

FOURTH&LONG
David Friedman asks how can the US miss out in basketball?
B1

FINANCIALHELP
New grants will help 2021 grads who attend community college.
A3

GRACE&TRUTH
Pastor Webb Hoggard says church can be a place for all.
B3



Bertie Ledger-Advance

SCAN ME

Volume 123:
No. 22

Bertie Ledger-Advance

THURSDAY • JUNE 3, 2021

980 S. Academy St.
Ahoskie, NC 27910

M M M

Heating &
Air Conditioning
252.209.0223

21 24 8
*****FIRM 27892
HCC LIBRARY
1161 KEHUKEE PARK RD
WILLIAMSTON NC 27892-6307

Askewville • Aulander • Colerain • Kelford • Lewiston Woodville • Merry Hill • Powellsville • Roxobel • Windsor

Shots fired in car

Vehicle was occupied by suspect's mother

THADD WHITE
Editor

WINDSOR – A Windsor man is behind bars facing attempted murder charges after discharging a firearm into a vehicle occupied by his mother and his pregnant girlfriend.

Windsor Police Chief Justin Jackson said officers were called to Duck Thru No. 6 Saturday evening after shots were apparently discharged into an occupied car.

“Once we arrived, our officers found multiple bullet holes in the side of the vehicle,” Chief Jackson said. “The two victims identified the suspect and said he had driven away in a car driven by another person.”

The chief said the incident began when the two victims were at the convenience store when the suspect's vehicle drove up. There was a domestic dispute between the two parties and then the suspect reportedly used a handgun to assault one of the victims and then fired into the car.

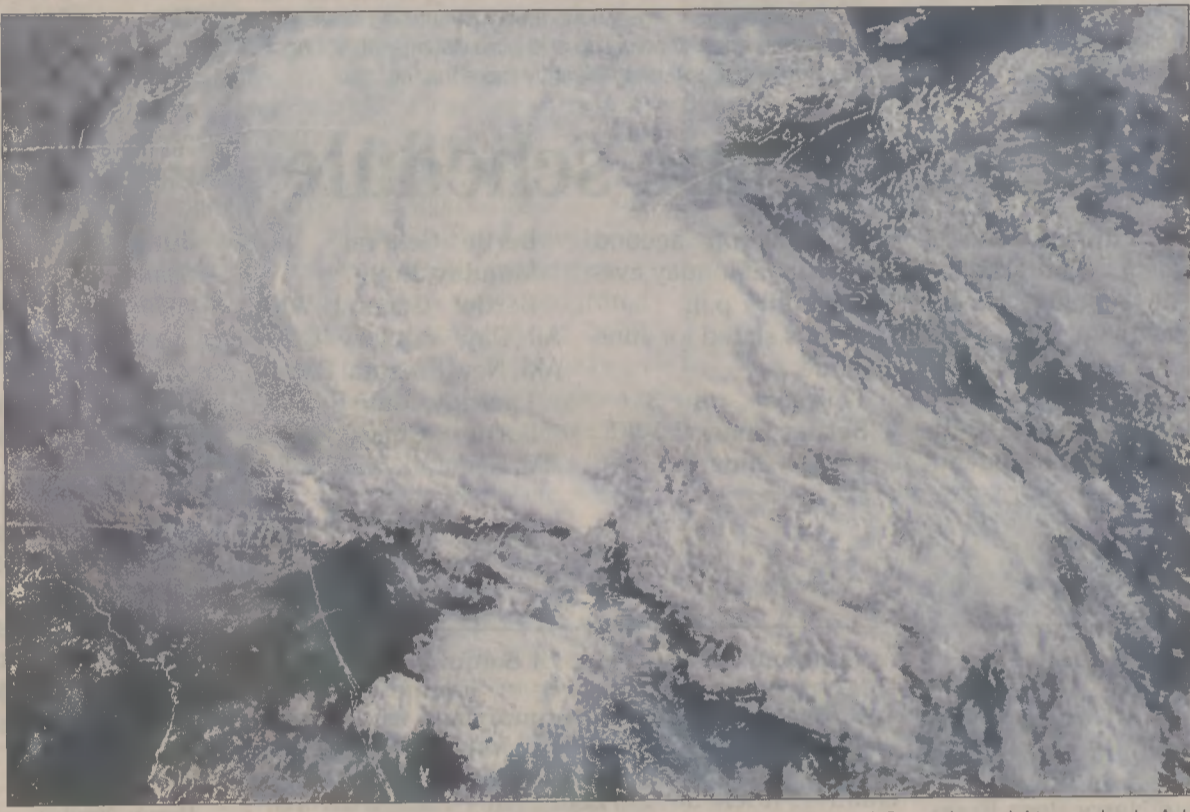
The suspect then fled the scene, but turned himself in to a magis-

