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From B1 out gear and overall swag that will be provided to football players at UNC will help influence high school recruits to go there.

I don't think it instantly makes Carolina football a national powerhouse, but it may help a little bit. In a sport where every inch matters, I would say that's a big deal.

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Sneakers are kicks and kicks are swag and swag is important.

The Jordan sneakers, uniforms, bags, work-

Eagles

From B1 for BACA. In the finals on Saturday, Bethel jumped out to a 10-2 lead in the first quarter and eased past Trinity Christian 24-12 to claim back-to-back state championships.

Minton's eight points led BACA. Harrell and Northcott added six points each, while Conner chipped in four.

Northcott pulled down seven rebounds for the champions, and Harrell and Conner added five each.

Though BACA averaged just 28.6 points per game in the tournament, its defense was a highlight - allowing 51 points (17 per contest).

Conner and Northcott grabbed 13 and 11 rebounds, respectively,

each and Gracie Simmons added five.

In its second game on Friday, BACA came up with solid defense again, holding Victory Christian scoreless in the first quarter.

VCS led 7-5 at halftime, but BACA outscored their Eagle counterparts 17-4 in the second half to earn its berth in the championship game.

Bazemore, a seventh-grader, tallied nine points in the victory, while Minton added eight and Sheree Harrell chipped in eight for Bethel.

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time. Bertie's defense continued to keep it in the game through the third quarter, although the shooting woes continued for the Lady Falcons, who trailed 37-29 at the end of the session.

As the game's final period began, Bertie looked to make up ground quickly. The Lady Falcons turned up the defensive pressure, which translated into several stops.

The two teams remained neck-and-neck for the closing minutes

Softball

From B1 fourth on a hit, a stolen base, a groundout and a single.

Bertie responded with two runs in its half of the fourth inning to take the lead.

Alyssa Byrum doubled and advanced to third on Megan Williams' single. Williams took second on the relay throw.

A walk to Mizelle loaded the bases, and Byrum scored on a fielder's choice by Johnson. Bear Grass turned a double play, but Steph-

anie Castelloe's single brought home Williams with the other run.

The Falcons tacked on their final two runs in the bottom of the fifth inning when a two-out double by Mizelle plated Byrum (single) and Williams (single) and Williams (single) made it 5-1.

Bear Grass pulled within two (5-3) on a two-run home run by Lauren Walters in the top of the sixth.

The Bears scored their final run in the top of the seventh inning when Lee reached on an error, advanced to

third on a bloop single and scored on a wild pitch with two outs, but Forehand struck out the final batter to seal the victory.

Byrum and Williams led Bertie with two hits each.

In the season opener at South Creek on Thursday, Bertie took advantage of six errors and rallied for a 12-3 non-conference victory.

The Falcons scored a run in the first inning on a passed ball and a groundout, then erupted for six runs in the second inning with the

help of one error and hits by Byrum, Williams, Johnson and Castelloe. Byrum earned the win on the mound for Bertie. She allowed eight hits over seven innings, struck out three and didn't walk a batter.

The Falcons proved to be sure-handed in the field, making no errors against the Cougars.

Lindsey Dickens, Williams, Byrum and Johnson collected two hits each for Bertie. Adding one hit each were Kaleigh Freeman, Shanidra Outlaw, Brie Coward and Bri Forehand.

Roberson (two hits and six runs in one frame) and Damo (one hit allowed in one-third of an inning) also saw action on the hill.

Bertie opened its season March 1, suffering a 12-0 loss to Riverside High School in Williamston.

Hughson and Cottle had two hits each for the Falcons, while Roberson managed one hit.

Trenton White suffered the mound loss. The Falcons fell 13-0 to North Pitt on March 2.

Bertie couldn't come up with a hit against the Panthers starter, sophomore Ruban Beltran.

Scoop Hoggard suffered the loss on the mound after working 2.1 innings. He allowed five runs on two hits while striking out two and walking five.

Bear Grass tallied three runs in the second inning, two in the third, one in the fourth and

six in the fifth frame. Hughson started on the mound and suffered the loss. He went 3.2 in-

nings and allowed seven hits and six runs (all earned) with two strikeouts and four walks.

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Falcons baseball falls to 0-3

WINDSOR - Still without a victory.

Bertie High School's baseball team took an early lead on Bear Grass Charter School Monday night, but the Bears rallied for a 12-1 non-conference win.

The loss dropped the Falcons to 0-3 overall.

