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Fifth Covid-19 death

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WINDSOR - Bertie County has seen a rise in the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases, including a third Bertie County EMS employee and a fifth COVID-19 related death. Albemarle Regional Health announced Friday, July 31 the fifth COVID-19 related death. The announcement stated the patient was over the age of 65. No other details about the patient will be released.

patient's family and friends in your thoughts during this difficult time," said Bertie County Manager Juan Vaughan, II. Just the day before, Vaughan confirmed a third Bertie County Emergency Medical Services employee tested positive for COVID-19. According to Vaughan, the employee was considered high risk for exposure due to their job duties, and is doing well in isolation at home. The employee has not completed routine work duties since July 23, and began exhibit-

"Please keep the pa- See DEATH, 8



Aerial picture of the destruction down the Morning Rd. from a tornado early Tuesday morning. The search and rescue mission has now turned to recovery.

TORNADO CLAIMS LIVES

Mother and two children found safe

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WINDSOR - Tragedy hits Bertie County. As Tropical Isaias moved through the area early Tuesday morning, disaster struck just before 2:30 a.m. A tornado ravaged through the Woodard and Morning roads in the Cedar Landing community. The tornado destroyed homes, including a mobile home park, flipped cars into piles, and caused destruction throughout its path. "Two fatalities have been confirmed- one adult male and one adult female, and the

assessment of the area is still ongoing," said Bertie County Emergency Management Director Mitch Cooper. According to Bertie County Chairman Ronald Wesson, there had been a search and rescue mission for one adult and two children that were unaccounted for. Later in the day, the mother and two children who were thought to be missing after the tornado were found safe. According to Bertie County Sheriff John Holley, The two children were not in the area and the mother was at work when the storm hit. "Assessment of the



The storm knocked over a gas pump at Duck Thru # 21.

scene will continue today as well as into the coming days. Taskforce teams from across the state are on the ground supplementing local search efforts. We want to emphasize that this is not a recovery mission, and rescues are still taking place which is why it is increasingly important to steer clear of the

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Relay event changes

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WINDSOR - Bertie County Relay for Life will continue this year despite the ongoing pandemic. "Cancer Doesn't Stop For A Pandemic, Neither Do We" is the theme for this year's unique event. The 2020 Bertie County Relay for Life will be held from 7:30 until 9

p.m. Friday, Aug. 21 as a drive-through event at Bertie High School. "We are asking all who are participating to meet in the parking lot of the football field across from the high school. This way cars with



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Volunteers needed

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The American Red Cross is seeking volunteers.

COVID-19 and what is projected to be a busy Atlantic hurricane season means volunteers are likely to be needed.

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Whitehead plaque moved

A plaque honoring Burgess Urquhart "Whitey" Whitehead has been moved from the Livermon Park and Mini-Zoo to the corner of Granville and Queen Streets in Windsor. Along with the plaque, the one room school-

house which had been subjected to flooding in the park was moved as well.

Whitehead was a former Major League player in the thirties and forties whose ca-

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