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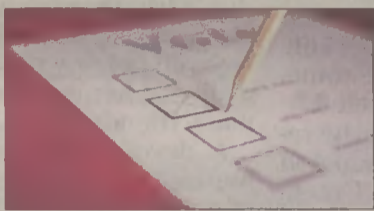
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One-Stop Voting begins this morning

BY THADD WHITE
Group Editor

WINDSOR - One-Stop Voting for the Windsor municipal election begins today (Thursday).

One-Stop Voting will be held at the Bertie County Board of Elections office at 210 West Watson St. in Windsor. It opened at 8:30 a.m. this morning and will continue through 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct.



30. The only town to offer One-Stop Voting in Bertie County is the county seat - Windsor. There

are two seats up for the Windsor Board of Commissioners and the mayor's office is on the ballot.

Three people are seeking the two seats on the town board. They include incumbent Commissioner Randy K. Whitaker along with former Bertie County Commissioner L.C. Hoggard and retired insurance agent David Bunch, who is seeking his first elective office.

Incumbent Windsor Commis-

sioner David Overton is retiring and did not seek an additional term in office.

Also retiring is current Windsor Mayor Jim Hoggard. He declined to seek another term.

The lone candidate for Mayor is Windsor/Bertie Chamber of Commerce executive Lewis Hoggard, who will be seeking his first elective office.

Voting is open from 8:30 a.m.

until 5 p.m. each weekday from today until Friday, Oct. 29. The only Saturday for One-Stop Voting will be Oct. 30, when the office is open from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

For more information, call the Bertie County Board of Elections at 252-794-5306.

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MARGARET JOHNSON

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive amid a massive shortage on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at the Windsor Community Building.

ARC: Blood donations are needed

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD
Managing Editor

WINDSOR - Help is needed.

The American Red Cross continues to experience an emergency blood and platelet shortage that has caused the blood supply to drop to the lowest post-summer level in at least six years.

With less than a day's supply of certain blood types in recent weeks, the American Red Cross asks donors of all blood

types, especially Type O, to make an appointment to give blood or platelets as soon as possible to ensure patients can receive the lifesaving transfusions on which they rely.

Those wanting to give in Bertie County will have an opportunity at an American Red Cross blood drive from 1 - 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19 at the Windsor Community Building, 201 South Queen St. in Windsor.

Other local blood drives will be held in Martin and

Hertford counties. In Martin County, an American Red Cross blood drive will be held from 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18 at the Martin County Auditorium/Riverside High School, 1260 Godwin Ave. in Williamston.

In Hertford County, the American Red Cross will host a blood drive from 3 - 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25 at Winton Baptist Church, 204 Main St. in Winton.

Fall is typically the time of year when the blood supply rebounds from

summer blood shortages, but a surge in COVID-19 cases across the United States due to the Delta variant has contributed to the lowest donor turnout for the year.

To shore up inventory, the American Red Cross must collect 10,000 additional blood products each week this month to meet patient and hospital needs.

During Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the month of October, the

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John C.P. Tyler remembered for his love of people

BY THADD WHITE
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WINDSOR - He was the walking embodiment of public service.

John C.P. Tyler, or "Mr. Bow Tie" as some preferred, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 5 leaving behind a legacy of service to God, his family and his fellow man.

Today, as he is honored at a memorial, he is being remembered as a man who gave his all to his fellow citizens, loved his family and made Bertie County a better place.

He served the people of Bertie County as Clerk of Superior Court from 1984 until his retirement 29 years later.

"Mr. Tyler (was) a truly southern gentleman and a great leader with a big heart," said Bertie Clerk of Superior Court Vasti F. James, his hand-chosen successor. "He had a heart



FILE PHOTO

John Tyler during his retirement ceremony in 2014.

that cared for all people, especially the people of Bertie County. He treated

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Flu shots are now available at BCHD

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD
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WINDSOR - The time to get a flu shot is now.

The Albemarle Regional Health Services (ARHS) health department locations are now offering flu vaccines to community members by appointment.

"Getting a flu vaccine is something easy people can do to protect themselves and their loved ones and to help reduce the spread of the flu this fall and winter. October is a good time to get vaccinated, but as long

as flu viruses are circulating, vaccination can continue - even in January or later," said ARHS Health Director R. Battle Betts Jr., MPA.

State supplied flu vaccines are available to children six months to 18 years of age who are eligible for the Vaccine for Children program, Medicaid and uninsured pregnant women being served by the local health department in any capacity and clients enrolled in the Be Smart Family Planning program receiving

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Two COVID-19 related deaths reported

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD
Managing Editor

WINDSOR - For the second week in a row, there have been 10 new COVID-19 related deaths in the Albemarle Regional Health Services district, including two in Bertie County.

Albemarle Regional Health Services (ARHS) issued its current regional COVID-19 update on Friday, Oct. 8. The updates are released on Friday each week, showing the updated information on vaccines, active cases, fatalities 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 2,386 lab confirmed cases

of COVID-19 for Bertie County, with 2,306 of those cases considered recovered. There were 29 active COVID-19 cases reported.

Sadly, there have been 51 deaths due to the virus. Bertie County had two new

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DARNELL BAZEMORE
OF LEWISTON WOODVILLE
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