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County jobless rate drops

By THADD WHITE
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Bertie County's unemployment rate dipped in July.

According to numbers released by the N.C. Department of Commerce, the county's rate decreased slightly to 6.5 percent for the month of July.

The rate was down 0.1 percent from June, when it was 6.6 percent, but is significantly down from the 7.7 recorded in July 2015.

Two of the four neighboring counties were lower than Bertie for the month of July, while the others were significantly higher.

Chowan County's rate dropped to 6.3 percent while Hertford County dipped to 6.4 percent.

Martin County's unemployment rate was 7.1 percent for July while Northampton's was 7.2 percent.

Statewide, the unemployment rate dropped

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Bertie County feels pain at the pump

Alabama pipeline leak results in gas shortage in the area

By LESLIE BEACHBOARD
Bertie Ledger-Advance

WINDSOR - The town is feeling the pain at the gas pump.

The effects of the Colonial Gas Line leaks have begun to be felt here in Bertie County.

Local stores started running out of gas Sunday evening. Stores that still had gas had

long lines of cars waiting to fill up. By Sunday night, most gas stations in the town of Windsor had empty tanks and bags over their pumps, signifying they were out of fuel.

Early Monday morning, a truck was delivering a load of fuel to Duck Thru Food Store next to Burger King and to the Duck Thru Food Store next to

the Bertie County ABC Store.

As of Tuesday afternoon, Speedway in Windsor was still out of gas and they are not sure when they will receive their next delivery.

The gas shortage in Bertie County extends from a leak in a main gasoline pipeline in Shelby County, Ala.

The leak spilled 6,000 gal-

lons of gas and Colonial Gas Lines was required to shut down the pipeline to find the leak. "It is a concern.

We have limited day-to-day operations. We have put staging policies on hold in case we have a major catastrophe," said Bertie County Emergency Services Director Mitch Cooper.

GIVING



The Good Shepherd Food Pantry of Bertie County receives a grant from Food Lion.

Food Lion gives food pantry grant

By LESLIE BEACHBOARD
Enterprise & Weekly Herald

WINDSOR - A local food pantry has received major Food Lion grant.

The Albemarle Food Bank suggested to the Good Shepherd Food Pantry of Bertie County that it should apply for a grant issued by Food Lion Feeds: "The Great Pan-

try Makeover."

The Good Shepherd Food Pantry of Bertie County was approved for a \$4,700 grant which of part was used to purchase two freezers for the storage of meats, breads and desserts.

The other part of the grant was used to make repairs to the building on King Street that houses the food pantry.

The requests for repairs listed replacing windows, painting, and making ceiling repairs left from water damage.

Any remaining money left after the purchase of the freezers and repairs would be used to purchase food for the pantry.

On Monday, Sept. 19 local

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Tropical storm blesses

Rain from Hermine needed

By LESLIE BEACHBOARD
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WINDSOR - Precipitation from Tropical Storm Hermine more a blessing than problem for Bertie County crops.

"The storm was more beneficial to the crops in Bertie County than harmful.

Everything was just so dry," said Bertie County Cooperative Extension Director Billy Barrow.

Bertie County's peanuts, cotton and soybeans were extremely dry.

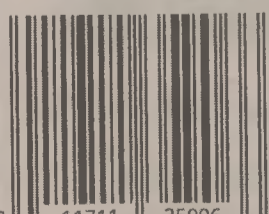
The plants' growth had stalled due to the dry conditions. The rain helped the plants get back on track and continue to grow.

Corn and tobacco crops were in the middle of harvest so there

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Fiery fatality near Powellsville

By LESLIE BEACHBOARD
Bertie Ledger-Advance

POWELLVILLE - Bertie County road's mourn another fatality.

According to the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, at approximately 8:44 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, Rickey McCoy Dickerson, 60, of Ahoskie was traveling alone north on U.S. 13 about five

miles south of Powellsville.

The Toyota pickup truck operated by Dickerson traveled to the right, struck a ditch and collided with a tree.

The truck overturned and caught fire.

The truck came to rest on its side.

Dickerson was pronounced dead at the scene.

Dickerson was wearing a seatbelt.

It is unknown at this time whether drugs or alcohol was a factor, according to the North Carolina State Highway Patrol.

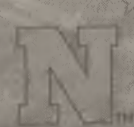
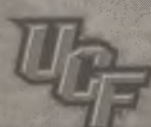
NCSHP said that speed does not seem to be a factor.

Trooper C.W. Godwin is in charge of the investigation.



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