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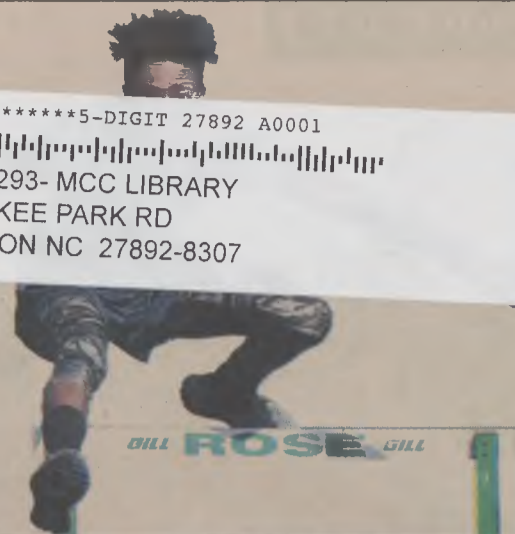
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Two-county chase ends near Windsor

Sheriff helps stop car from Chowan County

BY THADD WHITE
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WINDSOR - An incident in neighboring Chowan County

led to a dangerous situation in Bertie County Friday.

Bertie County Sheriff John Holley said he and six of his deputies were involved in

stopping an Edenton man involved in a high-speed chase that began in that Chowan County town.

Edenton Police Chief Jay

Fortenbery said the incident began when police officers attempted to stop a vehicle on Badham Road because one of the occupants is a person of interest in an ongoing investigation.

"The vehicle refused to

stop and fled from authorities," the chief said. "The chase continued down Broad Street to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue and on to Highway (U.S.) 17 where

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Task force nabs ten

BY THADD WHITE
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The Down East Drug Task Force is continuing its efforts to combat the illegal drug trade in Bertie, Northampton and Hertford counties.

The task force - which is made up of the drug enforcement officers for the three sheriff's offices and the Ahoskie Police Department - recently announced its most recent arrests.

"I'm pleased with the work of the drug task force," Bertie County Sheriff John Holley said. "It is something we've needed for a long time. I'm extremely proud of it."

"This task force is the real deal," he added. "They are not playing. They are out there working."

Those arrested from Bertie County included:

■ Travis Lamont Lee, 37, of Railroad Lane in Roxobel was arrested and charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, maintaining a vehicle to keep/store a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He will make his

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NATIONAL Women's HISTORY MONTH



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Cheryl Denton stands in front of Askewville Assembly of God, where she has spent more than 30 years in ministry.

Distance is a constant in the life of Cheryl Denton

BY DEBORAH GRIFFIN
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ASKEWVILLE - Distance - and the yearning it can bring - has long been a part of Cheryl Denton's life and ministry.

When she was a teen, she told God, "I will go anywhere

you want and try anything you ask."

Her life of ministry - which includes drama, music and writing - has taken her to over 27 countries and 42 states.

A native of the state of Washington, she graduated from Northwest Bible College

with a double major in Biblical Literature and Christian Education.

She always felt her calling was to be a pastor's wife or a missionary's wife. But upon graduation, she had still not

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BCC want more input

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD
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WINDSOR - The Bertie County Commissioners received an update from Bertie County schools on Monday about their financial crisis.

The Bertie County Commissioners met with Sharon Edmondson from the North Carolina Local Government Commission and Alexis Schauss from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Bertie County Commission Chairman John Trent welcomed the quests and thanked both of them for coming.

"Two weeks ago today, Vice Chairman Ernestine Bazemore and I received Bertie County Schools Superintendent Dr. Steven Hill's response to the financial audit for the fiscal year ended, June 30, 2016," said Trent.

"We also received the auditors letter dated Jan. 6, which outlines 29 items that are "an opportunity for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency."

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Windsor moves forward with filling vacancies



Cathy Wilson

BY THADD WHITE
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WINDSOR - With heavy hearts, Windsor officials are moving forward.

Last week, Windsor

Mayor Jim Hoggard and the town's board of commissioners began the process of moving forward following the death of Mayor Pro-Tempore Bob Brown. The late commis-

commissioner served as a commissioner for more than two decades before his death earlier this month.

"I am sorry we have to do this, as I know you are, but it's our job," the may-

or said. "There are some roles we have to move forward with now."

The first order of business was choosing a Mayor Pro-Tempore. The post is necessary to have

someone available with the authority of the mayor in his absence.

Commissioner David Overton made a motion

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