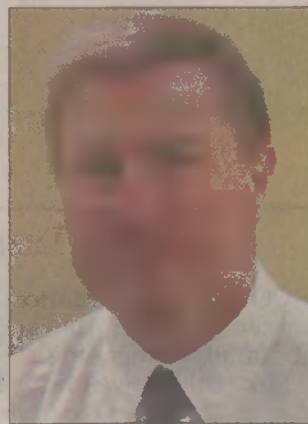


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RECOVERY BEGINS

Bertie citizens start reclaiming their lives - with help

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 The Daily Reflector

WINDSOR - Volunteers in neon-orange and blaze-yellow T-shirts dotted the ransacked landscape over the weekend.

The shirts were like a beacon of hope in the communities devastated by an EF-3 tornado, which splintered trees and obliterated homes earlier in the week.

The tornado, spawned by Hurricane Isaias, killed two people and injured at least 25. The twister completely destroyed 26 homes, left eight deemed unsafe for occupancy and damaged over 200 in the early morning hours of Tuesday, Aug. 4 along 10-mile stretch in Southern Bertie County, particularly on Morning and Woodard roads.

Dwellings and lives were turned inside out within minutes.

Personal belongings, evidence of happier times, were scattered haphazardly among



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Volunteers from Samaritan's Purse help clean up some of the disaster area following last week's tornado.

smashed vehicles, busted home-appliances, twisted metal and soggy insulation.

A toddler's bright

red bicycle, its training wheels mangled, was embedded 25-feet up in a tree twisted with electrical lines, metal

siding and roofing material.

The brightly colored T-shirts helped identify many of the volunteers

who came to help victims pick up the pieces left in the wake of the

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Drugs found in car

From Staff Reports

WINDSOR - A vehicle stop led to the arrest of a Windsor man on drug-related charges Aug. 7.

Windsor Police Lt. Frank Ratzlaff said officers stopped a vehicle, received permission to search it and arrested one of the three occupants.

Last Friday, Windsor Police Officer Tonya Todd stopped a vehicle on U.S. 13 north after noticing an obstruction of the rear view mirror.

In addition to Officer Todd, Officer Jessie Mizelle also came to the scene.

After talking with the driver, officers received permission to search the vehicle.

Sgt. Jason Thomas arrived to help with the search and officers found a bag of empty heroin wrappers and five needles with one containing white residue around the rim. Cpl. Blake Mizelle also assisted in the traffic stop.

At that point officers took the driver - identified as 27-year-old Robert Jake Ray of 103 Thomasville Lane in Windsor - into custody. After Ray was taken into custody, two females who were passengers in the car were searched and found not to have any illegal items on their person.

Upon further investigation, officers found two heroin packages that were loose in the vehicle.

After the drugs were discovered, Ray was transported to appear before a magistrate where he was charged with felony possession of a Schedule I controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was confined to the Bertie-Martin Regional Jail in lieu of a \$2,000 secured bond.

Businesses join together to provide meals

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WINDSOR - On Saturday, two Bertie County businesses joined together to provide

some Southern comfort for their hurting neighbors.

Rachel's House, a non-profit mental health agency, and Bubba's Roadside Grill,

along with their respective family members, gave out over 200 plates of food on Morning Road, which included grilled chicken,

sausage, green beans, corn on the cob, potato salad and macaroni salad.

Rachel Hill, the 92-year-old matriarch of the family, for whom

Rachel's House is named, received credit for the family wanting to give back.

"Our grandmother

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Gov. Cooper gets first-hand look at devastation

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WINDSOR - A tornado that killed two people during Hurricane Isaias early Tuesday destroyed or damaged more than 230 homes along a 10-mile stretch in rural Bertie County, officials said during a visit by Gov. Roy Cooper.

The governor traveled to Windsor on Wednesday, a day after the hurricane, to see a devastating scene.

Trees were split in half like discarded matchsticks, power lines were flung about like Christmas tinsel and personal belongings were strewn about rows of obliterated homes, as if a giant wrecking ball had swung through the scene.

According to county board Chairman Ron Wesson, the tornado hit just before 2:30 a.m. and wreaked havoc in the Cedar Landing

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N.C. Gov. Roy Cooper got a first-hand look at the devastation caused by a tornado that resulted from Hurricane Isaias last week.

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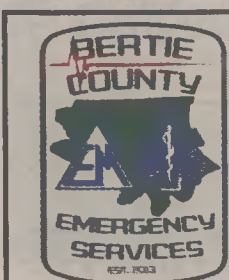
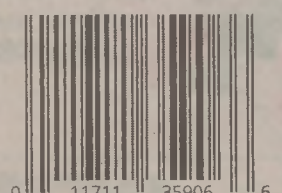
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