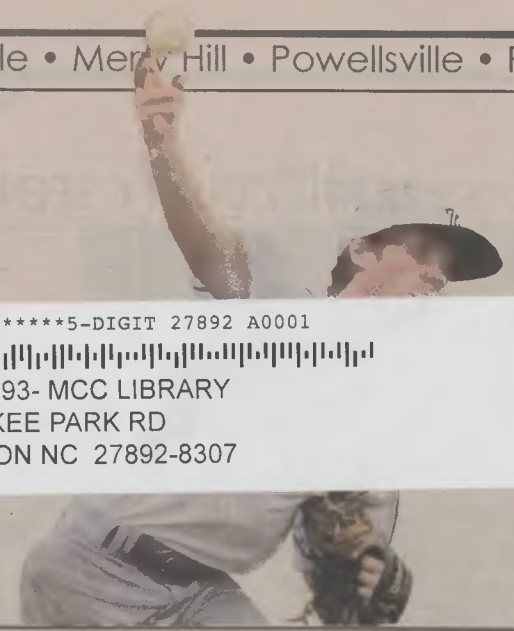


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Three Rivers Academy replaces HCLA

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WINDSOR - Changes are coming. Three members of the charter school management group that assumed the charter of the former Heritage Collegiate Leadership Academy (HCLA) held

a public meeting earlier this month at the Roanoke/Cashie River Center. Last month, the North Carolina State Board of Education voted to transfer the charter of HCLA to Global Education Resources, Inc., (GER) a nonprofit education management group that currently operates three char-

ter schools in the state. "We want to introduce you to the new leadership that has been assigned the responsibility of serving the students of Bertie County," said Don McQueen, one of the three new charter school CEO's. The other two charter school leaders joined Mc-

Queen at the press conference. One of the other CEO's is Simon Johnson, who is said to have founded one of the earliest public charter schools in the state, Quality Education Academy in Winston Salem, in 1997. Johnson founded a second charter school, College Prep

Leadership Academy in High Point, six years later. The third CEO is Eugene Slocum, founder of Alpha Academy in Fayetteville. The school opened in 1999. All three executives claim they are "charter school advocates."

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Sage Fest set

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WINDSOR - Summer, fun and music go hand-in-hand.

And all will be available Friday, July 27 in Windsor.

The Windsor/Bertie Chamber of Commerce is planning the sixth annual Sage Festival, which celebrates the presence of clary sage in Windsor and Bertie County.

"We are pleased with the way the Sage Festival plans have come together," said Windsor/Bertie Chamber Executive Director Lewis Hoggard. "We have an excellent local band, incredible sponsors and an excited community. This should be one of our best Sage Festivals yet."

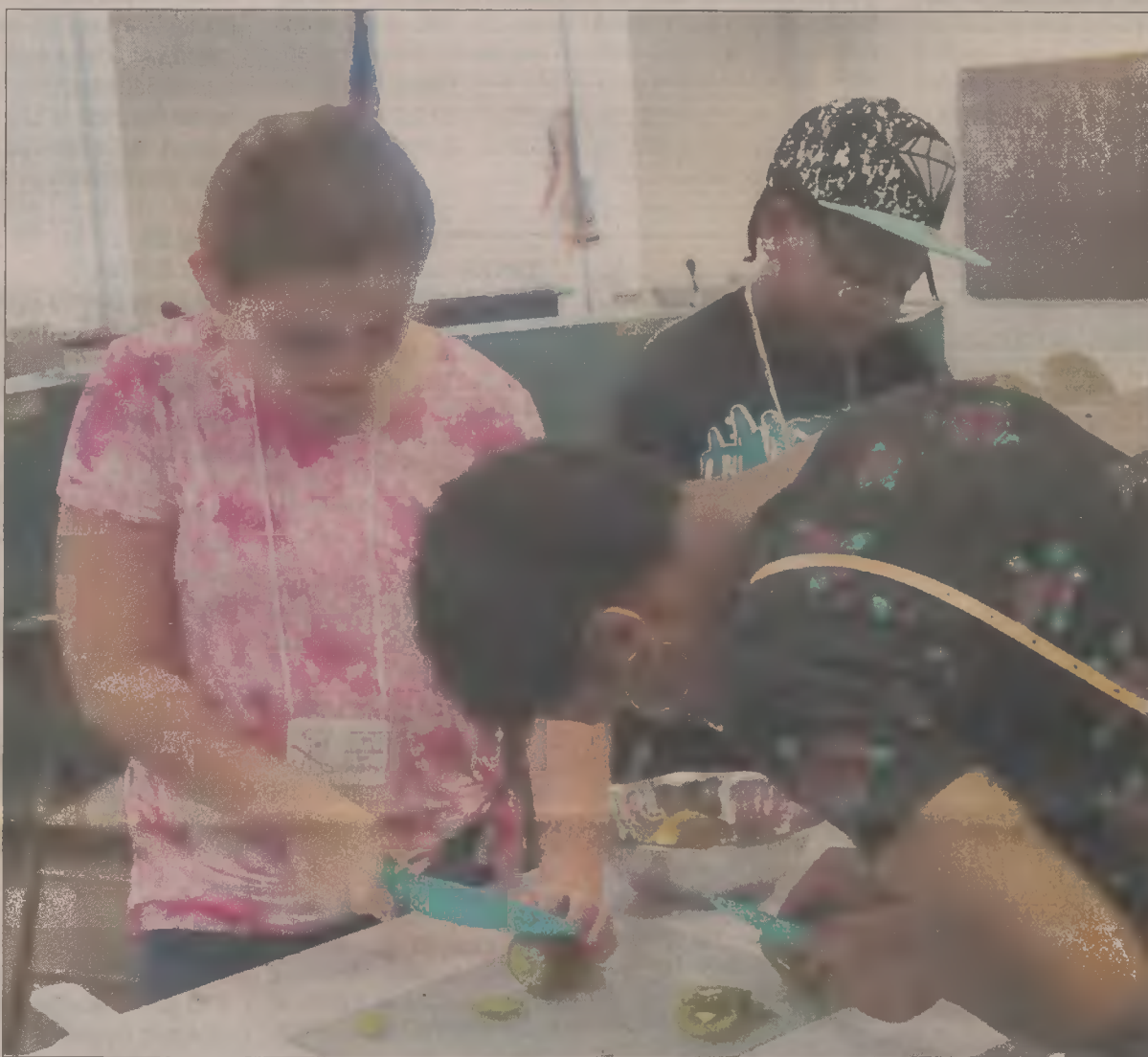
The Sage Festival is planned for a single day this year, as it will open at 4 p.m. Friday, July 27 and continues through 10 p.m.

