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Baby stroller thrown at police car

Windsor man leads police on 100-mph chase

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WINDSOR - It looked like a real live version of Mario Cart.

With a car speeding away from law enforcement Jan. 2, the passengers began tossing contents of the car at the

police vehicles.

"It was unlike anything you've seen except possibly on Mario Cart," Windsor Police Chief Justin Jackson said. "Fortunately, no one was injured and our officers did a good job of avoiding everything from car seats to baby strollers."

Windsor Police Lt. Frank Ratzlaff said two officers - Sgt. Jason Thomas and Cpl. Chris Leggett - were conducting a license checkpoint on N.C. 308 when the driver of a 2003 Silver Saturn turned around and began to speed through a private yard and into a field.

Officers immediately began to give chase.

As the driver turned back on N.C. 308 and then made the turn onto Madre Road, passengers began tossing items out of the car and onto the roadway. Objects included a baby seat, a stroller and an abundance of smaller

items.

The vehicle turned onto Grabtown Road where speeds in the chase reached 100 miles per hour. The driver of the Saturn continued to lead officers on the high-speed chase as they headed to St. Francis Road and then onto U.S. 17 headed toward Windsor.

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VBH limits visits

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GREENVILLE - Vidant Health values family presence when loved ones are in the hospital.

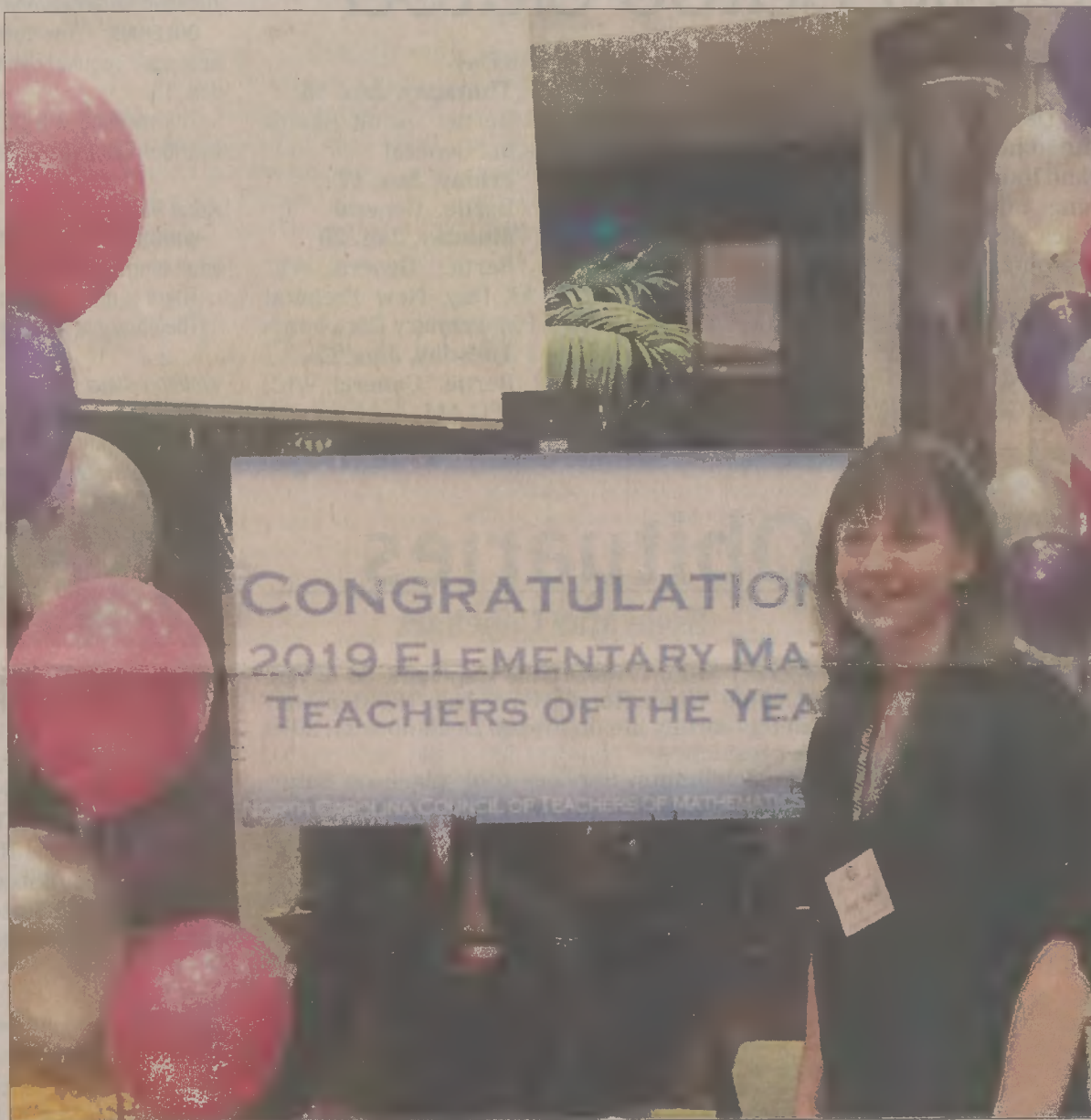
At the same time, they are responsible for protecting patients from being exposed to viruses such as the flu.

