Rumba on the Lumber brings large crowd

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On your mark, get ready and a gun fired as moms, babies and politicians were seen at the annual Rumba on the Lumber marathon held in Lumberton, N.C.

Some came out for fun and some came out to participate in the marathon sponsored by Lumberton Radiological Associates. The marathon’s gun sparked the start of a chili-cook off.

“I like that it’s flat. This is the perfect course. The chili festival at the end tops it off,” said four- time marathon runner and second runner up winner, John Hinton, from chapel Hill, NC.

Chili was not the only thing that was cooking. As event goers covered the streets of historical downtown Lumberton, everything from turkey legs to cotton candy was readily available to accompany the activities.

As different booths lined the streets, many engaged with the crowd, trying to bring awareness about Relay for Life. Helping bring cancer awareness to the community, and it helps them to better prepare for their futures,” said RCC nursing instructor Amy Purser. For some college students in North Carolina, Rumba on the Lumber launched the beginning of their Spring Break.

“I had the honor of firing the gun. One of my sons who went to Chapel Hill came here for Spring Break. It’s real special to see my home county and hometown hosting something like this,” said U.S. Congressman Mike McIntyre.