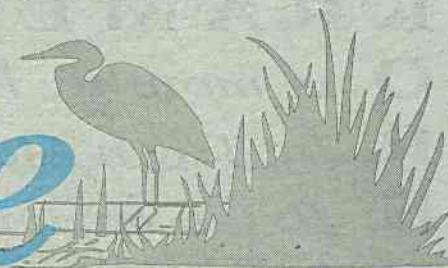


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First Turkey Trot

By Mike Hargett

On Thanksgiving Day, at 10 a.m. on a beautiful eastern North Carolina day, residents, family, friends, dogs and a few local squirrels participated in the first annual Turkey Trot. Mayor Ken Jones served as the honorary turkey starter by playing "charge" on his trusty bugle, sending those participating in the bicycle ride, walk or run out over two separate 10 K courses in the neighborhood. There were 108 participants, consisting of men, women and children of all ages, all set on the goal of exercising for good health or maybe



hoping to neutralize some of the calories they might consume later in the day.

The mayor offered a brain teaser in his opening remarks by asking the tumultuous crowd: "What follows the first annual Turkey Trot?" As you might have expected, some of the children participating came up with the right answer—the second annual Turkey Trot. Most of the adults, glad to be out of the you-know-the-answer spotlight, applauded and cheered loudly because most had no idea what the mayor was talking about.

A great time was had by all as evidenced by the photographs. If smiling burns calories, some of the participants had room for an extra piece of pumpkin pie.

Now that the secret is out, please mark your calendars for next year's Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot.

A Different Drumbeat

By Richard Seale

With winds howling here on the coast, I decided to go inland and do some deer hunting in Hyde County. It was there I had an adventure that bears telling, despite it's not being a fishing story. Editors at *The Shoreline* gave me permission for this diversion.

The December 4 and 5 snowfall was not at all normal for eastern North Carolina. About two inches accumulated on the grasses and leaves of Hyde County. Then the temperatures plunged to the low twenties and high teens for four days. That was even more unusual!



These circumstances were made very clear to me when I entered the woods I hunted late Monday afternoon, December 6. There was still a lot of snow everywhere, and the ground was frozen into frosty pillars that crunched loudly as I walked. "No sneaking up on any deer tonight," I mused. I climbed into a new box stand that had a long shooting lane. I did not see any deer that evening, but I did see a bear cross the lane just before sunset.

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