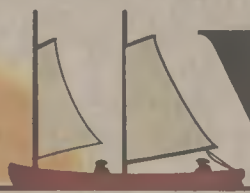


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Officials visit wind turbine farm

By CATHY WILSON
Staff Writer

A county commissioner and two county employees visited a Pennsylvania wind farm last week in an effort to get a first-hand look at the industry.

Commissioner Tammy Miller-White, County Manager Bobby Darden, and County Planner Donna Godfrey travelled to Somerset County, Pa. along with 11 others from Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck counties. They visited Casselman Wind Power Project,

owned by Iberdrola Renewables (IR), the same company that has already erected one wind testing meteorological tower in both Perquimans and Pasquotank counties in the area known as "the desert". Darden said the company is also looking at sites in Camden and Currituck counties as well.

"Somerset County has had wind energy projects in production for 10 years," said Darden. "We received information about wind farms as well as good background information on the environmental studies that

are typically performed by the wind energy companies prior to sighting the turbines."

They visited the mountainous areas of Somerset where 121 turbines are located, 23 operated by Iberdrola at the Casselman site. The Casselman project provides enough wind energy to power 10,000 homes, he noted.

"Our first impression was how very technologically advanced they are," noted Darden. "They are all run by computers. From what I saw and heard, the noise

was very minimal."

"From an economic development standpoint, however, there's not a lot of job creation except during construction," he added. "It's not a big job generator, but during construction, a wind turbine project could generate 200-400 jobs."

Darden said he also learned that in an area such as Perquimans County where wind is not as prevalent as on a mountain top or on the coast, larger turbines would be needed to capture

See TURBINE, 2



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Representatives from Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, and Currituck counties visited the Casselman Wind Power Project in Somerset County, Pa., last week to get an up close look at wind farms.

4 candidates seek 3 commissioner seats

By CATHY WILSON
Staff Writer

One Stop absentee voting for the Nov. 2 general election begins Oct. 14 at the Perquimans County Board of Elections office.

Those who wish to vote, but have not registered, may still do so by registering and voting at the One Stop site provided they fill out an application and provide proof of residence. One Stop absentee voting continues until Oct. 30 at 1 p.m.

Among the seats to be decided next month are three seats on the board of county commissioners. Three incumbents and one challenger are vying for the three seats.

A political newcomer is challenging three incumbent county commissioners in the Nov. 2 election



Hobbs

Miller-White



Muzzulin

Ward

to decide three seats on the board.

Democrat Edward Muzzulin is vying for one of three seats currently held

See CANDIDATES, 9

Cohee challenges Tilley for sheriff

By WILLIAM F. WEST
The Daily Advance

A political newcomer says he challenging Perquimans County's incumbent sheriff in the Nov. 2 election because he wants to give voters a choice and because he wants a shot at tackling the county's drug trafficking problem.

Jody Cohee, a Republican who served in Iraq as a member of the N.C. National Guard, says he doesn't



Cohee

Tilley

have any disagreements or criticism of incumbent Sheriff Eric Tilley, who's seeking re-election to a third full term.

