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SPORTS



Funds help airport

Tri-County will get water line

> BY THADD WHITE Bertie Ledger-Advance

AULANDER - The Tri-County Airport will receive nearly \$60,000 from the N.C. Department of Transportation's Division of Avia-

Tri-County is one of 11 airports which will be improved through grants, and one of only two in eastern North

Carolina. The \$57,940 in state funding will be used for a waterline extension to the terminal building at the airport, which is located centrally between Aulander, Rich Square and Ahoskie.

"These grants will allow airports to become safer, and better serve the pilots, passengers and businesses that use them," said Division of Aviation Director Bobby Walston. "Airports are a critical part of our transportation system, and these projects will help improve the link between our state and national and global markets."

The only other airport located in eastern North Carolina which will receive state funding is the Pitt-Greenville Airport. That airport is expected to get \$1.1 million for pavement rehabilitation of the taxi-

The following airports also received funding:

Ashe County: \$18,112 for a runway extension, precision approach path indicator (PAPI) installation and an obstruction survey;

Curtis L. Brown Field (Elizabethtown): \$126,000 for site work on the new terminal building and \$35,000 for paving at the terminal parking area;

Elkin Municipal: \$1.3 million for runway extensions;Fayetteville Regional: \$1,139,670 for airport improvements;

Laurinburg-Maxton: \$275,000 for replacement of the instrument landing system local-

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Roxobel Mayor Alvin Simmons (left) presents a plaque to ed the town's Christmas tree Saturday night. The presentathe town's oldest citizen, Buck Bishop, after the latter light-

tion was part of the town's second annual celebration.

MAS IN ROXOBEL

Buck Bishop lights up tree at annual event



People in Roxobel gather to pick up cookies and hot chocolate during Saturday's event.

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ROXOBEL Bertie County's westernmost town celebrated Christmas Saturday night.

The town of Roxobel held its second annual Christmas Tree Lightebrate the season with friends and neighbors.

The event began with the citizens of Roxobel and their visitors enjoying cookies,

hot chocolate and coffee as they spent time talking and listening to the sounds of Christmas music by B&E DJ.

Next on the docket was an opportunity for the town's Christmas tree to be lighted by its most senior citizen. Buck Bishop smiled as ing, and more than 100 he helped the town ofpeople gathered to cel- ficially begin its Christmas celebration.

Roxobel Mayor Alvin Simmons then thanked Bishop for not only

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The dancers who performed at Saturday's event take time to look for mistletoe on the grounds of Historic Hope.

Hope steps back in time for holidays

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD

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WINDSOR - Historic Hope House celebrated its Christmas Open House last Sunday from 1 until 5 p.m.

The Hope mansion and the

King-Bazemore House were both decorated in Christmas décor appropriate to the early 19th century period.

were available for guests to be transported from house to

Governor David Stone built the centerpiece of the site, the Hope Mansion, in 1803.

The porches and widows Horse and Carriage rides walks of Hope Mansion were draped with live greenery gar-

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Board selects chair

Bazemore selected to lead board

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD Bertie Ledger-Advance

WINDSOR - Chairman and Vice Chairman roles are changing for Bertie County.

The Bertie County Commissioners voted to appoint new chairman Bazemore and



vice chairman their regularly scheduled meeting held Monday.

Accord- Wesson

ing to Bertie County Manager Scott Sauer, on the first Monday meeting in December N.C. General Statutes require every county commission board go through a reorganization process.

"We will now take nominations for a new chairman and vice chairman for the board," added Sauer.

The then-current Chairman John Trent moved to nominate the then Vice Chairman Ernestine Bazemore as the new Chair for the Bertie County Commissioners.

Commissioner Stewart White offered a second.

There was no discussion, and the vote passed unanimously.

Next was to seek recommendations for the vice chairman's position.

"I would like to make a nomination for Commissioner Trent as vice chair," said White.

Commissioner Tammy Lee offered a second.

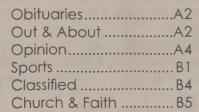
Next newly appointed Chairman Bazemore moved to nominate Commissioner Ronald Wesson as the new vice Commischairman. sioner Wesson offered a second.

The vote for Commissioner Trent as the new Vice Chairman did not pass. The vote was 1-4.

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