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Global Solutions, a company that provides expertise in security, medical training, armament services, and construction.

HB 574 puts the N.C. Department of Military and Veterans Affairs in the key role of reviewing wind power projects.

"This bill amplifies the relationship with the military by having a consistent policy rather than a willy-nilly one," Steinburg said.

Perquimans County rejected a Conditional Use Permit for the last proposed wind project — Timbermill Wind. That case is in court and may be heard in May. The impact of the legislation in the house is important because even if local government approves a projects like Timbermill, it's just the first part of a process that includes later review by state and federal regulators.

Some lawmakers have argued that the Amazon Wind Farms East project will harm the U.S. Navy's

ROTHR radar facility in Chesapeake. Steinburg said it won't.

"By going to the ROTH facility and talking to the military people and hearing what they had to say it was clear what people were saying wasn't accurate. They said 'we don't have any problems with working with (wind) developers.'"

Steinburg said the military has already embraced the "all of the above" energy policy because they see value in it.

Sen. Bill Cook, who has been critical of wind ener-

gy is the past, said he had no immediate comment on the House wind bill.

"I typically review and comment on House bills if and when they pass the House," Cook said.

Steinburg sees the benefits wind energy can have on local taxpayers. In the case of Amazon, it is expected to produce about \$500,000 a year in property taxes split roughly between Perquimans and Pasquotank counties.

"This is money they can use for our schools, or infrastructure," he said. "This

is money Perquimans does not have or may not ever have and it will help make life overall for all of county residents better."

Perquimans County Commission Chairman Kyle Jones said they can't control what the General Assembly does, but he said his board would continue to work for what's best for local citizens.

"Our board of commissioners can only address what comes before us, and those issues that we have jurisdiction over," Jones said. "Whatever the State

Legislature decides to do, we may have members of our Board who agree or disagree with those things, I know that our board will continue to do what we can for the benefit of the citizens of Perquimans County."

Steinburg said he understands why some people might oppose wind power.

"I understand why somebody who has a turbine very close to their house could have a problem with and always oppose it. I'm not immune to those kinds of feelings."

BIGGS

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group to put on an event like the Biggs Classic.

"They told me you can do it on your own, so we decided to do that. We're getting really good responses so far."

Saunders said only a handful of golfers have committed to the Biggs Classic so far, but that doesn't concern him. The

tournament is still two months away and many golfers wait until weeks or even days before an event to sign up.

Saunders said the Plantation has the manpower to pull it off.

"We've got 13 committees on this and well over 200 volunteers," he said

Playing in a tournament like the Biggs Classic isn't cheap.

With the Swing Thought tour last year, Swing

Thought members paid \$875 to enter. That's on top of the \$2,000 cost of joining the tour. Non-members paid \$1,295 to play.

With the Plantation doing the tournament on its own this year, the cost of play will be \$900 but 100 percent of the entries fees will be returned in the way of prize money. With the other tournaments, the groups like NGA or Swing Thought kept 20 percent to pay expenses and paid out

80 percent in prizes.

To sweeten the pot even more, Saunders said the Plantation is adding a \$10,000 bonus on top of the prize money generated by entry fees.

Out of the bonus, \$5,000 will go to the winner, \$3,000 to the second place player and \$2,000 for third place.

In years past, the tournament has raised money for the Food Bank of the Albemarle. Saunders said this year their the benefactors

will be the regional Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"We want to thank Food Bank of the Albemarle for their partnership over the past three years as the Tourney's primary charity and welcome Fellowship of Christian Athletes as our new partner in 2017," Saunders said.

Scott Williams, the regional director for FCA, welcomes the support. He oversees FCA efforts in Perquimans, Chowan,

Gates, Camden, Pasquotank, Currituck and Dare counties.

The FCA works in middle schools, high schools and colleges to train leaders, Williams said.

The FCA is a 62-year-old non-profit organization that offers a variety of sports camps, scholarships and support programs.

"We're only able to offer that through the generous support of those in the community," Williams said.

SHOW

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Recreation Center off Harvey Point Road and will run from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Katy Shook, the extension agent for Chowan County, is also coordinator of the Mas-

ter Gardener program. She said between 500 and 600 people traditionally attend the free event.

"There has been a big push towards home food production," Shook said. The theme this year is "Seed 'em and Reap." The year before that it was "Eat What You Grow." In previous years there have

been themes looking at what plants work well in this area — "Zone Eight A" — a designation given the Albemarle area by the USDA for plant hardiness.

The variety offered at the Garden Show has changed over the years.

"At first we were geared toward gardening vendors but we found when we got into the other things like crafts it drew a wider audience," Shook said.

Saturday's event will include a plant sale, bake sale, raffle, children's corner and more than 30 vendors sell-

ing a variety of plants, goods and crafts. Marjorie Rayburn will be talking about starting seeds at home at 1 p.m.

Master Gardeners will also be on hand to answer gardening questions and speak about topics like planting for pollinators.

"As Master Gardeners, we enjoy sharing gardening tips and skills with everyone we meet and we strive to encourage our community friends and neighbors to "Seed 'em and Reap" along with us," said program president Betty Onufrak

Lunch will be catered by

252 Grill of Hertford.

All proceeds from the event go toward a scholarship given out by the local Master Gardeners. It's open to any graduating high school senior from schools in Chowan, Gates or Perquimans counties who is interested in pursuing an advanced degree in agriculture or horticulture. The scholarship is \$1,000 and can be renewable for up to four years.

