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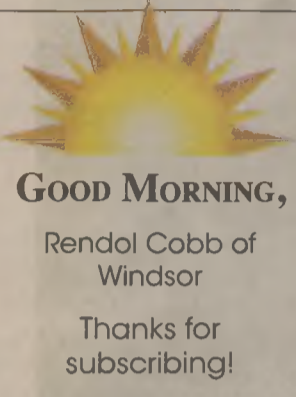
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Operation

Rockfish

Jury selection for Tillmon begins Sept. 19

By LANCE MARTIN
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GREENVILLE - Jury selection in the "Operation Rockfish" trial of Antonio Tillmon, the only defendant in the police corruption case not to enter a guilty plea, begins Sept. 19.

Tillmon, a former officer with the Windsor Police Department, entered the not guilty plea earlier this month, making him the lone hold-out among the 15 total arrested to not admit guilt. The remaining 14, to including seven former deputies with the Northampton County Sheriff's office and three former correctional officers with the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, have all entered guilty pleas and are expected tentatively to be sentenced in September. That list also included a former E-911 dispatcher employed by Northampton County.

Previous court records show Tillmon entered a not guilty plea in Federal Court in Greenville on June 13 to the counts lodged against him, which are as follows:

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Suspects charged in recent stabbings

Trio makes first court appearance today

WINDSOR - Suspects have been charged in three recent stabbings at Bertie Correctional Institute, according to Windsor Police Chief Todd Lane.

Marques D. Grays, 28, is charged with First Degree

Murder and Possession of a Weapon by Prisoner in the death of Joleski Floyd, 24.

Floyd, an inmate of Bertie Correctional Institute, was stabbed during a fight at approximately 10:30 p.m., according to Chief Lane. Floyd

was transported to Bertie Vidant Hospital and then flown to Vidant Medical Center in Greenville.

Floyd later died as a result of his injuries, and after a thorough investigation, warrants were issued for Grays,

Lane said.

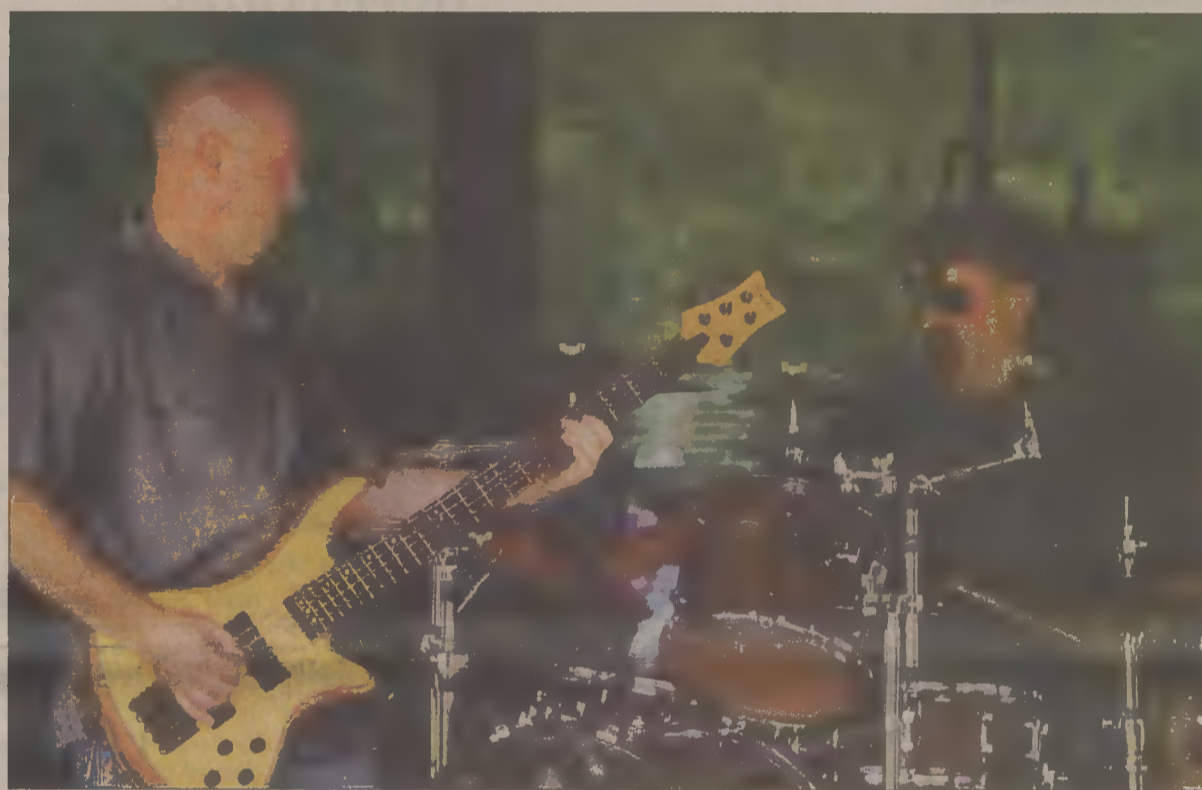
After Grays assaulted Floyd, Grays became the victim of an assault. He was stabbed with a homemade shank, Lane said.

