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## Funds help airport

### Tri-County will get water line

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

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 taxiway.

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 the town's oldest citizen, Buck Bishop, after the latter light-

## CHRISTMAS 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 Lighting, and more than 100 people gathered to celebrate 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 he helped the town officially begin its Christmas celebration.

Roxobel Mayor Alvin Simmons then thanked Bishop for not only

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## Hope steps back in time for holidays

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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.

Horse and Carriage rides were available for guests to be transported from house to house.

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

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

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## Board selects chair

### Bazemore selected to lead board

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

The Bertie County Commissioners voted to appoint a new chairman and vice chairman at their regularly scheduled meeting held Monday.



Bazemore



Wesson

According 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 re-organization 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 chairman. Commissioner 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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