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2019: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Homicides headline beginning of 2019

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There were a lot of headlines – both good and bad – in the Bertie Ledger-Advance during 2019.

A look back at the first six months of the year gives readers a chance review the stories which made headlines last year.

Jan. 2: Powell & Stokes was recognized as a runner-up for Small Business of the Year by Business North Carolina;

Jan. 9: The Bertie County Sheriff's Office begins investigating a homicide at a birthday party at Midway;

Jan. 9: Bertie County Commissioners Ron Wesson and Tammy Lee verbally spar over social media policies;

Jan. 9: Salmon Creek Natural Area designated by state;

Jan. 9: Thurman Wiggins was found guilty of the first degree murder of Tefine Williams;

Jan. 16: Bertie County Commissioners exercise eminent domain authority to force



The granddaddy of 'em all in North Carolina: Bertie Relay for Life celebrates 26 years.

sell of Tall Glass of Water property;

Jan. 16: Tywan J. Outlaw is caught and charged with accessory after the fact for the murder of Rayshon Carter at Midway;

Jan. 23: A man was found

murdered in Powellsville;

Jan. 23: The Bertie County Sheriff's Office and N.C. ALE and the Down East Drug Task Force arrest Ronnie Futrell and Draquan Harrell on drug-related charges;

Jan. 23: Bertie native Zach-

ary Taylor is named Martin County 911 Dispatcher of the Year;

Jan. 30: Ronald Smallwood is arrested and charged with the murder of Daryl Silver in Powellsville a week earlier;

Feb. 6: The Sans Souci Fer-

ry reopens to the public;

Feb. 6: Citizens seek help from the Bertie County Commissioners due to the condition of the roads they live on;

Feb. 13: A second person – Shelia Chamblee – is charged in the murder of Daryl Silver;

Feb. 13: Vidant Bertie Hospital earns Acute Stroke Ready designation;

Feb. 20: A Queen Street home in Windsor is damaged by fire;

Feb. 20: Andre Brown is arrested and charged with the murder of Rayshon Carter in Midway;

Feb. 20: The Windsor Board of Commissioners nixes early voting;

Feb. 27: The York Street sewage pump is put in place and will be waterproof;

Feb. 27: Windsor, California Mayor Dominic Foppoli visits Windsor, North Carolina;

Feb. 27: Former Congressman Frank Ballance dies at

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County manager retires in final six months

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There were a lot of headlines in the Bertie Ledger-Advance during 2019.

A look back at the last six months of the year gives our readers a chance to review the stories which made the headlines.

July 3: Bertie County Beach Day officially opened free public beach access for those looking for adventure in a serene setting;

July 3: Martin, Bertie and Washington counties, along with Chatham County, have joined together for the County2County Leadership Initiative called Martin-Bertie County Leadership Academy;



Bertie County Beach Day draws a huge crowd.

July 10: A fugitive was captured in Bertie County. A man wanted in Martin

County spent two days in the woods in Bertie County before being captured late

Monday afternoon;

July 10: Fireworks lit up the sky over the Cashie River and the town of Windsor last week, celebrating America's independence;

July 17: New Superintendent of Bertie County Schools Dr. Otis Smallwood will be sworn in at 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 22 at the Bertie County Schools Central Office;

July 17: The Windsor/Bertie Chamber of Commerce rescheduled the seventh annual Sage Festival, which celebrates the presence of clary sage in Windsor and Bertie County (due to rain last month);

July 24: The Bertie County 4-H received an \$8,000 grant

from the Albemarle Area United Way to provide children access to its programs;

July 31: Bertie County Schools has named new principals for four schools and announced two administrative changes in the central office;

July 31: The Vidant Bertie Hospital Development Council recognized 18 organizations at their 2019-2020 Community Benefits Grants recipients last week;

Aug. 7: The Bertie County Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Hidden Heroes Resolution in support of Bertie County's military and veteran caregiv-

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Leadership remains in place for Bertie school board

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WINDSOR -The Bertie County Board of Education members voted to maintain their current chairman and vice chairman.

During the board's regularly scheduled meeting ear-

lier this month, they were required to vote for the two officer seats.

"We will now have the election of officers," said Bertie County Schools Superintendent Dr. Otis Smallwood.

Vice Chairman Norman Cherry nominated Chairman Tarsha Dudley to remain

chairman for the next year.

Board member Rickey Freeman motioned for Dudley to remain chairman. Cherry offered a second. It was approved unanimously.

Next, the board needed to decide who would hold the vice chairman position for the next year.

Board member Christine Dudley nominated Cherry to remain as vice chairman for another year.

The board unanimously approved the decision.

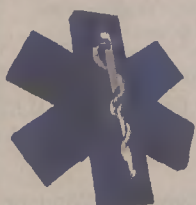
The Bertie County Board of Education swore in junior board members as well at the meeting.

While the junior board members will not be allowed to vote, they will have a voice and will bring the student perspective to all aspects affecting Bertie County and its schools.

The junior board mem-

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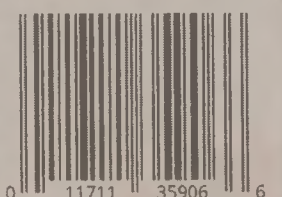
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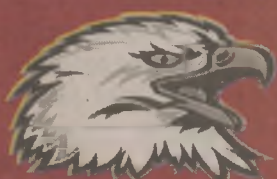


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