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Windsor PD solves break-in quickly

Seven hours after report, suspects found

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WINDSOR – Seven short hours. That's how long it took the Windsor Police Department to solve a weekend break-in

at the library building currently under construction on King Street.

"This is exactly why we work as a team at the Windsor Police Department," WPD Chief Justin Jackson said. "The group worked to-

gether and it helped us solve this quickly."

The incident was reported early Friday morning when Windsor Police Officer Jessie Mizelle was dispatched to 102 Lancaster Avenue to take a report about items

missing from the construction site.

Later that same day two men were taken into custody on unrelated charges, but the investigation led officers to those two men as suspects in the case. The investigative team was led by Lt. Frank Ratzlaff and Det. Sgt. Jason Thomas, as well

as Officer Mizelle.

Following the arrest of one of the two men, Officer Mizelle questioned the suspect about the break-in at the construction site. The suspect admitted to having a connection to the break-in. Det. Sgt. Thomas ques-

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COVID cases rising

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WINDSOR – The number of COVID-19 cases in Bertie County continue to soar.

As of Monday afternoon, the county had more than 400 confirmed cases of the novel coronavirus, with 65 of those cases still active.

In addition, the county lost its sixth person to COVID-19 during the worldwide pandemic. Last Thursday, Bertie County and the Albemarle Regional Health Services announced the death of an individual who was between 50 and 64 years of age. The person succumbed from complications to COVID-19.

Overall, Bertie County has 441 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Of that number, 364 have recovered and more than 70 cases are still active.

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The Roanoke/Cashie River Center is now home to a TRACK Trail.

Interactive Fun: Trail opens

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WINDSOR – Family fun can be hard to come by in the days of COVID-19.

Thanks to a grant and some hard work by the Roanoke/Cashie River Center staff, a new source of safe, fun recreation is available on the banks of the Cashie River in Windsor.

"We are excited to have partner with the Kids in the Park program to offer the TRACK Trail at the Roanoke/Cashie River Center, link-

ing our popular site with the other TRACK Trail sites in the region and throughout the country," said Science Programming Specialist Rod Martin.

The River Center partnered with the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation's Kids in the Park program to install the TRACK Trail at the River Center. A TRACK Trail is designed to allow families to do more than an ordinary hike.

"TRACK Trails are designed to turn an or-

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County moves debris

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WINDSOR – Storm debris removal began yesterday (Wednesday).

Bertie County has contracted with Southern Disaster Recovery for the removal of all storm debris, and it began Wednesday.

The removal is for Morning Road and Woodard Road only. The N.C. Department of Transportation will begin removing trees and vegetative debris countywide in the near future.

Those wishing to have storm debris removed should have it within 10 feet of the highway, but keep it out of the roadway. The debris should be separated into six categories: electronics, large appliances, hazardous waste, vegetative debris, construction debris and household garbage.

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45 Years Later: Tom Davis not forgotten



Trooper Tom Davis

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No one may ever be sure how many cars cross the Roanoke River bridge each day.

For some, the bridge is simply a link between Martin and Bertie counties.

In 2004, the bridge was named in honor of N.C. Highway Patrol Trooper G. Tom Davis, but some

may have no idea why.

Those who knew Davis remember a highly regarded lawyer and one of the darkest days Bertie and Martin counties have ever known – all in one breath.

This week marks 45 years since Davis, a North Carolina Highway Patrolman nearing the completion of his 28th year of service, was killed on North Sycamore Street, now known as

Martin Luther King Drive.

Some of the men involved in the events sat down to remember Davis at an earlier anniversary of his death.

"It was a day," he paused, "like I don't want to see again."

That is how retired Williamston Police Officer Rod Bass remembered Sept. 2, 1975.

Shortly after 10 a.m., Bass – then a corporal – was headed

toward Martin Plaza from the other side of town. According to Bass, he was going to keep watch for a car reportedly fleeing from a Jamesville bank robbery which had just occurred minutes earlier.

"I heard the shot," Bass recalled.

As he got closer to the scene,

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