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Longtime Windsor leader succumbs



Bob Brown remembered as advocate for town

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WINDSOR – He will be remembered as an advocate.

Some will remember him for his staunch support of the fire and police departments, others for his backing of the Rotary Club and others still for his un-

wavering devotion to the Veteran's Club. All will remember him for his love for Windsor and her citizens.

Bobby N. "Bob" Brown, 75,

succumbed Monday morning at Vidant Bertie Hospital, surrounded by his family.

Brown, who served many years as Windsor Commissioner, was the town's Mayor Pro-

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Citizen input needed

Hurricane Matthew meet set

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WINDSOR - All citizens are invited.

Bertie County will host the Bertie County North Carolina Hurricane Matthew Resilient Redevelopment Plan special meeting from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday, March 9 at the Windsor Community Building, 201 South Queen St., Windsor.

The North Carolina General Assembly established the North Carolina Resilient Development Planning (NCRPP) program to deliver a road map for communities rebuilding and revitalization assistance for the communities impacted by Hurricane Matthew.

The program empowers communities across the state to prepare locally driven recovery plans to identify rede-

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THE WORLD OF KNOWLEDGE



A competition participant tries to figure out the answer to a bonus question.

KNOWLEDGE EXPLOSION

Regional middle schoolers gather for event

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WINDSOR - A day of competitive learning.

The Northeastern Region One Middle School Competition for Scholars took place on Monday, March 6 at Heritage House Restaurant.

72 middle school students and their coaches gathered for the event titled "Day of

Knowledge Explosion."

The schools participating in the competition included E.B. Aycok Middle School in Greenville, Bertie Middle School in Windsor, Columbia Middle School in Columbia, Currituck Middle School in Currituck, Gates Middle School in Gatesville and Moyock Middle School in Moyock.

Each school sent four teams

with three members on each team.

The Day of Knowledge Explosion Competition Director Dr. Tim Mizelle told the students, "This is a day to spotlight your knowledge."

"Everyone is a winner," added Mizelle.

The 72 scholars did not know the questions in ad-

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B&E suspect wanted

Wiggins has warrants in 2 counties

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LEWISTON WOODVILLE – The Bertie County Sheriff's Office is seeking a suspect in a robbery of a church.

Bertie County Sheriff John Holley said investigation into a breaking and entering at Weeping Mary Baptist Church has led to developing a suspect in the case.

Det. Sgt. Harris Williams responded to the reported breaking and entering at 208 Weeping Mary Rd. in Lewiston Woodville on Feb. 22.

"Several items were taken, including an orange igloo cooler, a small refrigerator, two speakers, two floor mics and a PA system," Sheriff Holley said.

Other items taken included a guitar, EV board, EV speakers and music stands.

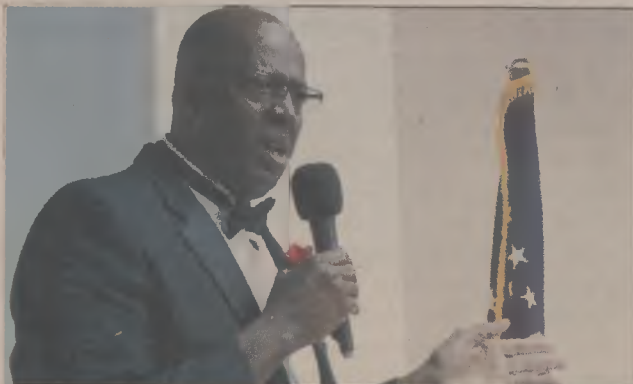
Det. Sgt. Williams investigated the incident and has drawn up warrants for Deandre Wiggins for the crime. Wiggins reportedly also has warrants on file for felony possession of stolen property and felony obtaining property by false pretense.

Deputies are currently searching for Wiggins, and his information has been entered into the National Crime Information Center.

"We are seeking information as to Wiggins' whereabouts," Sheriff

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Chamber celebrates Black History Month



Bertie County Sheriff John Holley speaks at the annual Black History Banquet Feb. 21.

WINDSOR - The Windsor/Bertie Chamber of Commerce presented the ninth annual Black History Banquet at Cashie Heritage Convention Center on Feb. 21.

The theme this year was "A recognition of Municipal & County Law Enforcement." Over 300 attendees enjoyed a night of music and good food.

The featured honoree was Bertie County Sheriff John Holley. He received the lifetime achievement award for his more than 30 years

of service and for being the first African American Sheriff of Bertie County. Sheriff Holley wowed the audience with his singing and then spoke to the crowd about some of the issues that his department is facing. The sheriff described specifically the difficulty of retention of officers because of higher paying jobs elsewhere in the area.

Also recognized was Johnnie T. Speller, Jr. who was the first Afri-

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