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Greenwood named to Dare County post J o y been the superintendent system in 1998 as a ranger park or state recreation ment and prescribed

From Staff Reports

A former park ranger at the Pettigrew and Dismal Swamp State Parks and superintendent at Merchants Millpond State Park has been named to the superintendent's job at Jockey's Ridge State Park in Dare County.



2014

Green- at Merchants Millpond at Goose Creek State Park area with responsibilities State Park. A native of and later served as a rang-Vernon, NJ, she earned a er at Pettigrew and Disbachelor's degree in biol- mal Swamp state parks. ogy from East Carolina re-University in 1993. After earworking as a seasonal emthis ployee with the N.C. Department of Agriculture, Since Greenwood has she joined the state parks administration at a state

In 2007, she was named superintendent at Dismal Swamp State Park.

chief of operations and

for staffing, training, law enforcement, visitor services, natural resource protection and environmental education.

Greenwood is a certi-A superintendent is the fied environmental educator and has advanced training in law enforce- 2015.

burning.

She is a physical fitness and CPR instructor for the parks system.

Jockey's Ridge State Park was established in 1975 and now encompasses 426 acres. It reported visitation of 1.2 million in



HOUSE PHOTO BY EDWARD LEICESTER

The Durants Neck Fire **Department and units** from Inter-County, Winfall and Hertford responded to a trailer fire on Hoskins Lane Saturday about 6:30 p.m. The blaze was brought under control, but not before causing substantial damage. Perquimans County Sheriff Eric Tilley said it appears the fire started in a room with a wood heater. No injuries were reported.

Colony Tire erecting

new office building

From staff reports

EDENTON -- Colony Tire's growth has led it to build a new facility to house its office staff.

The company is adding a 7.000-square-foot office building next to the current headquarters on North Broad Street.

President Scott Creighton and Vice President Andrew Bergeron said this week that the company needs more space to accommodate a growing staff in the main of-

fice. In additon, the existing office building needs roof repairs and other work.

Employees currently are doubled up or tripled up in some offices, they said.

The Edenton-based tire and service provider, tire wholesaler and auto parts wholesaler has enjoyed steady growth over the years and now has some 32 locations.

In addition to the new office building the company also plans to add warehouse space next year.

RAMP

WIND

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planners looked at using a site next door at the 72acre, Perquimans Marine Industrial Park. That also posed problems.

Finally officials settled on a site next to the industrial park at the foot of North Granby Street. Instead of a regular boat ramp, county officials pitched the idea of building a wider, deeper version to accommodate commercial use as well as recreational

boaters.

In August 2013 the county submitted a grant application along with 21 other counties seeking a share of \$10 million that Golden LEAF was offering.

In June 2014, Golden LEAF approved \$360,000 for the project and Heath said he hoped to have the project complete by 2015.

That didn't happen. The state determined the total project would exceed \$500,000 so added state oversight was required.

this spring the county put

That was completed and

Contracting of Edenton came in as the low bidder at \$842,802. The next lowest bid was \$344,000 lower than the next lowest bid and \$949,000 lower than 30 days. In this case, it took the highest bid. Since then changes were made to the project to reduce the cost to \$822,000.

The N.C. Wildlife Commission remained committed to the plan and agreed to use North Carolina's neer for the Wildlife Comshare of federal boat ramp mission that has worked on funds for the Perquimans project. The target date for start, called the approval

the project out for bid. Waff was July 1.

The hitch was before the federal money could be released, a group of federal agencies had to sign off. Typically that takes about more six months.

Heath has been patient throughout the process.

"Sometimes life throws vou curve balls and you just have to be patient.'

Sara Sherman, the engithe ramp project from the the start of construction process "nightmarish" but

generally avoid

But Chandler cited comments by Tom Kiernan, Robison also said he chief executive officer of energy projects would not Association, who said he and has bipartisan support," have much of a future under believes the fundamentals he said in an e-mail mesthe administration of Presi- of wind energy in America, sage. "We have champions remain strong and that with But some in the wind in- unity and hard work the in-

an annual statewide morais happy that it's moving forward.

"I'm frustrated," Sherman said in November. "I'm as frustrated as anyone."

A pre-construction meeting with Waff Contracting was held at the site last Friday and Sherman said she expects the "notice to proceed" order will be issued

by this Friday. That doesn't mean there still can't be some delays because of weather, but if the cofferdam can be in place before Feb. 15 things should be fine, Sherman said. That's the date when

developers a credit for each kilowatt of electricity they produce. The credit is good for 10 days.

According to Kiernan, the PTC isn't likely to go anywhere.

