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## Chowan board approves wind project

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The Chowan County Board of Commissioners approved a conditional use permit I for the Chowan portion of the Timbermill Wind Project last week.

The Perquimans County is scheduled to take up the same issue on Monday at 4

p.m. A second meeting, if needed, is set for Nov. 21 at 7 p.m.

The Chowan board did set some conditions on approval on Friday, including one that gives the project a 54-month timeline. Apex Clean Energy, the developer, is asking for the same requirement from Perquimans County. It's unclear if that means they must start

in 54 months or be complete in 54 months. Chowan officials will discuss that next week.

Perquimans historically has a 12-month limit on Conditional Use Permits (CUP). If a project doesn't move forward, the Perquimans commission historically has allowed the developer to come back and get an extension. When Iberdrola

Renewables was developing what became Amazon Wind Farms East, the company had to go back for several extensions from the Perquimans board.

The Chowan board's action last week is subject to formal approval of a draft order that will be prepared by the county attorney for consideration by the board on Monday. That meeting is

set for 5:30 p.m..

Don Giecek, senior manager of project development for Timbermill, a division of Charlottesville, Va.-based Apex Clean Energy Inc., said Friday that he was pleased with the board's decision.

"We've worked hard for several years to develop the best possible project for northeast North Carolina, and though we have many

other steps before beginning construction, this vote represents a huge milestone," Giecek said. "We appreciate the professionalism and transparency with which the county approached our application, and we thank those members of the public who took time to view the proceedings."

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## Disaster help now available

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Perquimans County is no longer the only county in northeastern North Carolina not considered a federal disaster area because of Hurricane Matthew.

That was the case last Wednesday. There were 38 counties designated, including counties as far west as Moore and Wake.

Chowan, Currituck and Pasquotank were added to the list on Oct. 25.

On Nov. 3 Perquimans joined the club.

The designation means 23 Perquimans County property owners who have already applied for federal help are now eligible for grants of up to \$33,300 each to make repairs. Even more people may apply between now and the deadline of Dec. 9. The Small Business Administration also offers loans.

The designation means Perquimans residents will be eligible for the D-SNAP program if they had damage or food loss because of the hurricane. Representatives will be available today and Thursday and again on Nov. 14-16 from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the Perquimans County Social Services Building, 103 Charles St.

Also a FEMA team will be in Perquimans County today through Friday visiting areas where known flooding occurred. Residents who would like a FEMA visit can contact the Perquimans Emergency Services Office at 426-5646 from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. The Perquimans staff will need a name, address and phone number to give to FEMA staff.

Perquimans County Manager Frank Heath said he was glad the designation was approved.

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## ELECTION TURNOUT STRONG



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

There was no shortage of campaign signs at the Perquimans County Board of Elections on Edenton Road Street on Saturday, the final day of early voting. More than 4,000 people cast early ballots. According to the N.C. Board of Elections, the county has 10,186 registered voters. Due to our deadline, election results were not available for this edition but will be in next week.

## Perquimans student facing more charges

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
News Editor

A Perquimans County High School student accused of injuring teachers in a fight last month is facing more charges. His mother has also been charged.

Alkeem Archer, 17, was originally charged with simple assault on a school employee, disorderly conduct at school and resist-obstruct-delay for the fight on Oct. 27. His bond was set at \$13,000.

He's since been arrested three more times. On Sept. 29 Hertford Police arrested him on a warrant sworn out by a teacher at the school. He was charged with simple assault and jailed under \$3,000 bond. On Oct. 31, and again on Nov. 2 he was

arrested by Perquimans County deputies. The first charge was assault on a school employee with that carried a \$3,000 bond. The last arrest was for two counts of assault on a school employee/volunteer. That arrest carried bond of \$6,000.

On Nov. 2 his mother, Tuwana Archer, 44, was charged with a felony count of intimidating a witness. Her bond was set at \$500. She's accused of sending an email to Perquimans High Principal Melissa Fields that contained language that, while not a direct threat, was "dis-

turbing," according to Perquimans County Sheriff Eric Tilley.

"She (Archer) should never had done that," Tilley said.

Tilley declined to be more specific about the email's content, saying only that Fields called him and reported receiving it.

According to an arrest warrant, the email Tuwana Archer sent to Fields appears to mention her family, advising her to "keep them safe from mental and physical harm."

"I know it's hard. I have to do the same everyday. Best wishes," the email,

states, according to the warrant.

The mother of one of the four others arrested in the fight said her son got involved when he saw Archer hurting female teachers.

While she admits fighting in school was wrong, Tracy Deziel said her son did it for the right reason.

"My son is a very good child and he didn't want to see women get hurt," Tracy Deziel said. "Even school officials have told me my son acted in a chivalrous matter."

She also said Terrill Tillett, another student who was arrested jumped in only to protect teachers and other students. Both Tillett and Deziel were charged with disorderly conduct.



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## Police ID burglary suspects

From Staff Reports

Four Florida men have been identified as suspects in a July burglary involving the theft of \$100,000 worth of cigarettes from Jackson Wholesale.

Hertford Police Chief Douglas Freeman said because of the scope and

complexity of the crime, the State Bureau of Investigation was called in to help with the case.

On Wednesday Freeman obtained warrants for the four. The charges include felony breaking and entering, felony larceny and felony possession of stolen goods.

Charged were Johan Medina Valdes, 27, Roberto Arce Rodriguez, 33, Yeimis Lazaro Portieles, 27, and Yordans Larrea Carbonell, 31. All have Miami addresses.

The burglary involved driving a Jackson

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## Veterans to be honored Friday

From Staff Reports

Hertford American Legion Post 126 will hold their

annual Perquimans County Veteran's Day Observance Friday on the Perquimans County Courthouse lawn at the veterans monument. The observance will begin at 11 a.m. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the Perquimans County Recreation Center off Harvey

Point Road. The guest speaker will be Capt. Glenn McCranie, USN-Ret.

Veteran's Day, while deceased veterans are also remembered, the day is set aside to thank and honor veterans who have served

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## PARADES ARE COMING



FILE PHOTO

The Perquimans County High School band marches last year during the annual Christmas Parade in Winfall. Both the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Hertford and accepting entries for the parades this year. Both will be held Dec. 3. The Winfall parade starts at 11 a.m. and the Hertford parade is at 2 p.m.



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