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# Sans Souci Ferry reopens

J.W. "RUSS" RUSSELL  
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**SANS SOUCI** – It may be a checkmark off a person's bucket list. Many wild game hunters and fishermen use it, and some use it just to see a friend or relative. The Sans Souci Ferry, about 12 miles from Windsor at the end of Sans Souci Road, may be what is needed. First known as the Tomlinson

Ferry around the 1800s, the two-car ferry connected the Cashie Neck to the fishing community of Sans Souci, which had a post office. Around the time of the Civil War, "the neck" had its own post office, and the official name of Woodard. The N.C. Department of Transportation has operated and maintained the ferry since the Depression era. Recently, the vessel was out

of the river for about one year while receiving an overhaul in Morehead City. A new engine, higher rails, hydraulics and a point job were a few of the \$100,000 improvements. A rock and dirt road used to lead the ferry on both sides, but pavement now extends to the public wildlife ramp on the Woodard side. About 500 yards



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A vehicle makes its way across the Cashie River on the newly reopened Sans Souci Ferry.

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## Stalls joins staff

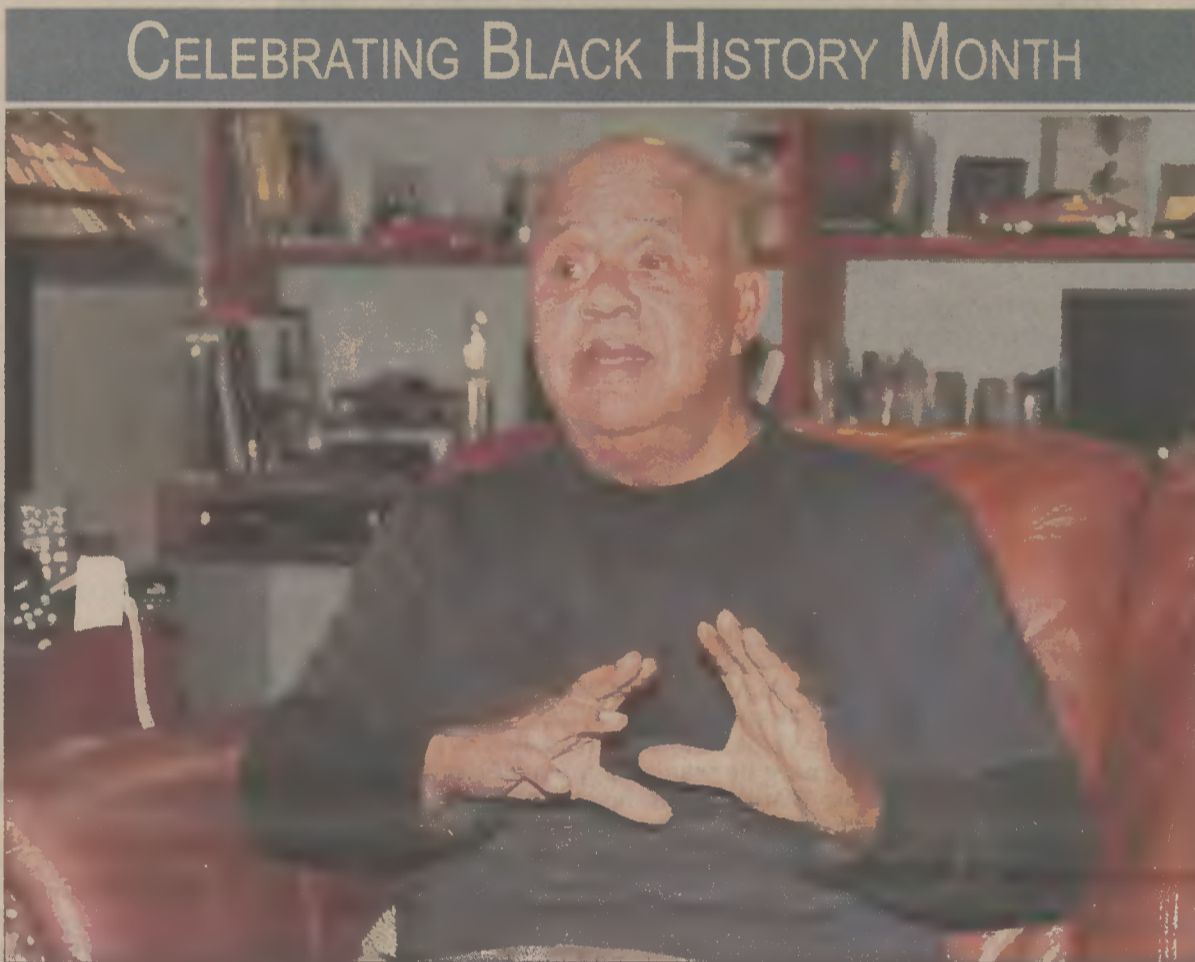
**WINDSOR** - Thad White, Editor of the *Bertie Ledger-Advance* and The *Martin County Enterprise & Weekly Herald*, announced the recent addition of Sarah Hodges Stalls as a reporter for both publications.



