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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

November 09, 2023

Ms. A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
Dobbs Building
430 North Salisbury Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Re: Application for Authority to Adjust its Electric Rates and Charges and Revise its Fuel
Factor
Docket No. E-22, Sub 675

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed please find an Affidavit of Publication, which will serve as proof of publication of the Public Notice as required in ordering paragraph 7 of the Commission's September 7, 2023 *Amended Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice* ("Amended Order") in the above-referenced docket.

Pursuant to the instructions in ordering paragraph 6 of the Amended Order, notices were originally published in newspapers having general circulation in Dominion Energy North Carolina's service area once a week for two consecutive weeks beginning with the week of October 9th, 2023 (at least 35 days prior to the hearing).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lauren W. Biskie

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Enclosures



Virginia Press Services

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION
(Order #23103DD0)

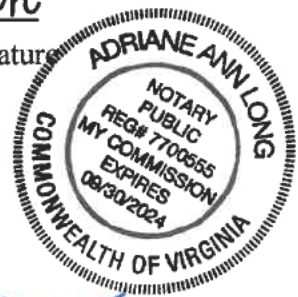
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
CITY/COUNTY OF Henrico, to-wit:

I, Julia Wigginton, Tearsheet Coordinator, hereby certify that a Legal Notice for Dominion Energy Services, Inc, State of NC Utilities Commission Raleigh...Docket No. E-22 SUB 675 was published in the following North Carolina and Virginia newspapers on the dates listed in the year 2023.

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| Bertie Ledger Advance 10/14/23, 10/21/23 | Butner Creedmoor News 10/13/23, 10/20/23 |
| Coastland Times 10/08/23, 10/15/23 | Edenton, The Chowan Herald 10/14/23, 10/21/23 |
| Elizabeth City Daily Advance 10/10/23, 10/17/23 | Gates County Index 10/12/23, 10/19/23 |
| Hertford Perquimans Weekly 10/14/23, 10/21/23 | |
| Martin Co Enterprise (changed name from Williamston Enterprise) 10/12/23, 10/19/23 | |
| Nashville Graphic 10/12/23, 10/19/23 | Pamlico News 10/11/23, 10/18/23 |
| Plymouth Roanoke Beacon 10/11/23, 10/18/23 | Roanoke Chowan News Herald 10/11/23, 10/18/23 |
| Roanoke Rapids Daily Herald 10/24/23, 10/31/23 | Rocky Mt Telegram 10/10/23, 10/17/23 |
| Roxboro, The Courier Times 10/12/23, 10/19/23 | Spring Hope Enterprise 10/11/23, 10/18/23 |
| The Daily Reflector 10/10/23, 10/17/23 | Virginian Pilot 10/11/23, 10/18/23 |

Julia Wigginton

Signature



Subscribed to and sworn before me this 31 day of October 2023.

My commission expires: 9/30/2024

[Notary Public]

LIFE & STYLE

EDENTON EPIUREAN

Apples can add to many dishes

A crisp, bright autumn day is a joy. As the heat and humidity fade and a chill fills the air, a scattering of vibrant fall colors slowly begins to dot the trees.

And as crisp as the autumn air is the apple. This tart fall fruit can be enjoyed in so many sweet and savory dishes, and they are in season and at their peak right now.

Apples are available in many unique varieties in an array of names from Pazzas to a Pink Lady, each with unique qualities best suited for poaching, baking or just enjoying a big juicy bite. While once "forbidden," the apple is now beloved.

Tadd apples to my buttered squash soup, salads and many fall pork dishes, as well as in breakfast sweets and desserts. For baking, I prefer a Granny Smith and you



CHERYL ORR

can find this bright green apple in most grocery stores. An apple dessert I've made for many years is my Apple Tart. It's a variation of the French Tart Tatin.

This tart does take a little advanced planning because the dough must chill as I recommend with any pastry. The filling base is cooked and must cool before the final layering of apples tops off the tart.

This week I have included my recipe for an Apple Tart. It's full of fall flavors and a nice warm way to wake up with a cup of coffee, tea, or hot cider.

Enjoy!
If you have a cooking question contact me at cheron@gmail.com and I'd be happy to assist!

Apple Tart Serves 8
INGREDIENTS



- 1 recipe Tart Dough
 - 10 large Granny Smith apples
 - 6 tablespoons butter
 - ½ cup sugar, plus 1 tablespoon for sprinkling on top
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - ½ teaspoon salt
 - 1 lemon
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 - 4 tablespoons apple jelly
- PREPARATION**
- Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

batter mixture to coat well. Cook until the apples are very soft, and any liquid has evaporated. Cool.

- Peel and thinly slice the remaining 4 apples and coat with fresh lemon juice.

- Once the cooked apples have cooled spread the mixture onto the bottom of the chilled tart dough. Begin layering the sliced raw apples over the cooked mixture in concentric circles overlapping slightly to cover the pan. Melt the remaining 2 tablespoons butter and very gently brush over raw apples, not disturbing decorative pattern. Sprinkle with sugar.

- Bake tart on lower rack of oven for about an hour or until apples are golden. Melt apple jelly and carefully brush on top of tart. Serve warm or room temperature.

Cheryl Orr was the chef and owner of The Cotton Gin in Edenton, and now owns Cotton Gin Culinary in Downtown Edenton.

EXTENSION NOTES

Warm up with a bowl of chili

Cooler weather is the perfect setting to cozy up with a warm bowl of chili. Chili can be a great way to get almost all of the food groups in one recipe.

Depending on the recipe, it can be spicy or mild. If you make your own spice blend, you can control the amount of sodium, as well as the spice level.

To make your own blend, try this: Combine 1/3 cup chili powder, 3 tablespoons of paprika, 3 tablespoons of ground cumin, 1 tablespoon of oregano, 1 tablespoon black pepper. To spice it up a bit, you can add 1 teaspoon of cayenne pepper.



LISA SMITH

Mix all the ingredients and store in an air-tight container. You can use this blend for tacos, too. Use 2 tablespoons of the blend for every ½ pound of ground beef or turkey.

To make the chili, brown ½ pound of ground beef for turkey and drain any fat. Soften one medium chopped onion in the pot you used to cook the meat. When the onions are translucent, add the meat back into the pot.

Add a 28 oz can of diced tomatoes with their juice. Next stir and drain a 14 ounce can of light red kidney beans, a 14 ounce can of dark red kidney beans, and some

chopped bell pepper (I like to use a mix of red, yellow, and green). Add them to the pot with the meat and tomatoes. Stir to combine.

Add 2 tablespoons of the spice blend. At this point, you can add a little salt if it is necessary for your taste. Bring the mixture to a boil, and simmer for ten to fifteen minutes, stirring occasionally.

For a thicker chili, I use a full pound of lean ground beef. When I serve the chili, I add a dollop of plain Greek yogurt or light sour cream on top of each bowl. I like to have a small salad with leafy greens and blueberries or chopped apples.

A piece of crusty, whole grain bread on the side is an excellent accompaniment.

Experiment by adding different



vegetables. For a chili that eats like a soup, double the tomatoes. Try making a large batch in a slow cooker, just be sure to brown the

ground meat before you add it. I like to cook a large batch on the weekend, and freeze individual portions for a quick meal any day of the week. Coming home to a warm bowl of chili on a cold night is a welcomed comfort.

If you would like to be on the Family and Consumer Sciences mailing list to receive information about upcoming events, please contact Joy Pierce at 252-789-4370 or jpierce@ncsu.edu. For healthy recipes and nutrition information, contact Lisa Smith at 252-789-4370 or lfsmith@ncsu.edu.

Lisa Smith is the Martin County Extension Director and the Family and Consumer Sciences Agent.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH
DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 674

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Recovery Ruler under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.4 and Commission Rule R8-67)
PUBLIC NOTICE)

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:
This the 7th day of September, 2023

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Shonita Dunston, Chief Clerk

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH
DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 675

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric Rates and Charges and Revisits Fuel)
PUBLIC NOTICE)
Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55)

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On August 15, 2023, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55. By its application, DENC requests that the Commission approve the proposed total fuel factor of 4.609 cents per kilowatt hour (¢/kWh), to be allocated based on voltage differentiated adjustments, including the base fuel factor, Rules A, EMF Rider A and EMF Rider B-1. DENC proposes that the total fuel rate for each customer class be set as follows, effective February 1, 2024:

Customer Class	Total
Residential	4.6082 ¢/kWh
SGS & PA	4.6038 ¢/kWh
LGS	4.5713 ¢/kWh
Schedule NS	4.4299 ¢/kWh
GVP	4.4937 ¢/kWh
Outdoor Lighting	4.6082 ¢/kWh
Traffic	4.6082 ¢/kWh

Compared to the current fuel rates, the total of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.1106 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$1.10. Small general service and public authority customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.1087 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.1067 cents per kWh.

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Run/from A1

Both the 5K and the 1-mile walk/run starts on York Street, behind Windsor Town Hall and end on York Street near Livermore Park. The 5K Course is USATF certified.

There is a \$2,000 prize purse. Students are not eligible to receive cash prizes.

Race packets will be available for pick up from 1-4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 27 at the Roanoke/Cahle River Center or near the race starting line from 7:30 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. on race day.

The 5K race and Fall festival will begin at 9 a.m. The 1-mile family fun run/walk will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Participants will be able to see the results of the race after it is over by clicking results on www.runthebest.com.

In addition to the 5K race and the 1-Mile Run/Walk is the Jamboree. There will be a health fair, carriage rides, bouncy house, vendors and a lot for the whole family.

The Windsor/Bertie Chamber of Commerce will

also be sponsoring its annual costume contest.

Monetary donations can be mailed to Bertie Spectacular 5K, P.O. Box 895, Windsor, NC 27983.

The Bertie Spectacular 5K Presented by Perdue Farms is a charity event to benefit the Good Shepherd Food Pantry of Bertie County, NC, Inc.

Food security remains a problem in Bertie County. The Good Shepherd Food Pantry works to relieve hunger, increase self-reliance and improve the quality of life for individuals, families, and children in Bertie County.

All proceeds from the Bertie Spectacular 5K and 1-Mile Family Run/Walk stay in Bertie County.

For more information about the 5k race, 1 mile fun run walk and Jamboree visit The Good Shepherd's Food Pantry's Spectacular 5K Facebook page or call The Windsor/Bertie Chamber of Commerce at 252-325-2222.

Michelle Lefoster can be reached via email at bertiesnews@ncwales.com



CATHY WELSON/TOWN OF WINDSOR
River and Logan Whitehead as a mouse and mousetrap were co-winners of the Windsor/Bertie Chamber of Commerce costume contest last year.

Eagles/from A1

BACA made quick work of their counterparts in the North Division. They swept Unity Christian Academy from Chocowinity 3-0, and Mount Calvary Christian Academy from Hooker-ten 3-0.

ACS glided its way through the ranks, hearing Heritage Christian Academy for Zebulon 3-0, and Bethel Christian from Hampton Va., 3-1.

The stands and walls were saturated with fans cheering as the Eagles and Warriors stepped on the court. ACS started the first set of the championship serving first.

Lyla Farmer's jump serve exploited the BACA serve return defense as she rattled off five points before a side out, giving the Warriors a 5-1 one lead early in the first set.

The Warriors' Carly Piland's service contributed three more points to the Warriors' cause and forced the Eagles to burn a timeout to regroup.

Finally, a point side out ended Piland's service rotation with the Warriors leading, 13-2.

The Eagles scraped up points where they could, but ACS totally dominated the first set giving them a 25-15 win.

In the second set, the Eagles seemed a little more confident in their gameplay. Even though ACS stayed close, it was the Eagles' resiliency that kept them ahead and gave them a 25-20 win over the Warriors.

The third set was all out war as both teams were firing on all cylinders. The largest lead of this set was only four points, with four ties.

Mistakes were crucial and serves vital. But once again the Eagles pushed forward and edged the Warriors, winning 26-24. In the fourth set, the



PHOTOS BY ANOET ALFREDIA MANGRO
The Eagles of Bethel Assembly Christian Academy with their state tournament championship hardware.



Kaydee Beachboard was named Tournament Most Valuable Player after leading her team to a state title.



Mallory Woodard wins a tip for the Eagles during their victory over Ahooskie Christian School.

ACS front line took control of the net dropping hits in unoccupied areas of the Eagles defense. Their frontline attack overwhelmed the BACA and gave ACS a 25-18 victory.

In the last and final set the Eagles came out with the guns blazing, rattling off five points with Kaydee Beachboard's serves giving the Eagles a 5-0 lead

before a point side out. The Warriors seemed to have come unraveled and were out of sync as they struggled to return simple volleys. Eventually they warmed up, but it was too late.

