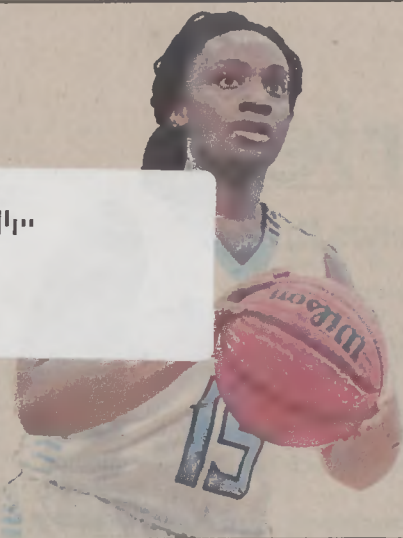


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Ag Fest set

Roxobel plans event

BY THADD WHITE
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ROXOBEL – The western portion of Bertie County is continuing its revitalization.

The Roxobel Revitalization committee has announced its intention to hold the inaugural Ag Festival on Saturday, April 1 in the downtown area.

“We are excited about welcoming everyone to Roxobel for a day filled with fun and excitement,” said Johnna Browne Lewis, who serves on the Revitalization Committee. “We will have a lot going on, and we are looking forward to having people from Bertie and surrounding counties help us celebrate agriculture.”

Plans are still being developed for the inaugural event, but plans so far include a parade, vendors, food and music. The events will be held in the open area beside the Roxobel Fire Department/Roxobel Town Hall.

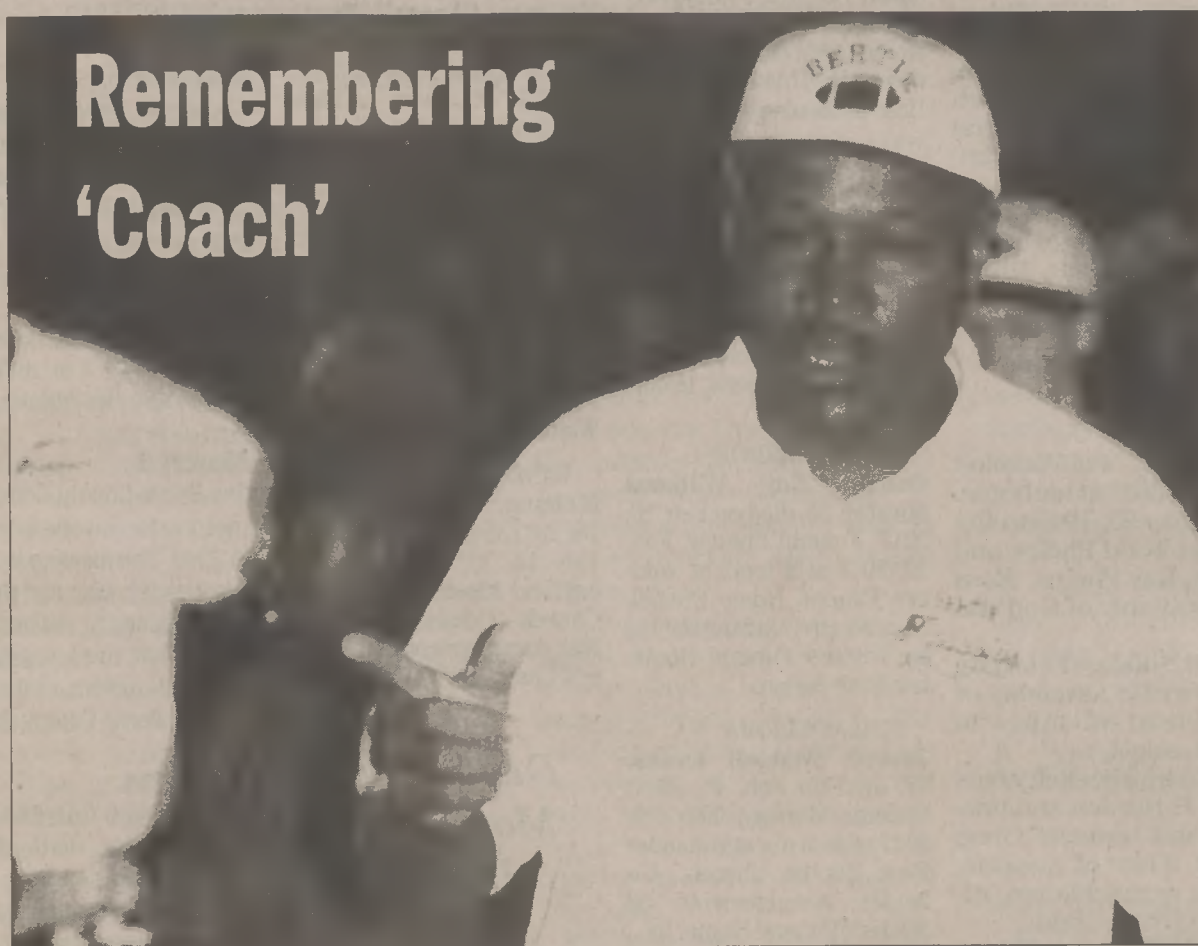
“We are still working on the details, and we are seeking input from anyone who would like to be involved,” Lewis said.

