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Active cases at 83

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD
Managing Editor

WINDSOR - Bertie and surrounding counties are showing a COVID-19 positive case count of less than 100 in each county.

Albemarle Regional Health Services (ARHS) issued its current regional COVID-19 update on Friday, Sept. 24. The updates are released on Friday each week, showing the updated information on vaccines, active cases and facility outbreaks. The report includes Bertie County, and seven other counties, which are part of ARHS, including Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Gates, Hertford, Pasquotank and Perquimans counties.

According to the report, there have been 2,012 lab confirmed cases of COVID-19 for the county, with 1,882 of those cases considered recovered. There were 83 active COVID-19 cases reported.

Sadly, there have been 48 deaths due to the virus.

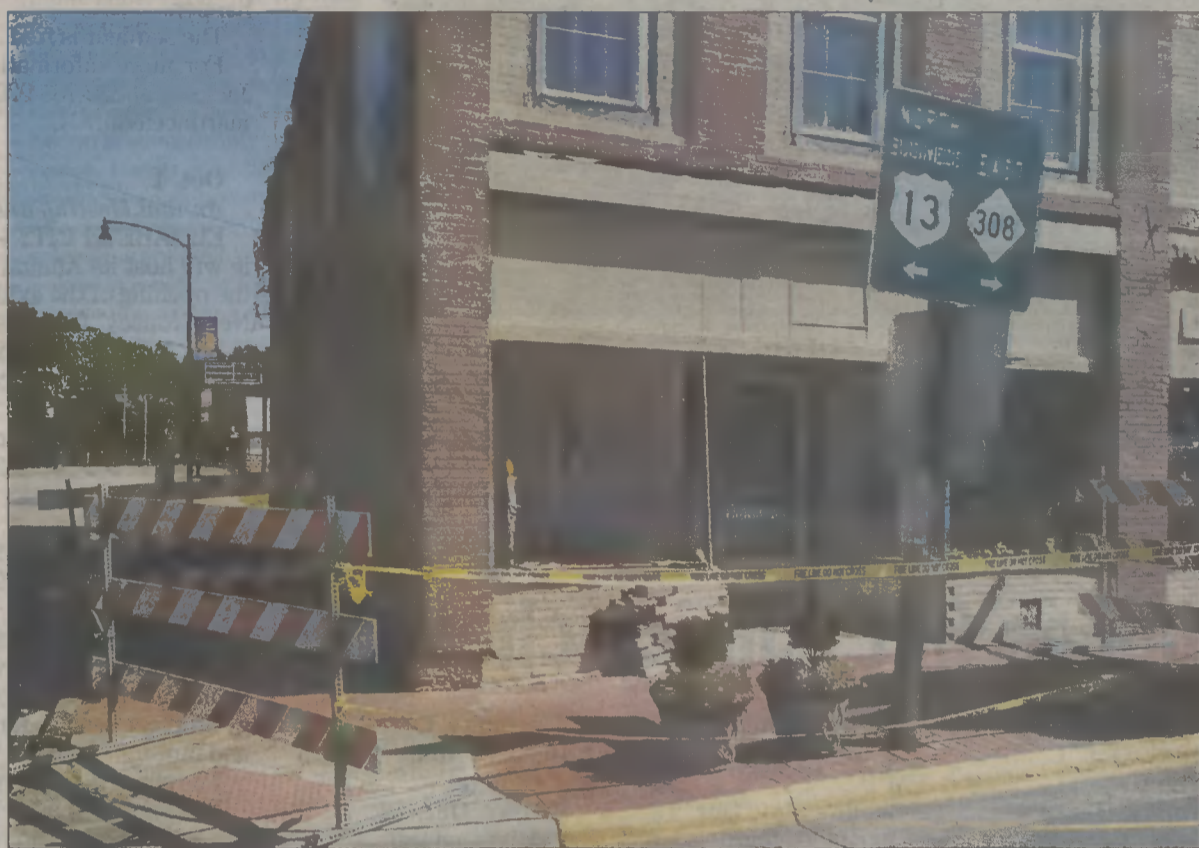
The ARHS reported one new COVID-19 related death within the region. The death related to COVID-19 was a Pasquotank County resident. The individual was in the 50 to 64 years of age range. The death was not affiliated with a long-term care facility outbreak.

"The U.S. Food and Drug Administration's full approval this week of the Pfizer vaccine for those 16 and older, is another milestone as we continue to navigate the pandemic. As the first FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine, the public can be very confident that this vaccine meets the required high standards for safety, effectiveness and manufacturing quality," said ARHS Health Director R. Battle Betts Jr., MPA.

"We hope that the full approval of this vaccine will provide additional confidence to those who have not received their vaccine yet. Vaccines continue to be remarkably effective in reducing risk of severe disease, hospitalization and death even again the widely circulating Delta variant, as our region and state continues to see a rapid increase in cases," he added.

According to the Bertie County Schools COVID-19 Dashboard, there have been 87 total cases of COVID-19 throughout the district since

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This building at the corner of King and Granville streets was struck by a car early Tuesday morning.