For those interested in becoming a Master Gardener, the extension service will start taking applications

in July. The course is only held every other year and runs from September until Christmas with one meeting a week.

Shook said a variety of people can benefit.

"It goes from the advanced gardener who wants to go into more depth to somebody who is just starting out," Shook said of the program.

For more information about the Albemarle Master Gardener Spring Garden Show, visit perquimans.ces.ncsu.edu/springgarden-show/ or call 482-6585.



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INVITATION
ATTENTION ALL PARENTS
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STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
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A meeting will be held on **Monday, May 1, 2017 at 3:30 pm** at the Perquimans County Schools Central Office, located at 411 Edenton Road Street, Hertford, NC 27944 for private/home school representatives and parents of private/home school students with disabilities. The purpose of this meeting is to allow these parties an opportunity to consult with representatives from Perquimans County Schools about the proportionate share of federal funds that are available for special education services for the 2017-2018 school year. Please contact Ms. Carole Laughton, EC Specialist at 252-426-5741 ext. 230 if additional information is needed.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Projects Open for Review
Perquimans County Schools

The Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA-Part B, Public Law 108.446) Project is presently being amended. The project describes the special education program that Perquimans County Schools proposes for Federal funding for the 2017-2018 school year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments to the Project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under this Federal Program. All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended Project to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina. The IDEA-Part B project is open to the public for review and comments during the week of April 24-28, 2017 in the Office of Mrs. Kanika Griffin, Exceptional Children's Director, at Perquimans County Schools Central Office, which is located at 411 Edenton Road Street, Hertford, NC 27944. Please contact Ms. Carole Laughton, EC Specialist, at 252-426-5741 ext. 230 to schedule an appointment.



Phillip McMullen, Brenda Hollwell-White, Dee Ponte, Bobbi and Sandy Stevenson and Lynwood Winslow plan the upcoming Perquimans County Restoration Association Spring Garden Party.

PARTY

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The Garden Party is the major fund raising event supporting the association's continuing work to maintain and preserve the history of Perquimans County, and to educate the public on all facets of our local heritage. The historic 1730 Newbold-White House and the Periauger, a reproduction 18th century work boat, are just two of the association's projects.

The Periauger, travels to waterside events across

eastern North Carolina, and with her crew of volunteers, acts as a floating ambassador for PCRA and Perquimans County. Dressed in period costume, the crew shares the important part waterways played in shaping our history through travel, trade, and economics — and often provides on-the-water experience in sailing.

The Newbold-White House, recognized as North Carolina's oldest brick house, was built circa 1730 by Quaker Abraham Sanders and his wife Judith. The association uses the history

of the house and its inhabitants to tell the story of the earliest settlers, their way of life, and the part played by the Society of Friends (also known as Quakers) in shaping the history of the Albemarle and North Carolina.

Currently, the house is undergoing important changes with a renewed effort at furnishing the house according to Abraham Sanders' 1751 will and inventory. The addition of both period antiques and fine reproductions, together with the reorganization of existing furnishings and accessories, is helping to shed new light on the

daily life of the Sanders family and their place in the local society and economy of their day. Plans are underway for commissioning several major pieces for the house, and contributions raised through the Garden Party will go toward helping these commissions take shape.

Admission to the Garden Party is \$35 and includes hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and music. Tickets are available at the Newbold White House Visitors' Center (426-7567), or the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce (426-5657).

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starts at 11:30 a.m. The high ropes and archery start at noon.

As for the BBQ, Cale will give out four prizes. One is for theme, dressing up their team and pig to match the summer camp theme. There is also a judge's choice for best barbecue, a People's Choice award and one for the Grand Champion.

The camp has hosted visitors since 1963. The original 50 acres was donated by James Cale. He later provided 26 more acres. The latest edition is a 24-acre tract donated this week by Caroline McNair Carl.

In 2013 Cale got a major new addition with the construction of a 9,200-square-foot conference center.

Last year the Cale hosted 426 campers.

"We've pretty much reached max capacity last year," Thomas said.

The Chowan Baptist Association, a group that

covers 10 counties and 68 churches, runs the camp. But Thomas stressed that Camp Cale isn't just for Baptists. The conference center, which features one large meeting room and several smaller ones, can be leased

by other churches or groups when the summer camp isn't in session.

The conference center can accommodate about 450 people for meetings and about 240 for sit-down meals.

THE PERQUIMANS COUNTY

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners will convene as the Board of Equalization and Review. The purpose of this meeting is to hear from all citizens who request a hearing on property tax assessments. Appeals will be received by the Perquimans County Tax Department. The Board of Equalization and Review will meet May 1, 2017. You must have an appointment to appear at this meeting. Appointments may be arranged by contacting the County Assessor on or before April 28, 2017. Our office hours are 8:00-5:00, Monday-Friday. Telephone numbers are 252-426-7010 or 252-426-5564.

Expected adjournment date: June 5, 2017.

Bill Jennings
Tax Administrator and Clerk to the Perquimans County Board of Equalization and Review

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