Due to the high number of people with the flu in the community, Vidant Health is temporarily changing its family presence and visitation practices for patient safety as well as for the safety for visitors.

Beginning tomorrow (Jan. 9), all Vidant hospitals will only welcome visitors who are 12 years and older, who are not exhibiting symptoms of a cold or flu, diarrhea, vomiting or headache.

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BEST OF THE BEST



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Windsor Elementary School's Amy Mizell, a fifth grade teacher, was selected as the N.C. Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCCTM) "Outstanding Elementary School Mathematics Teacher" for 2018-2019 for Bertie County

Schools. She was honored at the group's Annual Conference, which was held at Khoury Convention Center in Greensboro, late last year.

Bertie gains \$22M

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WINDSOR - Twenty-two million dollars and counting.

This is how much funding Bertie County has received for Hurricane Matthew flood mitigation and repairs.

Holland Consulting Planners representative Chris Hilbert gave an update to the Bertie County Commissioners about the funding and projects across the county earlier this week.

"There are three main programs for the mitigation," said Hilbert.

The first program is hazard mitigation.

Bertie County has been approved approximately for \$6 million for the program.

According to Hilbert,

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Federal judge blocks photo ID requirement in NC

Unless the injunction is appealed, March primary will not require ID

BY GARY D. ROBERTSON
 Associated Press

RALEIGH (AP) - Republican attempts to require photo identification to vote in North Carolina are being thwarted again by judges hearing arguments that the mandate is tainted by bias that would deter black and Latino residents.

A federal court announced

that next week U.S. District Judge Loretta Biggs will formally block a photo ID requirement scheduled to begin in 2020.

Unless the upcoming preliminary injunction is successfully appealed, the requirement will be halted until a lawsuit filed by the state NAACP and others is resolved.

Thursday's short written

notice from the federal court in Winston-Salem previewed Biggs' order because state election officials were planning to expand efforts to educate voters about the ID law within days.

Although the requirement would be carried out beginning with the March 3 primary, the requirement would actually start in just a few weeks with mail-in absentee

ballot filers, who also would have to provide an ID copy.

The state law identified several types of qualifying photo IDs and allowed people lacking one to get a free ID card or to fill out a form while voting explaining their "reasonable impediment" to obtaining one.

GOP leaders in charge of the legislature have been trying for most of the decade to

advance voter ID, saying that more than 30 states require it and it builds confidence in elections.

Data show voter impersonation is rare, however. The voting pool - currently 6.8 million registered voters - is critical in a closely divided presidential battleground state where statewide races

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