

Klutz Completes Municipal Filings--Files for Blowing Rock Mayor

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A Blowing Rock councilman was first to file July 1st, and a Blowing Rock councilman was last to file as the noon deadline came Friday for municipal offices in Watauga County. But Tommy Klutz's filing as the municipal filing deadline came was not for his town council seat, but for mayor of Blowing Rock. With two years on his town council term remaining, Klutz will face incumbent Blowing Rock mayor J.B. Lawrence in the November 8th election.

It was a busy final morning of filing, with three filing for Beech Mountain Town Council, meaning six candidates will be vying for the three open seats. Newcomers David Conrad, Larry Miller, and James True filed Friday, joining incumbents Alan Holcombe, E. 'Rick' Miller and Richard (Rick) Owen for the three seats on the ballot. For Seven Devils, five candidates filed for Town Council, including newcomers Larry Fontaine and Brad Lambert joining incumbents Bob Dodson, Kathryn Copley, and Richard DeMott on the ballot, seeking the three open seats. Beech Mountain and Seven Devils councils select the mayor from their members after the election. Four candidates will vie for the three seats on the Boone Town Council, newcomers Ann Rasheed and Allan Scherlen joining incumbents Lynn Mason and Andy Ball on the ballot. Incumbent Stephen Phillips did not seek reelection. Four candidates are seeking the two open seats in Blowing Rock, with newcomers Regina Greene Pelsmaeker and Dan Phillips joining incumbents Phillip Pickett and Albert Yount on the ballot.

Beech Mountain has three council seats open, two in Blowing Rock plus the Mayor, three seats in Boone and three in the town of Seven Devils.