

Grants

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funding from state and federal legislatures for rebuilding damaged facilities and planning for future flood events.

"This difficult work will continue for the next two to three years at a minimum, and our citizens are fortunate to have community leadership joining forces to seek grants and utilize resources from across the state," said Bertie County Manager Scott Sauer.

Most evident to date, has been the support from East Carolina University and North Carolina State University in seeking planning solutions and technical recommendations to protect families and businesses in the area.

On May 19 Windsor Mayor James Hoggard, Bertie County Commission Vice Chairman Ernestine Bazemore and Bertie County Commissioners Tammy Lee and Ronald Wesson met with the Golden Leaf Foundation Executive Director Dan Gerlach at the Bertie Early College Campus.

The meeting was scheduled in order to present the case for Bertie County residents and businesses.

During the meeting with Director Gerlach, the commissioners reviewed the county's four Golden Leaf applications:

- * \$72,707 for the Cashie River Basin feasibility study,

- * \$300,000 for Bertie County Emergency Services Station One to supplement the Federal Emergency Management Association's (FEMA) pending project request of \$284,299,

- * \$1.9 million for the relocation and construction of a new public library, and

- * \$1.1 million for the replacement of the Bertie County Cooperative Extension Building.

"One of the positive outcomes of the discussions with Gerlach was the collective thinking toward development of a joint use facility to support both public library programming and cooperative extension services in one building," Sauer added.

"The Cashie River feasibility study is the single most important driving force for the town's future and successful redevelopment. We are grateful to have the county commissioners as our partners," said Mayor Hoggard.

"We must work together to re-establish our library services and the full comple-

ment of cooperative extension services as soon as possible," said Bazemore.

"We must continue to press upon our federal legislators the importance of bringing FEMA dollars to Bertie County," added Wesson.

Commissioner Lee spoke strongly in favor of rebuilding EMS Station One.

"I am thankful that Dan Gerlach understands our needs and brought a representative from the North Carolina Department of Commerce who indicated that there may be additional funds to make up the difference, if FEMA grants are not adequate for our needs," added Lee.

Commission Chairman John Trent missed the meeting due to prior obligations.

"This has been a team effort from day one last September, when the first floodwaters hit Bertie County on Long Branch Road in Colerain," said Trent. "For the last eight months, we have been talking with FEMA, sometimes fighting with FEMA and always standing shoulder to shoulder with Mayor Hoggard to support the citizens of Bertie County."

Commissioner Stuart White, who has led other disaster recovery projects noted, "recovering from these flood waters will take years to complete."

"In my experience, we need to dig in, work hard and remember this will be a long road for Bertie County and the town of Windsor," White added.

In an email after the announcement was made, Wesson thanked Sauer, the county commissioners and the town of Windsor officials.

"I want to thank everyone for the efforts to stay united and on task to work to help our citizens recover from the disasters we have faced," added Wesson. It has truly taken a team to break through the maze of contradictions and bureaucracy to get to where we are today."

The Bertie County Commissioners and Windsor Board of Commissioners will be scheduling a joint meeting for the second week of June to review flood recovery priorities and planning for community resiliency funding and redevelopment projects, according to Sauer.

"There is still much more to do, but with the leadership that has been demonstrated, there is a brighter day ahead," added Wesson.



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Line dancing was just a portion of the fun for those who attended the fifth annual Sage Festival this past weekend.

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way to the festival and danced the night away.

"I think everyone had a great time Friday," Hoggard said. "As always, Moonshine delivered a great performance, and drew hundreds. The JGrubb Band was entertaining, and we were glad they made their first appear-

ance at the Sage Festival."

The hundreds gathered at the event had much to choose from as there were food and craft vendors from one end of the festival to the other.

"We appreciate our vendors signing up and being on hand to take care of the crowd," Hoggard said.

Saturday night's crowd was smaller for Mr. Tunes and The Breeze Band, but there was still dancing as long as the music played.

Hoggard said he was pleased with the number of people who made their way to Windsor for the Sage Festival.

