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Tuesday is Election Day

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Primary election day is at hand.

On Tuesday morning voters can make their way to the polls throughout Bertie County as they choose party nominees for local, state and federal elections.

Polls open at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday morning and remain open until 7:30 p.m.

Due to court challenges, the Voter ID law will not be in affect for the May primary.

There will be ballots

for all five major parties - Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, Constitution Party and Green Party - as well as an unaffiliated ballot.

In alphabetical order the ballots include:

Constitution Party

Presidential Preference: Don Blankenship, Charles Kraut, No Preference;

Sales and Use Tax: For, Against

Democratic Party

Presidential Preference: Deval Patrick, Bernie Sanders, Tom Steyer, Elizabeth War-

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KAITLYN WHITE / Contributed Photo

Like many roads in western Bertie County, the Sam Pruden Road in Roxobel was passable quickly despite lingering snow.

Good 'ole snow day

Bertie County gets a taste of winter weather

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The snowfall in Bertie County gave students and some adults a good old-fashioned snow day Friday.

Thanks to the ground being relatively warm, the snowfall came and went without a lot of issues last week.

Bertie Emergency Services Director Mitch Cooper said Bertie County saw everything from a trace amount in the eastern portion of the county to several inches of snow in the northwestern part of the county Thursday

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MICHELLE LEICESTER / Bertie Ledger-Advance

The Cashie River was beautiful with the wintery weather highlighting its charm.

Spooktacular seeks support

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WINDSOR - The committee for the 11th annual Bertie Spooktacular 5K/1-Mile Color Run/Walk and Fall Jamboree is seeking sponsors from businesses, organizations and individuals.

"We are so thankful for the businesses and people who have supported us over the years," explained Joe Huff, Race Coordinator.

The charity race benefits The Good Shepherd Food Pantry of

Bertie County, and is their only fund-raising event. Money raised by the Bertie Spooktacular is used to purchase food for residents in Bertie County who are less fortunate.

Monetary donations can be mailed to Bertie Spooktacular 5K, Attn: Virg Siefker, PO Box 895, Windsor, NC 27983 or ask a committee member for a sponsor package.

Food security remains a problem in Bertie County with rates

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Chamber hosts annual Black History program

WINDSOR - The Windsor/Bertie Chamber of Commerce held the 12th Annual Black History dinner at Cashie Convention Center on Feb. 18.

The theme of the event was "Hands to a Larger Service," which was highlighted by the award of plaques to seven deserving honorees.

Dr. Otis Smallwood, Alice Ballance, James Pugh, Sheldon Rhines, Joyce Mourning Mitchell, Vernell and Cynthia Rodgers were all honored for the work that they have done in the

community over their respective lifetimes. Mitchell died in June of this past year and her award was accepted by her sister, Valerie Freeman.

Claudia Polk delivered the keynote address with a message tailored to the young people in the audience. "Don't be afraid to fail, but if you do fail, know that you gave your best effort and fall forward," Polk said.

Polk gave examples of his own life where he had dropped out of college, but returned later in life for

an undergraduate degree, masters degree and is currently finishing his doctoral degree.

Polk currently is employed by the UNC School of Medicine as the director of scholastic enrichment and equity. His involvement in Bertie County has come from working with Vivian Saunders at the Hive in Lewiston Woodville.

Serving as the mistress of ceremonies, Reba Green-Holley kept the program moving right along. Green-

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LEWIS HOGGARD / Windsor/Bertie Chamber

Sheldon Rhines was one of six honorees at the annual Windsor/Bertie Chamber of Commerce Black History dinner.

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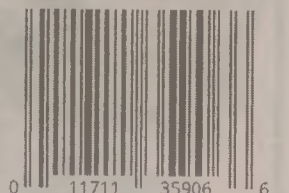


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