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## All 4 chosen to stay on BOE

N.C. Elections Board reappoints all members of local group

BY THADD WHITE  
Group Editor

RALEIGH – Four people, all returning, have been appointed to the Bertie County Board of Elections.

The N.C. State Board of Elections met Tuesday to appoint four members to all 100 count boards of elections.

In Bertie County, the two current Republican members were reappointed for another term. They are Timothy Davis and Michael Fields.

In addition, current Democrats James Lee and Anthony Ward were reappointed by the state board.

“We are happy to welcome new members to North Carolina’s elections team,” said Karen Brinson Bell, executive director of the State Board. “Together, we will continue to ensure that our elections are accessible, safe and secure, and that every eligible vote counts.”

Every two years, state statute requires the State Board to appoint four members – two

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The skies about Windsor were lit with fireworks on Saturday, July 3 as the county celebrated Independence Day.

## Freedom Celebration

Windsor, Chamber host firework event

LESLIE BEACHBOARD  
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WINDSOR – Independence Day was celebrated red, white and Bertie style.

Fireworks lit up the sky over the Cashie River and the town of Windsor Saturday night, celebrating America’s Independence.

The Freedom Fireworks were held Saturday, July 3 at the Roanoke Cashie River Center after being rescheduled from the day before due to the possibility of inclement weather.

The gates opened at 4:30 p.m. for spectators, with vendors, entertainment and more.

It was a beautiful sunny evening without a raincloud in sight. A slight breeze made it cooler than a typical hot July evening for the spectators arriving to find the best seat for the show.

“It was a fantastic evening. The weather was beautiful,” said Windsor-Bertie Cham-



Youngsters enjoyed the opportunity to get outside and listen to music, dance, eat and watch fireworks.



ber of Commerce Executive Director Lewis Hoggard. “We had a great crowd. The crowd was about the same size we have had in years past.”

There were multiple vendors on site and included Y’all Eat Yet, Speller Enterprises, Deep South Hawaiian Ice and others.

They provided a variety of foods including hot and

cheesy crab & artichoke dip, famous BBQ loaded trailer fries, funnel cakes, ice cream, shaved Hawaiian ice, snowcones, sausage and turkey barbecue.

The Windsor Farmer’s Market operated by the Good Shepherd Food opened for the event.

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## Three file in county seat

Hoggard files for mayor, Whitaker, Bunch for commissioner

THADD WHITE  
Group Editor

WINDSOR – Filing got started quickly Friday. Then went silent on Monday.

Three people – all current or prospective leaders in Windsor – filed for election soon after it opened at noon Friday.

Lewis W. Hoggard, who serves as Executive Director of the Windsor/Bertie Chamber of Commerce filed for mayor of the town of Windsor.

In addition, incumbent Commissioner Randy K. Whitaker filed for a second term. Newcomer David Bunch filed as well.

There are currently two seats – those held by Whitaker and retiring Windsor Commissioner David Overton – that will be on the ballot.

No one filed for office in any other Bertie County town.

Filing continues Monday through Friday until noon on Friday, July 16.

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## New name, same excellent event planned for October

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WINDSOR - The Spooktacular 5K has a new name.

The annual 5K race will now be called Bertie Spectacular 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run.

The name was brought to the committee’s attention that the original name was being interpreted in a negative way by part of the community.

The committee released a statement.

“The term was only used for identifying our event which was held at or near Halloween,” it reads. “We appreciate their honesty and forthrightness concerning this and to that end, we are changing the name of the

event to avoid any belief that we condone its use in any negative way. Our intention has been and always will be to provide financial support for the mission of the Good Shepherd Food Pantry.”

The 5K, 1 Mile Fun Run

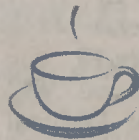
and Jamboree was organized in 2010 to address the problem of hunger in Bertie County by raising funds for The Good Shepherd Food Pantry.

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