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Election draws mixed results for incumbents

Hoggard elected new mayor of Windsor

THADD WHITE
Group Editor

The municipal election on Tuesday, Nov. 2 was a mixed bag for incumbents.

In Windsor, current Windsor Commissioner Randy K. Whitaker easily won a second term, while

incumbents fared less well in contested races in Roxobel, Kelford and Aulander, according to unofficial results.

In Windsor, Whitaker was the leading vote-getter among three candidates for town commissioner. The retired Bertie High School Athletic Director won a second

term by garnering 192 votes.

Finishing second was former Bertie County Commissioner L.C. Hoggard III, who garnered 148 votes. David Bunch finished just behind with 144 votes. There was one vote for a write-in candidate.

Windsor/Bertie Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

Lewis Hoggard was successful in his bid for mayor, garnering 271 votes. There were nine write-ins.

Kelford's three-person mayor's race was won by current Commissioner Randy D. Robtoy, who was named on 28 ballots. He outdistanced incumbent Mayor Bailey Parker (14) and Kelford Fire Chief Gary Scott Jr. (13).

The race for town board saw enough write-ins to possibly un-

seat an incumbent commissioner.

Michael A. Johnson Sr. led all vote-getters with 41 votes. He was followed by incumbent John "Timmy" Eaton (33), Ken "K.C." Cain (29), Jim T. Harrell (21) and Harvey Wayne Bland (14). There were 35 write-in votes, meaning one candidate could be defeated by the write-ins if enough were

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Bertie in new districts

Sen. Bazemore now in heavily Republican district

THADD WHITE
Group Editor

Bertie County is on the move.

The voters of Bertie County will find themselves in a new district for the U.S. House of Representatives, N.C. Senate and N.C. House if maps adopted last week by the N.C. General Assembly withstand court challenges.

New maps were required to be drawn after the 2020 Census, which saw North Carolina's population grow to the point of adding an additional seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In the U.S. House, Bertie County will move into the second congressional district, but will still be in the same district with current U.S. Rep. G.K. Butterfield.

The expansive district goes from the Virginia border to the southern portions of Wayne County and from Caswell County in the west all the way to Washington County in the east.

The second district will have Bertie, Hertford, Northampton, Martin, Edgecombe, Nash, Washington, Franklin, Wilson, Greene, Halifax, Warren, Vance, Granville, Person and Caswell counties along with a portion of Wayne County.

Rep. Butterfield has been in a relatively safe Democratic district, but will now be in one that leans only about 51 percent in favor of the incumbent's party, according to experts.

As for the state senate, Bertie County is currently represented by N.C. Senator Ernestine Byrd Bazemore,

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ANDRE' ALFRED / BERTIE LEDGER-ADVANCE

Blue Jay Recreation Center officials were joined by Bertie County Commissioners to cut the ribbon on the new 7,000-square-foot facility Saturday morning.

A dream come true

Blue Jay celebrates new center

LESLIE BEACHBOARD
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INDIAN WOODS - It was a dream come true.

Bertie County officials, the directors of the Blue Jay Recreation Center and supporters and citizens gathered on Saturday (Nov. 6) for the long awaited ribbon cutting ceremony of the new Blue Jay Recreation Center complex.

The ceremony was postponed late summer due to the increase of COVID-19 cases throughout the county.

Bertie County Manager Juan Vaughan II, welcomed everyone out on the cold, windy day to celebrate the special occasion not only for the community but also the county.

"There has been a lot of hard work put into this building from current and previous county officials and members of this community," said Vaughan.

Indian Woods Missionary Baptist Church Pastor, the Rev. David



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Blue Jay Recreation Center President Ronald Rascoe explained how a community dream turned into a reality.

Moore led the opening invocation.

"This project started as an idea many years ago. It took time and lots of prayer," said Blue Jay Recreation Center President Ronald Rascoe.

Rascoe thanked former Bertie

County Commissioner and current N.C. State Senator Ernestine Byrd Bazemore for her efforts to turn the idea into a reality.

"She saw the designs and said

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Shoe boxes sought

Ross Baptist Church is local dropoff point

BRANDICE HOGGARD
Staff Writer

WINDSOR - Operation Christmas Child is right around the corner.

National collection week for Operation Christmas Child is nearing fast as it will be Nov. 15-22 this year.

This project is through the Samaritan's Purse that partners with local churches worldwide to share the good news of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations. Its mission is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to the children that are in need around the world.

What is the Operation Christmas Child?

It is a shoe box that the Samaritan's Purse collects that is filled with toys, school supplies and hygiene items for the children around the world.

The Operation Christmas Child Project all begins with children or seniors who pack the shoebox gifts each year.

The local churches then collect the boxes from their communities. Local churches serve as a drop off location for the shoeboxes. Then it is time to ship the boxes to the children.

For this to take place thousands of volunteers serve annually to inspect and prepare the shoeboxes for internal shipping. While this is taking place the workers will stop every hour for a few minutes to pray for the children that are going to receive these boxes.

It is not too late to pack a shoebox or several shoeboxes for a child to make

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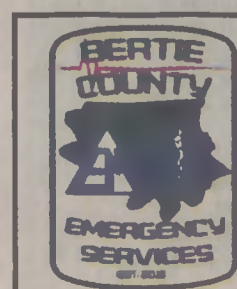
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