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Snow brings fun for some, trouble for others

School canceled again due to weather

BY ERIN WILTGEN
Staff Writer

Though main drags drip with only a trail of melting snow, side roads still icy from the weekend storm kept kids home from Davidson County and Thomasville City schools Monday and today.

"There's still a number of roads in our school district that I would not want to put a bus on," said James Carmichael, associate superintendent of Thomasville City Schools. "The problem is it may thaw out some more, but it will refreeze tonight even if it doesn't freezing rain."

Student safety remains the foremost criteria in deciding to call off classes, Carmichael said. Thus bus route conditions sit high on the consideration priority list.

"If it's not safe to put busses, it's probably not safe to put anybody," Carmichael said.

The school districts look at all the bus routes because even if some areas are clear, others may still be covered in snow and ice.

"We look at hazardous spots that have historically been hazardous throughout our district," said Tony Peele, assistant superintendent for human resources for Davidson County Schools.

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Children and adults across the Triad made the best of the weekend snow by pulling out sleds and snowboards and having a little wintertime fun.

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Icy roads a test for drivers, road crews

BY ELIOT DUKE
Staff Writer

City workers continue digging Thomasville out from under a large snowstorm that dropped at least a half a foot of snow on the Chair City over the weekend.

As of Monday evening, public works employees were still scraping and plowing primary and secondary roads left covered in snow and ice that forced massive school closings and even shut down city hall for the day. With more winter weather expected for this morning, just when city roads will be completely clear is still up in the air.

"This was an extremely difficult snow to plow," City Manager Kelly Craver said. "We've had extremely cold weather and it has taken us longer to take care of the primary and collector streets. We are just starting to hit our residential areas with the snow plows. This is probably the largest snowfall we've had since 1998."

More winter precipitation is expected. The National Weather Service issued a winter weather advisory Monday that goes into effect until Tuesday morning. Any melting that occurred Monday is expected to refreeze and there is the possibility that freezing rain will move across the

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Missing woman found dead

BY ELIOT DUKE
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Davidson County Sheriff's Office is investigating the finding of a dead body late Friday night.

According to a DSCO press release, deputies received a report of a deceased person laying in the roadway on Badin Lake Road in the southern end of Davidson County, approximately 700 feet from the Montgomery County line, Friday night at 10:33 p.m. Several hours later, deputies identified the body as Linda Brooks Hammonds, 56, of 195 Young Drive in Lexington.

Hammonds was reported missing by her daughter earlier in the day Friday, prompting the Lexington Police

Department to begin a missing person investigation. At approximately 3 a.m. Saturday, DCSO deputies determined the body fit the description of the woman reported missing and was Hammonds. Authorities are treating the matter as a homicide.

"A lady died at the hands of another," Sheriff David Grice said. "I can't say any more than that at this time."

Heavy snowfall played a part in police arriving at the scene, as deteriorating road conditions delayed detectives who were on the way to investigate.

"The weather complicated the investigation," said Grice. "It took longer getting there and the time it took gathering evidence. It didn't affect getting

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Wiltgen joins Times staff

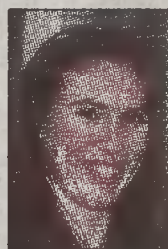
TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Thomasville Times is pleased to announce that Erin Wiltgen has joined the newsroom staff as government and general assignment reporter. She will fill the vacancy left by Karissa Minn, who left to accept a position with The Salisbury Post.

Wiltgen, a native of Mequon, Wisconsin, graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in May of

2009 with a B.A. in Journalism and Mass Communications. She double majored with a degree in Anthropology, and minored in Spanish. In her spare time, she enjoys participating in Ultimate Frisbee, TaeKwonDo and rock climbing, to name a few.

Previously, Wiltgen worked as a freelance writer with the Chapel Hill Herald, and as a staff reporter with Blue and



Wiltgen

White Magazine and the Daily Tar Heel. She also completed an internship with the Ozaukee County News Graphic in Cedarburg, Wis., along with freelance work at a variety of publications.

Times Editor Lisa Wall says she is excited to have Wiltgen come on board with the Times staff.

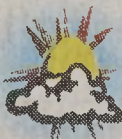
"I believe Erin's youth-

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