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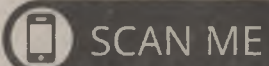


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JOHN FOLEY/BERTIE LEDGER-ADVANCE

Motorcycles parade around during the Greater Wynn's Grove Harvest Day.

Talk of the Town

Celebration returns to Greater Wynn's Grove

JOHN FOLEY
Staff Writer

The whole town is talking. And they are talking about 'The Talk of the Town,' the Greater Wynn's Grove Community Development Center's Harvest Festival, held last Saturday at the Greater Wynn's Grove Baptist Church.

Hundreds of residents, visitors, automotive aficionados, motorcycle enthusiasts, Bingo lovers and friends of fried chicken, along with church and community members gathered to celebrate this sea-

son's harvest. The church's acreage was covered with entertainment, food, games, prizes, rides and all around fun. The level of excitement soared once presumptive Bertie County Sheriff-elect Tyrone Ruffin sounded the

siren and began leading 'The Only One of its Kind' parade of 14 Big Rigs around the grounds. Motorcycles, some classic, others still showroom shiny and three-wheelers followed, before an assortment

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Bertie Co. grades bad, performance good in testing

JOHN FOLEY
Staff Writer

Although the Bertie County School District either met or exceeded state requirements at each of the district schools, the schools still received low grades.

That's with the exception of Bertie Early College High, which captured a B on the grading scale.

While the letter grades for the schools were low, each of the schools — with the exception of Bertie High School — either met or exceeded state guidelines and requirements.

Bertie Early College High School, Aulander Elementary and Windsor Elementary each exceeded expectations.

Colerain Elementary, West Bertie Elementary and Windsor Elementary all met expectations.

Bertie High School did not meet expectations.

"There are some things to celebrate. However, we realize that we have work to do to continue our upward trend," said Bertie School District Superintendent Dr. Otis Smallwood. "Six out

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Plans move forward for 300th anniversary celebration

JOHN FOLEY
Staff Writer

The Bertie County Commissioners were updated Monday on the progress of The Bertie County 300 year celebration.

According to county officials, the event is on schedule and moving along rapidly in preparation for the Nov. 5 countywide celebration.

"I have been to one of the committee meetings and I am very excited about the event. It is moving along

nicely," said Commissioner Ron Wesson. "This is going to be a great event."

The committee, made up of 17 department heads under the direction of Assistant County Manager David Scarborough, has been reaching out to vendors and other cities throughout the county inviting them to participate in the gala celebration.

The times of the event are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown

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A youngster enjoys a blow-up slide at Askeville's Family Fun Day Saturday.

Askeville Day serves as community 'homecoming'

THADD WHITE
Group Editor

ASKEWVILLE - For nearly a dozen years, the people of Askeville have set aside one Saturday in September to gather for what many refer to as a Homecoming event.

Askeville Family Day started as a way for the community to get together, eat, listen to music and

enjoy fellowship with each other.

"I think the people really enjoy being able to come together and fellowship with one another," Askeville Mayor Gloria Bryant said. "It's like a community homecoming. They can let their kids run around and play in a save environment, which

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R.T. Johnson was one of the reasons people gathered to listen to good music Saturday.



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Lucy Daniels with a copy of the book she wrote.

Lucy Daniels finds joy in pursuit of 'Dorothie'

JOHN FOLEY
Staff Writer

Anyone who has spent any time on the Bertie County side of the Chowan River, wouldn't be surprised if the woman Slalom Skiing down the middle of the Chowan was Lucy Daniels.

And if one happened to see a woman swimming from the banks

of Bertie County to the middle of the Chowan River Channel, that too, could be Lucy Daniels.

Unfortunately, residents have to wait until next year, when the Bertie County resident turns the age of the North Carolina Rural Interstate speed limit, before they can look up at that small Ultralight overhead and think, 'That could be Lucy Daniels.'

The pilot, proficient in float planes, with time in twin engines, previously flew her Quicksilver Ultralight above her beloved Chowan River, and is in the process of getting re-certified to be able to sit behind the controls again.

If Daniels' avocation for the Chowan River and what flows above it aren't enough, Daniels has spent her 47-year professional

career nursing the ailing at hospitals in Edenton, Ahoskie, Windsor and Greenville.

She cherishes the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library as a Friend of the Library, while contributing as a board member at the Bertie County Arts Council. This season Daniels will be co-chairing

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SARAH TINKHAM
OF KELFORD

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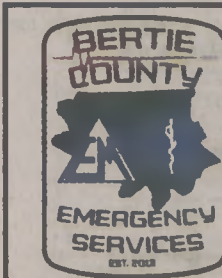
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