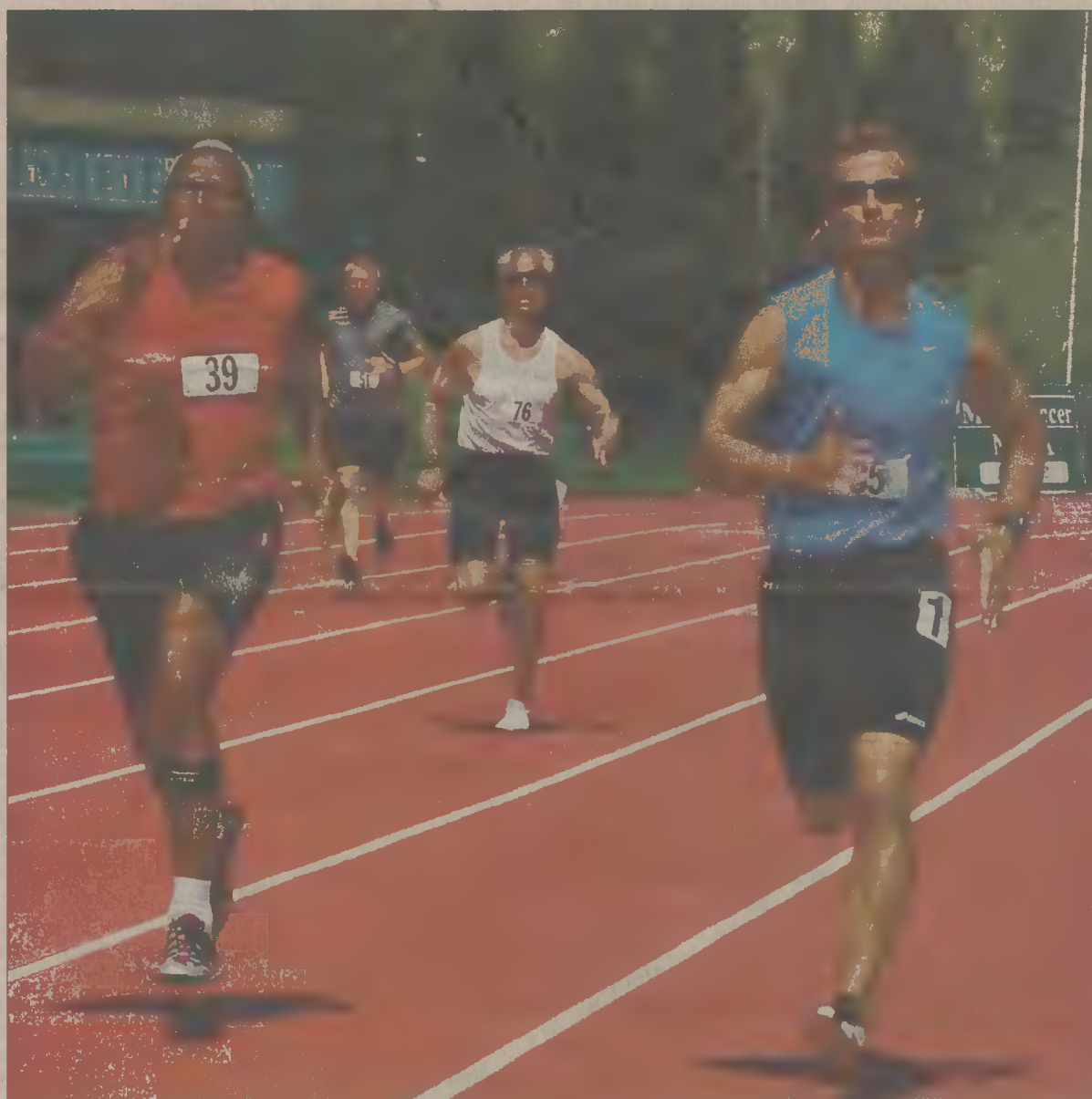
But Cohee indicated he believes the county continues to have a large drug-trafficking problem. He says that when he was in high school, he often heard that Hertford was "one of the ... biggest drug-trafficking areas in the world." He said he still hears talk from friends about the presence of illegal drug farms in the area.

Cohee, a stay-at-home father, says if he's elected sheriff he will confront "the big drug problem in the area" by "actually going after these people" committing drug crimes.

He said he would do this by using the N.C. National Guard's counter-drug task force. Cohee says he has a contact with the task force

See SHERIFF, 10

RECORD BREAKER



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Mike Hardison (right) recently competed at the N.C. Senior Games State Finals held in Raleigh, breaking one state record and tying another. His wins qualify him for the 2011 National Senior Games Championship in Houston, Texas.

Hardison qualifies for nationals

By CATHY WILSON
Staff Writer

Perquimans County man recently broke the state record in running long jump during the North Carolina Senior Games State Finals held in Raleigh.

Mike Hardison broke the state record in his age group by a foot with a jump of 16 feet 2 inches.

In addition, he tied the 100M dash state record held since 1990 with a time of 12.84 seconds.

He also won the standing long jump, missing the state record by 2 inches, and won both the 200M and 400M dashes in his age group (60-64).

His wins qualify him for the 2011 National Senior Games Championship slated in Houston, Texas next summer.

Definitely no rocking chair for this retiree!

Hardison tries to train every other day utilizing both strength training and running.

"I try to run cycles, sprint, work in some distance running, then sprint again," he explained. "I enjoy competing in both the long jump and sprints because it

See HARDISON, 2

No smoking on courthouse grounds

New policy will be effective on Nov. 1

By CATHY WILSON
Staff Writer

Nervous courtroom visitors will have to find another place to smoke effective Nov. 1.

County commissioners adopted a policy last week that restricts smoking outside county properties in-

cluding the historic courthouse and courthouse annex. Smokers will no longer be able to puff on the front stoop of the courthouse, in front of the annex area, on the lawn, and in the parking lots behind the courthouse.

Instead, smokers will have to move to town sidewalks to light up beginning next month.

Smoking inside county buildings is already pro-

hibited. "The aim is to minimize the harmful effects of smoking among staff and eliminate secondhand smoke exposure for staff and the public in those buildings controlled by the county," states the policy.

County Manager Bobby Darden said smokers hang out at the front door of the courthouse, especially on cold or rainy court days.

When the doors open, smoke enters and fills the courthouse and rises upstairs, also filling the county administration offices.

Signage prohibiting smoking at the courthouse and annex building will be in place soon.

The new policy does not apply, yet, to the grounds at the county recreation

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WEEKEND WEATHER

FRIDAY
HIGH: 65 LOW: 49
CLOUDY/WINDY

SATURDAY
HIGH: 65 LOW: 49
SUNNY

SUNDAY
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This year's event will honor the memory of Deputy Charlie Brown, of Martin County, who was tragically killed in the line of duty just weeks after attending last years event.