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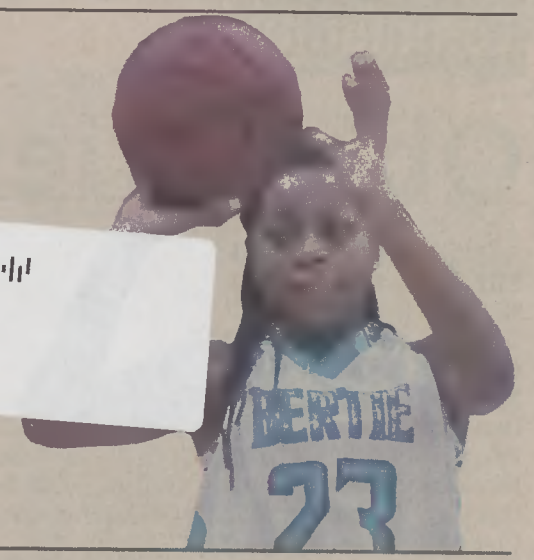
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Belinda White enjoys sewing, making floral arrangements and spending time at home during her retirement.

Enjoying retirement a day at a time

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Enjoying retirement one day at a time. Belinda White's face is a familiar one for those who have stepped into the Bertie County Register of Deeds Of-

White was born in Baltimore, Md. She moved to Bertie County when she was two. "We moved back to Bertie County when I was two because my parents separated and my mother originally was from here," said White.

White attended Bertie County schools and graduated in 1968. She then began taking classes at Roanoke Chowan Community College for Early Childhood Education but soon ended those classes because of hav-

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Local business owner charged

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Halifax County - The Halifax County Sheriff's Office arrested Harold Lee Massey of Massey Funeral Home Tuesday, and Massey faces 50 charges of indecent liberties with a minor child and 31 charges of statutory sex offense. Sheriff Wes Tripp said the charges stemmed from incidents occurring throughout a six-year period, from 2006 to 2012.



Harold Massey

He said the case involved a single victim, who ranged in age from 7 to 13 during that time-frame.

Detectives Cory Griffin and Robert Hale led the investigation, which

has been ongoing for more than a month. "We received the alleged complaint and started investigating the complaint," the

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Bertie Co. Arts Council Reopens

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WINDSOR -Join the reopening celebration reception.

The Bertie County Arts Council will celebrate its post-flood reopening celebration from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12 at The Gallery, 124 S. King St., Windsor.

The Bertie Arts Council was affected by the flooding of Hurricane Matthew, which caused damage to the floors and walls. This flooding necessitates the art on display being removed by the artists who had placed it there.

According to Bertie County Arts Council Board Member Jeannie Carter, the damages to the building have been repaired and artists are bringing their artwork back to The Gallery for display.

"This reopening celebration will kick off a new year of events and shows for the Bertie County Arts Council," added Carter.

The reopening celebration is a time for anyone who enjoys art to come together to socialize and view various styles and types of local artwork. "We want everyone to know they are welcome to the arts council events. It is not just for members. It is for anyone who appreciates art," said Carter.

The Arts Council will resume regular operating hours on Monday, Feb. 13.

The Bertie County Arts Council also held an appreciation lunch for the employees of the town of Windsor yesterday, Tuesday, Feb. 7.

"This was our way of saying thank you to

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Windsor citizen Tim Phelps, left commends the town's employees for their quick response to clean up the town after flooding. Also pictured are Bertie County Commissioner Tammy Lee, and Windsor Commissioner David Overton

Town of Windsor shows support

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WINDSOR - Appreciative of their efforts.

THE town of Windsor hosted an event at 5 p.m. Wednesday,

Feb. 1 at the Windsor Town Hall to show support for the hard work gone into repairs and cleaning downtown Windsor following Hurricane Matthew.

Many downtown business owners and employees as well

as citizens and public officials attended the event.

Windsor Mayor James Hoggard welcomed those in attendance.

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