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Family Dollar robbery suspects caught

Both men in custody in Hertford County

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COLERAIN – Two suspects are in custody, and charged with multiple counts in connection with an armed robbery Jan. 24.

Bertie County Sheriff John

Holley said one suspect in the robbery of the Family Dollar store in Colerain is in custody and another is being sought.

“Investigation led deputies to develop two suspects – Dy’twan Chamblee and Ray’Quan Langford – in the

robbery of Family Dollar,” Sheriff Holley said.

On Feb. 7, deputies from the Hertford County Sheriff’s Office contacted Lt. Martin Phelps of the BCSO letting him know Chamblee had been detained.

Chamblee was charged

with robbery with a dangerous weapon, conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, accessory after the fact of felony armed robbery and larceny. He was placed under a \$250,000 secured bond.

Last Thursday, Sheriff Holley announced his office was looking for Langford in connection with the crime. This

led to the suspect surrendering himself at the Hertford County Sheriff’s Office Saturday.

Details of his charges and bond were not available as of press time Tuesday.

Sheriff Holley expressed his appreciation to Lt. Phelps, Detective Sgt. Har-

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Center will be sought

County to continue developing TGOW

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POWELLSVILLE – Bertie County is moving forward with work to build an education center at the site of the Tall Glass of Water project.

Last week, Dr. Stan Riggs made a proposal to the board to pursue an education center in partnership with two North Carolina state agencies.

Dr. Riggs, who spoke at the Feb. 10 meeting of the Bertie County Board of Commissioners, provided a brief history of the project, and laid out a path forward.

“As you all know, Bertie County has 147 acres on the west end of the Albemarle Sound, commonly called the Tall Glass of Water,” Dr. Riggs said. “Bertie County has initiated a plan to develop that property as a recreational center.

“Just south of that piece of property is another 1,300 acres that is now owned by the State of North Carolina, Division of State Parks” he continued. “It is called the Salmon Creek Natural Area.”

Dr. Riggs said because it is a natural area, it is mostly preserved land,

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Bertie County Schools Board of Education member Christine Dudley (left) and Bertie County Commissioner Tammy Lee (right) speak with Bertie County Schools Su-

perintendent Dr. Otis Smallwood and Interim Windsor Elementary School Principal Fannie Williams at the kickoff of the new dental program.

New dental program gets ‘kick off’ event

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WINDSOR – Time to get started.

Dignitaries from The Duke Endowment, the East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine and Bertie County School’s gathered Thursday to kick off an initiative that will bring dental care to all elementary and middle school students in the district.

The event, held at Windsor Elementary School, served as the official beginning of the Bertie County School-based Oral Preventive Program.

“Today we are writing history as we (Bertie County Schools) celebrate a strong partnership with the flagship



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Bertie County Schools Superintendent Dr. Otis Smallwood said he is pleased to welcome the dental care initiative.

School of Dentistry at East Carolina University,” said Dr. Otis Smallwood, Super-

intendent of Bertie County Schools. “We are thrilled to be here at Windsor Elementary School celebrating the launch of the preventive education and oral care program by this prestigious institution.”

Dr. Smallwood said the region is consistently plagued by gaps of service including critical care, access, transportation and other services.

“So we are grateful to benefit from the generosity of ECU and The Duke Endowment that will provide comprehensive services to all of our elementary and middle grades students and help us close those gaps.”

The ECU dental school will

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Town buys land

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WINDSOR – The town of Windsor will purchase approximately three acres of property on West Camden Street.

Thursday morning, the Windsor Board of Commissioners held a public hearing Thursday morning to discuss the purchase. No one spoke at the hearing.

Windsor Mayor Jim Hoggard explained the board was close to purchasing the same tract of land nearly three years ago.

At that time, the town was to purchase the property to allow Bertie County to build a new library and cooperative extension office.

When the original survey showed some contamination due to the nearby location of the former dry cleaners, the county opted to move on to another site.

The mayor said town officials continued the dialogue because they felt the property should be further tested and could possibly still be used.

Windsor Town Administrator Allen Castelloe confirmed further testing showed the site contains “no public health hazard.”

Castelloe and Mayor Hoggard said the only prohibition was not al-

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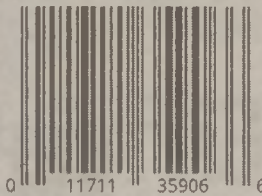


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