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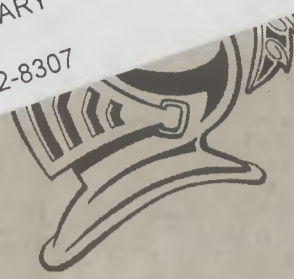
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## County names ACM

### Vaughan to begin June 24

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**WINDSOR** - Bertie County has a new assistant county manager.

County Manager Scott Sauer has announced the appointment of Juan Vaughan II to the position. He will begin his official duties on Monday, June 24.

"We are very excited to have Mr. Vaughan join our leadership and provide added strength to our management team," said Sauer.

According to Sauer, almost 19 months ago, the Bertie County Board of Commissioners suggested during a planning session that Bertie County needed to build its internal management capacity in order to sustain the growing volume of projects.

Since Hurricane Matthew hit Bertie County and the Town of Windsor in October 2016, much of the county's administrative focus has been on recovery work and coordination for efforts related to state and federal funds to assist citizens impacted by the devastating floodwaters.

"At the same time county staff are administering grant funds to replace critical county facilities damaged by the flooding," said Sauer.

"Bertie County has worked very hard to replace EMS Station One with a newly constructed building on County Farm Road which opened Feb. 1. In addition, to EMS Station One's construction our county staff has juggled multiple projects and have been balancing our efforts to work on the Blue Jay Recreation Center and security improvements at the courthouse," added Chairman John Trent.

Funding for the new assistant county manager was approved in the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget.

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With the American flag flying above head, Col. (Ret.) Brian S. Davis delivers the keynote address at Monday's Memorial Day service in Bertie County. He is flanked by musicians Kelsey Ledford and Laura Davis on the left and Travis Jackson of the Bertie County Sheriff's Office and Windsor Commissioner Randy K. Whitaker on the right.

# 'Some gave all'

## Bertie County honors Memorial Day

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**S**ome gave all. And Monday, a crowd gathered at the Bertie County Courthouse to pay respect to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for the nation's freedom.

For the second consecutive year, the Bertie Ledger-Advance and Windsor/Bertie Chamber of Commerce came together with the town of Windsor and Bertie County to host a Memorial Day Ceremony. The event began at 11 a.m., and was attended by veterans, those who lost loved ones in service and members of the public in general.

Lewis Hoggard, Executive Director of the Windsor/Bertie Chamber of Commerce, welcomed those in attendance, said thank you to the servicemen and women in the group, and paid tribute to those who gave their lives for freedom.



Bertie County Commissioner Tammy Lee greets keynote speaker Col. (Ret.) Brian Davis at Monday's Memorial Day ceremony. Lee presented Col. Davis with a county lapel pin.

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## \$1.8M grant given

### Roanoke Electric awarded

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**AHOSKIE** - North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper has awarded a \$1.8 million grant to Roanoke Electric Co-op, providing it an opportunity to extend the reach of its broadband initiative to underserved areas in the co-op's service territory.

In his May 8 announcement, the governor unveiled his plan to offer \$10 million in grants to expand internet access to 19 rural counties in North Carolina.

The major funding boost is part of the Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology (GREAT) program, which provides matching grants to internet service providers and electric membership cooperatives who compete for funding to lower financial barriers, preventing broadband internet service expansion in the state's most economically distressed counties.

The co-op's Roanoke Connect program will receive a total of \$1,867,547. The funds will be allocated among the counties in its service territory including \$641,978 for Bertie County, \$327,010 for Gates County, \$376,893 for Hertford County and \$521,667 for Northampton County.

The Roanoke Connect initiative serves the dual purpose for providing co-op member-owners with broadband internet access to enable the use of energy-saving technologies, while also enhancing system reliability and operational efficiencies.

"Our goal has always been to extend advanced technologies to our member-owners. The funds received from the GREAT grants program will allow us to expand the fiber backbone further than originally budgeted. In turn,

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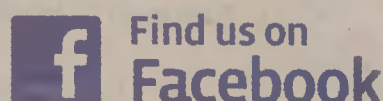
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