BACA was in rhythm and commenced to rattle off point after point and held the Warriors to seven and won the set 15-7 to claim the Mid-Atlantic

Christian Academy Association IA Championship. With the victory, Bethel's Kaydee Beachboard was named State Tournament MVP. She was joined on the All-Tournament and All-State teams by Coleen Aikew and Summer Mizell.

Andrew Alfred can be contacted at bertiesnews@ncwales.com

Safety/from A1

■ cross at street corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks;

■ look left, right and left again when crossing, and keep looking while crossing;

■ put electronic devices down and keep heads up when crossing the street;

■ walk across streets, don't run;

■ teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them;

■ always walk on sidewalks or paths unless one isn't available. If there isn't one available, walking traffic as far left as possible;

■ watch for cars that are turning or backing up;

■ teach children never to dart out into the street or cross between two parked cars; and

■ an adult should accompany those who are participating in trick-or-treating.

In Windsor, Chief Jackson is asking parents to park and walk with children if possible.

"We have problems each Halloween with King Street in particular being blocked with cars following children," Chief Jackson stressed. "If possible, it would work much better if parents walked with their children. If that is not possible, we encourage parents to stop at intersecting roadways to allow people to pass through."

"It is better for parents to be as close to their children as possible to prevent them from walking into oncoming traffic," he added.

In addition, Bertie County Sheriff Tyrone M. Ruffin said parents should do some homework before trick-or-treating.

That work includes:

■ check the sex offender registry at www.ncdoj.gov when planning the trick-or-treat route;

■ plan and discuss the route they intend to follow;

■ know the names of older children's companions; and

■ make sure older children trick-or-treat in a group.

*Halloween should be a fun time for youngsters, but let's

make it safe as well," Chief Jackson said. "The major dangers are not witches or spirits, but falls and pedestrian or car crashes."

Thadd White can be contacted at twwhite@apgen.com

Bertie Ledger-Advance Share with me your news and happenings

John Foley
Staff Writer

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 675

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric Rates and Charges and Reveal its Fuel Factor Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 88-55

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Carolina, for Authority to Adjust Its Electric)
Rates and Charges and Revise Its Fuel)
Factor Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2)
and Commission Rule R8-55)

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Customer Class	Total
Residential	4.6082 ¢/kWh
SO2 & PA	4.6078 ¢/kWh
LGS	4.5713 ¢/kWh
Schedule NS	4.4299 ¢/kWh
STP	4.4937 ¢/kWh
Outdoor Lighting	4.6082 ¢/kWh
Traffic	4.6082 ¢/kWh

Compared to the current fuel rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.1106 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,200 kWh of electricity by \$1.30. Small general service and public authority customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.1087 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.1667 cents per kWh.

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This the 7th day of September, 2023

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Sheets Dunston, Chief Clerk

Granville County 4-H takes gold at state tournament

From staff reports

OXFORD — Granville County 4-H's Popsbotts Club competed in the N.C. Shooting Sports Tournament on Sept. 30. To compete at the state tournament, youth must place in the top three in their divisions at the regional tournament, a news release says. Granville County Popsbotts 4-H Club had 13 youth qualify and compete at States in the following disciplines:

SR. SHOTGUN INDIVIDUAL

Connor Landon
Joshua Robertson

Sr. Shotgun team- 1st Place

Peyton High
Daniel Taylor
Caleb Watkins
Trevor Weary

SENIOR MUZZLELOADER TEAM- 1ST PLACE

Reagan Owens- 1st place individual
Joshua Robertson
Abby Shaeffer

SENIOR TELESCOPIC RIFLE

Reagan Owens

ABBY SHAEFFER- 2ND PLACE INDIVIDUAL

Daniel Taylor

SENIOR COMPOUND ARCHERY

Reagan Owens
Joshua Robertson
Gavin Owens

SENIOR .22 PISTOL

Connor Landon

JUNIOR SHOTGUN

Jason West

JUNIOR MUZZLELOADER

Cullen High

JUNIOR TELESCOPIC RIFLE

Kipton Hymiller

JUNIOR RECURVE ARCHERY

Lily Shaeffer
To learn more about Granville County 4-H, and how to get involved, contact Lina Howe at 919-603-1350 or Lina_Howe@ncsu.edu.

College foundation craft fair supports food pantry

From staff reports

HENDERSON — The Vance-Granville Community College Foundation is hosting its first Craft Show Fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in its Henderson Civic Center. All proceeds from the event will help fill the shelves of their food pantry on main campus, which serves currently enrolled students, faculty and staff. The craft

fair is open to the public; cost of admission is three canned goods, nonperishable food items, or paper goods at the door. In addition to providing scholarships to deserving students, the VGCC Foundation supports a broad range of special projects involving education, training and economic development in our community, a news release says. Tax-deductible donations to

VGCCF have often been used to honor a person, group, business, or industry with a lasting gift to education. For more information about this event or the VGCC Foundation, contact 252-736-5294 or foundation@vgcc.edu. VGCC students and employees in need of food pantry services may learn more at www.vgcc.edu/food-pantry.

NEWS BRIEFS

Olive Grove Baptist Church holds fundraiser

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Contract Angie Perry at events@cityofcreedmoor.org, 919-764-1013.

New firm, Hicks, Predry and Washburn, PC, opens for business

OXFORD — The law firm Hicks, Predry and Washburn, PC opened Sept. 1. The firm, formerly known as Hicks and Kolnis, PLLC, will continue to

focus on residential and commercial real estate, estate planning, business and corporate law and regulations, land use regulations and civil litigation, a news release says. The firm's partners, all Granville County natives, include N. Hyle Hicks, Harrison Teasley Predry and Daniel Holder Washburn.

Learn more about Hicks, Predry and Washburn, PC by visiting HPWLaw-Firm.com, calling (919) 6938161, or stopping by their office at 111 Gilliam St.

Butner hosts Yoga in the Park with Darcy Drake

BUTNER — A rejuvenating yoga session with Darcy Drake at Gazebos Park is set for Saturday, Oct. 14. The town of Butner is sponsoring the class, scheduled to start at 9 a.m. She will guide the class through breath work, stretching and a slow flow before ending with a lengthy savasana.

The cost for this class is \$10 per person, payable to Darcy Drake on the day of the event via Venmo or exact cash amount. Complimentary light refreshments will be available to keep participants energized throughout the morning. To secure a spot, register at <https://forms.gle/>

YNyN8eEJlyudE6d9 no later than Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023. In the event of bad weather, Yoga will be moved to the Soldiers Memorial Sports Arena on 416 24th St. in Butner. Contact Mallory Richard at 919-298-2654 or mrichard@butnernc.org for more information.

6th Annual 5Step 5K Run/Walk scheduled Oct. 14

BUTNER — The 6th Annual AMT Group/Community Methodist Church 5Step 5K Run/Walk is scheduled 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. The event starts in front of Community Methodist Church, 409 West E Street in Butner. Registration for participants begins at 7 the morning of the race.

Beth Barbee, event coordinator, says the event is open to everyone. "We want to invite all men, women and children to participate in this run/walk," Barbee said. A \$10 registration fee includes a T-shirt. There's a special fee for groups and/or running clubs and first responders run free of charge. Medals will be awarded for first, second and third places for men, women, children and seniors. For more information on the upcoming 5Step 5K Run/Walk, contact Barbee at 919-210-3364.

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November 7, 2023

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NEWS BRIEFS

Granville Gardeners hosts talk on fruit and nut trees

Granville Gardeners will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, at the County Expo Center on U.S. 15 in Oxford. Johnny Coley of the N.C. Cooperative Extension will give a talk on "Growing Fruit and Nut Trees in the Northern Piedmont." Learn what you need to consider before planting fruit/nut (pecan) trees, which fruits are easier to grow and which ones are more challenging, as well as the basics of growing and maintaining the trees as they mature. There is no charge to attend, and the public is welcome.

Marketing seminars for small farms offered

LOUISBURG—The N.C. Cooperative Extension's Franklin County Center will present a series of three seminars to help small farms boost their marketing efforts, with the first session planned from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Franklin County Extension Center, 103 S. Bickett Blvd. Kathleen Liang, co-director of the Center for Environmental Farming Systems, will discuss marketing techniques for small farmers during the Oct. 26 meeting. The series continues from 4-6 p.m. Nov. 8, when N.C. Farm School associate Derek Washburn will discuss developing a farm marketing plan. The final session on Nov. 16, time TBD, will include a visit to the MAE Farm and the N.C. State Farmers Market.

Participation in the Small Farms Marketing Series is free. Register online at go.ncsu.edu/small_farms_marketing_series.

Butner presents seasonal family event Oct. 27

The Town of Butner and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee will host a Community Campfire and Halloween Movie Night on Friday, Oct. 27, starting at 6 p.m. at Gazebo Park. The family-friendly event will include a campfire, free s'mores and popcorn, a Halloween-themed photo wall and a free movie screening. Attendees are encouraged to take blankets or chairs, as seating will not be provided. If inclement weather occurs, the event will be held at the Soldiers Memorial Sports Arena, 416 24th St. in Butner. For more information, contact Mallory Richard at mr@butnernc.org or 919-298-2654.

Banks Methodist has Harvest Festival

Banks Methodist Church, located at 2632 N.C. Highway 96 in Franklinton, will have its Harvest Festival from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. The event includes games, hot dogs, crafts and homemade baked goods.

5K and fun walk and roll is Oct. 28

Murdoch Developmental Center's second annual "Fun MDC 5K and Fun Walk and Roll" starts at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, on Murdoch's campus. The people who live at Murdoch will be on-site throughout the race route to run, walk, roll and cheer on participants. This event raises money to provide supplemental activities and events for the people who live and work at Murdoch Developmental Center. Register at runsignp.com.

Land, estate planning workshop slated

KITTRELL—The N.C. Cooperative Extension's Franklin County Center will hold a free estate planning and land management program from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 28, in the historic Concord School, 645 Walter Grissom Road. Ebonie Alexander, executive director of the Black Family Land Trust, will provide an overview of her organization's services and outline ways to preserve land ownership in the Concord community. To attend the workshop, visit go.ncsu.edu/concord-comm-land-estate-planning-part-2 to register online. For more information, contact William Landis at 919-496-3344 or wlandis@ncsu.edu.

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Butner sets hours for trick-or-treat

The town of Butner's Halloween trick-or-treat hours will be 6-8:30 p.m. on Oct. 31.

Litter Sweep recruiting volunteers

Volunteers are needed for Creedmoor's Litter Sweep from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 4. Meeting location is City Hall at 111 Masonic St. Participants can choose a neighborhood to clean up. Adults as well as youth are welcome. Youth 14 and under will need adult supervision. To register, email middleton@cityofcreedmoor.org or call 919-764-1058. After the event, volunteers can stop by Creedmoor City Hall to pick up a complimentary to-go lunch and certificate of appreciation and to drop off supplies. Litter Sweep is hosted by the city of Creedmoor through combined efforts by the police, parks and recreation, public works and community development departments.

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Veterans

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posal, not understanding exactly what was being changed.

After the presentation by Barry Baker, planning director, those who spoke said they had a better understanding of what they might be able to do with family-owned property that had been passed down from several generations.

The public hearing was continued as commissioners asked for information from North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Health and Human Services and National Plumbing Codes, specifically about water flow rates.

The board accepted the schedule of values, standards and rules for the 2024 tax revaluation. There will be a public hearing scheduled for Nov. 6 for public comment.

Commissioners authorized submission of a \$30,000 grant application for the Granville County Sheriff's Office for the N.C. Highway Safety Program.

The sheriff's office is expected to use grant funding for radar and speed signs in addition to trying to reduce the number of serious crashes involving younger drivers.

County Commissioners will next meet at 7 p.m. on Nov. 6 at the Granville County Expo Center.

