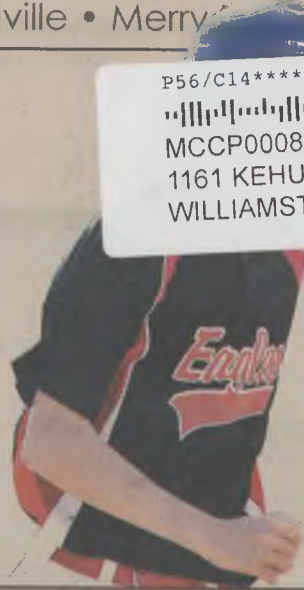


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## Funds still short

Bertie Co. Schools begin cuts, changes

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD  
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**WINDSOR** - Bertie County Schools Superintendent Dr. Steven Hill went before the Bertie County Commissioners on Monday, April 3.

At the regular scheduled meeting, Hill explained the school board's plans to correct the problems associated with its current red lined financial situation.

According to a March 27 letter from Public Schools of North Carolina, the 2016 serious financial problems affecting Bertie County Schools were:

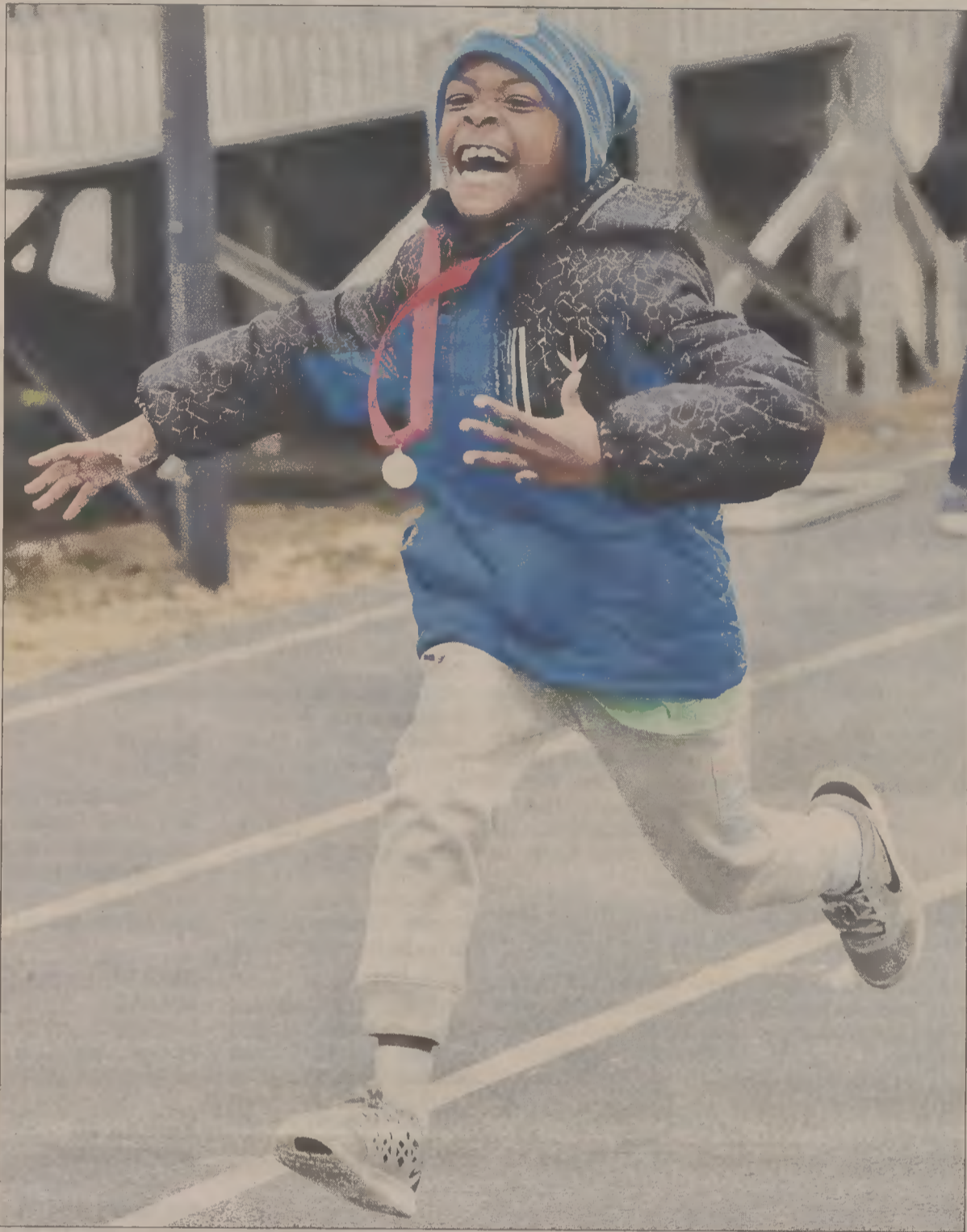
- \* A general fund balance deficit of \$704,995;
- \* A special restricted fund balance deficit of \$135,078;
- \* A negative net position of \$45,992; and
- \* Expenditures in excess of revenues by \$1,332,614.

