

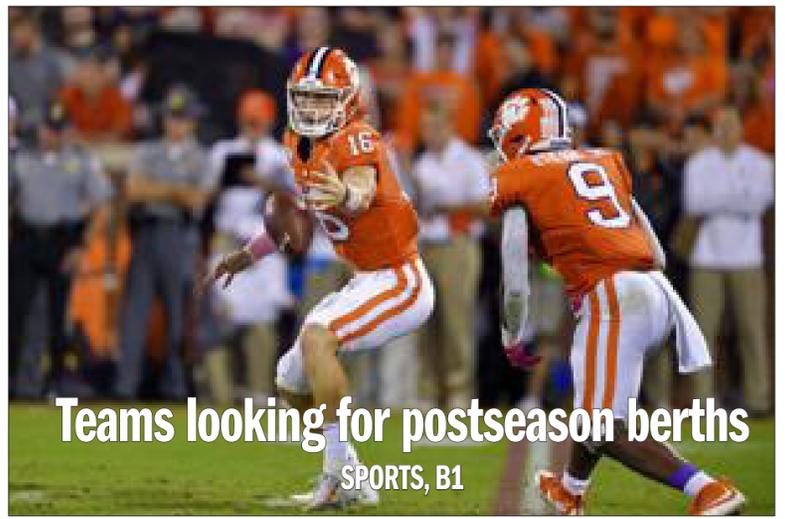
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Gunman robs area bingo parlor

BY WILLIAM F. WEST
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A bingo business at the southeastern edge of the Englewood area recently was held up at gunpoint and police need the public's help catching the robber.

The holdup occurred at 6:28 a.m. on Oct. 24 at Catawba Bingo, which is in the 100 block of South Wes-

leyan Boulevard, Cpl. Clay Wilder said.

The robbery occurred after a man entered the business and a worker asked the man for identification for scanning so the man could be allowed to pass, Wilder said.

The man pulled out a handgun, demanded money and got away with about \$1,000 in cash, Wilder said.

No one was injured, but the robber fled via the parking lot, Wilder said.

The man is described as black, about 5-feet, 7-inches tall and 170 pounds, with hair worn in short dreadlocks.

The man was wearing a dark jacket with a hood and camouflage pattern pants.

Anyone with additional information about this

crime or any crimes in the area is asked to contact police at 252-972-1411 or Crime Stoppers at 252-977-1111 or crimestoppers@rockymountnc.gov.

Tips also can be texted to police at 274637 by beginning messages with RMPOL to direct the tip to the Rocky Mount Police Department and typing up to 155 characters about the information.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Police need help finding this man in connection with the recent armed robbery of Catawba Bingo in the 100 block of South Wesleyan Boulevard.



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Addison Clark, 9, left, watches her sister Lilley Clark, 15, try to pick up candy Tuesday at the tenth annual Career and Technical Education Open House Showcase in the Business & Industry Center at Nash Community College. Below, Alacia Montague, 16, left, learns about blood pressure from Clerra Joyner.

Showcase highlights career options

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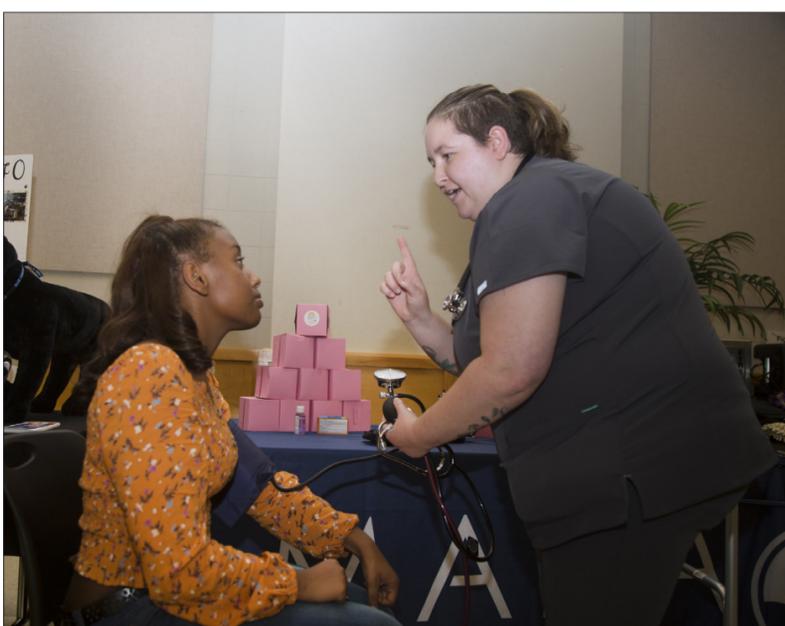
Nash Community College and Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools jointly hosted the tenth annual Career and Technical Education Open House Showcase on Tuesday in the Business & Industry Center at the college.

