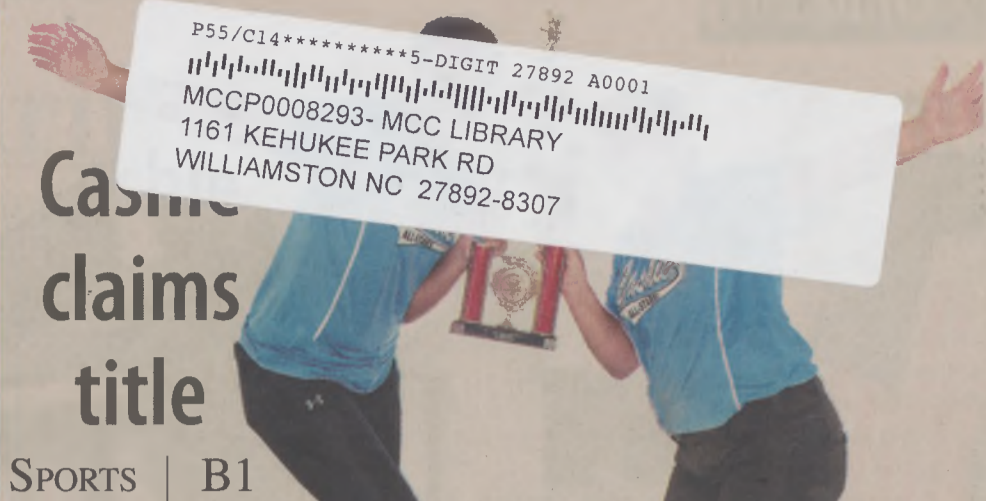


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## Two mayoral races develop

### Three file for two board seats in Windsor

**BY THADD WHITE**  
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**WINDSOR** – Filing has continued with a flurry heading into Friday's deadline. Thus far a trio of races have developed, and a host

of newcomers have filed to seek office. Two mayoral races will be settled in November as incumbent mayors are facing opposition. In Roxobel, incumbent Mayor Alvin Simmons has

filed for a second term, and will face opposition from the man he defeated two years ago, longtime mayor Gary Johnson. Just down the road in Lewiston Woodville, incumbent Mayor Dayle Vaughan

will be challenged by a current member of the town board. Vaughan filed the first day, and will be opposed by James Earl Pugh, who was elected to his at-large seat on the town board two years ago. A race has also developed in Windsor, where incumbent commissioner Jon

Powell has filed to make it a three-way race for two seats thus far. Incumbent David Overton and longtime Bertie High School coach Randy K. Whitaker filed on the first day to seek office. Change seems likely head-

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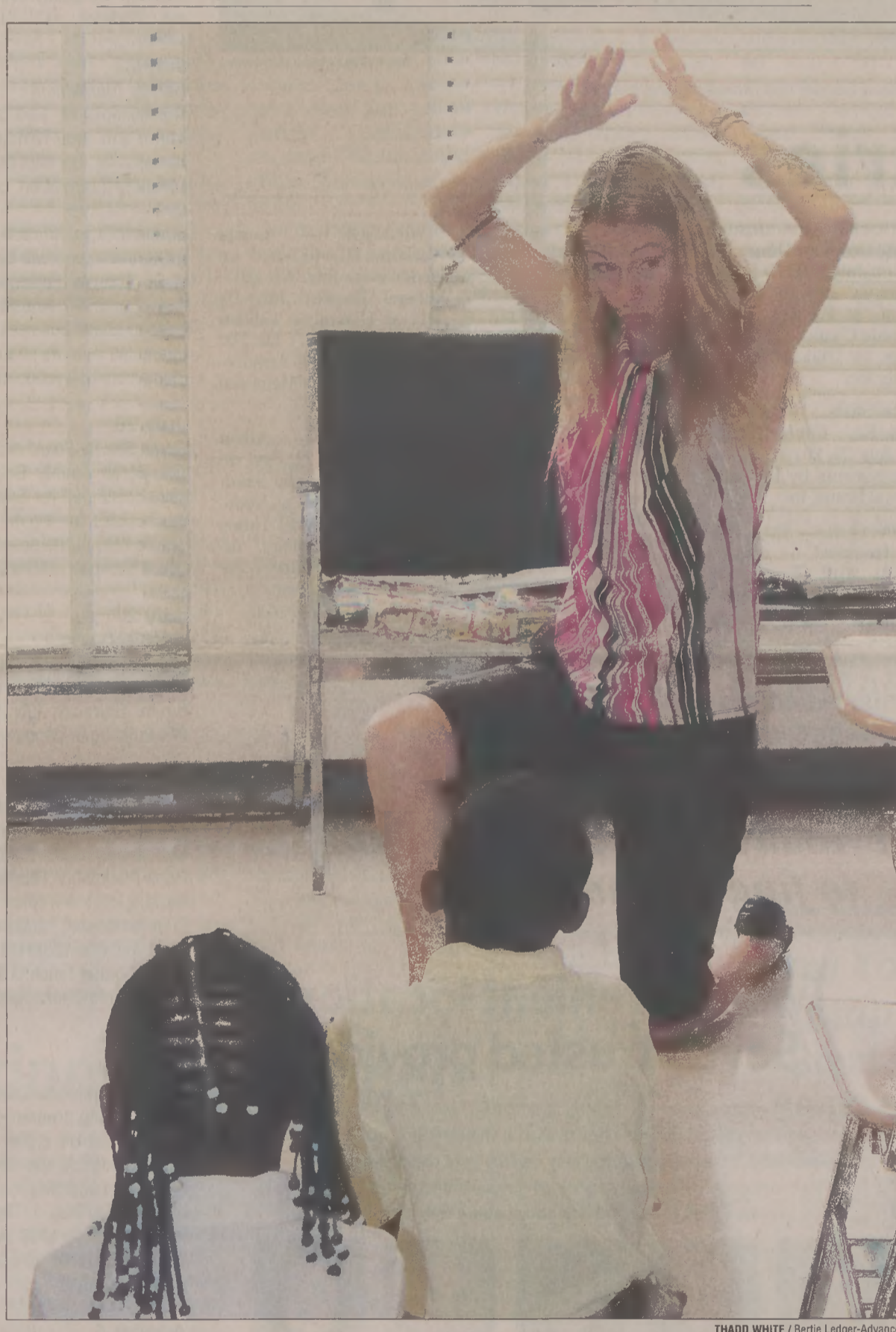
### Bazemore requests new Dr. King Dr.

