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## Bertie wins Cooke Invitational

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## Holley named 4-H Director

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD  
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**WINDSOR** - The search is over for a new Bertie County 4-H Director.

At a recent Bertie County Commissioners meeting Bertie County Cooperative Extension Director Billy Barrow introduced the new 4-H director.

Guy Holley took the role as 4-H Director for Bertie County

on Nov. 6.

"I am from Gates County and was in the 4-H program since I was born until I graduated high school at age 18. I was active in the programs of presentations and public speaking at the national, state and local levels," said Holley.

"I was active in everything about 4-H except for the agriculture. My mother was a 4-H agent and she made sure my brother

and I was involved in the program," he added.

Holley attended North Carolina A&T University and studied Sports Science and Business Administration.

After college Holley moved to New Jersey where he worked in a bakery and managed a restaurant.

"I saw an opportunity where

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Gus Holley is the new Bertie County 4-H Director.

## Food bank gets grant

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD  
*Enterprise & Weekly Herald*

**ELIZABETH CITY** - A food bank that services Martin County is receiving a grant.

AgCarolina Farm Credit announces that \$33,915 in grants has been extended to 11 organizations, including the Food Bank of the Albemarle, through their corporate giving program, the Fund for Rural North Carolina.

The grants will aid the recipients in carrying out programs specifically benefiting farmers and rural residents in eastern North Carolina.

Grants up to \$5,000 per organization were awarded at a reception held at Rose Hill Plantation in Nashville in one of four focus areas of education, environment, technology or quality of rural life.

The Food Bank of the Albemarle was awarded a \$4,775 grant to purchase an electric pallet jack to aid in the collection and distribution of produce donated by lo-

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Students at Bertie Middle School spa "members" spend 15 minutes meditating during their visit to the spa.

## DESERVED DAY AT THE SPA

### BMS students earn alternative reward

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD  
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**A** Bertie Middle School program offers girls an oasis for conquering difficulties and increasing self-esteem.

Stepping into "The Phoenix Spa" at Bertie Middle School means being transported into a safe and calming environment where conflicts are resolved and no topics are off limits.

The program is a personal project started by Bertie County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Bonnie Powell, the school's resource officer.

Powell said that often at the school, young ladies would be in and out of her office at random to talk about confrontations, issues and other things that happened in their daily

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Sgt. Bonnie Powell made her dream into a reality by establishing a spa at Bertie Middle School.

## BCSO will offer help

### Sheriff to meet with churches

BY THADD WHITE  
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Church is a place for worship.

Too often in recent years, it has become a place for some deranged individuals to attack people who are in their houses of worship.

The mass murders and shootings have been all across the country, and thus Sheriff John Holley wants to help those attending church in Bertie County feel as safe as possible.

"There have been incidents all around the country and, while we would like to believe it would never happen here, it's important to always be prepared," Sheriff Holley said. "We want those attending church in Bertie County to feel as safe as possible."

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Russell Jinnette of Avoca explains how sage plants are broken down into a chemical.

## West Bertie holds Career Day

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD  
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**KELFORD** - The students of West Bertie Elementary School had an opportunity last week to learn about different careers, colleges and universities at the school's annual "College and Career Day."

Over 16 presenters ranging from banking, healthcare, law, science and higher educa-

tion began setting up a wide variety of displays at 8:30 a.m. for the students.

The presenters included:

- \* Avoca, LLC;
- \* Bertie County Schools Technology Department;
- \* Wells Fargo Bank;
- \* Roanoke-Chowan Community College;
- \* Chowan University;
- \* Vidant Roanoke-Chowan Hospital;

- \* North Carolina Central University;
- \* East Carolina University;
- \* Bertie County Department of Social Services;
- \* NC Works and CADA;
- \* Walmart Pharmacy Services;
- \* The Bertie County Sheriff's Department;
- \* The Pitt County District Attorney's Office;
- \* The Bertie Ledger-

- Advance;
- \* Classic Cuts; and
- \* Elegant Hair Design.

Students were split into groups and rotated to a different presenter every seven to 10 minutes, depending on the age group.

Students heard from presenters about job descriptions and an overview of the field

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