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April County Commissioners meeting will be held electronically

WILLIAMSTON – Martin County continues to remain in close and constant communication with local, state and federal health care and emergency response officials it prepares for the potential

risks posed by the continuing escalation of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) throughout North Carolina.

The Martin County State of Emergency, which was originally effective March 18, 2020,

was amended on April 1, 2020 as follows:

For the purpose of holding Board of Commissioner meetings electronically during this emergency, the limitations on remote meeting participation /

establishment of a quorum as stated in Section 3a of the Martin County Board of Commissioners Rules of Procedure (Adopted on May 11, 2011 and amended on Oct. 12, 2016) has been suspended.

In compliance with Governor Cooper's Executive Order No. 124, utility cut-offs due to non-payment in Martin County Water Districts No. 1 and No. 2 and ac-

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CELEBRATION OF OAK CITY'S HISTORY



The first-ever Goose Nest Festival has been rescheduled from May to October due to concerns from COVID-19.

Goose Nest Festival

Town's celebration postponed to October

SARAH HODGES STALLS
Enterprise & Weekly Herald

OAK CITY - As has been the case with so many things in the midst of the Corona Pandemic, organizers of the first ever Goose Nest Festival have backed up and developed a plan to proceed.

Vonetta Porter, town commissioner from Oak City, first pitched the idea for a festival to her fellow commissioners. All agreed to move forward.

"We were looking to get something going on this end of the county," she explained. "And we decided to take it back to Goose Nest, the original name of Oak City."

Porter and fellow commissioner Mike Taylor explained the event would be designed to promote their area of the county and the town's rich history.

Flyers went out as the group began seeking vendors and entertainment for the original May date, but it was not meant to be. As the COVID crisis impacts grew closer, the decision was made to look for a date farther out on the calendar.

Porter confirmed a new event date of Oct. 17 has been set. Anyone wishing to find out more information on being a vendor for the event or other ways to participate can email



the town at oakcity204@embarqmail.com or call the 252-798-7721.

"I thought it was a wonderful way to promote this area," said Taylor, who came back

to the county after 38 years away.

Many people may not know Goose Nest was the first of two

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Town to adjust employee schedules

BY SARAH STALLS
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WILLIAMSTON – Town officials met Tuesday night for the second time in four days.

Due to Gov. Roy Cooper's ban on gatherings of more than 10 people, the meeting – held in a nearly empty room – was made available live through a web-based application. This will remain the protocol

through the time of this executive order.

Details on when future meetings will occur and how to access them via GoToMeeting are listed on the town's website at www.townof-

williamston.com. Anyone with questions is encouraged to contact the town at 792-5142.

One of the primary reasons for the meet-

ing was to discuss the

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Bertie Co. man dies from virus

First in area to succumb to COVID-19

A Bertie County resident has died from COVID-19, the first death in the region and the 14th in the state as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

Albemarle Regional Health Services made the announcement Wednesday afternoon, saying it had received confirmation of the person's death from an area hospital.

ARHS said the person was 65 and died from complications associated with COVID-19.

ARHS spokeswoman Amy Underhill said the person died Wednesday. She did not identify the specific hospital where the person died.

In the press release, the agency said no other information about the patient would be released.

"It is with deep regret that we make this announcement and we extend our sincere condolences to the individual's family and friends," ARHS Executive Director R. Battle Betts Jr. said in the release. "As we reflect on this tragedy, let us remain vigilant in the daily steps crucial to keep us all safe, especially handwashing, sanitation, and social distancing."

Underhill also said a fifth person in Pasquotank had tested positive for COVID-19 as of Tuesday. She noted that the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services

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