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WPD, Southern Bank stop fraud

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WINDSOR - A man who cashed fraudulent checks in three other towns wasn't so lucky in Windsor.

Windsor Police Chief Justin Jackson said thanks to the quick thinking of South-

ern Bank staff members, a Greenville man is behind bars.

The incident occurred April 3 when Corde L. Bishop, 23, allegedly entered Southern Bank in Windsor and attempted to cash a check.

Staff members at Southern Bank were suspicious of the

check and contact the Windsor Police Department.

Lt. Frank Ratzlaff said multiple officers responded to the scene and Cpl. Eddie Hoggard and Officer Tahj Smallwood spoke to Bishop.

"While they were questioning Mr. Bishop, Chief Jackson and staff from Southern

Bank determined the check Mr. Bishop had in his possession was fraudulent," Lt. Ratzlaff said.

Officers also found out Bishop had been able to cash fraudulent checks in Ayden, Farmville and Pinetops prior to being apprehended in Windsor.

Bishop was placed under arrest and charged with attempting to obtain property by false pretense and possession of a counterfeit instrument. He was confined to the Bertie-Martin Regional Jail under a \$4,000 secured

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CJFP to forgive loans

Program will recruit law enforcement

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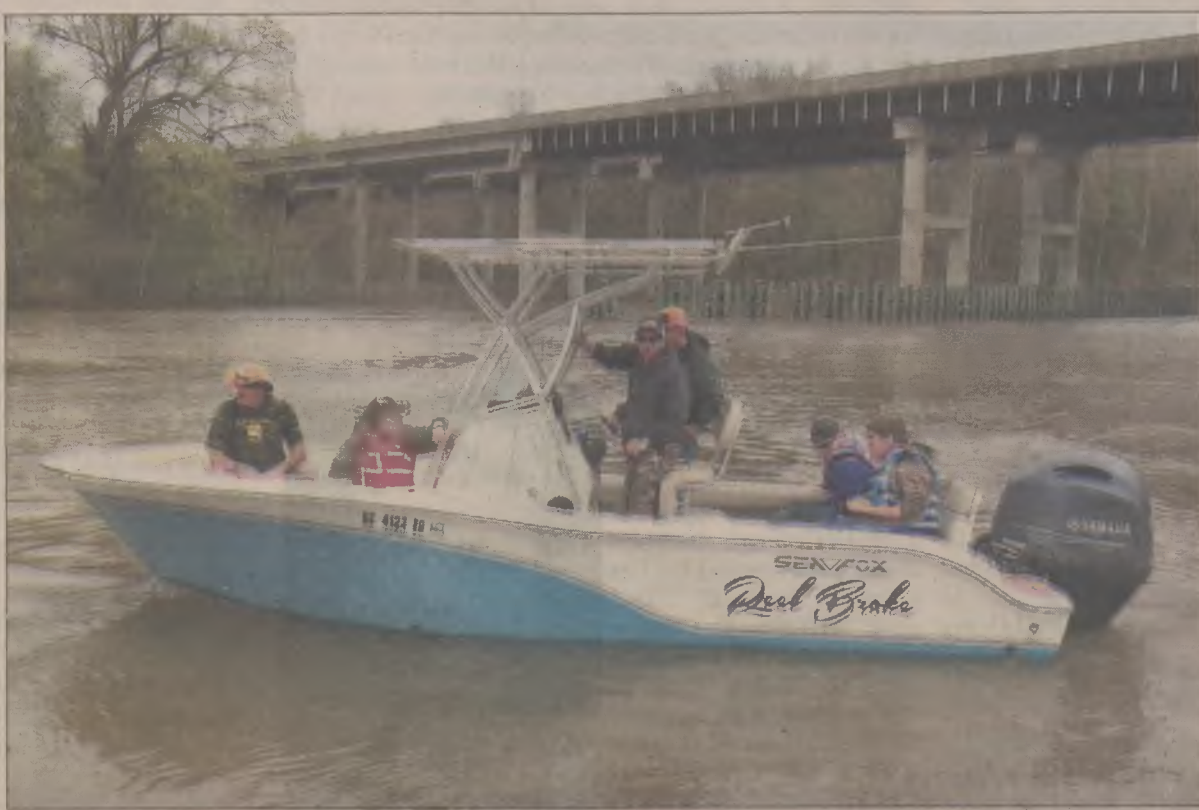
WINDSOR - The Criminal Justice Fellows Program is now accepting applications from 65 counties, which include Bertie and Martin.

"The Criminal Justice Fellows program will recruit in-state high school seniors and provide them with a forgivable community college loan to pursue a career in law enforcement," explained North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein.

This program offers forgivable educational loans for high school seniors and graduates seeking a career in law enforcement.

The jobs a student could transition into include state and local sworn law-enforcement officers, state corrections officers, sworn sheriffs, deputies, detention officers, state juvenile justice officers

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Volunteers David Lilley and Neil Vann take participants out on the Roanoke River between rain showers Friday.

Dreams realized

Hook and Shoot event makes memories

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WINDSOR - It was harder to tell who was more excited for the Roanoke / Cashie Youth Dream Team's Annual Hook and Shoot event - the team members or the participants.

The team, which is a chapter of Outdoors Atlas, hosts the event each year. Participants get the chance to shoot targets with experienced adults, fish on the Roanoke River and turkey hunt the next morning.

Jonathan Stalls, team secretary, said they have hosted young people facing their own unique challenges. Some of their challenges can be seen; others may not be as visible.

"They might have medical issues," he said.

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Jack Aycoth of Columbia has experienced more medical issues in his nine short years than many will ever know. During the weekend event, he was more interested in the turkey he had plans for or discussing baseball practice.

Fleeing suspect nabbed

Midway man facing drug, gun charges

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MIDWAY - A man suspected of selling drugs ran, but couldn't get away here recently.

Bertie County Sheriff

John Holley said two of his officers went to a residence near Midway to follow up on complaints of drug sales by Deontrae Jermaine Hayes.

Sheriff Holley said when Lt. Matt Roebuck and Sgt. Martin Phelps arrived at 16276 U.S. 17 North, Hayes left the vehicle he was in and ran into a nearby wooded area.

Sgt. Phelps gave chase while Lt. Roebuck secured the vehicle as the duo waited for backup to arrive.

Windsor Police Cpl. Eddie Hoggard and Officer Jessie Mizelle ar-

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Askewville, Windsor will host April blood drives

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A pair of opportunities to donate blood will be available in Bertie County in the coming days.

There will be blood drives

in Askewville and Windsor beginning this week and continuing through the end of the month.

With April being National Volunteer Month, officials with the American Red Cross are encouraging people to

take the opportunity to volunteer as blood donors.

They confirm blood of all types - especially type O - is needed to help ensure availability of blood for those who need it.

The opportunity to give

blood in Bertie County will begin Tuesday, April 16. The event is planned from 12:30-6:30 p.m. at Bethel Assembly Christian Academy, which is located at 105 Askewville-Bryant St.

The second one, spon-

sored by the Rotary Club of Windsor, will be Thursday, April 25 at the Windsor Community Building. Blood donations will be taken from 1:15-5:15 p.m.

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