

Speed monitors in place

Tayside Safety Camera Partnership will be monitoring speeds on dual carriageway sections of the A9 Perth to Inverness Road and the A90 Perth to Aberdeen Road.

Mobile units are also scheduled to call at the A923 Blairgowrie to Muirhead; B954 Muirhead to Newtyle road; A93 Old Scone to Blairgowrie Road at Meikleour; A94 Coupar Angus to Meikle; A977 Balado and A9 Perth bypass.

Twin town college visit at Vector



Students from Germany dropped into Almondbank's Vector Aerospace site to learning about the technical work which goes on there. The 28-strong group from the technical college in Perth's twin town of Asschaffenburg were accompanied by Councillor Alistair Munro in his capacity as a representative of the twinning friends group. The guests took part in a tour of the facility, hosted by customer services manager Malcolm Davidson, product development John McLeish and dynamics manager Kevin Taylor.

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Butchers stake a win

It's gold for Simon Howie

Gordon Bannerman

Big County butchers led by Simon Howie have seen their quality products recognised at national level in the 2015 Scottish Craft Butcher Awards.

Howie's bagged gold awards for their beefburgers and speciality savoury products which impressed the palates of judges at the City of Glasgow College.

Their success came with gold for their burgers and for Chicken Kiev Pies and Chilli Beef and Cheese Pies. They also received a Silver Award for their Chicken Balmoral Pie.

Perth butcher Beaton Lindsay, president of the Scottish Craft Butchers, said: "We run these evaluations to recognise the innovation and expertise that goes into the quality products that craft butchers make."

"Customers are becoming increasingly interested in sourcing the very best meat products available and our evaluation aids the customer finding all the good products out there at our specialist butchers."

Almost 300 products from all across Scotland were delivered to the City of Glasgow College where they were judged by a team of experts under the supervision of Craft Butchers Chief Executive Douglas Scott.

The best savoury pastry products were established on the day but the two best



Tasty Richard Megahy of Simon Howie's receiving the firm's awards from sponsors Don Wallace of Dalesman Group and Judith Johnston of Lucas Ingredients at the Scottish Meat Trade Fair held in Perth

beefburgers from each of five regions of Scotland were subsequently mystery shopped and then judged by the chef and staff at Carfraemill Hotel in the Scottish Borders.

The results were announced at the Scottish Meat Trade Fair in Perth. Scottish Craft Butchers is the consumer facing side of the Scottish Federation of Meat Traders. This Federation was incorporated in 1918 to represent the interests of retail butchers and since then have added promotions and competitions to their activities.

They provide a valuable source of help, advice and assistance on food safety and legislative matters. Their training arm, Scottish Meat Training delivers craft training in the sector with on average 250 continually

registered on Modern Apprenticeships.

Other local butcher awards were:

Gold Awards: Chicken Pie with White Pudding: James Pirie & Son, Newtyle
Mushroom and Peppercorn Sauce, Chicken & Ham Pie: Kenneth Allan Butchers, Blairgowrie

The Breakfast Pie: Hunters of Kinross, Kinross

Steak and Black Pudding Pie, Steak & Onion Pie: Ann Davidson Butchers, Scone

Silver Awards: Steak & Gravy Pie, Chicken Curry Pie, Onion Bridie, Scotch Pie, Steakburger: D G Lindsay & Son, Perth Game Pie, Mince & Tattie Pie, Steak & Gravy Pie Kenneth Allan Butchers, Blairgowrie; Individual Mince Round: Hunters of Kinross, Kinross; Lamb & Gravy Pie with a hint of fresh Rosemary, Beefburger: Ann Davidson Butchers Scone

Tax fraud claim arrest

A Perthshire man was among a dozen people arrested by police in a crackdown on alleged tax fraud.

The 41-year-old was detained in a new round of raids which started on Thursday. HM Revenue and Customs has set up a task force to deal with individuals and criminal gangs which have allegedly fraudulently claimed repayments to which they were not entitled.

The organisation moved in on two

addresses in Tayside, and across England. The taskforce is expected to recover up to £6 million.

HMRC's Jennie Granger, Director General of Enforcement and Compliance, said: "Tax fraud is serious - it's not a victimless crime. People who fraudulently claim a tax repayment are robbing the rest of us and denying money for vital public services. Not only could they face a heavy fine, but criminal prosecution as well."