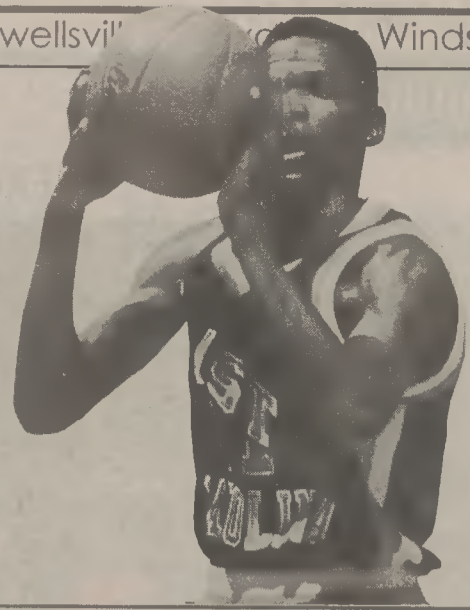


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VBH earns grant

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WINDSOR - Vidant Bertie Hospital President Brian Harvill announced recently that the hospital has received grant funds from the Cannon Foundation.

The funds will assist with the purchase of a new laboratory chemistry analyzer.

The cutting edge analyzer will replace the current model that is becoming outdated and sometimes contributes to delays in patient lab results due to equipment downtime.

The new analyzer will provide much needed upgrades for the hospital lab to offer testing not available on the present platform.

The enhancements will also reduce reagent costs and overall operating expenses for the VBH laboratory.

"We cannot thank the Cannon Foundation enough for the generous grant. The equipment that will be purchased with the funds will save our patients and the hospital time and money, while enabling us to provide convenient, exceptional care. The mission of Vidant Health is to improve the health and well-being of eastern North Carolina. This grant will help Vidant Bertie Hospital do just that," said Harvill.

The new analyzer will perform general, as well as specialty, chemistry testing.

It will allow the laboratory to increase its testing menu in order to offer some assessments in-house that are currently being sent to a reference laboratory.

There will be much faster test result turn-around time. Providers will be able to respond to patient needs more quickly.

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From left to right- Firefighter Generald Faison, Johnny and Claudia Griffin with their 2-year-old granddaughter, Charlie Rascoe, Assistant Fire Chief Harris Williams and Fire Chief Tallie Faison.

Lewiston Woodville FD receives Monsanto grant

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LEWISTON WOODVILLE - A local fire department has received a grant.

Since 2010, the America's Farmers Grow Communities Program, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, is a program that partners with local farmers to provide grants to local nonprofits.

With this program, local farmers are given the opportunity to enroll in the program for a chance to direct a \$2,500 donation to a nonprofit of their choice.

Recently, the Lewiston Woodville Volunteer Fire Department was on the receiving end of one of the grants.

Thanks to the recommendation of local farmers, Johnny and Claudia Griffin of Lewis-

ton Woodville, the fire department received a \$2,500 grant.

"The Griffins have always shown faithfulness and unwavering support of the fire department, as well as the families within the fire district. Thank you for your support, recommendation and community influence. This \$2,500 grant will go towards a

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Shelia Powell receives 2018 Distinguished Service Award

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WINDSOR - Bertie County's Cooperative Extension Administrative Assistant Shelia Powell received a surprise at a state conference.

While attending the Annual North Carolina Cooperative Extension Professionals Association Conference, Powell was presented with the 2018 State Distinguished Service Award for the North-



See POWELL, A5 Shelia Powell (third from right) received a Distinguished Service Award recently.

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One Stop starts

Voters can cast ballots today

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WINDSOR - One-Stop Voting begins today (Wednesday).

Those wishing to vote ahead of the Nov. 6 election can do so by going to the Bertie County Board of Elections Office.

Voting is available from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. weekdays beginning today and continuing through Nov. 2. There will be one Saturday of One-Stop Voting on Nov. 3, when registered voters can cast ballots from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

There are no local races for sheriff, clerk of court or commissioner, but there are races for a pair of seats on the Bertie County Board of Education.

In District 4, three people are vying for a seat. They include incumbent Norman M. Cherry Sr., former school board member Alton H. Parker and longtime community activist and Hive Director Vivian Saunders.

In addition, incumbent District 3 board member Emma H. Johnson will be opposed by longtime educator Christine Dudley.

District 2 will see former school board member Rickey Freeman run unopposed. Incumbent Jo Davis Johnson chose not to seek a second term.

All three democrats who won primaries in May will be unopposed in their race for commissioner. They include Greg Atkins in District 2, Tammy Lee in District 3 and Ernestine (Byrd) Bazemore in District 5.

Bertie County Sheriff John Holley is unopposed in his bid for a

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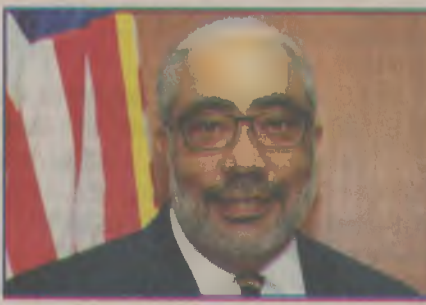


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