

Political Season Kick-Off--Ball First for Mayor

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The local political season got underway in earnest Friday with a number of candidates filing for municipal office in Watauga County. With Boone Mayor Loretta Clawson saying she would not seek another term, councilman Andy Ball became the first to file for Mayor, while incumbent Rennie Brantz filed to return to his Boone Town Council seat, joined by newcomers Frank Quint David and Jennifer Pena. Blowing Rock saw Sue Sweeting, Ray Pickett and Doug Matheson file for council there.