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# Murder investigations continue

## Sheriff's office seeks more information

By THADD WHITE  
*Bertie Ledger-Advance*

WINDSOR - Investigation continues in three homicides, two of which were committed

in Bertie County last month. Bertie County Sheriff John Holley said his officers are continuing to work through all leads, and are attempting to develop suspects in the

cases. "We haven't slowed down since the three murders took place," Sheriff Holley said. "We are working just as hard today as we were then. We

are doing everything we can to catch those involved, and put them behind bars." Sheriff Holley's office began work on the first victim's case on Friday, April 8 when a citizen found the decapitated

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# School leaders named

Moore will be principal at Bertie High

By THADD WHITE  
*Bertie Ledger-Advance*

WINDSOR - Next year is already starting to take shape.

During recent weeks, the Bertie County Board of Education has taken steps to provide leadership in the district's schools.

Earlier this month, Interim Bertie High School Principal Calvin Moore learned the interim tag would be removed as of July 1. Moore, who moved to BHS following the resignation of Rickey Eley, was the Principal of Bertie Early College High School before being named Interim at BHS midyear.

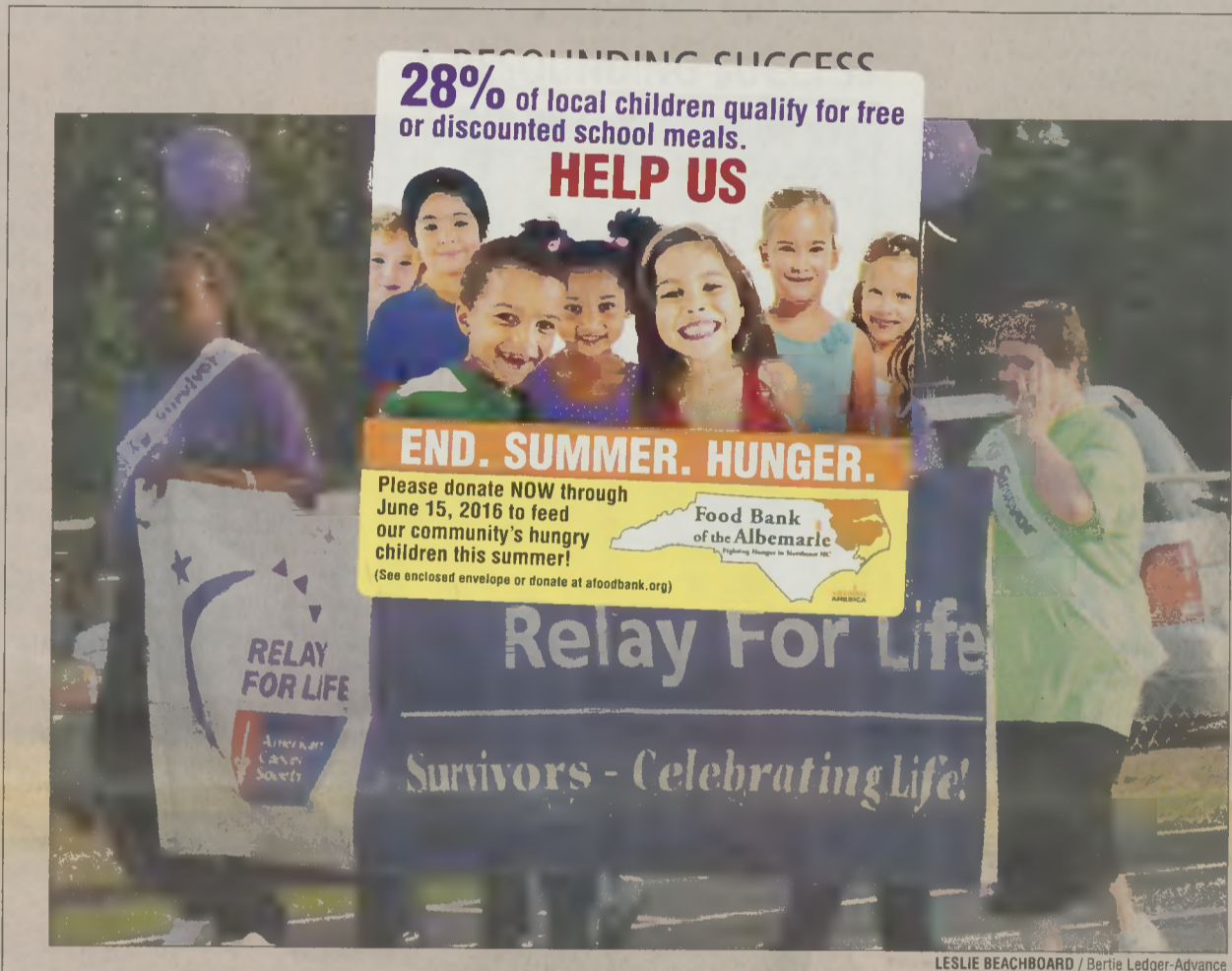
He will be joined at Bertie High School by Tony Hoggard, who will serve as Assistant Principal/Dean of Students. Hoggard was Alternative Education Specialist.

