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## Repeat offender in federal custody

Martin County Narcotics Unit assists with investigation, arrest

SARAH HODGES STALLS  
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ROBERSONVILLE—A Greenville man is now in custody after being arrested in Robersonville on a federal indictment.

Marcus Treymaine Hyman, 37, of 3519 Old River Road, Greenville, was arrested Jan. 24 on charges of trafficking in cocaine.

Hyman's arrest comes af-

ter an investigation, which spanned several months, according to Chief Deputy Drew Robinson of the Martin County Sheriff's Office.

The investigation was conducted by the Martin County Narcotics Unit and the N.C. State Bureau of Investigation.

Approximately 0.25 kilo-

grams of crack cocaine — with a street value of \$25,000 — was seized during the investigation.

The case was presented to the U.S. Attorney and was adopted for federal prosecution.

After his arrest, Hyman was transported to the U.S. Courthouse in Greenville, where he was remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshal Service.

He remains in federal cus-

tody awaiting trial, which has been continued until sometime in April. The estimated time for trial was confirmed by the U.S. District Court Office in Raleigh. There was no bond set.

The Martin County Sheriff's Office, Williamston Police Department and the N.C. State Bureau of Investigation contributed to this investigation.

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Janie Coltrain

of Farm Life

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## Excellence honored

Veteran educator recognized at governor's mansion

SARAH HODGES STALLS  
*Enterprise & Weekly Herald*

FARM LIFE—Willie C. Peele made his career in education a passion to reach young people.

No matter if students had Peele for math or science, they walked away with a few life lessons as well.

Twenty years after his retirement, Peele received a "great surprise" when he received an invitation to the governor's mansion in Raleigh.

Peele was among a small group of educators from across the state honored Feb. 11 by the Gov. Roy Cooper and the N.C. African American Heritage Commission. The reception was held to "honor pioneering Black educators who have made groundbreaking contributions in our state."

"I have no idea how I was chosen for this, but I appreciate the opportunity to be recognized for this honor," Peele said.

A Martin County native, Peele spent his entire education career in his home county.

"My first teaching



Willie C. Peele, a veteran educator and community leader, was one of a group of Black educators chosen honored Feb. 11 at the state's governor's mansion. Peele spent his entire education career molding young minds within Martin County.

position was at East End," he said. "I did my student teaching and came back and worked three or four years."

That was in 1966.

The next stop was E.J. Hayes School in Williamston. Peele got there just in time for the first year of integration, teaching seventh and eighth grade science.

"There were a lot of changes going on at

that time. I enjoyed helping the students make those adjustments," he said.

Peele went onto Williamston Junior High School where he taught seventh grade math and eighth grade algebra.

"I had the best experience there I ever had," Peele said. "Alice Hattem, George James (and many others), it was just a good

group."

Peele would move into another arena of education by taking the principal position back at E.J. Hayes School in Williamston, and later at his first school, East End.

As he always wanted his students to be, Peele remained ready to learn. His next stop would be at Martin

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## Director earns national certification

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WILLIAMSTON—Martin County's 9-1-1 Communications Director Jason Steward

recently earned the Emergency Number Professional certification from the National Emergency Number Association.



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Certification is a tool of a professional association to establish the benchmarks of performance that will signify a broad-based competence in the professional field.

By successfully completing certification, an individual demonstrates a mastery of the comprehensive knowledge base required for emergency number program management; helps raise industry standards and increase the respect and prestige of those involved in 9-1-1; and confirms the commitment to the

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## Eastern Living shares 'good'

THADD WHITE  
*Eastern North Carolina Living*

WILLIAMSTON—There are always stories worth telling.

The goal of Eastern North Carolina Living has always been to tell those stories in the 12 counties that make up the coverage region.

Usually the magazine's writers follow a theme for stories. In the latest edition, writers simply told 12

good stories — one from each county.

Martin County's story in features a group of people still working to make the lives of those in southeastern North Carolina better following Hurricane Florence.

The group originated from Piney Grove Baptist Church in Farm Life, but has expanded to take in others from Martin County. The primary focus of their work has been New

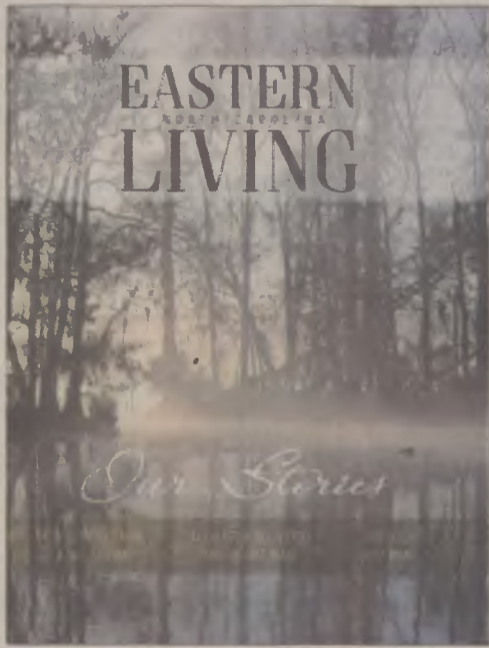
Bern.

"It's been amazing to see it come together and continue to grow," said team leader Randy Mobley.

Writer Sarah Hodges Stalls takes readers inside the team and the work they are doing in New Bern.

In neighboring Bertie County, the story centers on the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Bertie High School.

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