See ATTEMPTED, A5

2021 Atlantic Hurricane Season

GET READY

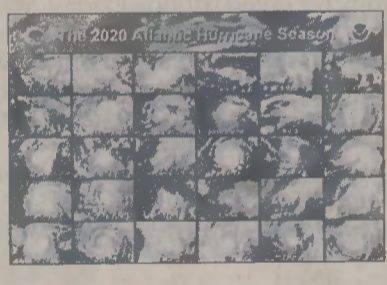
FORECASTERS SAY ABOVE-AVERAGE SEASON EXPECTED



FILE - This Wednesday, May 27, 2020 satellite image made available by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shows Tropical Storm Bertha approaching the South Carolina coast. On Wednesday, March 17, 2021, a World Meteorological Organization committee plans to discuss whether the Atlantic hurricane season should start on May 15 instead of the traditional June 1. (NOAA via AP)

Bertie County will be prepared

BRANDICE HOGGARD
Staff Writer and
THADD WHITE
Editor



Another active 2021 Atlantic hurricane season is expected, according to forecasters with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Climate Administration (NOAA) Prediction Center, which is a division of the National Weather Service.

The forecasters predict a 60 percent chance of an above-normal season, a 30 percent chance of a near-normal season and a 10 percent chance of a below-normal season. Despite the expectations of an active season, experts do not anticipate the historic level

of storm activity seen in 2020. “Expectations are hard to predict in any season,” Bertie Emergency Management Director Mitch Cooper said. “While weather services are saying a less active season than last year, we should never take our guard down.”

“It only takes one storm to cause devastating effects,” he continued. “We will continue to stand ready for our citizens and prepare for the

worst at all times. Failure is not an option.”

The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 until November 30.

The Climate Prediction Center with NOAA is forecasting a likely range of 13 to 20 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher). Of those six to 10 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including three to five major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher).

NOAA is providing these ranges with a 70 percent confidence. An average hurricane season produces 14 named storms and seven hurricanes,

See READY, A5

Hurricane Tracking Chart, A6

Red, white boom

Independence Day fireworks planned for July 2

LESLIE BEACHBOARD
Managing Editor

WINDSOR – A Windsor tradition will return this year.

Fireworks will once again light up the night sky over the Cashie River in observance of Independence Day. This is after the 2020 celebration had to be canceled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Freedom Fireworks will be held Friday, July 2 at the Roanoke Cashie River Center.

According to Windsor/Bertie County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lewis Hoggard, the event is typically held on July 3, but with Independence Day falling on a Sunday most of the local celebrations are being held on that day. The town of Windsor decided to move the celebration up one day to not affect the other events.

The gates will open at 4:30 p.m. for spectators, vendors, entertainment and more.

A live remote will be held from 5 until 7 p.m. with Magic 95.9.

“Clint Freeman and Friends” will provide live entertainment from

See FIREWORKS, A5

Sheriff: Murders still under investigation, information sought

THADD WHITE
Editor

Bertie County Sheriff John Holley said his office is diligently working two unsolved murders.

Tuesday afternoon, Sheriff

Holley said deputies investigating the shooting deaths of James Calvin Watford and Tarquin Fogg.

“We are investigating both murders and feel like we have a handle on who committed the crimes,” Sheriff

Holley said. “We are working to put everything in place at this time.”

Fogg, 31, was killed in April while walking near his home in Kelford. His body was found lying in a ditch by a passing motorist. While he

was initially still breathing, he was pronounced dead at the scene.

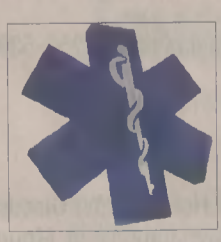
Watford, 58, drove into a driveway near Powellsville and asked a person nearby to call 9-1-1. It was discovered he had been shot and

he was airlifted to Vidant Medical Center in Greenville, but died of his wounds.

In both cases, Sheriff Holley said he believes there is information that is not be-

See SOUGHT, A5

In this edition



- Church & Faith B3
- Classified B4
- Opinion A4
- Out & About A2
- Sports B1



GOOD MORNING,
JANE HECKSTALL
OF WINDSOR

Thank you for subscribing!



Find us on
Facebook



IN NEED OF A COVID-19 MODERNA VACCINE?

BERTIE COUNTY RURAL HEALTH TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT TODAY!
104 RHODES AVENUE, WINDSOR NC 27893 • CALL: 252-794-3042

“OUR FAMILY CARING FOR YOUR FAMILY”