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**GOOD MORNING,**

Ronnie Bond  
of Jacksonville, FL

Thanks for  
subscribing!

**WPD**

**seeks  
robber**

Victim accosted  
at gunpoint Mon.

By THADD WHITE  
Bertie Ledger-Advance

**WINDSOR** - Windsor Police are still investigating a Monday afternoon armed robbery.

Windsor Police Chief Todd Lane said his officers were dispatched to Windsor Oaks at approximately 1:14 p.m.

Upon arrival, Windsor Officer Beverly Peele found a subject who said he was robbed at gunpoint.

The suspect was described as a black male wearing a black hoodie and black pants. He reportedly perpetrated the robbery with a revolver and was able to obtain an undisclosed amount of cash as well as the victim's debit card and identification.

"The subject was reported to have left on foot through the woods toward the National Guard Armory," Chief Lane said. "Because of the direction of the suspect, we did lock down Heritage College Leadership Academy until 2:40 p.m."

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## Demery faces murder charge



Samantha G. Demery

By THADD WHITE  
Bertie Ledger-Advance

**KELFORD** - A 24-year-old Kelford woman is behind bars.

Bertie County Sheriff John Holley said his officers arrested Samantha Gabriel Demery of 738-C Black Jack Rd. in

Kelford, and charged her with first-degree murder.

The arrest came Friday afternoon following three days of intensive work by the Bertie County Sheriff's Office, N.C. State Bureau of Investigation and others.

Demery is charged in the death of 83-year-old

Willie Henry Jenkins.

Deputies with the Bertie County Sheriff's Office found Jenkins' body at his home on Governor's Road in Kelford Tuesday evening when they followed up on information received that night.

The cause of death has not yet been released,

and is pending the results of an autopsy.

Demery has two criminal records, having been charged in 2014 with assault on an officer and resisting an officer, in separate incidents.

She was arrested Fri-

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## NATIONAL Women's HISTORY MONTH

### Bobbie Parker: The embodiment of a volunteer

By THADD WHITE  
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She is perhaps the living embodiment of an exemplary volunteer.

From her service in the American Cancer Society (ACS), to her love for Aulander, Bobbie Parker has been an unstoppable force in the fight against cancer and for her community.

A career educator, Parker has worked tirelessly in support of her chosen profession as well.

While her approach has been three-pronged, Parker is best known for her work with the American Cancer Society, and Relay For Life of Bertie County in particular.

"Lucille Bazemore recruited me to be a volunteer for the American Cancer Society," Parker said. "I began volunteering long before there was a Relay For Life."

Parker began working with ACS following the loss of her mother, Mary Parker, to pancreatic cancer.

"After she died, I did volunteer work for hospice, but that wasn't the right fit for me," Parker said. "I'm not a person who can go in there and work one-on-one, but I can get on top of a tale and beg for money. In the end, Relay was a better fit."

"That's what I love about Relay For Life - no matter what your personality, there is always a job for you there," she added.

In the fall of 1993, an ACS staff person met with Parker and handed her a red three-ring binder, and asked if Bertie County could hold a Relay For Life.



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## Use yearly screen

Colorectal Cancer  
Awareness Month

By LESLIE BEACHBOARD  
Bertie Ledger-Advance

**WINDSOR** - Yearly screenings are key to prevention.

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Colorectal cancer is the name given to cancer of the colon or rectum.

Among cancers that affect both men and women, colorectal cancer is the fourth most common cancer and the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States.

Every year, about 140,000 Americans are diagnosed with colorectal cancer, and more than 50,000 people die from it. The disease is highly preventable by getting screened beginning at age 50.

Precancerous polyps and colorectal cancer don't always present symptoms, especially at the onset of the disease. That is why having a screening test is important.

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## Commissioners take steps in Sheriff's Office move

By LESLIE BEACHBOARD  
Bertie Ledger-Advance

**WINDSOR** - A project well underway.

The Bertie County Commissioners held a special meeting on Friday, Feb. 19 in the commissioners' room.

The Commissioners reviewed the renovations of the old central school office building that will be the new home of the Bertie County Sheriff's

Department. The progress is going well, but not without a large price tag.

The projected cost of the renovation is an estimated \$122,200.

The largest expense is for the auxiliary generator, transfer switch and installation, which have a projected cost of approximately \$45,000.

The expected cost for the security video coverage of all the exterior doors is \$32,000.

The current doors on the building are residential grade and will need to be changed to a commercial metal style. The cost will be around \$10,000 for the replacement of seven doors for security purposes.

It will cost around \$8,000 for the installation of bulletproof glass, a protective metal barrier, and enhanced casings/moldings in the reception area.

The new magnetic locks will

cost approximately \$3,000 for the building.

The cost of the paint for the building will be about \$3,000, with another \$9,000 for the labor and preparation of the interior rooms.

It will cost about \$6,500 for 430 yards of carpet and 144 yards of linoleum for new floor coverings in the building, along with \$5,500 labor

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There will be a booster club interest meeting on Monday, March 14 at 6 pm in the media center at Bertie High School. This is for all of our community members/fans/parents and anyone that would like to be a part of Bertie High School Athletics.

Please come out and support our student athletes.

The Bertie Ledger-Advance supports the Falcon Club.

