



FARMLIFEWIFE
Deborah Griffin says it's a jungle out here.

A4



FOODFORTHOUGHT
John Foley says advertise where it works.

A4



GRACE&TRUTH
Webb Hoggard says appreciation.

B3



Bertie Ledger-Advance



Volume 124:
No. 41

Bertie Ledger-Advance

\$1

Thursday · October 13, 2022

MISSING AN EDITION OF EASTERN LIVING?

PICK UP A COPY AT
109 S. KING STREET
WINDSOR, NC 27983

EASTERN LIVING MAGAZINE
109 S. KING ST • PO BOX 69
WINDSOR, NC 27983
252-794-3185 • FAX 252-794-2835

19 17 WND_OHX_10 E
*****FIRM 27892
MARTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARY
1161 KEHUKEE PARK RD
WILLIAMSTON NC 27892-8307

ASKEWVILLE ♦ AULANDER ♦ COLERAIN ♦ KELFORD ♦ LEWISTON WOODVILLE ♦ MERRY HILL ♦ POWELLSVILLE ♦ ROXOBEL ♦ WINDSOR

LaToya Peele Outlines Poll Requirements

JOHN FOLEY
Staff Writer

With the mid-term elections less than 30 days away, Bertie County Director of Elections LaToya Peele reported everything is moving along smoothly as her department prepares for the Tuesday, Nov. 8 election.

While some states are reporting problems attracting poll workers, Peele isn't experiencing that situation.

"We welcome all citizens who are interested in becoming an Election Official (poll worker) to contact our office. To become a poll worker you must be a registered voter in Bertie

County," said Peele.

However, there is certain criteria a poll worker needs to meet. According to Peele, potential poll workers can't be a candidate or relative of a candidate in the election. They also may not be an elected government official, hold office with a political party, or be a manager or

treasurer for a candidate or political party. On top of that, they can't serve at the same polling place as a spouse, child, spouse of a child, sister, or brother.

Election Observer requirements and regulations are also making headlines.

"Observers are allowed to observe the election

process only if the Political Party Chairs have submitted their names in writing to the Board of Elections office by the deadline", said Peele, adding, "The deadline for party chairs to turn their list in for One Stop Early Voting Observers is October 15th at 10:00 am. The deadline for Party Chairs to submit

Election Day Observers is Nov. 3 at 10:00 am. Observers can only observe the voting process. They cannot interact with the voters"

According to the North Carolina State Board of Elections, "Members of the public may not enter a

See **PEELE**, A3

Crops lost...

Hurricane remnants cause damage

JOHN FOLEY
Staff Writer

N.C. Extension agents and farmers are busy calculating the damage and losses crops sustained as the side effects of Hurricane Ian passed over Bertie County recently.

Pummeled by torrential rain and winds reaching recorded gusts of 35 mph across the county, crops could suffer a reduction in yield and quality because of heavy precipitation on opened cotton bolls with damaged plant fiber contributing to lint loss.

Farmers could feel the impact for some time as cotton harvest is a few weeks off.

According to Bertie County Extension Agent Edward Godfrey, high winds and rain can affect crops and harvest this time of the year.

"A grower may have to prioritize one crop over the other based on the forecast. Let's take corn for example - if you still have corn standing in the field this late in the season when a large wind even comes through the corn plant may lodge (blow over) making harvest far more difficult," Godfrey said. "If the plant lodges below the ear then it can cause major losses.

"Likewise, excessive

See **CROPS**, A6



Citizens of Bertie County come together and play a game that is the inspiration to the new mural.

JOHN FOLEY/BERTIE LEDGER-ADVANCE

New artwork in-store for Windsor

JOHN FOLEY
Staff Writer

Artists and bare walls have always gone hand-in-hand. Now, the wall of the license plate office on 122 Granville Street is in such hands, well actually, the four hands of Hand in Hand.

That's the name the creative team Andrew and Sarah McWilson travel by as they paint their way on walls through small town North Carolina.

