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## Weather delays slowing finish of library/Co-op

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**WINDSOR** - The joint library and cooperative extension building is still moving forward despite the weather slowing some projects down.

The Bertie County Commissioners received an update on the construction of the new Bertie County Public Library and Cooperative Extension building at their meeting Monday night.

According to MHA Works Project Architect Amber Idol, the project is going well.

"The interior projects are still being finished. Ninety-nine percent of the flooring has been completed. The bookshelves in the library have been installed. The appliances are coming in. The refrigerator, microwave, washer and dryer have been delivered. The remaining furniture will be delivered at the end of the month," she added.

Room signs still need to be installed.

According to Idol, the contractors are working on a list of projects to be completed before

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The treetops on Pitt Street in Windsor were full of snow after the three inches of white powder fell last week.

## Snowfall causes few ills

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Approximately three inches of snow fell overnight last Wednesday and into Thursday morning.

The snow, which was expected, did little more than slow down Bertie County residents. Many were able to get out to work even early Thursday and, by late afternoon, most of the main roads were clear.

Windsor/Bertie Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lewis Hoggard said while most businesses closed Thursday, there were a few open. He said Friday was pretty much business as usual.

"I think people played it safe," he said. "If they could open safely, they did and, if not, they were closed for the day. As far as I can tell everyone was back open Friday morning and ready for business."

Roxobel Mayor Gary Johnson



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The face of Michael Williams of Connaritsa says it all.

said his town was clear quickly, especially the main thoroughfare of N.C. 308.

"N.C. DOT did an excellent job of clearing N.C. 308," Johnson said. "We were fortunate

to have the road cleared by 8 a.m. and everyone in town was happy about that."

Johnson said the rest of the

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## Blood drive offers chance to assist

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**WINDSOR** - The American Red Cross said winter months bring a need for blood and platelet donations.

Fortunately, those in Bertie County will have the opportunity to help out soon, as a blood drive is planned for Windsor on Feb. 15.

The Red Cross said they have a tough time keeping blood supply strong in winter months when donations are affected by inclement weather. Adding to that this year is the affects

of COVID-19.

"The Red Cross is urging individuals to make an appointment to give blood or platelets this month," said Cally Edwards of RedCross ENC.

The current planning in Bertie County involves a blood drive hosted by N.C. Farm Bureau at the Windsor Community Building. The drive is slated for 2-6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 15.

As a thank you for helping ensure a stable blood supply, those who come to give blood

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### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## Bunch works diligently to keep everyone safe

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**A**nnie Bunch has always taken her work seriously. But, never more so than in the last year.

Bunch, who works in house-keeping at Vidant Bertie Hospital, said her job has changed since the COVID-19 pandemic began, but it is also the same: taking care of the patients.

"I interact with patients every day," Bunch said. "I talk to them and I promise them we will take good care of them, because we do."

Bunch started working for Vidant more than 20 years ago when she took a post at Vidant Chowan Hospital. She moved to her current assignment approximately 12 years ago.

While she and her coworkers have always been diligent

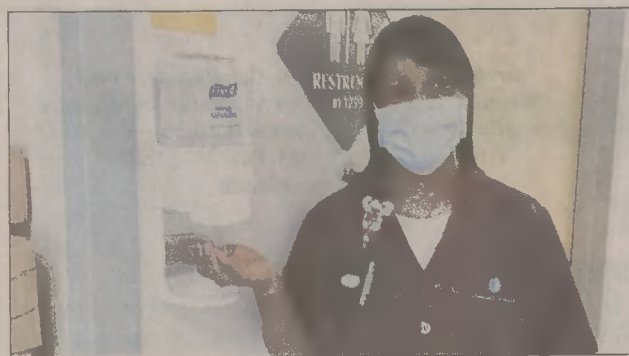
in their work, Bunch said COVID-19 certainly has changed the way everyone operates.

"It was scary when it first started," she admitted. "We always tried to be cautious of our surroundings."

It is important to sanitize everything, she said, because it keeps people safe.

"We keep everything steril-

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LUANN JOYNER / Vidant Bertie Hospital

Annie Bunch works hard to keep Vidant Bertie sanitized.

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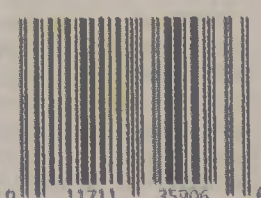
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