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Board says Bowen is not a resident

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WINDSOR – The Bertie County Board of Elections found Adrian Bowen not to be a resident of Bertie County. The board conducted a hearing Tuesday afternoon

in which they heard a challenge from Vivian Clark, who challenged Bowen's residency, and therefore qualification to seek the office of sheriff.

Clark filed an affidavit saying while Bowen changed his home address to 110

East Robin Lane in Windsor, he still owned a residence in Elizabeth City (504 Troy Drive) and his wife and daughter still resided in Pasquotank County.

The Bertie County Board of Elections Attorney, Lloyd Smith, began the hearing

by outlining the procedure which allowed both Clark and Bowen to present their cases. He told board members and those attending the hearing the burden of proof was on Bowen to prove he did reside in the county.

Bowen began by produc-

ing 106 items of documentation which he said proved he lived in the county. Those items included voter registration and a driver's license, which listed his address as East Robin Lane.

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Felon gets 7-10

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WINDSOR – A Windsor man already serving time has pleaded guilty to being an Habitual Felon.

District Attorney Valerie Asbell said the plea came Monday.

Antwand Cherry, also known as Mickey Mouse, of Windsor entered a guilty plea to possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, and to the status of being an habitual felon.

Cherry, 39, pleaded guilty to an offense which occurred June 10, 2014 when Cherry delivered cocaine to an undercover officer working with the Windsor Police Department.

While out on bond awaiting trial, Cherry was arrested for trafficking cocaine. He has since been sentenced to 36 to 48 months for that crime.

On Monday, Judge Quentin Sumner sentenced Cherry to 89-119 months in prison following his plea, and ordered the sentence begin at the expiration of his time served for the Martin County con-

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Life of Laughter

Baggett believes it's good as medicine

LESLIE BEACHBOARD
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Laughter is just as good as medicine. That is how Pastor J.N. Baggett explains his thoughts as a volunteer chaplain for Vidant Bertie Hospital, and Baggett is no stranger to the staff, patients and guests down the halls there.

Baggett, who is 86, was born and raised in Bertie County.

He said he knew he had the calling on his life to be a pastor, but it took him a long time to accept it.

"I didn't want to do it, I had no formal education, but, when the Lord wants you to do something he will not let go," said Baggett.

