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Give wind farms a chance

To the editor:

Recently, many towns and counties have reacted against the creation of wind farms off the North Carolina coast. They have cited many reasons but the most lacking was that it would ruin the view of our coast. Wind turbines would be barely visible to most of our residents at less than 12 miles and near impossible to see with the naked eye beyond that point.

Brunswick County has a unique set of circumstances that would make it a great fit and provide jobs for as long as the wind turbines exist. We have transmission lines available to carry the current that they generate. The No. 1 community college in America is here to

teach the skills and technology needed to maintain the wind farms. Rail service makes Brunswick County a good choice for wind energy development, going to the Cape Fear River, to allow shipping the massive components that make up each turbine and reduce costs.

Our elected county officials should look beyond whatever erroneous information is circulating about wind farms. They were all in for drilling off the coast, citing about a bazillion jobs that it was going to create. Wind farms do create jobs in construction and maintenance, jobs that keep our clean energy independence in the USA.

Makes you wonder what they want for our young folks who leave to find work after graduation. If a fellow with a big hat came by and offered to build a buggy whip factory here, they would probably want to float a bond issue to get

it built. Let's use what has been provided here and join the 21st century with determination to create jobs, skills, energy and a well-paid workforce that can provide for families yet to be dreamed of by our youth.

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Interesting campaign

To the editor:

As of Friday, Oct. 8, there were 10 sets of three campaign signs along Clubhouse Road in Sea Trail in Sunset Beach. The road belongs to the town of Sunset Beach, and the good news is that none of the signs were in the town right-of-way so they were not violating any town rules.

Interestingly, the signs supporting Lewis Townsend, John Shirk and Bill Boe appear to all be on Riptide or Chinaway property and