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Bertie fire departments garner grants

Fire chiefs agree grants are vital for equipment

BRANDICE HOGGARD
Staff Writer

Volunteer fire departments across Bertie County received the 2021 Volunteer

Fire Department Fund Grant. Ten out of the 12 volunteer fire departments in the county received grants from the Office of State Fire Marshall, totaling of \$198,368.

The grant will go towards helping the fire departments purchase the equipment that they need in order to properly serve the citizens of the county in case of an

emergency. "It's my honor and privilege to provide these grants to our volunteer fire departments across the state. Many of these departments lack the resources to purchase the equipment necessary to help keep our citizens safe.

These funds are designed to do just that," said Mike Causey, State Fire Marshal. In order for the fire departments to apply for the grant they have to price the equipment they would like to purchase.

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Students at Windsor Elementary School learned to make their own hand sanitizer Tuesday afternoon.

Windsor Elementary students learn about COVID essentials

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WINDSOR- Elementary third and fourth graders learned about the science behind COVID-19 testing, along with developing their own protective COVID STEM product Tuesday. A former Windsor student, Troy Veale, CEO of One Love Laboratory along with volunteer team members from STEM Innovation Mentors came to Windsor Elementary to hold an outside learning lab with the students. Veale owns a mental health agency that offers different types of assistance in all aspects of mental health. Five years ago he opened the laboratory with



A student learns how to conduct COVID-19 testing.

the goals of bringing the lab science into the mental health field in order for doctors to better diagnose mental health.

Veale, stated "It is awesome to come back where it all started."

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Open House set at airport

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Editor

AULANDER - Come on down! Those who have been wanting the chance to get a closer look at the brand new terminal at Tri-County Airport will have the opportunity to do so soon. The Airport Authority board is hosting an Open House on Saturday, June 5 and the public from all three local counties - Bertie, Hertford and Northampton - are welcome to come out and tour the new facility.

"We have looked forward to introducing our new terminal building to the public for a long time, but because of COVID-19 we did not feel it was safe until now," said Tammy Lee, who serves as chair of both the Airport Authority and the Bertie County Commissioners. "We are extremely proud and thankful for our new building." The Open House is planned for 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 5 and will be held at Tri-County Airport

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Elections likely to stay in Nov.

THADD WHITE
Editor

RALEIGH - Municipal elections in Bertie County will likely proceed as planned. The only bill designed to change election dates to make its way from one chamber of the N.C. General Assembly to the other was SB722 which would only delay elections in which district boundaries could change. The fate of municipal

elections have been up in the air for most of the calendar year after the U.S. Census Bureau said final new census statistics would not be available until September. Municipal elections in North Carolina are held in odd years and take place in September, October and November depending on the election method. Following the release

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Windsor, Aulander libraries plan Summer Reading

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Editor

Both libraries in Bertie County are gearing up for the Summer Reading Pro-

gram. The programs - at Sallie Harrell Jenkins Library in Aulander and the Bertie County Public Library in Windsor - will begin regis-

tering participants in the coming weeks. In Windsor, Branch Manager Nancy Hughes encouraged parents to begin stopping by their new facility on

Lancaster Avenue. Currently children can pick up a calendar of events, set summer reading goals and receive a reading log and stickers to record their

progress. The first program is slated for 4-7 p.m. on Monday, June 7 at the new library building,

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