

CHOWAN HERALD

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Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Game Starts at 7pm at Edenton Field

Gates open at 6:00 pm

June 15 vs Morehead City Marlins (Wayback Wednesday: Beachin in the 60's)
 June 17 vs Wilmington Sharks (Kids Run the Bases, VectorCSP Night)
 June 18 vs Morehead City Marlins (Kids Run the Bases,
 Post Game Fireworks, Catch With Dad)
 June 20 vs Asheboro Copperheads (50¢ Hot Dogs)
 June 21 vs Peninsula Pilots (\$1 Kids Night)

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Apex presents details of wind energy project at info session

BY REGGIE PONDER
Editor

A spokesman for Apex Clean Energy Inc. last week noted that while all the turbines proposed for the Chowan portion of the Timbermill Wind Project comply with

county ordinance requirements for setbacks, more than four out of five turbines are located more than half a mile from the nearest non-participating property owner.

Citizens in both Chowan and Perquimans have raised concerns about property values, sound

and the possibility of detrimental health effects from infrasound.

Infrasound refers to low-frequency vibrations that are not audible but can sometimes be felt or sensed by the body in other ways.

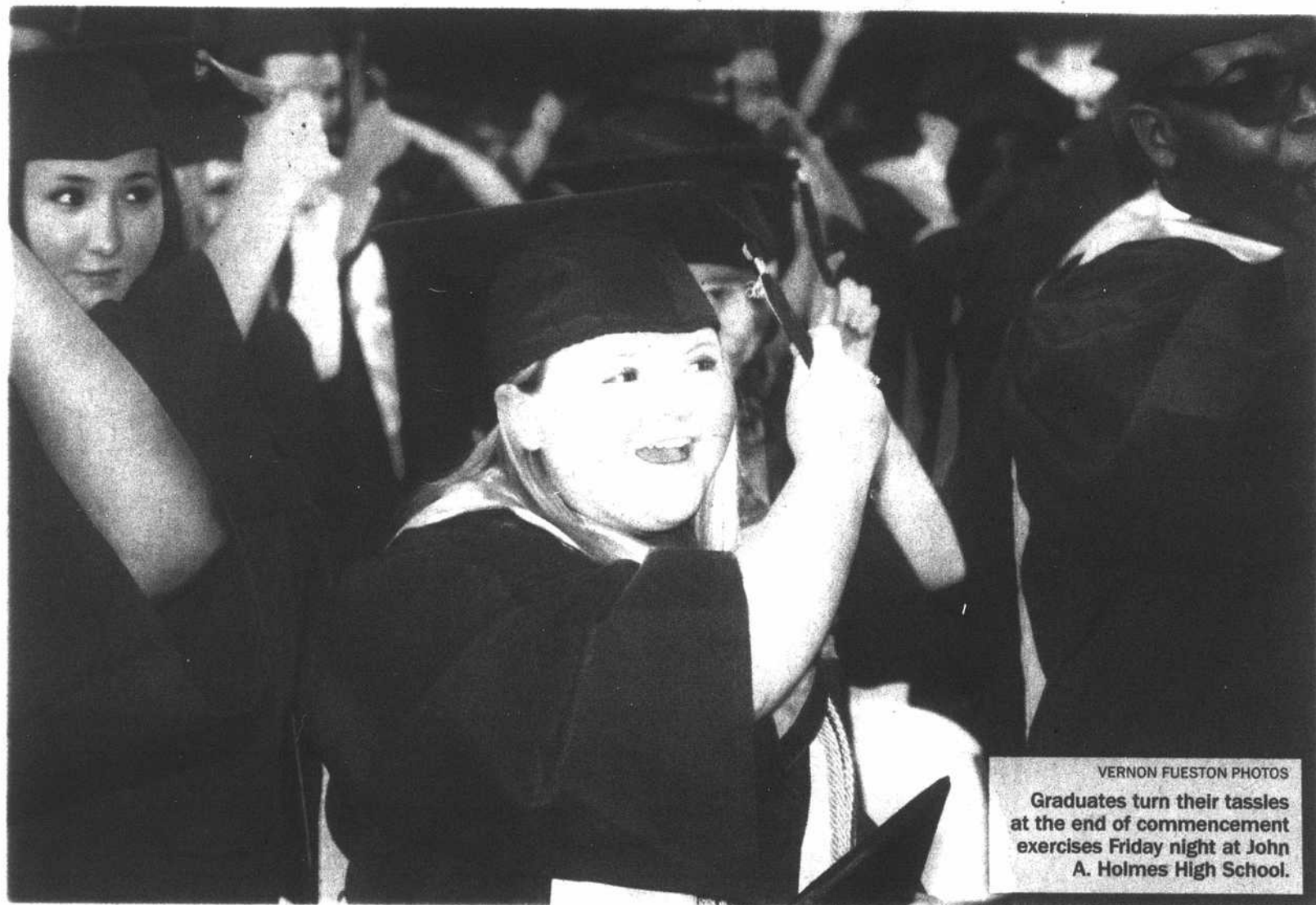
The minimum setback required in the ordinance is two and a half

times tip height, or roughly 1,500 feet. But Apex's Kevin Chandler said during an information session Thursday at D.F. Walker Elementary School that 98 percent of the turbines proposed in Chowan are more than three times the tip height from the nearest property

line of a non-participating property owner, and 84 percent are more than half a mile away.

Apex officials held the information session at the school from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., with eight Apex

See WIND FARM, 3A



VERNON FUESTON PHOTOS

Graduates turn their tassels at the end of commencement exercises Friday night at John A. Holmes High School.

