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The historic St. Mark's Episcopal Church on Church Street in Roxobel is covered with snow following more than half a dozen inches falling throughout Bertie County last week. LISA BRILEY / Contributed Photo

WINTER WONDERLAND

Bertie County covered in snow following last week's storm

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Beginning to thaw. Bertie County turned into a winter wonderland after a winter storm dropped at least eight inches of snow across the county late Wednesday night and into early Thursday morning.

The snow closed schools, businesses and government offices and also canceled meetings across the county.

Most woke up to the freshly fallen snow on Thursday morning. It was a special event for Bertie County because this area rarely sees snow accumulations to such a large degree.

Many children and those young at heart used the opportunity for building snowmen, having snowball fights and sledding.

As in the large snows of the past, Hoffer Hill was blocked off and was used by many for sledding. A large burn barrel was placed in the middle of the street for others to stay warm while taking a break from fun in the snow.

Another problem for Bertie County were the arctic temperatures throughout the area. Temperatures did not rise above freezing until Monday.



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Above: Beyond the snowy banks, the Cashie River was frozen from the several days of arctic temperatures. **Left:** With local schools out, children around the county enjoyed "snow days" with sledding, snowball fights and building snowmen.

Temperatures remained in the 20s and below with the wind chill making it feel much colder.

According to Bertie County Manager Scott Sauer, the county commissioners is mindful of Bertie County citizens were unable to get to the tax office or the post office in order to meet the January 5th property tax deadline.

Bertie County Tax Administrator Jodie Rhea is preparing a resolution for the board's consideration and approval at its next meeting, which will waive penalties, and interest accrued on late payments through Friday, Jan. 12.

Rhea has been coordinating this effort with other counties in the area with the support of UNC's School of Government and the North Carolina Department of Revenue.

"We all owe a great debt of gratitude to the North Carolina Department of Transportation staff who have worked throughout the past week to keep the roads clear and highways safe for travel," said Sauer. "It is also helpful that citizens limited their travel and stayed off

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