A gathering of residents, art enthusiasts and many members of the Bertie County Arts Council en-

joyed an introduction to the traveling muralist team Saturday evening on the location of the mural.

The McWilson's have been on their journey of brush strokes and written words for the past two years. The combined efforts of many brought the team to town to create a full-size mural.

The Windsor Mural Project has come to fruition through the partnership efforts of Bertie Arts Council, the North Carolina Museum of Art, Bertie County, and the Town of Windsor.

A council of Bertie community leaders and NC

Arts representatives was formed in early 2022 to decide what community involved artistic capital improvement project might best benefit Bertie County, according to the BCAC website.

The McWilson's vision for their talent fit perfectly with the needs of Windsor.

"It started with the general direction of working together as a partnership, creating meaningful artwork, and connecting with humans. This has led us to what we do now. We find opportunities mostly through conversations and connections with people.

One thing leads to another. It's not a life that can be planned from behind a computer screen. We always say, 'once you're in it, it happens.' And that's been true for the last few years. However, sometimes new connections are made through 'calls for art' such as this opportunity," said the McWilson's.

The partnership chose to hire professional muralists to complete a series of large format outdoor artworks to freshen the aesthetic of the town, provide arts opportunities to the community

See **MURAL**, A5

Terrific season

Farmer's Market does well

JOHN FOLEY
Staff Writer

Windsor Farmers Market Ends Successful Season, to host two Holiday Markets

The fresh produce season has all but come to a close and nothing signifies this more than the closing of the Windsor Farmers Market last month.

However, this year was one of the best seasons the market's history there is good news all for the holiday season.

Brenda Bond, owner of Brenda's Kitchen and one of the premier market vendors, thought it was the best season yet.

"We had a pretty good season. We had our pickles, but there were also a lot of other vendors. We had a candy and fudge maker that was terrific. And, we also had a cake vendor that was really good," said Bond.

Bond's preserved peaches, strawberries and other fruits, along with her popular variety of bread loaves and cakes, pleased the palates of hundreds of market goers throughout the summer.

The Windsor Farmers Market is sponsored by the Good Shepherd Food Pantry (GSFP) and opened just a few years ago with only five vendors, according to

See **MARKET**, A6

Ives Lecture Captivates History Buffs

JOHN FOLEY
Staff Writer

Andrew Ownbey knows of what he speaks. That radiated throughout the rooms of Hope Plantation Saturday as Ownbey lectured and led a tour of Governor David Stone's home and its collection of eighteenth century cellarettes.

What made this Elizabeth Stevenson Ives Lecture series special, is Ownbey's ability to replicate each of the cellarettes on display and his offer to do so.

The Merry Hill native, an authority and craftsman of eighteenth century furniture, only recently relocated

to Bladen County where he resides in an 1803 plantation home, shared his knowledge and insight as the tour stepped past impeccable furnishings.

This year's annual Ives Lecture focused on this important and nearly-forgotten form of furniture. Attendees learned the history

of the cellarette including the origin, construction, evolution, and its role in Southern culture. The rare opportunity to view a number of very important period examples in person included more than a half-dozen examples from northeastern North Carolina and southeastern Virginia.

"The South has many traditions and iconic tangible parts of its history. The cellarette is certainly among those things. It is a very recognizable form, at least for those who know Southern furniture. It is a foreign object to most though, rarely

See **IVES**, A5



CONTRIBUTED

Hope plantation 18th century cellarette collection.

In this edition



GOOD MORNING,
DALLIS GODDARD
OF WINDSOR, NC

THANK YOU FOR SUBSCRIBING!

Find us on Facebook

www.bertieledgeradvance.com

Obituaries A2
Opinion A4
Sports B1
Church & Faith B3
Classified B4



0 11711 35906 6



BERTIE COUNTY
Non-Emergency Transports
252-794-5334 • 252-325-2460
Family Helping Family

