

# CRIMEWATCH

**EDENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTS**

■ Oct. 20 - Jose Radolfo Pacheco, 18, of North Oakum Street, was charged with one misdemeanor count of underage consumption.

■ Oct. 15 - Michael Marcel White, 40, of Valentine Avenue, was charged on one misdemeanor violation of a protective order and one misdemeanor count of cyberstalking.

■ Oct. 14 - Anthony Overton II, 29, of Park Av-

enue, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of drunk and disruptive behavior, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and one misdemeanor count of assaulting an officer.

■ Oct. 14 - Deondre Dra'Shaun Copeland, 20, of West Peterson Street, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of injury to personal property, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and one misdemeanor count of failure to appear.

**INCIDENTS**

■ Oct. 18 - Discharging firearm into occupied property and injury to personal property on Johnston Street.

■ Oct. 17 - Larceny on West Freemason Street.

■ Oct. 14 - Hit and run on North Broad Street.

■ Oct. 14 - Larceny from a person on North Broad Street.

■ Oct. 14 - Injury to personal property at All Seasons Realty, disorderly conduct and failure to appear on North Broad Street.

■ Oct. 13 - Robbery, as-

sault and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill or inflict serious injury on North Broad Street.

■ Oct. 7 - Assault with a deadly weapon with intent to inflict serious injury on the corner of East Albemarle and North Oakum Streets.

**CHOWAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARRESTS**

■ Oct. 18 - Jesse Wayne Bass, 33, of Pocahontas Trail, was placed on a 48-hour domestic hold after being charged with one mis-

demeanor count of assault on a female.

■ Oct. 18 - Michanda Brendayn Felton, 25, of Greenhall Road, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of failure to appear.

■ Oct. 18 - Megan Renee Lapage, 35, of Norfolk, Va., was placed on a 48-hour domestic hold after being charged with two misdemeanor counts of simple assault.

■ Oct. 5 - James Douglas Elliott III, 31, of Mexico Road, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of in-

jury to personal property.

**INCIDENTS**

■ Oct. 24 - Larceny on Oneida Trail.

■ Oct. 21 - Possession of illegal substance at Pete Thompson Juvenile Home, 110 Sub Station Road.

■ Oct. 20 - Hit and run at Jim's Deli on Rocky Hock Road.

■ Oct. 17 - Burglary (forcible entry) and larceny from building on Surfside Drive.

■ Oct. 10 - Criminal damage to property (vandalism) on Elm Grove Road.

## Perquimans board hears final testimony on Apex CUP

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
The Perquimans Weekly

Nearly 50 hours of testimony spanning three months wrapped up Saturday morning with an hour-long session before the Perquimans County Commission.

The debate is over the future of what could be the tallest wind power project in the country. The Perquimans County Commission set aside 30 minutes for each side to make closing arguments Saturday. The actual deliberations will take place in November, after the election but before new members of the board take office. That hearing is set to start Nov. 14 at 4 p.m.

Apex Clean Energy, a Charlottesville, Va.-based firm, wants to build 105 wind turbines up to 600-feet tall over a 15,000-acre site that spans the Bear Swamp area of Perquimans and Chowan counties.

"It's too big," said attorney Chad Essick, then he asked "why should Perquimans County be the testing ground for the tallest turbines in America." Essick and Keith Johnson of the Raleigh law firm Poyner Spruill were hired by local residents who oppose the project. "These are the folks that are paying the price."

Even before the closing arguments started, the commission went into close session to consult their attorney. The Apex hearings have been conducted in a manner more consistent with a court trial



Perquimans County Commissioners listen to closing arguments Saturday morning on the Apex Clean Energy Timbermill Wind project at the Perquimans County Courthouse Annex. The final deliberations will take place Nov. 14 at 4 p.m.

with witnesses that had to be sworn in and cross-examined. A court recorder has been in attendance to take legal transcripts of what was said at the three hearings in August, two in September and two more earlier last week. The issue is the commissioners need copies of all of the transcripts in hand before final deliberations in case there is a disagreement about what was said. As of last Monday, only the first three transcripts were available.

When the final arguments wrapped up, Janice Cole, the chair of the commission, thanked both sides for their part in the process.

"You have worked hard for your clients," Cole said. "It's a hard decision and the board will have to deal with it."

Industrial-scale wind projects are allowed under the county's land use ordinance as a "conditional use." That means there is an extra level of review. The commission will have to determine that the project does not (A) endanger public health, (B) meet the conditions of the ordinance, (C) does not injure property values and (D) is in harmony with the area.

Henry Campen, the lead attorney for Apex, contends the Apex application proved

its point on all four issues. One of the goals in the county's land use plan is to preserve farmland. Campen claimed Timbermill does just that. Each turbine requires about a half-acre of land for a base. That means just about 50 acres of the 15,000 acre site will be disturbed and the rest can be used to grow timber or crops and hunting on the site will still be allowed.

Campen went point-by-point on each of the four criteria and claimed Apex has shown that they met the standards. He also questioned some of the witnesses presented by the opponents. One of them, Mike McCann

talked about property values. Campen claimed McCann had never visited North Carolina before getting involved in the opposition's case this summer and has only been licensed to appraise property in the state for four months.

Johnson, speaking for the opposition raised the issue of average noise vs. maximum noise, especially when the noise is at night when people are trying to sleep.

Johnson said the World Health Organization (WHO) has a 40-decibel standard for evening hours. He said more than 300 people would be subject to levels higher than that if the Apex project is allowed to

move forward.

"This is the first big red flag that the project is too big," Johnson said.

The county's ordinance sets a maximum noise level at 55 decibels, but "doesn't break down to day or morning hours."

"There is a place for this project, but from a noise level it's not here," Johnson said. "There is too much at risk. They (Apex) need to be sent back ... on the noise side."

Essick said Apex has not presented proof that property values won't be hurt.

"That's not our burden to show it, that's their burden," Essick said.

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## CEEG seeks volunteer weather spotters

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
Staff Writer

Chowan and Perquimans County residents with an interest in signing up to become volunteer rainfall spotters are encouraged to register for training that will take place next month.

The training is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 19, from 10-10:45 a.m. and will take place at the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library in downtown Edenton.

To reserve a spot in the training class email the sponsoring organization, the Chowan Edenton Environmental Group

(CEEG) at [ceeg2007@gmail.com](mailto:ceeg2007@gmail.com) for a confirmation notice. The training program and a related equipment loan are open only to residents of the two counties.

CEEG spokeswoman Colleen Karl of Edenton said the organization a handful of dedicated national CoCoRaHS (Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow network) volunteer weather spotters but is seeking some additional ones particularly in areas of the county where there is little coverage at present.

"As we all know, it can be raining in town and not

raining on the northern county border," she said. "Spaced geographic distribution of rain gauges, especially in rural areas, is important for national weather forecasters as they use small differences in rainfall amounts to refine their short- and long-term weather predictions."

"The importance of accuracy in rainfall forecasts is significant especially as it relates to the recent flooding experienced during Hurricane Matthew,"

Karl added.

Karl said that the CEEG has invited the NC State Climate Office to conduct CoCoRaHS training in Edenton for as many as 10 new volunteers.

"We will provide a yearly loan of a CoCoRaHS rain gauge and a mounting post for our new volunteers who will post their daily readings to the CoCoRaHS website," she said. "A dependable Internet connection and an email address are required."

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