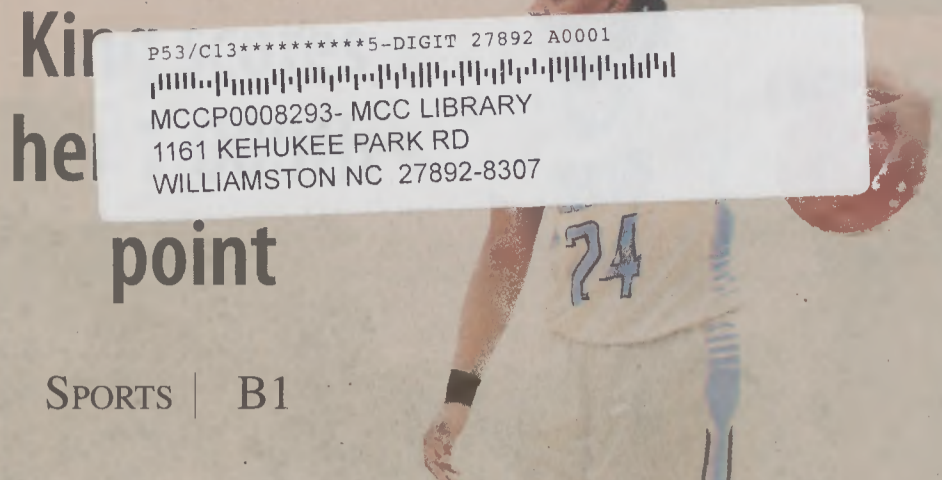


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WPD nabs two

Two incidents lead to drug arrests

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WINDSOR – Two people were charged with drug violations following traffic stops Feb. 10.

Windsor Police Chief Todd Lane said the first incident occurred at approximately 6 p.m. when Cpl. Jason Thomas was patrolling on Ghent Street. Cpl. Thomas observed a Dodge truck, which displayed revoked registration plates.

“Cpl. Thomas could smell a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle, and Mr. (Justin) Dunlow admitted to being in possession of marijuana and cocaine,” Chief Lane said.

A search of the vehicle led officers to finding both controlled substances, as well as paraphernalia to manufacture the cocaine into crack.

Dunlow, 30, of 103 Perrytown Rd. in Colerain, was charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver a Schedule II controlled substance (cocaine), possession with intent to sell and deliver a Schedule VI controlled

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Always home

Wesson finds his way back to Bertie

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This always has been home to me. This is how Ronald Wesson describes how he feels about Bertie County, even during his years of travels and adventures.

Wesson was born to Leon Wesson and Nellie Ward Wesson, and was reared in Bertie County.

He said both sides of his family were natives of Bertie County.

“My mother is 93 years old. She still drives and attends events across the county,” He said.

Wesson lived in Bertie County and attended county schools as a child, until his family moved to Tarboro due his father’s being in the military. They later returned to Bertie County, where Wesson finished high school.

“We were a unique class because we were the only class to spend all four years at Southwestern High School,” he added.

After graduating from high school, Wesson attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on a baseball scholarship.

“My original plan was to play baseball for North Carolina State University but, after talking with someone from UNC, I decided to attend there,” said Wesson.

Wesson says going to Chapel Hill was a culture shock.

“I had never been to Chapel Hill until my letter of intent to play baseball was signed. It was different in a lot of ways. I was from a small town and it was a cul-

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Man killed Thurs.

Roxobel man struck while riding bicycle

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ROXOBEL – A local volunteer firefighter and church leader died after being struck by a vehicle.

William Spencer Lovegrove, 67, of Roxobel was killed last Thursday when the bicycle he was riding was struck by a vehicle on NC 308.

Lovegrove was a native of Rich Square.

According to the accident report by North Carolina Highway Patrol Trooper J.V. Reid, Lovegrove was traveling eastbound on NC 308 around 3:15 p.m., just inside the town limits of Roxobel.

Hugh Battle, 62, of Kelford was also traveling east on N.C. 308 in a 2017 Nissan passenger car.

“The investigation revealed that Battle pulled out to pass another eastbound vehicle and in the process of re-entering the eastbound lane he (Battle) lost control of his vehicle,” said Reid.

Battle’s vehicle veered off to the right of the road, where he first struck a road sign then struck Lovegrove’s

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Bertie County Sheriff John Holley was the first person to file for office Monday.

Races develop quickly in Bertie Co.

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WINDSOR – It didn’t take long for two races to develop in May’s Democratic Primary.

Filing opened Monday, and within hours there were two candidates each for Bertie County Sheriff and for Bertie County Commissioner in District 2.

Incumbent Sheriff John Holley was the first person to file for office as he filled out paperwork

to seek his third term in office. He will be opposed by retired N.C. Highway Patrol officer Adrian Bowen, who also filed as a Democrat.

Incumbent Bertie Commissioner Stewart White is not affiliated with a party, but two Democrats have filed for the seat he currently holds.

Longtime ABC Board member and community leader Michael Freeman filed for the post. He also resigned his seat on the

Bertie County Board of Elections earlier this month, making him eligible to file.

Longtime Bertie County Sheriff Greg Atkins also filed to seek a the District 2 seat on the Board of Commissioners.

White has made no public statement about his plans concerning re-election.

Bertie County Commissioner Ronald D. Wesson also filed for

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