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Jeanine Birkenmeir Booker
Jeanine Birkenmeir Booker, beloved mother, wife, friend, and employer, died peacefully at home on September 30, 2023.
Born in Buffalo, New York, on February 27, 1931, to Richard G. Birkenmeir and Beatrice M. Gay, she lived the first half of her life in Lancaster, New York, where she married her first husband, Hank Barrow, and raised their 4 children. In 1972, the family moved to Bristol, Virginia. One of the first things in was open a pizza shop, where she used her experience as a wonderful

cook to insist on the best ingredients and recipes for the restaurant, which was named Bella's Pizza, meaning "beautiful pizza."
Years later she married William M. Booker and moved to the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Together they opened a cat-themed business called Jeanine's Cat House while she continued to run Bella's from afar. They were both lovers of travel and art, and through their many travels were able to accumulate many pieces of fine art, and they created a showplace in their home.
Jeanine was a devoted wife and mother. She was also a bridge enthusiast, playing bridge two to three times a week. She loved golf and played at least once a week; the outdoors was her favorite place, and she loved taking her dog walking every day. She was a gifted writer of poetry and journaling, with the dream of writing a book one day.
She spent her last years back in Abingdon to be close to her daughter and

son-in-law. Donna and Tom McIntyre, whom she ultimately lived with, and to be near Bella's, which she continued to run.
She is survived by her daughter, Donna Barrow McIntyre (Thomas); sister Mary Frances Beyer (Jake); stepdaughters Leslie Brooks Booker (Barbara), Lucy Booker Duncan (Gordon), and Susan Booker Woodard (Risks); daughter-in-law Karen Brehm; grandchildren Casey Brehm, Forrest Duncan, Chris Duncan, and Laura Blanton; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by husband William M. Booker, daughter Lydia J. Barrow, sons Robert H. Barrow and James R. Barrow, and grandson Kristen Brehm.
A celebration of life will be held October 11, 2023, 4-7 p.m., at Bella's, 872 E. Main Street, Abingdon. We invite the community to come and share memories of her.
Funeral services will be held November 11, 2023, 2 p.m., at Kingston Parish Episcopal Church,

Mathews, Virginia. All are welcome to attend.
Edwin J. Miller
Edwin J. Miller, of South Shore, died July 20, 2023.
Celebration of life will be held October 14 at Duck Woods Country Club from 2-4 p.m.
Twiford Funeral Homes, TwifordFH.com

Dusttany L. Norris Rector
Dusttany L. Norris Rector, 32, of Kill Devils Hills, died October 3, 2023 following a long battle with type 1 diabetes.
Celebration of life will be held at a future date. Condolences, cards, flowers, etc. are welcome at the Kill Devil Hills residence or in care of Gallop Funeral Services.
Gallop Funeral Services, Inc., gallopfuneralservices.com

Guy Hall Sawyer
May 7, 1937 - October 5, 2023
Guy Hall Sawyer, 86, of Columbia, passed away on

Thursday, October 5, 2023, at ECU Health Chowan Hospital in Edenton.
Guy Sawyer was born in Tyrrell County on May 7, 1937, to the late Morris Hall and Pauline Brickhouse Sawyer. He was married for fifty-six years to the former Kaye Woodard, before her passing on July 29, 2022.
Guy was a member of the Soundside Missionary Baptist Church. His working years were spent as a car salesman.
Guy loved his family and his granddaughter, Kayla, was the apple of his eye. He loved her deeply and always enjoyed attending her games. He enjoyed traveling and flying remote-controlled airplanes. Guy had a servant's heart, always helping others and loved to make everyone laugh. He was a former coach for the Columbia JV football team. He was known to many by his nickname "Rabbit".
A visitation was held from 6 - 8 p.m. on Friday, October 6, 2023, at Bryan Funeral Service,

Columbia.
The funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at the Soundside Missionary Baptist Church with Royce Reynolds officiating. Interment will follow at the church cemetery.
He is survived by his daughter, Stacy S. White and husband Travis of Conway, NC; granddaughter Kayla White of Conway, NC; two sisters-in-law, Debbie Simmons (Hall) and Betty Jo Woodard, both of Columbia; five nieces and nephews: Doris Floyd, Charles Gibson (Darla), Scott Woodard (Jessica), Heath Woodard, and Jonathan Simmons; and several grand-nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his sister, Ruth Gibson.
Arrangements are by Bryan Funeral Service, Columbia.

Houses, from 1A

The house to the north, owned by Daniel Kerklikian and Carly Kerklikian from Cincinnati, Ohio, had an appraiser's fair market value of \$470,000, the purchase price. The price difference was attributed to the working septic system.

Hallee said the park service will demolish the houses. The contracting office in Atlanta will handle the details.

Funding for these purchases came from two sources:

The National Park Trust, which raises private funds for preservation and conservation projects work to acquire privately-owned land located within and adjacent to national parks' boundaries.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund, which uses an annual \$900 million in royalties paid by energy companies drilling for oil and gas on the Outer Continental Shelf to safeguard natural areas, water resources, cultural heritage and recreation opportunities.

Hallee does not have additional funding. One outstanding question is "can we scale this up?"

National Park Service funding will be used for demolition.

The purchases will mitigate ongoing safety concerns, such as beachgoers walking under the houses and health concerns. And, once the houses are demolished, septic tanks removed and the beach restored, the beach will be wide open for pedestrians.

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Kitty Hawk,
from 1A

prior vegetative buffer between his property and the CRT sales property. Having been removed, Baskette inquired about a new vegetative buffer being put back in, to help with limiting noise and visibility.

During discussions, council observed that the department of Health and Human Services would make the final call in regard to drainage fields, but in approving the modifications, they agreed to have a vegetative buffer included with site plans and that stormwater runoff be addressed prior to construction.

The evening's agenda also called for a public hearing regarding placement of

Endangered red wolf can make it in the wild, but not without 'significant' help, study says

By Allen G. Breaed
AP National Writer

The endangered red wolf can survive in the wild, but only with "significant additional management intervention," according to a long-awaited population viability analysis released Friday.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service also released an updated recovery plan Friday for "Canis rufus" — the only wolf species unique to the United States. It calls for spending nearly \$328 million over the next 50 years to get the red wolf off the endangered species list.

"This final revision recovery plan will help the conservation and survival of the Red Wolf, ensuring these endangered canids endure in the wild for future generations," Interior Department Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks Shannon Stenozen said in a news release.

But the announcement comes with a lot of caveats. The viability analysis says it will take drastic reductions in gunshot and vehicle deaths, stepped-up efforts to prevent wolf-coyote mixing, and creative methods to increase reproduction in the wild and captive wolf populations.

As of August, Fish and Wildlife said the known and collared wild population was 13, with a total estimated wild population of 23 to 22 — all on and around two federal preserves on the North Carolina coast.

"Despite active current management of this very small population, declines in abundance will likely continue in the face of persistent threats including high anthropogenic (human-caused) mortality and continued hybridization with coyotes," the

study said.
It releases from the captive breeding program to cease, extinction of the North Carolina population will likely take place in two to three decades.

The red wolf once roamed from central Texas to southern Iowa and as far east as Long Island, New York. But generations of persecution, encroachment and habitat loss reduced them to just a remnant along the Texas-Louisiana border.

Starting in 1973, the year Congress passed the Endangered Species Act, the last wolves were pulled from the wild and placed in a captive-breeding program. In 1980, they were declared extinct in the wild.

In 1987, the agency placed four breeding pairs in the 158,000-acre Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge. Another "non-essential experimental population" was later planted in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, but was declared a failure in 1998.

The Alligator River population thrived, growing to as many as an estimated 130 wolves by 2012. But gunshot deaths and a 2014 decision to cease releases from the captive population, among other factors, caused the numbers to plummet to as low as seven wild wolves in recent years.

According to the recovery plan, the first update in around three decades, additional wild populations "are necessary for redundancy and, therefore, Red Wolf viability." But that will need to include federal, state, municipal and private land.

"We have not yet identified locations for establishing new Red Wolf populations," the report said.

on the matter, council had directed staff to include language relating to public safety within the amendment. After doing so, the planning board approved the revised amendments which define temporary outdoor markets and how they can be used, and address specific public safety measures in regard to outdoor events. The council members were all in favor of the amendment with the new changes and approved it 6-0.

At their November 6 council meeting, the board will hold a public hearing to determine whether mini-warehouse storage facilities will be allowed as a special use in the Planned Commercial Development overlay districts. The meeting will start at 5 p.m. due to next day elections.

In early August, Fish and Wildlife settled a federal lawsuit by a coalition of conservation groups, promising regular releases of the wolves from the captive population — which currently stands at around 270 — over the next eight years.

But the viability study cautioned that such releases be done very carefully, so as not to reduce the genetic diversity within the captive-bred population. If the program could be expanded to 300 to 400 animals and the reproductive success can be increased by 15%, the authors said, "genetic diversity" would be maintained. A valuable source population can be reduced."

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Schedule NS	4.4799 ¢/kWh
GVP	4.4917 ¢/kWh
Outdoor Lighting	4.6882 ¢/kWh
Traffic	4.6882 ¢/kWh

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This the 7th day of September, 2023

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A Shonna Danson, Chief Clerk

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Buckman, from 1A

several hundred residents called for the six-day process, Assistant District Attorneys Kim Pellini and Alexis Massengill and the defense team of Christine Malumphy, Matthew C. Geoffrey and Raymond Tarlton finally settled on

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nine women and three men as regular jurors who will deliberate and render a judgment in the case, and then seated two females and two males as alternates to participate in the event any regular juror is not able to continue. During each day's action, Buckman - who is charged with four counts of murder and 10 other felony charges - sat quietly at the defense table next to one of his attorneys. Thursday morning, exactly six years to the day after the failed escape attempt at Pasquotank Correctional Institution in Elizabeth City, the jury heard opening statements from each side outlining various facts of the case in an effort to set the scene or paint a verbal road map on how the trial is expected to unfold. Leading off for the prosecution, Massengill had the longest of the two presentations explaining that

Buckman would not let anything get in his way and that he would do anything to escape. She said Buckman and three others started planning their escape in July of 2017 and for four months gathered food, memorized schedules, worked out together to be in top physical shape, made pants with hidden pockets while working in the sewing shop, and a Thursday was picked due to fewer people working there. Massengill then described how a fake disturbance call was used to send guards to the opposite end of the prison and went on to detail how each of the victims were attacked with four killed and left to die as the prisoners ran toward a fence in an effort to climb to freedom as correctional officers surrounded them. "Buckman was not willing to give up," added Massengill. "He was prepared to fight as he and the others climbed the fence before guards grabbed him and pulled him down." Massengill concluded saying the jury would hear from officers about what they saw, the damage they found, the dead bodies left behind and see videos of the death and destruction that was incurred as evidence the defendant would do whatever he had to do. Speaking for the defense, Malumphy took a little less than half as long as Massengill to say that Wiszech Buckman was serving 32 years at Pasquotank Correctional Institution and is seen on camera killing officer Justin Smith. "He admitted to that," said Malumphy. The setting painted by Malumphy was centered

around Buckman's family being many hours away in Charlotte, he was fixated on getting back to his children, and was vulnerable to a charismatic and persuasive Mikel Edward Brady II. An attempt to describe more of Buckman's family relationships and lack of father figure was objected to, which cut that short. There was also a brief admonishment from Superior Court Judge Jerry Tillett that comments from Malumphy following some of his rulings on legal issues in the case were distracting and might mislead jurors to think a constitutional right was being violated. Moving to the evidence in the case, Pellini questioned Currituck Deputy Will Davis, an Elizabeth City police officer at the time of the escape attempt, who described the area as having a strong odor of blood and being in chaos with several people wounded, some that were already dead with holes and gouges in their bodies. A 26-minute video from the body-cam Davis wore was shown, which provided even more graphic details to the scene and some of the events that day. At least three family members of victims left before the video started. Former prison nurse Michelle Godfrey detailed her efforts to help provide care for victims and asked Davis to have EMS activate Nighthale. She also explained that there was nothing she could do for correctional officers Veronica Darden and Justin Smith, who were covered in blood and whose throats were slit.

Also on the stand to testify was William Daventry, who installed many of the video cameras in the Elizabeth City prison, and at least three former officers including George Midgett, a correctional officer with 17 years of service who has not worked since that day due to injuries received, who related

how he was attacked by Brady and spent five days in a Norfolk hospital. As the day came to a close, Tillett recessed court until 9:30 a.m. Friday. Buckman was escorted out of court by several Special Operation Response Team guards.



PHILIP RUCKER PHOTO
Wiszech Buckman was in Dare County Superior Court Thursday with his defense lawyers. Buckman is charged with four counts of first degree murder and 10 other felonies following the October 12, 2017 failed escape attempt at Pasquotank Correctional Institution in Elizabeth City where four state employees at the prison were killed.



PHILIP RUCKER PHOTO
Currituck County Deputy William Davis, who was an Elizabeth City police officer October 12, 2017, testified in Dare County Superior Court Thursday about his response to an attempted prison escape where he saw several people wounded and others already dead. A 26-minute video from a body-cam Davis wore was also shown.

