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FARMERS: WIND ENERGY PROJECT GOOD FOR FARM

Williams Monds points to the location of his farm on this map of the proposed Timbermill Wind Project.

Editor's note: This story looks at the impact of the proposed Timbermill Wind Project from the point of view of farmers in the area who support the project. The second part, to run next week, will look at nearby residents who oppose the project. This is the first of two parts to this story.

BY REGGIE PONDER
Editor

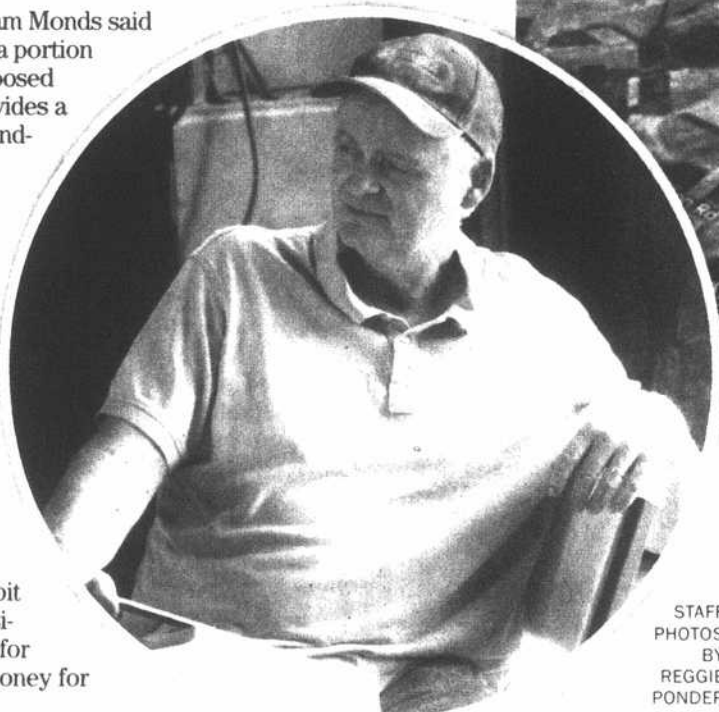
Center Hill farmer William Monds said this week that leasing a portion of his land for the proposed Timbermill Wind Project provides a little bit of stability in an up-and-down business.

"Of all the things I have read in the paper the thing that has bothered me most is people talking about 'the greedy farmers,'" Monds said Monday in an interview at the shop on his farm on Center Hill Road. "I'm not greedy. Farmers are not greedy."

Instead, Monds said, a land lease such as Apex Clean Energy has offered through the Timbermill Wind Project gives farmers a little bit of stability in a very risky business and helps them provide for their families and set aside money for retirement.

Monds noted he doesn't have a job with a retirement program. He has to set aside money himself, and that can be hard to do when he's putting everything he has every year into putting a crop into the ground and then praying for a good crop, he said.

Joining Monds Monday were fellow farmers Tim White and Gene Jordan. All three said they had looked at the pros and cons of the wind energy project and concluded it would be good for the community.



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Gene Jordan listens as fellow farmers William Monds and Tim White discuss the proposed Timbermill Wind Project.

During an interview Monday at William Monds' farm shop on Center Hill Road, (l-r) Monds listens as Tim White talks about his thoughts on the proposed Timbermill Wind Project.

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Deitemeyer resigns COA for Central Piedmont CC

BY WILLIAM F. WEST
The Daily Advance

College of The Albemarle President Kandi Deitemeyer will become the new president of Central Piedmont Community College next year.

In a closed session with the executive committee of COA trustees on Friday morning, Deitemeyer submitted her resignation, which will take effect on Dec. 31.

News of the upcoming change came quickly, with a Central Piedmont spokesman, just before the end of the COA closed session, emailing a reporter a press release announcing the hiring of Deitemeyer.

The COA executive committee met privately with Deitemeyer for approxi-

mately 40 minutes before reopening the doors to the public and announcing her intention to leave COA to take charge of the Charlotte-area based Central Piedmont.

Deitemeyer, 47, has been COA's president since April 2010. She was one of five finalists nationally seeking to succeed Tony Zeiss, 70, who is retiring after 24 years as president of Central Piedmont.

