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Voters taking advance of early voting

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DECISION 2014

The Republican party has made gains in Perquimans County over the past 10 years, but the number of people who consider themselves unaffiliated has skyrocketed.

As of Oct. 15, Democrats remain the largest single group in the county with 4,550 voters. That's

58 more than 10 years ago. There were 2,450 Republicans, 656 more than a decade before.

But the number of unaffiliated voters ballooned from 1,492 in 2004 to 2,914 this year. That's a 95 percent increase.

But despite their gains, Republicans and unaffiliated voters were not turning out in great numbers through nearly four days of early voting.

As of early Monday afternoon, Perquimans County reported 597 people had voted. Democrats accounted for 256 of the votes, while unaffiliated voters accounted for 177 and Republicans 163.

That means 6.6 percent of Re-

publicans had cast a ballot, 6 percent of unaffiliated and 5.6 percent of Democrats.

There remains plenty of time to vote early. The county elections office on Edenton Road Street is open today from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday the hours are 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. and Saturday it's 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Republicans are strongest in the two southern precincts — Bethel

and New Hope. In Bethel 857 of the 2,891 voters are members of the GOP. There are 934 Democrats and 1,091 unaffiliated voters. In New Hope, there are 662 Republicans, 879 Democrats and 2,233 unaffiliated.

Those two precincts are also the largest two in Perquimans County and they come to the polls in large

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5K run to help those without shoes

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A small group of Perquimans County women hope to make a big difference for people they will never know on Nov. 8.

The Junior Women's Club of Perquimans County will be holding a 5K run to raise money for a Charlotte-based charity that provides shoes to those who don't have them.

The race starts at 8:30 a.m.

Brandee Phelps, one of the members, said the club has about 12 members and has been around for about seven years. The 5-K run is the biggest event on their schedule.

"We're mostly working Moms and this is a community outreach thing," Phelps said recently. The club meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Captain Bob's Restaurant in Hertford.

Given the nature of the charity, 5-K the club will deduct \$3 off the price of registration for anybody who runs the course without shoes. Phelps said they didn't have anybody do the 5K run barefoot two years ago, but they hope to this year.

"It gives you an idea to

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BELVIDERE DAY



Julie Solesbee of PNC Bank in Hobbsville hands a 3-D viewer to Payten Callahan Saturday during Belvidere's second annual fall sales event. The bank offered a chance for kids to learn more about insects.

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Doug Layden bags meat for a customer Saturday at Layden's Supermarket during Belvidere's second annual fall sales event.

Wind developers keeping active

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The future of state tax incentives to develop industrial-sized wind power plants may play a role in the future development of two wind power projects in northeastern North Carolina, but developers aren't saying that's the only factor.

Plans for two wind power projects in Perquimans County have not moved forward, but representative of both Iberdrola Renewables and Alex Clean Energy were in Perquimans County this month.

Tyson Utt of Apex attended a Business Expo hosted by the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce on Oct. 16. The 12,000-acre Apex project would straddle the Perquimans-Chowan county line.

Craig Poff, a representative of Iberdrola, went before the Perquimans County Commission last week and asked to revise the timetable for the construction project known as Desert Wind.

The 20,000-acre project that would straddle both Perquimans and Pasquotank counties and by some estimates would cost about \$600 million.

When first proposed to Perquimans County, the

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Classic car fans get a treat after tour visits Hertford

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Pete Taggett is used to getting a crowd of people around him when he pulls up in his 1939 Ford Deluxe from Elizabeth City.

He didn't get that Tuesday because the crowd was there in Hertford for the Duesenbergs.

A total of 17 of the classic vehicles made a stop as part of "Duesenberg Tour 2014 - Southern Style." The cars and their owners came from all over the country to Williamsburg, Va. where they left for stops in Hertford,

Edenton, Kitty Hawk and Duck.

Of the 481 Duesenbergs produced between 1928 and 1937, about 380 are still around. Many of them are in museums, but four of them are owned by retired TV talk show host Jay Leno.

Dwight Schaubach, a Suffolk, Va., businessman owns two and along with his wife Jane helped organize the parade of Duesenbergs.

The couple has a 1929 J Roadster and a 1930 model.

"It's all about driving," Jane Schaubach said.

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Duesenbergs of every style and color were on display for a time last Tuesday in the parking lot of Hertford Baptist Church. It was part of Duesenberg Tour 2014 'Southern Style.'

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Neighborhood hope to share chili, friendship

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Todd Graves is 1,000 miles from home but he doesn't feel like it.

Even his house on Market Street doesn't look much

different than the other homes in the 200 block of Market Street. The tip off is the University of Iowa flag that is often flown from the porch.

Graves has lived at 223 W. Market Street for the past two years and come Nov. 8, friends and would-be friends are welcome to stop by for a chili cook-off.

The Town of Hertford has agreed that that section of Market Street between

Covent Garden and East Academy Street can be blocked off during the 6-8 p.m. event.

Graves was raised around Muscatine, Iowa, a town on the Illinois line and spent a lot of time with grandparents on their farm.

In 2004, he accepted a transfer with his job to Newport News for a time he lived there.

"I wanted to get away from that, and that kind of

living. I've lived in Seattle, and Chicago and I've done by "big city" thing. Hertford just felt a lot like home from the first time I visited."

Graves admits looking at living in Elizabeth City, but Hertford grabbed his soul.

"In fact this is the only house we even looked at," he said.

By Hertford standards, his home isn't large. At



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Last year's Chili Cookoff winner Dan Beightler, (right) poses last year with Danny Donahue, the runner up. The community event is coming up again Nov. 8 in the 200 block of Market Street.

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