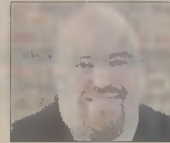




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Jamesville man leads officers on chase

Suspect faces drug, felony fleeing charges

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WINDSOR – A Jamesville man led police on a short chase in Windsor but ended up in Bertie-Martin Regional Jail

for his troubles. Windsor Police Chief Justin Jackson said a routine stop for expired tags ended with two agencies working together to apprehend the suspect.

Windsor Police Officer Tonya Todd noticed a car operating with being driven down Ghent Street with an expired tag and stopped the vehicle. Once the car was stopped,

Officer Todd asked the driver – Tony Lorenza Speller, 33, of Jamesville to roll down the windows due to tinting. At that time, Officer Todd noticed there were five people in the car.

Speller said he knew the tags were expired, but had tried to get them up-to-date

and he would. Officer Todd then smelled marijuana in the vehicle and contacted Cpl. Chris Leggett for assistance.

At that time, the window rolled up and Speller sped off heading toward Sterling-

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2016 case open

BCSO charges one, more arrests likely

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POWELLVILLE – The first in what will likely be multiple suspects has been arrested and charged in a November 2016 breaking and entering in Powellsville.

Bertie County Sheriff John Holley said Travis Donte Smallwood was charged Tuesday, March 2 in connection with the incident after an investigation that included the Bertie County Sheriff's Office, Hertford County Sheriff's Office, Ahoskie Police Department, Down East Drug Task Force and the N.C. State Bureau of Investigation.

Travis Donte Smallwood is currently in the Hertford County Detention Center under a \$1 million bond where he is charged with first

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The Rev. Robert Barner shows just some of the clothing available at Saturday's free giveaway.

Potter's House welcomes all to monthly giveaway ministry

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WINDSOR – Free. The single word gets most people's attention, but is hard to come by. But, that's exactly what The Potter's House is offering this Saturday, and one day each month for the foreseeable future – free.

The church began giving away household items, clothing and the like one Saturday each month nearly 16 months ago. It began thanks to a donation from Higher Ground Pentecostal Holiness Church in Ahoskie, but now sustains



More than half the members of The Potter's House usually turn out to aid the giveaway.

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APD nab two

Edgecombe Co. fugitive arrested in Aulander

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AULANDER – A fugitive who fled Edgecombe County settled down in the wrong town.

And, thanks to a combined effort of the Aulander Police Department and its neighboring departments, that fugitive is in Bertie-Martin Regional Jail facing charges from multiple entities.

Aulander Police Chief Jimmy Barner said the investigation began Feb. 12 when he received a call to Family Dollar in town to investigate a shoplifter. By the time he arrived, the person had left the store, but Chief Barner began reviewing footage of the store's cameras to figure out the person responsible.

The chief said he saw

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Perdue Farms garners 'Hero of Research Award'

LEWISTON WOODVILLE – Associates at the Perdue Farms operation in rural Lewiston Woodville, have earned the "Hero of Research Award" from the American Cancer Society in recognition of their support for Relay For

Life in 2020. The Perdue team raised more than \$165,000 – the fifth largest total in the country – for the Relay For Life of Bertie County. By reaching the \$165,000 fund-raising level for the first time, the

Perdue Lewiston plant was one of three companies nationally to achieve Hero of Research status.

Since 1995, Perdue associates have raised more than \$1.7 million in support of the Relay For Life of Bertie

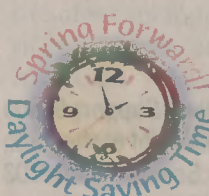
County, primarily through payroll deduction and local fundraising activities.

"We are so grateful to everyone at Perdue Farms Lewiston plant for their tremendous support," said Gary Reedy, CEO of the

American Cancer Society. "2020 was one of the most challenging years in our history. It prompted all of us to innovate and find new ways to serve our patients and

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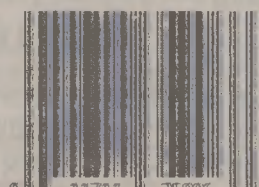
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