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Spectacular 5K to be held Oct. 30

Race/Walk will be held in-person this year

BY MICHELLE LEICESTER
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WINDSOR – Registration is open for participants to sign up to run in the Bertie Spectacular 5K and 1-Mile Run/

Walk. The Spectacular, which is the only fundraising event of the year for the Good Shepherd Food Pantry, is slated for Oct. 30. This year's event will be

held in-person. Due to Covid-19 the Spectacular, formally Spoktacular, was a virtual race last year. "After last year's virtual race, the committee is planning to hold this year's

12th annual Spectacular as an in-person event in the hopes that we can share this event with more people in our community," said race director Joe Huff. "A big shout out to all of the runners and walkers who have supported this important fundraiser for the

Good Shepherd Food Pantry in the past and will into the future", he added. To sign up visit www.run-theeast.com or mail the entry form and payment to Bertie Spectacular 5K, Attn: Virg Siefker, PO Box 895, See RACE, 3

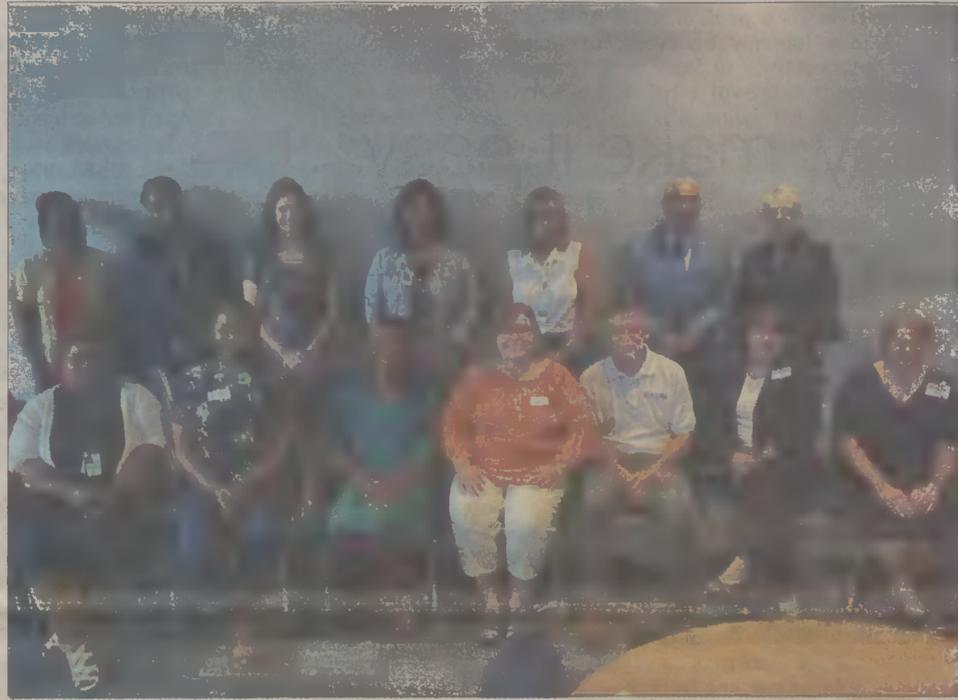
Wells earns award

BRANDICE HOGGARD
Staff Writer

WINDSOR - Evan Wells receives a total of \$36,000 over a three year time period. Wells received the Aubrey Lee Brooks Scholarship for the upcoming 2021-2022 academic school year. Wells is a graduate from Bertie Early College and plans to attend North Carolina State University.

The scholarships were established in 1956 by Aubrey Lee Brooks, who was a Person County native and prominent Greensboro attorney. Applications are available to high school seniors from 14 different North Carolina counties. The recipients were chosen based on the late Mr. Brook's qualifications which are: academic standing, character, leadership, financial need, and the will of the recipient to help him or herself prepare for a career as a useful in-

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During Vidant Bertie Hospital's Community Benefit Grant Award Ceremony, 18 local organizations received \$100,950.

Vidant Health grants awarded

LESLIE BEACHBOARD
Managing Editor

WINDSOR – Vidant Bertie Hospital recently awarded 18 local programs \$100,950 in local grant funds through its Community Benefit Grant Program. "The Vidant Bertie Hospital Development Council is proud to partner with Vidant Health Foundation to provide

funds to these deserving organizations. These organizations will reach many in our community through health education, wellness and prevention programs," said Vidant Bertie Hospital Development Manager Jennifer Harriss. The Vidant Bertie Hospital Development Council presented the checks at its annual Community Benefit Grant

Program Awards Ceremony that was held Tuesday, July 20. The organizations all provide programs and offer services that align with Vidant Health's mission to improve the health and well-being of Eastern North Carolina. "We are grateful for the wonderful work these organi-

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Beach within reach

LESLIE BEACHBOARD
Managing Editor

RALEIGH – Calling all teachers. The last year-and-a-half was full of unknowns in the classroom, and the next year might hold some of the same. The North Carolina Aquariums are asking teachers to take a few minutes to apply for this year's Aquarium Scholars Grant helping to bring the beach within reach. Applications are now available for the 2021-2022 Aquarium Scholars Grant Program. Aquarium Scholars offers funding for Title I schools to help remove barriers that may hinder educational opportunities with the aquariums. More than \$120,000 in mini grants will be awarded to help with trip costs, transportation fees and other needs. "We realize that teachers may not yet know what this next year will bring, but we are hoping that they will still

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The latest Eastern Living Magazine is available

THADD WHITE
Editor

Get outside and play! That's the focus of the current edition of Eastern North Carolina Living, which is currently on the rack.

The magazine features places in its 14-county coverage region that one can get outside following the easing of restrictions during the worldwide pandemic. Bertie County's readers will be familiar with the

place suggested for readers of the magazine – Bertie Beach. Writer Lewis Hoggard details the purchase of the property and how widely it is used by citizens both in Bertie County and the surrounding region.

The natural beauty of Bertie Beach is similar just one of many outdoor adventures awaiting readers of the magazine. "We felt like people were simply tired of being inside," Eastern Living Editor Thadd

White said. "We wanted to give our readers places to go right here in Eastern North Carolina they would enjoy visiting. "There is something in this

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