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## Tornado Relief Fund deemed a success

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**WINDSOR** - The Bertie County Commissioners recently expressed a sincere thank you to those near and far who contributed to the Bertie County Morning Road Tornado Relief Fund.

The Morning Road area was devastated by an EF-3 tornado as Hurricane Isaias moved across the state on Aug. 4.

The tornado carved a 10-mile path of destruction, and grew as wide as six football fields. The tornado left more than 25 families without a

home, injured 14 and tragically killed two.

After several GoFundMe pages were established to raise funding for the affected families, there were a number of concerns.

Organizations and citizens wanted to donate, but were concerned. They wanted

to ensure the contributed funds would go to those affected.

Seeing a need the Bertie County local government established the Bertie County Morning Road Tornado Relief Fund. The Bertie County Board of Commissioners created a systematic approach

to equitably distribute funds to those impacted by the tornado for temporary housing, food and personal assistance.

"We are pleased to be able to provide a safe and secure way for people to contribute financially to these families," said the Bertie County Com-

## Mt. Olive provides help

BY GENE MOTLEY  
For the Bertie Ledger-Advance

**LEWISTON WOODVILLE** - Lewiston Woodville's Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church celebrated their 155th anniversary by doing what they've done for the last century and a half: celebrating with a spirit of community.

Ever since the earliest outbreaks of COVID-19 in this northeastern North Carolina, not only has the church held drive-thru worship services Sundays at 10 a.m. with a conference-call service at 12:30 which can also be heard and viewed on the Church's Facebook Page

But beyond the assemblies, the Church is most proud of how it has participated in a generous spirit of philanthropy.

It's not MOMBC's first acts of benevolence. On Aug. 3 when Hurricane Isaias touched down in Bertie's Morning Road area, the church leaders were able to give monetary gifts to the storm victims, receiving dona-

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Carolers of Christmas Past performed at Saturday's Cashie Christmas Music Festival Saturday.

## Inaugural Christmas music fest draws more than 100 attendees

LEWIS HOGGARD  
Windsor/Bertie Chamber of Commerce

**WINDSOR** - The Cashie Christmas Music Festival delighted attendees - who were in their cars - from the loading dock of Powell & Stokes.

An afternoon of mainly Christmas carols and music were provided by five different musical acts. The musicians and attendees were socially distanced as required in COVID-19 protocols.

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Henry Britt, who is known locally as "Mr. Tunes," changed the sounds to instrumental jazz playing.

## New BLA website launches

The readers have been clamoring for it.

And, the Bertie Ledger-Advance and Adams Publishing Group have responded.

This morning, www.BertieLedgerAdvance.com went live to the public, complete with all the latest news, sports, obituaries and our local columnists. For now, our readers will be able to access news and sports for the past six months on the site, dating back to July 1.

"We are beyond excited to offer our subscribers a website that will work hand-in-hand with our print edition of the Bertie Ledger-Advance," BLA Publisher Kyle Stephens said. "I think our readers will enjoy the convenience of getting news faster via the website, but still having the same service from their hometown newspaper."

The Bertie Ledger-Advance staff will work to update the website regularly with news, opinion and sports content. Breaking news will

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## Windsor Police arrest New Jersey man on drug charges

THADD WHITE  
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**WINDSOR** - To put it plainly, it was what is termed as "good old-fashioned police work."

While on an unrelated investigation, Windsor police officers uncovered nearly 2,000 dosage units of heroin

in a room at the Windsor Motel.

Windsor Police Officer Jessie Mizelle was investigating an unrelated crime when he was joined by Chief Justin Jackson and Lt. Frank Ratzlaff.

The individual who was staying at the motel gave permission to search his

room, whereupon the officers located bags that contained the illegal narcotics.

The first bag the officers found contained 35 small bricks of heroin, which contain 50 dosage units per brick. Under the bricks, officers found multiple dosage units in a rubber band, and others packaged in different

ways.

Upon discovery of the illegal narcotics, Officer Mizelle arrested the person in the room, who was identified as Anthony Tyrell Baldwin of 14 Lasalie Ave. in Trenton, New Jersey.

Baldwin was transported to the Bertie County Sheriff's Office where he was

confined to the Bertie-Martin Regional Jail under a \$300,000 secured bond by a magistrate.

Afterwards, additional drugs were found hidden in his clothing, causing Mizelle to take out an additional charge against Baldwin.

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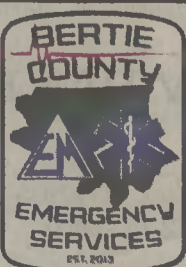
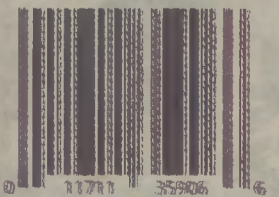


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