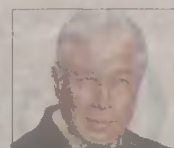


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John Foley thanks everyone for the warm welcome.

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David Friedman wonders if Durant must win a title.

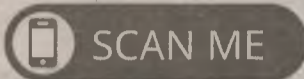


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Johnny Phillips says love and faith are intertwined.

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Windsor man missing since June 18

THADD WHITE
Group Editor

Bertie County officials are seeking help locating a 34-year-old Windsor man.



WILLIAMS

The man - Kendrick Maurice Williams - was last seen June 18, according to Bertie County Sheriff John

and weighs more than 200 pounds. He was last seen in the early morning hours of last Saturday (June 18).

Sheriff Holley said Williams may be in a dark-colored sedan.

Williams is known to visit the Tarboro and Princeville areas.

Anyone with information on Williams' whereabouts is asked to contact the Bertie County Sheriff's Office at 252-794-5330 or use 9-1-1 in case of an emergency.

Holley.

Williams is described as an African American male who stands 6'-1" tall

Thadd White can be reached via email at twhite@apgens.com.



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A crowd gathered for the Bertie Arts Council reception last week.

Bertie County Arts Council Juried Show welcomes crowd

JOHN FOLEY
For the Bertie Ledger-Advance



Chowan County's Margi Wynn judged the Bertie Arts Council Juried Show.

Artists, authors, patrons, benefactors and enthusiasts from Bertie and neighboring counties filled the Bertie County Arts Council building last Thursday as the organization hosted its 2022 Juried Members Show.

The evening was a walk through Watercolors, Acrylics, Oils, Pottery and Photography as 16 artists framed their talents and presented their works to the public and famed Chowan County Art Judge Margi Wynn.

"I was excited to come when Jeri Oltman invited

me to judge this fabulous show. There is so much talent here and so many pieces of art. It's very exciting," Wynn said.

The judge went on to explain that while judging is very subjective, there were pieces that jumped out at her that were unique and original.

"The piece I gave Best in Show to, 'Sparkle Rock,' was extremely original. It jumped out at me and I don't even know how it was done," Wynn said.

Recently relocating from Massachusetts, local Williamston artist and Sparkle

See **SHOW, A5**

Commissioners approve budget

JOHN FOLEY

For the Bertie Ledger-Advance

It is official. There will be no property tax hike for county residents this year.

The Bertie County Commissioners unanimously approved the county budget for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Tuesday evening, and the \$24,319, 447.00 budget begins July 1, 2022.

There was also good news for low and moderate income families. Director of Local Community Affairs Merrill Flood reported that the Choanoke Area Hous-

ing Consortium will receive \$733,850.00 in Housing and Urban Development funds to address low and moderate income housing in the five counties that make up the consortium.

"As you can see there is some lag time here, since the funds will not be available for some time. However, eligible activities include rehabilitation of housing by low and moderate income home buyers, the construction of housing for low and moderate income home

See **BUDGET, A5**

Summer Reading still going strong

BRANDICE HOGGARD
Staff Writer

There is still time to enjoy the fun activities at the Bertie County Library in Windsor and the Sallie Harrell Jenkins Library in Aulander this summer.

From July 5 through July 9, the Bertie County Library will have a grab-and-take

craft kit, along with a seek-out treasure in a library scavenger hunt.

Movie Night will be at 5 p.m. on Monday, July 11. Finding Nemo will be playing. The library will be hosting Amazing Teacher that same week, at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 13.

See **READING, A5**

Firework show set for Sunday afternoon

LOGAN HARRISON

Windsor/Bertie Chamber of Commerce

The Windsor-Bertie Chamber of Commerce and the town of Windsor are excited to be hosting this year's annual Freedom Fireworks event on July 3rd starting at 5:00 pm at the Roanoke-Cashie River Center. This year the event is back and better than ever with an exciting lineup of musicians and vendors wrapping up with fireworks at night.



This year's entertainment begins at 5 p.m., when people near and far converge at the river center and are able to walk through the

exhibits to learn about the ecological and cultural history of Bertie County and the area around the Roanoke and Cashie rivers.

A diverse selection of vendors will also be available for patrons starting at that time, ranging from Y'all Eat Yet, Holiday Concessions, Speller's Enterprises and Bubba's Roadside Grill to various items such as jewelry and other trinkets that will be available for purchase.

In addition, the Windsor Farmer's Market will be open, beginning at 1 p.m.

Starting at 4 p.m. the radio station Magic 95.9 will

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Bertie Co. Schools prepare for summer, fall curriculum

GENE MOTLEY

For the Bertie Ledger-Advance

WINDSOR - The Bertie County Board of Education held one of their final meetings of the 2021-22 school calendar year at the Bertie County Schools' Adminis-

tration complex on U.S. 13 North here June 14.

In his presentation, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Otis Smallwood updated the board with the Summer Learning Program.

"Remediation is going on now and summer learn-

ing began on Monday, June 21," Smallwood observed. "It was originally scheduled for four days a week, but we are going to trim it back to three days in an effort to save money on fuel.

"The times will be extended one hour to meet the

requirements of RTA (Read-To-Achieve) for third grade students," the superintendent explained.

Smallwood said in light of all the school shootings, and in an effort to keep staff and students safe, the district has applied for a

school security grant that will provide a standardized, network accessible video security platform on all district campuses that will be critical to incident response and live monitoring.

"The application will provide coordination of First

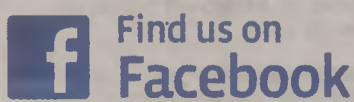
Responders to any emergency on school grounds," the Superintendent emphasized. "The county 911 center will have a dedicated console for system monitoring. The grant amount is

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PEGGY WILLIAMS
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