

Wesson campaign headquarters opens

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Ron Wesson officially opens his campaign headquarters in downtown Windsor recently.

WINDSOR - It all starts here. That is how Ron Wesson described making political changes in Washington, D.C.

Wesson, surrounded by family, friends and supporters held a ribbon cutting for his campaign office earlier this month.

Wesson is currently running for a seat in the North Carolina Legislature.

The campaign office is located at 117 N. King St. in Windsor, formally the Hammerheads Oyster Bar.

Wesson and his staff greeted those in attendance for the event.

Wesson is currently serving his second term as a Bertie County Commissioner, and currently serves as Vice Chairman to the board.

He is a member of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' Board of Directors, and currently serves as chairman of

the Tax and Finance Committee of the Association.

"The changes in Washing-

ton, D.C. start here, in the small towns like Windsor," said Wesson.

After the ribbon cutting, Wesson thanked those who attended the event-including

family, friends and supporters.

"As a servant leader, it is essential to be able to develop a shared vision that engages other leaders and resources within the community," Wesson said. "I believe that leadership across the communities is really about being an effective partner who can be counted on to help find the resources and assistance to both deal with adversaries that all counties face and to help identify new opportunities that spur and support positive growth."

Pleasant Oak Missionary Baptist Church Pastor Linward James prayed for Wesson, his office and campaign.

James also offered blessings for the refreshments.

After the ribbon cutting, participants gathered inside for refreshments and fellowship.

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Bertie DSS celebrates special recognition day

The Bertie County Department of Social Services is celebrating Sept. 20 as National Child Welfare Social Worker Recognition Day.

This day is an opportunity to raise awareness about the essential work being done across the country by this dedicated group of social work professionals.

"Our child welfare social workers are out on the front lines every day," said Cindy Perry, Bertie County Department of Social Services Director. "Like our law enforcement, emergency services and other first responders,

these staff answer calls for assistance at all hours and they are acutely aware that lives may be at risk as they respond. The unique aspect to this work, however, is that child welfare workers, while often among the first responders, are involved with children and families as a resource and support for as long as they are needed."

Perry continued, "Child welfare social workers work to build relationships with families and help guide them through difficult family circumstances. Child welfare social workers help children

heal from trauma and help parents create stable, nurturing environments where children can thrive. In situations where children need an adoptive home, child welfare workers help identify these permanent homes.

This day of recognition is a wonderful opportunity to thank a dedicated group of people who may often go unseen by the general public but whose work is critical to the future of our communities."

On Sept. 20, County Departments of Social Services across North Carolina will

be holding events to recognize their child welfare social work staff. Many county agencies will view One Heart Can Make a Difference: Impacting Lives through Dynamic Service Excellence by Mark Anthony Garrett, a live virtual event hosted by the National Child Welfare Workforce Institute (NCWWI) and the Children's Bureau. Garrett will address how every person within the child welfare system has the power to be a difference maker when their heart is emotionally connected to the jobs they perform.

"Child welfare social workers help build strong, nurturing communities through their leadership and advocacy," said Director Cindy Perry. "Our agency is grateful to have outstanding child welfare workers. We appreciate their dedication to the families in Bertie County and we want to take this day to thank them for all they do to help the children in our county have a brighter tomorrow."

To learn more about the child welfare workforce, go to ncwwi.org.

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