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White files for District 3 seat on school board

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

Joan Hoggard White has filed for the District 3 seat on the school board being vacated by incumbent Kay Wright.

White, 55, is a native of Bertie County. She is the director of the Out of the Box Childcare Center in Edenton. Under her leadership during the past three years, the center has gone from a two-star state rating to a five star facility, the highest rank available in North

Carolina.

White has an extensive background in education, including working for the Bertie and Perquimans County school systems.

"I've worked at every level in some capacity," she said. "I've worked in elementary school, middle school and high school."

White holds a bachelor of science in early childhood education from Elizabeth City State University, a master's in elementary



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education from East Carolina University, and a master's degree in administration from ECSU. She is also a National Board Certified teacher.

"I've always had a passion for helping children," she said.

She and her husband, Frank, have one child, a daughter, Krysten White, 18, who just graduated



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from John A. Holmes High School. She plans to attend ECSU in the fall.

White said a desire to contribute to the betterment of the lives of children in the

community had influenced her decision to run.

"I want to give back to the community," she said. "I want to work with other board members in the



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Edenton-Chowan school system in continuing to make it everything it can be. We may be a small town, but we're not small-minded people."

White said before deciding to run she made sure Wright did not plan to seek another term on the

board. Wright confirmed Monday that she would not seek re-election to

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COMING TOGETHER



PHOTO BY KERI PAMPUCH/THE DAILY ADVANCE

Elizabeth Spruill enjoys her involvement in activities at the Boys & Girls Club of Edenton-Chowan, shown here, and in the activities of the Elizabeth City Boys & Girls Club. The clubs recently merged into a single organization with Spruill as executive director.

Elizabeth City, Edenton-Chowan Clubs merge

BY REGGIE PONDER AND WILLIAM F. WEST
Staff Writers

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Elizabeth City and Edenton-Chowan are merging into a new regional organization.

The announcement was made at Wednesday's monthly meeting of the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Economic Development Commission by Jeff Dixon. He's a Pasquotank County commissioner who doubles as board president of the Elizabeth City Boys and Girls Club. Additionally, his wife, Dottie, had been serving as interim executive director of the Elizabeth City club.

"And hopefully, it's going to make both clubs a lot more stronger," Dixon told the EDC of the merger. "And then they will seek to branch out into other communities to form other Boys and Girls Club in communities that are badly in need of such organizations."

Dixon said afterward that the trend in the eastern part of the state has been for Boys and Girls Clubs to merge, an example being in the Greenville area.

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Elizabeth Spruill, who for the past three years had been the director of the Edenton-Chowan Boys and Girls Club, is executive director of the new regional collaboration.

"I'm excited about it," Spruill said of the merger, noting "that is a national trend among Boys and Girls Clubs."

Dottie Dixon will be the unit director for Elizabeth City and Susan Brothers will be the unit director for Edenton-Chowan. Spruill said a one-year trial period with the purpose of merging the two organizations took effect June 1.

Jeff Dixon said a new name for the united clubs is pending.

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Technical Review Committee looks at Apex application

BY REGGIE PONDER
Editor

Fire safety, traffic and agriculture were among the concerns addressed at last week's meeting of the Chowan County Technical Review Committee meeting regarding the conditional use permit application for the Timbermill Wind Project.

The Chowan County Planning Board was slated to meet Tuesday night to

hear public comment and make a recommendation on the CUP application. The decision on the CUP will be made by the Chowan County Board of Commissioners following a quasi-judicial hearing.

At the Technical Review Committee meeting, Don Giecek of Apex Clean Energy Inc. described the proposed project as encompassing about 16,000 acres with roughly 8,000 acres in Chowan County and includ-

ing 105 turbines with 48 in Chowan.

Giecek said there would be two permanent meteorological towers in the county.

The wind energy facility would have a maximum capacity of 300 megawatts, according to Giecek.

Apex will provide new and improved all-weather access roads that will be

gravel-surfaces and generally 16 feet in width, Giecek said.

The project will employ about 10 personnel for operations and maintenance, including facility managers, a site manager and certified crew of technicians, Giecek said. Specified personnel will be on call 24/7, he said.

In addition, a 24/7 remote operations team also has full control and monitoring capabilities, Giecek said. He added that a third mechanism for safety and control is the turbines themselves.

Giecek said construction of on-site roads, tower foundations and the substation may take about eight to 10 months. Turbine installation will take about two to three months, he said.

Subject to receipt of necessary permits and weather delays, the project is slated

to be operational during the fourth quarter of 2018, Giecek said.

Apex will work closely with the N.C. Department of Transportation and Chowan County to manage construction traffic, Giecek said.

The company has leases with 27 Chowan landowners involving 88 parcels, he said.

Giecek said Apex doesn't know the exact turbine that

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Council to consider Yacht Club lease proposal

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

At the Edenton Town Council's monthly work session Monday night council members agreed to send to full council the Edenton Yacht Club's request for a 10-year lease for the property on the west side of the former Northeast Commission building as well as the storage building where the club's sails, buoys, kayaks and other supplies are presently being kept.

Administrative Commit-

tee Chair Steve Biggs and other members of his committee made the recommendation concerning the plan that was first raised by the Yacht Club in a letter last month. Moving the item before the full council at its monthly meeting in August would allow time for additional discussion and a possible vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Jimmy Stallings presided in the absence of Mayor Roland Vaughan. Town Councilman Sambo Dixon was also absent.

In a memo dated July 22 Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton said she thought the council should wait a while before making a decision on the issue.

"As you know we are in the middle of discussions

with John Glover, the brewer and brew pub developer, to address questions raised by the Council regarding his proposal," she wrote. "I think it is premature for the Council to enter into a ten year lease of the land and the storage building with the Yacht Club."

Knighton said that Glover has requested that the town work with him to find out if the National Park Service would agree to an exchange of the land in question.

"If an exchange could be approved, that land would be classified on the '6F Map' as reserved for outdoor public recreation," Knighton said. "A long term lease now might be an impediment to the Town's efforts to gain approval for this land exchange."



STAFF PHOTO BY REGGIE PONDER

This home at 206 Vance Lane in Edenton was gutted by fire Thursday night. The Edenton Fire Department extinguished the blaze and the American Red Cross is assisting the family.

Family loses home in fire

From staff reports

Chief Craig Forlines.

An Edenton family lost its home last week in a fire. Myisha Basnight and family were not at home Thursday night when their home caught fire. The mobile home at 206 Vance Lane was destroyed in the blaze, according to Edenton Fire

The American Red Cross is assisting the family.

Firefighters were dispatched around 9:05 p.m. Thursday and were on the scene within five minutes. The fire was quickly brought under control and the site was cleared at 10:55 p.m., according to Forlines.

The mobile home is owned by Enell Granby, fire officials said.

Forlines said the fire started from an electric short in the bathroom. No firefighters were injured on the call and crews were able to put out the fire and contain it to the mobile home where it started.

