

Pastor Webb Hoggard writes how he loves a verbal skirmish.



Brandice Hoggard writes about the ups and downs of pregnancy.



Andre Alfred writes about a word vastly used in today's world.



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COVID-19 numbers still increasing

100 active cases reported in Bertie County

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WINDSOR - COVID-19 cases are still climbing.

Albemarle Regional Health Services (ARHS) issued its

current regional COVID-19 update on Friday, Sept. 3. 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 2,106 lab confirmed cases of COVID-19 for the county, with 1,959 of those cases considered re-

There were 100 active CO-VID-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, Sept. 7

shows the current overall case count for the county at 2,147 cases. That is an increase of 41 cases since the Sept. 3 report.

The ARHS report reported nine new COVID-19 related deaths within the region, but

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going strong

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WILLIAMSTON - Fortythree years of dedication and still going.

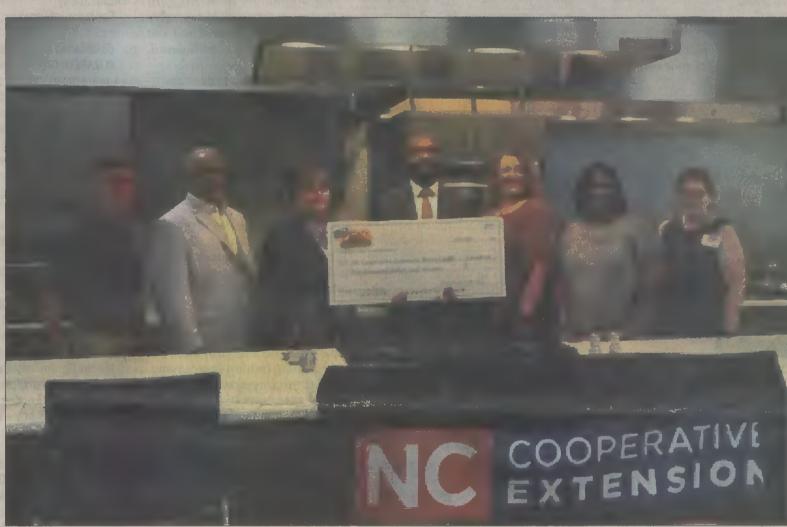
Flora Speller got the shock of a lifetime when she received a surprise recognition earlier this week for her 43 years of service and dedication to McDonald's of Williamston and its patrons.

While Speller was working the drive thru window Tuesday morning, S&J Foods' (the owners of McDonalds in Williamston) corporate staff and Speller's family were preparing to surprise her just around the corner.

As Speller came around the corner and everyone velled "surprise." The look on her face was priceless.

"It is very rare to celebrate something like this. I wish I had a store full of Flo's. She is a true meaning of dedication," said S&J Foods owner

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Perdue Farms awarded the North Carolina Cooperative Extension - Bertie County Center a \$10,000 grant to help with a new state-of-the-art kitchen.

Perdue Farms awards \$10,000 kitchen gran

SALISBURY, MD. — Perdue Farms, through its Franklin P. and Arthur W. Perdue Foundation, has awarded a \$10,000 grant to help North Carolina County Center, is the grassroots level Cooperative Extension - Bertie County of NC State University that teaches Ber-

teaching kitchen.

NC Cooperative Extension, Bertie

Center outfit its new state-of-the-art tie County residents about agriculture, food and nutrition, youth and commu-

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New trustees appointed to RCCC Board

appointments were an-expiring in 2024. nounced for Roanokelege Board of Trustees at board. their regularly scheduled meeting Aug.

perintendent of Bertie man Resources for Hert- Andre Lassiter, who re-County Schools, was ap- ford County Government, sides in Hertford County, pointed by Governor Roy was re-appointed by Gov. who also serves on the Cooper as a new trustee to Cooper with a term expir- Hertford County Board

AHOSKIE - Four trustee the board to serve a term ing in 2025.

Chowan Community Col- appointed to serve on the Manager at the State Em-

Dr. Otis Smallwood, Su- County, the Director of Hu- ers to serve until 2025.

Jeri Pierce, Hertford Three trustees were re- County, Financial Services ployees Credit Union, was Kimberly Turner, who re-appointed by the Hert-

of Commissioners, was re-appointed by Hertford County Board of Education to serve as a trustee for the college until 2025.

Also during the meeting, resides in Northampton ford County Commission- the 2021-22 election of offi-

cers was conducted. Board members elected Turner to serve as Chair-

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