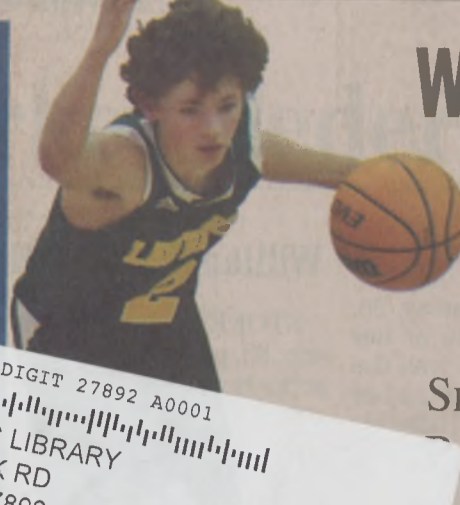


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WPD stops contraband at BCI

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WINDSOR – A Durham man found out what many others learned before him.

Smuggling illegal contraband into Bertie Correctional Institute (BCI) isn't as easy as one might think.

Windsor Police Lt. Frank Ratzlaff said officers arrested David Ronald Black Jr. Saturday and charged him with attempting to smuggle contraband into BCI. Black becomes one of a laundry list of suspects arrested by the Windsor Police Department while trying to smuggle contraband over the fence of BCI.

Windsor Police Officer Jessie Mizelle was called to Bertie Correctional after officers from the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission reported a suspect wearing all black walking along the woods line near the prison.

Officer Mizelle responded and went into the woods looking for the suspect. When he saw Black walking through the woods, the suspect dropped two containers of contraband and ran away from Officer Mizelle. During the chase, Black dropped a bottle of contraband as well.

Officer Mizelle was

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LEWIS HOGGARD / Bertie Chamber of Commerce

Dignitaries from Bertie, Hertford and Northampton counties gathered to break ground on a new general aviation terminal at Tri-County Airport.

Ground broken at Tri-County Airport

AULANDER - This past week, a ground-breaking ceremony was held at Tri-County Airport for a new general aviation terminal.

The terminal is being built by Calvin Davenport Construction from Rocky Mount and should be completed by December 2020. This \$1.4 million project is funded by state and federal funds with no local matches from any of the three counties

(Bertie, Herford and Northampton) who operate the airport.

The federal funds come from the Airport Airway and Trust fund administered by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The AATF fund monies come from excise taxes on the transportation of persons, property and on aviation fuel. The purpose of the AATF is to provide funding for capital im-

provements to the United States airport and airways system.

The architects for the project are the Wilson Group from Charlotte, who have done airport terminals in Wilmington, Wilson, Lumberton, Concord and hangars and other buildings at Charlotte Douglas International Airport.

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ARC: Type O blood sought

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Urgent help is needed.

Officials with the American Red Cross are extending an urgent call for donors of all blood types, but especially those with Type O.

"With influenza escalating across the country and preventing some donors from giving, and winter weather

threatening to cancel blood drives, the Red Cross now has a critical shortage of Type O blood and urgently needs donors to restock the shelves," said Bernadette Jay, a spokesperson for ARC.

According to officials, the Red Cross currently has just a three-day supply of Type O available for patient emergencies and medical treatment.

Type O blood is the most transfused blood type and can be given to Rh-positive patients

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WWII Veterans meet

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WILLIAMSTON - Although they have no way to confirm it, history was likely made last week in Williamston as two of America's "greatest generation" met for the first time.

"Where else are two World War II veterans meeting for the first time," Jon Griffin asked as Colerain resident Jonathan Johnson, 95, met Pitt County veteran Woody Ferrell, 96.

That was not where the similarities ended. The U.S. Navy veterans served on similar type vessels and at times, near one another.

Their newfound connection came through an unlikely con-



SARAH HODGES STALLS / Enterprise & Weekly Herald

Jon Griffin, Woody Ferrell and Jonathan Johnson were joined by Ferrell's friend, Gary Mcalister and members of Johnson's family when the two met at a Williamston restaurant.

nection.

Jon Griffin of Farm Life has possessed a life-long love of history.

In his retirement years, Griffin began documenting the

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Bertie officers: Know who is in your rearview mirror

THADD WHITE AND SARAH HODGES STALLS
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Reports of what is being called a "blue light bandit" in Washington County has Bertie law enforcement officers urging citizens to exercise

caution.

The Plymouth Police Department reported a woman had been stopped by someone allegedly impersonating a law enforcement officer in the early morning hours of Jan. 14.

The suspect allegedly re-

turned to his car and drove off when the victim requested identification.

Windsor Police Chief Justin Jackson, Aulander Police Chief Jimmy Barmer and Bertie County Sheriff John Holley are encouraging citizens to look for key signs of

a legitimate officers pulling them over.

"By and large, officers who pull over cars in Bertie County will be in uniform, and should be easily identified," Chief Barmer said. "If you cannot identify the officer by their uniform, it is

perfectly acceptable to ask what department they work for."

Chief Jackson said even those not in uniform will have his or her badge clearly visible.

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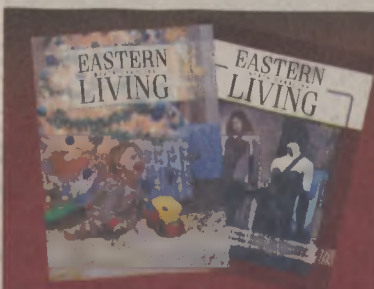
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