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Students from Aulander Elementary STEM School perform "O Christmas Tree What Will You Be?"

Aulander celebrates Christmas Tree Lighting, concert held



These youngsters enjoy refreshments during the Christmas concert at the Aulander Community Building.

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AULANDER - Hundreds came to celebrate Christmas together.

The town of Aulander hosted its annual celebration of Christmas Saturday complete with the annual parade, a Christmas concert and the town's tree lighting ceremony.

The parade had more than 70 entries, and traveled from Rice Avenue to Main Street before turning on Commerce and heading all the way to the railroad track.

That was followed by a Christmas concert by Richard Simmons, during which refreshments were served and citizens were able to mingle and fellowship.

The final event of the day was the annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony.

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Arrest made in break-ins

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BLACK ROCK - A rash of break-ins has led to the arrest of a Bertie County man.

Bertie County Sheriff John Holley said his office was investigating multiple break-ins in the Merry Hill and Colerain areas.

"There have been reports of items being taken out of yards and vehicles, and there have been 14 residential break-ins," Sheriff Holley said.

On Dec. 5, the Bertie County Sheriff's Office received a call about a break-in on Black Rock Road. Information at the scene led officers to search for a white Nissan Sentra.

The vehicle was later located on Connaritsa Road on Kelford, and the driver was identified as Kirklain Williams.

Warrants were drawn for Williams' arrest on two counts of breaking and entering and larceny after breaking and entering.

He was arrested on Dec. 8 and placed under a \$30,000 secured bond on those charges. He was confined to Bertie-Martin Regional Jail.

Sheriff Holley commended the citizens who provided information, and the work of his deputies.

"This is another good example of what happens when the community and deputies work

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Windsor board alters UDO

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WINDSOR - The town of Windsor Commissioners voted last week to change the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to add home occupations.

"The amendment has positive aspects for the town," said Holland Consulting Planners Director Dale Holland.

The amendment would allow businesses to occupy a home in a residential district, as

long as the business falls in the following categories: agriculture, forestry, law and accounting.

The one stipulation to the proposed ordinance would be all adjacent homeowners must write a letter agreeing to the change of having the business in the area.

"If one adjacent homeowner refuses to write a letter the business will not be allowed to

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Train museum becomes reality

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WINDSOR - All aboard. The Windsor Railroad Museum is one step closer to opening.

"This is no longer a figment of our imagination, but is now a reality," said Windsor Railroad Museum Director Mike Dail.

The museum, which will be located on Granville Street in Windsor, will have something for train enthusiasts of all

ages.

The front room of the museum will have seven or eight trains running. There will also be train memorabilia, including some donated from a train museum in Wilmington.

"The middle room will be the Windsor train room," said Dail.

The room will house a replica of the railroad tracks and trains that once traveled around

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Trains have begun to be set up at the train museum.

Powellsville seeks help

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POWELLSVILLE - Powellsville leaders and citizens are seeking to bring a little more Christmas sparkle to the town.

The Powellsville Commissioners and citizens discussed possible options to purchase new Christmas light decorations at last week's meeting.

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