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Testimony wraps up for wind project

BY REGGIE PONDER
Chowan Herald

Apex Clean Energy Inc. and opponents of Apex's proposed Timbermill Wind Project completed their presentation of evidence last week in hearings on the conditional use permit application for the project.

During four days of hearings before the Chowan County Board of Commis-

sioners, Apex presented testimony on topics such as health, sound and property values. The opposition offered testimony from its own witnesses, including two who spoke about the project's potential impact on soil and water resources.

The county commissioners held hearings Monday and Tuesday evenings, all day Wednesday into Wednesday evening, and

Thursday evening.

Apex also had presented evidence at a hearing in August.

The Perquimans County Commission is scheduled to resume hearings on the Apex project on Oct. 17-18.

Apex, a company based in Charlottesville, Va., has applied for a conditional use permit to build a 300-megawatt wind energy generation facility in the Bear

Swamp and Center Hill areas of Chowan and Perquimans counties. The project requires a CUP in each county.

The proposed project includes 105 wind turbines projected to be nearly 600 feet high at maximum tip height.

The plan calls for 48 of the turbines to be located in Chowan County.

At the beginning of the

session Thursday evening, Patrick Flynn, a property owner participating in the case against the proposed wind energy generation facility, announced that the opposition, which had been represented by attorney Bill Bryan, had decided to conserve its assets by dispensing with counsel.

Flynn represented himself in the hearing Thursday evening. He said would like

to reserve his closing statement until just before the commissioners begin their deliberations.

Attorneys for Apex also plan to present closing arguments at that time.

The commissioners will meet at 5 p.m. on Oct. 17 to set a time for the deliberations on the CUP application. Before deliberations

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Region braces for storm

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

State and local officials were keeping an eye on Hurricane Matthew.

At the very least it's expected to bring gusty winds, several inches of rain and coastal flooding by this weekend.

Hurricane tracking models largely agreed on the storm's path through early this week but there was less confidence beyond mid-week.

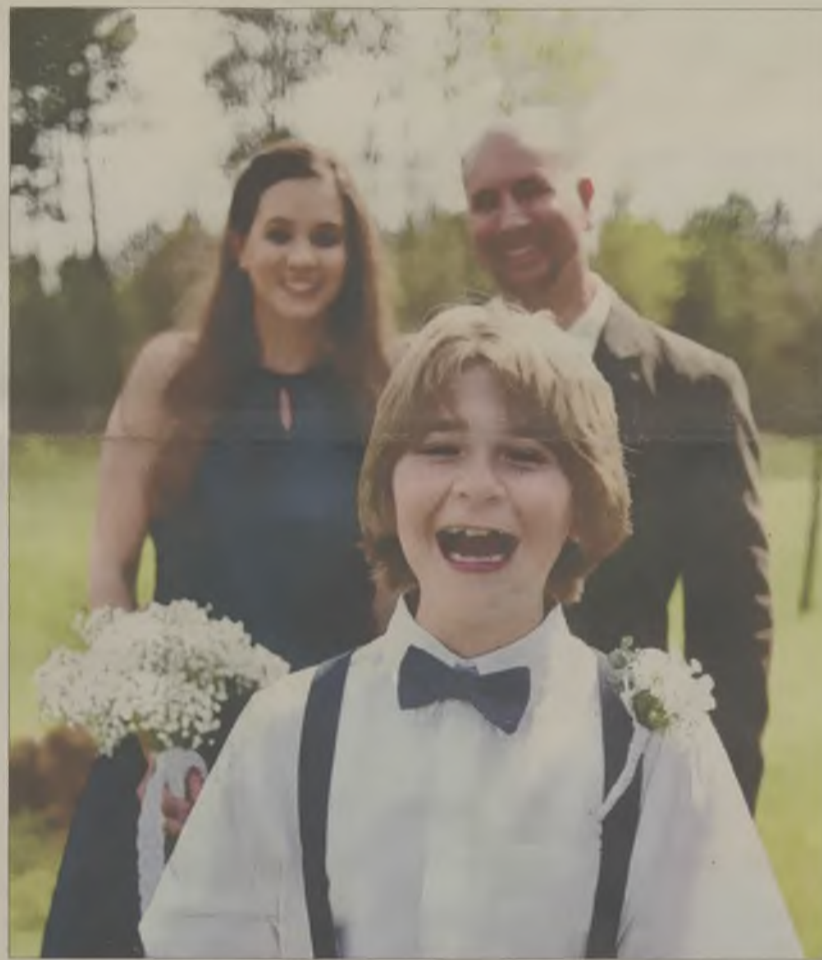
A statement issued by the Office of Pasquotank-Camden and Dare County Emergency Management warned that even moderate winds could be bad.

