

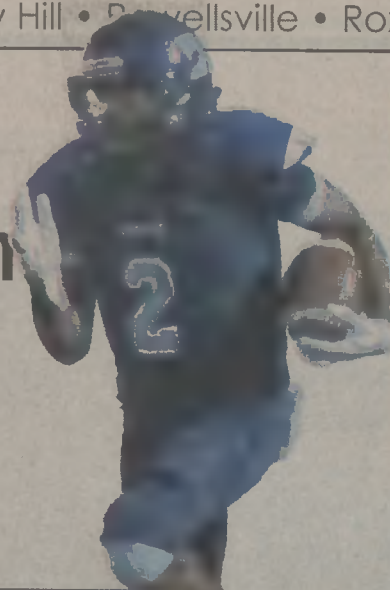
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Memorial Day event set for next Monday

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WINDSOR – The second annual Memorial Day ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 27 at the Bertie County Courthouse.

This year's event will feature Col. (Ret.) Brian S. Davis will serve as the keynote speaker for the event. Col. Davis currently serves as Director of the Defense Personnel and Family Support Center. In his role, he leads Defense-wide efforts to promote employer support of the guard and reserve, the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program, the Transition to Veteran Program Office the Federal Voting Assistance Program and the Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program.

Col. Davis retired from the U.S. Air Force in



Col. (Ret.) Brian S. Davis

May of 2016 after serving in several capacities, including as Commander of the 507th Air Refueling Wing at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma.

A native of Bertie County, Col. Davis is married to his wife, Kel-

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Cancer survivors gathered to hear from speaker Wanda Cofield and others before Relay For Life kicked off Friday.

Relay On

Bertie Co. continues fight against cancer

LESLIE BEACHBOARD
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WINDSOR – Bertie County celebrated 26 years of hope this past week.

The 26th annual Bertie County Relay for Life was held Friday, May 17 at Roy L. Bond Stadium.

Survivors, caregivers, and supporters gathered for 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.

"Let's Get Ready to Relay" kicked off with opening ceremonies at 6 p.m. Bertie County Board of Education Vice-Chairman Norman Cherry served as

the Master of Ceremonies.

The Bertie High School JROTC presented the Colors while Bertie Early College High School student Christopher Pierce performed the National Anthem.

According to Bertie County American Cancer Society President Bobbie Parker, Bertie County was the first in North

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Edmonds exits; search to begin

SARAH HODGES STALLS
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WINDSOR – Bertie County Schools is now faced with beginning the search for a new superintendent following the announcement of Dr. Catherine Edmonds' impending departure.

"I would like to thank the (Bertie County) Board of Education for giving me the opportunity to serve the students and families of Bertie County Schools," said Edmonds in a written statement. "I am forever grateful for the parents, leaders, staff, community members, and Board members who came together to work on behalf of the students of Bertie County."

A statement from Edmonds was released after the May 13 vote

by the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Board of Education to hire her as their new superintendent.

"My aim in life, in all things, is to leave others better off than when I met them," said Edmonds. "It is my firm belief that I have done so here in Bertie County Schools. I will truly miss the students, my colleagues, all the staff and this entire community."

According to Bertie County Schools, Edmonds will work with district administrators in order to ease the transition that is to come for Bertie County students and staff. In the meantime, she will continue to diligently serve the students of Bertie County to finish

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About more than strawberries

Annual sale breaks record

SARAH HODGES STALLS
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WINDSOR – The Bertie Commissioner's meeting room was a popular site Thursday morning as residents came to pick up strawberries from the county's Annual 4-H Strawberry Fundraiser.

"We broke our record," Sheila Powell, Cooperative Extension



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See STRAWBERRIES, 5 Sheila Powell provides strawberries to customer Nancy Davis.

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