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Third person succumbs to COVID-19

New cases rise by 16 in one week

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WINDSOR – The numbers keep climbing. Tuesday afternoon, Bertie County announced six addi-

tional cases of COVID-19 in the county, raising the total to 67.

The total number of cases rose by 16 in the past week, and there was a third confirmed death in Bertie County

due to complications from the virus.

“We are deeply saddened to announce the third COVID-19-related death in Bertie County,” the Bertie County Government Facebook page

read. “The patient was in the 50-64 age range with underlying health conditions.

“Out of respect for the family, no other information will be released,” the statement continued. “Please keep the patient’s family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.”

As of Tuesday afternoon,

there were six zip codes in Bertie County which reported COVID-19 cases. They include:

- * Windsor – 37 cases;
- * Colerain – 14 cases;
- * Aulander – 6 cases;
- * Lewiston Woodville – 2 cases;

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May 25 event moved

Memorial Day ceremony will be Nov. 11

WINDSOR – Safety first. While North Carolina wrestles with the process of returning to some semblance of normalcy following the COVID-19 shutdown, it is important to continue to safeguard the health of citizens in Bertie County.

For that reason, the organizers of the annual Memorial Day celebration have decided to delay the event until later this year.

“We’ve done this for two years now, and the crowd both times has exceeded 50,” Bertie Ledger-Advance Editor Thadd White said. “At this point, it’s still too early to tell where we’ll be at as a state, but we needed to make a decision.”

The Memorial Day ceremony, which is co-hosted by the Bertie

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MOVING ON DOWN THE ROAD



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Windsor’s One-Room School House was moved Saturday as it made its way from its former home on York Street to its new location on the corner of Queen and

Granville streets. The school house, a tourist attraction, was dedicated in memory of the late Ted Lassiter, who was Headmaster of Roanoke-Chowan Academy.



Library urges caution

ARL sets new guidelines for patrons

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WINDSOR – Get ready to read.

The seven branches of the Albemarle Regional Library are open as of yesterday (Wednesday), according to ARL Director Hugh Davis.

While the libraries are open – including the Bertie County Library in Windsor and the Sallie Harrell Jenkins Memorial Library in Aulander – there are new regulations in place.

The new regulations include the requirement of a face covering, the cleaning of hands and a limit on the number of people allowed in the library at one time.

“When patrons come to the library, they are asked to wear a face covering, per the governor’s guidelines,” Davis

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Three graduates hired by BCSO

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WILLIAMSTON – “I will never forget this class.” Those words from Chris Baker, one of Martin Community College’s newest Basic Law Enforcement Training Program graduates, summed up his feelings.

Seven candidates became graduates as the program wrapped up Monday evening

at the Williamston campus of MCC.

Baker and two of his fellow classmates - William Holley and Colter Lipscomb - have already been hired by the Bertie County Sheriff’s Office.

At 51 years old, Baker was the senior statesman of the 36th BLET class at MCC. After 20 years military service, Baker took his degree in Criminal Justice and signed up without hesi-

tation.

“I’m still young,” Baker explained. “I want to make a difference.”

He brings to the job experiences he faced while serving the U.S. Army as a military police officer.

The BLET Program, as taught through MCC, brings around 25 experienced law enforcement

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These three BLET graduates from Martin Community College were hired by the Bertie County Sheriff’s Office. They are (from left) William Holley, Colter Lipscomb and Chris Baker.

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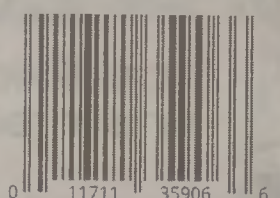


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