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Branch Manager Nancy Hughes cuts the ribbon officially opening the temporary location of the Bertie Co. Public Library.

WELCOME BACK!

Temporary library facility opens in Windsor

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD
Bertie Ledger-Advance

WINDSOR - Welcome back. The Bertie County Public Library, formally known as the Lawrence Memorial Library, held its grand reopening Monday evening. The library opened at its new location in Windsor Square Shopping Center after its doors closed over a year ago due to flood damage from Tropical Storm Julia and Hurricane Matthew.

"It has been a long process and a lot of hard work," said Bertie County Public Library Branch Manager Nancy Hughes. The opening kicked off with a ribbon cutting at 4 p.m. Library staff, community leaders and supporters of the library cut the red ribbon with much excitement for the long awaited opening. "I would like to thank the Bertie County Maintenance Department, the Bertie County Commissioners, the library staff and all the volunteers who worked

tirelessly on getting the library back open," said Bertie County Commissioner Tammy Lee. Commissioner Lee requested Father Aaron Wessman of Holy Spirit Catholic Church to pray over the new library. Patrons of all ages came to look, visit and get familiar with the new library. In the children's section, parents could be found sitting on the floor flipping through books with children.

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Hope plans open house

Event slated for Sunday afternoon

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD
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WINDSOR - Celebrating Christmas back in time. Historic Hope House will host its annual Christmas Open House from 1 until 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. Hope House Plantation, c. 1803, the restored home of former North Carolina Governor David Stone will be decorated in time era décor. Committees and members of the Historic Hope Foundation use live greenery and floral arrangements to decorate each room in the mansion. Guests can tour the house of Gov. Stone, and guides will be available to answer any questions and talk about the history of the house. On the top floor, just outside the formal dining room, live Christ-



Period costumes are part of the celebratory fun for the Christmas open house at Hope Plantation Sunday.

mas music will be played, and there will be a cooking demonstration in the kitchen. Hope House is an example of Federal and

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Santa Claus listens to an excited young girl tell him what she's hoping to get for Christmas this year.

Askeville kicks off season

BY THADD WHITE
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ASKEVILLE - The town of Askeville kicked off the holiday season Monday night. The townspeople gathered for the annual Christmas Tree

Lighting celebration. "Welcome to our annual Christmas Tree Lighting," Mayor Gloria Bryant said as the festivities began. She then thanked those who worked on the lights for the huge outdoor tree, and those

who had worked to improve the Askeville Community Building. Bryant also introduced the Rev. Zach Hicks, the new pastor of Askeville Baptist Church.

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Hodges shows he's a fighter

BY CAL BRYANT
Roanoke-Chowan News-Herald

GREENVILLE - Brandon Hodges has stepped to the plate, both physically and figuratively, on numerous occasions during his 42 years on Earth. Whether it was a high school athlete looking for a mentor to help sharpen his skills, or a young family member seeking a role model to guide them through a tough time in life, Hodges has answered their call for assistance. Now the proverbial shoe is on the other foot as Hodges requires a medical procedure if he wants to live to

see his two young children possibly grow and mature into the God-fearing and big-hearted man he is today. Hodges, a Como native and former head baseball coach at his high school alma mater - Hertford County - as well as at Ridgecroft School, is battling IgA nephritis. He can survive through periodic dialysis, but only a kidney transplant can give Hodges the quality of life he seeks. IgA refers to the antibody molecule. This is a normal substance present in all of us that helps to fight infections

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CHRISTMAS PARADE
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Parade will begin at 2PM on Rice Avenue
Christmas Concert beginning at 3:30 at the Community Building
Christmas Tree Lighting beginning at 4:30 at the Community Building

SANTA WILL BE HERE!