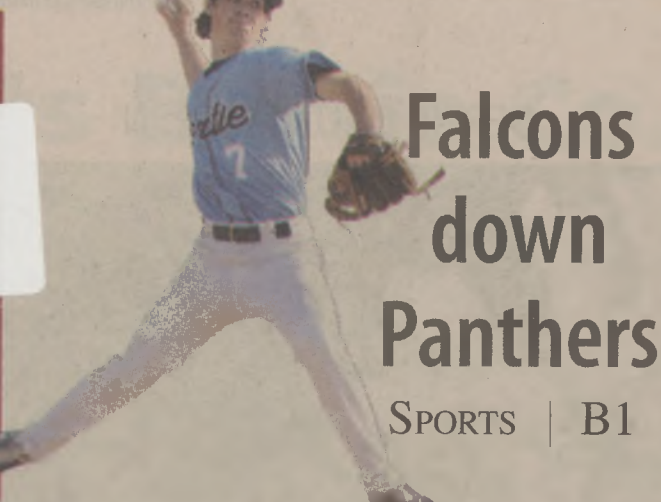


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mission and the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association awarded the accreditation following a review of the facility.

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slurred... it's possible you are in the midst of a stroke.

you live in or around Bertie County – the hospital is ready. They'll call "Code Stroke" and the entire facility will prepare for the patient's arrival – and they all know the important next steps.

Vidant Bertie Hospital – along with their neighbors Vidant Chowan Hospital in Edenton and Vidant Roanoke Chowan Hospital in Ahoskie – has been certified Acute Stroke Ready. The Joint Com-

"We've been working on this for quite a while," said Vidant Bertie and Vidant

WINDSOR – It can be a scary time. You have an uneven smile, an arm is weak, speech is

What is important next is quick action. It is vital to call 9-1-1 and head to Vidant Bertie Hospital.

Here's the good news: if

See **READY**, A5

Jail study will move forward for 3 counties

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WINDSOR – The commissioners from Bertie, Chowan and Martin counties joined the Bertie-Martin Regional Jail Board March 28 to discuss the potential of pursuing a joint feasibility study.

The study would identify and answer questions, helping determine whether the three counties come together for a shared jail facility.

Dempsey Bond, Chairman of the Bertie-Martin Regional Jail Board and Martin County Commissioner explained the aim of the meeting.

"Our goal tonight is to get more insight into Chowan County's current situation with its jail and its desire to join the Bertie-Martin jail partnership," he said.

Martin and Chowan county commissioners had joined an Inter-Local agreement, doc-

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WEST BERTIE ELEMENTARY HOLDS CAREER DAY



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West Bertie Elementary School held its Annual Career Fair on March 20. Students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grades visited an array of booths hosted by various businesses, industry representatives, state agencies, post high school education opportunities and law enforcement. **Above:** Pre-kindergarten students even had questions for Elizabeth City State University's representative. **Right:** Sgt. Paul Moore, Crime Prevention Officer with the Williamston Police Department, was a crowd favorite helping the smallest of students try on bulletproof vests. School officials explained this longtime event is a student and staff favorite.



Drug charge stems from traffic stop

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LEWISTON WOODVILLE – A traffic stop by agents of the Down East Drug Task Force led to a drug arrest here March 29.

Bertie County Sheriff John Holley said Sgt. Martin Phelps

(Bertie County Sheriff's Office) and Agent Chase Oliver (Hertford County Sheriff's Office), both with the Down East Drug Task Force, made the traffic stop in Lewiston Woodville.

"The Sheriff's Office and Task Force have received complaints about John Dembry Jr. selling narcotics in the Lewiston area," Sheriff

See **CHARGE**, A3

Commissioners split 3-2 on road ordinance vote

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WINDSOR - The proposed Bertie County Road Safety and Maintenance Ordinance returned to the table during Monday's meeting of the Bertie County Commissioners. Commissioners presented

the ordinance, with revisions directly reflecting public comments from the March public hearing on the matter.

To pass during the initial public hearing, the ordinance would have had to receive a unanimous vote of support. This did not occur

due to the absence of Chairman John Trent. Had a vote occurred with a member absent, it would have not been valid.

If a unanimous vote was not recorded, a 100 day period would have opened for the commissioners to take actions and vote again, look-

ing for a majority outcome. Since that vote was not taken, the 100-day window did not open until after the April 1 meeting and vote.

Among the commissioners in attendance, there was a well-defined 2-2 split with Ernestine Bazemore and Tammy Lee in opposition of the

ordinance as written.

With all commissioners in attendance, a vote was taken and an expected 3-2 outcome was recorded. Voting in approval were Chairman John Trent, Vice-Chairman Greg Atkins and Ronald D.

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