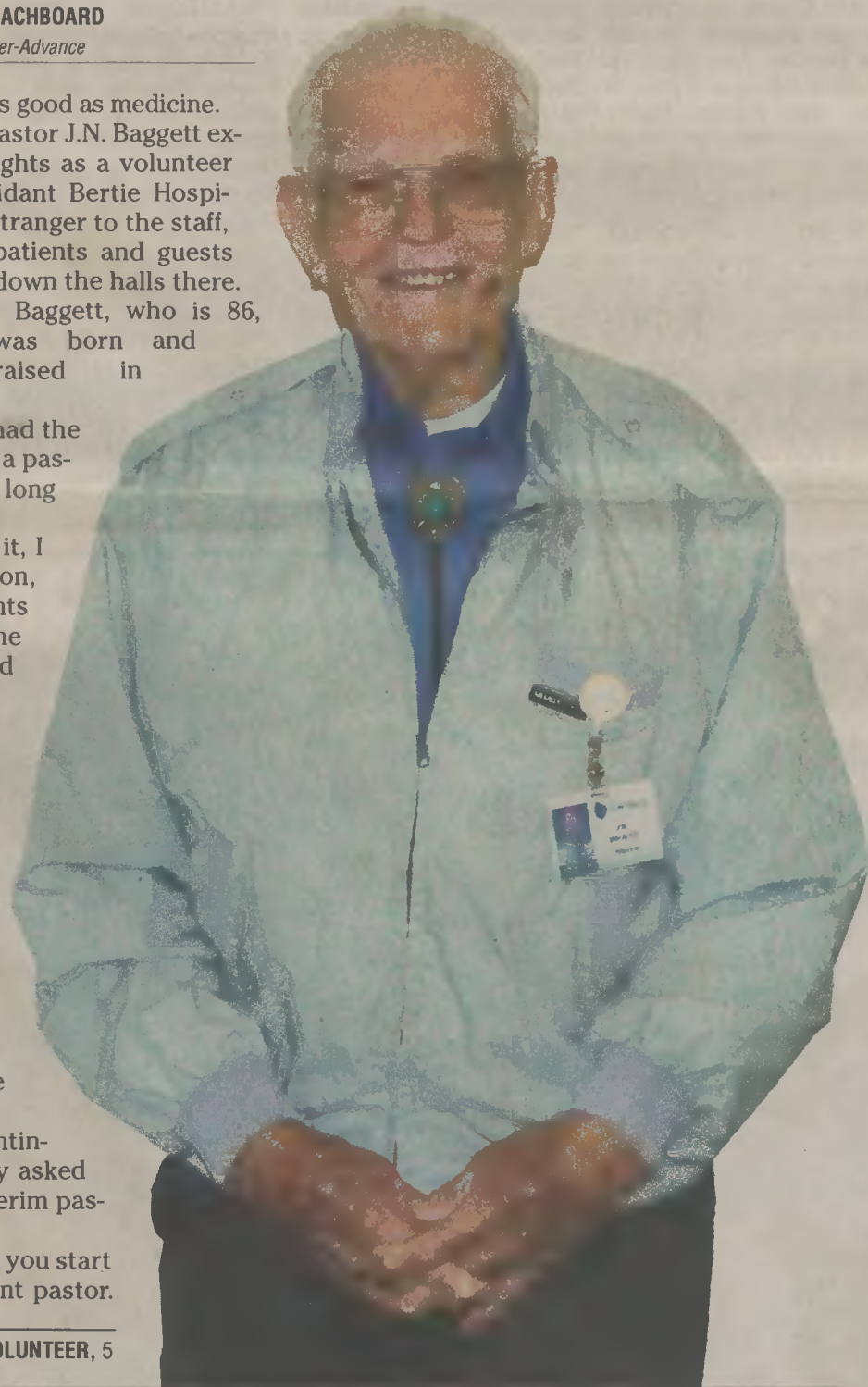
He says, he battled with it for two years and on one Sunday morning he stepped out on faith.

"I started as a jail chaplain and then a hospital chaplain. Then, a church, Pleasant Grove Church, called and wanted me to fill in and then again," he said.

Baggett said he continued to fill in until they asked him to become the interim pastor.

"I said yes, as long as you start looking for a permanent pastor.

See VOLUNTEER, 5



Town seeks chief

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WINDSOR – The town of Windsor is beginning the process of searching for a new Chief of Police.

Windsor Police Chief Todd Lane is expected to retire within the next 90 days.

During the April 12 meeting of the Windsor Board of Commissioners, the governing body approved the advertisement for a new chief, including the decision to advertise locally and through the N.C. Department of Justice.

Windsor Mayor Jim Hoggard said a committee had been appointed to search for the new chief, including Police Commissioner Lawrence Carter, Administration Commissioner Randy Walston, Town Administrator Allen Castelloe and Hoggard.

The town of Windsor currently has nine full-time officers and 10 part-time officers.

The Chief of Police is responsible for planning, administration and oversight of the annual budget and overall leadership of the police department.

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Kelford man sought in 'numerous' Rich Square break-ins

BY CAL BRYANT
 Roanoke-Chowan News-Herald

RICH SQUARE—A suspect from nearby Kelford is wanted in connection with numerous break-ins in this Northamp-

ton County town.

Rich Square Police Chief Altessie Taylor identified the suspect as Marvin Gay Robinson of 117 David Drive, Kelford.

Taylor said warrants

have been obtained on Robinson for felony breaking and entering, felony larceny after breaking and entering, possession of stolen goods, injury to property, and resisting a

public officer.

She added that additional charges may be filed as a rash of recent break-ins have plagued Rich Square businesses over the past month.

The latest break-in

occurred shortly before 1 a.m. on Friday, April 13 at Duck Thru Convenience Store No. 7, located at 224 North Main St., Rich Square. There, an individual entered the business,

which had closed for the night, and stole lottery tickets, cigarettes and beer.

The suspect was described as a black

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