In addition, Mona Gilliam will move from her role as Principal of Windsor Elementary

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Cancer survivors led the way around the track at Roy L. Bond Jr. Stadium Friday to kick off Relay For Life 2016.

# Relay adds \$250,000 to fight

By LESLIE BEACHBOARD  
*Bertie Ledger-Advance*

WINDSOR - Bertie County walked for a cure.

The 23rd annual Bertie County Relay for Life was held Friday night. It was a night of remembrance, celebration and entertainment.

The night began with a celebration of the survivors. Bertie County Commissioner Stuart White introduced the guest speaker, Fannie Williams. Williams, a cancer survivor and caregiver, told her story.

"I have helped with Relay for Life working with the schools and have had cancer affect those in my family, but I never imagined I would get a diagnosis of cancer," said



One of the many cancer survivors at Friday's opening ceremony reaches for a balloon given to each survivor in attendance.

Williams.

After Williams gave her testimony, approximately 45 survivors were individually recognized and presented with balloons.

The survivors took to the track first. They were escorted by the Bertie County Sheriff's Department, on mo-

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# Bertie man killed

Woman also in critical condition

By CAL BRYANT  
*Roanoke-Chowan News-Herald*

WINDSOR - One person is dead and another is hospitalized in critical condition following a single-vehicle crash near here early Sunday morning.

First responders to the accident scene, approximately 2.4 miles west of Windsor on NC 308, found Michael Johnson II, 28, of Windsor deceased in a field off the roadway.

The other victim is 25-year-old Shauna Bazemore of Windsor. She is currently hospitalized at Vidant Medical Center in Greenville.

First Sgt. Mike Warren of the North Carolina Highway Patrol office in Ahoskie stated it was unclear at this stage of the investigation who was behind the wheel at the time of the 4:48 a.m. accident.

"Both occupants were not wearing seat belts and both were ejected from the vehicle into a field," Warren said. "We have yet to speak with Miss Bazemore due to the extent of her injuries

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# Griffin named to Bertie Ledger-Advance staff

From Staff Reports

WINDSOR - Bertie Ledger-Advance Editor Thadd White has announced the addition of Deborah Griffin to the newspaper's editorial staff.

Griffin, a longtime resident of Martin County, joins the Bertie Ledger-Advance



Deborah Griffin

and Martin County Enterprise & Weekly Herald staff as a successful photographer and former writer.

"Deborah

not only brings familiarity with our coverage area, but several of the disciplines necessary to be a good reporter," White said. "Her photography skills will add to an already excellent staff of photographers."

Griffin is a native of Tulsa, Okla. and attended high

school in the city. From there, she went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Communications from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark.

Following a few years of courtship, the Griffins married

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