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## Four injured in boating accident

**SARAH HODGES STALLS AND THADD WHITE**  
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Four people were injured in a boating accident on the Albemarle Sound Saturday morning.

Senior Wildlife Officer Kyle Barkley said two boats were following one another shortly before 6:30 a.m. when the first boat struck what is believed to be a submerged log in the Sound. The second boat hit the same log mo-

ments later. When each boat hit the log, the motor broke off the boat and landed in the passenger area of the vehicle. "I do not believe speed was a factor in this case, just a mostly submerged object,"

Barkley said. All four individuals were injured, but two were able to be treated at the scene. The fourth was airlifted to Vidant Medical Center in Greenville while the fourth was taken to Vidant Chowan Hospital

in Edenton. Bertie County Sheriff John Holley said he had officers on hand, including Chief Deputy Kenny Perry, with the sheriff's office boat. He

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### A LOOK AT NEW LIBRARY/EXTENSION BUILDING



LEWIS HOGGARD / Windsor/Bertie Chamber of Commerce

The new Bertie County Library and N.C. Cooperative Extension Center opened Monday. Above: the outside of the new facility. Middle: The library area. Three: the new kitchen.



## Commissioners hear '21 school budget proposal

**LESLIE BEACHBOARD**  
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**WINDSOR** - Bertie County Schools Superintendent Dr. Otis Smallwood presented the 2021-2022 proposed budget for the school system to the Bertie County Commissioners Monday night.

"I would like to thank the board for putting the sales tax increase on the ballot last year to help continue to provide supplements to our teachers and staff," said Dr. Smallwood.

He also gave an overview of some accomplishments the school

system achieved during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bertie County Schools provided approximately 600,000 meals to students, and distributed 1,000 Chromebooks and 200 hotspots to children during the last 14-months of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We purchased additional Chromebooks for families with multiple children participating in virtual learning and additional hot spots. We created stronger wi-fi signals in our buildings so families could park and learn at loca-

tions throughout the county," he added.

Bertie County School's mission is to provide safe, high-quality and engaging student-centered learning opportunities that will prepare all students to graduate and become productive citizens.

The strategic plans include eliminating opportunity gaps, intentional focus on teaching and learning, building community relationships and the recruitment and retention of highly effective teachers.

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## CPTA gives yearly review

**LESLIE BEACHBOARD**  
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**WINDSOR** - COVID-19 did temporarily stop the Choanoke Public Transportation Authority (CPTA) from providing services to Bertie County.

CPTA Executive Director Pamela Perry recently presented the Bertie County Commissioners with an overview of its annual

report. CPTA finished its 2019-2020 fiscal years with assets totaling \$2,646,010.29.

"We did have revenue loss during the 2019-2020 fiscal year due to COVID-19 effecting our rideshares in February. We did receive C.A.R.E. funding through a COVID-19 grant to help with the losses," said Perry.

CPTA showed an equal balance of

\$2,646,010.29 between its assets and liabilities during the fiscal year.

CPTA showed a revenue of \$1,172,942.57 for the fiscal year.

The revenue came from a variety of sources including:

- Fares provided \$544,000.21;
- Local government funding provided \$32,800;

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## Cyberattack hacks gas pipeline

**BY ERIC TUCKER CATHY BUSSEWITZ AND ALAN SUDERMAN**  
*Associated Press*

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Hit by a cyberattack, the operator of a major U.S. fuel pipeline said Monday it hopes to have services mostly

restored by the end of the week as the FBI and administration officials identified the culprits as a gang of criminal hackers.

U.S. officials sought to soothe concerns about price spikes or damage to the economy by stressing that the

fuel supply had so far not experienced widespread disruptions, and the company said it was working toward "substantially restoring operational service" by the weekend.

The White House said

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THADD WHITE / Bertie Ledger-Advance

Duck Thru at the corner of Sterlingworth Street at U.S. 13 bypass had a line of cars Tuesday.

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