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Recreational mullet fishing closure set

North Carolina Fisheries Proclamation FF-95-2023

closes the recreational mullet fishery in North Carolina Coastal and Joint Fishing Waters, including the Atlantic Ocean in accordance with Supplement A of Amendment 1 to the N.C. Striped Mullet Fishery Management Plan, effective 12:01 a.m. on Nov. 7, 2023. The fishery will re-open on Jan. 1, 2024. Rule suspension: In the northern region, it is unlawful to possess mullet in N.C. Coastal

and Joint Fishing Waters for recreational purposes from 12:01 a.m. on Nov. 7, 2023 until 11:59 p.m. on Dec. 31, 2023, except with written documentation such as a receipt or bill of lading, showing the mullet were purchased from a dealer that acquired the mullet from sources outside North Carolina. In the southern region, it is unlawful to possess mullet in N.C. Coastal and Joint Fishing Waters

for recreational purposes from 12:01 a.m. on Nov. 10, 2023 until 11:59 p.m. on Dec. 31, 2023, except with written documentation such as a receipt or bill of lading. The intent of this proclamation is to manage the recreational mullet fishery in accordance with Supplement A to Amendment 1 to the N.C. Striped Mullet Fishery Management Plan.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH
DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB #95
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
In the Matter of Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric Rates and Charges and Revise its Fuel Factor Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55
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Customer Class Total
Residential 4.6082 ¢/kWh
SCS or PA 4.6018 ¢/kWh
LGS 4.5713 ¢/kWh
Schedule NS 4.4299 ¢/kWh
SVP 4.4917 ¢/kWh
Outdoor Lighting 4.6082 ¢/kWh
TxDIS 4.6082 ¢/kWh
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This the 7th day of September, 2023.
NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Shonta Denton, Chief Clerk

KILL DEVIL HILLS
BULK TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULED
The Town of Kill Devil Hills Public Services Department will begin collection of APPROVED bulk trash items from IMPROVED properties within the Town of Kill Devil Hills on Monday, October 16, 2023. APPROVED items for collection may be placed in the Street right-of-way not earlier than Sunday, October 1, 2023 and not later than Sunday, October 15, 2023.
Please place approved bulk trash items in (4) separate bundles as follows:
1st Bundle Branches: No longer than 6 feet
Tree Trunks: No more than 14 inches in length and 12 inches in diameter (No stumps, lot clearings, or debris from unimproved lots)
2nd Bundle Bagged Yard Waste: Pine needles, pine cones, lawn clippings, leaves, etc. PLEASE DO NOT use plastic trash bags for yard waste; USE PAPER BIODEGRADABLE YARD DEBRIS BAGS for items such as pine needles, pine cones, lawn clippings, and leaves. Please ask for these biodegradable yard bags at your local hardware or gardening supply center. For use during this collection, residents that live within the Town of Kill Devil Hills corporate limits may obtain a limited supply of these bags, at no charge and while supplies last, from the Town's Recycling Center at 701 Bermuda Bay Boulevard (off Collington Road).
3rd Bundle White Goods and Metals: Refrigerators (please remove doors), stoves, washing machines, dryers, hot water heaters, bicycles, metal lawn furniture, air conditioners, metal bed frames, etc.
No items can be longer than 12 feet - pipe, cable, etc.
No vehicles or any major portion of cars, boats, trailers, motorcycles, etc.
No motors or machinery with an oil reservoir or gas tank
No propane tanks or sealed canisters of any type
4th Bundle Large Furniture Items: Sofas, beds, mattresses, chairs, tables, bookshelves, etc.
No construction materials or lumber of any kind - no pallets, cabinets, paneled doors, carpet, flooring, insulation, drywall, shingles, tubs, toilets, sinks, etc.
No concrete, masonry materials, or asphalt
No glass - no windows, televisions, mirrors, camper shells, etc.
PROHIBITED ITEMS: No tires, cardboard, paper products, recyclables, paint, paint products, hazardous materials, or items produced as a result of a contracted service or business.
Non-Approved Materials, Mixed Piles, And Items That Are Improperly Sorted Will Not Be Collected!
Additional information about the upcoming Fall Bulk Trash Collection can be obtained by calling the Public Services Department at 252-480-4080 or by visiting the Town of Kill Devil Hills' website at www.kdnhc.com.

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Library's Community Garden, Seed Exchange taking shape

At the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library, we proudly announce the establishment of the library's first Seed Exchange and Community Garden.



JARED JACAVONE
and the Ann L. Sams

We thank the generous funding support from the Chowan Hope Fund, Ford Family Charitable Fund, and the Ann L. Sams

Endowment, each administered by the North Carolina Community Foundation, for making this possible. In the coming weeks, patrons can use our old card catalog drawer system to pick up and drop off various seeds, allowing everyone to grow and diversify their home gardens with vegetables, herbs, flowers, fruits, and more.

If you are new to gardening or want to learn more, we have added various gardening



PHOTO COURTESY JARED JACAVONE

Work has started on revitalizing gardening space outside the library as part of the library's recently launched Seed Exchange and Community Garden.

agricultural, and horticultural books to our collection. Also, if you need tools to start your next gardening project, try some of the latest items in our unusual objects collection.

Thanks to this grant, patrons can now check out various gardening tools, including shovels, rakes, gardening kits, a gardening apron, loppers, a pole saw, and much more!

Outside the library, work

has started on revitalizing our gardening space. Thanks to volunteers and support from the Cupola House Association gardeners, the Master Gardeners of Chowan County, the Chowan County Maintenance Department, the Chowan County Cooperative Extension office, and local supporters, our gardens are beginning to take shape. With a new layer of soil and care given to our existing

plants, patrons will soon be able to get their hands deep in the ground while planting various plants.

Thanks to Mr. Kevin Howard, Mr. Don Hoggard, Mr. Davis Todd, and the rest of the Chowan Maintenance Department, patrons can enjoy the garden with a fully functioning and clean water

Carolina Community Foundation for making the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library Community Garden and Seed Exchange possible. We are excited to see what will grow! Have a great week, and we hope to see you at the library!

Jared Jacavone is the librarian at Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library.

Greenery fundraiser set

We are now accepting orders for our annual 4-H greenery fundraiser! Help support our local 4-H program by purchasing a wreath, garland or specialty item. Profits from the fundraiser help us send local youth to 4-H camp each summer.

Greenery is fresh from Alleghany County in the beautiful North Carolina mountains. All orders and money are due to the Chowan County Extension Office by Monday, Nov. 6.

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 675

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Harvest Festival? Costumes? What's biblical thing to do?

The following are questions I am often asked in October:

"My church holds a harvest festival on or near Halloween which incorporates costumes. Is this biblical?"

"I hand out tracts that share my faith along with candy on Halloween. Is this biblical?"



CHUCK HARTMAN

"I dress as biblical characters or in non-scary costumes at Halloween. Is this biblical?"

Matthew 9:38 says we are to ask the Lord of the harvest to send us into His fields to work. Mark 16:15-16 does say we are to share our faith.

As for dressing for a custom, I

cannot say that it is or is not biblical. I can say that Jesus celebrated Jewish holidays, and Purim is where Jews dress in costumes. Many biblical scholars believe Purim is the holiday observed in Job's chapter five. Regardless, we must integrate the principles of Romans 14 into every aspect of our life.

We must not allow personal convictions to cause division in the body of Christ, nor should we use our freedom to drive a stumbling block for others. 1 Corinthians calls us to do all things as unto God. The choice to celebrate or not is up to each individual or family. Still, I will give you

some objective thoughts concerning Oct. 31.

Many scholars believe the roots of Halloween began in the advent of the Christian holiday, All Saints' Day, first observed in 609 A.D. Years later, Gregory III renamed it All Saints' Day. The night before became known as All Hallows' Eve and the forerunner of Halloween.

All Hallows' Eve was a time to come together and remember the dead and the legacy of their life before dedicating each, by name, to God. The day the dead were dedicated was known as All Saints' Day.

Martin Luther chose Oct. 31 to nail his 95 Theses to the door of Wittenberg's Castle Church in Germany because he knew there

would be a more significant influx of churchgoers on All Saints' Day — this is also why Oct. 31 is known as Reformation Day.

Some academics believe children dressed like their departed ancestors or early church martyrs to remember these individuals' influence on All Saints' Eve. Over time, traditions from other places would influence the celebrations of Oct. 31.

The tradition of knocking on random doors and asking for food on Oct. 31 also has roots in Christianity. In England, people experiencing poverty would go from house to house on All Hallows' Eve, begging for food. The homeowner would give a "soul cake" in exchange for prayer.

Again, each family and

individual must decide what is correct for them. Still, whether you observe Oct. 31 or not, an avenue you may explore, which holds with the original Christian origins of the day, is to reflect on the lives of those no longer with us. Take time to thank God for them and the legacy they imparted. Also, consider ways you might pass the lessons learned from them to others.

Additionally, if you know someone is hungry, take food and pray with them. Make Oct. 31 a day to share your faith in word and deed while giving thanks to God.

Chuck Hartman, former pastor at Up River Friends in Perquimans County, is the host of Friendly Connection, a weekly podcast. He can be reached at pastorchuckhartman@gmail.com.

GRACE & TRUTH

Like Prodigal Son's father, God watches for our return

The story of the Prodigal Son is perhaps the second most famous story Jesus tells. The Good Samaritan stands as the only centender, and Luke penned both of these parables.

With his theme of seeking the lost among all people, Luke sees this story on common ground — a man had two sons.



EMMANUEL WEBB HOGGARD

Jesus opens the story with words that would make everyone lean in to hear. The second sentence causes deep tension: "The younger boy asks for his part of the inheritance." Essentially, the younger son says, "Dad, you are not dying fast enough,

and I have big plans with your money." This pun's greed, envy, and lust increased the crowd's collective blood pressure.

The young man enjoys his gifts and plans a trip to leave home to enjoy his money where the pressures of his father won't bother him anymore. As he arrives in "Sin City," he wastes the cash quickly, and a famine further victimizes him.

The story has taken quite a pitiable turn, yet no one in the crowd feels an ounce of remorse for the selfish son. He looks for work and finds a job feeding pigs. His days get worse. He begins daydreaming of eating the slop along with the religiously unclean animals. At that low estate, he remembered something.

His father's servants had more than enough. They were fed, clothed, paid and considered. They were loved, and they loved their master. Such a benevolent man would undoubtedly treat him better than the pigs. (The crowd hopped out.)

As the young man returned home, the father saw him from a great distance. He doesn't just look for him. He doesn't just wait for him. He doesn't just think about him. The father runs to his son. And when he reaches him, he descends

upon him like a heavy blanket. He embraces the son as if the boy were the only thing that would ever bring him joy again. What delight when that which is lost is found!

The son's pig-stained rags were traded for an honored guest's robe. On his scraped-up slop-covered fingers was placed a family-crested signet ring, and his tired, dirty feet were covered with new shoes to remind the world that this was no ordinary servant.

No, this boy was a son. He had nothing to repay. He had nothing to fix. The young man wanted to earn his way back into his father's

life, but you can't earn your sonship. You're born into it.

The master of the house asked nothing of where his inheritance was spent. He required no story and no apology. The beginning of living as a son is identifying as such. After that is a celebration. Start the party because he who was dead has returned to life.

I cannot imagine the heartbreak of not knowing where one of your kids is. Everyone else couldn't get over this son's trespasses, but the father couldn't get over him. Nothing hurt more than losing his son.

Maybe you know exactly

how this hurt feels. Whether they're lost in space or reason, or if they have passed, there is nothing more devastating than having a child you can't reach and help.

Your Father in Heaven knows how you feel, and He cares just like you.

And, when any one of us is found, He celebrates. God rejoices like that child is the only one in the world He's been watching. You're His child, too. If you will call out to Him, He will run to you.

Emmanuel Webb Hoggard is Pastor of Adewale Assembly of God and a resident of Edenton. He can be reached via email at pastorbwebb@hotmail.com

CHURCH NEWS

Church Fall Festival
Hertford Baptist Church will host a Fall Festival today from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event will feature pony rides, a bounce house, chili cook-off

cake walk, face painting, games, trunk or treat and hot dogs. A drawing for \$1008-\$25 Walmart gift cards will be held. **Grace UMC**
Grace United Methodist

Church will hold its Fall Harvest Celebration, featuring food and fun, at 1822 North Road St., Elizabeth City, Sunday at 1 p.m. The church will hold its worship service at noon.

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Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric Rates and Charges and Review its Fuel Factor Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 88-55)	
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There is a difference between more than you can handle and a burden that is too heavy to bear. The Bible and the Quran, Saint Paul says, 1 Thess. 5:17, "No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure." (1 Thessalonians 3:1-5)

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New maps likely to toughen re-election bids for 3 Dems

Manning, Jackson Nickel likely to be in GOP-friendly districts

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Three years after the 2020 census, North Carolina lawmakers are again crafting new redistricting maps that could shift the political landscape ahead of the 2024 election.

Following three public hearings, legislative leaders have said they're working to finalize new maps for state and federal offices by the end of October. It is the third attempt in as many years to reset political boundaries in line with population changes in the decennial census.

