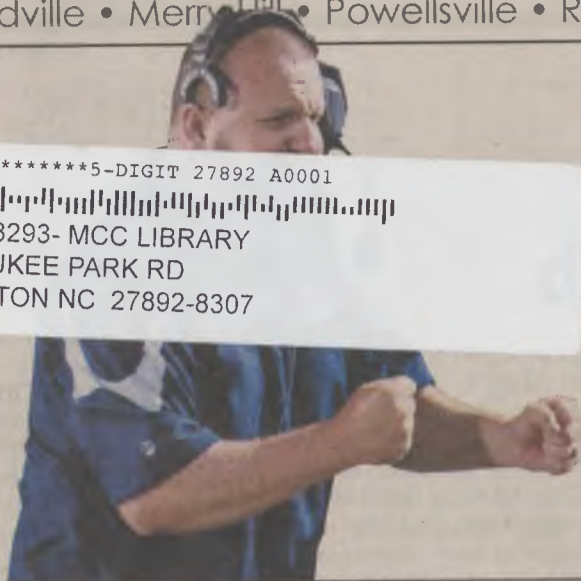


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## Falcons rop league contest

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The moderator for "The Choice Bus" explained to Bertie High School students that this cell is an accurate replica of a prison cell inmates share.

## Towns set 'treat' times

BY THADD WHITE  
 Bertie Ledger-Advance

Everyone is planning for a fun time Tuesday. That's when little ones and their parents will be taking to the streets to celebrate Halloween with trick-or-treating.

Halloween hours in Bertie County include:

- \* Windsor - 5:30-8 p.m.;
- \* Colerain - 5-8 p.m.;
- \* Aulander - 5-8 p.m.;
- \* Roxobel - 5-8 p.m.;

and  
 \* Lewiston Woodville - 5-8 p.m.  
 Bertie County does not set hours for trick-or-treating in the county, but Sheriff John Holley suggested trick-or-treating between 5 and 8 p.m.

As the celebrations are planned throughout Bertie County, the top law enforcement officers are urging caution - especially around areas still in cleanup or construction after recent flooding.

"We want Halloween to be the typical time of fun for the young people," Windsor Police Chief Todd Lane said. "Fun needs to come with caution, however."

Chief Lane suggested parents help their children pay close attention to holes in the road or sidewalk and to any stray construction materials, including nails, which may be in the town.

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## Good 'Choices'

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD  
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WINDSOR - Bertie High School students received encouragement to stay in school and not land behind prison bars.

"The Choice Bus" sponsored by State Farm and The Mattie C. Stewart Foundation made a

stop for students at Bertie High School last Thursday.

"When students board the Choice Bus, they get to experience what life is actually like from two different points of view. It helps students dig deep into thinking about their futures based on the decisions they will make," said Executive

Director of the Mattie C. Stewart Foundation Sherri Stewart. "Connecting education to the future lifetime earning potential and career goals is what we strive to encourage."

The Choice Bus is one-half school bus, one-half prison cell

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## Tillmon sentenced

BY LANCE MARTIN  
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Antonio Tillmon Oct. 7 faced his fiancée in a jailhouse wedding ceremony.

Three days later, he faced a federal judge in a sentencing for his role in the Operation Rockfish police corruption case.

United States Judge Malcolm Howard sentenced Tillmon to serve 15 years in prison. Tillmon, a former Windsor police officer, was

the only one of the so-called Rockfish 15 to plead not guilty in the corruption case. The other defendants were sentenced over the course of two days this summer.

Before his sentencing in Greenville Oct. 10, in which he also received five years of supervised release following his prison term, Tillmon told Howard, "Thank you for your hard work."

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## Vidant Bertie hosts awareness event

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD  
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WINDSOR - Celebrating the fight and awareness of breast cancer.

Vidant Bertie Hospital hosted its Pink Power Dinner last week in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month at the Cashie Convention Center.

Guests gathered, wearing pink, for the yearly event.

The doors opened at 6 p.m. for guests to browse booths from different hospital departments and medical specialty groups.

"We want to celebrate tonight. We want to celebrate breast cancer survivors and learn about breast cancer and celebrate the spirit of the community and the people who live here," said Vidant Bertie and



Dr. Sheri Prentiss explains how she survived cancer, losing her mother and her job.

Chowan Hospitals Finance Controller Cheryl Bemby.

Statistics show one in eight

women in the United States will develop invasive breast cancer over their lifetime, and it is estimated that 10,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in North Carolina this year.

Breast cancer patients and survivors were recognized and received a round of applause from the other guests at the event.

"Thank you for being here with us. Your courage, spirit and journey inspires us and we wear pink for healing and hope," Bemby added. "Ladies and gentlemen this is why we are here."

Bemby acknowledged there are many different cancers affecting women, and from this year forward Vidant Bertie Hospital will be making some

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## White selected best in Chowan

BY DEBORAH GRIFFIN  
 Bertie Ledger Advance

EDENTON - Michelle White has made the grade in more ways than one.

Principal of D.F. Walker Elementary, White has been named the 2017-18 Edenton-Chowan Schools Administrator of the Year.

Announced last week, it came as a complete surprise to White.

"It was a very nice surprise," she said.

"This honor is especially meaningful to me because my peers selected me to represent our county. I feel that I work with outstanding

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