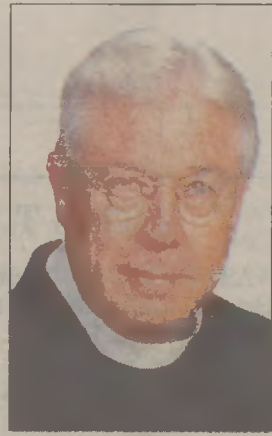


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Three men charged in '19 B&E, assault

One suspect still at large

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Three men are facing charges in a June 2019 breaking and entering on Early Station Road in Bertie County. Bertie County Sheriff John

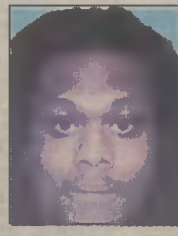
Holley said a multitude of jurisdictions worked together with the N.C. State Bureau of Investigation to identify the three suspects, two of which are behind bars in Gates County. Sheriff Holley said Brian



Valentine

der charge.

Kenton Valentine and Tracy Lamont Mitchell are each in custody in Gates County on an unrelated attempted murder



Mitchell

and dangerous.

the lookout for Horace James White Jr. of Hertford County. Sheriff Holley said White should be considered armed



White

charges that include two counts of first degree kidnapping, first degree burglary, robbery with a dangerous

Meanwhile, officers on All three men are facing

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ELECTION RESULTS 2020

Carlton lone challenger to win in Bertie

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A majority of incumbents will be returning to office following a mostly uneventful slate of races in Bertie County.

Incumbent Bertie County Commissioners Ronald D. Wesson and John Trent won their unopposed bids for re-election, as did Register of Deeds Annie Wilson.

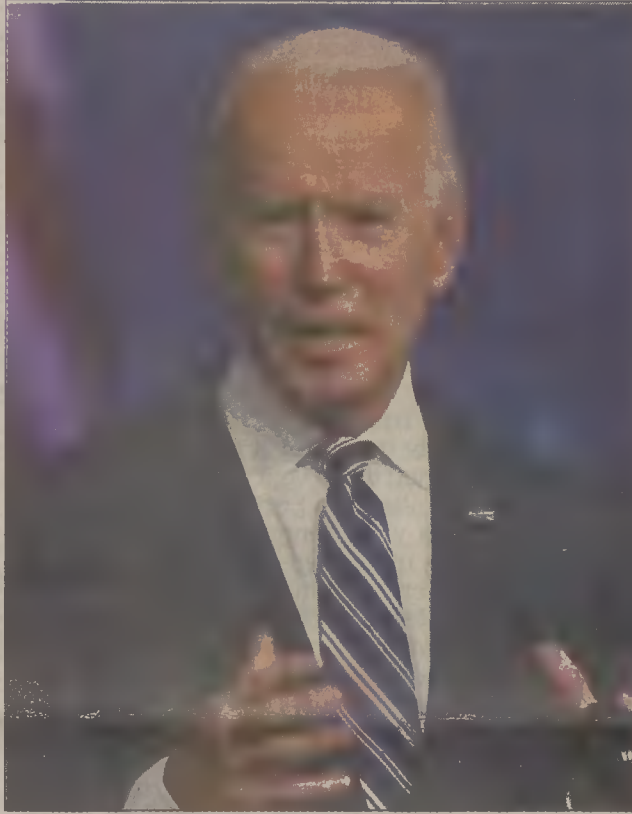
Also, one of the two candidates up for re-election for the Bertie

County Board of Education holds a lead according to results.

Bertie County Election Director Shelia Holoman said there are 87 provisional ballots to count when the board does canvassing Friday, but was unsure of how many mail-in ballots were received on time and would be valid.