Sarah H. Stalls

She has been a contributor to the *Enterprise & Weekly Herald* and *Eastern Living* magazine for many years, starting with the magazine's predecessor, *Down East*. Stalls is a native of the Farm Life community in Martin County, where she once again resides. The Williamston High School graduate continued her education at Atlantic Christian College, now Barton, in Wilson. Her first published article was coverage of Bulldog baseball in The

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Styron Bond may be retired, but has not lost the gift for animation for telling a story - much like his days in the classroom at Bertie High School.

# Legacy of Learning

## Bond family made mark on education

SARAH HODGES STALLS  
 Bertie Ledger Advance

**WILLIAMSTON** - Styron Bond's career was spent in front of Bertie County students, usually teaching History. One may argue the life of this educator and his family should

be taught as its own block of local history. Now 72 years young, Bond still resides in Williamston. He may no longer have to issue grades, but he is definitely still teaching. His home is a treasure trove of photos and memorabilia that have

matching stories, still fresh in his mind. "I went to Elizabeth City State University," explained Bond. A busy student, he also attended barber school, following in his father's foot-

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## Drug arrest made

THADD WHITE  
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**WINDSOR** – Citizen complaints led to an investigation of a residence on Ghent Street. The subsequent investigation led to the arrest of a Windsor man on three drug-related charges. Windsor Police Chief Justin Jackson said officers began the investigation due to several citizen concerns about drugs being sold at the home, located at 501 Ghent Street. As a result, Sgt. Jason Thomas initiated an investigation which included several officers within the Windsor Police Department. After setting up surveillance, the officers collected enough information to receive a search warrant for the residence, which was served Jan. 26. Sgt. Thomas and Officer Chris Leggett served the warrant and con-

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## Citizens seek help from commission

SARAH HODGES STALLS  
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**WINDSOR** - Attendance was strong for the Feb. 4 meeting of the Bertie County Commissioners. Donnell Bazemore of Lewiston Woodville was one of many residents on hand to discuss road conditions in the Country Court Lane community.

"We really need your help," Bazemore pled with the commissioners. Like many residents, Bazemore said he has to leave vehicles at other locations in order to get in and out of the subdivision due to poor road conditions. He explained there have been efforts such as loads of sand brought in that have done little to help the situation. Unfortu-

nately, the efforts have not withstood conditions. Other residents relayed concerns for elderly and sick residents. They fear transport and EMS vehicles will not be able to safely reach those who need them most. The topic carried throughout the meeting. Commission Vice

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## Rocky Mount man dies in boating accident

BY THADD WHITE  
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**WINDSOR** – A Rocky Mount man was killed during a boating accident Sunday afternoon. Officials with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission said Wade Carpenter, 75, of

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