

CRIMEWATCH

EDENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTS

Nov. 24 - Bradley Lamonts Brown, 42, of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of simple physical assault and

one misdemeanor count of resisting arrest.

Nov. 24 - Cervontis Devon Capehart, 21, of Hancock Lane, was arrested on one felony count of assault with a deadline weapon with intent to kill or inflict serious injury and one count of

injury to real property. That same day Capehart was issued a citation for driving while impaired. His address on the citation was listed as 134 Reginald and Mary Avenue.

Nov. 20 - Giuliano Giannone, 50, of Paradise

Road, was arrested on one count of failure to appear.

INCIDENTS

Nov. 26 - Passing counterfeit money at Burger King on Virginia Road.

Nov. 26 - Hit and run on Boswell Street.

Nov. 22 - Larceny on

Virginia Road.

Nov. 21 - Breaking and entering and larceny on Dicks Street.

Nov. 20 - Assault with a deadly weapon with intent to inflict serious injury on North Oakum Street.

Nov. 15 - Breaking and

entering and larceny from a motor vehicle on Hampton Drive.

CHOWAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARRESTS

None reported.
INCIDENTS
None reported.

Questions remain concerning Timbermill Wind Project

BY REGGIE PONDER AND PETER WILLIAMS
Staff Writers

The company developing the proposed Timbermill Wind Project has not yet decided how to proceed in the wake of Perquimans County officials' denial of the conditional use permit for the portion of the project slated for Perquimans.

Chowan County officials approved the conditional use permit for the part of the project proposed to be built in Chowan. The project as proposed was a 300-megawatt wind energy generation facility in the

Bear Swamp and Center Hill areas of Chowan and Perquimans Counties.

Asked if they planned to appeal the decision by the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners not to approve the CUP and if they were considering developing the project using only the Chowan portion of the proposed site, officials with Charlottesville, Va.-based Apex Clean Energy Inc. said they had not made those decisions.

"We are still evaluating options," Apex spokesman Kevin Chandler said last week.

Chandler added "we

can't say for certain when a decision will be made."

Jim Robison, a Chowan resident who has been an active opponent of the project, recently expressed appreciation for the 3-2 "no" vote by the Perquimans board.

"We were very pleased with Perquimans," Robison said. "And I thought our (Chowan) commissioners failed in their duty to the county by passing it."

Robison also said he thought wind and solar energy projects would not have much of a future under the administration of President-elect Donald Trump.

But some in the wind industry are confident that federal policy will remain friendly toward wind energy.

Chandler noted Apex doesn't comment on industry policy.

"We generally avoid speaking on behalf of the industry," Chandler said.

But Chandler cited comments by Tom Kiernan, chief executive officer of the American Wind Energy Association, who said he believes the fundamentals of wind energy in America remain strong and that with unity and hard work the industry can overcome any

challenges ahead.

One of the most often referenced subsidizes is the federal Producer Tax Credit, which gives wind energy developers a credit for each kilowatt of electricity they produce. The credit is good for 10 days.

According to Kiernan, the PTC isn't likely to go anywhere.

"The PTC is firmly in place and has bipartisan support," he said in an e-mail message. "We have champions returning on both sides of the aisle. While Congress can change any law, we believe if the industry fights to retain the

five-year deal, we will win."

Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, influential member of the Senate Finance Committee who was just reelected with 60 percent of the vote, said of Trump and the PTC on Aug. 30: "If he wants to do away with it, he'll have to get a bill through Congress, and he'll do it over my dead body."

Kiernan also pointed out 86 percent of all wind farms are in Republican-held congressional districts.

"We envision that Republican leadership in Congress and the White House will want to keep those 88,000 jobs growing," Kiernan said.

New starting point, theme for annual Christmas Parade

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

This Saturday's annual Edenton-Chowan Christmas Parade will have a new theme and a new starting point but will feature the same fun entries and first-

rate musical entertainment as in years past.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. winding its way from the Edenton Village Shopping Center where Food Lion was formerly located, continue down North and South Broad and end at Water Street.

