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A LOOK BACK AT 2021 IN BERTIE COUNTY

Bertie native Anthony Hale is Maj. General

Year in Review: Jan. through March

THADD WHITE
Group Editor

While COVID-19 still was the main story dominating headlines throughout Bertie County and the United States, there were many stories of local importance in the opening three months of 2021.

Here is a look back at the headlines for the opening quarter of this year:

Jan. 7 - Despite having a recommendation to appoint James Lee to the Bertie County Commission



MICHELLE LEICESTER/BERTIE LEDGER-ADVANCE

Snow caused little concern in February 2021.

seat being vacated by Sen. Ernestine Byrd Bazemore, the commissioners instead choose Ron Roberson;

Jan. 7 - A Bertie County deputy - Brandon Halloran - is injured in a wreck in Lewiston Woodville;

Jan. 14 - The Bertie County Commissioners receive news that weather is delaying the completion of the new library and cooperative extension center;

Jan. 14 - Sen. Ernestine Byrd Bazemore receives committee assignments in her new role;

Jan. 14 - The Bertie Ledger-Advance announces its new website: www.bertieledgeradvance.com;

Jan. 14 - COVID-19 cases remain above 100 in the county;

Jan. 21 - Bertie County

Schools opts to continue remote learning and leave winter sports suspended

Jan. 21 - Windsor Police find drugs in a vehicle;

Jan. 21 - The Bertie County community mourns the loss of "Mrs. Dotsie;"

Jan. 21 - Bertie High School makes preparations to move to 1A classification in sports;

Jan. 28 - The vaccine program in Bertie County is called a success by Albe- marle Regional Health Services;

Jan. 28 - Bertie County Register of Deeds Annie Wilson receives multiple ac- colades for her job;

Jan. 28 - The terminal at

Tri-County Airport is com- plete;

Jan. 28 - Ron Roberson takes the oath of office as a new Bertie County Commis- sioner;

Jan. 28 - Johnny Rascoe is named Boys Basket- ball Coach at Bertie High School;

Feb. 4 - Snowfall in Ber- tie County causes few ills;

Feb. 11 - A Windsor resi- dent perishes in a home fire;

Feb. 11 - Supply of COVID-19 vaccines falls in Bertie County;

Feb. 11 - The Windsor/ Bertie County Chamber of Commerce welcomes new

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Cashie All-Stars bag state titles

Year in Review: July through September

THADD WHITE
Group Editor

There were a variety of headlines through the third quarter of 2021, but COVID-19 again started creeping into the weekly rotation of stories in the re- gion.

Here is a look back at the headlines for July through September of this year:

July 1 - Perdue receives the 'Hero of Research' Award;

July 1 - A Windsor man is arrested and charged with the murder of a Woodland woman;

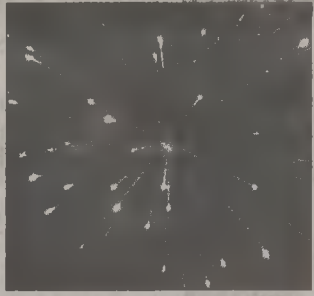
July 1 - The Bertie Alu- mi Community Association awards seven scholarships;

July 8 - Windsor cele- brates Independence Day with July 2 fireworks;

July 8 - The N.C. Board of Elections reappoints Tim- othy Davis, Michael Fields, James Lee and Anthony Ward to the Bertie County Board of Elections;

July 8 - Lewis Hoggard files for Mayor of Windsor and is joined by incumbent Randy K. Whitaker seeking re-election as commissioner and David Bunch seeking a commission seat;

July 8 - The Bertie



LESLIE BEACHBOARD/BERTIE LEDGER-ADVANCE

The skies of Windsor were full of fireworks for the Independence Day celebration.

Spooktacular officially changes its name to the 'Spectacular;'

July 15 - Kelford Com- missioner Randy Robtoy and Fire Chief Gary Scott file for mayor of the town;

July 15 - Plans are un- derway for Bertie Beach Day;

July 15 - Good Shep- herd Food Pantry receives a grant;

July 22 - Rocky Baker and his crew land a state re- cord catfish in the Roanoke River;

July 22 - Municipal rac- es develop in four towns - including Kelford where incumbent Mayor Bailey

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THADD WHITE/BERTIE LEDGER-ADVANCE

Students at Windsor Elementary School learned about the COVID-19 virus through a partnership with Bertie County Schools and One Love Laboratory.

Catalytic converter thefts solved

Year in Review: April through June

THADD WHITE
Group Editor

While COVID-19 proved to be a headline that wouldn't go away, the second quarter of 2021 was also highlighted by a gas shortage that left long lines throughout Bertie County and much of the U.S.

Here is a look at the head- lines from April through

June of this year.

April 1 - Windsor mourns the loss of Tourism Direc- tor and retired fire chief Billy Smithwick;

April 1 - Sallie Surface retires as Executive Direc- tor of the Choanoke Area Development Association;

April 8 - A Windsor man was arrested and charged with the murder of his live- in girlfriend;

April 8 - One of several arrests made in catalytic converter thefts in Bertie County;

April 8 - Bertie County Sheriff John Holley says he has all available resources working on solving break- ins in western Bertie Coun- ty;

April 8 - Carry the Cross event held in Windsor;

April 15 - A Kelford man

is shot to death and found lying in a ditch on East Church Street;

April 15 - Two locals face additional catalytic con- verter theft charges;

April 22 - Two men are charged with break-ins in the western portion of Ber- tie County, while another is being sought;

April 22 - Martin County Drug Unit charges two in Bertie County;

April 22 - Albemarle

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Bertie County loses beloved native son John C.P. Tyler in 2021

Year in Review: Oct. through December

LESLIE BEACHBOARD
Managing Editor

A variety of headlines highlighted the third quar- ter of 2021, none more de- vastating for Bertie County than the loss of John C.P.

Tyler.

Here is a look at the sto- ries making headlines be- tween October and Decem- ber of this year.

Oct. 5 - Downtown Windsor building vandalism solved;

Oct. 5 - Fire Prevention Week is a good time to check smoke alarms;

Oct. 14 - Bertie County

suffers two more COVID-19 related deaths;

Oct. 14 - Sadly, there have been 51 deaths due to the COVID-19 virus;

Oct. 14 - Bertie County's beloved son, John C.P. Tyler remembered for his love for people;

Oct. 21 - Juvenile arrest- ed for attempted murder;

Oct. 21 - Bertie County

Schools received favorable audit for fiscal year ending June, 2021;

Oct. 28 - Town of Au- lander officials hold a public meeting in which they say there have been discrepan- cies in the town books and they are seeking help to solve the issue;

Oct. 21 - Perdue Farms donate 40,000 pounds of

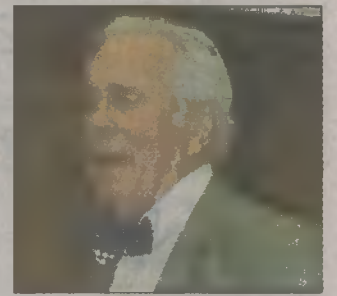
chicken to Food Bank of the Albemarle;

Nov. 4 - A Windsor man is arrested and charged with breaking in the same store twice;

Nov. 4 - Bertie County EMS still needs personnel help;

Nov. 4 - The annual 5K,

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The late John C.P. Tyler

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OF WINDSOR
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