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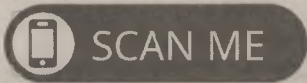


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Spectacular goes off without a hitch

MICHELLE LEICESTER
For the Bertie Ledger-Advance

WINDSOR - The 13th annual Bertie Spectacular was a success.

The annual event brings runners from all over to Bertie County and from places throughout the state and along the Atlantic seaboard, which is the main fundraiser for the Good Shepherd Food Pantry. Runners could pre-reg-

ister for the event, and attendants were available at 7:30 a.m. the morning of the race to assist last-minute registrants and check them in.

The opening ceremony began at 8:50 a.m. with Windsor Mayor Lewis Hoggard welcoming the runners, walkers, vendors and spectators. Windsor Mayor Pro-Tempore Cathy Wilson welcomed all of the participants to Windsor. Charles

Smith performed the National Anthem.

At 9 a.m., 46 runners took off from the start line on York Street to make the almost approximately 3.1-mile journey around Windsor.

Exactly 15 minutes later, the first runner crossed the finished line.

Shamrock Keter of Chapel Hill claimed the first place victory and was the men's top finisher. Sarah Naibei of Chapel Hill came in second

place and was the women's first finisher with a time of 17:45. The third place winner and second men's finisher was Must Gwanzura of Roanoke Rapids with a time of 18:18.

The men's third place finisher was Dillon Britt of Pendleton with a time of 18:59.

The women's second place finisher was Jackie



LEWIS HOGGARD/WINDSOR/BERTIE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Shadrack Keter the winning male runner and defending champion finished with a time of 15 minutes flat.

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Youngsters and the young at heart gathered to play games and celebrate the Kidz Night Under the Big Top Saturday.

'Night under the big top' draws crowds to Askewville

JOHN FOLEY
Staff Writer

ASKEWVILLE - This year's Askewville Kidz Night under the Big Top was a spectacular event, transforming the tiny community of Askewville into the busiest place in Bertie County Saturday evening.

Nearly 1,000 fall festival revelers of all ages came as warriors, princes and police men and women, along with hot dog eating parents and cake-walking grandparents converged on the Askewville Assembly of God Annual Kidz Nite last Saturday to celebrate the

fall festival. The church's gymnasium was transformed into a Big Top that would have made the Ringling brothers envious.

Playing host to a plethora of games and activities, the costumed kids meandered from one game booth to the next in search of that perfect candy reward. The night was abuzz with sounds of excitement and joy.

Whether the ring toss, ladder ball, Samsen Smash or gridiron was the game of choice, lines of exuberant, excited youngsters smiled,

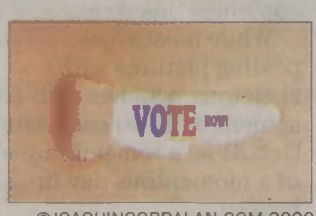


JOHN FOLEY/BERTIE LEDGER-ADVANCE
A huge crowd gathered in the gym at Askewville Assembly of God to celebrate the fall.

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Bertie voters go to the polls

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After more than a year of campaigning and millions of dollars spent, the 2022 election cycle will finally reach Election Day Tuesday.

Voting opens at 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8 and will continue through the day until 7:30 p.m.

While this is not a presidential election year, there will be offices from North Carolina's U.S. Senate seat all the way to local offices, including sheriff and soil and water conservation posts.

Here are the places voters in Bertie County will be able to cast a ballot:

- Colerain Municipal Building, 101 Winton St., Colerain;
- Colerain 2 Precinct, Powellsville Town Hall, 106 East Main St., Powellsville;
- Indian Woods Precinct, Indian Woods Missionary Baptist Church, 2330 Indian Woods Rd., Windsor;
- Mitchells 1 Precinct, Hexlena Community

■ Colerain 1 Precinct,

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Bertie celebrates 300 Saturday

JOHN FOLEY
Staff Writer

There are celebrations and then there are celebrations.

The Bertie County 300 year celebration is this Saturday, Nov. 5 and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the heritage event.

Beginning at 11 a.m. on Granville Street and behind Windsor Town Hall, there will be 26 vendors, food trucks and other entertainment venues to excite the senses.

The event offers a full slate of excitement. Everyone, from everywhere is invited to partake in the

historic celebration of past, present and future.

Events are scheduled to take place throughout the county showcasing the unique history of Bertie County's 300 year past.

"We are very excited about the event. We have lined up a lot of vendors and the community is very excited," said Bertie County Extension Director Billy Barrow, who has been instrumental in the planning of the event.

Live music, carriage rides, a bouncy house, games and prizes will highlight the downtown event. However,

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Bertie County to hold 'Gang and Gun' initiative Nov. 10

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Bertie County community leaders, law enforcement experts, parents, students and concerned community residents will be coming together Thursday, Nov. 10, to participate in a comprehensive community initiative focused on anti-gang and gun violence.

While the most recent analysis of North Carolina GangNET Data, published in 2013, listed Bertie County as having 'No Gangs,' the planned event is focused on proactive discussions, focusing on gang awareness, parental guidance, mental health support along with designing and implementing a positive intervention plan.

Gun violence in schools across the country is increasing daily, however, Bertie County schools

have not experienced an incident in recent years.

The public forum is sponsored by the Bertie County Schools Board of Education and Bertie County Schools, along with the Bertie County Sheriff's Office. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. and everyone in the community is invited to attend. Attendees do not have to have a child in Bertie County Schools to assist in pre-

venting gang and gun violence.

"In light of the ongoing gang violence and threats to safety that we now endure in our schools, local leaders in Bertie County are initiating a discussion about responses, issues and behaviors that tend to lead to gang behavior in our schools and community," states the event announcement.

School officials realize there are issues with gangs and gang affilia-

tion in the community and believe taking a proactive approach to these situations will prevent what happens in the community from spilling over into the schools.

Community and law enforcement leaders realize schools are impacted by issues in the community, and addressing these topics will highlight the issues. Despite

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