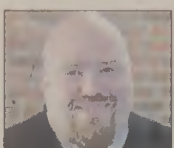
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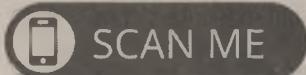
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## Aulander receives second PARTF Grant



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A rendering of the playground that can be built from the PARTF grant awarded to Aulander.

### New project to include playground, picnic shelter

**JOHN FOLEY**  
Staff Writer

There's a new playground in the town of Aulander's future.

North Carolina Parks and Recreation Authority (Authority) approved a \$142,650 grant from the state's Park and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) for Aulander at its meeting held on Aug. 26 at the Na-

ture Research Center in Raleigh.

Aulander will be constructing the new playground, along with public restrooms and a picnic shelter, grills, picnic tables and park benches. In addition, the grant will include resurfacing the existing walking, fitness track, installing new fitness stations signs, a new swing set, additional bleachers for the baseball field and renovations

to the gym and senior center.

"This was a second PARTF Grant that the town applied for this funding cycle," said Aulander Commissioner Bobbie Parker. "We were very fortunate to be able to hire Emily Miller of McAdams and Associates as our grant writer. She also was the grant writer for our original PARTF Award."

Parker is the council member tasked with all PARTF funding projects.

The project will encompassed the same area as the splash pad.

See **GRANT**, A3

## Drew resigns as Aulander Mayor

**JOHN FOLEY**  
Staff Writer

Aulander Mayor Larry Drew resigned as the town's chief official last month citing health concerns.

The resignation was effective immediately.

Currently, Aulander Commissioner Bryan Morings is Mayor Pro-Tem.

Drew has held the top post for the past 13 years and his term does not officially end until 2023.

With the vacancy recently created, the council now must take steps to fill the position.

Per the North Carolina League of Municipalities,

first the board will fill the vacant council seat by appointing someone.

The next step for the Aulander Board of Commissioners will be appointing a new mayor to serve the remainder of Drew's term. If they choose a current commissioner - which is not a requirement - the board will then have to appoint a person to fill that term.

Officials in Aulander said Mr. Drew plans on posting a letter to the citizens on the town's Facebook page in the coming weeks.

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Bertie Beach is just one part of the Tall Glass of Water project. Commissioners discussed funding for the project at their last meeting.

## Bertie County harvest on track

**JOHN FOLEY**  
Staff Writer

While Inflation has many Bertie County farmers concerned about the cost of future inputs, this year's harvest looks to be on track for a strong finish according to Bertie County Extension Agent Edward Godfrey.

"It's a little early to tell right now on yields, but we hope that most of the crops had a strong finish given the

precipitation leading up to the last couple weeks. However, the crops that aren't about to be harvested could probably use some rain right now," said Godfrey.

There is rain in the forecast for early next week. The drought is one concern farmers face, however, supply chain disruptions are also causing concerns.

Godfrey noticed that

See **CROPS**, A3

## Commissioners review TGOW project

**JOHN FOLEY**  
Staff Writer

The Bertie County Tall Glass of Water (TGOW) project came under review last week when project consultant Robin Payne informed the Bertie County Board of Commissioners they needed to take a sharp pencil to the TGOW Bertie Beach Project.

"We are over," were Payne's opening remarks to the board. "We're about \$450,000 to \$500,000 over. So to move forward, we need to agree to commit to those funds being avail-

able by May 2023."

"Bertie County's investment in the TGOW 147-acre property will be the first public beach access to recreational waters, unlike anywhere else in Northeastern North Carolina. Referred to locally as "Tall Glass of Water" (TGOW)" until a name and logo have been selected, the site's most stunning feature is its 2,200 linear feet of sand beach and shallow calm waters overlooked by impressive high cliffs on the Albemarle Sound where the Chowan River begins," according to the County's project web page.

The 'overage' Payne was referring to, focused on the shortage in committed funds to the project, not including the allocated money to date. Inflation and rising costs have had substantial effects on the construction industry nationwide and construction costs are expected to escalate by 14 percent by year's end.

The commissioners have committed to financing the project and to date have advance funding for almost 90 percent of Phase I. Payne may still

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## Burroughs exhibit opens Thursday at Bertie Arts Council

**JOHN FOLEY**  
Staff Writer

The Bertie Arts Council is hosting a gala reception at their King Street location from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8.

The event will mark the opening of a solo exhibit by

Dion Burroughs.

"Dion Burroughs is passionate about his artwork and sharing it with others. He is very excited to be having this show," said Bertie Arts Council Secretary Rebecca Jinnette.

Burroughs was born and raised in Martin County, and

began drawing and painting at age of fifteen. Through his high school years he attended the summer program at the Martin Luther King Center in Williamston, learning much from high school teachers Carolyn Ashley, Cyndi Herman and Kathy McKee.

Burroughs experimented with pen and ink, applied felt and paint. The artist has displayed his work in nearly 31 solo exhibitions and many juried and invitational art exhibits in neighboring counties, earning first place awards for some of his artworks.

Burroughs' quilt entitled "The Scary Scarecrow" is displayed in the First South Bank's Permanent Collection. Several of his paintings have been chosen for the N.C. Community College Art Exhibit.



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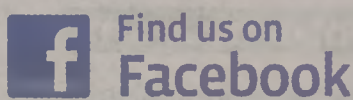
Dion Burroughs at a previous art show exhibit.

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