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GOOD MORNING,
Jean Richter
of Windsor
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Bertie jobless rate lowest in region

By THADD WHITE
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Better than those around. Not as good as most of the state. That's where Bertie County finds itself following the recent release of the June un-

employment rate. Bertie County's unemployment rate crept up to 6.6 percent, rising slightly from the 6.2 percent in May. The rate, however, was down considerably from that of June 2015 when it was 7.5 percent. Bertie County's rate was

equal to that of neighboring Chowan, but better than any of the other surrounding counties. Hertford County was the closest at 6.7 percent, followed by Martin County at 7.1 percent and Northampton County at 7.3 percent.

Statewide, North Carolina's unemployment rate was 5.2 percent in June (unadjusted), up from 4.8 in May, but 0.9 percent lower than the state's overall rate a year ago. The state's highest unem-

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BCSO grows by four

Bertie Sheriff John Holley adds deputies

By LESLIE BEACHBOARD
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WINDSOR - The Bertie County Sheriff's office is growing. Sheriff John Holley introduced four new officers to the Bertie County Commissioners at Mondays meeting. These officers joining Bertie County Sheriff's Department will help ease the shortage of deputies the department has faced over the past six months. Holley also gave an update on the progress of construction at the new facility, which will house the Bertie County Sheriff's Department, communications and other departments. The facility is the old Bertie County Public School's central office building on County Farm Road. "My office is almost completely moved. We are waiting on finishing everything needed for communications. The new facility will

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BERTIE COUNTY RECREATION COMPLEX



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Bertie County Commissioners, as well as the Bertie County Recreation Department and Trillium Health Resources, applaud Jonathan Ellis and Catherine Jernigan for cutting the ribbon to the new park.

Let's Play!

New playground equipment added to complex

By LESLIE BEACHBOARD
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WINDSOR - Fun for all. Bertie County Recreation Complex, located at 1538 South King St, held its ribbon cutting ceremony for the county's new playground last week. The playground was a joint project of the Bertie County Commissioners, Bertie County

Recreation Department and Trillium Healthcare Resources. Trillium provided the funding. The playground includes a Liberty Swing, which is accessible while in a wheelchair, an Oodle swing, a Merry-Go-All, a four-seater seesaw, and other playground equipment for adults and children with mobility challenges.

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Get ready to race

Spooktacular makes plans to kick off

By THADD WHITE
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WINDSOR - It's time to start planning. The seventh annual Bertie Spooktacular 5K and 1-mile run/walk is set for Saturday, Oct. 29 on York Street in Windsor. The Spooktacular is presented by Perdue, and is the single fundraiser each year for the Good Shepherd Food Pantry. Last year, the event raised more than \$10,000, all of which was used to buy food for needy families in Bertie County. The event features a 5K run through the streets of Windsor, taking in all of the historic sites of the town, and a 1-mile run/walk that has come to be a family favorite. Not only are racers needed for the event, but sponsors are as well. Those wishing to sponsor the event are asked to pick up a sponsor-

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Grant helps BCSO save lives

By LESLIE BEACHBOARD
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WINDSOR - Saving lives is just as important as protecting them. The Bertie County Sheriff's Department recently received the Vidant Bertie Hospital Community Grant for the second year in a row.

The stated goal of the grant application is to provide an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) for each of the Bertie County Sheriff's Department patrol cars. Officers on patrol in the county, usually three to five at any given time, can sometimes respond to medical

emergency situations faster than emergency medical services. The Bertie County Sheriff's Department used the funding from last year's grant to purchase five AEDs. These are currently located in five patrol cars. "The goal is to have

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Bertie County Sheriff John Holley (left) and Deputy Kenny Perry show off the new AED bought for one of the sheriff's deputies.

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