"Even if we are not directly impacted by Matthew, any heavy rainfall on the periphery of the storm could cause some flooding due to our already saturated ground in

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Family battles cancer together

BY SUSAN HARRIS
Special To The Weekly



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Tanner Sprague this spring at a family wedding before he started chemotherapy for his cancer.

His mom cried. And that's how Tanner Sprague of Hertford knew that whatever the doctors had found was not good.

"Not good" is an understatement. Tanner had been diagnosed with osteosarcoma, shocking and devastating news for his parents, Shane and Holly Sprague.

"We left to go to D.C. (where Tanner was diagnosed) and it was a beautiful day," Shane Sprague said. "Everything was just perfect. We got up there and our whole world changed."

The path from being a youngster enjoying all manner of outside activities — fishing, shooting his bow and arrow, and baseball — to being a cancer patient began on Super Bowl Sunday when Tanner took a tumble.

"I fell down the stairs with a metal baseball bat and landed on my arm," Tanner said.

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Marina earns honor

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

For the second year in a row the Albemarle Plantation Marina has been named one of the top 10 best all-around marinas on the East Coast by Marinas.com, a marine industry website and trade magazine.

The 166-slip facility was also named one of the 11 top marinas in the southeast. That list includes the Palm Harbor Marina in West Palm Beach. Florida dominated the list with six of the 11 regional winners. Just three were in North Carolina. In addition to the Plantation, the Grace Harbor at River Dunes facility in Oriental was named as well as the Wilmington City Docks.

Buddy Lawrence, the new director of operations

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Students, young adults get a taste of the 'Real World'

STAFF PHOTO BY
PETER WILLIAMS

Dilys Heriford (left) explains the 'Life Happens' wheel last week for a participant in the 'Real World' program held for teens and young adults at Camp Cale. More than 150 participated in the event.



BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Dozens of teens and young adults got a lesson last week that sometimes no matter how well you plan "Life Happens."

Sometimes that's a good thing, like you get an unexpected gift. Sometimes it's bad and it wipes out your bank account.

The lessons were part of a day-long session called "Real World" and was put on by the Albemarle Commission. Lora Aples is the

youth program manager for the commission and believes the session at Camp Cale did drive home some important points for the 150 teens and some young adults from the River City CDC program.

"Your education and your job has a great deal of impact on your life, but sometimes things happen in your life and you just have to deal with it."

Aples doesn't consider "Get Real" as a game. She'd rather call it a reality check. "It's a wake up call. It's an

eye opener that in life things happen that you can't control.

Education doesn't guarantee you anything, but it puts you ahead of the game."

The morning was filled with workshops on budgeting, banking, social skills and insurance. After lunch the "Real Life" session started.

Each participant was given a "job" based on their interests and how much education they intended to

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Byrum remembered through scholarship

From Staff Reports

The Hertford Ladies, Red Hat group, has initiated a new scholarship to celebrate the life and legacy of Madelyn Marie Byrum, a former Perquimans County High



BYRUM

senior from Chowan County High School in June.

School student, who died the summer of 2016.

The scholarship will benefit a graduating Perquimans County High School in

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STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

Jimmy Riddick (left) finishes up with a customer recently at his barber shop in Hertford. Riddick marked 50 years as a barber last month.

Local barber marks 50th year

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Spending one winter working outside was enough to convince Jimmy Riddick he might want to consider another line of work.

"The year after I got out of high school I went to work in construction," Riddick said last week. "It was cold and then I ran into a friend of mine and we talked for a few hours. He was going to

barber school and he wanted me to go too."

"I thought about it. You'd be inside in the winter time and inside in the summer time."

So Riddick went off to spend eight months training at the Durham Institute of Barbers, and on Sept. 29, 1966 he earned his diploma.

Last week Riddick marked 50 years as a barber.

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