

**Bertie Ledger-Advance** 50¢

P55/C14\*\*\*\*\*5-DIGIT 27892 A0001  
 MCCP0008293- MCC LIBRARY  
 1161 KEHUKEE PARK RD  
 WILLIAMSTON NC 27892-8307

WEDNESDAY • OCTOBER 11, 2017

## Warriors continue to roll

SPORTS | B1



# Financial, academic woes plague HCLA

### Charter School Advisory Board recommends revocation of charter

BY ALEX GRANADOS  
EdNC News Editor

RALEIGH - The Charter School Advisory Board (CSAB) kept a promise today and voted to recommend that Bertie's Heritage Collegiate Leader-

ship Academy have its charter revoked.

The board almost revoked the school's charter back in June, but voted instead to set a list of stipulations which, if not met, would lead to the beginning of revoca-

tion proceedings.

"Honestly, I've been on the Charter School Advisory Board ever since there's been a Charter School Advisory Board, and I've never seen a school that has been in this bad of shape," said

board Vice Chair Steven Walker.

Heritage opened in 2014 and was labeled as low performing by the state in 2015 and 2016. At the June CASB, the board extensively discussed problems with the

school, including missing deadlines to submit audits, operating close to a financial deficit, and having a ratio of teachers versus other personnel at the school that

See CHARTER, A7

## Town OKs rule

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD  
Bertie Ledger-Advance

COLERAIN - A variance request was heard and accepted dealing with special circumstances at a public hearing Monday night.

The town of Colerain discussed a variance request submitted by Patricia Leary for property located at 2452 N.C. 42, and proposed amendments to the Colerain Town Zoning Ordinance.

After being sworn in, Mid-East Commission Planner Ben Rogers, explained the reason behind the variance request.

"A variance request has been submitted for the property owned by Patricia Leary because the lot size does not meet the requirements from the town of Colerain. The commissioners can discuss the variances and relax the stipulations," Rogers added.

See COLERAIN, A3



Children enjoyed the opportunity to play on a variety of bouncy-houses during the fourth annual festival.

## Festival remains popular

BY THADD WHITE  
Bertie Ledger-Advance

AULANDER - The Aulander Peanut Festival had a bounce-back year.

Following two years of battling Mother Nature - especially rain - the festival en-

joyed a day filled mostly with sunshine, crowds and fun.

"Our crowds were much larger than the past couple of years," Aulander Mayor Larry Drew said. "Vendors had a good day, and they said we had one or two actually sell out."

The festival kicked off with the annual Peanut Festival 5K, which saw runners take to the streets at 9 a.m. The winners were recognized later at the opening ceremony.

The Bertie High School Fal-

See FESTIVAL, A6

## Wreck claims life

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD  
Bertie Ledger-Advance

AULANDER - A Bertie County accident claimed the life of a young woman Friday night.

According to North Carolina Highway Patrol Trooper J.G. Williams, the accident occurred at approximately 10:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6 on N.C. 305, three miles south of Aulander.

Shaunna Jernigan was traveling north on N.C. 305 in a 2017 Toyota Camry.

Jernigan crossed the center line, traveled to the left and hit a ditch. The vehicle overturned multiple times striking a utility pole and tree.

The vehicle came to rest facing south-east, resting on all four wheels.

There were four passengers in the vehicle at the time of the accident.

Bobbi White, the rear left occupant was eject-

See WRECK, A7

## 300-year celebration

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD  
Bertie Ledger-Advance

The Tuscarora Indians celebrated 300 years of heritage in Bertie County this past weekend.

The organizers of Neyuheruke 300 and Beyond, Hope House, residents of Indian Woods and members of the Tuscarora Nation held a three-day conference and festival Oct. 7-9.

The special event was planned to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the creation of the Tuscaroras' Reservation in North Carolina in 1717.

The event coincided with Indigenous Peoples' (Columbus) Day weekend.

A treaty between the Tuscarora Nation and the colonial government of North Carolina helped establish the Indian Woods Reservation in Bertie

County. The reservation served as a land base for the Tuscaroras who remained in North Carolina after the Tuscarora War of 1711-1715.

The three-day event featured a wide range of activities over the holiday weekend at Hope House Plantation, the home of North Carolina Governor David Stone, and with his father,



LESLE BEACHBOARD / Bertie Ledger-Advance

Tuscarora Nation Chief Leo Henry spoke before the meal.

See CELEBRATION, A6

### In this edition

- Obituaries.....A2
- Out & About.....A2
- Opinion.....A4
- Sports.....B1
- Classified.....B4
- Church & Faith.....B6



GOOD MORNING,  
MARY COOMBS

Thank you for  
subscribing!

Find us on  
Facebook

Volume 119: No. 41



**JERNIGAN**  
OIL & PROPANE

415 E. Main St., Ahoskie  
252-332-2131

Come see us for your Propane & Fuel needs. We serve  
Residential, Commercial & Agriculture Businesses.

