

Bertie High School JROTC Sgt. Clinton Hill presented a remembrance wreath in the honor and memory of the 93,129 United States servicemen from all branches of service whose last known status was prisoners of war or missing in action.



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Edgewood Cemetery Wreaths Across America Coordinator Len Joyner read the poem, "A Soldier's Silent Night" during Saturday's ceremony.

Wreaths

Bertie Wreaths Across America Coordinator Len us and in cemeteries Joyner thanked everyone for coming to the men and women who event and asked if they would join her in a moment of silence.

in a moment of silence to remember the fallen, the missing in action and to honor those who have served and are serving this great nation's armed services,' Joyner continued.

After the moment of silence, the Bertie High School JROTC Honor Guard presented the colors, and then everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

"We gather here today at this memorial site, along with 1,400 other memorial sites across America to remember when they saw a Veterwith one flag. We are are all proud to be Americans living in a free society, made up of many people, of many races and from many walks of life," said Joyner.

we enjoy today have County's not come without a price. Lying here before across this nation are gave their lives so we could live in freedom the prisoners of war, can travel from one end rine Corps. of this great nation to

> for permission to go." "The United States was founded on the idea of freedom, justice and ed a remembrance equality. Our nation stands as a shining beacon of liberty and freedom to the world. We thank those who gave their lives so we could be free. We shall not forget you, we shall

remember." Joyner told the guests Coast Guard. thank you.

Next, wreaths were presented for each branch of the military, the prisoners of war

"The freedoms that and those missing in memory of the 93,129 action.

> Chief Randy Cherry presented the remembrance wreath those who served and are serving in the United States Army.

Dianne Hale presentand without fear, so we ed the remembrance "Would you join me can worship as we see wreath for those who fit, raise our children served and are serving to believe as we do, we in the United States Ma-

> Otha Hale presented the other and not ask a remembrance wreath for those who served Joyner continued, and are serving in the United States Navy.

Al Williams presentwreath for those who served and are serving in the United States Air Force.

Bob Hoggard presented a remembrance wreath for those who served and are serving in the United States

Carl Cowan presented that we are one nation an or a member of the a remembrance wreath Armed Forces, take a for those who served moment and tell them and are serving in the **United States Merchant** Marines.

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United States servicemen from all branches of service whose last known status was prisoners of war or missing in action.

"These individuals have never returned to their families and homes. We shall not forget you," said Joyner.

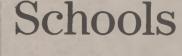
According to Joyner, Wreaths last year Across America placed over 1.2 million wreaths on the graves of Veterans across America.

"Remember we are not here today to decorate graves but to honor and remember," she added.

The ceremony was closed with the reading of the poem "A Soldier's Silent Night" and the V.F.D. 6060 provided a 21-gun salute while a member of the Bertie High School JROTC performed TAPS.

After the closing, participants gathered the wreaths and placed one on each Veteran's grave while saying his or her name out loud.

Joyner thanked those who participated.



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portunities for all students in the district and to ensure student success for all," Dr. Edmonds said. "The motto of the Bertie County Schools is 'Together We Can'. I am committed to working together with everyone to do the very best we can for our students."

Dr. Edmonds earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics education from N.C. A&T State University and a master's of administration and supervision from N.C. State University. She also obtained her doctorate in educational leadership from N.C. State University in May.

Currently, Dr. Edmonds is State Director of the N.C. Principal Fellows Program at the University of North Carolina General Administration in the Division of Academic and University Programs.

In that role, she leads efforts to improve school leadership preparation across the UNC system and is manager of the program for coordination. communications and partnerships.

Before taking that job in July 2016, Dr. Edmonds served as Director and Executive Coach for N.C. State University's Northeast Leadership Academy where she taught, supported and mentored principals across North Carolina.

She has also served as a District Transformation Coach through the N.C. Department of Public Instruction, Instructional Improvement Officer in Guilford County Schools, Program Director for the N.C. New Schools Project, teacher, assistant principal and principal.

The announcement released by the Bertie County Board of Education indicated Dr. Edmonds was selected from among 22 candidates.

"Although many qualified candidates applied, the board felt that Dr. Edmonds' leadership skills, varied experience and dedication to students would best serve the BCS students, staff and community for years to come," the statement read. "The board is confident that Dr. Edmonds will lead the district to even higher achievement."

Drugs

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elle was able to detain the suspect, who kept stuffing items in his pants."

Once the suspect was in custody, Mizelle reportedly found one gram of white powder suspected to be cocaine and six grams of a green substance suspected to be marijuana.

Alexander Leander Williams, 36, of Church Lane in Windsor was taken into custody and charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine and possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana.

He was placed under a \$10,000 secured bond, but met the requirements of the bond and was released. His first appearance in Bertie County District Court is today (Wednesday).



Santa Claus was available for pictures at the Bertie County Arts Council on Tuesday, Dec. 5 during the carriage rides.

Carriage

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Street, then right back onto King Street and back to the Bertie County Arts Council.

Several carriages provided the rides throughout the town.

The carriages were decorated in Christmas lights and some even played Christmas music.

Many houses along the path were brightly ligthed with Christmas lights and had their doors open to present a view of

large Christmas trees.

According to Windsor/Bertie County Chamber of Commerce Director Lewis Hoggard, this is an event that was started years before he took the position.

"This was a great year for the carriage rides. We had good weather conditions and a large group of participants," he add-

Lewis said the largest night of participants was Dec. 12.

On Tuesday, Dec. 5, riders ue for many years to come.

young and old had on opportunity to visit with Santa at the Gallery while waiting before or after riding in a carriage.

During the carriage events, the Bertie County Arts Council was open for browsing its selection of unique, artistic gifts. The Council offered refreshments such as cookies and hot chocolate.

Lewis said he hopes these riders are tradition that will contin-





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