

# **COVID-19** comes to **Bertie Co.**

### One resident has been diagnosed and is currently in quarantine

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first confirmed case of COVID-19.

Bertie County and Regional Albemarle Health Services (ARHS) have both confirmed the case. ARHS said it is following N.C. Department of Health and Human Services guidelines on contact tracing of all individuals who may have had close contact ton, Hertford and Paswith the person.

Bertie County officials said the patient is currently isolated, but could provide no other updates due to privacy laws.

county also The confirmed there are COVID-19 test kits avail-

able in Bertie County, but stressed patients would have to meet cer-Bertie County has its tain criteria to receive the tests.

> According to county officials, "Citizens are asked to discuss their symptoms with their physician so that their then determine the best course of action."

The case in Bertie County joins similar situations in Northampquotank counties, all of who now have confirmed cases of COVID-19, commonly referred to as the Coroafternoon, there were



medical provider can Windsor Assembly of God found a way to hold worship services Sunday, but keep their members safe. Pastor Chuck

Gray's congregation met in the parking lot, where attendees could stay safely in their vehicle, but still worship.



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WINDSOR - As the effects of navirus. As of Tuesday the COVID-19 virus continue to spread - including reaching Ber-398 confirmed cases in tie County – more precautions are being taken to stem the See BERTIE, A3 spread of the disease.

See closures and changes, Out & About, A2

Cooper signed Executive Order No. 120 closing schools through May 15 and banning gatherings of 50-plus people.

"Each and every choice we

On Monday, N.C. Gov. Roy are making is intended to flatten the curve and provide our health care system the ability to treat the sickest patients in

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# indsor launches updated recycling plan

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WINDSOR - While others are trashing their recycling plan, the town of Windsor is upgrading and changing its program.

Windsor Works Director Matt Wilson said the town is moving full force into its new program, which was rolled out earlier this year. The program came about through a



grant obtained by the town from the N.C. Department of

Environmental Quality.

The town will now work to provide 96-gallon cans for recycling. The grant provided the first 100 cans, which have been distributed to customers on a first-come, firstserved basis. The announcement went out through the town's utility bills and Facebook page.

#### said.

Wilson said residents will now have the option to put the recycling can out only when its full rather than having to put one out every week. He said not only will it be easier on residents, but will also save manpower for the town.

In the past, residents had "The new program will al- to sort their own recycling low residents to put every- based on whether it was thing in one bin," Wilson glass, cans, newspaper or

plastic. On each Wednesday, town workers would have to go through the recycling to make sure the items were acceptable.

Now, the recycling will be co-mingled, and will be picked up by a vendor, who has taken on the burden of doing the sorting.

"The new program just makes it easier for our cus-

See RECYCLE, A6

## **Relay For Life Postponed**

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WINDSOR - Granddaddy may come along later, but he gets there.

them all."

The Bertie County

the ongoing efforts to email. "We must make prevent the spread of informed and practical the COVID-19 virus, decisions to keep our commonly called the constituents safe with Coronavirus.

"As we continue to The same is true for manage through the the "Granddaddy of current COVID-19 situation, it is important we all remain calm," Bertie Relay For Life, original- Relay For Life organizly planned for mid-May, er Bobbie Parker told will be delayed due to supporters in a recent

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minimal disruption to our events and work.

"We know that cancer does not stop, so it is our responsibility to continue to fuel our mission during this

See RELAY, A3

## **BLA moves to Thursday**

long history... dating back to publications printed in Windsor since the 1800s.

The newspaper has been published on Wednesday, Thursdays and – way back in the early 1920s - was printed on Friday.

"Times have changed over the course of my 30 years in the newspaper industry," Bertie Ledger-

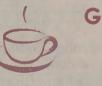
The Bertie Ledger-Advance has a Advance Editor Thadd White said. "People want news faster and they want it more up-to-date. We're making changes to try to meet those expectations."

> Beginning next week, the Bertie Ledger-Advance will shift back to a Thursday publication. This is being done in order to provide time-

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