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Two face drug-related charges

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WINDSOR – Two men face drug-related charges following separate incidents. Windsor Police Chief Todd Lane said officers charged the two individuals follow-

ing traffic stops on Feb. 23 and Feb. 25. On Feb. 23, Windsor Police Cpl. Jason Thomas and Officer Chris Leggett were conducting a driver's license check on U.S. 13 near Edgewood Cemetery. While participating in the

checkpoint, the two officers witnessed a car come to a sudden stop in the roadway. Cpl. Thomas approached the car and found a female driver along with a male passenger. Cpl. Thomas reportedly noticed a strong odor of marijuana, and had the

driver pull the vehicle over for further investigation. The passenger – identified as Ervin Leroy Smith Jr., 42, of Kelford – said they stopped in the road because he had an open bottle of liquor, and indicated the smell of marijuana was from previ-

ous use. While the investigation was ongoing, Officer Leggett went to the location where the car originally stopped and found a glass jar containing nine bags of marijuana.

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Sheriff: threats serious

Two charged in threats, more likely

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WINDSOR – All threats are being taken seriously. And, arrests have been and will continue to be made. Bertie County Sheriff John Holley made those points among others Monday night when he addressed the Bertie County Commissioners about a situation which has become too commonplace – bomb threats and other threats of violence. “Just because we are in a rural area doesn’t mean it won’t happen here,” Sheriff Holley said. “We have prepared, and we continue to train. We take every one of them seriously.” Sheriff Holley said a bomb threat was made against Bertie Middle School on Jan. 12, and his officers responded. He said two female juveniles were charged in the incident, and the case has been adjudi-

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Journey

Hattie Askew wants to aid others

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Helping others on her journey through life. That is the goal and passion of the first female Powellsville Commissioner, Hattie Askew.

She was born to the late David Murdock and Ruth Gantt, and reared in Hampton County, S.C. According to Askew, that area is known as the low country of the state. “I was raised in the small town of Molly S.C. It was what they called a boomtown. The town had a sawmill and people would come to the town just to get jobs at the sawmill. It was similar to how people would migrate to gold mining towns,” she said. Askew was one of many children in a blended family, but she was her mother’s only daughter. She attended schools during the time of segregation, and she remembers it being a time where people said things were equal but separate. “I remember riding the school buses and waiting in a different place than the white children. Waiting for the bus was never easy. We didn’t always have new books. Most of them were secondhand,” said Askew. “I remember not being able to go in the front door of a restaurant. We would have to go to the side of the building to order. If someone white went inside to order, then I would have to wait until

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MCDU nabs trio

Residents charged in Martin Co.

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WILLIAMSTON – Three Bertie County residents were among nearly two dozen charged in a recent drug roundup in Martin County. The Martin County Drug Unit – comprised of investigators from the Martin County Sheriff’s Office and Williamston Police Department – charged a trio of Bertie County residents. Among those charged were: Crystal Ann Gallo, 33, of 343 Capehart Church Rd. in Merry Hill, was charged with trafficking in opium, possession with intent to manufacture, sell or deliver a Schedule II controlled substance and two counts of maintaining a vehicle to keep/store a controlled substance. She was confined to the Bertie/Martin Regional Jail under a \$250,000 secured bond. Clifton Jermaule Overton, 31, of 485B U.S.

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Bertie High School Principal suspended indefinitely

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WINDSOR – Bertie High School Principal Dr. Teresa K. Anderson has been suspended indefinitely. Dr. Anderson, who was

named Principal of Bertie High School before the current school year began, was suspended with pay on Friday, Feb. 23, according to information from a public information request made by this newspaper.

She came to Bertie County Schools following service in Illinois and Minnesota. She began her job last August. Karen Dameron, who serves as Interim Human Resources Director for Bertie County Schools, confirmed

the suspension and said no date has been set to resolve the matter. The reason for the suspension is not public information. In the interim, Bertie High School Assistant Principals Tony Hoggard and Daphne

Williams are leading the school with assistance from Jamie Liverman. Liverman serves as Executive Director of Special Needs, and has past experience as a high school principal.

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