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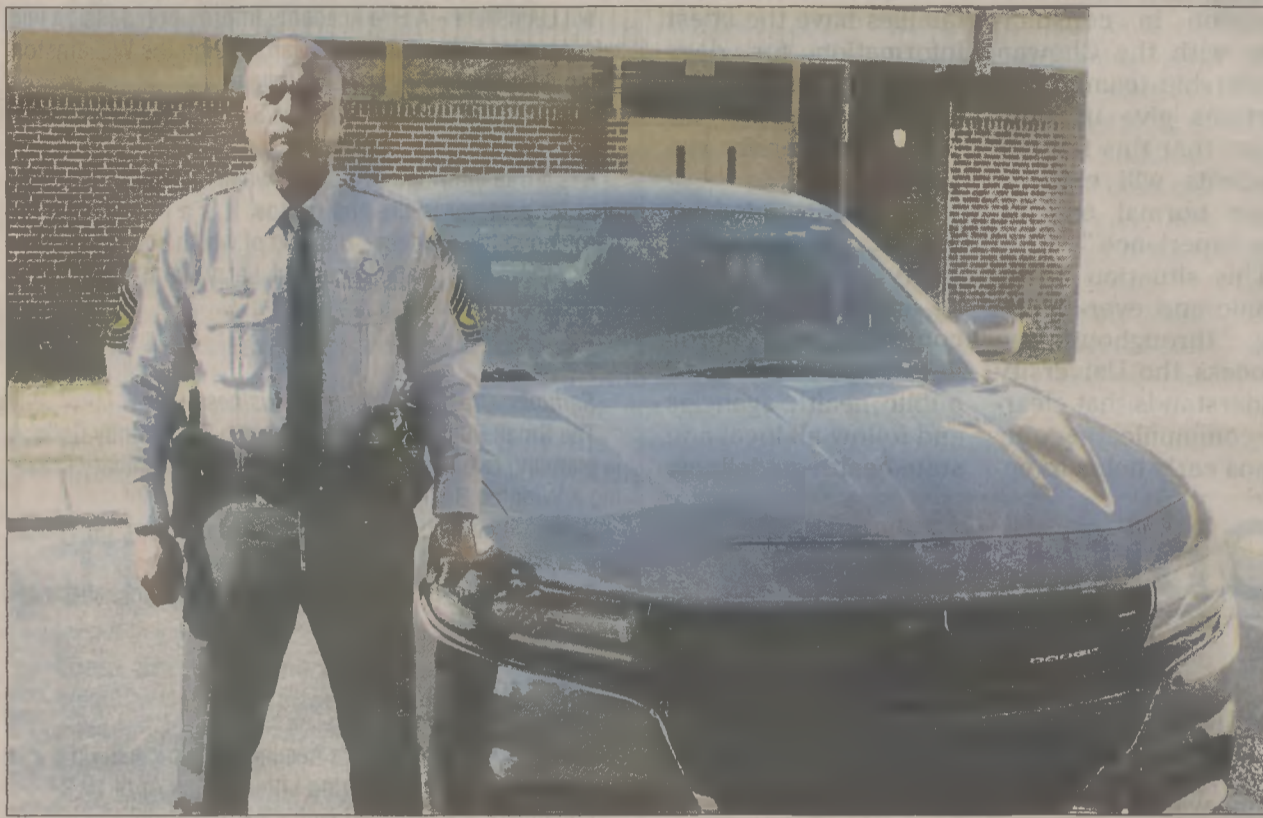
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TROOP A, DISTRICT 2 WELCOMES NEW LEADER



First Sgt. L.M. Hill has taken the reins of the N.C. Highway Patrol office serving Bertie, Gates and Hertford counties.

New 1st Sergeant ready to embrace new assignment

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The man at the helm of N.C. Highway Patrol Troop A, District 2 is both prepared and ready.

First Sgt. L.M. Hill took the reins of the N.C. Highway Patrol leading District 2 just a few weeks ago, but his preparation for serving the citizens of Bertie, Hertford and Gates coun-

ties began more than two decades ago.

A native of Jones County, First Sgt. Hill signed up for the Highway Patrol Academy at 22 years of age, and has spent the next 22 years in northeastern North Carolina.

His first assignment was in neighboring Chowan County where he spent 15 years working as a patrolman. Sgt. Hill said it was a good place to begin his

career.

"It was a great place to start," he said. "It was slow enough to learn what you need to know. They took very good care of me in Chowan County – and they still do."

After spending 15 years on the roads keeping Chowan County safe, he decided to begin the process to earn promotion.

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Anthony Hale promoted to Major General

One of Bertie County's finest sons earns rank

FORT HUACHUCA, AZ - Anthony R. Hale, Commander, United States Army Intelligence Center of Excellence and Fort Huachuca, Arizona was promoted to the rank of Major General during a March 5 ceremony at the CW2 Christopher G. Nason Military Intelligence Library and Museum, Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

The ceremony was hosted by General Austin Scott Miller, Commander, NATO Resolute Support Mission and United States Forces-Afghanistan. General (Retired) George W. Casey, 36th Chief of Staff Army, presided over the ceremony via Microsoft Teams from Ithaca, New York.

The ceremony was broadcast live on Facebook and was attended by a small group of staff and local leaders.



Major General A.R. Hale

Miller said, "it's important to our military that we promote leaders like Tony, who are not only competent in their skills, but have a people touch...that we promote people who lead by example and take care of people."

Casey praised Hale, saying, "I have watched him grow into a leader

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



Abi Johnson is a protector of Bertie County children.

Child Welfare supervisor has passion for work

GENE MOTLEY
For the Bertie Ledger-Advance

WINDSOR - Abi Johnson took a rather circuitous route to arrive in Bertie County, and no one's benefited more than the county's children.

Originally a native of London, England, Johnson has been the Child Protective Services Supervisor, as well as Foster Care Su-

pervisor, Adoption Supervisor and Licensing Supervisor with the county's Department of Social Services for the past year.

After emigrating to the U.S. in the mid-1990s, Johnson spent her early career as a teacher. She found herself in North Carolina at the turn of the century and by 2006

See JOHNSON, A3

Bertie, others in lowest tier

JULIAN EURE
The Daily Advance

No area counties are still seeing critical spread of COVID-19, and only one hasn't dropped to the lowest tier for viral spread of the coronavirus, a new state report shows.

The N.C. Department of Health and Human Services released its latest County Alert System report on Thursday. In it, only one county — Randolph — remains in the red, or highest, tier for viral spread of COVID-19. That's five fewer

counties showing critical spread than in the March 4 county alert system report.

Meanwhile, only 17 counties, including Camden County, remain in the orange tier, which designates "substantial" spread of the virus. That's half the number of orange tier counties from the March 4 report.

An overwhelming majority of counties — 82 — are now in the yellow, or lowest, tier, for viral spread. Among

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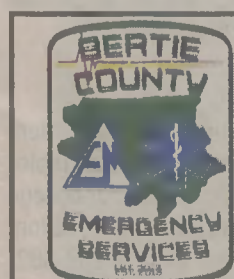


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