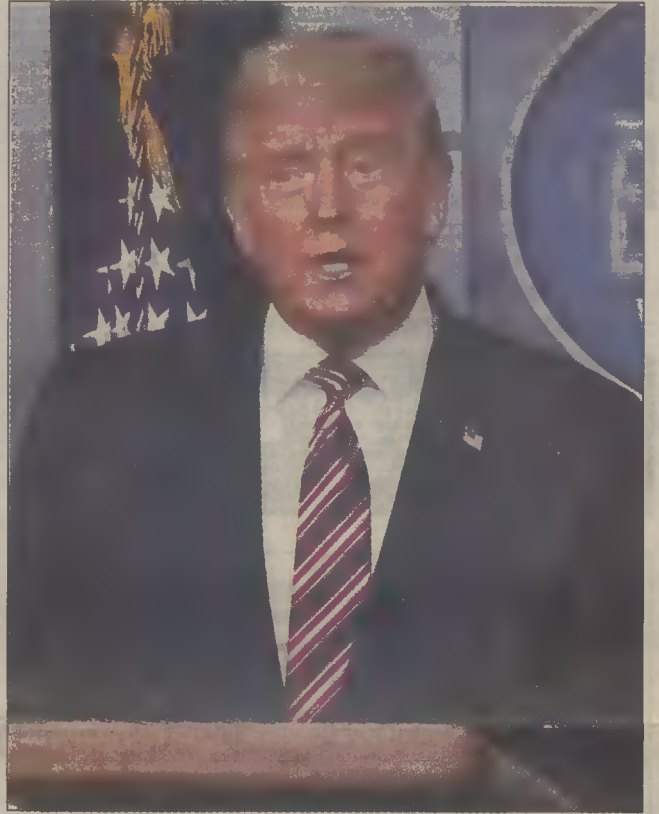
The only change, according to unofficial results, will come in Bertie County School

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CAROLYN KASTER / Associated Press

With several states still counting mail-in ballots, the U.S. Presidential election remains unsettled. Most news outlets, including the Associated Press, have called the race for former Vice President Joe Biden (left). President Donald Trump said his campaign will file lawsuits in multiple states to contest



EVAN VUCCI / Associated Press

the election. **Left:** President-elect Joe Biden speaks Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020, at The Queen theater in Wilmington, Del. **Right:** President Donald Trump speaks at the White House, Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020, in Washington.

Bazemore elected to Senate, Goodwin stays in House

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Bertie County's Senate District went Democrat, while the House District remained Republican, according to unofficial election results from last week.

On the Senate side, Bertie

County Commissioner Ernestine Byrd Bazemore was elected to replace outgoing Sen. Erica D. Smith, who chose not to seek another term.

Bazemore won the district, which encompasses six counties stretching from the Virginia border to the

Pamlico River in Washington. The senator-elect will represent Beaufort, Bertie, Martin, Northampton, Vance and Warren counties.

Overall, Bazemore defeated Vance County Commissioner Thomas Hester 45,246 votes to 41,775. She won four of the six counties,

including her home county of Bertie and Hester's home county of Vance. Hester had more votes only in Martin and Beaufort counties.

In Martin County, it was a close race with Hester earning 6,218 votes to 5,832 for Bazemore. Beaufort County was not as close, with Hes-

ter securing 15,996 votes to 9,297 for Bazemore.

Bazemore easily won her home county, securing 5,731 votes to 3,599 for Hester. She also took Northampton County (5,972 to 3,785) and Warren County (6,376 to

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COVID-19 cases rise in NC, indoor limit cut back to 10

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N.C. Governor Roy Cooper made a tweak to state regulation on COVID-19 during his recent update Tuesday.

Gov. Cooper lowered the indoor gathering limit from 25 to 10 people, but kept

North Carolina paused in Phase 3 of reopening. This came in response to a continued increase in the daily counts of new lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19.

"This reduction in our indoor gathering limit aims to slow the spread and bring down our numbers," Gov.

Cooper said. "It also sends a serious signal to families, friends and neighbors across our state. Success in slowing the spread will help our businesses.

"As you can see, our numbers are too high," Gov. Cooper added.

Bertie County, like the

state of North Carolina, continues to see increases in the number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases. As of Tuesday, Albemarle Regional Health Services reported 21 active cases in Bertie County.

Overall, Bertie County has had 756 cases of COVID-19 and 713 of those cases have

seen recoveries. The county has lost 22 people to the novel coronavirus.

The Albemarle Regional Health Services service counties has 188 active cases. A total of 124 people have lost their lives to the

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