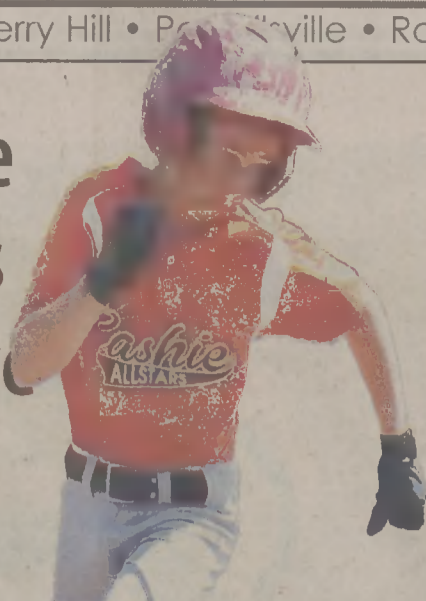


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# Mayoral, Commissioner challenges set in Kelford

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One of the county's smallest towns is boasting one of its mostly hotly contested elections as filing nears its end.

Kelford will have a race for mayor and commissioner in the November election.

Newcomer Ahmad Vaughan

had already filed for mayor during the early part of filing. Now incumbent Bailey N. Parker has filled out paperwork to retain his seat.

In addition, all five members of the Kelford Board of Commissioners have filed to retain their seats. They include John "Timmy" Eaton, James H. Bland Jr., Wayne Bland, Jim T. Harrell

and Wade "Tim" Emory.

Two newcomers to the political arena have also filed as Randy D. Robtoy and Kenneth Ray Cain have filled out paperwork to seek office.

The only other race to develop thus far is the one for Windsor Board of Commissioners.

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# WPD stops fraudulent prescription

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An attempt to fill a fraudulent prescription landed a man behind bars in Windsor.

Windsor Police Chief Justin Jackson said Lt. Frank Ratzlaff said he was called to Pittman's Pharmacy after staff members advised a doctor did not prescribe a medicine called in there.

The incident began June 27 when Lt. Ratzlaff was contacted by pharmacy staff and informed a person had sought to fill a prescription fraudulently. The

pharmacy staff had contacted the doctor's office about the prescription and determined the doctor did not call it in.

The person trying to fill the prescription made contact with the pharmacy and was supposed to pick up the medicine that day, but never showed up.

Nearly a week later on July 2, Lt. Ratzlaff was called by Bertie County Central Dispatch and advised the suspect had arrived to pick up the fraudulent prescription.

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## SUPERINTENDENT TO BE SWORN IN



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New Superintendent of Schools Dr. Otis Smallwood will be sworn in at 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 22 at the Bertie Central Services Complex on the campus of the former Bertie High

School, located at 715 U.S. 13 North in Windsor. A reception will follow. After the reception, the Bertie County Board of Education will conduct a meeting.

# Two facing drug charges

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The Windsor Police Department arrested two men on drug charges following surveillance July 2.

Windsor Police Chief Justin Jackson said Lt. Frank Ratzlaff and Officer Jessie Mizelle were patrolling in town when they observed suspicious activity in the area of Wall Street and Lee Street.

Following a patrol of the area, the of-

ficers were traveling behind the suspect vehicle when the operator failed to use a turn signal as he made the turn onto Sterlingworth Street.

Following a traffic stop, officers had both the driver and passenger step out of the car and received permission to search the vehicle.

The officers found three bags of heroin, 1.2 grams of cocaine and a

See DRUGS, 10

# Sage Festival will kick off Thursday afternoon

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WINDSOR - Summer, fun and music go hand-in-hand.

And all will be available Thursday, July 18 in Windsor.

The Windsor/Bertie Chamber of Commerce rescheduled the seventh annual Sage

Festival, which celebrates the presence of clary sage in Windsor and Bertie County due to rain last month.

"We are pleased with the way the Sage Festival plans have come together," said Windsor/Bertie Chamber Executive Director Lewis Hoggard. "We have an excellent local band, incredible spon-

sors and an excited community. This should be one of our best Sage Festivals yet."

The Sage Festival is planned for a single day this year, as it will open at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 18 and continues through 10 p.m. on King St. between Bunn's BBQ and Southern Bank.

The R.T. Johnson Band

will be the featured band, as they will take the main stage at 7 p.m.

R.T. Johnson got his start singing in church and as his love for country music grew, he began playing bars and special events.

Johnson has opened for David Allen Coe, Trick Pony, Black Hawk, Aaron Tippin,

John Michael Montgomery, Muscadine Bloodline, Jawa Boys, Parmalee, Confederate Railroad and Emerson Drive.

Magic 95.9 will broadcast live from the Sage Festival from 4-6 p.m.

In addition to the music,

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