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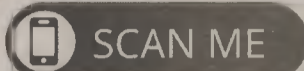


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## Aulander man a victim of drive-by shooting

**JOHN FOLEY**  
Staff Writer

**LEWISTON WOODVILLE** - Aulander resident Tony Harrell was the victim of a fatal drive-by shooting last week after shots were fired along an isolated stretch of N.C. 11 in Bertie County late Thursday afternoon, Oct. 14.

Harrell, age 32, was identified as the victim, according to Bertie Sheriff John Holley.

The incident occurred around 4:15 p.m. approximately 1.5 miles north of the J.J. "Monk" Harrington Bridge over the Roanoke River.

Sheriff Holley said, "It's a drive-by shooting. We have another motorist who said they witnessed shots being fired from one vehicle

in the direction of another vehicle."

Holley added that both vehicles were traveling north on N.C. 11 in the direction of Lewiston Woodville.

The victim died at the scene, according to Holley. The victim's vehicle left the roadway, crossed a ditch, and overturned in a cotton field.

"The eyewitness reported that the shots were fired from a small, white truck - possibly an extended cab or quad cab - with Florida plates," said Holley.

According to reports there were no signs of "road rage" between the two drivers before shots were fired.

"They weren't passing each other back-and-forth or speeding up/

slowing down on purpose, according to the witness," Holley said. "So that kinda basically ruled out road rage."

"We're investigating all angles and we'll be able to learn a lot more once we find out who was driving the suspect vehicle," Sheriff Holley stated.

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## 'Spectacular' 5K slated for Oct. 29

**MICHELLE LEICESTER**  
For The Bertie Ledger-Advance

**WINDSOR** - The Bertie Spectacular 5K, 1-Mile Run/Walk and Jamboree is just around the corner. Registration is open for participants to sign up.

The Spectacular, which is the only fundraising event of the year for the Good Shepherd Food Pantry, is slated for 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29.

To sign up visit [www.runtheeast.com](http://www.runtheeast.com) or mail the entry to Bertie Spectacular 5K PO Box 895, Windsor, NC 27983.

On the [www.runtheeast.com](http://www.runtheeast.com) website the entrant must click on the race calendar, then scroll down the list to Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022. There is a place that

says register now beside the race name.

The cost for the 5K is \$25 until Oct. 23. The price then increases to \$30. The price for the 1-mile Walk/Fun Run is \$15.

Both the 5K and the 1-mile walk/fun run start on York Street, behind Windsor Town Hall and end on York Street near Livermon Park. The 5K Course is USATF certified.

There is a \$2,000 prize purse. Students are not eligible to receive cash prizes.

Race packets will be available for pick up Friday, Oct. 29 from 1 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Roanoke/Cashie River Center or near the race starting line from 7:30 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. on

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Kamyra Futrell, Daniel Pierce, Miajah Jacobs and Hannah Mendle paint pumpkins at the Aulander pumpkin painting table.

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## Plans moving along for 300th

**JOHN FOLEY**  
Bertie Ledger-Advance

With less than two months before Bertie County residents celebrate Bertie's birthday, Assistant City Manager David Scarborough and his team are actively planning and preparing the festivities for "Remembering the Past, Honoring the Present and Planning for the Future."

Scarborough is reaching out to all other municipalities.

"We have met with and are encouraging all Bertie County municipalities to participate by having booths at the event, as well as considering possible events within their communities," said Scarborough.

Aside from other com-

munities, there will be food vendors. The organization is also encouraging other vendors to participate as well, and are currently working on entertainment options.

There will be no cost to attend this event, however the food vendors and other vendors will have items for sale. The festivities will be held in downtown Windsor, from East Granville Street to South York Street to Dundee Street, along with other events at the River Center, Hope Plantation and possibly other yet to be decided venues.

According to Scarborough, they are still working on the guest list of state and local officials. It was suggested by Bertie County

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## Aulander Harvest Fest featured food, fun and entertainment

**JOHN FOLEY**  
Staff Writer

**AULANDER** - Community Americana was on full display Saturday as the Aulander Harvest Fest stole the show from the town's prized Splash Pad.

Festival goers paid the summer heat relief pad little mind as Police Chief Jimmy Barner emceed the annual Aulander Harvest Fest under sunny skies and welcomed the field of people.

Around five-hundred residents, young and old, showed up for the festivities while town officials, department heads and citizen volunteers sported Aulander Festival Staff shirts signifying the stars that



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The Aulander Harvest Fest crowd joins hands and sings We Are Bertie.

made the event possible.

Four two-story inflatables stood tall over tents displaying artisan crafts and products, tables offering community service

literature and a canopied stage that hosted the afternoon's entertainment.

Food trucks lined the perimeter of the festival field serving a selection of menu

items that pleased palates.

Whether hungering for a hot dog or hankering for a Funnel Cake, organizers made sure there was a hearty selection of tastes, some sweet, others savory.

The day's entertainment followed suit with the sounds of Pam Chamberlee, Tyrone Ruffin, Corey Blanchard and T.J. Blanchard, along with the Saints of Soul moving the crowd with Gospel, rock and classics throughout the afternoon.

Organizing a yearly event is always a massive undertaking. Beginning from scratch is even a tougher task.

After a two-year COVID

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## System of Care Collaborative available in Bertie County

**JOHN FOLEY**  
Staff Writer

Today, as parents across the country face more challenges than ever before when it comes to raising a family, the same is true for those raising children in Bertie County. The rising cost of continued inflation has led to, in some cases, insurmountable stress and sociological hurdles that may seem too difficult to navigate.

Many times the stress the family feels is acted out in children causing behavioral problems. Adding to the stress is the fact poverty is frequently confused with neglect and extremely stressed parents may feel there is no place to turn for help.

However, in Bertie County this is not the case.

Currently the county offers a number of programs and networks providing guidance and

support to families in need of and seeking help.

One of those models, according to Bertie County System of Care Chair (SOC), Marcia Watford, is the Bertie County System of Care collaborative. This model is a coordinated network of community services and supports that are organized to meet the challenges of serving children with behavioral health issues and their families.

The primary service focuses

on the mental health and substance abuse services that meet the needs of children and youth. Part of the Trillium Health Resources System, the collaborative was established in 2009 to meet the request of the state that every county in North Carolina offer a collaborative.

Collaborative meetings provide resources to Children and youth and their families, as well as service providers and stakeholders

Bertie County System of Care Coordinator Hope Eley has 16 years experience as a SOC Coordinator.

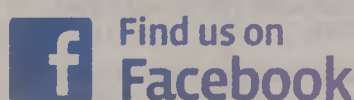
"The System of Care model is not a program; it is a philosophy of how supports and services should be delivered. This approach recognizes the importance of family, school and community. It promotes each child's full potential

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ROBBIE COWAN  
OF LEWISTON WOODVILLE  
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