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## WPD: Drugs, weapons charges lodged

THADD WHITE  
Group Editor

**WINDSOR** – A Windsor man is behind bars facing multiple felony drug and weapons charges.

Windsor Police Lt. Frank Ratzlaff said officers arrested 31-year-old Jonathan Van

Clark Jr. following a traffic stop just off King Street.

A report by Windsor Police Officer Jessie Mizelle said he was driving on Carson Lane when he encountered a vehicle driven by Clark. The officer knew the driver's license was suspended and initiated a traffic stop near Bojangles.

Once Officer Mizelle reached the window of the car driven by Clark, he smelled the odor of marijuana.

"Officer Mizelle asked Mr. Clark to step away from the vehicle and after an initial delay, he complied," Chief Justin Jackson said.

Officer Mizelle was joined at the scene by Chief Jackson, Bertie County Sheriff's Cpl. Harris Williams and Lt. Kevin Johnson.

Once Clark was detained, officers searched his vehicle and found narcotics and weapons in the vehicle. The weapons confiscated in-

clude a 9mm Glock, an AR-15 Palmetto and a Taurus .41 Magnum revolver. Officers also found marijuana, pills and drug paraphernalia.

Clark was arrested and charged with possession of a firearm by a felon, altering/

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## County leaders disagree with assessment

Auditor says fund balance is just over one percent

LESLIE BEACHBOARD  
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**WINDSOR** – Changes may be coming.

The Bertie County Commissioners were presented the audit presentation for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2020 on Monday.

The presentation left the commission board with some questions, and a work session scheduled to make

some changes to inconsistencies.

Greg Adams, of Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co., P.A., gave a look at some of the things the audit discovered.

The total revenue for Bertie County during the 2020 fiscal year was \$25,324,669. The total expenditures (capital outlay expenditures) was \$26,459,383. The

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Youngsters enjoy last year's drive-through Relay For Life event. This year's event is Saturday.

FILE PHOTO

## Masks required by school board

BY GENE MOTLEY  
For the Bertie Ledger-Advance

**WINDSOR** – With summer break ending next week and schools preparing to open again for another school year amid new strains of COVID-19, Bertie County Schools revealed their guidelines for students,

staff and families to follow at their monthly meeting on Aug. 10.

The board affirmed its decision on mask wearing, a hot button topic nationwide throughout the summer as parents disagreed on whether it should be a mandate

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## Relay For Life is Saturday

BRANDICE HOGGARD  
Staff Writer

**WINDSOR** – Don't forget Relay for Life this Saturday, August 21.

Relay for Life is Saturday, August 21 from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Bertie High School.

This will be a drive up and drive through for luminaries event for the second year in a row due to the abundance COVID caution and concerns.

If ones attending choose to

leave their vehicle the Relay for Life committee is asking those to please wear a mask and social distance from one another.

Line-up for the event will be held start at 7:15 p.m. in the Bertie Middle School parking lot.

The parade of vehicles will then make its way to Bertie High School using the service road between the two schools.

Team participants are being urged to decorate their vehicles with the theme of their

team, along with survivors being urged to put a sign on their vehicle with the number of years of survivorship. Teams along with survivors that have decorated or made signs for their cars are encouraged to join the parade.

There will be a series of events following the parade for the ones attending Relay for Life. B&E DJ Services will be playing music at the event.

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## Fatal shooting will be reviewed by District Attorney

Asbell awaiting written reports

THADD WHITE  
Bertie Ledger-Advance

**BUENA VISTA** – The decision on whether or not to file

charges in a shooting death last week lies in the hands of the district attorney.

Bertie County Sheriff John Holley said his office is

wrapping up its investigation into the shooting death of 34-year-old James Earl Clark Jr. Clark was shot and killed approximately two miles from Buena Vista on Monday, Aug. 9.

Sheriff Holley said at the

time Bertie County dispatchers received a call at approximately 9 p.m. that shots were fired and a person was injured. They immediately dispatched medical personnel and deputies to the scene.

"When they arrived, they found Mr. Clark was deceased," Sheriff Holley said.

The sheriff's office, under the direction of Maj. Matt Roebuck, worked with

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