Moonshine will be the featured band as they will take the main stage at 7 p.m. Moonshine is fronted by R.T. Johnson, a dynamic vocalist with a rich country tone who plays lead and rhythm guitar. Kevin Johnson is on rhythm and lead guitar and also will be on vocals. Marky Palmer is on the keyboard, James Lane is on the bass guitar and vocals and Justin Byrum on the drums.

"We are sure to bring a party wherever we

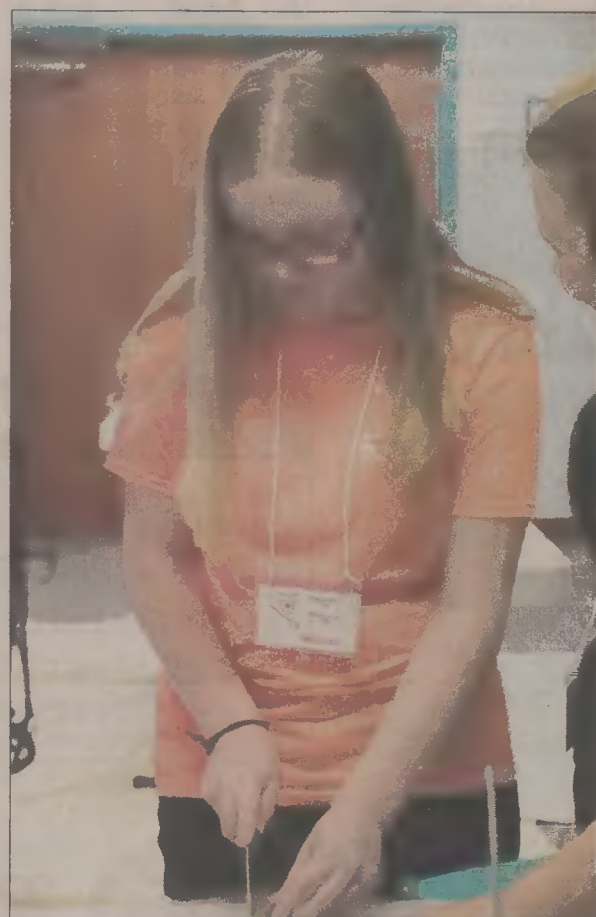
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COOKING CAMP



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Top: The Bertie County 4-H hosted its annual cooking camp last week. Campers learned how to cook and eat healthy. **Bottom Right:** A camper learns how to properly cut fruit on a clean area. **Bottom Left:** A camper cuts kiwi for fruit pizzas for dessert for Wednesday's camp.



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\$10K grant given

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ELIZABETH CITY - Support continues.

The Food Bank of the Albemarle has announced that the mobile food pantry serving western Bertie County will continue to provide nutritious food to those in need.

This is all thanks to a \$10,000 grant from the Franklin P. and Arthur W. Perdue Foundation, and a donation of more than 21,000 pounds of chicken.

The mobile food pantry serves the residents of the Lewiston Woodville, Kelford and Roxobel regions of the county.

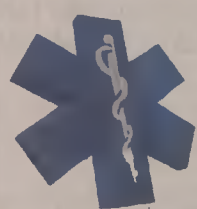
"The Perdue Foundation is one of our strongest partners in the fight against hunger. We are especially grateful for the continued funding support and protein donation made by Perdue to help the families facing food insecurity in Bertie County," said Food Bank of the Albemarle Executive Director Liz Reasoner.

According to Food Bank of the Albemarle Communications and Volunteer Manager Brian Gray, more than 4,600 people, or 22.7 percent of the county population, are food insecure with an estimated 930 being children under 18 years of age.

According to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, there

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