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## Freedom Fireworks set for Friday night



**THADD WHITE**  
*Bertie Ledger-Advance*

**WINDSOR** – The skies will be filled with fireworks Friday night.

Or at least that's the plan despite some threat of rain. The Windsor/Bertie Cham-

ber of Commerce and the town of Windsor are planning to proceed with the July 2 Freedom Fireworks if Mother Nature will allow.

"Right now we realize there is a call for scattered showers, but we are planning to proceed if at all possible,"

Windsor/Bertie Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lewis Hoggard said. "We are excited about getting back to a semblance of normalcy and have a crowd gathered to celebrate Independence Day." The festivities will be held

at the Roanoke/Cashie River Center on Water Street in Windsor and will kick off at 5 p.m.

Magic 95.9 will be on hand to broadcast live from the site and a DJ, "Mix'n' Mike,"

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## VBH: 'Stroke Ready'

**WINDSOR** – Vidant Bertie Hospital has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® and the American Heart Association's/American Stroke Association's Heart-Check mark for Acute Stroke Ready Hospital Certification.

Vidant Bertie Hospital underwent a rigorous, virtual review on March 11-12. During the visit, the Joint Commission reviewer evaluated compliance with related certification standards including: a dedicated stroke-focused program, staffing by qualified medical professionals trained in stroke care, collaboration with local emergency management agencies, 24/7 ability to perform rapid diagnostic and laboratory testing, ability to administer intravenous clot-busting medications to eligible patients and the availability of telemedicine technology.

Joint Commission standards are developed in consultation with health care experts and providers, measurement experts and patients. The reviewer

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The Perdue - Lewiston associates were recognized with the Hero of Research Award recently.

## Perdue receives honor, Relay plans 2021 event

**BRANDICE HOGGARD**  
*Staff Writer*

**LEWISTON WOODVILLE** – The "Hero of Research" Award was awarded to Perdue Farms of Lewiston Woodville recently.

Perdue was recognized for its support of Relay for Life in 2020 when they received the "Hero of Research" Award for raising \$165,000 for Relay for Life of Bertie County. By reaching the \$165,000 fundraising level for the first time, the Perdue Lewiston plant was one of three companies nationally to achieve Hero of

Research status.

Bobbie Parker, the President of the Bertie County Chapter of American Cancer Society stated, "On behalf of Bertie Relay we are very pleased and proud of Perdue, they have been working towards this goal for several years and have finally met it."

"It is rewarding to see it happen through difficult times of COVID, the payroll deductions team pushed through to finally meet their goal," Parker continued.

The Hero of Research Award allows Perdue to fund a three-year breast cancer research project conducted by Dr. Michael Lewis at the University of North Carolina Lineberger Comprehensive

Cancer Center. Dr. Lewis's research will study how enhancer RNA molecules can be utilized to treat triple-negative breast cancer, the most aggressive form of breast cancer.

Since 1995, Perdue associates have raised more than \$1.7 million in support of the Relay for Life of Bertie County, primarily through payroll deduction and local fundraising activities.

The 2021 Relay for Life is still happening this year as a drive through event for the second year in a row. The event will take place at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, August. 21. It will remain in the parking

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## Bertie man jailed

BY CAL BRYANT

Roanoke-Chowan News-Herald

**WINDSOR** – Less than 24 hours after a Woodland woman was gunned down, her alleged killer was behind bars.

Keith Morris Hyman, age 44, of Windsor was located and arrested near a residence in Windsor on Thursday night.



Keith Hyman

Hyman is charged in the Wednesday night murder of 34-year-old Angelec Wiggins of Woodland.

That homicide occurred at a residence located in Arrowhead Mobile Home Park, off N.C. 35 north of Woodland.

Another female was shot, allegedly by Hyman, at the same location. She was rushed to the hospital in critical condition.

Hyman is charged with one count of 1st degree murder, one count of attempted 1st degree murder, two counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to

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## Wreaths Across America featuring 'Giving in July'

**LESLIE BEACHBOARD**  
*Managing Editor*

**WINDSOR** – Throughout the month of July, the national nonprofit organization, Wreaths Across America (WAA) will be featuring its

annual Giving In July campaign.

The campaign is dedicated to the groups and individuals giving back in their communities while helping to share the mission to "remember, honor and teach."

Locally, Edgewood Cemetery is the home of the Wreaths Across America ceremony every year in December.

Since its founding in 2007, Wreaths Across America has partnered with hundreds of

like-minded charities, community programs and civic groups throughout the country to remember and honor our nation's veterans and active duty military all year long.

Giving In July celebrated

these groups and highlights the opportunity to 'do good twice' through the sponsorship of veterans' wreaths through the organizations Group Sponsorship Pro-

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