Grays was transported to Bertie Vidant Hospital for treatment of his injuries.

Warrants were been issued

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INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



Cuz'n Kirk's Blues Band performs for the July 4th celebration on July 3rd playing a variety of music.

Windsor celebrates July 4th

By LESLIE BEACHBOARD
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WINDSOR - Let freedom ring. The Freedom Fireworks celebration was a night of fun for all ages. The Windsor-Bertie County Chamber of Commerce and Windsor Tourism hosts the event on July 3 every year.

The gates opened at 4 p.m. with vendors selling foods and crafts. Those in attendance enjoyed funnel cakes, fried Oreos and drinks.

99.3 The Bull provided entertainment with a live remote from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m.

The band 7100 performed from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m., playing southern rock favorites

for those in attendance.

Town of Windsor Commissioner Cathy Wilson welcomed those in attendance. Wilson thanked the crowd for coming to celebrate the country's independence. She also thanked those who have served in the military to help our country remain free.

Closing out the evening's entertainment was Cuz'n Kirk's Blues Band. The band played a variety of tunes from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

People of all ages tapped their toes, danced, and sang along with the evening entertainment.

As dark grew near, the crowd grew larger with anticipation of the fireworks

beginning.

People were scattered along the boardwalk, sitting on blankets and in chairs around the Roanoke Cashie River Center as the fireworks began. As soon as the sun went down, fireworks lit up the sky in the Town of Windsor.

All of those in attendance turned toward the sky to watch the show.

"It was the largest crowd in years, probably due to it did not rain. We expanded the lineup this year and added another band. We thought it went great," said Windsor-Bertie County Chamber of Commerce Director Lewis Hoggard.

County closes on property

Acquisition will provide public access

By LESLIE BEACHBOARD
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WINDSOR - The deal has been closed.

Bertie County has closed on 137 acres of waterfront property on the Albemarle Sound.

This acquisition will provide public water access for recreation and tourism. The Bertie County Commissioners' saved the taxpayers a quarter of a million dollars in the process.

In late May, the Bertie County Board of Commissioners authorized Chairman Trent and Vice Chairman Bazemore to take formal steps to bring closure to the \$1.25 million transaction.

On June 3 Bertie County Commission Chairman John Trent and Bertie County Commission Vice Chairman Ernestine Bazemore successfully negotiated

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Lions Club holds annual bream tournament

WINDSOR - The Windsor Lions Club held its 23rd annual Bream Fishing Tournament on Saturday, June 4 at Sans Souci.

This year there were 39 boats registered with 38 teams fishing. Fishermen could weigh in 20 bream.

The weather was nice and everyone had a fun day. Breakfast

was served that morning. Start time was 6 a.m. with weigh-in at 2 p.m. Door prizes were given to all the fishermen. Barbecue chicken plates were available to the fishermen and plates were pre-sold to individuals.

This tournament is the only fundraiser the Windsor Lions Club undertakes each year.

Earl Ray came up with the idea, and with the help of Pete Teal and Lanny Cowan and some club members, the project was set into motion. Over the years, there have been some rule changes, which were done to ensure that the safety of the fishermen.

Since this project was started 23 years

ago, over \$115,000 has been raised to help the less fortunate in the area. The club caters to those who are visually impaired by helping with purchases of glasses, sending them to Camp Dogwood, and helping with many other community projects. The club is thankful to all the fishermen, sponsors, and all volunteers

who make the yearly event a success.

A lot of friends have been made over the years, and many people have worked behind the scenes to make this tournament a success. The club sadly has lost some friends and club members, but will always have fond memo-

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