

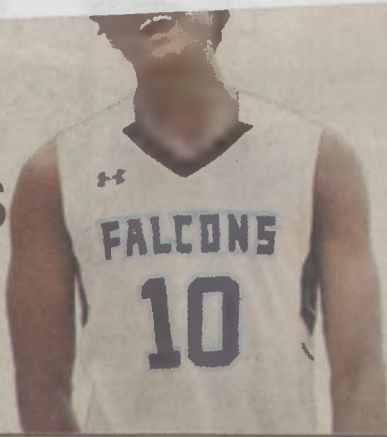
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Incumbents file in Bertie

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WINDSOR - Filing for local offices remain slow as of Tuesday at noon.

Only two Bertie County incumbents have filed for office thus far. They include Bertie County Commissioner Ronald D. Wesson, who represents District I, and Register of Deeds Annie Wilson. Both are Democrats.

The only other local office open at the moment is the commissioner from District IV. Incumbent John Trent is unaffiliated, and thus files by petition, and not during the filing period.

While local races are slow, the national and state races are heating up quickly.

Democrats have submitted 15 names for the Presidential Primary. They include former Vice President Joe Biden, U.S. Senators Mi-

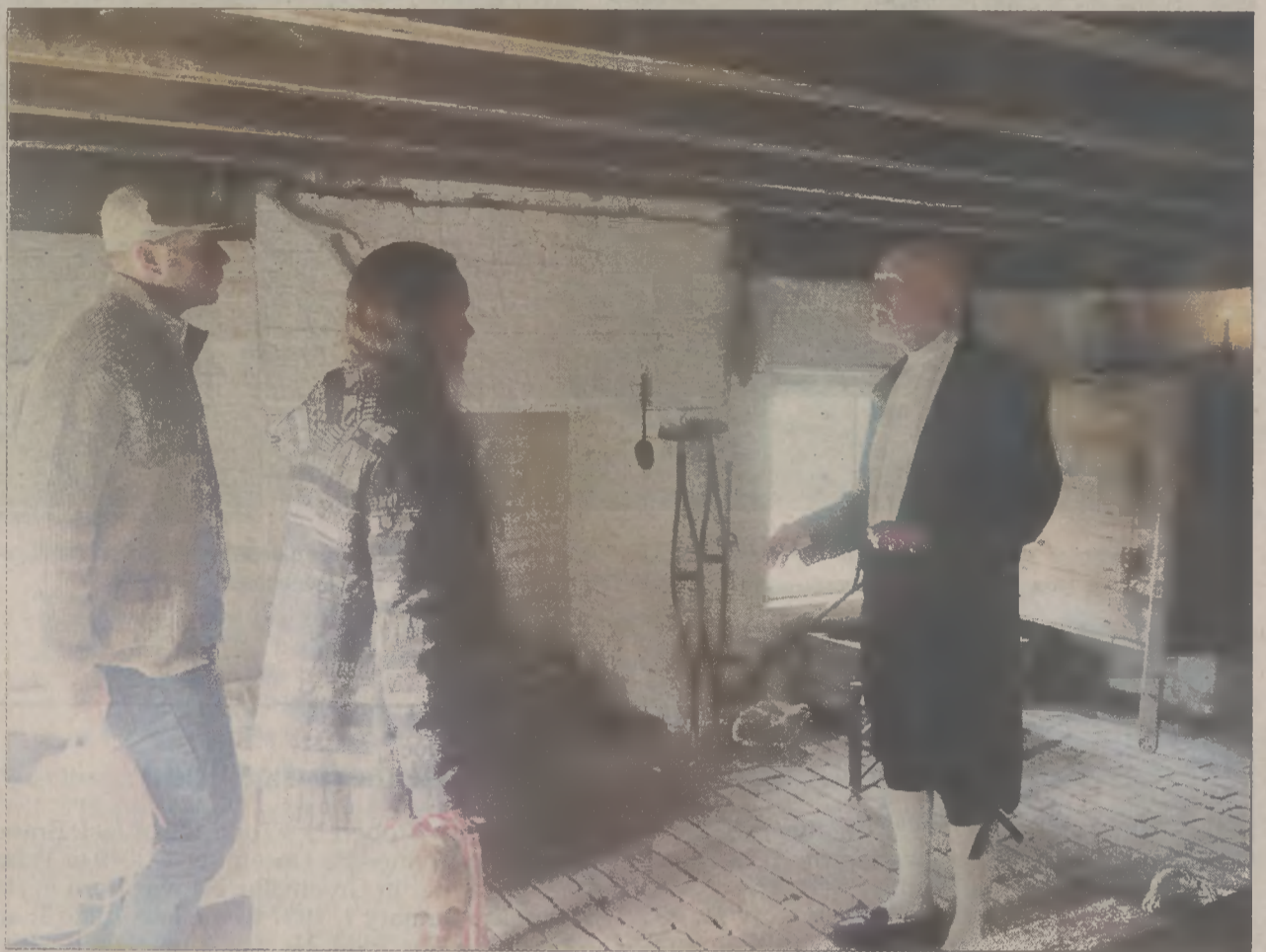
chael Bennet (Colorado), Cory Booker (New Jersey), Bernie Sanders (Vermont), Amy Klobuchar (Minnesota) and Elizabeth Warren (Massachusetts) as well as U.S. Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard (Hawaii).