Nash Community College works with the school district to help provide much of the Career and Technical Education offered in the school district. The event featured roughly 78 stations where students could explore career options, programs offered at NCC and internships and job opportunities available through local industry partners.

Chad Thompson, executive director of secondary education and CTE for Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools, now heads the CTE program for the school district.

"We have really tried to incorporate a lot of hands-on activities at this event," Thompson said. "This allows students to better understand what that trade can do from a hands-on perspective."

One of the main goals of the CTE Showcase is to expose students and their families to different career options and help them



learn more about the pathways available to pursue those careers.

"The CTE showcase introduces students to the options they have, starting in high schools, to what they can do at Nash Community College (and) to what the businesses and industries in this area have to offer," Thompson said.

Students in grades 5 to 12 and their parents were invited to the event.

"With our new legislation, we have a fifth-grade aspect," Thompson said. "But we want to start this

early anyway because it has been our plan to let our students know what we have to offer in middle school and high school. We want them to have those options in their head so once they get to high school, they are ready to go."

Nash Community College set up several stations at the event allowing students to explore activities related to various courses and programs offered at the college. Some of these stations included automotive service technology, electronics engineering tech-

nology, informational technology and programming, veterinary technology and culinary arts.

Matthew Booth was at the Associate of Engineering station demonstrating a roller coaster made by NCC students.

Some of the local organizations represented at the event included the Nash County Sheriff's Office, Cummins Rocky Mount Engine Plant and Edwards Inc. in Spring Hope.

The station for Edwards

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Authorities charge man in homicide

Two shot in Princeville

BY WILLIAM F. WEST
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A 30-year-old Edgecombe County man is jailed in connection with a weekend double shooting in Princeville that claimed the life of one man and wounded another, authorities said.

Melvin Ray Jones Jr. is charged with first-degree murder of Dekotah "Peanut" Redmond of Greenville, Edgecombe County Sheriff Clee Atkinson said Wednesday. Jones also is charged with attempted first-degree murder of Travis Lemond Draughn of Tarboro, Atkinson said.

Jones, of the 100 block of Specklebird Lane, is being held without bond after having been arrested without incident, Atkinson said.

Atkinson told the Telegram in a text message, "We will continue to work as

hard as we can to keep our citizens safe. I will not tolerate reckless shooters and senseless violence. Our citizens deserve peace in their homes and communities."

Atkinson also expressed appreciation to his deputies for working tirelessly since Sunday morning and to local residents for cooperating with the probe.

The case can be traced to about 7 a.m. on Sunday, when witnesses discovered a body along Church Street in Princeville.

The deceased was identified as Redmond and the medical examiner

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Forum set to explore breast cancer issues

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The Susan G. Komen's NC Triangle to the Coast affiliate, working with volunteers in Edgecombe, Nash and Halifax counties, will host "Understanding Stage IV: A Brunch on Metastatic Breast Cancer" on Nov. 7.

The purpose of the forum, which will be held from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the Mobley Atrium at the Fleming Building at Edgecombe Community College, is to provide individuals living with metastatic breast cancer — also known as thrivers — caregivers, providers and survivors the opportunity to learn more about metastatic breast cancer.

The goal of the event is to

share more information about metastatic breast cancer and engage in an open dialogue between Komen NC

Triangle to the Coast, clinicians, survivors and people living with metastatic breast cancer while developing a passionate, informed and supportive community.

"Breast cancer doesn't kill people ... metastatic breast cancer kills people," said metastatic breast cancer thriver Stephanie Walker of Tarboro. Walker, a member of the planning

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