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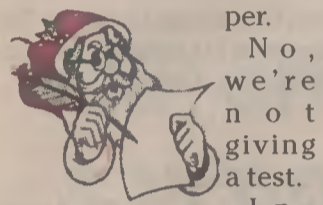
## Bethel Eagles repeat

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## Santa letters taken

BY THADD WHITE  
 Bertie Ledger-Advance

WINDSOR - Boys and girls, get out your pencils and paper.



No, we're not giving a test. Instead, it's time for each youngster to take time to write his or her annual letter to Santa Claus.

Bertie Ledger-Advance Sports Editor Jim Green received a telephone call Monday morning from the North Pole. The call was from the Jolly Old Elf himself, seeking this newspaper's help with information from all Bertie County boys and girls.

Santa said he wanted us to collect letters to him and forward them to the North Pole for his elves to prepare the best possible holiday list.

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## Wreath event slated

LESLIE BEACHBOARD  
 Bertie Ledger-Advance

WINDSOR - Individuals from near and far will gather at Edgewood Cemetery at 12 noon Saturday, Dec. 15 for the annual Wreaths Across America event.

The event honors veterans by placing a live balsam wreath on his or her tombstone and saying their name as a way of paying tribute during the holiday season.

The ceremony includes a welcome from local officials, an open-

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## Child left on bus

### Bus driver suspended by BCS

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WINDSOR - A Bertie County Schools bus driver has been suspended after a preschooler was left on a bus at Windsor Elementary School last week.

According to Bertie County Schools Public Information Officer Amanda Bunch, around noon on Wednesday, Nov. 14, a school custodian went outside as part of performing her daily duties and saw the student standing inside a school bus that was parked in the school bus parking lot located directly next to the school.

The student had been on the bus since around 8 a.m.

"This is a very serious matter. This incident should have never happened, and we are doing a thorough investigation," said Bunch.

The state school bus driver's handbook states that it is the driver's responsibility to make sure there are no passengers left on the bus at the end of each route.

"This is protocol for all regular and substitute bus drivers, and must be followed without exception," she added.

The bus driver has been suspended until further notice.

"When the child was found, she was examined by the school nurse, and was later released to her parents' care. We will reinforce to all transportation employees that protocol and all job responsibilities must be followed without fail," said Bunch.

"We will continue to

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## Celebrating 50 years at Lawrence

LESLIE BEACHBOARD  
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Celebrating 50 years of education. Nestled in this small community sits Lawrence Academy—a independent, regional school that has spent the last 50 years educating students from preschool through 12th grade.

In the spring of 1968, an interested group of citizens began to explore the possibility of opening a new school, which could serve students from Bertie and Hertford counties.

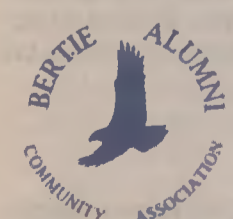
Under the leadership of people like Godfrey Terry of Lewiston, J.W. Minton of Roxobel, Webster Daniels of Perrytown and George Burdick of Colerain, private discussions led to a public meeting at the Connaritsa Baptist Church.

Later, a meeting was held in Windsor at the home of Lewis and Crethie White where a board of direc-

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