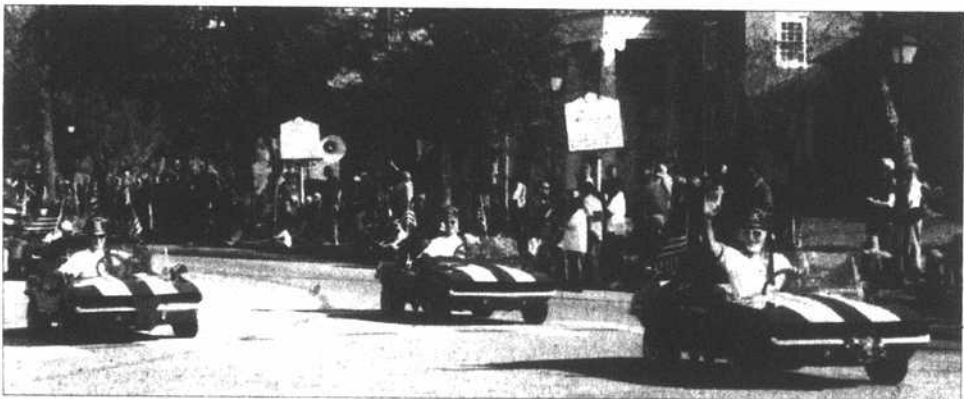
The theme will be "A Dickens of a Christmas".

According to Win Dale, executive director of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce who oversees preparations for the parade, several bands are scheduled to participate including Edenton, Northeastern, Perquimans, Pasquotank and Plymouth.

Parade entries will include floats and many fun attractions including the tiny, colorful cars driven by members of the Shriners of Khedive Temple.

"And, of course, you know the parade wouldn't be complete with Santa Claus being brought in by members of the Edenton Fire Department on one of their trucks," Dale said.

After the parade, Dale said, parents and kids are invited to visit with Santa and tell him their Christmas hopes and wishes as he makes a stop at Salty Kisses, a children's shop inside the Edenton Bay Trading Company building on South



CHOWAN HERALD FILE PHOTO

The Shriners of Khedive Temple delight onlookers as they drive a set of tiny cars along Broad Street during the annual Edenton-Chowan Christmas Parade. This year's parade will take place this Saturday, Dec. 10 starting at 10 a.m.

Broad Street in downtown Edenton.

"Come get your picture taken with Santa and tell

him what you want for Christmas," Dale said.

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Being a school board member allowed him to use what he had learned, he said.

"Being an educator, I felt like I could make a difference in the education offered to our students," he said when asked why he wanted to serve on the board.

Guard worked with five different superintendents in the Edenton-Chowan Schools during his professional career.

"I learned something different from each one of them," he said.

Guard said what he would remember most was all the effort that he and Wright, along with other school board members with whom they served, had made to make sure that students in Chowan County received a quality education that would serve them well in the future.

"My best memory is of be-

ing a part of a team effort to make ours an outstanding school district," he said.

During that time the board faced a number of challenges, he said, including a financial meltdown in the county that affected the school system financially and staff cuts that included teacher and teacher assistant positions. The development of charter schools that have lowered enrollment in the public school system have also had an impact, he said.

"Every dollar we lose is a dollar that can go to help fund programs," Guard said. "Those things tend to have a ripple effect."

Guard added that fewer students are pursuing careers in public education due to salary freezes, negative publicity and the fact that they feel teachers are not as ap-

preciated as they once were.

"But through all of this, I've been proud to be a member of the board of education and doing my part to help make the tough decisions that we've been required to make," he said. "I feel very fortunate to have served with my fellow board members."

Positive accomplishments he takes pride in, he said, include the solid improvement in the graduation rate at John A. Holmes High School under the leadership of Superintendent Rob Jackson, who has made that a priority of his administration. A continued emphasis on getting parents more involved in their children's schools and activities is another area he mentioned.

"I think we do well considering the resources we have available," he said.

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