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## Catalytic converter theft concerns

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Catalytic converters continue to be stolen at an alarming rate nationwide. And, according to Bertie County Sheriff John Holley, that rate is high locally as

well. "It has become a problem throughout the nation, and, yes, here in Bertie County too," Sheriff Holley said. "We have made several arrests, but there are still issues and people need to be careful." Catalytic converters have

become in high demand due to the devices containing trace amounts of platinum, palladium and rhodium. They are stolen and sold for high dollar amounts. "People need to take care to make sure the catalytic converters aren't stolen

from their vehicles," Sheriff Holley said. "A few simple steps can at least make it more difficult for would be thieves." Sheriff Holley's first bit of advice is to park vehicles in well-lit areas. "If you park a car in a well-

lit place, it will be hard for someone to get under the vehicle without being seen," he explained. The sheriff also indicated it was a good idea to park vehicles with plenty of space

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## New mayor named

Cordon selected as L-W mayor

LESLIE BEACHBOARD  
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LEWISTON WOODVILLE – There is a new mayor in town.



The town of Lewiston Woodville Commissioners

unanimously voted that Mayor Pro-Tempore Chris Cordon would transition into the position as mayor.

This change occurred because the previous mayor, James Pugh, resigned from his position last month.

According to Cordon, Pugh sent his resignation in a letter to the board on Aug. 5. He

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In the last year or so, the COVID-19 pandemic has placed a damper on local high school sports. There are some schools in the state that are finally getting the opportunity to participate in the fall sports program. Above, Lawrence Academy's Addie Phelps returns a volley in a match against John A. Holmes. Complete coverage on page B1.

## Family Day fun

Fun Day is set for this weekend

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ASKEVILLE – Fun Day in Askeville is taking place this Saturday Sept. 18.

Plan the family's day with a lot of fun filled activities. Askeville Fun Day will consist of yard sales, vendors, bounce houses for children, crafts, food and entertainment.

RT Johnson Band, along with the Stedfast Quartet will be performing live at Askeville Fun Day for entertainment.

The events for the day will begin at different times.

The yard sale will be open at 7:30 a.m. Following the yard sale opening the vendors will open at 9 a.m. The live entertainment

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## COVID-19 cases are still high throughout county

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WINDSOR – COVID-19 is still a challenge.

Albemarle Regional Health Services (ARHS) issued its current regional COVID-19

update on Friday, Sept. 10. 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 2,169 lab confirmed cases of COVID-19 for the county, with 2,038 of those cases considered recovered. There were 184 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 Monday, Sept. 13 shows the current overall case count for the county

at 2,169 cases. That is an increase of 48 cases since the Sept. 10 report.

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

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