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Bertie native speaks

McLawnhorn is guest at Memorial Day Ceremony

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WINDSOR - The Rev. Willie McLawnhorn will be the guest speaker at the Memorial Day ceremony planned at 11 a.m. Monday, May 28 at the Bertie Courthouse Square.

Rev. McLawnhorn is a native of Roxobel, and is married to Diane McLawnhorn. Their son - Sgt. Will A. McLawnhorn Jr. - was killed in action on Dec. 12, 2010. The couple also has a daughter, Melanie, and two grandchildren.

Rev. McLawnhorn currently is pastor of Menola Baptist Church, where he has served since 2016. He retired from Conway Baptist Church in 2013 after 16 years of service. He also served as Pastor of Western Prong Baptist Church in Whiteville and Lasker Baptist Church.

A 1966 graduate of Bertie High School, Rev. McLawnhorn is a Vietnam era veteran, having joined the U.S. Air Force in 1968. He served four years and was stationed in Germany and Japan as a Voice Intercept Specialist with training in the Russian language.

He is a 1976 graduate of Chowan University in Murfreesboro and of Gardner Webb University. He earned a Masters of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1982.

In addition to Rev. McLawnhorn's keynote address, there will be three people who will

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The 25th annual Relay For Life in Bertie County kicked off with survivors taking the first lap around the track at Roy L. Bond Jr. Stadium.

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25 YEARS OF... Taking up the Fight



Relay For Life teams always provide good food for those in attendance, and Friday night's event was no exception.

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WINDSOR - Bertie County celebrates 25 years of hope.

The 25th annual Bertie County Relay for Life was held Friday, May 18 at Roy L. Bond Jr. Stadium.

It was a night of remembrance, celebration and entertainment.

The event's entertainment began at 5 p.m. with music from B&E DJ Services, and a presentation from the Bertie High School drum line at 5:30 p.m.

"Get Ready to Relay"

kicked off with opening ceremonies at 6 p.m. Bertie County Board of Education member Norman Cherry served as Master of Ceremonies.

According to Bertie County American Cancer Society President Bobbie Parker, Bertie County was the first county in North Carolina to host a Relay for Life event.

The guest speaker for the program was Dr. Catherine Edmonds. Dr. Edmonds is the Bertie County Schools Superintendent and two-time cancer survivor.

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Take Back event successful locally, nationally

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WINDSOR - National Take Back Day was a success in Bertie County.

On April 28, the Windsor Police Department hosted its first National Take Back Day

for 2018, and collected 10 pounds of unused prescription drugs.

The event was held at Pittman's Pharmacy on Granville Street.

"Bill and Alice Pittman have been instrumental in keeping these expired and unused

drugs from being used illegally, and keeping the children of Windsor and Bertie County safe," Windsor Police Chief Todd Lane said. "A lot of these drugs could be mistaken for candy."

The successful event in Bertie County was similar

statewide. N.C. Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey announced the state set records, as 32,247 pounds of unused prescription medications were delivered to a state-approved incinerator to

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