Windsor building burglarized, hit with car all in the same day

BY THADD WHITE
Group Editor

WINDSOR - A building on the corner of Granville and King streets in Windsor had a rough few hours.

The building, located across the street from Rachel's Bakery and Southern Bank, was vandalized and then hit by an automobile.

Windsor Police Chief Justin Jackson said his officers responded to a call about the vandalism Monday afternoon, though he said it was unclear exactly when it took place.

"The model of the Hope House that was in the building was completely destroyed," he said.

He said there appeared not to be any other damage and nothing was missing from the building.

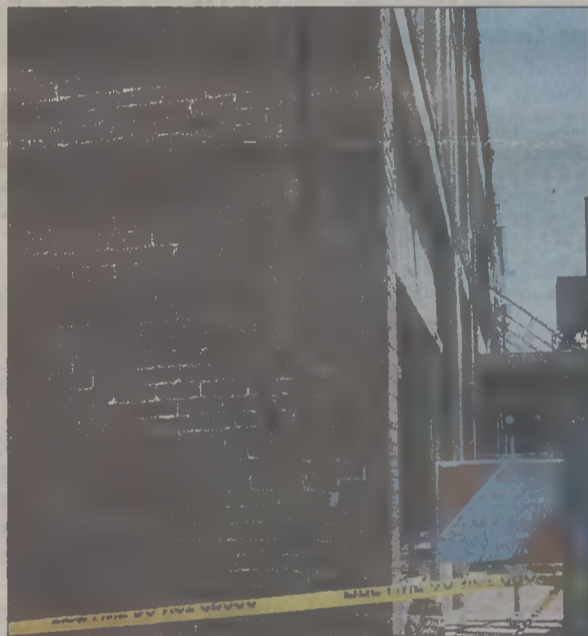
Hours later - at approximately 2 a.m. - a car was traveling down King Street when the driver went onto the grass at Southern Bank, struck a light pole and then hit the building.

"The young man that was driving was taken to Vidant Bertie Hospital in what appeared to be pretty serious condition," Chief Jackson said.

No update of the driver's condition was available as of press time.

Chief Jackson said the building appeared to be

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A crack is apparent after this building was struck by a car.

Chowan University Biology Department collaborates on TGOW project with Bertie

Three years of funding provided

Chowan University's Department of Biology is collaborating with Bertie County on their "Tall Glass of Water" (TGOW) Project.

The TGOW Project will leverage natural resources in the area, such as the Salmon Creek State Natural Area, as well as cultural resources to promote sustainable ecotourism

and environmental education.

Dr. Stan Riggs, an East Carolina University Distinguished Research Professor and Chair of North Carolina Land of Water, said "This is a crucial program that will positively impact both the county and its citizens as they build an exciting future around their world-class

natural resources. Understanding the dynamics of their incredible water resources is key to both the utilization and management of their waterways and is essential to maintain a sustainable environment."

The Biology Department will receive up to three years of funding to conduct water quality and ecological monitoring associated with restoration of wetland and native

meadow habitats on a 147-acre site at the mouth of the Chowan River.

Chowan University students will directly contribute to the effort through capstone projects, class activities and work-study.

The capstone projects will be independent student research related to habitat restoration, class activities will involve

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Trick or Treat slated

BY THADD WHITE
Group Editor

WINDSOR - Those wishing to participate in trick-or-treating in the town of Windsor should plan to do so on Saturday, Oct. 30.

Windsor Police Chief Justin Jackson said Tuesday the town would hold trick-or-treating on Saturday instead of the traditional Halloween, which falls on Sunday.

"Sunday is traditionally a time for family and - for many - church," Chief Jackson said. "Also, on Sunday night people are settling in from the weekend and preparing to return to work and school. It just seemed better on many levels to hold trick-or-treating on Saturday."

The hours for trick-or-treating will be from 5:30-8 p.m., according to the chief.

While COVID-19 and its variants are still causing some issues, the town is proceeding with the event thus far.

"We encourage each family to choose for themselves whether or not participation is best for them," Chief Jackson said. "We will proceed with hours for trick-or-treating, but we know each family will need to decide their own level of comfort."

Participation should be coupled with a commitment to safety.

Chief Jackson is encouraging parents to park their vehicles and walk with their children as they trick-or-treat.

"Parking and walking with your children helps in many ways," Chief Jackson said. "First, it provides more safety for the children when they are accompanied by an adult, but secondly it also keeps the roadways from being blocked."

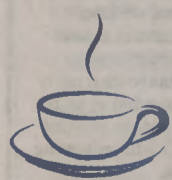
"We want people to enjoy the activities of trick-or-treating, but we also want all citizens to be able to access our streets," he added.

Those who wish to have trick-or-treaters visit their homes should have their porch lights on between 5:30 and 8 p.m.

"Those who wish to have trick-or-treaters should leave their lights on and those who don't should leave them off," the chief said. "We ask that parents who are taking their children trick-or-treating pay attention to the porch light

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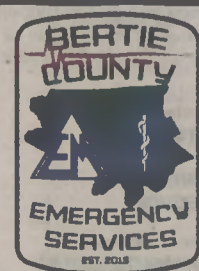
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