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Tillmon guilty of 'Rockfish' charges

Jury convicts former police officer for drugs, firearms and bribery

BY LANCE MARTIN
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WASHINGTON - The only defendant in the Operation Rockfish police corruption case to demand a jury trial has been found guilty.

The United States Department of Justice announced in a press statement this evening a federal jury found Antonio Tillmon, a former Windsor police officer guilty of drug, firearm and bribery charges stemming from his

participation in trafficking narcotics and narcotics proceeds for a large-scale drug trafficking organization.

His trial began last week. His sentencing is scheduled for Aug. 8.

Electronic court records

filed on the federal level do not yet contain information reflecting the guilty verdict and the statement did not indicate his possible sentencing range. Acting Assistant Attorney General Kenneth A. Blanco

of the Justice Department's Criminal Division and U.S. Attorney John Stuart Bruce of the Eastern District of North Carolina made the announcement.

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BCSO affirms rabies

Dunlow urges caution

BY THADD WHITE
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KELFORD - The first confirmed case of rabies in more than 18 months in Bertie County has officials urging caution.

Bertie County Animal Control Officer Skip Dunlow said a case he investigated nearly two weeks ago came back positive for rabies.

Dunlow said a fox made its way into a shop in the back yard of a home and bit the man working inside.

A neighboring home owner was then forced to chase the fox away before it was killed by a dog in a third yard into which the rabid animal

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THE GRANDDADDY OF 'EM ALL



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A cancer survivor takes the first lap around the track at Roy L. Bond Jr. Stadium during Relay For Life.

Still fighting...

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WINDSOR - The oldest fight against cancer in North Carolina continued Friday. Bertie County's Relay For

Life kicked off Friday evening with 37 registered teams who had a grand evening at Roy L. Bond Jr. Stadium on the former campus of Bertie High School.

Thus far, Bertie County

has raised \$169,034.46 of the overall goal of \$213,000.

"With outstanding payroll deduction and corporate sponsorship, we should eas-

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Child assault queried

Windsor PD investigates allegation

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WINDSOR - There is an ongoing investigation into a student allegedly having been struck approximately two weeks ago.

Windsor Police Department Detective Sgt. Justin Jackson confirmed an ongoing investigation into the alleged striking of a student at Heritage Collegiate Leadership Academy.

The parents of a student at the school reported the incident, and thereupon an investigation was launched.

Anyone with information about the incident can contact the Windsor Police Department at 252-794-3121.



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Powellsville citizens were honored recently for achieving the milestone of reaching ages between 89 and 99.

Powellsville honors citizens from 89-99

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD
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POWELLVILLE - Honoring the town's citizens.

As part of the 17th annual Powellsville Awareness Day, the town commissioners honored the senior citizens of the town ranging from ages 89 to 99.

Powellsville Awareness Day Event Coordinator Linda Peele, wife

of Mayor Pro Tempore James Peele organized the ceremony.

"Linda was in charge of various committees that made the entire event a successful one. She also worked on organizing the parade and all the pieces necessary to make the it the best awareness day yet," said Powellsville Commissioner Carlyle Hoggard.

Mayor Pro Tempore Peele welcomed everyone to the special ceremony.

After the welcome, Rev. James Hopkins led the invocation.

Bertie County Commissioner Tammy Lee made comments to the guests.

Afterward, Hoggard gave a brief history of

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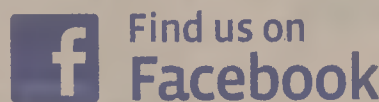
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