At the start of 2017, Deitemeyer will be taking charge of a community college that is the second largest in North Carolina, behind Wake Technical Community College in the Research Triangle Region.

After the COA trustees executive committee meet-



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ing Friday morning was reopened to the public, Deitemeyer spoke briefly about the privilege of having served as COA's president.

"I would not have the opportunity to go and be the new president at Central Piedmont Community College beginning Jan. 1, 2017, had I not been given this amazing opportunity to lead COA for the last 6 years," she said.

"I am so grateful to this board for your confidence in me, for your incomparable support and to the leadership team and the tremendous faculty and staff at this institution. It has been exciting, amazing fun," she said.

Deitemeyer recalled the hiring process when she was being considered as a

possible successor to retiring COA President Lynne Bunch.

Deitemeyer said when she was interviewed — and also in remarks in a submitted video — she made clear she wanted to do great things but at the same made clear if she could not have a bit of fun, she did not want to come to COA.

To the COA trustees present on Friday morning, Deitemeyer told them, "Thank you for your friendship and your support."

COA Trustees Chairman Paul O'Neal said the executive committee will need Deitemeyer to obtain information from the state college board and the N.C. Community Colleges office regarding the steps to begin

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Trustee proud of Deitemeyer's accomplishments

From staff reports

A Chowan County resident who serves on the Board of Trustees at College of The Albemarle expressed pride Monday in COA President Kandi Deitemeyer's selection as president of Central Piedmont Community College.

Sally Francis Kehayes has worked closely with Deitemeyer in promoting and interpreting the college's mission to Chowan residents.

"I am so proud for our region served by the College of the Albemarle," Kehayes said. "Our president has been recognized as leading an excellent educational institution. So much so that she has been offered, and has accepted, a position at a much larger college."

Deitemeyer, 47, has been president of COA since April 2010.

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Chowan Fair gates open Tuesday

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

A mix of old favorites and new attractions will fill the American Legion Fairgrounds starting this weekend as the Chowan County Fair gears up for another fun-filled week.

Exhibit entries will start making their way into the exhibit halls at the fairgrounds this Saturday through Sunday with judging of the entries set for Monday morning. The entries reflect a wide range of talents from

photography to raising all things green. Children and adults participate.

Then, on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 4 p.m. the gates and exhibits will officially open to the public starting with the community's children. Elementary and middle school students will be admitted free of charge when accompanied by a paying adult, fair officials said.

On Wednesday, students in grades K-12 will be admitted to the fair at half price.

On Thursday, entry to the fair will be free for adults age 60 and up (rides not included). Students K-12 will be admitted at half price. Saturday will be Military Day at the Fair with a half-



CHOWAN HERALD FILE PHOTO

The merry go round remains a perennial favorite with children attending the Chowan County Fair. This year's fair will get underway Sept. 27 and ends on Oct. 1 at the American Legion Fairgrounds in Edenton.

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Copeland charged in shooting death

From staff reports

The suspect in a Saturday morning fatal shooting has been arrested and placed in the Chowan County Jail.

According to Edenton police, at around 11 a.m. Saturday, suspect Darian Copeland met investigators at the Edenton Police Department and admitted to accidentally shooting Malik Etheridge.

Copeland, 21, told investigators that he was a back-seat passenger in a vehicle when his .357 Magnum pistol accidentally discharged, the bullet striking the vehicle's driver, 19-year-old Malik Etheridge, in the head,



COPELAND

according to police. Copeland has been charged with involuntary manslaughter and

was placed in the Chowan County Jail under a \$100,000 bond.

At 12:15 a.m. Saturday, Edenton police officers responded to a shooting that occurred in the parking lot of Wedgewood Apartments, located at 725 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., in Edenton.

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PARADE, WATER STREET TO PARK AVENUE, 11:00 AM
CHICKEN/BBQ PLATES 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM & 3:00 TO 7:00 PM, \$9.00 PER PLATE FROM LEON NIXON'S CATERING
BAND COMPETITION, ACES STADIUM, 3:00 PM, \$7.00, KIDS 6 AND UNDER FREE