

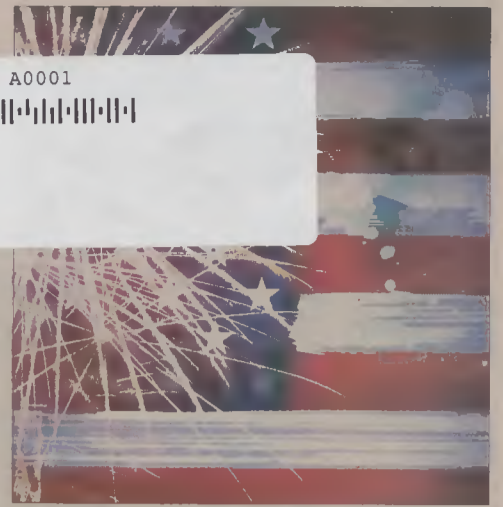
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VBH leader retires

Sackrison ends 45 years in medicine

MILES LAYTON
 Chowan Herald

His last day at work, Jeff Sackrison's office was empty, cleared of photos, stick-it notes and the paperwork usually neatly organized on his desk.

In fact, Sackrison had a smile on his face as he talked about his last day and retiring as President at Vidant Bertie Hospital and Vidant Chowan Hospital in Edenton. His mind was not focused so much on whether he'd eat a steak dinner and make an evening toast at Watermans or wherever, but on lunch – the last one – with his administrative team.

The clock was ticking fast on the last hours of a long career spent working in health care with the last 15 years as the top guy in Windsor and Edenton.

"It's time to retire," he said. "I've been in health career for almost 45 years. It's time to do something different and let someone else have the reins."

Sackrison and wife of 25 years, Sandy, who is not retiring from leading Vidant's radiology department, are moving their base of operations to their home in Wilmington. How is Sackrison, a spry 65-year-old, going to spend his time? Playstation? Sail around the world?

"I'm not worried about retirement. I'll do some volunteer work, consulting work, improve my golf game and see what life brings," he said.

Long before Sackrison held the top job at the hospital, he began his career as a hospital orderly, and the experience made all the difference.

"I went to college as a phys ed major and had a job as an orderly at Pocono Medical Center," Sackrison said in an interview earlier this year after being honored as one of the Great 100 Nurses of 2017. "I worked in the emer-

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Windsor Police Chief Justin Jackson (center) takes the oath of office while his wife, Rebekah, holds the Bible. The oath was administered by Windsor Mayor Jim Hoggard (right). Among those in attendance were (background from left) Windsor Town Administrator Allen Castelleo and Bertie County Sheriff's deputies Jerry Bond and Tim Hardy.

Justin Jackson becomes Windsor Police Chief

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WINDSOR – Justin Jackson has taken time to enjoy the journey.

Friday, he reached a new pinnacle in his professional career, officially taking the oath of office as Chief of Police in Windsor.

"I have worked as a sheriff's deputy, shift supervisor, detective, sergeant and lieutenant, and I have enjoyed each step along the way," Chief Jackson said. "I've always believed when the next step of your career presented itself, you should move forward."

Born and raised on White Oak Road between Askewville

and Windsor, Chief Jackson grew up in Bertie County and has spent most of his life in the region he calls home.

He graduated from Bethel Assembly Christian Academy in Askewville before earning his Basic Law Enforcement Certificate from Pitt Com-

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Pictured are Alex Lopez-Perez and Neeharika Thuravil, with their order from Spencer's Snack Bar. The others were involved with bike repairs and are not pictured - Hope McGraw, Max Wang and Sakib Jalal.

Dream Project passes through

LEWIS HOGGARD
 Windsor/Bertie Chamber

WINDSOR – Two Rutgers University students arrived in Windsor as part of a biking team of five traveling from New Jersey to Miami.

This group is dedicated to

empowering young adults to become leaders through civic engagement and service to their communities. Those making the trek through Windsor included Alex Lopez-Perez, Neeharika Thuravil, Hope McGraw, Max Wang and Sakib Jalal.

In 2013, a group of Rutgers students and alumni set out to make dreams come true. They created a group now called the Dream Project. Their purpose was to raise awareness and monies for the Embrace

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BCS sets dates

Calendars planned for all schools

LESLIE BEACHBOARD
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WINDSOR - Back to school bells will be ringing soon enough.

Bertie County Public Schools has released their 2018-2019 school year calendars for the traditional elementary, middle and high schools, Aulander Elementary School and Bertie Early College High School.

This year's calendar brings a change the Bertie High School.

Last year all three of the Bertie County public high schools' calendar was different than the other traditional schools.

The high schools' were on a college calendar schedule, which meant the schools, started earlier than the others and started summer break before the other schools were released.

For the 2018-2019 school year, Bertie High School will follow the traditional school calendar.

All of the Bertie County traditional schools including Bertie High School, Bertie Middle School, Colerain Elementary School, West Bertie Elementary School and Windsor Elementary School will begin their academic year for students on Monday, Aug. 27.

Teachers have optional workdays Monday, Aug. 13 through Friday, Aug. 17 and mandatory workdays Monday, Aug. 20 through Thursday, Aug. 23.

Thanksgiving break will begin with a 1 p.m. early release on Wednesday, Nov. 21 and schools will be closed Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23.

Christmas break will begin with a 1 p.m. early release Thursday, Dec. 20 and schools will be closed Friday, Dec. 21 through Wednesday, Jan. 2.

For spring break schools will be closed Friday, April 19 through

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