HOLMES HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES
SMALL — BUT ACCOMPLISHED — CLASSBY VERNON M. FUESTON III
Correspondent

John A. Holmes High School celebrated the end of a 13-year journey for its class of 2016 on Friday as 125 graduates received their diplomas at commencement exercises.

The graduation, held at the high school's athletic field, was attended by several hundred parents, family and well-wishers. In addition to those graduates who received diplomas at the ceremony, there were four who graduated but were not present for the commencement exercises.

Mr. Stephen Wood, Principal of John A. Holmes, first thanked the faculty and staff who, he said, had made the day possible. He then also thanked the parents and family who had supported the graduating seniors.

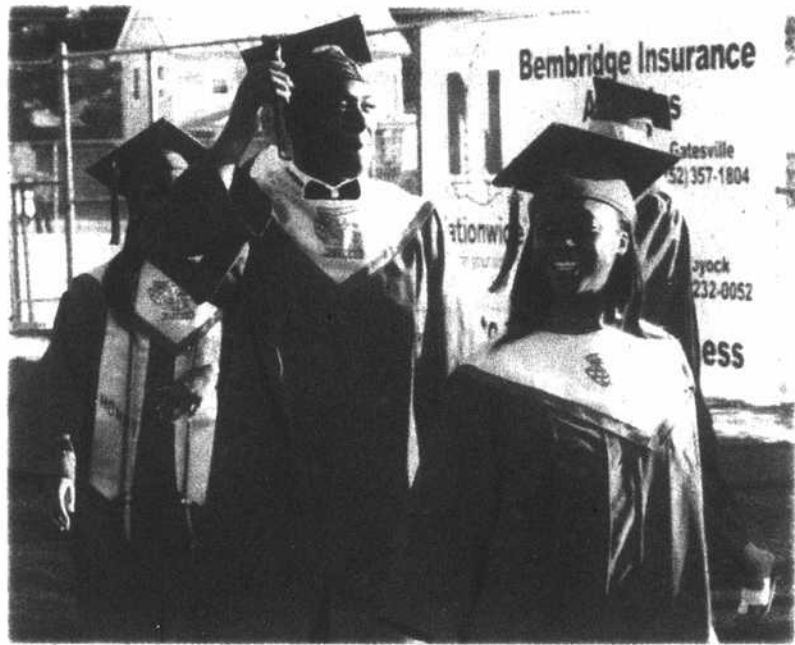
Wood said the class had distinguished itself in several ways. He said that 122 of the students had received college acceptance letters, reading from a list of colleges from around the country.

In addition to that, Wood said that 24 students had earned credits at the College of the Albemarle while earning their diplomas at John A. Holmes with Daniel Midgette earning an associate's degree at that institution.

Wood said Midgette was the first student from Holmes High School ever to earn an associate's degree while working on his diploma.

Teacher of the Year Laurie Brooks addressed the graduates as keynote speaker, reminding them of their experiences in her English classes. There, she said, they studied the concept of a hero.

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Graduates march in at the beginning of commencement exercises Friday night at John A. Holmes High School.

Police identified 'person of interest'

From staff reports

Edenton police said last week they have identified a "person of interest" in the home invasion and assault that sent a local man to the hospital with serious injuries on the morning of June 7.

Police Chief Jay Fortenbery said Thursday that police have identified the owner of a bicycle left behind at the victim's house and that person in turn led them to the person of interest.

"Due to the help of citizens, the owner of the bicycle has been identified along with a person of interest in this case," he said.

Fortenbery did not release the identity of the bicycle's owner or the person of interest, but suggested investigators are close to an arrest.

"We're still investigating and, hopefully, we'll have charges soon" in the case, he said.

Both the Edenton Police Department and N.C. State Bureau of Investigation have been investigating the burglary and assault, which occurred around 5 a.m. Tuesday in the 100 block of W. Queen Street.

The victim in the assault suffered multiple head injuries and remains in serious condition at Vidant Medical Center in Greenville, according to police.

Police have described the suspect as a dark-complexioned black male about five feet, 11 inches tall and weighing about 170 pounds. The suspect was last seen wearing a dark shirt, jeans and dark shoes.

Anyone with additional information about the incident is asked to contact Sgt. Laura Wilkins at the Edenton Police Department at 482-9884 or 482-5144.

County OKs slight hike in school funds

BY REGGIE PONDER
Editor

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to increase local funding for Edenton-Chowan Schools operations by \$11,545 in the 2016-2017 county budget - bringing local current expense funding for schools to \$3.55 million.

Commissioner Keith Nixon made the motion. Commissioner Ellis Lawrence was absent from the board's budget work session Tuesday morning.

The budget must be adopted by June 30. A final vote to adopt the 2016-2017 county budget is expected

at the commissioners' meeting Monday night.

After the school funding motion the board was looking at a roughly 1.5-cent increase in the property tax rate. The board continued to deliberate the budget as of late Tuesday morning. Among other things, Nixon and Commissioner Emmett Winborne were calling for slight fee increases in recreation and other areas to help with the county's revenue picture.

Before Nixon's motion, Commissioner John Mitchener made a motion for a \$372,000 increase in schools current expense funding. The motion failed with only Mitchener voting for it.

County Manager Kevin Howard's recommended budget included a four-cent increase in the property tax rate to 76.5 cents per \$100

See BUDGET, 4A

FISHING HIGHLIGHTED IN ALBEMARLE MAGAZINE



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A lone fisherman waits for a bite at the mouth of Queen Anne Creek on a recent afternoon. There's much more about fishing around the Albemarle in the Summer 2016 edition of Albemarle Magazine, inside today's Chowan Herald. Also, see information about fishing license requirements on 2A.

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