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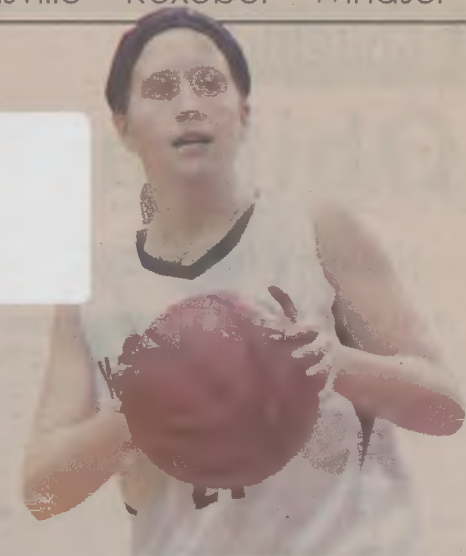
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Smuggling contraband fails — again



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WINDSOR — A keen eye led to another arrest outside Bertie Correctional Institute.

Windsor Police Chief

Todd Lane said the keen eye of one of his officers led to yet another arrest of someone trying to smuggle contraband into the prison.

Windsor Police Cpl. Frank Ratzlaff was patrol-

ling on Cooper Hill Road at approximately 1:30 p.m. Dec. 10 when he spotted a person near the back corner of BCI.

Once spotting the person, Cpl. Ratzlaff parked his patrol vehicle and

went to the location of the person, and had him lay on the ground and place his hands behind his back.

“As Cpl. Ratzlaff approached the suspect, he saw two packages

wrapped in duct tape,” Chief Lane said. “From his training and experience, Cpl. Ratzlaff knew packages similar to this were used to smuggle contra-

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Grant grows larger

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WINDSOR - Bertie County received an additional Golden Leaf Grant.

Bertie County officials received an early Christmas blessing last week.

The Golden Leaf Foundation’s Board of Directors approved additional disaster recovery funds.

The county will receive \$240,000 for the Teacher Housing Initiative and \$2,750,000 for the library and cooperative extension joint use facility.

The initial communication of the announcement came via telephone call to Bertie County Vice Chairman Ronald Wesson, who shared the news at the Bertie County Employee Appreciation Luncheon, noting, “this is a great day for Bertie County.”

At its meeting on Dec. 7, the Golden LEAF Foundation allocated a total of \$14,347,101 in Disaster Recovery Program funding for 22 ap-

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Santa hears a wish list from 8-year-old Camden White during the latter’s visit to Aulander Saturday afternoon.

Aulander celebrates Christmas

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AULANDER — The weather outside was frightful.

But indoors was so delightful.

Despite rain and snow canceling Aulander’s Christmas parade, the townspeople weren’t about to let Mother Nature ruin their annual celebration of the holiday season.

The town of Aulander and the Christmas Parade Committee instead held an event

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The Singing Morticians gave a mini-concert filled with Christmas music Saturday afternoon at the Aulander Community Building. Despite the parade being cancelled, Aulander citizens still celebrated.

HCLA loses appeal

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RALEIGH - In the second day of their monthly meeting, the State Board of Education recommended revoking the charter of Heritage Collegiate Leadership Academy in Bertie County.

After Heritage Collegiate appealed the State Board’s November decision, a three-member review panel met Tuesday to hear presentations from the school and the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). With remarks considered from both sides, the panel supported the board’s call for a charter revocation.

Olivia Oxendine, one of the three board members who served on the review panel, told EdNC on Thursday there were issues with Heritage Collegiate not conducive to operating a school.

“The school was just not positioned to move forward to do well,” Oxendine said.

According to the

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Powellsville leaders sworn in

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POWELLSVILLE - Historic change happens for the small town of Powellsville.

It was a packed house at last week’s Powellsville Commissioners’ Meeting for the swearing-in of the town’s newly elected Mayor and two new and one

returning commissioner.

Mayor James Peele was sworn in first at the meeting.

Peele, a retired former Bertie County Cooperative Extension Agricultural Agent, began his political career eight years ago when he was elected a commissioner for the town.

He stepped into the

role serving as the town’s interim mayor after the previous mayor, Thomas Asbell, was asked to resign in summer 2016.

Next, Powellsville Commissioners were officially sworn into office. The group included one returning member and two newly

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One returning and two new Powellsville Commissioners were sworn-in last week. From left are Linda Peele, Carlyle Hoggard, Hattie Askew, Mayor James Peele and Gerald Waters.

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