Maps crafted by the General Assembly in 2021 were immediately challenged in court and eventually blocked as unconstitutional by the state

Supreme Court. The justices, four Democrats in favor, ordered Republican-majority lawmakers to redraw the boundaries. A second attempt was also blocked, resulting in a congressional map crafted by special masters that led to a 7-7 congressional delegation split between Democrats and Republicans in the 2022 election.

Voters in that same election shifted the high court to a 5-2 Republican majority, which overturned the prior court's decision in April and ordered new congressional and legislative maps.

"It's almost like we're backing up time to 2021," Dallas Woodhouse, executive director for the right-leaning American Majority, told The Center Square.

While state legislative maps are expected to remain largely the same as those used in 2022, "the congressional maps will

be very different," he predicted.

Amid the legal wrangling last year, Jowei Chen, political scientist at the University of Michigan, ran 1,000 simulations and found that 7-in-10 produced a 9-5 split favoring the GOP. Another 9% went 10-4; only 1.3% went 7-7. Chen testified in the litigation against the General Assembly. The state's voter registration rolls are nearly even thirds — as of Saturday, 36.3% unaffiliated, 32.9% Democrats and 30.1% Republicans.

Political observers including Woodhouse expect the situation to put at least three Democratic incumbents in new districts that will be difficult for them to win: Rep. Kathy Manning in the 6th District that encompasses Guilford, Rockingham, Caswell, and part of Forsyth counties; Rep. Jeff Jackson in

the 14th District covering south Charlotte stretching west to Gastonia; and Rep. Wiley Nickel in the 13th District covering an area between Raleigh and Goldsboro.

Jackson is widely expected to run for attorney general against U.S. Rep. Dan Bishop if his district shifts to the right.

"What happens with Valerie Foushee (in the 4th District), Don Davis (in the 1st District), and Deborah Ross (in the 2nd District) is an open question," Woodhouse said.

"At the end of the day, I think it's a pretty safe bet Republicans will go from a 7-7 map to a 10-4 Republican map," he said. "There's an outside chance at 11-3, but I don't expect that."

Chris Cooper, political science professor at Western Carolina University, expects a similar outcome.

"Then there's Don Davis. His district is the question mark," Cooper said.

Davis, from Snow Hill, represents the eastern and northeastern counties of Bertie, Chowan, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gates, Greene, Halifax, Hertford, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, part of Pitt, Tyrrell, Vance, Warren, Washington and Wilson.

"Some speculate," Cooper says, "that the recent Supreme Court decision in Alabama could make the Republicans less likely to knock off an African American Democrat. He

is also more moderate than Jackson, Nickel or Manning, which could make him less of a target for redistricting."

Woodhouse noted Davis' District 1 is traditionally an African American district, but the population has shifted toward whites and Republicans in recent years.

A U.S. Supreme Court decision in late September upheld a lower court's ruling that Alabama's Republican-drawn congressional map violated the Voting Rights Act by including only one district out of seven with a majority of Black voters, despite a population that's 27% Black. A map was instituted this week calling for a second.

Report shows drop in crime rates

Rates for murder, rape dropped 3%, robberies 2.7%, serious assaults 3.9%

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An annual summary of crime for 2022 shows that while rates have declined slightly from the year prior, crime remains high and some areas of the state are seeing significant increases.

Data from the Annual Summary Report of 2022 Uniform Crime Reporting Data, recently released by the State Bureau of Investigation, shows overall crime is down 1.4% from 2021. There are declines in violent crime and property crimes, with

the exception of a 0.2% increase in larcenies and a 6.6% increase in motor vehicle thefts.

The murder rate declined 14%, rapes were down 3%, robberies declined 2.7% and aggravated assaults went down 3.9%. That data, however, follows two years of murders increasing by double digits — up 23% in 2020 and 18.3% in 2021, and mixed results in other categories.

Geographically, crime went up the most in Greenville — 18% higher than the previous year. Next was Cary (15%), Fayetteville (14%), Raleigh (7%), Charlotte-Mecklenburg (5%) and Greensboro (3%). The largest declines were in Gaston County (21%), Buncombe County (15%), Iredell County (10%) and Concord (7%).

"Overall, while there has

been a slight decrease from 2021, if you go back to the 1990s crime has increased across the board," said North Carolina Police Benevolent Association Executive Director John Midgette said. While much of the data is reported on a county basis, "larger metro areas better show the gravity of the problem," he said.

Other trends involve a significant rise in juvenile crime, which was up 113% for murders in 2022 versus 2018; 22% for rape; and 43% for motor vehicle thefts among those aged 16 and under, according to the state report.

Midgette attributed that trend to Raise the Age laws approved in 2017 and 2019 that meant 16- and 17-year-olds are not automatically charged as an adult in the system.

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CAMDEN - The N.C. Department of Transportation is hosting a public meeting to discuss the proposed improvements to N.C. 343, from east of U.S. 158, in Camden, to South Trotman Road, in the community of Shiloh, in Camden County. The purpose of this project is to increase safety and improve mobility.

Project details and maps can be found on the NCDOT project web page: <https://publicinput.com/nc343-camden>. The information will be presented at the meeting allowing for one-on-one discussions with engineers, but there will be no formal presentation.

The meeting will be held **Oct. 12 at Camden Global Methodist Church, 197 N.C. Highway 343, Camden**. The public is invited to attend at any time between 5 - 7 p.m.

People may also submit comments by phone at **984-205-6615** project code **5643**, email **nc343-camden@PublicInput.com**, or mail at the address shown below **Oct. 26, 2023**.

By Mail: John Abel
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Gaza's hospitals near breaking point as invasion looms

Israelis cut off supplies of food, medicine, power

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RAFAH, Gaza Strip — Palestinians in besieged Gaza crowded into hospitals and schools on Monday, seeking shelter and turning low on food and water. More than a million people have fled their homes ahead of an expected Israeli ground invasion aimed at destroying Hamas after its fighters rampaged through southern Israel.

As the enclave's food, water and medicine supplies dwindled, all eyes were on the Rafah crossing between Gaza and Egypt, where trucks carrying badly needed aid have been waiting for days as mediators press for a cease-fire that would allow them enter Gaza and allow foreigners to leave. Rafah, Gaza's only connection to Egypt, was shut down nearly a week ago because of Israeli airstrikes.

Egypt's Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry said Israel "has not taken a position to open the crossing from the Gaza side." The Israeli government did not respond to a request for comment.

Hundreds of thousands



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Palestinians wounded in Israeli airstrikes are brought to a hospital in Deir el-Balah, south of the Gaza Strip, Sunday.

of Palestinians sheltering in U.N. facilities are on less than 1 quart of water per day. Hospitals warn they are on the verge of collapse, with emergency generators that power machines like ventilators and incubators down to about one day of fuel and supplies of medicine almost exhausted.

The Gaza Health Ministry said 2,750 Palestinians have been killed and 9,700 wounded since the fighting erupted, more than in the 2014 Gaza war, which lasted over six weeks. That makes this the deadliest of the five Gaza wars for both sides.

More than 1,400 Israelis have died, the vast majority civilians killed in Hamas' Oct. 7 assault. The Israeli military said Monday that at least 159 hostages were taken back in Gaza, higher than previous estimates. The military did not specify whether that number includes foreigners.

Israeli airstrikes have pulverized entire neighborhoods as Palestinian militants continue to fire rockets into Israel. Israel is widely expected to launch a ground offensive in order to kill Hamas leaders, recover captives and destroy the group's

military infrastructure, much of which is in residential areas.

Street-by-street fighting would likely cause mounting casualties on both sides.

Israel has ordered more than 1 million Palestinians — almost half the territory's population — to leave Gaza City and the surrounding area for the enclave's south. The military says it is trying to clear away civilians ahead of a major campaign against Hamas in the north, where it says the militants have extensive networks of tunnels and rocket launchers.

Hamas has urged people to stay in their homes, and the Israeli military on Sunday released photos it said showed a Hamas roadblock preventing traffic from moving south.

For a third day, Israel's military announced a safe corridor for people to move from north to south between the hours of 5 a.m. and noon. It said more than 600,000 people have already evacuated the Gaza City area.

Hospitals in Gaza are expected to run out of generator fuel in the next 24 hours, endangering the lives of thousands of patients, according to the U.N. Gaza's sole power plant shut down for lack of fuel after Israel completely sealed off the 40-kilometer (25-mile) long territory following the Hamas attack.

The World Health Organization said hospitals are "overflowing" as people seek safety. "We are concerned about disease outbreaks due to mass displacement and poor water and sanitation," it said. Four hospitals in northern Gaza are no longer functioning and 21 have received Israeli orders to evacuate. Doctors have refused, saying it would mean death for critically ill patients and newborns on ventilators.

The WHO said water shortages caused by Israel's

decision to cut off water supplies, combined with a lack of fuel for pumps and desalination stations, put thousands of hospital patients at risk.

"Water is needed to ensure sanitary conditions on inpatient wards, in operation rooms, and emergency departments. It is essential for the prevention of hospital-associated infections and for the prevention of outbreaks in hospitals," the WHO said.

The U.N. health agency said life-saving assistance for 300,000 patients is currently awaiting entry through Rafah.

Over 1 million people — about half of Gaza's population — have left their homes in a little over a week. Some headed to the south, while tens of thousands are still sheltering in hospitals and U.N. facilities in the north, according to the U.N. Travel within Gaza is difficult and dangerous, with roads destroyed and Israel offering only short windows for civilians to travel without the threat of strikes.

The U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees said it has been forced to ration water in schools and other facilities that have been turned into shelters, giving people just 1 liter (1 quart) a day to cover all their needs.

Trump-favorite Jordan eyes speakership

Jordan win would solidify right-wing takeover of GOP

BRIAN SLODYSKO, FARNOUSH AMIRI AND ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rep. Jim Jordan has such a reputation as a political brawler that former House Speaker John Boehner once said he'd never met someone "who spent more time tearing things apart."

Now, nearly a decade after Boehner stepped down in the face of a conservative revolt, it is Jordan who is trying to bring the Republican Party together to win the speaker's gavel.

A favorite of former President Donald Trump and darling of the party's rabble-rousing base, Jordan's path to the U.S. government's third-highest office is by no means certain in a House Republican conference riven by conflict following the ouster two weeks ago of former Speaker Kevin McCarthy. To win, he'll need support from nearly



ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and a staunch ally of former President Donald Trump, talks with reporters at the Capitol in Washington, Friday. Jordan is hoping to be the next speaker of the House after the chamber's Republicans voted to make him their nominee.

every House Republican, having few votes to spare in a chamber they only narrowly control.

Should Jordan succeed, it would help cement the far right's takeover of the Republican Party and trigger fresh conflict with Democrats over the size and scope of government. But a Jordan speakership would also come with baggage that could present a challenge to Republicans as they labor to hold their House majority in next

year's election, an effort that will likely hinge on drawing support from moderate voters in swing districts.

Some members of Congress — including some in his own party — label Jordan an extremist unworthy of the speakership, pointing to his active role in Trump's bid to stop the certification of the 2020 presidential election, as well as his refusal to honor a congressional subpoena about the Jan. 6 attack at the Capitol.

Further in his past, Jordan continues to be questioned over his alleged knowledge of sexual abuse in the wrestling program at Ohio State University — accusations he adamantly denies.

Former Rep. Liz Cheney, who helped lead the Jan. 6 investigation and was ousted from GOP leadership by conservatives, has warned that giving Jordan the gavel could even pose a threat to democracy itself.

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POCKET NO. E-22, SUB 675

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
Application by Virginia Electric and Power)
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North)
Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric)
Rates and Charges and Renew its Fuel)
Factor Purchase to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2)
and Commission Rule 88-55)

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SGS & PA	4.60¢/kWh
LGS	4.57¢/kWh
Schedule MS	4.42¢/kWh
EVP	4.49¢/kWh
Outdoor Lighting	4.60¢/kWh
Traffic	4.60¢/kWh

Compared to the current fuel rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.10¢/kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$1.10. Small general service and public authority customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.10¢/kWh, and large general service and public authority customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.10¢/kWh per kWh.

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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonia Dunston, Chief Clerk

Trump gag order motion in court

Special counsel: Trump trying to taint jury pool

MICHAEL KUNZELMAN, LINDSAY WHITEHURST AND ALANNA DURKIN RICHER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal prosecutors and lawyers for Donald Trump will argue in court Monday over a proposed gag order aimed at reining in the former president's diatribes against likely witnesses and others in his 2020 election interference case in Washington.

In pressing U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan to impose the narrow gag order, special counsel Jack Smith's team has accused the Republican of using increasingly incendiary rhetoric to try to undermine the public's confidence in the justice system and taint the jury pool.

"Trump's defense has called the proposal an unconstitutional effort to 'silence' his political speech as he campaigns for the Republican presidential nomination in 2024.

