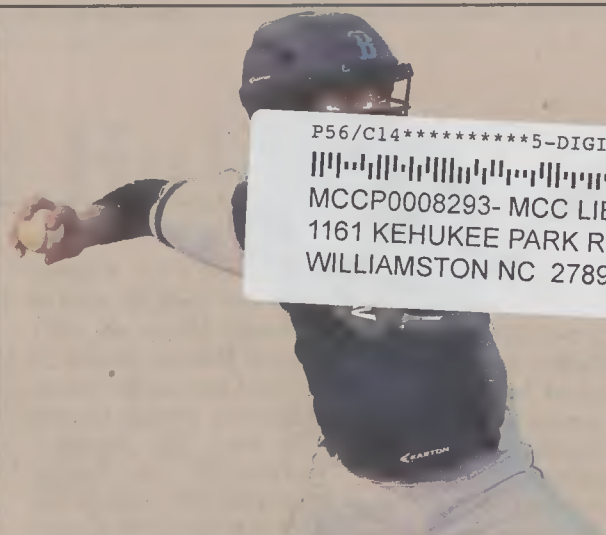


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## Two dead in early morning fire

Cause of incident is under investigation

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD  
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**AULANDER** - Tragedy struck Bertie County Tuesday morning.

Two individuals lost their lives in an early morning house fire.

The call came in to the Bertie County Sheriff's Office around 1:30 a.m. about a

two-story house fire at 1831 Charles Taylor Road.

Deputies were called in about a half hour later when two bodies were discovered inside the home.

Lewiston, Aulander and Windsor Fire Departments responded to the fire.

The Bertie County Sheriff's Office has not released the names of the victims. Investigators are waiting on pathology reports to determine the cause of death.

Bertie County Sheriff has requested the assistance of the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation.

The fire is still under investigation and more information will be released at a later time.

## Bertie man killed

Accident claims life, injures more

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**TRAP** - Bertie County roads claimed another victim this weekend.

According to the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, an individual died after a two-car automobile accident on Saturday.

David Perry and Larry Grandberry, both of Colerain, were occupants of a gold Mercury traveling west on Nowell Farm Road.

The vehicle ran off the right side of the road and the driver overcorrected to the left.

The Mercury was T-boned by a Toyota traveling east that was being driven by Willie Robbins. He and passenger, Frances Bazemore, are both of Colerain.

After the impact, the Mercury went off the road to the left, hit a ditch and the overturned. The Toyota came to rest in the roadway.

See **FATALITY**, A3

## NATIONAL Women's HISTORY MONTH



Dell (left) and Mary Walton are twin sisters who share their love for educating the youth of Bertie County.

## 'Twin' devotion

Waltons love each other and their students

*"Are we not like two volumes of one book?"*

- Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

BY THADD WHITE  
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Those who walk through two schools in western Bertie County may have to do a double-take – quite literally.

If the face in the kindergarten class at West Bertie Elementary School looks almost exactly like the one in the third grade classroom at Aulander Elementary STEM School, there's a good reason. That's because twins Mary and Dell Walton have each

dedicated their lives to educating children.

And, while their faces are similar (though the twins say they look nothing alike), it is more their approach to teaching and life that makes them

See **WALTONS**, A5

## WPD finds drugs

Traffic stop yields two ounces

BY THADD WHITE  
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**WINDSOR** - A routine traffic stop led to drug charges here March 23.

Windsor Police Chief Todd Lane said his officers stopped a vehicle, and the discovery of two ounces of marijuana led to those charges.

According to Chief Lane, Windsor Police Officer Jessie Mizelle was patrolling when he observed a Toyota traveling on King Street with an expired registration plate.

Officer Mizelle initiated a traffic stop, and the driver of vehicle pulled into the parking lot of the former Todd's Marina.

"Officer Mizelle approached the vehicle and, while speaking to the driver, he noticed a strong smell of marijuana coming from the vehicle," Chief Lane said. "Officer Mizelle asked the driver to step

See **DRUGS**, A3

## Inaugural Roxobel Ag Festival set for Saturday

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**ROXOBEL** - The inaugural Roxobel Ag Festival is just days away.

A parade, a plethora of

games, entertainment and a good dinner await those who attend the festival in the western part of Bertie County.

The inaugural festival will celebrate Roxobel's heri-

tage as a farming community while inviting folks from Bertie and neighboring counties to experience the beauty of the community and its friendly residents.

"We're excited about hav-

ing people come to Roxobel and celebrate our heritage with us," said Johnna Brown-Lewis, who serves on the festival committee. "There will be something for everyone to enjoy."

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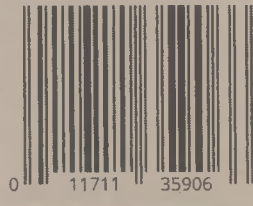
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