"Our reasons for the Sage Festival are twofold," he said. "One,

we want our citizens to have a time to enjoy good music and food here in Windsor. Secondly, we want to draw people into town. We were successful in both of those endeavors."

The fifth annual Sage Festival was sponsored by the Windsor/ Bertie Chamber of Commerce and Avoca Farms.

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Bertie Corrections Institute currently has 107 vacancies throughout the prison.

"We will be running radio advertisements and also will be assisting with the completion of the online application at the prison Monday through Friday," he added.

Sapper explained, the prison system was trying to cut the application process from 90 days to 30 days because people cannot

wait 90 days to start receiving a paycheck.

"Do you still have paper applications?" asked Bertie County Commission Chairman John Trent.

"No, all applications are done online," answered Sapper.

"In the past, myself and Commissioner Ronald Wesson would pass out applications to churches and the vacancies at that time were filled," said Trent.

"The problem with accepting online appli-

cations only in the area is the problem of limited internet service and no public library for those who do not have access to a computer," he added.

Trent also expressed concerns over interested applicants passing all of the screenings but who are unable to pass the COPAT, which is a physical fitness exam each applicant is required to pass.

"The guidelines need to be changed because the mature population

that is needed in the prison cannot pass the test," added Trent.

"The public needs to understand some jobs aren't for everybody, but there are many jobs at Bertie Correctional Institute that are not a corrections officer position," said County Commissioner Ronald Wesson.

Sapper said the hiring officials will continue to work on the hiring policy of the prison to make it a smoother and quicker process.

Market

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tion for people, and we will get there one step at a time by working with our residents and neighbors to provide events that are family-friendly and also low cost to take part in."

Spaces are free for those who wish to par-

ticipate. The participants simply need to fill out a Participation/Liability Waiver Form which will allow them to set up each Saturday.

Set up begins at 6 a.m. and vendors are responsible for bringing their own tents, tables and chairs.

The Roxobel Farmer's Market will be held from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. each Saturday, and will take place at the open lot on 204 South Main St.

Items allowed to be sold include fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, eggs, honey, fresh flowers and snacks (prepack-

aged chips, snack cakes, canned and bottle soda and bottled water).

For more information, visit the Roxobel Revitalization Committee's page on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Roxobel-Revitalization>.

Bertie Health Dept. slates clinics

WINDSOR - The Bertie County Health Department has slated its clinics schedule for the remainder of the week.

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

They include:
Wednesday, June 7
 Bertie: New Prenatal AM, General
Thursday, June 8
 Bertie: General, WIC
Friday, June 9
 Bertie: General, Pediatric Primary Care AM
Monday, June 12
 Bertie: Women's Health Services All Day,

General, WIC All Day
Tuesday, June 13
 Bertie: Child Health AM, General, WIC
Wednesday, June 14
 Bertie: General, DR PN PM
Thursday, June 15
 Bertie: Adult Health AM, General, WIC
Friday, June 16
 Bertie: General

Monday, June 19
 Bertie: General, WIC All Day, DEPO PM
Tuesday, June 20
 Bertie: General, WIC
Wednesday, June 21
 Bertie: New Prenatal PM, General, WIC All Day
Thursday, June 22
 Bertie: General

Public Notice

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-Part B, Public Law 108.446) Project is presently being amended. The Project describes the Special Education Programs that Heritage Collegiate Leadership Academy proposes for Federal funding for the 2017-2018 School Year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments to the Project and make comments concerning the implementation of Special Education under this Federal Program. All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended Project to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina. The IDEA-Part B Project is open to the public review and comments during the week of June 12-16, 2017 in the office Anthony W. Darden, Sr., EC Coordinator, located at Heritage Collegiate, Leadership Academy, 118-B Country Farm Road, Windsor, NC 27983. (252) 794-0597/(252) 325-3922.

STORAGE UNIT AUCTION

Saturday, June 17, 2017 @ 9 a.m.
Safe Keeping Mini Storage
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The contents of the following units will be sold for non-payment of rents and legal fees due, if not paid in full 24 hours prior to sale.

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B-11 Hoggard	B-17 Brett

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