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GOOD MORNING,
Fannie Ward
of Windsor
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subscribing!

**Bertie
faces
return
Black Tent
Caterpillar
in region**

By THADD WHITE
Bertie Ledger-Advance

WINDSOR - The Forest Tent Caterpillar is back. Bertie County Ranger Mike Hoggard of the N.C. Forest Service said observance of defoliated trees, and concerns from citizens led to a reconnaissance flight. Hoggard said the flight allowed Forest Service personnel to look at the bottomlands along the Roanoke and Cashie rivers, where large areas of defoliated trees were found in Bertie, Martin, Halifax and Northampton counties. There were spots found also in Hertford, Gates, Chowan, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck counties, according to Hoggard. "Don't be alarmed. These trees are not dead; but, yes, the Forest Tent Caterpillar is

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3 indicted on murder charges

Two suspects are in custody, one being sought

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WINDSOR - One down. Bertie County Sheriff John Holley has announced charges for three men in one of the three murders that took place over the course of a week last month. Sheriff Holley announced two arrests and named one additional suspect in the murder of 19-year-old Shaquan Jamar Taylor in Kelford on April 14. Dominique Brimley, 19, was arrested and charged with first-degree murder, felony conspiracy and breaking and entering. He was placed in the Bertie-Martin Regional Jail under no bond. Following the announce-

ment of the warrants, De'Andre Rascoe, 19, turned himself in Saturday at the Bertie County Sheriff's Office. He has joined Brimley in the Bertie-Martin Regional Jail, and is also under no bond. Devonte Holley, 26, is still on the lam, but Sheriff Holley

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CELEBRATING RETIREMENT



Bertie County Commission Chairman John Trent speaks about retiring BCS Superintendent Elaine White, who is seated next to her husband, the Rev. Ralph White.



Elaine White appreciates the night's entertainment.

**Bertie Co. pays
tribute to White**

By LESLIE BEACHBOARD
Bertie Ledger-Advance

WINDSOR - An evening of celebration. Bertie County Schools hosted a retirement gala celebrating the career of Elaine White, Superintendent of Bertie County Schools. White spent the last 15 of her 51 years in education with Bertie County Schools. She has served in various capacities with Bertie

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**Vote
begins
Thurs.
One Stop
opens in
Bertie Co.**

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WINDSOR - Voting begins tomorrow. Those wishing to go to the polls to help narrow the list of those running to serve a term on the N.C. Supreme Court can begin doing so tomorrow (Thursday) when One Stop Voting begins. Voting will be held at the Bertie County Board of Elections between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. each weekday through June 3 except for Memorial Day (May 30), which is a federal holiday. One Stop Voting is also available from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 4. The only race on the local ballot will be to

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**Ron Wesson is District
Rotarian of the Year**

WINDSOR - Bertie County Commissioner Ron Wesson was honored as Rotarian of the Year for Area Four in District 7720. Wesson was recognized with six other Rotarians at the district level. The district is comprised of 41 clubs and over 1,500 members across eastern North Carolina. Wesson had previously been named 2016 Rotarian of the Year for the Rotary Club of Windsor. The Rotarian of the Year award was announced by District Governor Bob Pippen at the district conference in Kitty Hawk. Pippen extolled the qualities that make a Rotarian of the Year, which includes service above self and being active in their local club and

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Ron Wesson (center) is recognized as District Rotarian of the Year by Rotary Club of Windsor President Todd Lane and 2017 President Jamie Harmon.

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