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## Census information remains secure

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As the 2020 Census prepares to take shape, Bertie County officials are urging citizens to participate. They are also reminding them their answers are secure and safe.

The numbers compiled by the census have a 10-year lasting effect on Bertie County and each community. The numbers of those who live in the county will directly coincide to dollars in state and federal funding. In addition, the number of people living in North Caro-

lina will directly impact the number of people representing the state in the U.S. House of Representatives. Those facts make the census important, but those who respond can rest assured their information is not available to the general public.

"Your responses to the 2020 census are protected by law," according to information from the U.S. Census Bureau. "Under Title 12 of the U.S. Code, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot release any information that identifies you individually." This means that every

census bureau employee is sworn to protect that information, and failure to do so can result in a fine of up to \$250,000 and five years in prison. In addition to employees swearing an oath, the U.S. See CENSUS, 8



The fourth annual Roxobel Ag Festival is planned for May 2. Sponsorships are still available for those wishing to participate.

## Roxobel Ag Festival welcomes sponsors

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ROXOBEL - Plans for the fourth annual Roxobel Ad Festival are well under way. The event, slated for 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. Saturday, May 2, will be held on Church Street in Roxobel and will once again feature music, vendors, prizes, games and food. Those wishing to help spon-

sor the annual event can do so by getting a sponsorship form from the Roxobel Ag Festival Facebook Page or emailing cegroxobel@gmail.com. Rain Maker Sponsorships are available for \$1,000 donation with a \$500 contribution earning a Barn Raiser designation. Sponsors can also be Harvest Sponsors (\$250), Cultivator Sponsor (\$100) or Seed Sower Sponsors (less than \$100).

Those who help sponsor the event will be recognized in online advertising, as well as signage at the event. They will also receive a complimentary Roxobel Ag Festival T-shirt. As usual, the event will kickoff with a parade at 10 a.m. which will follow N.C. 308 in Roxobel. The event will then shift to church street where there will

See SPONSORS, 8

## Bertie Ledger-Advance wins awards

Staff Reports

The Bertie Ledger-Advance garnered nine awards from the N.C. Press Association last week. The newspaper won seven awards in the advertising competition and a pair of awards in the editorial competition. They were earned by Michelle Leicester, Jim Green and Thadd



Leicester



Green



White

White. Leicester won the seven N.C.

Press Awards for advertising, including sweeping one category when she claimed all three places in the Best Community Signature Page. "I am grateful

See AWARDS, 8

## Meeting set to relocate

### Commissioners will gather in courtroom

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WINDSOR - The location for the March 16 meeting of the Bertie County Commissioners has been changed. The board, which will hold their regularly scheduled meeting at 6 p.m. that day, will now meet in the Superior Court Room at the Bertie County Courthouse. The press release from Bertie County officials does not give a

reason, but the meeting expects to be highly attended. During their meeting last month, the Bertie County Commissioners did not take action on a request by one local group to adopt a resolution supporting the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Four commissioners expressed concerns about the resolution itself, though several See MEETING, 8

## Hoggard will lead Rotary

### Windsor resident chosen District Gov.

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WINDSOR - One of Bertie County's most active Rotarians is now among the state's highest rung of leadership. Lewis Hoggard was chosen Rotary District Governor for 7720, which encompasses all of northeastern North Carolina and into the southeastern

part of the state. Hoggard, who currently serves as Executive Director for the Windsor/Bertie Chamber of Commerce, has four terms as president of the Rotary Club of Windsor. "I fully believe in and support the mission of Rotary," Hoggard said. "I have been excited to be a part of the Windsor Rotary Club, and to work with clubs throughout the state and region in the past several years. See HOGGARD, 8

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