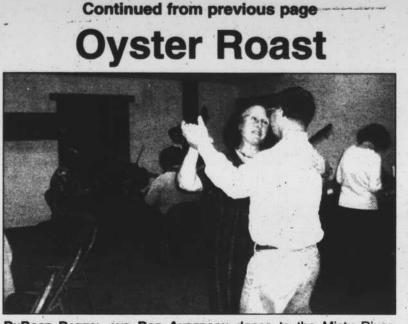
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DUBOSE BARTOL AND BOB ANDERSON dance to the Misty River Band's music.



A BUSY PLACE!



Two PEARLS WERE FOUND in one oyster at the roast. The lucky finder didn't even break a tooth!



Booze It & Lose It Campaign Begins

**RALEIGH** – State and local law enforcement officers arrested 699 motorists for driving while impaired (DWI) during the first three days of the 10th anniversary "Booze It & Lose It" campaign that began on Nov. 19.

"We gave motorists fair warning (last week) when we launched this campaign," said Darrell Jernigan, director of the Governor's Highway Safety Program. "If people choose to drive after drinking, they should be prepared to meet one of the hundreds of North Carolina law enforcement officers who are actively supporting this program."

Counties with the highest DWI totals during the first days of the campaign include Mecklenburg, 55; Wake, 51; and Robeson, 36. Buncombe and Cabarrus counties each posted 25 DWI arrests.

In addition to impaired-driving charges, officers statewide issued 1,616 safety belt and 256 child passenger safety violations during 1,671 checkpoints and stepped-up patrols. A total of 15,930 traffic and criminal citations were issued during the three-day period.

Officers also wrote 5,441 speeding tickets and discovered a total of 262 drug charges, 25 stolen vehicles and 12 fugitives from justice. Among them were two out-of-state sex offenders.

The fall "Booze It & Lose It" campaign continues through Jan. 2. The Cultural Bridge English/Spanish Liaison Promoting Effective Communication Across Cultural Diversity With:

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