"This desperate effort at censorship is unconstitutional on its face," his lawyers wrote in court papers. "The gag order fight underscores the unprecedented complexities of

prosecuting the former president as he tries to retake the White House while fighting criminal charges in four cases. And it raises tough questions for the judge, who has to balance Trump's First Amendment rights to defend himself publicly with a need to protect the integrity of the cases.

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US: NKorea gave Russia munitions

NSC: Moscow to use weapons in Ukraine war

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The White House said on Friday that North Korea has delivered more than 1,000

containers of military equipment and munitions to Russia for its ongoing war in Ukraine.

Speculation about a possible North Korean plan to refill Russia's munition stores drained in its protracted war with Ukraine flared last month, when North Korean leader Kim Jong Un traveled to Russia to meet President

Vladimir Putin and visit key military sites.

White House National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said that the U.S. believes Kim is seeking sophisticated Russian weapons technologies in return for the munitions to boost North Korea's military and nuclear program.

HEALTH NEWS

Five things to know about the new drug pricing negotiations

Staff KFF Health News

The Biden administration has picked the first 10 high-priced prescription drugs subject to federal price negotiations...

Table with 4 columns: Drug name, Manufacturer, Conditions treated, and Total cost paid by Medicare for 2022. Lists drugs like Eliquis, Jardiance, and Jardiance.

Under the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act, Congress gave the federal government the power to negotiate prices for certain high-cost drugs under Medicare.

Here are five things to know about the impact:

- 1. How important is this step? Medicare has long been in control of the prices for its services... 2. How will the negotiations affect Medicare patients? In some cases, patients may save a lot of money...

but the main thrust of Medicare price negotiation policy is to provide savings to the Medicare program — and taxpayers — by lowering its overall costs.

The drugs selected by CMS range from specialized, hyper-expensive drugs like the cancer pill Imbruvica (used by about 26,000 patients in 2021 at an annual price of \$21,000 per patient) to extremely common medications such as Eliquis (a blood thinner for which Medicare paid about \$4,000 each for 3.1 million patients).

While the negotiations could help patients whose Medicare drug plans require them to make large copayments for drugs, the relief for patients will come from another segment of the Inflation Reduction Act that caps drug spending by Medicare recipients at \$2,000 per year starting in 2025.

3. What do the Medicare price negotiations mean for those not on Medicare? One theory is that reducing the prices drug companies can charge in Medicare will lead them to increase prices for the privately insured.

Another theory is that Medicare price negotiations will equip private health plans to drive a harder bargain. David Mitchell, president of the advocacy group Patients for Affordable Drugs, predicted that disclosure of negotiated Medicare prices "will embolden and arm private sector negotiators to seek that lower price for those they cover."

Slacie B. Dusotzina, a professor of health policy at Vanderbilt University, said the effect on pricing outside Medicare isn't clear. "I'd hedge my bet that it doesn't change," she said. Nonetheless, Dusotzina described one way it could: Because the government will be selecting drugs for Medicare negotiations based partly on the listed gross prices for the drugs — distinct from the net cost after rebates are taken into account — the process could give drug companies an incentive to lower the list prices and narrow the gap between gross and net. That could benefit people outside Medicare whose out-of-pocket payments are pegged to the list prices, she said.

being violated because the program would force them to make statements on negotiated prices they believe are untrue. Law suits also say the program unconstitutionally coerces drugmakers into selling their products at inadequate prices.

It is akin to the Government taking your car on terms that you would never voluntarily accept and threatening to also take your house if you do not 'agree' that the taking was 'fair,' Janssen, part of Johnson & Johnson, wrote in its lawsuit.

Nicholas Bagley, a law professor at the University of Michigan, predicted the lawsuits would fall because Medicare is a voluntary program for drug companies, and those wishing to participate must abide by its rules.

5. What if a drug suddenly gets cheaper by 2025? In theory, it could happen. Under guidelines CMS issued this year, the agency will cancel or adjourn negotiations on any drug on its list if a cheaper copycat version enters the market and finds substantial buyers.

According to company statements this year, two biosimilar versions of Stelara, a Johnson & Johnson drug on the list, are prepared to launch in early 2025. If they succeed, it would presumably scotch CMS' plan to demand a lower price for Stelara.

Other drugs on the list have managed to maintain exclusive rights for decades. For example, Enbrel, which the FDA first approved in 1998 and cost Medicare \$1.5 billion in 2021, will not face competition until 2025 at the earliest.

4. What are drug companies doing to stop this? Even though negotiated prices won't take effect until 2025, drug companies haven't wasted time turning to the courts to try to stop the new program in its tracks.

At least six drug companies have filed lawsuits to halt the Medicare drug negotiation program, as have the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, known as PhRMA.

The lawsuits include a variety of legal arguments. Merck & Co., Johnson & Johnson, and Bristol Myers Squibb are among the companies arguing their First Amendment rights are being violated because the program would force them to make statements on negotiated prices they believe are untrue.

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Church News

Fall Festival
HOBBSVILLE - Zion United Methodist Church, 1642 NC 37, Hobbsville, will host a Fall Festival from 4-6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21.

Men's Day
CORAPEAKE - The annual Men's Day worship service at the New Middle Swamp Missionary Baptist Church will be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 22.
 The guest minister will be Youth Pastor Trevor A. Barden of Greenville where he serves as an Assistant Principal for Pitt County Schools. He served as Youth Pastor at Melton Grove Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Alvin J. Boone, Sr. in Winfall.

Men in Black
GATES - Miracle of Faith Praise and Worship Center, located at 348 Hazelton Road, Gates, will host a "Men in Black" service at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28. The guest speaker will be Rev. Jay Maverick Smith of Virginia Beach.

Sing-A-Rama
CORAPEAKE - Union Branch Baptist Church will have a Gospel Sing-A-Rama at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29. The event will feature Pure Joy Gospel Choir, Ballard's Grove Male Choir, Complete Praise, and more.
 For more information, call 252-287-6484.

Harvest Festival
HOBBSVILLE - Warwick Baptist Church, located at 4314 Virginia Road, Hobbsville,

will be having their Harvest Festival from 12 noon until 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29 following morning worship service.
 The festival will include lunch with soup and sandwiches, games, cookie decorating, photo booth, and lots of prizes.

Pastor Anniversary
GATES - Mission of Hope Church will celebrate the anniversary of Pastor Virginia Ruffin at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 5. The guest speaker will be Pastor Phillip Riddick of Hope Church in Winton.

Musician needed
GATES - New Piney Wood Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Gates is seeking a musician. For more information, contact Deacon Tommie Jones at 252-506-3660 or Deaconess Mary Jones at 252-357-0871.

Bible Study
GATES - Miracle of Faith Praise and Worship Center, located at 348 Hazelton Road, Gates, will hold an in-depth study of the bible at 1:30 p.m. each Sunday.

Noon prayer
SUNBURY - St. John A.M.E. Zion Church conducts prayer service at 12 noon each Tuesday. These are weekly fun-filled lessons on prayer, the benefits of prayer, and how to pray. Rev. Bert Davis leads the service.

Prayer/Bible Class
GATES - Ebenezer Gospel Church, located at 505 Hwy 37 N, Gates, will hold Noon

Prayer from 12-1 p.m. and Bible Class from 6-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.
 For more information, call 252-357-4616.

Noon prayer
SUNBURY - St. John A.M.E. Zion Church in Sunbury is opening their doors to the community for noon day prayer, meditation and studies. It will be held each Tuesday at 12 noon.

Prayer & Bible study
GATES - New Piney Wood Chapel Missionary Baptist Church of Gates will host prayer and Bible study at 12 noon each Wednesday. Light snacks are served.

Corporate Prayer and Bible Study
GATES - True Vine Church of Deliverance, located at 307 Smith Road, Gates, will hold Corporate Prayer at 6:20 p.m. and Bible study at 7 p.m. each Wednesday.
 For more information, call 252-287-3520.

Bible Study
SUNBURY - The Way Church, located at 607 RT 32, Sunbury, will hold Bible Study

at 7 p.m. every Tuesday.

Marriage seminar
CORAPEAKE - Redeem Ministry will be hosting a marriage seminar at 7 p.m. on the second Friday of each month at 1550 NC Highway 82 North, Corapeake.
 For more information contact Pastor Bruce McCants at 919-971-0108.

Praising God Ministry
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OBITUARIES

SHIRLEY WHITE
 HERTFORD - Shirley White, 73, of Hertford died Sunday, October 8, 2023. A private memorial service was held on Saturday, October 14, 2023. Community of Hope Funeral Service, Hobbsville, handled the arrangements.

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DOCKET NO. E 23, SUB 675

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
 Application by Virginia Electric and Power)
 Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North)
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 Rates and Charges and Revise its Fuel)
 Factor Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2)
 and Commission Rule 88-55)

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Customer Class	Total
Residential	4.6082 ¢/kWh
SGS & PA	4.5038 ¢/kWh
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Schedule NS	4.6209 ¢/kWh
SVP	4.4937 ¢/kWh
Outside Lighting	4.6082 ¢/kWh
Traffic	4.6082 ¢/kWh

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EC attorney defended NC man convicted in Jan. 6 attack

Ellis: Horn maintains he was acting as a journalist at Capitol

PAUL NIELSEN
The Daily Advance

A local attorney who defended a North Carolina man convicted last month for his role in the attack on the U.S. Capitol Building on Jan. 6, 2021, believes a federal jury got it wrong.

Stephen Horn, who lives outside of Raleigh, was convicted of four misdemeanor charges for his role in the attack on the U.S. Capitol despite his claim that he was acting as an independent journalist on the day of the attack.

Marshall Ellis of the Elizabeth City-based Hornthal, Riley, Ellis and Maland law firm defended Horn in federal court and said this week that he still firmly believes Horn went to the Capitol



Ellis



Horn

and not as part of the protest. Other independent journalists did the same thing, and many of them have not been charged with crimes for doing so.

Horn, who was indicted in March 2021, was convicted of two Class A misdemeanors and two Class B misdemeanors following a trial in U.S. District Court for the District

of Columbia held Sept. 13-18. He is scheduled to be sentenced in January. He faces up to two years in jail.

Ellis said that Horn's claim that he was recording a significant event that day as a journalist has remained consistent since Jan. 6.

"The consistency part of that is really key to that," Ellis said. "It is not something that he just made up when it was convenient when he was charged with the four misdemeanors. It was something he said literally the night he got home from the Capitol."

It was revealed during the trial that Horn recorded a two-hour video while in the U.S. Capitol. Ellis said Horn pointed that video on Facebook the night of Jan. 6, 2021.

"Shortly after that (Horn) actually contacted the FBI and told them he had this video and they might use it to investigate the people that really had done some bad

things inside the Capitol," Ellis said.

Ellis said Horn wore "no political clothing" on Jan. 6, unlike many of the more than 1,000 other individuals who have been charged in the Capitol attack, most of whom were supporters of former President Donald Trump.

"All he did was walk around and record a two-hour long video," Ellis said. "(Horn) is not a Trump supporter; he told that to the jury during the trial. He has been very consistent with that from day one."

Every Jan. 6 defendant that has faced misdemeanor charges before a jury that has been convicted. A couple of defendants who faced a bench trial have had their charges dismissed by a federal judge.

According to a story in The Washington Post, prosecutors used Horn's video to portray him as another person in

the violent mob who knowingly trespassed onto government property.

"His journalism started when he needed an excuse for his criminal liability," Assistant U.S. Attorney Ashley Akers is quoted in The Post story.

Ellis has been with Hornthal, Riley, Ellis and Maland since October 2020 after

previously serving as an assistant federal public defender for the Eastern District of North Carolina in Raleigh for six years. It was a former colleague of Ellis in Raleigh who sold him Horn was looking for legal representation after being charged in the Jan. 6 case.

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Area's August unemployment rate unchanged

Workforce in six area counties grew by 35 in August

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Unemployment in the six-county region in August basically remained unchanged from July, as the number of those filing jobless claims increased by only one while the labor force grew by only 35.

The N.C. Department of Commerce released county unemployment data late last month showing a total of 1,911 unemployment claims were filed in Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Currituck, Camden and Gates counties in August. That's just one more than in July, keeping the area unemployment rate at 3.6%.

Three of those counties — Chowan, Camden and Perquimans — saw slight upticks in their unemployment rates, while Pasquotank saw a slight decrease. Two others — Currituck and Gates — saw no change in their rates.

Three counties saw increases in their labor force in August. Pasquotank saw the largest increase, 156 workers, pushing its labor force back over 16,500. Perquimans saw the next-largest increase, 78. Camden had 66 more workers than in July.

Three of the counties saw declines in their workforce in August. Currituck saw the largest, 229, seeing its labor force fall to 14,717. Gates had the second-largest decrease, 58. Chowan's workforce declined by three from July.

