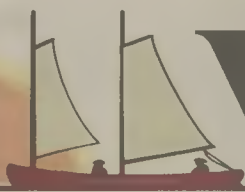


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Wind project decision expected Nov. 14

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Nearly 50 hours of testimony spanning three months wrapped up Saturday morning with an hour-long session before the Perquimans County Commission.

The debate is over the future of what could be the tallest wind power project in the country. The Perquimans County Commission set aside 30 minutes for each side to make closing arguments Saturday. The actual deliberations will take place in November, after the election but before new members of the board take

office. That hearing is set to start Nov. 14 at 4 p.m.

Apex Clean Energy, a Charlottesville, Va.-based firm, wants to build 105 wind turbines up to 600-foot tall over a 15,000-acre site that spans the Bear Swamp area of Perquimans and Chowan counties.

"It's too big," said attorney Chad Essick, then he asked "why should Perquimans County be the testing ground for the tallest turbines in America." Essick and Keith Johnson of the Raleigh law firm Poyner Spruill were hired by local residents who oppose the

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STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

Perquimans County Commissioners listen to closing arguments Saturday morning on the Apex Clean Energy Timbermill Wind project at the Perquimans County Courthouse Annex. The final deliberations will take place Nov. 14 at 4 p.m.

HUNDREDS START VOTING EARLY

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Nearly 700 Perquimans County residents came out to vote early during the first two days last week.

In addition to a slate of national and statewide candidates, voters will be asked to elect three Perquimans County Commissioners out of a list of four candidates. Voters can only vote for one, and the top three win office.

Kyle Jones, a Republican, is the only incumbent on the ballot. He's seeking a second four-year term. Other challengers are Alan Lennon, a Republican and Democrats Joseph Hoffler and Charles Woodard.

During the first two days of balloting, 315 Democrats cast ballots compared to 207 unaffiliated voters, 172 Republicans and three Libertarians.

Through at least the first two days of early voting, many of the voters tended to be older. According to carolinatransparency.com's votetracker Web site, 188 of the 697 people who cast a ballot were between the ages of 68 and 72. A big majority of the total (305) live in the

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JOSEPH W. HOFFLER

■ AGE: 76

■ OCCUPATION: Retired Alcohol and Drug counselor, published author.

■ EDUCATION: Graduated Perquimans Union High School, BS-Biology-NC Central University, MBA-Personnel Management-University of Missouri, Certification-Police Administration-University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

■ MILITARY SERVICE: Served 22 years in the Air Force. Retired with rank of Lt. Colonel

■ POLITICAL CAM-

See HOFFLER, 3



KYLE JONES

■ AGE: 31

■ OCCUPATION: Assistant District Attorney (Prosecutor)

■ EDUCATION: 2003, Perquimans County High School, 2007, B.S., East Carolina University, 2011, J.D., Liberty University School of Law

■ MILITARY SERVICE: None.

■ POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS, SERVICE: 2012, Elected commissioner.

■ CIVIL/COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS: Durant's Neck Ruritan Club, Hertford Rotary Club,

See JONES, 3



ALAN LENNON

■ AGE: 40

■ OCCUPATION: Sow Farm Operations Manager, Smithfield Foods.

■ EDUCATION: Graduated West Forsyth High School, graduated college with B.S. in Agricultural Business Manager minor in Psychology

■ MILITARY SERVICE: None.

■ POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS, SERVICE: N/A

■ CIVIL/COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS: I have served as Youth Pastor, Deacon, and currently Elder at Open Door Church

See LENNON, 3



CHARLES WOODARD

■ AGE: 70

■ OCCUPATION: Pharmacist, owner Woodard's Pharmacy

■ EDUCATION: Perquimans County High School 1964, BS Pharmacy UNC-CH 1969.

■ MILITARY SERVICE: None.

■ POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS, SERVICE: None.

■ CIVIL/COMMUNITY: Past town zoning board, past pharmacy representative District Health Department, past president Hertford Lions Club, past president Northeastern

See WOODARD, 3

Ward donates to COA as well

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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Perquimans County wasn't the only benefactor Charles Ward was thinking about before he died. He wanted to promote libraries or athletic facilities

Last week the College of The Albemarle announced Ward had left them \$600,000. Earlier this month Ward's family gave a check for \$600,000 to the Perquimans County Commission.

Ward served for five years as a trustee on the COA board and spent 20 years as a Perquimans County Commissioner. He died in September 2014 at the age of 76.

Ward gave both the COA board of trustees and the Perquimans County Commission a general idea of how he wanted the money spent, but he left it up to

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FILE PHOTO

The annual Belvidere Day celebration is expected to draw a crowd again this Saturday.

Belvidere hosting events Friday, Saturday

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Belvidere is preparing for a two day celebration this weekend.

The Perquimans County Restoration Association will kick it off Friday with a new event — Jollification. It's all about the history and heritage of the Belvidere community and includes tours, dinner and music. The tours run from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. and the dinner runs from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

On Saturday the Belvidere Ruritan Club will mark the fourth annual "Belvidere Day" from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The event is free and is designed to bring attention to the businesses in Belvidere and the history of the area.

"Every year we try and add some new things and every year we grow bigger," said Doug Layden, the owner of Layden's Supermarket and a member of the Ruritan Club.

Layden's Supermarket, 1478 Belvidere Road will offer store specials and free grocery store discounts,

while Red's Trading Post will offer antique specials. The Nicholson House, 1500 Belvidere Road will be offering a pumpkin patch and gift store specials. Helping sponsor the event will be Scott's Store, Belvidere Farmer's Exchange, Andy's Body Shop and Craft Air Service.

Antique cars and tractors will be on display and food vendors will be available. There will be live music all day. Layden says it will be a mix of gospel, country and blue grass.

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Retired captain to speak at veterans service

From Staff Reports

U.S. Navy Captain Glenn H. McCranie, a retired Navy chaplain, will be the guest speaker at the Perquimans County Veterans Day observance on Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. on the Perquimans County Courthouse green.

The event is hosted by the Hertford American Legion Post 126 with assistance



MCCRANIE

from Hertford Post 362.

McCranie started out his life in Valdosta, Ga, and began his military service by joining the Georgia National Guard. He was 16 years old and still in high school, but he fudged his age.

Upon graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was stationed at the Navy's Stumpy Point bombing range in Dare County. There

he met his wife, Violet Bratton, a Manns Harbor resident. Upon completion of his enlistment, McCranie and his wife returned to his hometown in Georgia. A family crisis with their son and their faith moved him to entering the Methodist ministry and receiving his local pastor's license and a four church circuit. He later enrolled in college and following graduation, he was commissioned in the Navy's Chaplain Candidate program as an ensign, and got a full tuition scholarship to study theology at Emory University in Atlanta.

Following completion of his studies, Chaplain McCranie was oriented by the United Methodist Church and assigned to a local church. He applied and was accepted for full active duty in the Navy as a chaplain and was assigned to the 1st Marine Division in California. His other assignments included duty as a circuit-riding chaplain aboard the USS Virginia CGN38 and at Portsmouth Naval Hospital. During Desert Storm, he served as command chaplain of the amphibian task

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LOBSTER SALE



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Lobsters fresh out of the pot drain while members of Holiday Trinity Episcopal Church prepare a new batch Friday during the annual lobster sale held by the church.



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