Other Democratic candidates include former mayors Michael Bloomberg (New York) and Julia Castro (San Antonio) as well as current South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg.

Rounding out the field are former Congressman John Delaney, Tom Steyer, Marianne Williamson and Andrew Yang.

Libertarians nominated 16 candidates for President of the United States. They include Max Abramson, Ken Armstrong, Dan Behrman, Kenneth Blevins, Souraya Faas, Erik Ger-

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Turner Sutton, dressed in period costume, explains the inner workings of the Hope Mansion to visitors.

Christmas Open House

Historic Hope holds annual seasonal event

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WINDSOR - Historic Hope House celebrated its Christmas Open House from 1 p.m.- 5 p.m. Sunday (Dec. 8).

The Hope Mansion and the King-Bazemore House were both decorated in Christmas décor appropriate to the early 19th century.

Horse and Carriage rides were available for guests to be transported from house to house.

Governor David Stone built the centerpiece of the site, the Hope Mansion, in 1803.

The porches and widows walks of Hope Mansion were draped with live greenery garlands.

Inside the foyer and

throughout the house, docents greeted guests.

They welcomed everyone and gave a brief history of the house and property. Guests were asked to sign a registry.

The first floor rooms - which include the childrens' room, the girls' bedroom, the boys' bedroom and the Stones' master bedroom - were decorated with live greenery and fresh fruit.

Abby Sutton was seated in the foyer behind a large spinning wheel. She answered questions and explained to guests the art of spinning.

Live Christmas music filled the house from the second floor. Nayland Collier played the saxophone and



Layla Williford entertains guests at the J.J. "Monk" Harrington Visitor's Center on the campus of Historic Hope.

Mary Mardre played the piano while Kimberly Dunlow sang.

The library, dining

room and upstairs foyer were also decorated

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Commissioners plan VFD study

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WINDSOR - Bertie County Emergency Services Director Mitch Cooper discussed with the Bertie County Commissioners a fire department study earlier this week.

Cooper informed the commissioners he would like a study done on the 12 fire departments throughout the county.

He recommended EnviroSafe to conduct the study.

EnviroSafe has assist-

ed a number of North Carolina counties and municipalities in fire service planning.

The company has been based in North Carolina since 1996, and has focused on serving North Carolina local governments and higher education institutions.

EnviroSafe has proposed several core components of the study.

First is the Geographic Information Services (GIS) work, which is up

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Officials: Prepare for winter weather early

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WINDSOR - North Carolina officials are encouraging everyone to plan now for storms during the winter months.

North Carolina Govern-

nor Roy Cooper declared last week (Dec. 1-7) as Winter Weather Preparedness Week.

Gov. Cooper encourages North Carolinians to plan and prepare now, before potentially dangerous winter weather arrives.

"Now is the time to make a plan so that you and your family are ready when winter weather arrives," said Gov. Cooper.

Gov. Cooper urges residents to monitor changing weather conditions by listening to local media and pay-

ing close attention to winter weather warnings.

A winter storm watch is issued when conditions are favorable for snow, sleet or freezing rain within 48 hours.

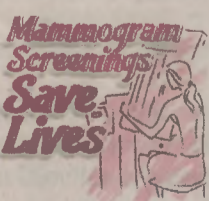
A winter storm warning is issued when confidence

is high that a winter storm is likely to produce at least three inches of snow, or ice accumulations of a quarter inch or more, within the next 24 hours.

A winter weather advi-

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