For the second straight month, unemployment rates statewide were a mixed bag. Twenty-eight counties saw their rates, not seasonally adjusted, fall after 39 did in July. Forty-one saw their rates rise, after 27 did in July. Another 31 saw no change in their rate after 34 saw no change in July.

Statewide, the number of persons filing jobless claims, not seasonally adjusted, increased by

412 to 189,342. The number of people employed in the state, also not seasonally adjusted, decreased by 16,778 to 5,082,569. That kept the state unemployment rate unchanged for the second straight month at 3.6%.

According to commerce data, the number of workers employed statewide since August 2022 has increased by more than 129,700 while the number of unemployed has fallen by 25,754.

Pasquotank, which has the area's largest workforce,

continued to see the most workers filing jobless claims, 701. With 16,563 workers in the county labor force in August, Pasquotank's unemployment rate dipped to 4.2%.

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The Perquimans County Board of Elections has adopted resolutions to change the polling place locations of 3 precincts to better serve all the voters of Perquimans County. PLEASE NOTE the boundary lines are NOT changing. It is the location of the polling place for that precinct which has changed.

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The changes will take affect for voters in the Municipality of the Town of Hertford which is in part of precincts of East Hertford and West Hertford, for the Municipal Election Nov. 7, 2023. Bethel precinct change will take effect for the March 5, 2024 Primary Election.

Also, the address changes are listed below.
Election Day Polling Places for Municipal Election Nov. 7, 2023

East Hertford: Perquimans County Library
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Harvest Festival? Costumes? What's biblical thing to do?

The following are questions I am often asked in October:

"My church holds a harvest festival on or near Halloween which incorporates costumes. Is this biblical?"

"I hand out tracts that share my faith along with candy on Halloween. Is this biblical?"

"I dress as biblical characters or in non-scary costumes at Halloween. Is this biblical?"



CHUCK HARTMAN

Matthew 9:38 says we are to ask the Lord of the harvest to send us out into His fields to work. Mark 16:15-16 does say we are to share our faith.

As for dressing for a costume, I cannot say that it is or is not biblical. I can say that Jews celebrated Jewish holidays, and Purim is where Jews dress in costumes. Many biblical scholars believe Purim is the holiday observed in John chapter five. Regardless, we must integrate the principles of Romans 14 into every aspect of our life. We must not allow personal convictions to cause division in the body of Christ, nor should we use our freedom to drive a stumbling block for others. 1 Corinthians calls us to do all things as unto God. The choice to celebrate or not is up to each individual or family. Still, I will

give you some objective thoughts concerning Oct. 31. Many scholars believe the roots of Halloween began in the advent of the Christian holiday, All Saints' Day, first observed in 609 A.D. Years later, Gregory III renamed it All Saints' Day. The night before became known as All Hallows' Eve and the forerunner of Halloween. All Hallows' Eve was a time to come together and remember the dead and the legacy of their life before dedicating each, by name, to God. The day the dead were dedicated was known as All Saints' Day. Martin Luther chose Oct. 31 to nail his 95 Theses to the door of Wittenberg's Castle Church in Germany because he knew there would be a more significant influx

of churchgoers on All Saints' Day — this is also why Oct. 31 is known as Reformation Day. Some academics believe children dressed like their departed ancestors or early church martyrs to remember these individuals' influence on All Saints' Eve. Over time, traditions from other places would influence the celebrations of Oct. 31. The tradition of knocking on random doors and asking for food on Oct. 31 also has roots in Christianity. In England, people experiencing poverty would go from house to house on All Hallows' Eve, begging for food. The homeowner would give a "soul cake" in exchange for prayer. Again, each family and individual must decide what is correct for

them. Still, whether you observe Oct. 31 or not, an avenue you may explore, which holds with the original Christian origins of the day, is to reflect on the lives of those no longer with us. Take time to thank God for them and the legacy they imparted. Also, consider ways you might pass the lessons learned from them to others. Additionally, if you know someone is hungry, take food and pray with them. Make Oct. 31 a day to share your faith in word and deed while giving thanks to God.

Chuck Hartman, former pastor at Up River Friends in Perquimans County, is the host of Friends Connection, a weekly discipleship podcast. He can be reached at pastorchuckhartman@gmail.com.

'God, Give Us Christian Homes' a hymn to live, worship by

Today, many churches have disregarded the Godly messages contained in the beautiful hymns and the Word of God. These churches are eliminating pulpits and turning them into stages for entertainers who have no concept of the message of baptism or bringing people to Christ.

Where is your church today? I have been told by a visitor that a church they visited reminded them of a "Honky Tonk" on a Saturday night, and they had no plans to go back.

What has gone wrong over the centuries to lead us to turn our collective backs on Him?

It started in the home with the family, but we pass the blame elsewhere.

I grew up with a favorite hymn. It was on page 397 of the Baptist hymnal, "God, Give Us Christian Homes" and was still one of my favorites.

Stanza one says the Bible must be the foundation: "God, give us Christian homes! Homes where the Bible is loved and taught,



KEITH THROCKMORTON

Homes where the Master's will is taught, Homes crowned with beauty. Thy love has wrought, God give us Christian homes!"

The Bible must be loved and taught at home because it is God's inspired message for all mankind. When the Bible is the family's foundation, the Master's will is sought because family members will develop the attitude, "Not my will, but Thine be done." Such a home will be crowned with the beauty of God's love because it will be built upon the Lord's will.

Stanza two says that a father must be true and strong: "God, Give us Christian homes! Homes where the father is true and strong, Homes that are free from the blight of wrong, Homes that are joyous with love and

song. God give us Christian homes!"

The husband and father must love his wife and children. He must take the lead in keeping the home free from wrong by commanding them to keep the ways of the Lord. He must also take the lead in promoting the joyousness of song and teaching his family to love the Lord.

Stanza three says that the mother must be queen and show that God's will is best. "God give us Christian homes! Homes where the mother, in queenly quest, Strives to show others Thy way is best, Homes where the Lord is an honored guest. God, give us Christian homes!"

The wife and mother are the home's queen because she is to guide and manage the household. She shows others that God's way is best by submitting to her husband and doing what is proper for the family. When the mother truly loves her husband and children, the Lord will be an honored guest in that home because the word of God cannot be blasphemed.

Stanza four says that the children must be taught to know the Lord: "God, give us Christian homes! Homes where the children are led to know Christ in His beauty Who loves them as, Hovers above the altar fires, burn, and glows. God Give us Christian homes!"

Parents must train their children to love and obey first them and then God. In this way, children will be led to know the beauty and love of Christ. The altar fires represent the home's emphasis on making God's will the center of the house so that the parent's faith is passed on to the children.

B.B. McKinney wrote and published "God, Give Us Christian Homes" in 1949.

If every family since creation had made the lyrics of this hymn the foundation for their lives, we would be a Godly world under the one true God.

We must place the blame for sin and disobedience to God directly on the evil influence of Satan over God's creations. However, we must blame ourselves for allowing Satan to influence us to sin, moving us away from God.

The consequences of where we are today concerning God can be associated with submitting to Satan's temptations and disobeying God's laws and commandments regarding parents and children's responsibilities. The first family that

God created, Adam and Eve, were tempted by Satan, and sin was born into the human race.

In John 14:16, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

That all starts in a Christian home with responsible mothers and fathers raising their children according to God's word. The hymn, "God Give Us Christian Homes," should be memorized and sung regularly in every home and church. But, most important of all, it should be practiced! Lastly, attend a church where all preach and sing God's Word.

Keith Throckmorton is a resident of Hertford.

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Often times as we study how God spoke to an individual we may wrestle with the question as to making that statement applicable to ourselves. Obviously some of God's promises are broad enough that every believer can 'claim' an individual word, often God's promises are narrow in scope and only intended for the one spoken to, though we can draw lessons and encouragement from it. For example in Jeremiah 1:5a, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you" if compared to John 1:4, "In Him was life and the life was the light of men." informs the reader that all life is God given, through Christ, and certainly the Omniscient God would know us before, at and, after conception. However Jeremiah 1:5 b is very personal to Jeremiah alone, "Before you were born I sanctified you, I ordained you a prophet to the nations." Surely those words we could hardly apply to our own selves.

Believers, we should understand the promises of God and to whom they pertain. Over five hundred years ago a young Monk of the Augustinian Order began his own wrestling with the application of God's Word, is it personal or is it historical? Out the struggles of Martin Luther came the period of the Reformation, Martin Luther's moment of triumph and understanding stemmed from his study of the Book of Romans - in Romans 4:24-5:17 it (righteousness) shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised for our justification. Therefore, having been JUSTIFIED BY FAITH (my emphasis), we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"

Wow! I had not Martin Luther began to stand on this Word as personal and not as only pertaining to Abraham and the Old Testament saints, we may never have had the history and outcome of that great Reformation. With that 'new' information and 'new' understanding the Word of God once again began transforming hearts and lives "Justified by faith." We do not, we can not, please God by our works and misguided efforts. Five hundred years later that message is the message that must be heard. "We have all sinned and come short of the glory of God." "The wages of sin is death." But Jesus was delivered to the cross and to the grave, raised the third day, by God, for our righteousness. Praise the Lord!

Have you personally believed that? Are you justified before the Holy God? I truly hope so. So now, what do you believe and practice because of your belief? Are you growing in grace and faith? I hope you are seeing our church (Snug Harbor) ads we have placed in this paper for our upcoming Reformation Resurgence Bible Conference. I hope you will consider visiting with us and that together we can all learn more of the meaning of Faith in Christ.

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MARTIN COUNTY CRIME BLOTTER

Man arrested for financial card theft and fraud

The Williamston Police Department received a report of financial transaction card theft and financial transaction card fraud was reported at 1105 North Haughton St. in Williamston on Oct. 9.

On the same day, an arrest was made of Ty Vaughn Jairance Woolard for obtaining property by false pretense, financial card theft and financial card fraud.

MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Incidents
The Martin County Sheriff's Office reports of incidents include:

Oct. 9
Larceny was reported at 2211 Cran Rd. in Williamston.

Fraud was reported at 2487 Old Hwy 64 in Jamesville.

Order for arrest was reported at 305 East Main St. in Williamston.

Oct. 10
Child support warrant was reported at 305 East Main St. in Williamston.

Possession of stolen property was reported at 2070 Pulp Mill Rd. in Jamesville.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported at Maurice Brown Rd./Hwy 171 in Jamesville.

Assault by strangulation, assault on a female, assault inflicting serious bodily injury, interfere with 911 emergency call and communicating threats was reported at 1130 Wynn Rd. in Williamston.

Oct. 12
Aggravated assault, communicating threats and interfere with emergency communication was reported at 1130 Wynn Rd. in Williamston.

Oct. 13
Credit card fraud was reported at 2675 Old US



Hwy 64 in Jamesville. Domestic violence protection order violation was reported at 305 East Main St. in Williamston.

Stalking was reported at 305 East Main St. in Williamston.

Dead on arrival was reported at 114 North Main St. in Robersonville.

Oct. 14
Destruction/damage/vandalism of property was reported at Flat Swamp Rd./Roberson St. in Robersonville.

Child support was reported at MLK/Church St. in Williamston.

Driving while intoxicated was reported at Hwy 903/Sam Everett Rd. in Robersonville.

Arrests
Arrests do not indicate guilt or innocence, which is determined through judicial proceedings. The Martin County Sheriff's Office reports of arrests include:

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Devin Patrick Mahoney was charged with order for arrest.

Oct. 10
Ahmed Jameel Moore

was charged with child support warrant.

Andrew Garrison Dale Banning was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Oct. 12
Lee Curtis Higgs was charged with assault by strangulation, assault inflicting serious bodily injury, communicating threats, assault on a female and interfere with emergency communication.

Oct. 13
Shanequa Quanta Broekers was charged with domestic violence order protection violation.

Gerald Lamont McCaulley was charged with stalking.

Oct. 14
Markus Lamar Jenkins was charged with child support.

Wendy Laverne Griffin was charged with driving while intoxicated.

WILLIAMSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Incidents
The Williamston Police Department reports of incidents include:

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Financial transaction card theft and financial transaction card fraud was reported at 1105 North Haughton St. in Williamston.

Oct. 10
Breaking and entering was reported at 107 Woodside Ave. in Williamston.

Warrant service for other offense(s) committed in another jurisdiction was reported at 1004 Hyland Ave. in Williamston.

Injury to real property and simple possession of schedule II was reported at 1004 Hyland Ave. in Williamston.

Oct. 11
Worthless checks was reported at 1202 Washington St. in Williamston.

Harassing phone calls was reported at 100 South Haughton St. in Williamston.

