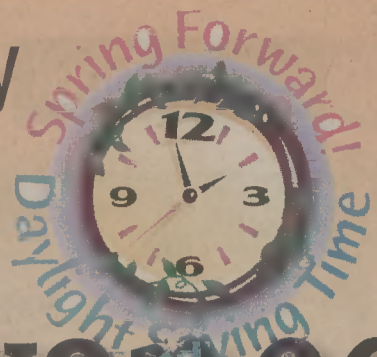


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GOOD MORNING,

Jane Heckstall
of Windsor

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subscribing!

Habitat seeking help

Commissioners hear updates

By LESLIE BEACHBOARD
Bertie Ledger-Advance

WINDSOR - Helping the community one family at a time.

Greg Kilpatrick, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of North Carolina addressed the Bertie County Commissioners at Monday's meeting.

The State Employee's Credit Union Foundation and Habitat for Humanity of North Carolina have signed a formal memorandum of agreement establishing a joint initiative to expand affordable housing across North Carolina. This joint venture will be named the State Employee's Credit Union Habitat Mountains to the Sea Challenge.

The foundation's challenge will provide a significant investment of \$10 million over a three year period for Habitat for Humanity of North Carolina to build one new (or thoroughly renovate) home in each of the state's 100 counties.

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Primary election is Tuesday

By THADD WHITE
Bertie Ledger-Advance

WINDSOR - The March 15 primary is upon us.

Next week, voters in North Carolina will go to the polls to choose at least a partial slate for the November General Election.

Tuesday's vote will include the state's choice for President of the United States, U.S. Senator and Council of State. It will not include a congressional primary following the state's districts being declared unconstitutional.

Locally, there are no races on the ballot as both incum-

bert commissioners Ronald D. Wesson and John Trent are unopposed. The same is true for Register of Deeds Annie Wilson.

The ballot includes a crowded field in all three primaries for U.S. President.

In the Republican Presidential Primary there will be 12

names on the ballot, though only five candidates are still actively seeking the nomination. They include front-runner Donald J. Trump, Texas Senator Ted Cruz, Florida Senator Marco Rubio, Ohio Governor John Kasich and

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NATIONAL Women's HISTORY MONTH

Naomi Wiggins: To protect & serve

By LESLIE BEACHBOARD
Bertie Ledger-Advance



N. Wiggins
Detective

To protect and serve is a calling. Detective Naomi Wiggins of the Bertie County Sheriff's Office answers the call of duty in a career field primarily made up of men.

"My father was in law enforcement also, so this sparked my interests," explained Detective Wiggins.

When asked, "Did you find what you expected?" Detective Wiggins replied, "Yes and no. You always have a preconceived notion how things are going to be. But with this job, every day is different. No day is ever the same."

"The worst part about the job is being called out in the middle of the night or on the weekends. If something happens and you are needed, you've got to go. It can be very time consuming. Sometimes you don't have enough time in a day, but you always have the next day," explained Wiggins.

"The best part of the job is interacting with people. I am a people person. It helps me build rapport with the people in the communities-even if those people are on the wrong side of the law," added Wiggins.

Wiggins has been a member of the Bertie County Sheriff's Office for five and a half years. She began on patrol, and then was promoted to investigations a year later.

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Good audit report

Powellville leaders pleased

By LESLIE BEACHBOARD
Bertie Ledger-Advance

POWELLVILLE - The audit is in.

Powellville Board of Commissioners was presented the budget audit report at Thursday's meeting.

"In 32 years this was the first time the audit was presented to us, this morning," said Mayor Thomas Asbell.

Don Johnson from Johnson, Mclean and Company explained the findings from the audit and made suggestions to the board.

The only significant finding was the town of Powellville overspent the general fund by \$13,467.

"I am concerned where we overspent in the budget," expressed Commissioner James Peele.

"The town of Powellville had a \$30,000 non-budgeted emergency with well #2," explained Asbell.

"The governing sys-

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Bertie Ledger-Advance tallies seven NCPA awards

From Staff Reports



CHAPEL HILL - The Bertie Ledger-Advance was a six-time winner in the recent North Carolina Press Association's annual awards contest.

The newspaper's staff won three editorial awards and a pair of advertising recognitions.

As a staff, the Bertie Ledger-Advance claimed third place in Best Community Coverage. The award is for newspapers that

encompass coverage of their overall community.

"I really like that there is a photo for nearly every story," the judge wrote. "Very good visuals."

Bertie Ledger-Advance Editor Thadd White said the staff strives to cover as much of the county as possible.

"We made it our goal over three years ago to make sure we cover as much of the county as possible," White said. "This

awards means we are moving in the right direction."

In addition, Creative Services Director Michelle Leicester was awarded for a pair of her ad designs during the previous year.

Leicester's ad design for Pound the Sound was honored for Best Color Institutional Ad, while Hunter's Branch Make It Merry won for Best Small Ad.

"I have always enjoyed work-

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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.