**BY THADD WHITE**  
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**WINDSOR** – The Windsor Board of Commissioners will wait for citizen input on a request made here last week. During the regular meeting of the town board, Tim Bazemore Sr. made a request to rename Ghent Street in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commissioner Lawrence Carter Jr. told Bazemore the town board had voted to rename Harrell Heights in honor of Dr. King at a recent meeting. "That's the other end of town," Bazemore said. "We need it to be somewhere our people can identify with. There's no traffic there." Town Administrator Allen Castelle informed Bazemore the town could take action on his request if half of the property owners on the street signed a petition. Mayor Jim Hoggard added, "Everyone there will have to change their addresses, but if

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### OPENING DAY AT AULANDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Aulander Elementary School had an outstanding first day of school, according to second-year principal Clara Lee. The school opened for the 2017-18 term Monday morning. "The teachers and students were excited to be back for the new school year," Lee said. "It was a true delight to have the hallways filled with chatter and laughter again. We are looking forward to a great new year." Aulander is Bertie County's only year-round school. Above, health and physical education instructor Joy Shepard teaches proper tornado drill techniques.

## Blaze was set

### Bertie woman charged in house fire

**BY THADD WHITE**  
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**LEWISTON WOODVILLE** – A Bertie County woman has been charged with burning her own home. Bertie County Sheriff John Holley said Misty Dawn Hernandez, 52, was charged July 6 after a two-month investigation. Sheriff Hernandez Holley said 911 Communications received a call at 1:48 a.m. on May 6 in reference to a home burning at 211 Cashie Street in Lewiston Woodville. The call was answered by the Lewiston Woodville Fire Department. Sheriff Holley said the home was a total loss. Following the fire, the Bertie County Sheriff's Office and N.C. State Bureau of Investigation began investigating the incident. At the same time, an insurance investigator began researching the case after



Hernandez

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## Telemon seeks partnership with Bertie County

**BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD**  
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**WINDSOR** - At the last regularly scheduled Bertie County Commissioners meeting, the board heard from Roxanna White, agent with Telemon. White explained she worked with Telemon when


the organization was in the area previously, and the organization had returned. "We are here to assist the transition of farm workers and their families to better employment," added White. Telemon provides job training, assistance in receiving a GED, and a monetary stipend for those in the

program. "We would like a partnership between Telemon and the Bertie County Commissioners to help find jobs for the individuals in the program to learn skills or on-the-job training," she said. Telemon currently has a partnership with Bertie County Joblink.

"Is this only for farm workers or can other individuals qualify," asked Chairman John Trent. "We primarily target farm workers, their spouses and dependents," replied White. "What is the organization's relationship with the Mid-East Commission," asked Commissioner Ronald D.

Wesson. "We partner with these programs but people usually go to them and we do outreach," answered White. The Bertie County Commissioners took no action on the matter. For more information about Telemon, call 252-322-1910.

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