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Weyerhaeuser, Smith Farm among landowners in wind project

BY REGGIE PONDER
Editor

A permit application for the Timbermill Wind Energy Project proposed in Chowan and Perquimans counties confirms that the Weyerhaeuser Company is by far the largest landowner in the Chowan side of the project, with 1,870 acres involved.

The bulk of the proposed wind energy generation facility would be located in Perquimans.

Another large participating landowner in Chowan is Adrien Smith Jr. and Sons Inc, which is listed in the application as having more than 1,200 acres in the proposed project.

Chowan Board of Commissioners Chairman Jeff Smith is a

partner in Adrien Smith Jr. and Sons Inc. Smith has been advised by the county attorney not to vote on project-related matters and has indicated he does not plan to participate in votes or discussions of such matters.

Timbermill Wind LLC, a division of Charlottesville, Va.-based Apex Clean Energy, last month filed an application for a condi-

tional use permit for a wind energy generation facility in Chowan and Perquimans County.

The proposed project is designed for 300 megawatts of generation capacity.

The portion of the project located in Chowan is slated to consist of up to 48 wind turbine generators with a maximum tower height of up to 394 feet,

according to the application.

The conditional use permit will require a quasi-judicial hearing before the Chowan County Board of Commissioners.

The application includes reports prepared for Apex that analyze issues such as shadow

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HONORING THE FALLEN



Members of the American Legion Post 40 Honor Guard prepare to lay wreaths during the annual Memorial Day ceremony held Monday morning. Keynote speaker for the event was the Rev. Thomas Biggs. The ceremony was held indoors at the Legion due to expected inclement weather. See story on 6B.

STAFF PHOTO BY REBECCA BUNCH

Public hearing on budget Monday

From staff reports

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing Monday on the recommended budget for 2016-2017.

The hearing will be part of the commissioners' regular meeting, which will be held at 6 p.m. at the county's Public Safety Center on Freemason Street.

The public hearing will be held on County Manager Kevin Howard's recommended budget. The county commissioners in budget work sessions already have identified some changes they intend to make to How-

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Property tax rate will not increase

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

The proposed town budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 calls for no increase in the ad valorem tax rate, according to Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton.

The town's current tax rate is 38.5 cents per \$100 of property valuation.

A public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14 at 6 p.m. The budget message and proposed budget will be available for viewing on

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Special Primary Election to be held June 7

From staff reports

A special Primary Election will be held next week to determine Democratic and Republican nominees in the state's 3rd Congressional District and to select someone for the nonpartisan office of N.C. Supreme Court Associate Justice.

The Primary will be held Tuesday, June 7. Democratic candidates for the congressional seat are David Allan Hurst and Ernest T. Reeves. On the Republican side, incumbent Walter B. Jones Jr. faces challenges from Phil Law and Taylor Griffin.

Democratic and Republican ballots will both include

the Supreme Court contest. Candidates for that Associate Justice position are Michael R. "Mike" Morgan, Daniel Robertson, Robert H. "Bob" Edmunds and Sabra Jean Faires.

Early voting is underway. One stop voting is available at the Chowan County Board of Elections office today,

Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Saturday, June 4, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. on the day of the Primary.

The state's photo identification requirements are applicable to this Primary. For more information about those requirements and how

to comply with the law, you may visit the county board of elections website by clicking on the link at www.chowan-county-nc.gov.

Morgan, one of the candidates for Associate Justice, is a 1979 graduate of the N.C. Central University School of

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Saturday's Heritage Farm Fest honors founder Worth Hare Jr.

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff writer

While the organizers of the annual Heritage Farm Fest strive to make each one special in its own right this year's will be particularly significant because it is dedicated to the memory of a founding member of the event — Worth Hare Jr., who died earlier this year.

The free, family-oriented Farm Fest will be held this

Saturday, June 4, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the front lawn at John A. Holmes High School. The event will be held rain or shine.

Farm Fest committee members Janet MacKenzie and Joseph Goodwin said that dedicating the day to Hare was only fitting considering the invaluable contribution Hare made to the event during his lifetime.

"As you know, we're dedicating this year's Farm Fest to him," Goodwin said. "Worth was a big supporter and a founding member of this event and we thought it was a special way we could pay tribute to him and all he



KIP SHAW PHOTO

Worth Hare, Jr. gives Dr. Vero Brentjens a ride along the parade route at last year's Heritage Farm Fest parade. The veteran house mover and founding member of Farm Fest died earlier this year. This year's festivities are being dedicated to his memory.



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