



Census information remains secure

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As the 2020 Census prepares to take shape, Bertie County officials are urging citizens to participate.

They are also reminding them their answers are secure and safe.

The numbers compiled by the census have a 10-year lasting effect on Bertie County and each community. The numbers of those who live in the county will directly coincide to dollars in state and federal funding.

In addition, the number of people living in North Carolina will directly impact the number of people representing the state in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Those facts make the census important, but those who respond can rest assured their information is not available to the general public.

"Your responses to the 2020 census are protected by law," according to information from the U.S. Census Bureau. "Under Title 12 of the U.S. Code, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot release any information that identi- swearing an oath, the U.S. fies you individually."

This means that every

census bureau employee is sworn to protect that information, and failure to do so can result in a fine of up to \$250,000 and five years in prison.

In addition to employees

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The fourth annual Roxobel Ag Festival is planned for May 2. Sponsorships are still available for those wishing to participate.



Meeting set to relocate

Commissioners will gather in courtroom

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WINDSOR - The location for the March 16 meeting of the Bertie has been changed.

The board, which will hold their regularly scheduled meeting at 6 p.m. that day, will now meet in the Superior Court Room at the Bertie County Courthouse.

from Bertie County officials does not give a reason, but the meeting expects to be highly attended.

During their meeting last month, the Bertie **County Commissioners** County Commissioners did not take action on a request by one local group to adopt a resolution supporting the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Four commissioners concerns expressed about the resolution The press release itself, though several

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ROXOBEL – Plans for the fourth annual Roxobel Ad Festival are well under way.

The event, slated for 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. Saturday, May 2, will be held on Church Street in Roxobel and will once again feature music, vendors, prizes, games and food.

Those wishing to help spon-

Staff Reports

The Bertie Ledger-Advance

garnered nine awards from

the N.C. Press Association last

The newspaper won seven

awards in the advertising com-

petition and a pair of awards

in the editorial competition.

They were earned by Michelle

Leicester, Jim Green and Thadd

sor the annual event can do so by getting a sponsorship form from the Roxobel Ag Festival Facebook Page or emailing cegroxobel@gmail.com.

Rain Maker Sponsorships are available for \$1,000 donation with a \$500 contribution earning a Barn Raiser designation. Sponsors can also be Harvest Sponsors (\$250), Cultivator Sponsor (\$100) or Seed Sower Sponsors (less than \$100).

Bertie Ledger-Advance wins awards

Those who help sponsor the event will be recognized in online advertising, as well as signage at the event. They will also receive a complimentary Roxobel Ag Festival T-shirt.

As usual, the event will kickoff with a parade at 10 a.m. which will follow N.C. 308 in Roxobel. The event will then shift to church street where there will

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Awards

Hoggard will lead Rotary

Windsor resident chosen District Gov.

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WINDSOR - One of Bertie County's most active Rotarians is now among

> t h e state's highest rung of leadership.

part of the state.

Hoggard, who currently serves as Executive Director for the Windsor/Bertie Chamber of Commerce, has four terms as president of the Rotary Club of Windsor.

"I fully believe in and support the mission of Rotary," Hoggard said. "I have been excited to be a part of the Windsor Rotary Club, and to work with clubs throughout the state and region in the past several years.

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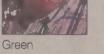


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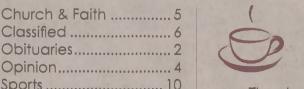
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