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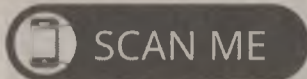


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Bertie teen arrested in Greenville killing

Williamston man, 21, found dead in July

The Daily Reflector

GREENVILLE - A Bertie County teen has been arrested in a July shooting that killed a man at an

apartment complex in north Greenville, police reported.

Khalil Desean Smallwood, 19, of Windsor, was taken into custody Thursday after turning himself in to the Greenville Police Department's Violent Criminal Apprehension Team, a news release from the de-

partment said.

Smallwood is charged with an open count of murder in connection to the shooting death of Travis Johnson, 21, of Williamston, in an apartment on Bostic Drive on July 19.

Smallwood had additional charges pending

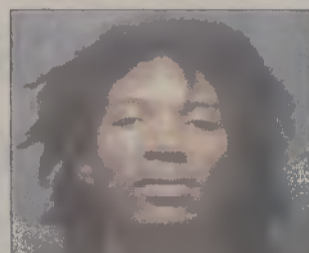
from Williamston that were served for possession of a weapon of mass destruction, the police department said.

He was jailed at the Pitt County Detention Center without bond.

Police earlier reported they responded to a shoot-

ing about 2 a.m. at 4110 Bostic Drive, Apt. 103, in the Paramount 3800 complex. Officers found Johnson dead in the residence from a gunshot wound.

Contact Bobby Burns at baburns@reflector.com and 329.9572.



Khalil Desean Smallwood

300 years later

Bertie Co. plans anniversary celebration

JOHN FOLEY

For the Bertie Ledger-Advance

WINDSOR - N.C. Governor Roy Cooper should clear his calendar for Nov. 5. He is going to be invited, along with other state and county leaders and every resident, to join the 300 year anniversary celebration of Bertie County.

That was the message Assistant County Manager David Scarborough presented to the Bertie County Board of Commissioners Monday evening as plans for the 300 year Anniversary Celebration are underway.

Scarborough reported the 300 year anniversary planning committee had their first meeting and tentatively decided Saturday, Nov. 5, was the best day to celebrate Bertie's 1722 change in status from precinct to county.

"We developed the committee from all of the Bertie County department heads and wanted to devise a plan and establish a date before contacting the cities and other municipalities regarding participation," Scarborough said.

In his presentation, Scarborough suggested the event be held on Granville Street in Windsor, claiming the committee had also

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LEWIS HOGGARD/WINDSOR/BERTIE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chief (Ret.) Randy Cherry by his cooker during Saturday's event in Indian Woods.

Indian Woods celebrates 'Back to School' event

JOHN FOLEY

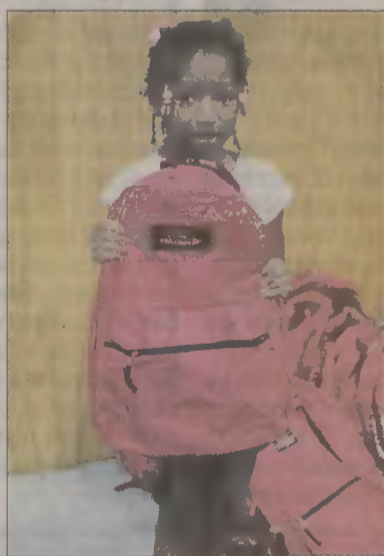
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INDIAN WOODS - Chicken grillers, chicken lovers, chicken judges, volunteers, participants, family members, friends and school aged children all gathered Saturday at the Blue Jay Recreation Center in Indian Woods to enjoy a 'Back to School Extravaganza.'

And an extravaganza it was. Community spirit filled the air along with the pleasant aromas of a barbecue cook off.

Inflation didn't show its face Saturday as the Blue Jay Recreation Association provided everything, including book bags and supplies for school aged children, for free.

In a monumental outpouring of community support for youngsters going back to school, hundreds of residents enjoyed an afternoon of late summer activities, under cool-



LEWIS HOGGARD/CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A youngster receives her book bag at Saturday's Back to School Extravaganza.

er skies Saturday, including classic

cars, sparking motorcycles, hot dogs, hamburgers and a chicken judging contest.

And chicken, lots of chicken, at the Blue Jay Recreation Center.

The enticing smells of barbecued chicken on a hot grill wafted through the pines and could be enjoyed from a half mile away as eight grill masters prepared hearty chicken legs and thighs for the five judges to enjoy.

"This is some of the best chicken I have ever had," said former Bertie County Manager Scott Sauer, a contest judge. "It's going to be very hard to pick a winner."

The judges had to rate the chicken on flavor, appearance, tenderness, doneness and how moist each piece was. The grill masters had been cooking for hours before the noon judging began.

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No red flags

Bertie DSS was audited before being taken over

JOHN FOLEY

For the Bertie Ledger-Advance

WINDSOR - The question of who dropped the ball overseeing the procedures at the Bertie County office of Social Services remains unanswered as resumes to fill the vacant director's position have been received.

Former Bertie County Social Service Director Cindy Perry resigned abruptly on June 24 in light of a June 30 scheduled pre-dismissal conference addressing the possible unlawful signing of Social Service custody orders by the director.

Currently under the temporary supervision of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the Bertie County office of child welfare was found to be in a state of disarray by DHHS officials in May.

The DHHS initiated a review of child welfare services after being informed of serious concerns around its practice, delivery and administration of child welfare services, a statement from DHHS said. It went on to say information gathered during the review revealed "a systemic lack of adequate training, supervision and capacity to deliver appropriate child welfare services in

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Ryann Bryant takes over Bertie County Public Library reins



Bryant

JOHN FOLEY

For the Bertie Ledger-Advance

Windsor native Ryann Bryant was named the Bertie County Library Manager on August 1, taking over library management from former manager Nancy Hughes, who retired on July 31 after a 36-year career at the Windsor-based library.

Bryant was born and

raised in Windsor and holds a Bachelor's in English from East Carolina University and a Masters in Library and Information Sciences from Rutgers University, as of May 2020.

Currently there are no plans to make any major changes.

"We have only been in this new location for a little over a year so we are still

feeling out our patron base and what they would like from us," said Bryant. "We had such a strong turnout for our summer reading program this year that it gives us hope that we can keep that momentum going through the rest of the year and hopefully through to next summer."

Bryant is not a newcomer to the library system. She

has been working for the library system since October of 2017 while she was working on her Masters degree online.

Citing Hughes' tutelage, Bryant said, "The biggest thing that she (Hughes) taught not only me, but the other staff members as well, was how to work with patrons. It is a challenge at times, to understand how

to help a person who may not know what exactly they need in terms of help," said Bryant. "Working through how to approach those kinds of issues took quite a bit of time."

One of the challenges facing Bryant is online competition. In an attempt to stay current, Bertie County

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FLORETTA HOLLEY
OF MERRY HILL

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