

Mitchell sought in Windsor break-in

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WINDSOR - A Bertie County man is being sought in connection with a Sept. 22 break-in.

Windsor Police Chief Justin Jackson said officers were dispatched to the Windsor

Food Mart located at 213 U.S. 13 North at approximately 3:12 a.m. Sept. 22.

Upon arriving, Windsor Police Cpl. Blake Mizelle observed the front glass door had been broken.

Sgt. Jason Thomas arrived and the two officers checked the inside of the building,

but found no one.

Later the same morning, Windsor Police Officer Chris Leggett obtained video footage from the store's security camera.

He was able to receive video and a photo of the suspect.

Probation Officer Sheldon

Rhines was able to identify ment," Lt. Frank Ratzlaff the suspect as John Mitchell of Republican.

Warrants have been obtained charging Mitchell in at 252-794-3121. the break-in.

"Anyone with information as to John Mitchell's whereabouts is asked to contact the Windsor Police Departsaid.

Those wishing to provide information can call the WPD

Thadd White can be reached via email at twhite@ncweeklies.com.

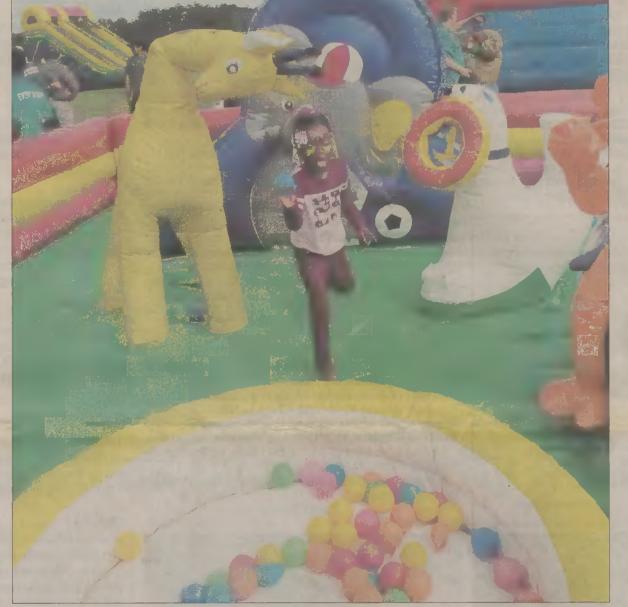
WPD nabs 8 meth bags THADD WHITE Bertie Ledger-Advance

WINDSOR - Another attempt.

Another failure.

Windsor Police Chief Justin Jackson said three of his officers were able to apprehend two suspects involved in attempting to furnish contraband to prisoners incarcerated at Bertie Correctional Institute (BCI).

On Sept. 23, Windsor Police Officer Chris Leg-



Drug unit makes arrest

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WINDSOR - A Jamesville man is behind bars following the search of a residence on Cooper Hill Road in Windsor.

Bertie County Sheriff John Holley said the Down East Drug Task Force executed a search warrant at a residence on the 1400 block of Cooper Hill Road.

As a result of the search, illegal controlled substances in-

gett responded to a call of a suspicious person located on Cooper Hill Road near BCI.

Upon his arrival, Officer Leggett found a vehicle parked in the parking lot of a business. The officer went to the car and spoke with the occupant, Dulce Rodriguez, who was reportedly acting nervous.

Lt. Frank Ratzlaff arrived at the scene and shortly thereafter heard a noise coming from the nearby wooded area.

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A bouncy playground was enjoyed by this young girl and many others at the Aulander Peanut Festival.

Aulander boasts 'fun' festival

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AULANDER - It was a wonderful day of food, fun and entertainment.

The fifth Annual Aulander Peanut Festival was held last ing trail and recreational facilities on Rice Avenue. in Aulander.

The day's festivities began at 7 a.m. with vendor set-up.

Registration began for the 5K started at 8 a.m. and the

Saturday at the town's walk- 5K and fun run began at 9 a.m.

> The opening ceremony started at 10 a.m. with the presentation of the colors by the Bertie High School JROTC,

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cluding heroin, cocaine and marijuana were located at the residence.

Bertie County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Sgt. Martin Phelps is the case agent, and charged Rakeem Deondre Williams of Jamesville in the incident. Williams faces charges of possession with intent to sell and deliver heroin, possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine. possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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Bertie County receives \$3.8 million gran

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WINDSOR - The pieces of the puzzles are coming together as Bertie County recovers from Hurricane Matthew's devastation over two years ago.

Intake verification process-

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es for the federal buyout and elevation began in earnest this week as representatives from Holland Consulting Planners met with local residents who are on the priority list for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Meanwhile, the Bertie County Commissioners received news last week con- Building. firming a \$3.8 million grant award from the Golden Leaf Foundation Board of Directors for the replacement of facilities damaged by flooding during Hurricane Matthew- the public library, cooperative extension offices and the Windsor Community

"This is a win - (a) win for Bertie County and Windsor resulting from the team work of our county commissioners and the town of Windsor. Both boards have successfully secured grant funds from the Golden Leaf Foundation to support recovery

and mitigation efforts since Hurricane Matthew," said Bertie County Chairman Ernestine Bazemore.

On Sept. 10, the board of commissioners voted unanimously to approve the option to purchase four acres of

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