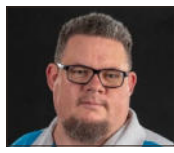




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Municipal races develop in four towns

Contests set in Kelford, Aulander, Roxobel and Windsor

THADD WHITE
Group Editor

A trio of well-known candidates will be seeking the mayor's seat in Kelford. The northwestern Bertie

County town, however, is not the only place there will be competitive races as Windsor, Aulander and Roxobel will have true contests for their commission seats. Filing ended Friday and

the Bertie County Board of Elections chose not to extend the date with all but one town fielding a full slate of candidates.

In Kelford, two challengers had already filed and on

the final day, incumbent Bailey Parker joined the fray to keep his mayoral post. He is being challenged by first-term commissioner Randy Robtoy and Kelford Fire Chief Gary Scott Jr.

There will be five names on the ballot for the five commissioner seats. They include incumbent Harvey Wayne Bland, John "Timmy" Eaton and Jim T. Harrell. Joining them will be Ken "KC" Cain, who was nearly

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Rocky Baker of Four Oaks and his boat mate Justin Clifton were able to land this state record catfish in the Roanoke.

Record fish landed in Roanoke

ANDRE' ALFRED
Sports Writer

Most fishing stories end up with the words "I had a big one, but it got away".

Fortunately for Rocky Baker of Four Oaks those words were never uttered.

At 9:45 p.m. on the Roanoke River near Williamston, Baker snagged a blue catfish weighing

in at a whopping 127.1 pounds. This catch logged in a new state record.

The live blue catfish was carefully transported to E-Z Bait and Tackle shop located in Goldsboro where the fish was officially weighed and certified by a biologist. The prior state record was 122 pounds.

Baker was accompanied by boat mate Justin Clifton. Clif-

ton assisted Baker in landing the catfish along with managing the reels and equipment on the boat.

The catfish was released back into its natural habitat. It was a rewarding and memorable night of recreational fishing.

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Sponsorships still available for Relay event

BRANDICE HOGGARD
Staff Writer

WINDSOR - Thought about being a sponsor for Relay For Life?

There is no better time than now.

Relay for Life of Bertie County will be accepting sponsors through the end of September. However, those who would like to be recognized at the Relay For Life event this year, they will need to ver-

bally commit to being a sponsor by August 14.

Relay for Life in Bertie County has two major corporate sponsors. They are Perdue and Vidant Health, along with a host of "mom and pop" sponsors.

JoAnn Jordan, Chair of Relay, said, "If it was not for the mom and pop sponsors along with the individual sponsors we would not be where we are now."

Bobbie Parker, Accounting Chair, advised they are still waiting

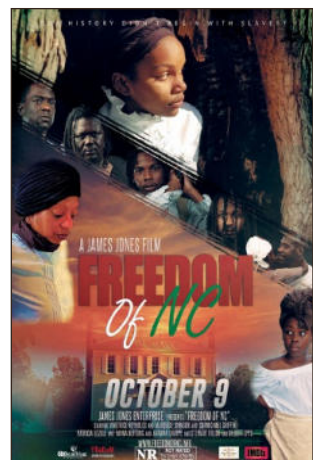
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Freeman appointed to elections chair

WINDSOR - N.C. Governor Roy Cooper on Monday reappointed William Michael Freeman to serve as Chairman of the Bertie County Board of Elections.

Freeman's reappointment follows the N.C.

State Board of Elections also reappointing the four board members - Republicans Timothy Davis and Michael Fields and Democratic board members Anthony Ward and James Lee.



Movie partially filmed in Windsor to make debut

GINGER LIVINGSTON
The Daily Reflector

GREENVILLE - In a world where a global pandemic closed movie theaters and delayed the release of blockbuster movies, one local filmmaker brought his first feature film to life.

With support from local

backers, James Jones' "Freedom of NC" will have its red carpet premiere at the Regal Greenville Grande on Oct. 9.

"They took a very big loss while they were closed and they want to get people excited about coming back to the theater," Jones said. "They told me it is the first indy film to premiere in this area. I'm

like, 'Wow, that's huge.'"

Spoiler alert: "Freedom of NC" is the story of an enslaved family and the dreams of freedom cherished by daughter Sarah Jones, portrayed by Vintreice Reynolds.

"While the story is fictional, it is based on true events that happened all across America," said Jones, who wrote, di-

rected, produced and edited the film.

Spoiler alert 2: Sarah's exploits eventually lead her family to the land of Regur, which means black soil.

"It's a place where people look just like them," Jones said. "Everything that was

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