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2 face attempted murder charges following pair of recent shootings

■ Teenager critically injured after suffering multiple gunshot wounds

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Three persons were arrested this week and one person is hospitalized in critical condition in connection with a pair of recent shooting incidents in the City of

Roxboro. Roxboro police arrested two persons this week on felony charges of attempted first-degree murder in connection with the two shooting incidents that took place April 16 and April 17.

A third person was also charged with a felony count of

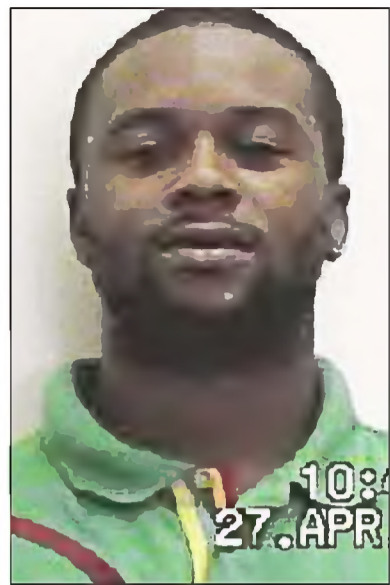
accessory after the fact in connection with the April 17 shooting incident, which left Terrance Darrell Outlaw, 18, of 428 Monroe St. critically injured.

James Andrew Bolton, 25, of 3411 Halifax Rd. and William Thomas Swann, 21, of 4042 Virgilina Rd. are each jailed in

the Person County jail without privilege of bond. The two are both charged with attempted first-degree murder.

Swann is charged in connection with the April 16 shooting in which no one was injured, but

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James Bolton



William Swann



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STORM DAMAGE — Strong winds associated with a cold front early Thursday morning caused extensive damage to the roof of the gymnasium at the Huck Sansbury Recreation Complex.

Thursday's strong winds damage roof of Huck Sansbury gym

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The high winds associated with the latest strong cold front to blow through Person County caused extensive damage Thursday to the roof of the gymnasium at the Huck Sansbury Recreation Complex.

Ray Foushee, general services director for the county, said the gymnasium is scheduled to receive a roof replacement in the upcoming fiscal year, which begins July 1, but that a "temporary

fix" of the damages to the structure was estimated at \$11,000.

No one was in the gym at the time the winds damaged the structure, Foushee said. He said it is believed the damage took place between 3 and 5 a.m.

The high winds peeled back one layer of the multi-layer roof on one side of the gymnasium.

The temporary work being done to waterproof the gym will prevent any leaks until a new roof can be installed on the facility, Foushee said.

"We are not expecting any more problems now," Foushee said. "We should be

good to go for the short term."

Foushee added that the new roof is included in the county's Capital Improvement Plan for the upcoming fiscal year at an estimated cost of \$206,000.

There was a brief period of time Thursday morning when heavy rain led to some leaks in the gym, Foushee said. He added, however, that John Hill, director of the Person County Recreation, Arts and Parks Department, along with members of his staff, "did a good job of making sure there was no damage inside of the building." The temporary repairs were expected to be completed Friday.

City business owners ask questions about proposed privilege license fees

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On May 10, Roxboro City Council will consider changes to the way it charges businesses to operate within the corporate limits of the city, and business owners were given a chance this week to ask questions about the proposal.

Council members have considered, for some time, changing from a flat fee to a gross receipts method of charging for privilege license fees.

The Roxboro Area Chamber of Com-

merce hosted a special meeting on Wednesday, so that business owners could learn more about the city's plans to change the privilege license fees.

During that meeting, Interim City Manager Tommy Warren explained the proposed new charges and answered questions from the half-dozen or so business owners who attended the meeting.

He explained that a privilege license is an excise tax, levied on the privilege of conducting a trade or business in a

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Person County's jobless rate drops to 10.4% in March

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For the second straight month, Person County saw its unemployment rate decrease during March, according to numbers released Wednesday by the Employment Security Commission (ESC) of North Carolina.

Person County's unemployment rate dropped 0.3 percent in March, according to Wednesday's numbers, falling from 10.7 percent to 10.4 percent.

Initially, the county was shown to have an unemployment rate of 10.5 percent in February, but when numbers were adjusted and finalized the jobless rate for February for Person County was 10.7 percent, which was down from 11.2 percent in January.

The two months of jobless rate decreases for Person County come on the heels of increases in the prior three months.

Unemployment rates decreased in 99 of North Carolina's 100 counties in March after the jobless rate decreased in 93 of the 100 counties in February.

The lone county to have a jobless rate increase in March was Greene County,

which rose 0.5 percent to 10.5 percent in March.

Jobless rates declined in 98 counties when compared to the same month last year.

"Jobless rates declined in nearly every county in March," ESC Chairman Lynn R. Holmes said. "We are beginning to see more counties drop below a rate of 10-percent unemployment."

"This reflects the commitment by Gov. Perdue and our workforce partners to grow jobs in our state," Holmes added. "And, this agency remains focused on

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Wilkins leads tour in effort to gain aid for tornado victims

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"My gut is, if we get any help, it's probably going to be on the agriculture side."

State Rep. W.A. Winkie Wilkins voiced the above opinion Friday after touring three Person County farms that suffered damage from the April 16 tornadoes that tore through North Carolina.

Wilkins, along with representatives from the state Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Emergency Management and the local Cooperative Extension Office, visited the farms to document damages.

Jimmy Wilkins, Paul Bailey and Mac Paylor, all in the Woodsdale area, had trees on fences, extensive damage

to roofs on barns and houses, and trees uprooted or broken.

Bailey and Wilkins both said they sustained damage to structures that were not insured because it is too costly to insure every farm building.

The premiums, said Bailey, "are so high that you have to make a decision on what to cover" and what to take a chance on.

Rep. Wilkins said there was some money the state could possibly make available to farmers in Person County, but first the damage had to be documented. The Friday tour was the best way, he said, to get the needed documentation.

"All the departments have done individual assessments, Wilkins said, "but I wanted them all together so that they were all seeing the same things." He continued, following the Friday tour, "We

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TOUR OF TORNADO DAMAGE — Person County farmer Paul Bailey points out tornado damage to Extension Director Derek Day Friday as Day and other officials toured farms in the Woodsdale community.