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Bertie Co. sees sharp increase

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WINDSOR – Bertie County saw a sharp increase of COVID-19 cases over the last week.

This increase resulted in Bertie County's status to be changed from orange to red on the COVID-19 County Alert System.

But it is not just Bertie County, the numbers are increasing across the state and the country. At press time, the latest COVID-19 update from Alameda Regional Health Services shows a major increase for cases in Bertie County.

There are currently

905 total lab confirmed cases, 85 active lab confirmed cases, 795 recovered lab confirmed cases and 25 deaths.

This is an increase of 100 lab confirmed cases and 3 deaths in just over a week.

North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper held a press conference Tuesday afternoon to discuss the increase in statewide cases and the future of a COVID-19 vaccine. At the time of the press conference, the state has had a total of 367,395 COVID-19 cases, 2,883 new cases in the last 24 hours, 2,033 people hospital-

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Tradition continues

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WINDSOR – A local and national tradition will still continue this holiday season, just differently.

Each year people from all walks of life gather at Edgewood Cemetery with one common goal-to remember and honor those who have served or are serving our country.

Each year, millions of Americans, come together to remember the fallen, honor those who have served and their families and to teach the next generation about the value of freedom.

This year, the Wreaths Across America will be held at noon on Saturday, Dec. 19.

The local coordinators for this year's event is Len Joyner and Helen Lassiter.

According to Lassiter, this year will be different. "Due to COVID-19, there will not be a ceremony. Anyone wanting to participate can meet at the gazebo. There will be a welcome, the Pledge of Al

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The Hoggard Christmas Wonderland of Lights that brighten the night sky have become a drive-thru tradition for families near and far.

Hoggard Christmas wonderland returns

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WINDSOR – Twenty-five years of tradition and it keeps getting bigger.

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Just one day after celebrating a time of thanks, the opportunity officially to begin the holiday season arrives in Windsor.

That's the day Herman and Therman Hoggard turn on more than 500,000 Christmas lights- something locals and those from a far look forward to each year.

The display – which is located just off of King Street on Dalton Drive – has been a holiday favorite for 25 seasons, and draws crowds from all over the world.

"We add a new piece to the decorations every day throughout the season. This year we

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An angel was created to represent Thurman Hoggard's daughter Carolyn. It remains as the centerpiece of a the collection.

Spooktacular wraps up the eleventh year

MICHELLE LEICESTER
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WINDSOR – The 11th annual Spooktacular 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk event was held a little differently this year.

COVID-19 prevented a physical community gathering so the committee decid-

ed to turn to a virtual race instead.

Participants were allowed to run/walk within a 2 week period, Oct. 17 until Oct. 31.

The normal course starts on York Street behind Windsor Town Hall near the utility building and finishes in front of Livermon Park and Mini Zoo.

The course for both the 5K and the 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk were marked but, due to there not being a physical event, runners and walkers could participate from anywhere, including from a treadmill after signing up on www.runtheeast.com.

Medals and t-shirts will still be mailed in the next

week but monetary prizes were not awarded this year.

The runner or walkers time was recorded with the mobile phone application called RaceJoy or participants also had the option to manually upload it on www.runtheeast.com.

Jonathan Huddleston of Windsor was the fastest to

finish in the overall race. His time was 22:21.

Cadmus Capehart of Washington came in second. His time was 24:04.

Third place was taken by Dominic Reisig of Washington.

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SPORTS TRIVIA

Which coach has the most wins as Head Football Coach at Bertie High School?

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