Ethan Hughson drove in Bertie's only run with a single in the bottom of the first inning, after Alden Cottle and Trenton White singled and Scoop Hoggard reached on a fielder's choice.

The advantage was short-lived, however.

The Falcons put two runners on base in the fourth and fifth frames (Brandon Roberson and Caleb Damo in the fourth; Cottle and White in the fifth) but couldn't score.

Cottle and White led Bertie with two hits each, while Hughson, Brandon Roberson, Damo and Jared Speight added a hit each.

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Bertie's Brandon Roberson tries to move a runner over with a sacrifice bunt during Monday's loss to Bear Grass Charter.

Cashie, Aulander holds baseball, softball signups

WINDSOR - Cashie Youth Leagues is currently holding signups for baseball and softball.

The registration fee is \$50 per player. Games will be played at Davis Park.

The leagues are as follows:

- Farm League: Coach-Pitch baseball for boys and girls ages 5-8; Must turn 8 before May 1 and must not turn 9 after April 30.
- Little League: Baseball for boys ages 9-12; Must turn 9 before May 1 and must not turn 13

before April 30.

- Junior League: Baseball for boys ages 13-16; Must turn 13 by May 1 and must not turn 17 before April 30.
- 8-U Softball: Pitching Machine Softball for girls ages 5-8; Must turn 5 before May 1 and must not turn 9 before Dec. 31.
- 12-U Softball: Fast-pitch Softball for girls ages 9-12; Must turn 9 by Jan. 1 and must not turn 13 after Dec. 31.
- 18-U Softball: Fast-pitch Softball for girls ages 13-16; Must turn 13

by Jan. 1 and must not turn 19 after Dec. 31.

For more information, call 252-794-2720 and leave a message.

Aulander signups are ongoing

The Aulander Youth League will be celebrating their 10th season of baseball and softball beginning in June.

Signups will be held at the Aulander Civic Center, located at the old Aulander gym on Rice Avenue every Saturday in March from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Registration fee is \$35 per child, or \$30 per child if you have two or more in same household.

Registration fee includes insurance, team shirt and cap.

Be sure to bring birth certificate or other proof of age.

Tryouts will be held at the John Asa Drew Jr. Field of Dreams for the purpose of drafting players to a team.

For more information contact Billy Drew at 252-642-2772.

Request for Proposals

NCDPS JCPC Continuation Funding FY 2017-18

County	Anticipated County Allocation	Date Advertised
Bertie	\$93,232	February 15, 2017

The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council having studied the needs of juveniles in the county hereby publishes this Request for Proposals.

The North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) anticipated funds in the above stated amount will be available for programs serving delinquent and at-risk youth for the state fiscal year: 2017-2018 beginning on or after July 1, 2017. Local match rate for JCPC funds required: 10%.

Based on identified needed programs and possible gaps in the service continuum, the following program types will be considered for funding.

Mentoring Services	Restitution/Community Service	Vocational Skills
Parent/Family Skill Building	Juvenile Structured Day	
Interpersonal Skill Building	Home Based Family Counseling	

As a result of the Needs Assessment in the above named county, programs that reduce risk, address the needs of juveniles, and increase protective factors will be considered for funding.

Elevated risk factors for delinquency:

School Behavior Problems
Poor Peer Relationships

Elevated Needs for adjudicated juveniles:

Poor Peer Relationships
School Behavior and Adjustment
Health and Hygiene
Mental Health
Parental Supervision Skills
Family Criminality

Protective Factors to address risk and needs:

Positive Expectations, Social Support from adults and peers, Effective Parental Supervision, Opportunities for Prosocial Family Involvement, Family communication, Strong School Motivation, School Bonding, Positive Role Modeling.

The web-based program application is available on line at the Department of Public Safety web-site: <https://www.ncdps.gov/index2.cfm?a=000003,002476,002483,002482,002514>

Once applications are completed on line, print the entire application and submit signed originals per instructions below. All applications must be printed and submitted by the deadline below to be considered for funding.

Only local public agencies, 501(c)(3) non-profit corporations and local housing authorities will be considered for funding. For additional information regarding the application process:

JCPC Chairperson Telephone #
Larree Cherry, Chairperson 252-794-2927

For information and other technical assistance: Pam Stokes, Area Consultant at 252-355-9013 or 919-920-4975.

The deadline for receiving applications is April 7, 2017.

Mail or deliver 5 application(s) to: Larree Cherry, 751 Charles Taylor Road, Aulander, NC 27805

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