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## Plasma may help patients with COVID

Bertie Co. Pastor says it was a difference maker

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WINDSOR – The American Red Cross says plasma from those who have recovered from COVID-19 may help those suffering from the virus.



Rev. Denton

One Bertie County man says he knows it does, or at least did in his case.

The Rev. R.O. "Buddy" Denton Jr. had what most would

consider a severe case of COVID-19 in August. He was hospitalized for five days and battled double pneumonia as a result of the novel coronavirus.

While battling the disease Rev. Denton received Remdesivir, as have many COVID-19 patients, including President Donald Trump.

But, it was when they gave him plasma from a person who had recovered from COVID-19 that Rev. Denton saw a dramatic change.

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Bertie County Relay For Life hopes to be back outdoors with an event on Friday, May 14, 2021 if possible. Last year's event was changed to a drive-thru due to the effects of COVID-19. The county chapter still nearly met its yearly goal.

## Corporate sponsors help Relay For Life reach \$226K

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WINDSOR – In a year filled with COVID-19-related closures, lack of fundraisers and even a drive-thru only event, the Bertie County Chapter of the American Cancer Society would not be denied.

The organization continued to raise awareness and funds for cancer and nearly met their

yearlong goal, set well before the novel coronavirus shut down much of North Carolina.

"Given we were not able to host our event or have fundraisers, I think it is tremendous that we were able to do that," Bertie ACS President Bobbie Parker said.

JoAnn Jordan, who chairs Bertie Relay For Life, agreed.

"I'm delighted with the turnout we had for our drive-

thru event. I'm delighted with the funds we raised and I'm delighted we kept the American Cancer Society and particularly those battling cancer at the forefront," Jordan said. "We have to continue the fight."

The Bertie County Chapter of ACS raised \$226,083.99 during the 2019-2020 year, falling short by less than \$4,000 of their

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## Food boxes will be distributed

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ASKEVILLE – Askeville Assembly of God will host a Farmers to Families food box giveaway Monday.

The church, which is located at 105 Askeville-Bryant Street, will have 25-pound boxes of food to giveaway. It will contain produce, meat and dairy products.

"We are pleased to work with Farmers to Families to provide for the citizens of Bertie County," Askeville AG Pastor the Rev. R.O. "Buddy" Denton said.

The boxes will be given away via a drive-thru pickup at the church on a first come, first-served basis. It is limited to Bertie County residents.

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## Forestry conference slated Oct. 27-28

AULANDER – Forest landowners in northeastern North Carolina have the opportunity in late October to learn strategies to increase family wealth and

conserve forestland and wildlife habitat.

The North Carolina and Virginia Forest Landowner Conference will be held on Oct. 27

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