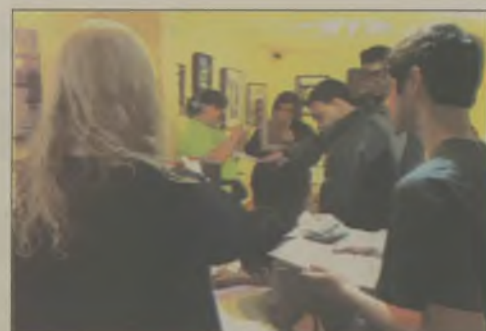


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## Senate passes restrictive wind bill

BY PETER WILLIAMAS  
News Editor

The N.C. Senate approved a bill Monday that would put large parts of the state off limits to wind power projects and possibly kill plans for a project in Perquimans and Chowan County.

The Military Operations Protection Act will now go to the N.C. House for consideration.

The bill is champion by Sen. Harry Brown of Onslow County and has the support of Sen. Bill Cook, a Republican who represents Perquimans County.

The bill gives the state's Department of Military and Veterans Affairs the responsibility for considering how wind turbines and other tall structures would impact military flight operations.

Spokesmen for both Iberdrola Renewables and Apex Clean Energy maintain that wind energy companies already work with the Department of Defense when it comes to locating projects near military bases. Melissa Dickerson, a regional director for the N.C. Sierra Club, also questioned the need for the bill.

Dickerson said the bill

goes beyond just making sure jets and helicopters can fly without fear of hitting a wind turbine. It includes language that gives the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services power over wind turbines because of health issues. "It's a concern for us in that it gives the agencies veto power over projects," she said. "Some Senators appear to be seeking to prevent any new wind projects in eastern NC."

"The measure needlessly pits major clean energy

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## Judge rejects wind lawsuit

BY PETER WILLIAMAS  
News Editor

An administrative law judge in Raleigh ruled Wednesday that the state acted properly when it approved plans for a 22,000-acre wind farm project in Perquimans and Pasquotank counties.

A Perquimans County couple, Stephen Owens and Jillanne Badawi, challenged the state's decision

to allow the Iberdrola to proceed on a project originally known as Desert Wind. The conservative Raleigh-based Civitas Institute took up the case on behalf of the couple.

The suit was against the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality, formerly known as the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

The suit alleges a law passed by the General

Assembly in 2013 that requires extra review for wind power projects should have applied to the Iberdrola project.

Civitas argued that Iberdrola changed the location and size of some of the turbines after getting a permit from the Federal Aviation Administration; hence Iberdrola should have to restart the state

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## Male mentors sought

BY PETER WILLIAMAS  
News Editor

A Perquimans County minister is trying to recruit men to play a bigger part as role models in local schools.

Pastor Arthur Manigault said he heard about the WATCH D.O.G.S. program while attending a United Methodist Church seminar. Manigault heads Spirit and Truth UMC in Winfall. The D.O.G.S. part of the name stands for "Dad's Of Great Students."

The project has two goals.

(1) To provide positive male role models for the students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important.

(2) To provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying.

Manigault wants to bring the program to Perquimans Central School and Hertford Grammar School at first.

As part of the WATCH D.O.G.S. program participants have to go through an hour-long telephone training call and go through a background check. Manigault wants to see at least 50 men sign up to gauge if there is enough interest. The school calendar has more than 180 days.

"A lot depends on the amount of volunteers we get," Manigault said. "This is a trial run. If it's successful and I think it will be we can do more."

Manigault said he's seen first hand how having a male adult in a school can change things.

"One thing it shows is that somebody cares about them."

The commitment is to

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## ACCIDENT



PHOTO BY JOHN HUDSON

An aerial view shows the extent of the log truck accident on U.S. 17 on June 14.

## Car causes logging truck wreck

BY PETER WILLIAMAS  
News Editor

A driver who pulled out in front of a logging truck on U.S. 17 was cited for an accident that damaged three vehicles and sent one person to the hospital on June 14.

According to the N.C. Highway Patrol, Randolph Haddock, 61, of Asheville, was stopped at a stop sign at South Edenton Road Street and failed to yield the right of way to the southbound truck. He was charged with fail to yield from a duly erected stop sign.

Tyquan Alexander, 27, of Columbia was southbound driving the 1998 Freightliner with a load of logs and hit Haddock's 2008 Dodge and overturned into the median, spilling the logs.

Meanwhile a third vehicle, a 2010 Honda, was headed northbound was hit by debris from the wreck. It was driven by Maitlyn Gregory, 19 of Jennifer Drive, Elizabeth City.

Alexander was transported to Vidant Chowan Hospital and treated and released the same day according to a hospital official.



PHOTO BY CHUCK PAGELS

Hertford firefighters spread material to absorb oil at the site of an accident involving a logging truck last week.

The logging truck suffered \$10,000 damage according to the report. Haddock's Dodge suffered \$5,000 in damage. The Gregory Honda had \$500 damage. The accident happened around 4:30 p.m.

The Hertford Fire Department provided incident command for the

call. Also responding to the accident were: the Hertford Police Department, the Perquimans Sheriff's Office, Perquimans EMS, Perquimans Emergency Management and the N.C. Department of Transportation.

## Teen dies in wreck

BY PETER WILLIAMAS  
News Editor

A 14-year-old Perquimans County girl was killed Thursday afternoon when the ATV she was riding in hit a culvert, a small tree and flipped over.

Sheriff Eric Tilley said Madelyn Byrum died at the scene. He said another girl who was riding with her



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was not seriously injured and ran to get help. The wreck happened about 5 p.m. off Goodwin Mill Road on property belonging to Byrum's family.

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## Golf pros coming for tourney

BY MALCOLM SHIELDS  
The Daily Advance

For the past two years, change has been the norm for the Biggs Cadillac Buick GMC Classic.

With two different tours at the past two tournaments, the 2016 edition seems to have stability.

More than 50 professional golfers are expected to appear at Albemarle Plantation in Hertford to earn a piece of the \$120,000 purse.

The Classic begins four rounds of golf on Wednesday with the final round on

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## Department of Transportation starts work on bridge, roads

BY PETER WILLIAMAS  
News Editor

Perquimans County roads and bridges are getting a \$1.6 million makeover this month.

Crofton Diving Corp. of Portsmouth, Va., is working on a \$1 million project to replace wooden fenders that protect the U.S. 17 Bypass bridge. The rest of the

money is going to resurface parts of U.S. 17.

John Abel, a bridge engineer in the N.C. DOT Division 1 office, said the older fenders date back to the 1960s when the first two-lane bridge was built.

"They were getting old and money was available," Abel said. "It was going to have to be done at some point."

Work is also planned on the Alligator River Bridge and one at Mann's Harbor.

Abel said large boats could still travel under the



PHOTO BY CHUCK PAGELS

A crew works from a barge to replace some of the fenders protecting the U.S. 17 Bypass bridge in Hertford last week. Some of the protective barrier dates to when the first two-lane span was built in the 1960s.



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMAS

Crews resurface part of Dobbas Street last week as part of a \$643,000 contract that included a two-mile section of U.S. 17.



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