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Tax valuation process winds down

Rhea: Values could increase slightly

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WINDSOR - The Bertie County tax reevaluation process is almost complete. Bertie County Tax Administrator Jodie Rhea gave the Bertie County Commissioner a recent update.

"Our department has spent the two years preparing and now we are starting to finish up," said Rhea. "Although we do not know the numbers right now, I can say there may be a modest increase." "Some taxes may go up. Some taxes may go down and

some may stay the same," he added. Bertie County like every other county in the state is required to do a tax reevaluation every eight years. According to Rhea, the current reevaluation was done as a "windshield assessment."

The evaluators would pull up to the property and do an assessment by looking at the property. The drive-by assessment cost the county approximately \$360,000. "I would like to see a walk-around reassessment or a re-measurement reassessment completed in the county," said Rhea. During a walk-around re-

assessment, the examiner would get out of the vehicle and walk around on the outside of the property. During a re-measurement reassessment, the examiner will get out and re-measure all of the measurements on the property. "There is a lot of missed revenue across the county." See TAX, A5



AMANDA BUNCH / Bertie County Schools

Bertie County Schools received the Going the Distance Innovation Award for increasing participation in the North Carolina Summer Nutrition Program. Pictured is Bertie County

Schools employees with the Bertie County Summer Feeding Bus. The employees distributed school supplies to children at the summer feeding location.

Summer feeding program recognized for innovation

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WINDSOR - When school is out for the summer, the North Carolina Summer Nutrition Programs step in to feed hungry children and teenagers across the state. School Nutrition Services recently recognized Bertie County Schools with the Going the Distance Innovation Award for increasing participation in the North Carolina Summer Nutrition Program by 15 percent

through implementation of innovative strategies. Bertie County is receiving this award for the second year in a row. This year, the school nutrition program implemented a more aggressive approach of marketing through social media, added a second mobile meals site and is currently on a strategic to increase participation and potentially reduce expenses. "Providing our students with nourishing, healthy food doesn't end when school ends

for the summer. Our goal is to continue to keep their minds and bodies nourished during the summer break so they can be energized when it is time for them to return to school," said Bertie County Schools Nutrition Program Director Tiwana Smallwood. "By supporting programs that provide balanced meals throughout the summer, we are helping to keep North Carolina children on the path to success." See FEEDING, A5

Theft of truck ends in arrest

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WINDSOR - A joy ride with a neighbor's vehicle landed a Windsor man behind bars last week. Windsor Police Chief Justin Jackson said officers received a call Jan. 11 about a truck missing from a home on Dalton Drive.

Cpl. Chris Leggett and Cpl. David Lafon reported to the home, and the owner of the vehicle said his neighbor told him he had taken his truck and left it at the Chowan River bridge.

The victim said he went outside and found out the truck was in-

deed missing. The Windsor police officers drew warrants and arrested Colin Rose, 19, of Clark Avenue in Windsor. Upon questioning, Rose told officers where the vehicle was actually located, which was at a private residence in Hertford. Hertford Police located the vehicle and notified Windsor Police. Rose was charged with motor vehicle theft and confined to the Bertie-Martin Regional Jail under a \$5,000 secured bond. Thadd White can be reached via email at twhite@ncweeklies.com.

ABC Board revenues up

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WINDSOR - Revenue has increased. During the audit presentation to the Bertie County Commissioners, ABC Board Member Michael Freeman explained how sales and operating expenses improved in the 2018-2019 fiscal year. A letter attached to the audit from auditor, W. Greene, PLLC, stated, "Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial state-

ments based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with audience standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement." The audited financial statements of the ABC Board consist See ABC, A5

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