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Filing under way in Bertie County

Mix of incumbents and newcomers seek office

Roxobel. Powellsville has one person seeking office as newcomer Hattie Askew filed for a seat on the town board. No other candidate have filled out election paperwork thus far.

BY THADD WHITE
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WINDSOR - A mix of incumbents and challengers have filed for municipal office since the opportunity began

Friday. The town of Windsor already has three names on the ballot for November. Incumbent Windsor Mayor Jim Hoggard has filed for his third term in office. He

completed the paperwork to seek re-election on Friday. Two people have filed for Windsor Commissioner. Incumbent David Overton filed Friday as did Bertie High School Athletic Direc-

tor Randy Whitaker, who is seeking office for the first time. In Roxobel, former Mayor Gary Johnson has filed to seek the office again. No other candidate has filed in

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Not at our place

County bans smoking effective July 1

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WINDSOR - Bertie County offices are tobacco free.

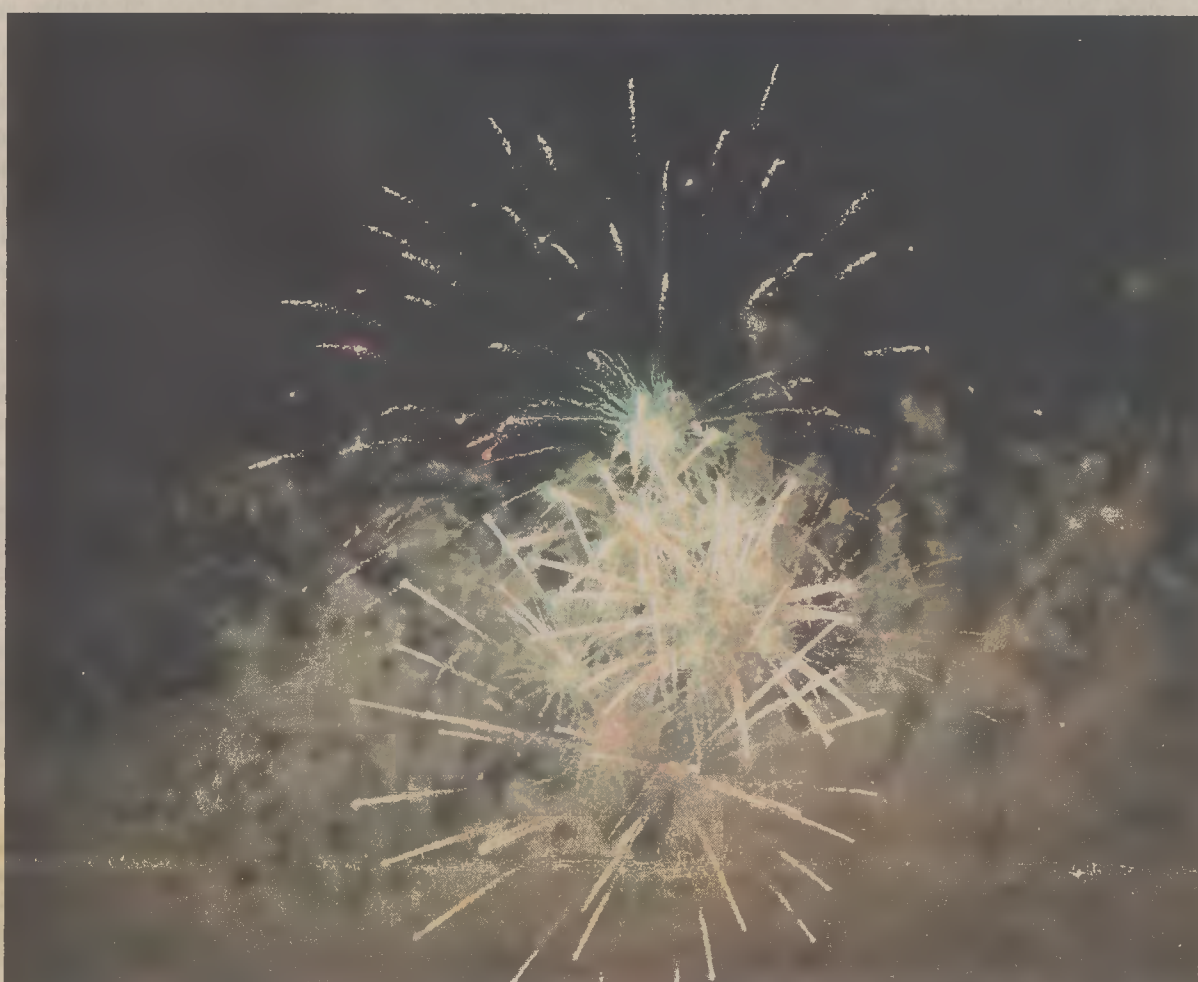
At the Bertie County Commissioner's regular scheduled meeting on March 6, the board approved unanimously an ordinance prohibiting smoking and use of other tobacco products inside county buildings, and county-owned vehicles.

The ordinance also states that smoking is no longer allowed within 75-feet of county building entrances.

"Scientists have proven that second hand smoke is harmful. My hopes are to better the health of our citizens and visitors while still accommodating those

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BERTIE CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE



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Fireworks explode in the night sky over the Cashie River as Bertie County celebrated the nation's independence.

Independence celebrated

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WINDSOR - Red, white and Bertie.

Fireworks lit up the sky over the Cashie River and the town of Windsor last week, celebrating America's independence.

The Freedom Fireworks

were held Monday, July 3 at the Roanoke Cashie River Center.

The gates opened at 5 p.m. for spectators, with vendors, entertainment and more.

"It was the best crowd we have had for the event in about five years. It was also the best weather we have had for the event in about five

years," said Windsor-Bertie Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lewis Hoggard. "We had about two thousand people viewing the fireworks between the river center and other areas."

Vendors included Ya'll Eat Yet, J&J Concessions, lo-

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BCC talks \$6M

Commissioners discuss funding allocation

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WINDSOR - Better late, than never.

The Bertie County Commissioners met in a called meeting Monday morning to discuss the \$6 million relief available to some who experienced damage from last year's flooding.

"All of the commissioners for the county and the town of Windsor have been working since October of last year to bring relief to families and property owners impacted by both Tropical Storm Julia and Hurricane Matthew," said Commission Chairman John Trent.

"For those families who have experienced flooding, and in some cases, as many as four

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Colerain commissioners tour primary care expansion



Roanoke Chowan Community Health Center CEO Carrie Schwartz (left) explains the facility's expansion to Colerain Mayor Pro Tempore Burney Baker (center) and Commissioner Robert Kaylor (right).

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COLERAIN - The Colerain Commissioners got a first glance at the renovations and expansion of Colerain Primary Care during their regular scheduled meeting Monday night.

According to Roanoke Chowan Community Health Center CEO Carrie Schwartz, the facility received \$1 million for the expansion and ad-

dition of a pharmacy.

"We went for the maximum amount being awarded and we received that amount. We used every dollar in the facility," added Schwartz.

The facility currently houses two providers, and is adding Dr. Jeffery Severa to the team.

The facility offers 11 exam rooms, a nursing supervisor, mental health education, diabetes education and a triage

nurse assigned to each walk-in patient.

"We added glass in front of the nurse's and provider's stations to add additional privacy," said Schwartz.

Next, the commissioners got a first hand look inside the new pharmacy housed inside the facility.

The pharmacy currently is not open, and is in the pro-

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