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News



Domtar Plymouth Mill Manager Everick Spencer was named to the Ronald McDonald House of Eastern NC board. A3

Trio charged in abuse cases

Those arrested were staff members at Williamston rehab center

SARAH HODGES STALLS
Enterprise & Weekly Herald

WILLIAMSTON – Three people have been charged in two separate incidents at a local rehabilitation and nursing care facility.

During the month of Novem-

ber, police were called to Roanoke River Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, located at 119 Gatling St. Both calls were in reference to patients who had reportedly been assaulted.

According to Detective Lt. Gene Biggs, police arrived on Nov. 5 and were “informed a

staff member had reportedly struck a resident in the face.”

The investigation led police to Clara Hyman Hill, 60, of 102 West Robin Lane in Windsor, who was identified as the staff member who reportedly struck a patient.

Hill was charged with felony

patient abuse.

Biggs stated in a press release, police determined another staff member, Brenda Askew, 50, of 433 West Hwy. 13/17 in Windsor, had assisted Hill in “avoiding prosecution”

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Opinion



Enterprise & Weekly Herald Columnist Jim Green says much of his journalistic efforts came from his college professor. A4

Heartbroken without answers

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WILLIAMSTON – There is only one thing Nancy and Carmichael Simmons truly want for Christmas this year – answers regarding their son’s murder.

The murder of Tafari Griffin has haunted their family and local law enforcement for more than a year.

“It just hurts,” Nancy Simmons said. “Sometimes I still think this is a dream.”

This family’s nightmare began on April 28, 2018 when her son did not make his regular weekend delivery to her house.

“Every Saturday morning he was at my house between 7:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. to bring me hotcakes and sausage,” Simmons explained.

That Saturday morning came – and no Tafari.

As the morning continued with no sign of her son, Simmons and one of her daughters



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Memories and photographs are all Nancy Simmons has left of her late son, Tafari Griffin. Today she still holds on to hope

the people responsible for her son’s murder will be brought to justice.

rode out to his house.

Griffin lived on Hargis Lane near Bear Grass. His mother called him

a “private person” who had been living in this secluded neighborhood less than a year.

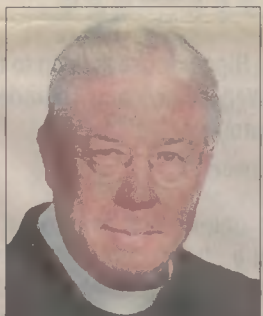
“Not too many people even knew where he stayed,” she added.

When they arrived,

law enforcement officers blocked the road-

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Church&Faith



Pastor Johnny Phillips says the Bible provides encouragement for believers every day of the year. B3



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Williamston PD thankful for support

Maiden voyage of No-Shave November a success

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Enterprise & Weekly Herald

WILLIAMSTON – The Williamston Police Department’s maiden voyage with No-Shave November is in the books and on all accounts – it was a success.

Officers put down their razors for the month to honor one of their own - Lt. Tony Bowen, who lost his battle with cancer a year ago.

The other half of the mission was to raise awareness - that is if they raised a minimum of



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Sgt. Henry Poston was the top money raiser of WPD’s inaugural No-Shave November Campaign. Poston reportedly raised nearly a quarter of the total on his own.

one dollar a day to sponsor their beard.

Members of Bowen’s law enforcement family let their beards grow to initiate conversations on men’s health - a goal they knew would honor Bowen’s battle and raise funds for those still fighting the disease.

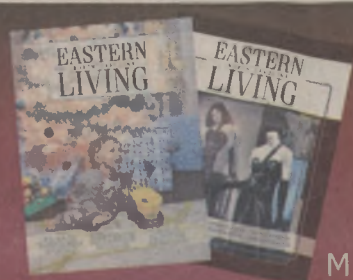
“We are so appreciative of the support from the community in our fundraising efforts,” explained Chief Travis Cowan. “We raised a total of \$5,120.10, far surpassing our original goal.”

When the idea first came about, the department hoped to raise \$1,000.

“The funds raised have already been sent to the American Cancer Society’s Hope Lodge in Greenville,” Cowan said.

Hope Lodge offers cancer

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