for almost 15 years. We just moved to the Eastern Shore in June. We are hoping to bring some carriages to Easton. I'd love to see a historical tour of Easton."

She said she had another set of coveralls if it gets colder.

All the people riding in the carriage leaned in towards the center of carriage like one would with a fire.

Without too much imagination one can picture a day when Easton was covered with horses and people pulling carts of watermelons from Easton Point to the court-



Betty Willey gives the horses a pet after her ride was done. Note that she brought her blanket and ear muffs for the chilly jaunt.



Easton Mayor Robert Willey disembarks from the carriage ride. He said he received cat calls on his trip. He took the romantic journey with his wife Betty.

house. When there was a bigger problem with manure than car exhaust.

For \$20 this is a great way to kick off the Valentine's Day weekend. They even offer hot chocolate for customers. The rides start and end at The Tidewater Inn.

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