



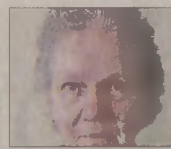
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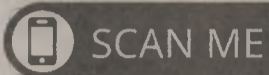


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Citizen dies in confrontation with deputies

Deputy on paid administrative leave

JOHN FOLEY
Staff Writer

CENTER GROVE - Bertie County law enforcement answered a call on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at approximately 10 a.m. According to Bertie Coun-

ty Sheriff John Holley, the 911 Communications Center received a call for service in the northeast region of the county concerning a possible suicide situation.

The Aulander Police Department, the Hertford County Sher-

iff's Office and Bertie County deputies were already present when Sheriff Holley arrived.

According to earlier reports, a woman was outside her residence with a weapon in the Center Grove neighborhood.

Those reports said, deputies

made several verbal requests for the weapon to be dropped, but the female - now identified as Doris Jean Taylor - refused to follow those commands.

When Taylor proceeded to approach the deputies while still holding the weapon, Deputy Jonathan Price fired a fatal shot. Price is currently on paid administrative leave, according

to the sheriff.

The State Bureau of Investigation, (SBI) has been contacted to assist with investigation.

Sheriff Holley said he will be releasing more information as the investigation continues.

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Members of the panel at Saturday's discussion at Mt. Olive Baptist Church near Lewiston Woodville.

Little named DSS Director in Bertie Co.

JOHN FOLEY
Staff Writer

WINDSOR - The search for the new Bertie County Director of Social Services has ended.

Daphne Little has been selected as the new Bertie County Director of Social Services effective October 17.

Little has 19 years experience within social services and served her last five years as a Regional Child Welfare Consultant within the Division of Social Services at the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

She began her career at Cumberland County Department of Social Services where she served as a food and nutrition worker, adult services social worker, a



Daphne Little

human services counselor for domestic violence and the batterer's treatment program RESOLVE and also served as a child welfare

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Mt. Olive BC symposium highlights youth help

JOHN FOLEY
Staff Writer

LEWISTON WOODVILLE - When Mt. Olive Baptist Church Project Coordinator Linda McNair-Moore sent out her instructions on the topics to be addressed by the Bertie County community leaders and state officials at Saturday's "Help Me To Survive and Protect Myself" panel discussion; she knew their words would each be different. But the message would be the same: Think Before You Act.

"We want to thank everyone that came today, especially the youth. We love the youth, we love the youth, we love the youth and we support the youth. And we care for the youth and we are concerned for the youth," said McNair-Moore in her opening remarks welcoming every-



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Event organizer Linda McNair-Moore speaks at the introduction of Saturday's event.

one to the youth panel.

The panel included Bertie County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Otis Smallwood, N.C. Highway Patrol Officer Malcom Cherry,

Hertford County Sheriff Dexter Hayes, presumptive Bertie County Sheriff-Elect Tyrone Ruffin, Parole Officer Sheldon Rhines, Outpatient Therapist KaToya Jor-

dan from Integrated Family Services and the Honorable Vershenia Ballance-Johnson and Teresa Freeman.

While N.C. State Senator Don Davis signified the importance of the event during a campaign stop, the morning's focus was on the topics of educating and supporting youth during tumultuous times.

The outside forces today's youth face including gang influence, drug temptation and use and gun violence were discussed along with the need to "think before you act."

Dr. Smallwood led off the panel discussion with a message that children need to be well read, eager to learn and have respect for authority figures.

"I respect this man a whole lot," Smallwood said, pointing to the

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Referendum set for Nov. 17

JOHN FOLEY
Staff Writer

It's time to revisit the Nickels for Know How referendum.

This year's vote will be held Nov. 17 at three Bertie County polling places: Bertie Cooperative Extension Office, Nutrien Ag and Powell & Stokes.

Every six years farmers, feed and fertilizer producers have the opportunity to vote on continuing a yearly self-assessment program.

"The referendum is being held to let users and producers of feed or fertilizer decide if they wish to continue the self-assessment program. This program has been in place since 1948, and the law requires that a new referendum be held every six years," explained Bertie County Extension Director Billy Barrow.

Created after World War II the program was developed to support crop

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Update provided on pet pantries, available grants

Trent offers to sponsor pantry for western Bertie

JOHN FOLEY
Staff Writer

The Bertie County Commissioners were presented with North Carolina Animal Spay and Neuter Program options last Mon-

day (Sept. 19) at a work session meeting.

However, Deborah Tayloe, one of the co-founding members of Companion Animal Advocates Bertie (CAAB) also offered a CAAB update before she made the presentation.

CAAB is an ad-hoc committee originally formed by Bertie County resident Beth Northcott in July, at the urging of Bertie Commis-

sioner Ron Wesson.

"Since July we have made a lot of progress focusing on animal care. We now have eight to ten advocates working with us. We also have Dr. (Cheryl) Powell, our county veterinarian, is on board as an advisor," said Tayloe. "We want to have someone who can verify we are giving out accurate information."

Tayloe was the second member

to join Northcott's committee.

"To date, the committee has developed a website and a Facebook page. We want to help dogs and cats and their owners. We are not trying to mess with animals. We are not a rescue or a shelter. We are going to leave the hands-on work to the professionals at Animal Control and the Humane Society," Tayloe said.

She went on to explain there

are numerous grants available to no-kill, non-profits and the committee has applied for non-profit status.

One available grant includes a \$50,000 award to purchase transportation vehicles to transport animals to spay and neuter facilities.

The Pet Pantry program, which began as a Northcott dream, is

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