Citizens still pushing for wind facility moratorium

BY REGGIE PONDER

Editor

Chowan County citizens last week continued to ask county officials to impose a moratorium on the permitting of large-scale wind energy facilities.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners adopted a moratorium earlier this fall and a number of Chowan residents have asked county officials here to follow suit.

Apex Clean Energy Inc. a company based in Charlottesville, Va., has proposed the Timbermill Wind Project along the Chowan-

posed utility-scale wind energy generation facility would be located on Weyerhauser-owned timberland and adjacent farmland in the Bear Swamp area.

During the public comment period at the Nov. 16 meeting of the Chowan Board of Commissioners. Tyner resident Kristy LaLonde said she had been told by some of her neighbors that she lives in a small town and should keep her opinions to herself and keep her mouth shut.

But LaLonde was not keeping quiet.

She mentioned having

cerns that had led county health officials in Wisconthere a health hazard.

LaLonde asked Chowan in Wisconsin. officials to follow the lead of their counterparts in to be on the agenda for the Perquimans County by taking time taking a rest period to do research on issues related to wind energy facilities.

Apex, as the developers of the proposed Timbermill Wind Energy Project, to that the project will be safe facility. and beneficial, she said.

"We don't need them,"

us.

Harriet DeHart said she sin to declare a wind farm and her husband had recently visited a wind farm

She said she would like commissioners' next meeting in order to make a presentation on what they had learned.

James R. White, who The burden should be on lives on Sandy Ridge Road, said he believes the county commissioners should take time to learn more about demonstrate to the county the proposed wind energy

or the health of anyone else, to be negatively effected by a wind energy

Mary White also asked that the county commissioners do more research on wind energy facilities. It things associated with the

facilities, she said.

Earl Willis said that if energy facility would give him room for pause.

health issues and he would ling them to do just that view in late summer.

Perquimans line. The pro- heard about health con- LaLonde said. "They need not want his wife's health, to pause and consider the matter thoroughly.

Ethel Copeland said she wanted the county to require a one-mile setback from an adjoining property line for the construction of a large-scale wind turbine.

A one-mile setback was seems there are hazardous one of the provisions of a proposed wind energy ordinance amendment that was put forward by the he were seated where the county planning board in county commissioners are the spring. The board did seated, the proposed wind not adopt the proposed amendment, opting instead for a minor adjustment to Willis told the commist the ordinance following a He said his wife has signers he was encourag- second planning board re-

Winborne to seek re-election

BY REGGIE PONDER

Chowan County Commissioner Emmett Wintorne will seek reelecion next year.

With filing for county and state offices slated o begin next week Winborne, who represents the 1st District to the northern part of the county, is the first neumbent county commissioner to indicate he plans to seek reelec-

Winborne is a Demo-

Incumbent Commisstoners Keith Nixon and Alex Kehaves, both of whom are Republicans. have announced they will not be seeking re-

Bonner, a Democrat but still has a ways to who represents the 3rd District, so far has not made a statement on the record regarding a solution on the forhis plans for next year's mer D.F. Walker School edection.

The Chowan Herald Bonner for comment on some votes because of this story.

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moon on Tuesday Dec. 1 The filing period ends speak out on the issue. it moon on Monday, Dec.

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will have served 16 a county commis Sloner



Win borne said he wants to put his experience to use as the county confronts declining revenues.

"I don't think the county's financial crisis is over." Winborne said. "It is in check. But I want to continue my fiscal conservatism on the board.

He said he's proud of the Hotel Hinton project and of debt restructuring that will pay big dividends for the county. Chowan County is head-Commissioner Greg ed in the right direction go, he said.

A lot of work lies ahead in coming up with building, he said.

Winborne acknowlwas unable to reach edged he might lose his position on wind The Primary will be energy facilities. But he added that most of the time on any issue it's the state offices begins at people who are against something who will

"I'm not a politician." Winborne said. "I'm just The began this basic a regular person out less a long time." Win- here trying to represent



Rocky Hock Ruritans presented a dictionary to every third-grader in the Edenton-Chowan Schools. Shown here with some of the student recipients are (back row, I-r) Carisa Copeland, third grade teacher; Michelle White, Principal; Asheton Smith, third grade teacher; Jack Perry, chairman of the Ruritan Social Concerns Committee; Keith Rollins, Ruritan president; and Marvin Hare, Ruritan president-elect. See more school news on pages 6A, 7A.

Third-graders receive dictionaries

From staff reports

For the third year, the Rocky Hock Ruritans delivered dictionaries to every third grade student at D.F. Walker Elementary School. Collectively, the to third grade students at D.F. Walker Elementary SchoolAccording to the and rural communities Ruritan Website, Ruritan National has

nearly 32,000 members throughout the donated over 30,039 books. Nation-United States who work to improve more than 1.200 local communities. Since the organization's beginning in 1928. Ruritan Clubs have served America with "Fellowship, Goodwill, Rocky Hock Ruritan Club has do- and Community Service," Ruritan is a nated approximately 600 dictionaries - civic service organization made up of local clubs in urban areas, small towns

This national organization has participating

ally, they have been implementing the project since 2003-2004, with at least 69 clubs/sections participating in the project. They have donated to over 138school(s) nationwide.

So far in 2015-2016, the Ruritans throughout the nation have donated 6.072 books, giving to students in over 62 schools, and with about 38 clubs

Local student qualifies for Duke program

Christopher James Welch, son of in the United States are identified as evaluated. They also receive a variety Gerald and Angela Welch and a 5th academically gifted based on their ex- of support services and gain access to grade student at D. F. Walker Elemen-- ceptional standardized test scores in research and other information about tary School, has been invited to join school and are invited to participate using their academic abilities more efthe prestigious 4th-6th Grade Talent in the Duke TIP program, Participants fectively, Search for gifted students sponsored are then invited to take the above grade by Duke University's Talent Identifica- level EXPLORE test designed for eighth acs, visit tip duke edu.

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 Nov. 14 – Damell La-Street, was arrested on one felony count of possession with intent to manufacture. sell or distribute a Schedule VI controlled substance and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphemalia.

• Nov. 14 - Monyae Johnson, 18, of East Albemarle Street, was issued a citation Virginia Road.

for driving without a license

headlights. Nov. 14 - Mary Jo Gateway Bank on South mar White, 19, of Johnston Hawes, 47, of Cabarrus Broad Street, Street, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of beg-

> . Nov. 13 - Brandon Scott Squires, 24, of North Broad Street, was charged with one misdemeanor count of communicating threats.

INCIDENTS

· Nov. 18 - Larceny on

CRIMEWATCH

money by false prefense at

Chowan Sheriff

ARRESTS

Venters, 25, of Center Hill goods, Road, was arrested on one felony count of breaking and entering, one felony count of larceny after Tip Toe Road.

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• Nov. 17 - Forgety, coun - breaking and entering, and and driving without proper terfeiting and obtaining one felony count of possession of stolen goods.

 Nov. 17 - Seth Craig Mabry Williams, 29, of 223 E. Queen Street/108 South Oakum Street, was arrested on one felony count Nov. 19 - Corey Scott of possession of stolen

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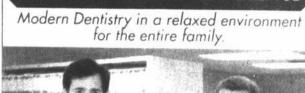
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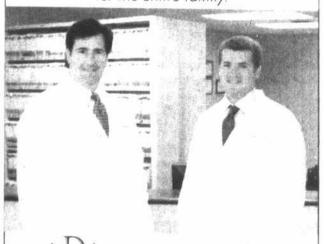
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