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## ARHS Gives Update on Regional Vaccine Counts

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Albemarle Regional Health Services (ARHS) has provided an update on COVID-19 vaccines, lab confirmed positive COVID-19 cases, and facility outbreaks in addition to the weekly surveillance report.

"ARHS has had another successful week administering the COVID-19 vaccine across the region and we appreciate your patience as we work to improve ways to meet the growing need for the vaccine," said R. Battle Betts, Jr., MPA, ARHS Health

Director. "As we continue to focus on vaccinating our community, it is important to still practice the 3W's — wear a face covering, stay 6 feet apart, and wash your hands. We continue to see active COVID cases in our eight counties and we have to stay vigilant until we start seeing the effects of the vaccine process."

ARHS has been holding COVID-19 vaccine first and second dose clinics for the week of January 25-28th. Vaccine clinics will have set hours and set vaccine doses available, and will be

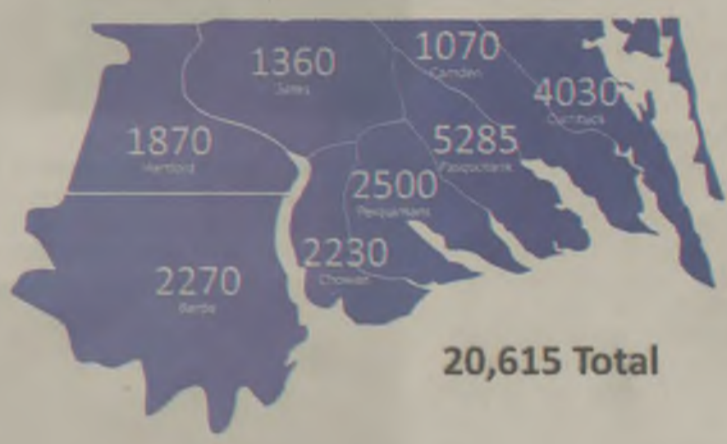
provided on a first come, first served basis.

ARHS is receiving vaccine weekly and are working to establish clinics to meet demand region wide based on current priority groups. Second Dose Clinics: Albemarle Regional Health Services and county partners will hold drive through Pfizer second dose clinics as noted on the schedule below.

First dose vaccinations will NOT be provided at these clinics. Clinics are open to

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### COVID-19 First Dose Administrations by County



## Vaccination Clinic to be Held Today

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

A first dose Mass Vaccination Clinic will be held today, Thursday Jan 28, beginning at 9 a.m. until supplies are depleted.

The clinic will be held at the Perquimans County Recreation Center located at 310 Granby Street in Hertford.

Residents that are 65 and over, healthcare providers, and first responders are welcome to attend on a first come, first served basis. No registration is needed for first dose vaccination clinics.

"Wait times could be extended so we encourage you to bring snacks, bottled water, and a book or some form of entertainment to help with the wait," Perquimans Emergency Services Director Jonathan Nixon said.

Two portable toilets have also been placed along the traffic route for your use. Please be patient with as these folks are working hard to ensure that all of residents receive their vaccination as quickly as possible.

If you received your first COVID vaccination earlier this month, please visit the Albemarle Regional Health Services website at arhs-nc.org to register for the second dose that will be administered soon.

For additional information, please visit the Albemarle Regional Health Services website at arhs-nc.org or through social media by visiting the Albemarle Regional Health Services or Perquimans County Emergency Services Facebook page.



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH PORCHER JONES

## Forecast Calls for Sunny Days Ahead

### BY MILES LAYTON

Editor

Sunday's blue skies were an inspiration to anyone as this photo of the Perquimans River from Elizabeth Porcher-Jones shows.

Though the rest of the week was filled with grey skies, the weekend looks promising in Perquimans County. Thursday it will be partly sunny with temps

ranging from 25 to 42 degrees. Friday, it will be sunny with temps ranging between 23 and 43 degrees.

Saturday will be mostly sunny with temps ranging between 23 and 43 degrees. There is a 70 percent chance of rain on Sunday with temps ranging between 43 and 49 degrees.

Though it seems cold in coastal North Carolina, temps in Alas-

ka are in the low teens most of the week; snow abounds.

If warm weather is your thing, maybe travel to the Florida Keys where it'll be sunny the rest of the week with temps in the mid to upper 70s.

As of Thursday, it is 50 days until spring.

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### ROUND-UP

## Mayor Brown and Thach

### BY MILES LAYTON

Editor

A round-up of all things Perquimans County... Per Mayor Earnell Brown, River City CDC, a non-profit organization, has agreed to assist our young citizens earn their GED.

They are conducting GED classes, Landscaping and Plumbing apprentice training and has offered to include our Hertford citizens. Classes are free for ages 16 to 24. Classes will be held in Elizabeth City, on Tuesday and Thursday, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

YOUTH BUILD, a component of River City CDC, will provide transportation for our young people, from Hertford to Elizabeth City and return. If you have questions point of contact information is provided on the flyer.

Pickup locations:  
 ■ 9:30 a.m. Church Street and King Street  
 ■ 9:45 a.m. Wynne Fork Court, Bus Stop  
 This program will start Tuesday Feb. 2. Brown said after much hope and efforts to support our young folks, this is

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BROWN

## Suspect Avoids Arrest after 4-County Chase

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Law enforcement officials are seeking a man they say led deputies and police officers on a multi-county chase in a stolen pickup truck early Sunday.

According to Camden Sheriff Kevin Jones, the chase began in Chesapeake, Virginia, and continued on U.S. Highway 17 through four northeastern counties before ending in Edenton shortly before 1 a.m.

Jones said his deputies joined the pursuit after

Chesapeake police notified Pasquotank-Camden Central Communications at 12:16 a.m. that they were pursuing a stolen 2013 Ford F-130 pickup truck.

Jones said his deputies, using spiked "stop strips," attempted to stop the pickup on U.S. 17 somewhere in the vicinity of the Horseshoe Road intersection. The driver of the stolen vehicle, however, managed to avoid the strips by driving over into a turn lane and going around them, Jones said.

At some point while still in Camden, a deputy tried to pass the truck and get in front of it, Jones said. The driver of the pickup, however, swerved to the right, causing the truck to collide with the side of the deputy's vehicle.

The deputy wasn't injured and continued the pursuit, Jones said. Damage to the vehicle was later estimated at about \$3,000.

When the chase entered Perquimans County, Pasquotank deputies also joined the pursuit. After the truck passed into Perquimans County, Camden deputies attempted to stop the truck a second time with the stop strips near Winfall but were unsuccessful, Jones said.

A third attempt just after the truck and pursuing deputy vehicles crossed the Perquimans River Bridge and entered Hertford was partly successful, Jones said. The front passenger tire was damaged by the strips; however, the driver still

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## 46TH PRESIDENT



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Joe Biden is sworn in as the 46th president of the United States by Chief Justice John Roberts as Jill Biden holds the Bible during the 59th Presidential Inauguration at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021. A poem from the event appears on Page A4.



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