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Attempts to smuggle contraband halted

Windsor Police, N.C. Wildlife work in partnership

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WINDSOR - Two attempts. Two failures.

The Windsor Police Department and N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission thwarted two attempts to

smuggle contraband into Bertie Correctional Institute this past weekend.

"The officers of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission are excellent partners," Windsor Police Chief Justin Jackson said. "When patrolling their grounds, their of-

ficer are always vigilant and contact us when they see something that doesn't seem right."

The first incident of the weekend occurred at approximately 3:30 p.m. Friday when officers from N.C. Wildlife Master Officer James

Strider contacted the Windsor Police Department.

Cpl. Blake Mizelle of the WPD arrived and found a male walking on the road leading to the prison.

The person stopped and put items down near the woods line and then returned

to the roadway, where Cpl. Mizelle stopped to talk to him.

As he was talking to the individual, Cpl. Mizelle walked to find the items and found bottles wrapped in duct tape.

"The suspect admitted he was planning to throw the contraband over the prison

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Tennis matches such as those played by Bertie High School and Lawrence Academy at the Windsor Tennis Courts help draw visitors to Bertie County, according to Windsor/Bertie

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lewis Hoggard. Above, BHS senior Alyssa Byrum delivers a shot during a tennis match for the Lady Falcons.

Wilson sworn in as president of association

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WINDSOR - A great honor.

Bertie County Register of Deeds the Honorable Annie Wilson was sworn in as President of the North Carolina Registers of Deeds Association last month during a ceremony in Blowing Rock.

According to Wilson, she began the journey "Walking the Chairs" as it is called when she was elected as Historian in 2014.

After the one-year term, she held the positions of secretary in 2015, treasurer in 2016, Second Vice President in 2017 and President Elect in 2018 before assuming her new role.

"I had to be on the executive committee before I could hold any of the positions," said Wilson.

As president, Wilson will preside over the association and several committees.

"I will help the association reach new goals and inform all other North Carolina Register of Deeds of legislative



Annie Wilson

changes," said Wilson.

The North Carolina Register of Deeds Association consists of all 100 county Register of Deeds offices across the state. The association is governed by the General Statutes of North Carolina.

"I am excited about the opportunity to lead the organization. Sometimes it can be a little challenging with all the many roles I have," she said.

Wilson also served as the President of the Rotary Club of Windsor for the 2018-2019 term,

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Visitor spending in Bertie Co. increases by 4.6 percent

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Domestic visitors to Bertie County spent more than \$14.6 million in 2018. It was an increase of 4.6 percent over the previous year.

The information was included in an annual study commissioned by Visit North Carolina. The study highlights tourism

spending in each of North Carolina's 100 counties.

Statewide visitors spent \$1.3 billion in North Carolina, which was an increase of 4.7 percent over 2018. It equates to \$69 million per day.

In Bertie County, there are a variety of tourist destinations including The Hope Plantation, Scotch Hall Preserve, the Cashie Treehouse Village and three

museums located in downtown Windsor.

Those draws definitely help visitor spending in the county, but there are other areas to consider, according to Windsor/Bertie Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lewis Hoggard.

"We are fortunate to have

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Baker named new Family, Consumer Science agent



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WINDSOR - The Bertie County Cooperative Extension has a new agent.

Earlier this summer, the Bertie County Cooperative Extension Director Billy Barrow introduced

Elizabeth Baker as the county's new Family and Consumer Science Director.

Baker took the position as FCS Director for Bertie and Martin counties on June 3.

"She is glad to be here," said Barrow.

Baker is a northeastern North

Carolina native and is familiar with the area and families she will be working with.

Baker has a Bachelor Degree of Science in Community Health Education, an Associate Degree in General Education and an extensive amount of practical, real world business experience.

"She has developed many personal skills including the ability to work effectively with people at all levels and from all works of life," said Bertie County Cooperative Extension Administrative Assistant Shelia Powell.

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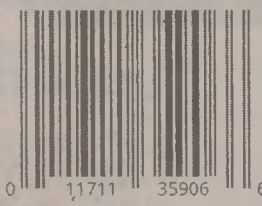
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019
 Downtown Windsor, N.C.
 Behind Town Hall

5K - 9 AM - 1 Mile - 10 AM
 Spook-tacular Fall Jamboree - 9 AM to 1 PM

A charity event to benefit the Good Shepherd Food Pantry of Bertie County Website: site.spooktacular5k.com

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