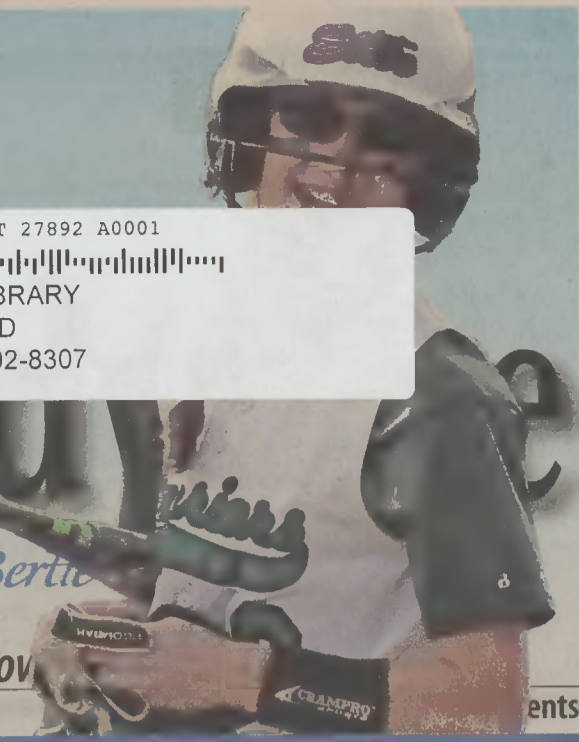


Trials, Tribulation and Triumph

The Lauren Baker Story, Page B1

Bertie Ledger-Advance

P55/C15*****5-DIGIT 27892 A001
 MCPP0008293- MCC LIBRARY
 1161 KEHUKEE PARK RD
 WILLIAMSTON NC 27892-8307



Askewville • Aulander • Colerain • Kelford • Lewiston Woodville • Merry Hill • Pow...

VOL. 86 - NO. 28

WEDNESDAY • July 13 • 2016

GOOD MORNING,
 Esther Hendrix
 of Windsor
 Thanks for
 subscribing!

**Baker's
 set to
 expand**
 Biggs touts
 improvement

By LESLIE BEACHBOARD
 Bertie Ledger-Advance

WINDSOR - Small local business is expanding. Bertie County Commissioners heard from Bertie County Economic Development Director Steve Biggs last week.

Biggs went before the Commission Board to give an update of any economic changes in the county and to introduce one local business owner.

"It can be tough going after the big organizations. It can be hard to draw them to the area. But we can help local area businesses expand," said Biggs.

Biggs introduced Danielle Baker to the Bertie County Commissioners.

Baker operated Baker's Southern Traditions Peanuts in Roxobel.

"In April we started looking at expanding the business, but I needed a bigger building," explained Baker.

Biggs and Baker met in June to discuss the

See EXPANDS, Page A3

INDEX

- OUT & ABOUT A2
- OBITUARIES..... A2
- OPINION A4
- SPORTS B1
- CHURCH & FAITH..... B3
- CLASSIFIED..... B4



Windsor hosts Sage Festival

Weather doesn't dampen spirits

By THADD WHITE
 Bertie Ledger-Advance



THADD WHITE / Bertie Ledger-Advance

Young people enjoyed the Sage Festival as much as anyone.

WINDSOR - On it went. The rescheduled Sage Festival brought hundreds to Windsor Friday evening despite 90-plus degree temperatures and a thunderstorm that cut the evening an hour short.

"Despite the adverse weather conditions, I was pleased with the crowd," said Windsor/Bertie Cham-

ber of Commerce Executive Director Lewis Hoggard. "I think everyone had a good time."

Hoggard said the bands played well, despite the fact Moonshine's performance was shorter than expected due to the weather. Also on the stage were Clint Freeman and Unity and Nine Pound Hammers.

"Each of the groups brought some-

See SAGE, Page A3

HANGING AROUND



JAY JENKINS / N.C.'s Eastern Living Magazine

Two tree houses are currently finished in the beginning of The Cashie Tree House Village.

Tree houses come by teamwork

By THADD WHITE
 Bertie Ledger-Advance

WINDSOR - The epitome of teamwork.

That's what brought two tree houses to Windsor, according to Mayor Jim Hoggard.

The tree houses, which received international exposure Monday evening on the DIY Network, were built as part of a plan to bring more tourists to the town, especially those wishing to savor the outdoors pro-



THADD WHITE / Bertie Ledger-Advance

Windsor Mayor Jim Hoggard gave an impromptu tour of one of the tree houses Friday during a brief visit.

See VILLAGE, Page A5

Citizen plans march

Aulander will review plans

By THADD WHITE
 Bertie Ledger-Advance

AULANDER - Let's come together.

That's the sentiment one Aulander resident expressed during Monday night's meeting of the town's board of commissioners.

Robert Green said he was a resident of Aulander for less than one year, and he wants to see the community come together.

During the public comment section of the agenda, Green told the board he had been thinking a lot about the recent deaths in the nation, and he wanted Aulander to get involved in being a solution.

"I was thinking about having an anti-violence march maybe from town hall to the park," Green said. "I just want to put that idea out there."

Green said he was attending his first meeting of the town board.

Aulander Mayor Larry Drew welcomed him to

See MARCH, Page A3

School board incumbents file with no opposition

By THADD WHITE
 Bertie Ledger-Advance

WINDSOR - There will be no contested races.

Barring a last-minute write-in campaign, Bertie County will be keeping the same members

on its Board of Education.

Filing recently concluded for the county's school board with only incumbents Bob Ocena (District 1) and Tarsha Bush-Dudley (District 5) filing for

those seats.


The same is true for the position of Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor. There only the incumbent, John M. Griffin of Lewiston Woodville, filed for the seat.

Bertie County will likely have no locally contested races on the November ballot as the other members of the local elected delegation also have filed, and have no opposition.

Both Bertie County

Commissioners - Democrat Ronald D. Weson in District 1 and unaffiliated candidate John Trent in District 4 - will be unopposed during the election as

See FILING, Page A3



**Martin
Community
College**

Open House
Bertie Campus
 409 Granville W. St. in Windsor, NC
July 14 - 5 to 7 pm
Free Refreshments