Other issues included overpayments and/or unrealized income totaling more than \$1,000,000 including:

- \* \$339,000 in outstanding checks to Bertie Local Education Agency not deposited;
- \* \$250,000 in payments to Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) exceeding related withholdings and employer match amounts;
- \* Approximately \$200,000 in unrealized collection of indirect costs for federally funded programs;
- \* \$180,000 reversions of unexpended stated allotments;
- \* \$60,000 in unutilized state position allotments;
- \* \$55,067 in net overpayments to employees related to outstanding salary exceptions; and
- \* \$833.36 in overpayments for contracted services in excess of agreement.

There were budget resolution and amendment issues with the Bertie County Board of Education due to fail-

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West Bertie Elementary School student Jordan Elliott runs the 100-meter dash Friday at Roy L. Bond Jr. Stadium.

## Relay kick starts

'Granddaddy' of NC Relays is May 19

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**WINDSOR** - Plans are being made. Preparations have started.

North Carolina's oldest Relay For Life enters her 24th year next month, and those helping organize the event are seeking help making it one of the best ever.



This year's event is set from 6 p.m. until midnight on Friday, May 19 at Roy L. Bond Jr. Stadium, across from Bertie High School.

New and returning Relay teams are being sought to sign up now as the event date draws closer. Those wishing to do so can register online ([www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org))

See RELAY, A3

## Special Olympics held

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**WINDSOR** - "Individually unique together complete." Bertie County's Special Olympics were held last Wednesday, April 7 at Roy L.

Bond Stadium.

Participants from schools and groups came from across the county including Bertie Middle School, Bertie High School, Colerain Elementary School, West Bertie Elementary School, Windsor Element-

ary School and Solid Foundations.

Bertie High School Principal Calvin Moore welcomed the participants, volunteers and coaches to the event.

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## Arts Council opens new exhibit

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD  
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**WINDSOR** - Pottery, photography and more. The Bertie County Arts Council hosted a special pot-

tery and photography exhibit and reception recently at The Gallery.

The evening's reception presented pottery from local potter Jim Messer and photography from local photog-

rapher Doward Jones Jr.

Art lovers and guests enjoyed a time of socializing and refreshments while getting to know the two featured artists

See EXHIBIT, A3

Washington County photographer Doward Jones Jr. speaks with Nancy Joyner during the opening of a new exhibit, which featured his work along with that of potter Jim Messer at The Gallery on King Street in Windsor.

## BCSO awaits report

BY THADD WHITE  
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**WINDSOR** - Investigation continues in a March 28 blaze that killed two people.

Bertie County Sheriff John Holley said officers are awaiting a pathology report, and continue to follow up on information in the case.

The victims - 60-year-old LuAnn Perry Ambrose and 58-year-old Kenneth Ray Ambrose - were found deceased in the fire that destroyed their home.

The original call came in to the Bertie County 911 Center at approximately 1:30 a.m. the morning of the fire. Deputies were called to the scene when the two bodies were found inside.

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