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State Insurance Commissioner and Fire Marshal Mike Causey (right) presents a check to Colerain Fire Chief Milton Felton.

Fire departments receive grants

LESLIE BEACHBOARD
Managing Editor

WINDSOR - Ten volunteer fire departments across Bertie County received grants.

North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey distributed \$5,000 grant checks to 10 local volunteer fire departments.

Askeville, Aulander, Blue Jay, Colerain, Kelford, Lewiston Woodville, Merryhill-Midway, Perrytown, Powellsville and Roxobel Volunteer Fire Departments received its checks during a presentation at the Windsor Fire Department Tuesday morning.

Causey distributed grants checks totaling \$145,000 to 29 volunteer fire departments when he travelled to Halifax, Northampton, Hertford and Gates counties on Monday, Feb. 7 and Bertie, Washington and Hyde counties on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

The grants are a result of a \$500,000 contribution made by Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina to help firefighters in North Carolina.

Half of the contribution will be distributed in \$5,000 grants to the 50 North Carolina volunteer fire departments that received the least amount of funding from local governments.

The remaining \$250,000 will go toward mental health education and treatment programs for North Carolina firefighters.

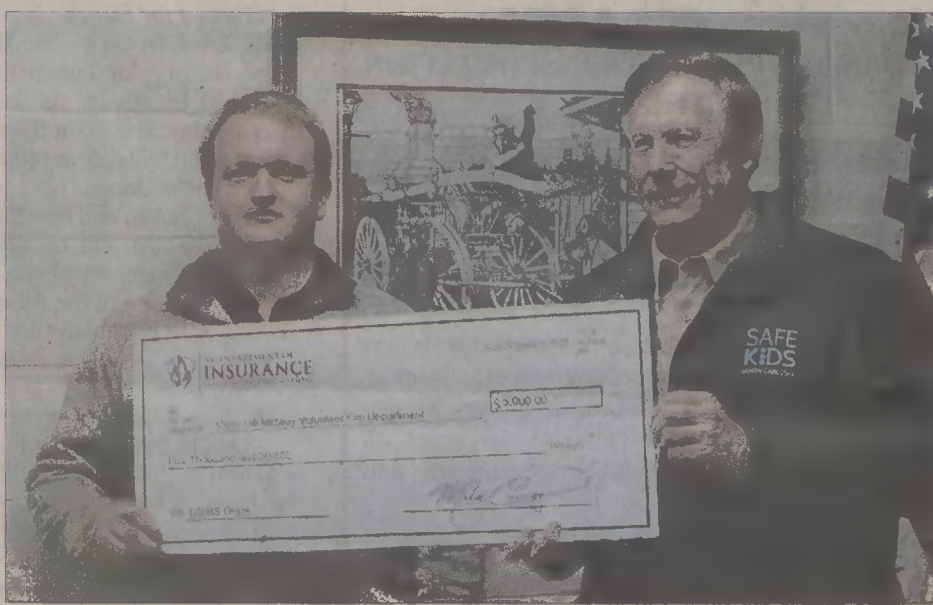
Causey welcomed everyone to the check

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Blue Jay Fire Chief Robert Cherry (left) accepts a check from Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey.



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Merry Hill — Midway Fire Chief Jodey Sary accepts the check from Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey.

Five more Bertie Co. lives lost

LESLIE BEACHBOARD
Managing Editor

WINDSOR - COVID-19 claimed the lives of five more Bertie County residents last week, even though the current COVID-19 active case count is below 40.

The Albemarle Regional Health Services provided its most recent update at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4.

The new updated report only provides information on COVID-19 facility outbreaks, regional deaths and ARHS vaccination information.

The number of current and recovered cases and number of vaccinations administered is no longer being reported for each county in the health district. This change is due to inaccuracies with the totals due to COVID-19 home testing and vaccinations being administered through various outlets.

The Albemarle Regional Albemarle Health Services reported five new COVID-19 related deaths in the district. All five deaths were in Bertie County.

All five individuals were in the 65 years and older age range. These deaths are not associated with a facility outbreak.

There are four COVID-19 outbreaks in congregate liv-

ing facilities in Bertie County.

Bertie Correctional Institute has reported 100 inmates and 70 staff members have tested positive.

Brian Center of Windsor has reported at eight residents and 14 staff members have tested positive. Three Rivers has reported three residents and 12 staff members have tested positive.

Windsor House has reported three residents and four staff members have tested positive.

The Albemarle Regional Health Services continues to offer appointments for Pfizer vaccinations for ages five and older, as well as Moderna and Johnson & Johnson for adults age 18 and up.

Appointments are for first, second, third and booster doses. Anyone that had received previous COVID-19 vaccines are asked to bring their vaccine cards to the appointment.

Parental consent is required for children 17 years old and younger.

In addition, COVID-19 testing is still available by appointment at the local health department across the region.

Tests will be completed through a curbside

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BCI Inmates give to a good cause

LESLIE BEACHBOARD
Managing Editor

WINDSOR - Inmates give to a good cause.

On Dec. 16, 2021, the Bertie Correctional Institution Men's Service Club donated \$500 to the local nonprofit Backpack Program of Bertie County.

When Bertie Correctional Institution Men's Service Club was created it was designed to create and provide positive incentives, and a way to help each other as well as the community.

The program promotes positive behavior and gives the offenders a constant

awareness of civic duties and standards in an effort to improve their life while incarcerated.

The Bertie County Backpack Program is a nonprofit that feeds the youth of the community.

The members of the Bertie Correctional Institution Men's Service Club members include President David Foreman, Vice President Dannel Holliday, Kadeem Groom, Stan Williams, Daniel Archie and Robert Verbal.

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OF COLERAIN

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