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High-speed chase ends with arrest

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ASKEVILLE - Complaints from residents led to the arrest of a Bertie County man June 11.

Bertie County Sheriff John Holley said officers with the

Narcotics/Gang Unit of the sheriff's office were involved in a high-speed chase before making the arrest.

Complaints in the Mount Olive community led officers to investigate the activity of Alexander Leaner Williams on Church Lane.

On June 11, Bertie County Sheriff's Sgt. Matt Roebuck observed Williams driving a Toyota Avalon on White Oak Road near Windsor. Sgt. Roebuck knew Williams had a revoked driver's license so he attempted to stop him at the intersection of School Road

and Republican Road.

Williams refused to stop, and attempted to flee and elude the officer.

"The pursuit began in the area of Republican Road and Cow Track Road, and reached speeds of 105 miles per hour," Sheriff Holley

said.

The sheriff said Williams turned off Republican Road onto Francis Mille Road and stopped his vehicle.

Sgt. Roebuck waited for assistance which came in the

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The dedication service for the Sgt. Meggan Callahan Gazebo was held Friday, May 18 at Bertie Correctional Institute. Sgt. Callahan was murdered while on duty on April 26, 2017.

Gazebo honors memory of Sgt. Meggan Callahan

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WINDSOR - "It was a community project."

That is what Windsor resident and W.H. Basnight and Co. employee called the memorial.

On Friday, May 18 Bertie Correctional Institute in Windsor dedicated the Sgt. Meggan L. Callahan Memorial Gazebo in memory of Sgt. Callahan.

An inmate killed Sgt. Callahan

on April 26, 2017.

Sgt. Callahan's family, the Division of Prison's senior administrators, local law enforcement, Bertie County Commissioners and other members were in attendance for the ceremony.

According to Dail, an administrator from the prison called him at W.H. Basnight and Co. and inquired about obtaining materials for the project due to not having funding in the budget.

Dail began spreading the word through contractors and customers as they visited the store.

"Someone would just tell us to donate a certain amount and charge it to their account. We had roughly 35 local individuals volunteer to donate to the project," said Dail.

There were enough funds collected to provide all of the

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Aulander child missing in Va.

Body found near where he was swimming

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NORFOLK, VA. - A 12-year-old child went missing while swimming near Ocean View Pier Saturday.

According to multiple media reports, Davieon Craig Askew of Bertie County was swimming with two friends when he went missing. WVEC TV reported all three swimmers began struggling, and family members were able to reach the other two children, but not Askew.

Rescue crews using

boats, helicopters and scuba divers searched the areas until 2 a.m. Sunday. The search resumed at 7 a.m. Sunday morning.

Askew is reportedly a seventh grader from Aulander, who went to Ocean View with his godmother and friends.

WAVY reported Monday evening officials removed a body from near the Ocean View Fishing Pier, near where Askew went missing. Rescue crews responded at approximately 9 p.m.

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Titles may be dropped

BCS discuss eliminating Valedictorian, Salutatorian

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WINDSOR - No action at this time.

Students in Bertie County Schools may be saying farewell to the valedictorian and salutatorian titles.

The Bertie County Board of Education heard an update last week from Bertie County Schools Interim Executive Director of Operations and Human Resources Karen Dameron.

According to Dam-

eron, Bertie County Schools Superintendent Dr. Catherine Edmonds is recommending the board consider amending a portion of Bertie County School's policy regarding class rankings.

"The plan would allow the district to drop the class rank in exchange for a Latin Honor system based on Grade Point Average (GPA): 3.0-3.49 would equal honor exchange, 3.5 - 3.75 would equal

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Familiar names on ballot so far

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WINDSOR - The names are familiar.

In early filing, three current or former members of the Bertie County Board of Education have filed for office.

In District 2, former three-term school board member Rickey Freeman has filed to seek the seat. It is currently held by Jo Davis Johnson, who has indicated she does not plan to seek a second term.

In District 3, longtime school board member Emma Johnson

has filed for another term on the board.

In District 4, Norman M. Cherry Sr. has filed for a full term on the board. Cherry was appointed to replace the late Barry McGlone after the latter's un-

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Two games separated David Friedman (left) and his closest competitors last year. See if Travis Jackson, Marshall Cherry or another of our Prognosticators can catch him this year.

