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Commissioners: Wrap up review in 30 days

■ Board given deadline for reviewing current wind ordinance

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■ Winborne seeks resignation of planning board member. — 4A

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Editor

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners on a 6-1 vote Monday set a 30-day time limit on the Chowan Planning Board's review of the county's wind energy ordi-

nance. Commissioner Alex Kehayas cast the lone dissenting vote, arguing 30 days was not enough time for the planning board to hear

the kind of expert testimony the commissioners have directed that board to rely on.

The motion by Chairman Jeff Smith called on the planning board to report back to the county commissioners in 30 days with a full recommended text amendment based on expert testimony.

After the board's vote, Patti Kersey, who is vice chairman

of the planning board, told the Chowan Herald that 30 days is not sufficient time to review the ordinance — especially when experts are involved.

The commissioners' insistence on expert testimony was in part a reflection of advice that County Attorney John Morrison gave the commissioners during their meeting Monday night. Morrison re-

minded the commissioners that at the time a wind energy project comes before the commissioners for consideration of a permit application, the board will sit in a quasi-judicial hearing and will have to make its decision based on "competent evidence."

Morrison also reminded the

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Chowan sees more snow and ice

From staff reports

Last week saw Chowan County battling snow and ice for the second week in a row — and forecasts this week have mentioned a possibility of wintry precipitation later in the week.

Snow fell on Feb. 24, and then on Feb. 26 the Northeastern Regional Airport in Edenton reported 1.13 inches of precipitation — a mixture of snow and rain — between midnight and 8 a.m.

The temperature in Edenton was 33 degrees

The Edenton-Chowan Schools held classes on Saturday to begin making up days missed due to snow and ice.

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education voted Monday night to make March 27, April 3 and June 12 regular school days in order to make up days missed due to inclement weather.

In addition, Edenton-Chowan Schools Superintendent Rob Jackson said if there are any more full days missed due to inclement weather, the school district will have school on the Saturday immediately following the missed day.

The icy roads on Feb. 24



STAFF PHOTO BY REGGIE PONDER

Jim Blount shovels slush outside his pharmacy on Broad Street in downtown Edenton, Thursday. See more snow photos page 7A.

resulted in a plethora of vehicle accidents in Edenton and Chowan County, according to Sheriff Dwayne

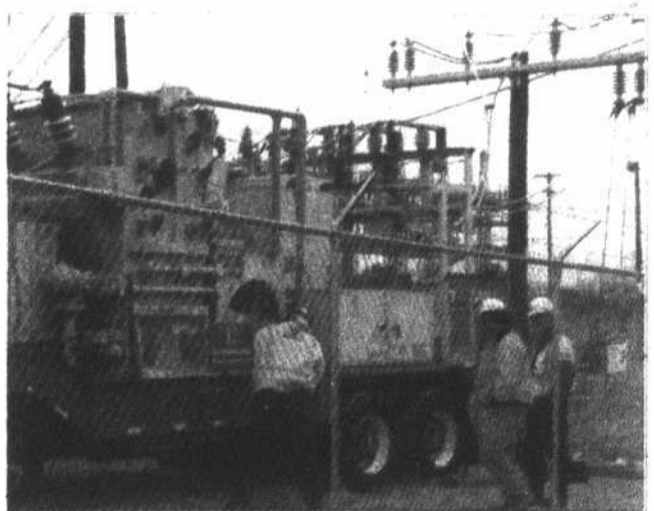
Goodwin and Police Chief Jay Fortenbery.

But the area received a slushy snow on Feb. 26

that resulted only in a couple of minor single-vehicle accidents in the county. Roads were noticeably

clearer where state crews had passed through with clearing equipment. Goodwin and Forten-

bery noted the road conditions were not too bad in the aftermath of the rain-snow mix on Thursday.



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Dominion Power employees work on the upgrades at the company's Edenton substation.

Dominion upgrading local substation

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Editor

Dominion North Carolina Power is upgrading its Edenton substation next to the railroad tracks along Freemason Street.

Donald Joyner, Dominion's substation supervisor for the local substation, explained Monday that the Edenton substation upgrade is part of a major project in

which Dominion is upgrading its transmission lines in northeastern North Carolina.

Dominion is upgrading its lines from 115 kilovolts to 230 kilovolts and is upgrading all the equipment at the substation. The upgrades include installation of new transformers.

"It makes a more reliable service," Joyner said of the upgrade to 230 kV.

Joyner added that the upgrades are not a response to any concerns about the electric service, but rather are part of an ongoing effort

Tyner man charged with trafficking

■ More than 50 pounds of marijuana seized at house in rural Chowan County

From staff reports

A Tyner man has been charged with felony possession of marijuana and trafficking marijuana in connection with the largest amount of marijuana that Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin could recall ever coming across in Chowan County.



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Stephen Christopher Morris, 31, of Yellow Hammer Road, Tyner, was arrested Friday and released on \$21,000 secured bond, according to Goodwin. Morris also is charged with maintaining a dwelling for keeping a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia, Goodwin said.

Goodwin said officers found 50.1 pounds of marijuana Friday after-



STAFF PHOTO BY REGGIE PONDER

This is 50 pounds of marijuana seized at a Chowan County home Friday.

noon after being called to the home regarding a domestic dispute. The marijuana has a street value of more than \$200,000, Goodwin said.

Sgt. Scooter Basnight and Deputy Anthony Holland responded to the domestic disturbance call and noticed a strong odor of marijuana

as soon as they entered the house, Goodwin said. Morris was arrested on a second-degree trespassing warrant, and then the officers obtained a search warrant and found the marijuana, according to Goodwin.

"It was a great job by the guys," Goodwin said.

McCrorry, Kluttz to visit on tax credit tour

From staff reports

Gov. Pat McCrorry will join N.C. Department of Cultural Resources Secretary Susan Kluttz, Edenton Mayor Roland Vaughan and other local leaders Monday to tour historic buildings in Edenton that utilized the recently expired historic tax credits.

Stops include income-producing properties that have recently taken

advantage of the tax credits prior to their expiration.

"Edenton exemplifies the positive and dynamic results Historic Tax Credits achieve for our state," McCrorry said. "Historic buildings, in beautiful cities like Eden-



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ton, ought to be preserved so future generations can discover and appreciate North Carolina's abundance of historic and cultural resources, which are vital to the

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