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Towns differ on trick-or-treat

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Towns throughout Bertie County are taking differing approaches to trick-or-treating this Halloween.

While all town officials throughout the county are urging caution and safety, towns are taking slightly

different approaches to the children's holiday.



is Colerain, where leaders have decided to err on the

side of caution. Only one town has prohibited trick-or-treating this year and that is Colerain, where leaders have decided to err on the

side of caution.

One other town – Powellsville – is strongly discouraging trick-or-treating but said any church activities that allow children to pick up candy safely will be encouraged.

In Aulander, town officials have decided not to ban trick-or-treating, but are strongly discouraging the

annual activity.

Instead, the Great Pumpkin is headed to Aulander to help the town's young people celebrate the holiday. The Great Pumpkin will be in Aulander on Saturday, Oct. 31 and will travel around the entire town.

The Great Pumpkin will toss candy out to all the chil-

dren in the town. Times will be announced on the town's Facebook page this week.

Those wishing to continue with trick-or-treating are urged to stay in their neighborhood and follow social distancing practices.

Homes that choose to par-

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Time left to run

5K/Walk aids food pantry

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WINDSOR - The last day to sign up and complete the Virtual Spooktacular 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk is Saturday.

Some participants have already posted their results.

"The normal course for both the 5K and the 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk have has been marked. It starts on York street behind Windsor Town Hall near the utility building and finishes in front of Livermon Park and Mini Zoo," said Race Director Joe Huff.

Even though the course has been marked participants are not required to use that route and can run or walk from anywhere including on a treadmill.

This year the 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk are virtual due to COVID-19. Participants must sign up through runtheeast.com by going to the website, clicking on the race calendar, scrolling down to Sat, 10/17/2020 - Sat, Oct 31 2020 and click on the blue box

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THE VERY BEST



JENNIFER ASKEW / Bethel Assembly Christian Academy

The Junior Varsity Bethel Assembly Christian Academy Lady Eagles capped a 10-1 season with a three-set win over Trinity Christian School to claim to become State Champions. The Lady Eagles won the state title title 25-19, 21-25 and 25-19. Pictured with the championship trophy are (front row, from left) Shelby Walker, Summer Mizelle and Coleen Askew. In the back are Lauren Taylor, Sianna Johnson, Coach Donna Mizelle, Kaydee Beachboard, Savannah Ball and Kami Hobbs. The team also won the regular season championship.



JENNIFER ASKEW / Bethel Assembly Christian Academy

Bethel Assembly Christian Academy's varsity Lady Eagles finished second in the state in volleyball. Pictured with the Runner-Up trophy are (from left) Sarah Conner, Hayle Harrell, Hayley Northcott, Sheree Harrell, Gracie Simmons and Maddie Knowles. In the back are Mackenzie Mizelle, Abbey Minton, Eliana Bazemore, Kelli Bunch and Alexis Fairless.

Death toll is 20

COVID-19 cases on the rise

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Bertie County lost its 20th resident to COVID-19 last week.

Albemarle Regional Health Services (ARHS) announced the death of the person who was over 65 years of age, and died due to complications from COVID-19. The death was not related to any facility outbreaks.

ARHS released no other details to protect the family's privacy.

Cases continue to rise in Bertie County, as the world-wide pandemic keeps growing. Bertie County now has 31 active cases of the novel Coronavirus. There have been 724 total cases. Of the total, 673 have recovered.

Bertie remains third among the ARHS service region, following the 858 cases in Pasquotank County (35 deaths) and 852 cases in neighboring Hertford County (35 deaths).

Those three counties are easily the highest number of cases in the

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Roanoke Electric stepping into 'electric' future

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AULANDER – One local company is stepping into the future.

Roanoke Electric Cooperative has started a pilot program that allows the first 10

member-owners to sign up for the Electric Vehicle Rate to receive a free charging station, free installation and a \$1,000 incentive.

"As your local energy partner, we are proud to join electric cooperatives across the state in announcing new

sustainability goals," said Curtis Wynn, the co-op's President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). "We are working toward net-zero carbon emissions by 250 and a 50 percent reduction in emissions by 2030.

"EVs are becoming an

important part of this mission," he continued. "If you own an EV, we encourage you to consider charging at night and taking advantage of our special rate."

Estimates indicate that there are already more than 1 million electric vehicles

used in the United States, and some expect that mark to climb as high as 18 million by 2030.

Roanoke Electric Cooperative announced their new electric vehicle rate in Janu-

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