The next meeting of the Roxobel Revitalization Committee will be tonight (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. The next one will be at 7 p.m. on Monday. Both meetings are slated for the Roxobel Community Building.

A parade is tentatively scheduled for 11:30 a.m. and will be followed by an afternoon of music and vendors. The Bertie High School JROTC will also be involved in the festival.

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National African American History Month



Roy L. Bond Jr. will forever be synonymous with Bertie Falcon Football.

Remembering ‘Coach’

Bond has lasting legacy

“How can one man cause all this?”
 - Ric Flair

BY THADD WHITE
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WINDSOR – It has been just short of a decade since he drew his last breath. His influence, however, is still felt through-

out Bertie County, and especially at Bertie High School.

Roy L. Bond Jr. was the longest-tenured football coach in the history of Bertie High, and its most successful. That success touched off some of the best memories in the school’s athletic history, and is still remembered with

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Students get ‘hands-on’

Aulander STEM School fifth graders learn about extracting DNA

BY THADD WHITE
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AULANDER – They could be scientists in training.

Last week, fifth graders at Aulander Elementary STEM School had the opportunity to get hands-on experience extracting DNA.

The N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences sponsored the program through funding from the Biogen Foundation. It allowed students at Aulander Elementary to use wheat germ to study the DNA extraction process.

“I truly loved the activities because they are more hands-on and not from the book text,” AESM Science Teacher Jean Bollwer said. “I believe it gives students an opportunity to work in small groups and work through the answers and see what they are doing right as well as what they need to tweek. It was a great



Darryl Bazemore Jr. looks closely at the DNA from wheat germ during last week’s program.

opportunity to learn and have fun at the same time.”

The Exploring DNA program guides students through the process of extracting a sample of

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CSBG news given

Board receives update

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD
 Enterprise & Weekly Herald

WINDSOR- Bertie County Commissioners received an update about the Community Service Block Grant.

The Choanoke Area Development Association (CADA) Deputy Director Melvin Powers presented the Bertie County Commissioners with information regarding programs offered by the Community Service Block Grant and its 2017 funding.

“We are required to give a copy of the grant document to every county commissioner in the counties that the grant serves,” said Powers.

The Community Service Block Grant consists of a one-year plan for 2017-2018.

Those who are involved in developing the work plan include the community by completing surveys and having focus groups and public hearings. Staff help put together community data analysis. County commissioners provide initial planning review and feedback. Board members make the final authorization.

According to Powers, the 2017-2018 target goals for the program include:

- 150 individuals/families will be served;
- 20 individuals/families will rise above the poverty guidelines;
- 30 individuals will obtain employment;
- six individuals will obtain jobs with medical benefits;
- five individuals will complete education/training programs;
- eight individuals/families will secure

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