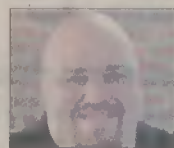


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Kelford has two seeking mayor's seat

Three towns have no candidates thus far

THADD WHITE
Group Editor

WINDSOR - While filing remains slow, one town has an interesting slate. Seven towns which will

hold municipal elections this fall are currently open for filing. So far, there are candidates in just four of those towns.

Roxobel, Colerain and Askeville have not seen

any candidates file for office.

In the western part of the county, however, Kelford has two candidates for mayor - neither the incumbent in that office.

Thus far current Kelford

Commissioner Randy Robtoy, who is in his first term on the board, has filed for mayor as has Kelford Fire Chief Gary Scott Jr. Incumbent Mayor Bailey Parker has not yet filed.

Three people have also filed for the Kelford Board of Commissioners, only one

of which is an incumbent. Current Commissioner Harvey Wayne Bland will seek another term in office. He is joined by newcomer Michael A. Johnson Sr. and Ken Cain, who lost his bid for office after casting lots for the

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Blood drive slated

BRANDICE HOGGARD
Staff Writer

AULANDER - The American Red Cross needs donors as there is a "severe blood shortage" and there is an upcoming opportunity to help.

The Aulander Public Community Building is sponsoring a blood drive, which will allow citizens to donate.

The American Red Cross needs to collect more than 1,000 additional blood donations each day to meet the current demand as hospitals respond to an unusually high number of traumas and emergency room visits, organ transplants and elective surgeries.

All blood types, but especially type O and those giving platelets, are needed.

"When seconds count in emergency trauma situations, it's the blood already on the shelves that can make the difference in lifesaving care," said Barry Porter, Regional CEO of Red Cross Eastern North Carolina

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FILE PHOTO / Russ Russell

There were a host of people on the water during the first Bertie Beach Day in 2019.

Bertie Beach Day slated to return

LESLIE BEACHBOARD
Managing Editor

MERRY HILL - Bertie Beach Day is coming soon.

The Bertie County Commissioners have approved a date and plans are being made for the 2021 Bertie Beach Day at Bertie County Beach, which is part of the Tall Glass of Water (TGOW) project.

The beach day celebra-

tion will be held on Saturday, Sept. 4, to go along with the celebration of Labor Day weekend.

According to Bertie County Parks and Recreation Director Donna Mizelle, there will need to be several projects done at the beach before the event can be held. This includes having the property mowed with a bushhog and a tractor, having the sand

combed on the beach and a few other small projects.

Plans for the event include having food trucks on site serving a variety of meal options, other vendors and activities for all ages.

This year food will not be provided by the county to those in attendance. Food must be purchased by the

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FAFSA forms sought

LESLIE BEACHBOARD
Managing Editor

RALEIGH - Only 29 percent of Bertie County's high school seniors have filled out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) this year, according to the North Carolina First in FAFSA School Tracker.

North Carolina leaders are concerned with statewide application numbers down nearly six percent year over year.

"I encourage each of our students to complete the FAFSA. It is not just for loans, but also offers grants and work studies. There are a lot of benefits of completing a FAFSA. I would say 99 percent of our students completed the forms. It is so much easier than it use to be. All of it can be completed online, and only has to be completed one time. Once it is completed, it can be sent to several schools. The students don't have to accept the offers, especially for

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Good Shepherd Food Pantry garners new grants

BRANDICE HOGGARD
Staff Writer

The Good Shepherd Food Pantry (GSFP) of Windsor received the Creating New Economies Fund (CNEF) recently.

The amount of the funding rewarded was \$12,000. The primary focus of the project with the is to advance the triple bottom line, increase access to healthy food, and support small farmers.

The grant dollars were

used in many different ways. In order to increase foot traffic at the market they used programs and their survey data to accommodate shoppers by addressing the barriers that they specified. In order to do that, they fol-

lowed CDC guidelines for COVID-19, provided SNAP programming, changed the hours to 11-3 p.m. on Fridays, provided a greater variety of produce, targeted outreach through GSFP, created special activities/programming

such as "Kids Day" and invited other vendors and food trucks to come and support the market.

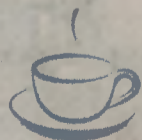
The CNEF funding allowed the market to be able to sup-

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