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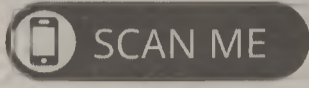


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Aulander seeks solutions for discrepancies

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD
Managing Editor

AULANDER - The town of Aulander is looking for solutions for some new found problems. According to Aulander Mayor Larry Drew, some errors were recently found in the town's financial records dating back several years.

"The town's clerk gave notice that she would be leaving. Typically they must give us a three weeks notice, but this was a sudden departure. While we were looking for someone to fill the position one of the town's commissioners jumped in to help because of her experience with Quickbooks," Drew said.

He also stated the town had hired new auditors in August. "While we interviewed and hired a new town clerk, this commissioner began helping with the bookkeeping responsibilities for the town," he explained. According to Drew, errors in the bookkeeping and records were found dating back to 2014. The mayor and town officials immediately began an investiga-

tion to find the exact errors and if there were any ways to correct. All of the 14 errors were based in the same category of the bookkeeping. The errors cause the records to not match equally or be reconciled. "After being in contact with the town's attorney, Jonathan Hudleston, the Local Government Commission and the auditors, we

were guided to have a meeting to explain the problems to the public and the other commissioners. We were told we could do the meeting now or wait until further into the investigation," said Drew. "We decided that transparency was key, and decided to go ahead and hold a meeting so everyone

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Perdue makes donation

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD
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SALISBURY, MD - As part of a commitment to alleviate hunger, Perdue Farms has donated approximately 40,000 pounds of no-antibiotics-ever chicken to help the Food Bank of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City feed individuals and families struggling with food insecurity in rural northeastern North Carolina.

The donation, an equivalent of approximately 83,000 meals is part of Perdue's "Delivering Hope To Our Neighbors" initiative focused on hunger relief and improving quality of life and building strong communities where we live, work and beyond.

"Our mission is to fight hunger and deliver hope to those who live with food insecurity on a daily basis. This generation from Perdue Farms comes at a time when individuals and families continue to struggle amid the COVID-19 pandemic. We are extremely grateful for their continued support of our mission," said Food Bank of the Albemarle Executive Director Liz Reasoner.

According to the Feeding America "Map the Meal Gap Report," within the food bank's 15-county service area, more than 48,000 people, of which 25 percent are children, do not have

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Trick-or-treating will be Saturday in Windsor and Sunday in Aulander.

Trick-or-treating planned on different days in Bertie County

Windsor sets Saturday hours; Aulander slates traditional day

BY THADD WHITE
Group Editor

The important part of Halloween is safety. That's the reminder from local law enforcement officers as this year's events are set for this weekend.

The town of Windsor has set trick-or-treating for Saturday, Oct. 31 and Windsor Police Chief Justin Jackson has asked that parents take their children from 5:30-8 p.m.

"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 town of Aulander, however, is choosing to stick with the traditional day for the event. Trick-or-treating in that town is from 6-8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 31.

Whichever day the event is held,

local law enforcement officers are encouraging parents to be careful and alert.

"Halloween should be filled with surprise and enjoyment, and following some common-sense practices can keep events safer and more fun," Bertie County Sheriff John Holley said.

Sheriff Holley, Chief Jackson and Aulander Police Chief Jimmy Barner are encouraging everyone to be careful and have an enjoyable and safe celebration as they plan for trick-or-treating with kids and other events.

Jackson and Barner said they want all the children to have a

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COVID cases decrease

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WINDSOR - COVID-19 related complications have claimed the lives of five more individuals within the region, including one person in Bertie County over the last week.

Sadly, there have been 53 deaths due to the virus. Bertie County had one new reported death in the last week. The individual was over 65 years of age.

The active COVID-19 case count has decreased below 50 active cases in seven of the eight counties in the region. Pasquotank County still remains significantly higher with 129 active cases.

"The FDA and CDC have officially granted authorization for COVID-19 booster doses of Moderna and Johnson & Johnson. We are now working to update our local standing orders and finalize local dispensing plans. ARHS is preparing for the expansion of our vaccine campaign and will announce details next week, including who is eligible, said Albemarle Regional Health Services Health Director R. Battle Betts Jr., MPA.

"We have plenty of vaccines to meet the demand. In addition we are continuing to wait for approvals of the Pfizer vaccine for children ages five through 11.

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Eastern North Carolina Living features Barner and Jackson

BY THADD WHITE
Group Editor

Eastern North Carolina Living is on the streets, and the lifestyles magazine produced right here in Bertie County features "Heroes Among Us."

The feature story from Bertie County introduces readers to Aulander Police Chief Jimmy Barner. A longtime law enforcement leader in western Bertie County, Barner is also featured on the cover of the September/October issue of the magazine.

"Always exhibiting professionalism, he maintains a rigorous program of certification and training for himself and any other officer in the program," Aulander Commissioner Jeanette Tinkham said of Barner.

Aulander resident Bubba Peele

said Barner is good for the town.

"This is the real strength of Chief Jimmy Barner. He takes pride in the responsibility of safeguarding our citizens. He knows hundreds of us by name."

Barner also currently serves the Murfreesboro Police Department

in Hertford County as a Lieutenant.

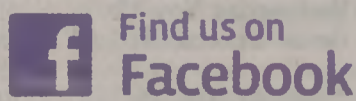
In addition to a story about Chief Barner, residents of Bertie County can learn more about Windsor Police Chief Justin

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