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for additional areas in Bertie County.

In order to better serve the Bertie County citizens, the Bertie County Commissioners are requesting the North Carolina Board of Community Colleges blur the districting lines across the county.

This will open the entire county to services from both colleges.

Roanoke Chowan Community College has partnered with Bertie County in recent years to establish a high school CADET program for Emergency Medical Technician training (EMT) as a feeder program to provide a pathway to employment.

However, under the limitations of the current service area rules, Roanoke Chowan Community College cannot offer adult EMT classes at the high school because Martin Community College controls this territory.

Bertie High School and the North Carolina Department of Public Safety have partnered with Roanoke Chowan Community College to establish a Criminal Justice CADET program, also with the fo-

cus on an employment pathway for local jobs at the state prison in Windsor.

Again, The State Community College system's interschool agreement's protocol has prevented Roanoke Chowan Community College's access to The Bertie Correctional Institute based in Windsor. This jail, based in Windsor, has an inmate capacity of 1,500.

With the districting lines gone, both colleges would have equal access to all the facilities. Cherry's concern was that the districting lines were only being opened to Roanoke Chowan Community College for entry into his area, but were not opened for Martin Community College.

"I don't want this to turn my three-room school into a two-room school," said Cherry.

According to Board Chairman John Trent, The commission is requesting the expansion of curriculum and adult basic education services from both community colleges without restriction. This change will benefit both colleges serving the area.

Busy 2017 planned at Chamber

Happy New Year!

The year starts with snow and ice keeping everyone inside. It is amazing how quickly cabin fever can strike. Just going to the local convenience store becomes exciting. As we unthaw and return to a more normal schedule let's look and see what is scheduled for 2017.

The calendar is peppered with events all year.

In January, we have our annual meeting including the state of the chamber address. Our Black History Celebration dominates February. We honor our farmers with an appreciation dinner in March.

The Lost Colony Festival comes in April. Finding out about the original colonists and their movement to Bertie County just shows what a special place we have.

Our signature event of the year is the Sage Festival which happens the weekend after Memorial Day. The 30,000 acres of clary sage being grown in our area greatly impacts our economy. Avoca not only uses our local farmers, but they also have

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over one hundred employees at their site in Merry Hill. This year will mark our fifth annual Sage Festival, which will be filled with music, food and fun.

On the heels of the Sage Festival is the Pound the Sound Triathlon. Pound the Sound brings athletes to our community and showcases Scotch Hall Preserve. Scotch Hall Preserve is really the crown jewel of the tourist attractions in Bertie County. Golf, food, water sports, swimming there is

plenty to do overlooking the Albemarle Sound.

We light up the sky on July 3rd with our Freedom Fireworks at the Roanoke Cashie River Center. The Fall brings the Peanut Festival, Bertie Spooktacular 5k and the return of Blues, Brews and BBQ. Our First Responders Dinner and our carriage rides all lead to another peanut drop. Just in case you missed it, we dropped a peanut behind Town Hall to end 2016 and will be doing the same in 2017.

The aforementioned events, dinners and festivals are just what we have planned for the year. There will be more. We look forward to many ribbon cuttings, business after hours, lunch 'n learns to come this year including the opening of the Windsor Train Museum. The Chinese recognize 2017 as the year of the Rooster. Let's make this year something to crow about!

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Health department sets clinics slate

WINDSOR - The Bertie County Health Department has slated its clinics schedule for the coming year.

There is a fee, based on income, for most clinics. Immunizations and General clinics are held every day and other clinics are by appointment only.

They include the following dates:

Wednesday, Jan. 11
Bertie: General, DR PN PM

Thursday, Jan. 12
Bertie: General, WIC

Friday, Jan. 13
Bertie: General

Monday, Jan. 16
Holiday

Tuesday, Jan. 17
Bertie: General, WIC, DEPO

Wednesday, Jan. 18
Bertie: New Prenatal

PM, General, WIC All Day

Thursday, Jan. 19
Bertie: Adult Health AM, General, WIC

Friday, Jan. 20
Bertie: General

Monday, Jan. 23
Bertie: Women's Health Services All Day, General

Tuesday, Jan. 24
Bertie: Child Health PM, General, WIC

Wednesday, Jan. 18
Bertie: General, WIC All Day, DR, PN PM

Thursday, Jan. 26
Bertie: General

Friday, Jan. 27
Bertie: General, Pediatric Primary Care AM

Monday, Jan. 30
Bertie: General, DEPO PM

Tuesday, Jan. 31
Bertie: General



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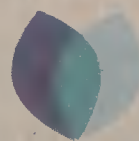
Take some time out of your busy day and learn how to maintain and improve your health. Join us for valuable health screenings, meet representatives from local health agencies, participate in mini exercise sessions and enjoy snacks and giveaways. Free screenings will include blood glucose, blood pressure and cholesterol.

Health Fair

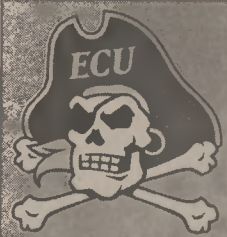
Thursday, January 19 | 10 am - 1 pm
Old Bertie County High School Gym
715 US Highway 13 N., Windsor

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