"The PTC is firmly in place returning on both sides of the aisle. While Congress can change any law, we believe if the industry fights to retain the five-year deal, we will win.³

torium on marine construction goes into effect. The ban is designed to protect anadromous fish -- the variety like smelt and shad that spend most of their life in the sea but return to fresh water to reproduce. The moratorium runs un-

til the end of June, but once the cofferdam is in place and the area is de-watered, fish won't be impacted and removing the cofferdam and allowing the water back in during the moratorium should not harm mating fish, Sherman said.

the Senate Finance Committee who was just reelected with 60 percent of the vote, said of Trump and the PTC on Aug. 30: "If he wants to do away with it, he'll have to get a bill through Congress, and he'll do it over my dead body.'

Kiernan also pointed out 86 percent of all wind farms are in Republican-held congressional districts. "We envision that Republican leadership in Congress and the White House will want to keep those 88,000 jobs growing," Kiernan

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cisions. cility in the Bear Swamp and Center Hill areas of Chowan and Perquimans Counties. Asked if they planned to week

Chandler added "we can't appeal the decision by the Perquimans County Board say for certain when a deci-

proposed site, officials with Charlottesville, Va.-based Apex Clean Energy Inc. said they had not made those de-

"We are still evaluating options," Apex spokesman Kevin Chandler said last

"We were very pleased try policy. with Perquimans," Robison "We said. "And I thought our speaking on behalf of the (Chowan) commissioners industry," Chandler said. failed in their duty to the

county by passing it." thought wind and solar the American Wind Energy

of Commissioners not to sion will be made. approve the CUP and if they were considering developing the project using only the Chowan portion of the



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Jim Robison, a Chowan resident who has been an active opponent of the proj-

ect, recently expressed appreciation for the 3-2 "no" vote by the Perquimans board.

JOBLESS RATE

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a workforce of 5,151 and 309 people unemployed. If 20 jobless people got a job, the unemployment rate would be 5.6 percent, not 6 percent.

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Hertford Town Council will hold 3 public hearings on December 12, 2016, 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held in the Municipal Building located at 114 W. Grubb Street. The following items for hearings are on the agenda:

- **Ordinance Amendment to Section 6-11 of** the Town's General Ordinances addressing **Capacity Fee Charges.**
- **Ordinance Amendment to Schedule 35-Electric Rate- Small General Service** addressing demand metering charges.
- **Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 9 of** the Town's General Ordinance addressing **Business Registrations.**

Any information regarding this may be obtained from Town Manager Brandon Shoaf, at the Municipal Building, or by calling 426-1969 x. 9. You may also submit comments regarding this by mail no later than 5:00 PM Friday, December 9th. dent-elect Donald Trump.

dustry are confident that dustry can overcome any federal policy will remain challenges ahead. friendly toward wind energy

doesn't comment on indus- it, which gives wind energy

County's economic develop-

ment director, said one thing

the numbers don't show is a

huge chunk of Perquimans

workers don't actually work

ment in this county are peo-

ple who are working out-

side the county," Goss said.

That's something the county

SANTA TREES

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"A while lot of employ-

in Perquimans County.

One of the most often referenced subsidizes is the Chandler noted Apex federal Producer Tax Cred-

tracting new businesses

to locate in Perquimans or

helping existing businesses

But beyond that, north-

eastern North Carolina has

been hit harder. When the

100 counties are ranked in

the October last, Pasquo-

tank ranks 71st, Perquimans

72nd and Chowan 73rd

Dave Goss, Perquimans is trying to change by at-

to expand.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, influential member of said.

when it comes to unemploy-

ment. The lowest rate was

Buncombe County ranking

No. 1 with a rate of 3.6 per-

cent. Ranking number 100

was Robeson County with a

rates increased in 44 coun-

ties in October, decreased in

22 and remained unchanged

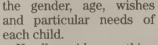
The Statewide jobless

rate of 10.3 percent.

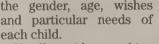
in 34 percent.

Among the 15 Metropolitan Statistical Areas in the state, the top six were Jacksonville (5.2 percent); New Bern (5.3 percent). Greenville (5.6 percent), Fayetteville (6.2 percent), Goldsboro (6.5 percent) and Rocky Mount (7.2 percent). The rate in Raleigh was 4.1 percent. Charlotte was 4.5 percent.

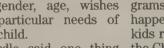
the gender, age, wishes each child.



Hurdle said one thing each child that has a genu- that keeps him coming



ine need. These cards list back to support the pro-



grams is the idea of what happens in January when kids return to school after the Christmas break.

"Some kids come back to school with new clothes, and computer games and videos and some come Santa."

turn the note along with the in poverty.

gifts to the location where they got the name. Hurdle said he or a member of the Ruritan Club will in turn collect the items from the pharmacies and make sure they get to the family.

Hurdle said according back with nothing from to Action for Children in North Carolina, more than People who take a name 30 percent of the children off a tree are asked to re- in Perquimans County live



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