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Some of the participants in the "Let's Fall in Love With Reading" event participate in crafts.

'In love with reading'

Author shares his story with students during event sponsored by Better Beginnings, BCS

WINDSOR - Local Author G. Todd Taylor, read to young students in the Bertie High School gymnasium in the evening on Feb. 16.

The story sharing was a part of the "Let's Fall in Love with Reading" event, which was organized by the Better Beginnings for Bertie's Children, a division under the umbrella of the Albarmar Alliance for Children and Families (Formerly Smart Start).

The event was supported by and held in the gymnasium of the Bertie County Schools Central Services Complex, and funding was provided by the Bertie

County Commissioners.

Young students and families in Bertie County came out to enjoy story sharing, to learn of available resources, and to experience the joys of reading with a child. AACF staff discussed ways to use storybooks and other activities to develop young children's skills and love of reading. AACF's very own "Mother Goose" was also there! Door prizes, refreshments and other giveaways were also a part of the evening.

Bobbi Holley, director of the Better Beginnings for Bertie's Children division, said that the biggest takeaway for her was

that the parents were just as excited as the children. "The parents would see a book they remembered from their childhood, and say, 'Oh, I remember that book!'"

Holley added that the organization actually ran out of informational materials they were giving out because the event was so greatly attended. More than 50 families participated.

"People are already asking when we will have another one," she said. "Hopefully, it will be in May, and hopefully, we can involve the media coordinators from Bertie County Schools."

Six students receive SECU awards

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WILLIAMSTON - Six local students received NC-SECU scholarships.

Through its member-funded SECU Foundation, State Employees' Credit Union (SECU) members have awarded six local students a SECU Continuing Education Scholarship.

The \$750 scholarships for study at Martin Community College were awarded to Danielle Colon, Larry Cooper, Tyler Cooper, Danyell Little, Darmeal Hyman and Latisha Holley.

Colon and the Coopers were Basic Law Enforcement Training



Pictured are four of MCC's six SECU Continuing Education Scholarship 2016 recipients. (From left to right) MCC's Interim President Dr. Kenneth A. Boham, Danielle Colon, Larry Cooper, Tyler Cooper, Danyell Little and SECU's District 42 Vice-President Brent Glover Sr.

(BLET) students. Little and Holley were Nurse Aide I students. Less than a month af-

ter graduating from the BLET program, Colon started working with the Bertie County Sheriff's Department, and Tyler Cooper is employed at the Greene County Sheriff's Department.

Little, who completed her studies in December, was hired immediately as a phlebotomist at Vidant Bertie Hospital. The scholarship program, launched in 2013, focuses on assisting the needs of North Carolina's unemployed and underemployed citizens.

About SECU

A not-for-profit financial corporation owned by its members, SECU has been providing employees of the State of North Carolina and their families with consumer financial services for nearly 79 years.

It also assists military veterans and members of the North Carolina National Guard seeking short-term job training for new careers or retraining to advance current job skills.

Scholarship funding is applied to the tuition and other expenses associated with the recipients eligible program of study through the Community College System's Back-to-Work Program and continuing education courses. "The SECU Continuing Education Scholar-

ship program provides an excellent opportunity to assist North Carolina's unemployed and underemployed citizens with career training and marketable job skills needed for today's workplace. We look forward to the long-term success of these scholarship recipients as they build a better economic future for themselves, their families and our state," said State Employees' Credit Union local Advisory Board member Judy Jennette.

According to Jennette, the \$435,000 commitment for continuing education scholarships plus the SECU's Foundation's annual \$580,000 "People Helping People" Community College Scholarships, funding for the NC Community College System now totals over \$1 million.

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Aulander Elementary names Honor Roll

AULANDER - Aulander Elementary School Principal Clara Lee recently announced the second quarter Principal's List and Honor Roll for the school.

Those honored include:

- Principal's List**
Kindergarten: Gary Outlaw, Kameron Ruffin
First Grade: Colin Lewis, Bre'asia Williams, Deja Williams
Second Grade:

- Caden Bauer, Landon Cherry, Sydney David, La'Niya Dameron, Janiya Downing, Solomon Eke, Kenneth Holley, Ziayla Johnson, Makayla Patty, Jayden Whitaker, Camden White
Fourth Grade: Jamari Butler
Fifth Grade: Sarai Moore
Honor Roll
Kindergarten: Jakiyah Clark

- Madlynn Creighton, Nehemiah Johnson, James Leary Jr., Joseph Outlaw, Jada Sykes
First Grade: Precious Gatling, Keahsia Holley, Christette Jasper, Derrick Norfleet, Adrianna Pierce
Second Grade: Janari Clark, Jerry Dixon, Montavias Leary, Niykeyceon Minix, Ari'anna Scurlock, Anaiyah Speller, Nevaeh Thompson, Jamari Williams, Navear Williams
Third Grade: Alyvia Akkerman, Jeremiah Flythe, Jke'ajaona Futrell, Ericka Speight, Hunter Tinkham
Fourth Grade: Kaira Askew, Amira Cherry, Mason Griffin, Taylor Northcott
Fifth Grade: Ky'eva Lee

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