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## Bertie County Christmas events upcoming

**BRANDICE HOGGARD**  
Staff Writer

Christmas events are happening soon all over the county.

As we near the wonderful Christmas Holiday we are also kicking off the Christmas event season for the towns around Bertie County.

The annual Hoggard Christmas Wonderland Lights will be lit starting at

5 p.m. on Friday Nov. 26. Find time to bring the family out to view this wonderful display of Christmas lights this year as this year may be the last year the Hoggard brothers display the lights, music and decorations.

The Christmas light schedule this year will be from Nov. 26 to Jan. 1. They will be lit from 5 - 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 5 - 10 p.m. Friday through Saturday. They

have a display of lights every year and it is for a great cause. The Hoggard brothers began this tradition after the passing of a daughter and a niece. This year will be the 26th year that they have set up the Wonderland of Light and they have grown every year since the first year that they began displaying them.

Askeville will be hosting the first Christmas event of the season, kicking off

at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 29 at the Askeville Community Building.

Askeville's Tree lighting ceremony will be held the night of Nov. 29, they will also be presenting Candy Cane lane along with Santa making his grand appearance that night.

Santa will be in the Community Building where the children can go in and the



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Santa Claus visits with children in Askeville in 2019.

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## It's back!

Christmas at Hope returns Dec. 5

**LESLIE BEACHBOARD**  
Managing Editor

**WINDSOR** - Celebrating Christmas back in time.

Historic Hope House will host its annual Christmas Open House from 1 - 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5.

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 Historic Hope Foundation use live greenery and floral arrangements to decorate each room of the mansion.

Guests can tour the home 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 Christmas music will be played, and there will be a cooking demonstration in the kitchen.

Hope House is an example of Federal and Georgian architecture. The home was restored and opened to the public in 1972. The mansion is furnished with an

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N.C. Chief Justice Paul Newby (center) and his wife, Macon (left), are welcomed to Bertie County by Bertie County Clerk of Superior Court Vasti F. James.

## N.C. Chief Justice visits Bertie



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Chief Justice Paul Newby and his wife, Macon, speak with Bertie County Manager Juan Vaughan II.

**BRANDICE HOGGARD**  
Staff Writer

**WINDSOR** - Chief Justice of North Carolina Supreme Court Paul Newby came to Bertie County last week.

Chief Justice Newby met with the Clerk of Court Vasti F James and her office staff along with some of the local lawyers, District Attorney Valerie

Asbell and Bertie County Manager Juan Vaughan II.

Newby is attempting to visit and meet with as many Clerk of Court's that he can throughout North Carolina that he can, as he knows it may not be possible to visit all 100 and counties he does want to visit as many as he can.

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## Santa letters sought

**THADD WHITE**  
Group Editor

**WINDSOR** - Boys and girls, get out your pencils and paper.

No, we're not giving a test.

Instead, it's time for each youngster to take time to

write his or her annual letter to Santa Claus.

Bertie Ledger-Advance Staff Writer Brandice Hoggard received a telephone call Monday morning from the North Pole. The call was from the Jolly Old Elf himself, seeking this newspaper's help with information from all Bertie County boys and girls.

Santa said he wanted us to collect letters for him and forward them to the North Pole for his elves to prepare the best possible holiday list.

So, that's exactly what is happening at the Bertie

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## Bertie Co. congregation celebrates 156 years of existence



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Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church.

**LEWISTON WOODVILLE** - The Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church held the 156th Church Anniversary, Founder's Day and Mortgage Burning on Sunday, Nov. 7.

The theme chosen was "Releasing the Old and Walking into the New."

The opening of the service was conducted by the Rev. Samuel K. Shaw III (Se-

nior Pastor). The musical selections were rendered by the Evangelist Mary Brown Spiritual Singers (Williamston).

The opening prayer was given by James Bazemore. The Welcome and Occasion was offered by Shelia Gilbert.

The congratulatory remarks were provided by Mayor Chris Cordon (Lew-

iston-Woodville). Other congratulatory remarks were given by: Bertie County Commission Chair Tammy A. Lee.

A resolution was presented that congratulated Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church on its 156th Church Anniversary and Mortgage Burning Celebration. The resolution included: Mount Olive Missionary

Baptist Church is one of the oldest churches in Bertie County and remains a pillar in the community through its community development and outreach and other church ministries.

It stated, "Mount Olive Missionary Baptist played a major part with disaster recovery following Hurricane

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GOOD MORNING,  
DONNA PIERCE  
OF EDENTON

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