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Crash ends chase through Windsor

Windsor and Edenton PDs, BCSO work together to nab car thief

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WINDSOR – Two local police departments tracked down a fugitive from Greensboro Friday. Officers from the Windsor

Police Department arrested a Greensboro man who is now facing multiple charges in a trio of jurisdictions, thanks to officers in neighboring Edenton locating the suspect. James A. Weitz, 28, is now

facing two counts of felony fleeing to elude arrest, two counts of driving while license revoked, two counts of hit and run and resisting a public officer. The eventful afternoon began in Edenton, where

citizens spotted the stolen vehicle. Police Chief Henry King Jr. attributes assistance for Weitz's arrest to an alert eye from Edenton's "See Something, Say Something" campaign.

"This whole thing comes from our citizens seeing something, doing the right thing," he said.

Around 1:38 p.m. Friday, EPD received a tip about a stolen vehicle from the Greensboro area which was driven by an unknown white

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Blood drive slated

Donations needed in December

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WINDSOR - With influenza activity increasing, American Red Cross Officials are urging healthy donors to give blood.

"Blood and platelets can only be given by donors who are feeling well," said Bernedette Jay of the American Red Cross.

Jay also reminded would-be donors that getting a flu vaccine does not prevent a donor from giving blood or platelets as long as the donor is symptom-free and fever-free.

Red Cross officials do ask those who exhibits flu-like symptoms to make sure they are fully recovered before donating.

Bertie County will have one blood drive next week.

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One of the participants at the Wreaths Across America ceremony places a wreath at Edgewood Cemetery.

'Wreaths' carries on tradition

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WINDSOR - Despite rainy conditions, Edgewood Cemetery veterans were honored this holiday season.

Individuals from near and far gathered at Edgewood Cemetery at 12 noon Saturday, Dec 14 for the annual nationwide Wreaths Across America event.

The event deceased honors veterans by placing a live balsam wreath on his or her tombstone and saying

their name as a way of paying tribute during the holiday season.

Participant Joe Hale led the participants in prayer at the start of the event.

Bertie County's Wreaths Across America Coordinator Lynn Joyner thanked everyone for coming to the event and asked for a moment of silence.

"Would you join me in a moment of silence to remember the fallen, the prisoners of

See WREATHS, A5



One of the many veterans attending the Wreaths Across America ceremony salutes during the presentation of colors at the event Saturday at noon.

Board alters policy

Uniform changes set for 2020-21

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WINDSOR - Uniforms are out.

The Bertie County Board of Education unanimously voted to do away with uniforms for all schools beginning with the 2020-2021 school year.

Discussions about the change began during the board's October meeting.

Bertie County Schools Superintendent Dr. Otis Smallwood suggested to the board to consider making changes to the current uniform policy.

Currently students of Bertie County Schools are required to wear uniforms including khaki, navy blue or black pants and polo shirts of specific colors depending on which school the student attends.

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Bazemore files for N.C. Senate seat in District 3

THADD WHITE
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WINDSOR – A Bertie County Commissioner has joined the race for N.C. Senate.

Last week, Ernestine Byrd Bazemore filed to run for the seat being vacated by Erica D. Smith.

Bazemore is a two-term Bertie County Commissioner and a retired educator.

She is seeking to replace Smith, a two-term incumbent, who is now seeking the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate seat currently held by Thom Tillis (R).

Thus far, Bazemore is

the only Democrat to file for the office. Republican Vance County Commissioner Thomas S. Hester Jr. has filed to seek the seat as well.

The state senate seat is the only one being contested thus far locally.

Only incumbent State Rep. Ed Goodwin has filed for the

Republican nomination to retain his seat. No one else has filed.


In Bertie County, only District 1 Commissioner Ronald D. Wesson has filed. District IV Commissioner John Trent is elected as an unaffiliated candidate, and therefore files by petition.

Incumbent Democrat Annie Wilson has filed for reelection to her position as Register of Deeds. She is opposed thus far.

Filing will continue through noon on Friday.

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