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GOOD MORNING,

Alice White
of Merry Hill

Thanks for
subscribing!

Filing closes Friday

Only incumbents
have filed so far

By THADD WHITE
Bertie Ledger-Advance

WINDSOR - Filing for those wishing to serve on the Bertie County Board of Education will close at 12 noon on Friday.

The same is true for a position on the Board of Bertie County Soil and Water Supervisors.

Thus far only the three incumbents for those seats have filed for election.

Bobby Occena has filed to seek a second term representing District 1 on the Bertie County Board of Education.

Current board chair Tarsha Bush-Dudley has also filed for a second term representing District 5.

The only person to file for Soil and Water Conservation Supervisor is incumbent John M. Griffin.

Those wishing to seek office on either board will have until 12 noon on Friday to file at the Bertie County Board of Elections office on Watson Street.

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Wanted man nabbed by WPD

By THADD WHITE
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WINDSOR - Operating with no headlights got a wanted man arrested here June 13.

Windsor Police Chief Todd Lane said officers arrested James Earl Shepard Jr., 47, of 122 Perry St. in Williamston on drug charges, and learned

he was wanted in neighboring Martin County.

Windsor Police Officer A.J. Lanier was patrolling on South King St. when he encountered a vehicle operating without headlights, and initiated a traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle - identified later as Shepard - stopped at the intersection of Water and

Queen streets.

After stopping Shepard, Lanier learned the car the suspect was driving had an expired registration, and Shepard was not in possession of his driver's license.

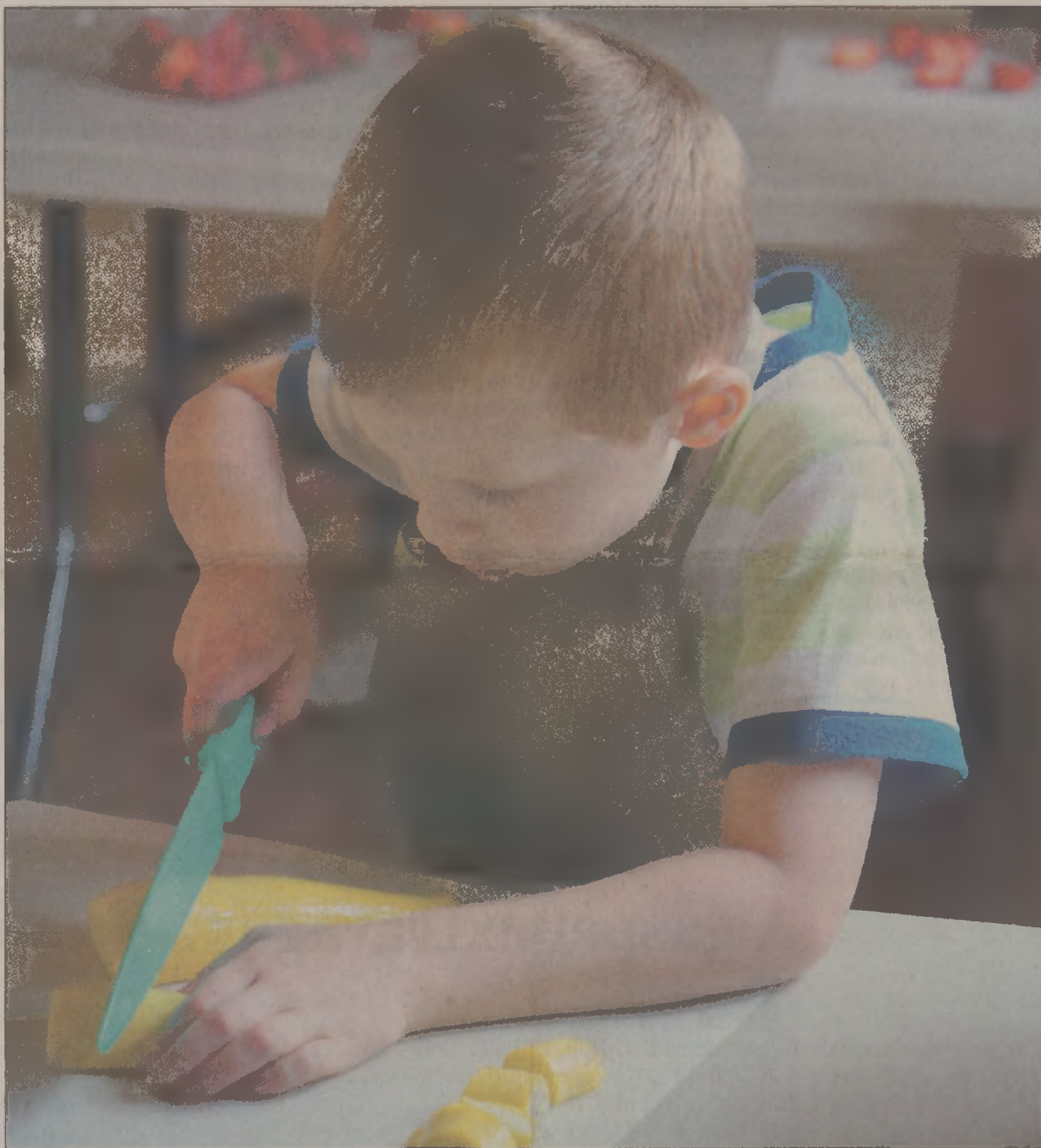
Windsor Police Officer Frank Ratzlaff arrived to assist, and noticed a bag of marijuana hanging out of the

