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Askeville leaders receive apology

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ASKEVILLE – Askeville's municipal leaders received something few do recently – an apology from the government.

In a letter dated Nov. 9, an official with the State Treas-

urer's Office apologized for the miscommunication that resulted in action being taken against Askeville by the Local Government Commission.

In October, the Local Government Commission passed a resolution compelling the town of Askeville

to hire an outside entity to bring all bank reconciliations current and prepare its books for audit.

At the time, Askeville Mayor Gloria Bryant said she and the town's commissioners were perplexed by the resolution considering that they worked in good

faith to resolve the issues.

"We have been working with the state and thought we were on track," Mayor Bryant said in October. "We have been working with them for a year and have submitted the 2015 audit. The auditor is working on the 2016 one now."

The letter, written by Deputy State Treasurer Sharon G. Edmundson, apologized to Bryant, along with Commissioners Mike Baker, Kay Brantley and Carla Pesce for the lack of communication. "Please accept my apolo-

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What's next?

Senator-elect must resign before oath

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WINDSOR – A Bertie County Commissioner has been elected to the North Carolina Senate.

Ernestine Byrd Bazemore was elected earlier this month to represent District 3 in the North Carolina State Senate. The two-term commissioner won with 52 percent of the vote over Vance County Commissioner Thomas Hester.

The question for many citizens has been, what happens next?

N.C. General Statute 128-1 makes it illegal for a person to hold two elected positions of public trust in North Carolina, meaning Bazemore will need to resign her seat on the Bertie County Commission before taking the oath of office in January.

Bazemore acknowledged in the November meeting of the Bertie commissioners that she intended to resign and give ample opportunity for her replacement to be named and seated.

Once Bazemore resigns, the party of which she is a member – in this case the Democratic Party – will

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I am thankful for ...

 Abby Northcott Lawrence Academy Junior Kindergarten I am thankful for my friends and family, Christmas, and my new dresses.	 Rosanna Conner BACA Kindergarten God, my animals and my school.	 Gia Patel Lawrence Academy 2nd Grade I am thankful for my family. I am also thankful for God and that I have a house.	 Allie Daniels BACA 1st Grade God.
 Lincoln Kranhenbill Lawrence Academy Kindergarten I am thankful that my family is safe and I am thankful for my dog, Reese.	 Paisley Ray BACA 2nd Grade My family, friends and Jesus.	 Paxton Lawrence Lawrence Academy 1st Grade I am really thankful for food, toys, my friends, and playing.	

Seeking Bertie County's holiday memories

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WINDSOR – Due to the ongoing worldwide pandemic, it appears the United States, and indeed the world is headed for a different holiday season.

While some may still gather

as normal, the world around the holidays has changed – perhaps forever – and it will affect each person's plans for the holidays.

Thus far, most Christmas parades have been canceled and many of the other Yuletide events seem unlikely to occur. It can be a difficult

time for many.

So, the newsroom at the Bertie Ledger-Advance decided it would be a good time to let the readers of the newspaper reminisce a little as December approaches.

"Almost everyone has a favorite holiday memory or a favorite holiday tradition,"

Bertie Ledger-Advance Publisher Kyle Stephens said. "We want to hear yours, and to share it with the readers of our newspaper as a way to celebrate the season."

What the newspaper is asking for readers to take a few

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'Families of Faith' highlight new magazine



WINDSOR – The latest edition of Eastern North Carolina Living gives a nod to the upcoming Christmas season.

"As a way to approach the Christmas season which likely won't have many of the events we've had in the past, we decided to go a different way," Eastern Living Editor Thadd White said.

"We focused on people of faith in our communities, and how that life of faith has guided them."

As always, the magazine features a local subject. In this instance, it is an Askeville couple – Brenda and Henderson Hoggard – who have made children's ministry their lives for the past five decades.

The couple – who still lead children's ministry at Askeville Assembly of God – began volunteering shortly after making their decision to live a life of faith in Jesus.

"The most rewarding part is seeing the children who went

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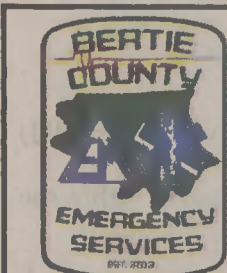
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