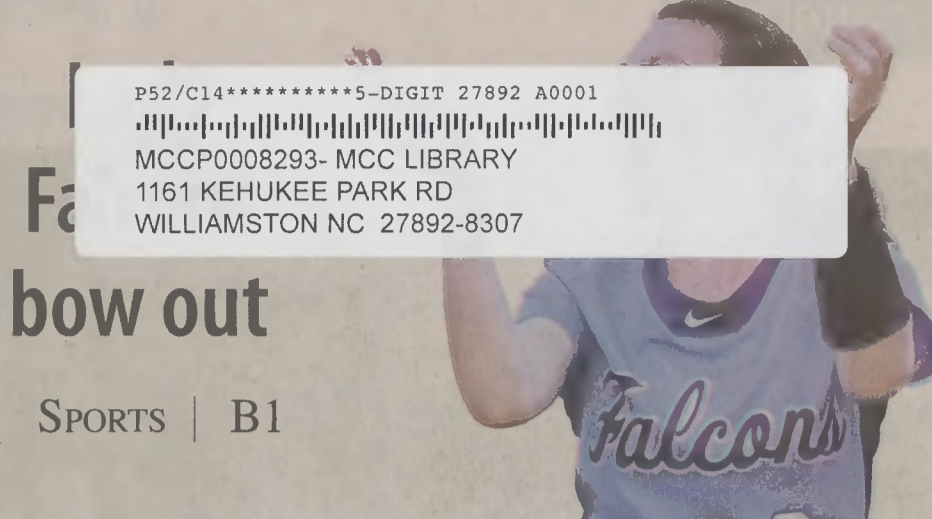


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Fleeing man caught with gun, drugs

Martin Co. man attempts to elude officers

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WINDSOR - A Martin County man attempted to flee a traffic checkpoint, but didn't

make it far. Windsor Police Chief Todd Lane said Cpl. Frank Ratzlaff and Officer Jessie Mizelle were conducting a checkpoint on U.S. 13, and the

former saw a malt beverage open in the console of the vehicle. Cpl. Ratzlaff asked the driver to step out of the vehicle and began to check him for

weapons. During the search, the suspect attempted to flee on foot, but was tracked down by the two officers. Once the suspect was in custody, officers found a 9 mm handgun and two bags of marijuana on him. The suspect - John Grif-

fin Jr., 29, of Hamilton - was charged with resisting a public officer, simple possession of marijuana and carrying a concealed weapon. Griffin was confined to Bertie-Martin Regional Jail

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Wait and see

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WINDSOR - The Bertie County Board of Education discussed the future of Heritage Collegiate Leadership Academy and the effects its troubles may have on the school district during last week's regularly scheduled meeting.

According to Bertie County Schools Finance Officer Lisa Nowlin, the current enrollment number for Heritage Collegiate Leadership Academy is 90 students.

"HCLA filed a board appeal. Currently other charter schools may bid to take over the school. If no one takes over the charter, then the school is set to close on June 30," said Nowlin.

"If another charter school from a different district takes over the school, could it be moved outside of the county?" asked Bertie County Board of Education Member Norman Cherry.

"The charter is not location specific. Someone could take over the school and move it to another location," answered Bertie County

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Windsor's Bill Pittman dances with Cailyn Liverman at Friday's Tee & Sea celebration.

Tee & Sea goes well

LESLIE BEACHBOARD
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WINDSOR - It was two days of beautiful weather, fun and fellowship for a good cause. The Windsor Fire Depart-

ment hosted its 26th Annual Tee and Sea event last Thursday and Friday at the Cashie Country Club.

The event began at 1 p.m. Thursday with the Duffers Golf Tournament.

According to Tee and Sea Coordinator Josh Kilpatrick, there were 42 teams registered to play.

"Sixteen teams were reg-

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WPD nabs two

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WINDSOR - A pair of Abrams employees were arrested last week and charged with larceny.

Windsor Police Chief Todd Lane said officers were called to the restaurant on U.S. 13/17 twice on successive days.

On May 11, Windsor Police Officer Jessie Mizelle reported to Abrams at 6:30 p.m.

"A supervisor at the restaurant had reviewed a video showing an employee removing money from the cash register, and placing it in her pocket," Chief Lane said.

Officer Mizelle and the Abrams supervisor interviewed the employee and were able to recover \$279 from the employee's back pocket, according to police.

"While the employee was removing money from her pocket, Officer Mizelle observed a plastic bag containing pills in the employee's hand," Chief Lane said. "The plastic bag contained 27 oxycodone

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Bertie County launches new poverty commission

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WINDSOR - Bertie County launched a new poverty commission initiative with the help of community leaders and the public.

According to the North Department of Commerce, Bertie County is ranked as the fourth most economically distressed in North Carolina in 2018.

This is up one from last year's ranking.

An economic snapshot of Bertie, provided by the NC Justice Center, displays that about 35 percent of children within the county live in poverty.

This is higher than the state child poverty rate of

21.7 percent. The Bertie County community is seeking to change the statistics.

On Oct. 12, 2017, the Bertie County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution titled "Bertie County's

Participation in the Rural Impact County Challenge Against Poverty."

"This County Challenge Against Poverty is in participation with the National As-

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