defendant's pocket as they talked. He placed Shepard under arrest, and conducted a search of the vehicle which netted four additional individually wrapped bags of marijuana.

Upon identifying the suspect, Lanier discovered Shep-

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KIDS IN THE KITCHEN



Austin Perry cuts vegetables for fajitas.

LESLIE BEACHBOARD / Bertie Ledger-Advance

Cooking camp a recipe for success

By LESLIE BEACHBOARD
Bertie Ledger-Advance

WINDSOR - Healthy cooking at a young age.

The Bertie County 4-H hosted a five-day youth camp for children 5 to 8 years old.

Eighteen children participated in the program.

Kathy Copeland and Tiera Beale taught the youth a nutrition lesson, cooked a healthy meal and completed 30 minutes to one hour of physical activity each day.

The campers also visited Simply Natural Creamery in Ayden in celebration of National Dairy Month. The week ended with an hour and a half of swimming at the Vidant

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July 3 event ready

Music, fireworks
highlight festivity

By LESLIE BEACHBOARD
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WINDSOR - Celebrating freedom Bertie County style.

The Freedom Fireworks celebration is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. with fireworks at dark Sunday, July 3. The event will be held at the Roanoke Cashie River Center.

The food and other vendors will open at 4 p.m. Entertainment will be provided from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m., with a live remote from The Bull 99.3.

7100 will provide southern rock entertainment from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Cuz'n Kirk's Blues Band will close the night's entertainment from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

"Despite weather conditions, we have had great attendance the last four years," said Windsor-Bertie County Chamber of Commerce Director Lewis Hoggard.

The evening will close with the fireworks celebration over the Cashie

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Sage Festival planned July 4

By THADD WHITE
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WINDSOR - The fourth annual Sage Festival will be held Friday, July 8 in downtown Windsor.

The event was originally scheduled in May,

but had to be moved due to inclement weather.

It will kick off at 4 p.m. and continue through 10 p.m.

"We are excited about our fourth annual Sage Festival," said Windsor/Bertie County Chamber of Commerce Ex-

ecutive Director Lewis Hoggard. "It is an event people always look forward to and mark on their calendars."

This year's event will feature local group Moonshine along with

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Vendors are a major part of each Sage Festival.

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