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## BCS will open as all remote

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**WINDSOR**—Bertie County Schools will open on Plan C.

Tuesday afternoon, the Bertie County Board of Education approved a recommendation from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Otis Smallwood to open school with remote-only learning for the first nine weeks of school.

The school district

will make provisions for face-to-face learning for certain groups, including those with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), students enrolled in certain career courses with Martin Community College which require labs and select seniors who need to ensure they have credits for graduation.

Last week, N.C. Gov. Roy Cooper announced

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## COVID-19 cases rise in Bertie Co.

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**WINDSOR**—Bertie County's cases of COVID-19 have risen significantly over the last week.

In the past seven days, Bertie County has added 24 new COVID-19 cases just when it seemed the cases were

starting to disappear.

On Tuesday of last week, Bertie County had 157 total cases, only three of which were active. A week later that number has soared to 181 and there are 24 active cases.

"We continue to en-

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## Charges pending after warrant

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**WINDSOR** — Charges are still pending after a search warrant was executed here July 10.

Windsor Police Chief Justin Jackson said officers obtained a warrant for a residence at 501 Ghent Street, and found

multiple items once inside the house.

Chief Jackson said officers entered the home from the front and back and announced their presence and the possession of the search warrant.

The search warrant

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JAMES JONES / Freedom of North Carolina

The Freedom of North Carolina production features actors from eastern North Carolina, including Carmichael Griffin (left) and Antwan Sharpe.

## 'Freedom of North Carolina' films at Hope Plantation

BY MATT DEBNAM  
Washington Daily News

**WINDSOR** — It's take two for an independent film that began shooting again last weekend after being delayed for months by COVID-19.

"Freedom of North Carolina" tells the story of a family escaping slavery in 19th century eastern North Carolina. Arriving in the mythical "Land of Regur," they learn about their place in the overall story of African-American history. The film, which was originally set for a Juneteenth release date, features actors and actresses from eastern North Carolina.

"When this particular family escapes and arrives in this land, that's where everything



Built in 1803, Hope Plantation was home to North Carolina's 15th governor, David Stone. While the plantation has been closed during the COVID-19 pandemic, the site offers visitors a chance to step back in time to experience eastern North Carolina in the 19th century.

changes — their mindset, their views and their perceptions of the world actually change," film director James Jones said in a previous interview. "They

understand who and what they are and the power that they all have."

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LEWIS HOGGARD / Windsor/Bertie Chamber of Commerce

A ribbon cutting for the Bertie County Rural Health Association pharmacy was held Monday.

## Rural Health opens pharmacy

**WINDSOR** - Bertie County Rural Health Association (BCHRA), a federally supported primary care practice serving Bertie County for 36 years, announced the grand opening of a full service pharmacy for patients and residents on Monday.


The launch of the pharmacy is part of BCHRA's strategic plan to provide cost savings to patients and greater access to all members of the community.

A crowd attended the grand opening despite the July heat. County commissioners, town commissioners, representative for Senator Thom Tillis's office and many others made the event in person. Lemonade, iced tea and water were provided to keep everyone cool.

Everyone was excited for there to be more options in Bertie County to

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