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Students return to the classroom

School starts back around the county

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School starting back can be exciting time for some, and for others its may not be the happiest time. The first

day of school may mean its a child's first day of kindergarten or one's "first, last day" because they are a senior.

There are parents who are excited to send their children off to school, and

others who are sad their children are returning to the classroom.

Bertie County Schools, Bethel Assembly Christian Academy and Lawrence Academy all started in-per-

son instruction over the last few weeks. All of the schools are hoping that they can continue face-to-face and not have to go back to virtual learning due to COVID-19.

Bethel Assembly Christian Academy (BACA) started school earlier this month (Aug. 11.) They have grown

with quite a few new enrollments this year. Especially over the past few weeks with new enrollments still arriving. BACA has a total of 192 students enrolled for the 2021-2022 school year.

BACA Principal Sharon

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Reduce the stigma

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WINDSOR – International Overdose Awareness day is set for Aug. 31.

International Overdose Awareness Day is a global event that is held on Aug. 31 each year. It aims to raise awareness of overdose and reduce the stigma of drug-related deaths.

This day also acknowledges the grief felt by families and friends that are remembering those who have died or had a permanent injury due to a drug overdose.

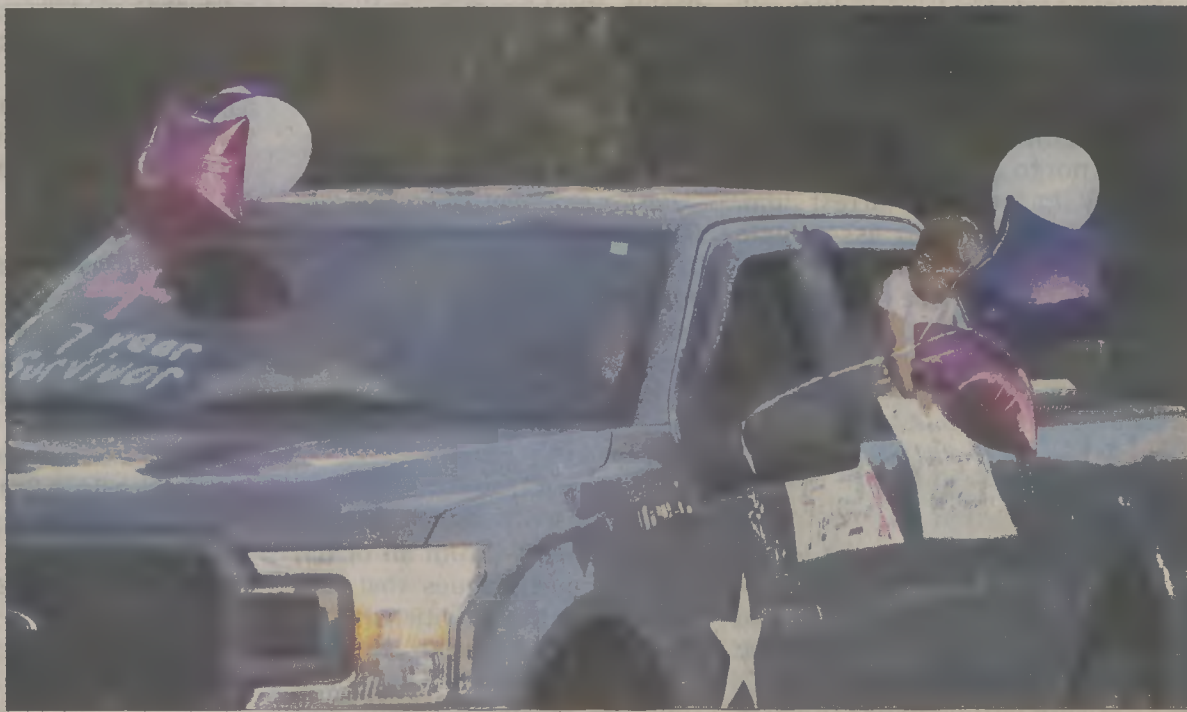
International Overdose Awareness Day spreads the message that the tragedy of overdose death is preventable.

Some may ask, "What is an overdose?"

An overdose means a person has taken a quantity of a drug or combination of drugs that his or her body is unable to cope with.

The signs and symptoms that one may show from an overdose

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A seven-year cancer survivor participates in the Relay For Life parade Saturday.

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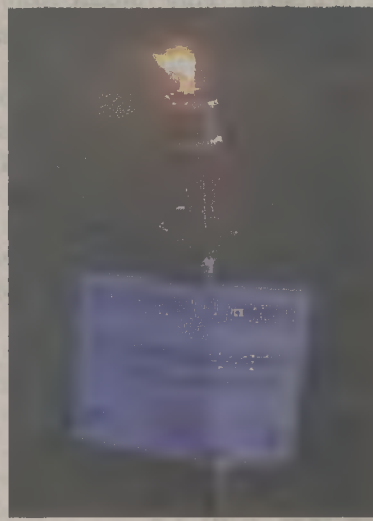
Relay rolls on

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WINDSOR - In another year full of uncertainty due to COVID-19, lack of team fundraisers and more the Bertie County Chapter of American Cancer Society would not be denied their event.

The organization continued to raise awareness, along with funds, for cancer research and have nearly met their yearly goal. Fundraising can continue until Sept. 30.

"I thought Relay went well, although not as many came out due to the pandemic and weather, all in all it went



This Flame of Hope honors Victoria Leggett.

well," Bertie Relay for Life Chairman Joann Jordan said.

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The Bertie County Chapter of ACS raised \$180,528.19 during the 2021-2022 year, falling a little less than \$10,000 short of their \$190,000 goal.

Little Miss and Mr. Relay were recognized Saturday night at Relay for Life. Little Miss Relay is Sabriah Hathaway, raising \$261.00. She is the daughter of Calvin and Shannon Hathaway. Little Mr. Relay was Gavin Hoggard, raising \$500. He is the son of Nicholas and Brandice Hoggard. They both received a trophy, were crowned Little Miss and Mr Relay for Life, and received a bag of good-

Loads of love

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WINDSOR – The Albemarle Alliance for Children, a partner agency of the Albemarle Area United Way, partnered with the Wash House and several local restaurants to host a Loads of Love in Bertie County event.

Approximately 177 participants/families came by the Wash House on Granville Street in Windsor to have the opportunity to use wash their laundry for free.

Books were provided to 175 children, and 19 children signed up to receive books from the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Free vision screens were provided to 50 children, and 11 were referred to Edwards Eye Care in Ahoskie for complete eye exams. 19 adults received eye exams also.

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COVID-19 cases are still on the rise in Bertie County

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WINDSOR – The numbers are increasing, and not in a good way.

Albemarle Regional Health Services (ARHS) issued its

current regional COVID-19 update on Friday, Aug. 20. The updates are released on Friday each week, showing the updated information on vaccines, active cases and facility outbreaks. The report includes Bertie County.

According to the report, there have been 1,929 lab confirmed cases of COVID-19 for the county, with 1,823 of those cases considered recovered. There were 59 active COVID-19 cases reported.

Sadly, there have been 47 deaths.

As of press time, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) COVID-19 Dashboard for Tuesday, Aug. 24 shows the current overall

case count for the county at 1,965 cases. That is an increase of 36 cases since the Aug. 20 report.

The ARHS report reported two deaths within the re-

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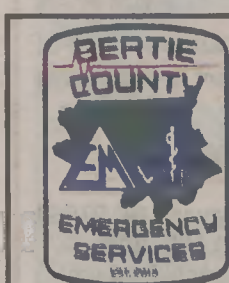


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