

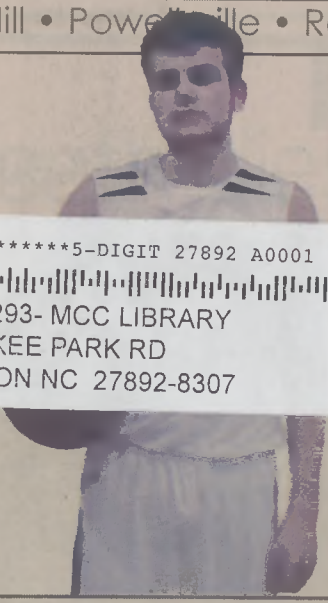
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Regional jail conversations continue

Atkins has concerns, open to discussions

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WINDSOR – Bertie Commissioners held a work session Wednesday, Jan. 22 at the Cashie River Center. Chairman Ronald D. Weson was absent due to a

death in the family. Vice-Chair Tammy Lee conducted the meeting in his absence. One of the items up for discussion during the work session was the proposed Bertie-Martin Regional Jail Feasibility Study with Chowan County.

Review
During the Aug. 5, 2019 work session, now retired Bertie County Manager Scott Sauer reviewed the latest updates on the proposed study and fee proposal. Sauer recapped the March 28, 2019 joint special meet-

ing between Bertie, Martin and Chowan county officials as well as the Bertie-Martin Regional Jail Commission. The estimated cost of the study is \$74,750 or \$24, 917 per county. **Currently**
During the Jan. 22 meeting, discussions resurfaced as to where the initiative currently stands.

“Are we ready to move forward,” asked Commissioner John Trent, who also sits on the BMRJ Board. “I am ready to move forward with a feasibility study,” said Lee. She said she felt this was especially while there is a willing third party to help

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The Bertie County Sheriff's Office secured the scene of an armed robbery at Family Dollar in Colerain Friday.

Family Dollar in Colerain robbed, clerk injured

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COLERAIN – A clerk was injured during an armed robbery at Family Dollar Friday. Bertie County Sheriff John Holley said his office was dispatched to the department store shortly after 11:30 a.m. Friday. “The original call indicated there

had been an armed robbery, and the clerk had been shot,” Sheriff Holley said. “Upon the arrival of the first officer, it was found the clerk wasn’t actually shot, but was wounded.” Sheriff Holley said one of the suspects had shot bullets into the floor, one of which ricocheted up and caught the clerk on the forearm. She was treated by Bertie County EMS at the scene, but not transported.

The sheriff said two black males entered the store wearing hoodies and masks. They went to the clerk and demanded money. The two suspects took the cash drawer and fled the store, but Sheriff Holley said they couldn’t have gotten away with much in the way of cash. “We found money in the store, in

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DOT plan up for review, dates upcoming

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EDENTON - Residents will have a chance to provide input on what transportation projects they would like to see included in the next North Carolina Department of Transporta-

tion’s 10-Year transportation plan for 2023-2032. Division 1, which includes Martin County, will host drop-in dates Feb. 3-5 at the division office, which is located at 113 Airport Drive, Edenton. With a goal of increasing safety, reducing congestion and promoting

economic growth, NCDOT uses data and local input to determine which projects get funded in the 10-year plan based on a specific formula created by the Strategic Transportation Investments law. It allows NCDOT to

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Election dates near

Voter registration deadline set for Feb. 7

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WINDSOR – There are several key dates coming for the March Primary in North Carolina. The first is slated for next week, which is the deadline for voters to change their registration or become registered. The Voter Registration deadline for those making initial registration or changing their records is set for 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7. Less than one week later will begin the absentee balloting and One-Stop Voting. One-Stop is slated to start at 8 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 13. It will continue through 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 29. The last day to request an absentee ballot by mail is Tuesday, Feb. 25. Those who choose to vote on Election Day can do so between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3. There will be a host of primaries on the ballot for the March 3 ballot. North Carolina recognizes five political parties, all of which will have a primary ballot in Bertie County. There will also be a non-partisan ballot for those who choose to vote without party affiliation. In alphabetical order the ballots include: **Constitution Party**
Presidential Preference: Don Blankenship, Charles Kraut, No Preference;
Sales and Use Tax: For,

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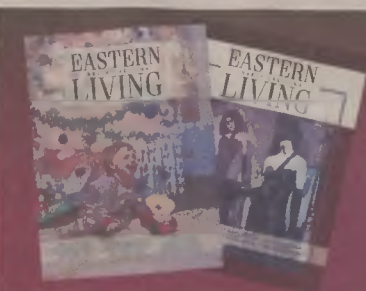
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