Felony possession of cocaine and possession of up to half ounce of marijuana was reported at 500 Block of East Church St. in Williamston.

Oct. 12
Second degree trespassing and carrying a concealed weapon was reported at

1985 West Main St. Ext. in Williamston.

Oct. 13
Warrant service for other offense(s) committed in another jurisdiction was reported at Warren St. near South Haughton St. in Williamston.

Failure to appear was reported at 200 Rhodes St. in Williamston.

Assault with a deadly weapon was reported at 216 Gading St. Apr. 16 in Williamston.

Financial transaction card theft and financial transaction card fraud was reported at 1529 Washington St. in Williamston.

Warrant service for other offense(s) committed in another jurisdiction was reported at 200 White St. in Williamston.

Possession of up to half ounce of marijuana and possession of marijuana drug paraphernalia was reported at West Blvd. Near South McCaskey Rd. in Williamston.

Driving under the influence, driving while license revoked — impaired revocation and open container after consuming was reported at 327 Andrews St. in Williamston.

Oct. 15
Simple possession was reported at 1529 Washington St. in Williamston.

Felony possession schedule II controlled substance, possession of marijuana up to half ounce and possession of drug paraphernalia was reported at West Main St. near North Edgewood Ave. in Williamston.

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Samantha Jo Zikus was charged with simple affray. Markel Devon Smallwood was charged with felony possession of cocaine and possession of up to half ounce of marijuana.

Oct. 12
Enrique Miguel Felix was charged with larceny of a dog.

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Jasmine Marie Dowling was charged with failure to appear.

Rachae Chavon Garnett was charged with failure to appear.

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Oct. 15
Shakera Lamirled Fagan was charged with failure to appear.

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Nashville Chamber hosts candidate forum

Candidates field questions on crime, infrastructure, debt

BY NANCY WEST-BRAKE
GRAPHIC STAFF WRITER

Two mayoral candidates for the Town of Nashville and four town council candidates and candidates for the Nashville Chamber of Commerce and held at 7 p.m. at the Town Council Chambers adjacent to the Harold D. Cooley Library.

Current Mayor Brenda Brown, elected in 2019, is running for re-election as she squares off against former Mayor Donald Street, who served as Mayor from 2007 to 2019.

Council member Louise Hinton, who has served since 2005, is running for re-election, and faces competition from three newcomers: Xavier Harrison, Bill Lumppp and Mary Coase Daughtridge.

Approximately 65 citizens came to watch and listen as Chamber President Cliff Joyner moderated the event, which allowed candidates two minutes to introduce themselves before being asked the same five questions in rotating order. The candidates did not know what questions they would be asked, those having been prepared in advance by members of the Chamber and based on current town issues.

Brown, while describing her many years of experience as "boast training" emphasized her "honest and pleasant" in doing the job, describing the town of Nashville as a "large family that she loved dearly."

Brown said she enjoys meeting citizens who call her with their concerns, and relayed that she had "returned every call she had ever received, except for one," which she said she contacted as soon as her error was realized.

Brown described herself as a "servant with a servant's heart," and said she was very grateful for the opportunity to work in such a great town.

Street renewed interest that he had served 12 years as Mayor and 6 years as a council member before that.

"I understand local government and the strength of (small-town) democracy," Street said,

saying that local people were more concerned with what's going on in the nation than officials in D.C. were.

"I've studied (government). I understand it. And I've been here a long time," Street said. "I know you folks. And I want to be your Mayor."

Harrison thanked the Chamber and the citizens present for the opportunity to speak and described himself as a lifelong resident of Nashville.

Harrison spoke briefly about his background in the corrections division of law enforcement and education, adding that he is currently the Youth Pastor at Union Hill Baptist Church.

"I'm here to make a difference," Harrison said, saying that he wanted to create a "paradigm shift" in town operations, work on "smart and sustained growth" and try to "promote diversity and equality."

Lumppp told the audience that he had grown up in Nash County and lived in Nashville six years, having made the decision to move here with his wife Melissa and open his own real estate business, Pink Flamingo Realty here after having been in the realty business 18 years.

"I love Nashville," Lumppp said. "I wasn't born here, but I chose to come here."

Hinton said she had served on the town council 18 years and spoke of her deep roots in the town, having walked to the Elementary School, attended Nash High School and married a "local boy," Larry Hinton, who went into the military during Vietnam. Hinton said she had taught school and lived "all over the U.S." before landing back home, where her husband ran for and was appointed to town council, a path that she later took up herself.

"I believe in honesty, straightforwardness and transparency," Hinton said, adding that she "thought for herself."

Daughtridge relayed that her background included working as a dental hygienist for Dr. Bruce Lloyed, a realtor and owner of MGD Realty, and President of the Rocky Mount Area Realtors.

"I understand local government and the strength of (small-town) democracy," Street said,

Describing her goals as transparency and honesty, Daughtridge said that she loved Nashville and told the crowd that she would like to "leave in whatever capacity you see fit."

Joyner's first question asked why the candidates were seeking elected official jobs and what they viewed as their most obvious weakness.

Street said he was looking for a "transparent government that was fiscally responsible," adding that "money is how you run a town."

"It's easier to have an open government if you can solve problems up front," Street said, adding that he preferred to solve problems face-to-face. Street said his strength was in budgeting and planning.

Street identified his weakness as a tendency to wave his hands around when he spoke.

Harrison said he wanted to seek office in order to "ensure community engagement," relaying that he had come to council meetings but had not seen that many people from the public spoke.

"We need to be trying to give voters to the voiceless," Harrison said, adding that he thought that robust boards were needed to assist with local decisions.

Harrison identified his weakness as "riding on a lot because I love advocating."

Lumppp, drawing a laugh from the crowd, identified his weakness up front as "loving to eat sweet" and admitting that his "weight had fluctuated for years."

Lumppp spoke about having served on the planning board as Chair for 5 years and with the Methodist Church for 20 years, and mentioned the importance of town agencies such as the Parks and Recreation Department.

"I chose to come here, and I want others to come here," Lumppp said. "Towns always change but we can grow and change while still honoring traditions."

Hinton, giving her age as 79, told the audience that she had thought about "stepping aside" but there were "too many important things going on locally to throw in the towel."

Hinton stressed the importance of careful budgeting and

the necessity of considering the impact of increased taxes on the people who live in Nashville who are already paying both town and county taxes.

Daughtridge said it was important to her to have Nashville grow while retaining a "small town feel."

"We need the safety of a small town," she said, "a place where kids can play safely in a yard."

Daughtridge said town officials needed to focus on events to benefit small businesses and the people who live in town, as well as what type of growth would be best.

"My weakness is ruffling my mouth," Daughtridge said, to the laughter of the audience. "Just ask my husband."

Brown said she had worked hard as Mayor and learned a lot about the town.

"I've seen our needs and seen the direction we need to go," she said, citing the needs for a strong budget and a strong plan, adding that simple needs like sidewalk cracks.

"We have so much potential but we have to use common sense," Brown said, adding that officials needed to stay focused on what was "best for citizens."

Joyner's second question referred to recent violent events in Nashville, and asked what candidates' plans were concerning the potential for increased crime.

All the candidates' answers concerned supporting local law enforcement. Harrison said a focus needed to be on retention, because a loss of multiple officers had a significant effect. Hinton said the town couldn't compete with Rocky Mount in terms of officer salaries but said it was easier to be an officer in Nashville than in Rocky Mount.

Hinton said the town had one had a strong community watch program and said that she hoped to return to that.

"If you see something and it's not right, you call," Hinton said.

Brown agreed that Nashville could not afford to pay high law enforcement salaries but "we can let them know that we appreciate them." She said the community watch program had been re-started and praised summer workshop activities that

allowed children to get to know officers.

Daughtridge agreed with Hinton and Brown about the importance of community watch but said that good relations with police should start with how young children are raised.

"Don't let a child that 'he is coming to get you,'" Daughtridge said of law officers, adding that children needed to learn that they could depend on law enforcement and should have opportunities to meet officers. Daughtridge said more effort should be spent on community activities such as "Coffee with a Cop."

Lumppp agreed that community watch programs were important because "community is paramount," adding that in order to watch a neighbor, you had to know your neighbor.

Lumppp said he supported more training and money for officers.

Street, referencing 15 years in the state prison business, said that while crime was ubiquitous, only "one percent of people cause an issue" and that "crime follows opportunity."

He said that officer pay wasn't a "stagnant crime," and that one part of the solution was generational respect for law officers, like the kind that comes from "the back of a mother's hand." Street said it was up to leadership to find criminals who cause problems.

Joyner's third question asked about town infrastructure, asking if candidates believed current municipal services and infrastructure were sufficient for the growing town, and if not, what should be done about it.

Lumppp said that "with growth, comes the need for more money to deal with it" and that he would work hard to study possible solutions.

Hinton and Street both said much of the town's current infrastructure was very old and an "ongoing problem," with Hinton proposing a study that could be "very costly."

Hinton also said there was a problem with septic tanks that could not be retrofitted because houses had been built too close together. Street proposed looking for ways to augment the town's water supply, particularly with annexation issues.

Daughtridge said additional monies needed to spend on infra-

structure, particularly septic issues, and said the town should have a reserve fund for the purpose.

Brown said officials were aware of the problems and that a grant had been received to address problems in the Regency area. She said it was important that the town become more proactive than reactive.

Harrison said advocating for more grants and studies to look at town growth but admitted that "poaching" might be all that is possible until complete renovations could be done.

The final two questions concerned town debt and turnover among town employees.

Regarding debt, the candidates all basically said that some amount of debt was necessary, with some criticizing current officials for not having moved more quickly to lock payment in for the new fire station, whose cost had risen from just over one million dollars to nearly five.

"Some give Covid as an excuse. Were we too slow to nail this down? I don't know," Hinton said, describing the project as a "big undertaking" and positing that increased property values and property taxes may help pay for the fire station.

"When it comes to the safety of citizens, we need to borrow (money)," Brown said. Street said when he left office, there had been no town debt and that the town should generate enough money to build a fire station that "we can pay for."

Harrison said he hoped that grants could offset some town expenses and debts and that it was important to develop cash reserves, while Lumppp said each infrastructure situation needed to be dealt with individually.

Regarding employee turnover, the general consensus among candidates was that showing appreciation for workers and finding ways to incentivize people could offset to some extent the need for salary increases.

Municipal elections will be held November 7. Early one-stop voting begins at the Board of Elections office in Nashville on Oct. 19 and ends Nov. 4th (Hours: Monday - Friday 8am - 5 pm and Saturday Nov. 4th from 8am - 3 pm).

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH
DOCKET NO. E-12, SUB 674

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.3 and Commission Rule 88-67) PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing on the annual cost recovery adjustment cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, November 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbie Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 88-67 to consider DENC's application for approval of REPS cost recovery and compliance with the REPS requirements during the 2023 calendar year. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule 81-21(g).

On August 15, 2023, DENC filed voluminous exhibits in support of its application for REPS cost recovery and 2022 REPS Compliance Report. By its application, DENC proposes to implement a REPS cost recovery rate effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2024. It proposes to implement the following REPS rates, not including the regulatory fee: (1) a \$0.37 per month charge for residential customers, which is an increase of \$0.41 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge; (2) a \$2.16 per month charge for commercial customers, which is an increase of \$2.34 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge; and (3) a \$21.15 per month charge for industrial customers, which is an increase of \$15.42 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Dobbie Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available for review by the public, and on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.gov.

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The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection-Utilities, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to utilityAG@ncdoj.gov.

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Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules 81-5 and 81-19 on or before Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The date of testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION
This the 7th day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Shonta Daston, Chief Clerk

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On August 15, 2023, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 88-55. By its application, DENC requests that the Commission approve the proposed total fuel factor of a 5.6609 cents per kilowatt-hour (¢/kWh), to be allocated based on voltage differentiated adjustments, including the base fuel factor, Rider A, EMF Rider B, and EMF Rider B-1. DENC proposes that the total fuel rate for each customer class be set as follows, effective February 1, 2024:

Customer Class	Total
Residential	4.6082 ¢/kWh
S05 & PA	4.6078 ¢/kWh
QSR	5.7113 ¢/kWh
Schedule NS	4.4299 ¢/kWh
QVP	4.4937 ¢/kWh
Outdoor Lighting	4.6082 ¢/kWh
TuBtu	4.6682 ¢/kWh

Compared to the current fuel rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.1106 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$1.35. Small general service and public authority customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.1067 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.1067 cents per kWh.

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Arrest made in Dollar General robbery cases

BY NANCY WEST-BRAKE
GRAPHIC STAFF WRITER

Two armed robbery cases involving Dollar General stores in Spring Hope and Elm City have resulted in arrests of two men, both of whom are in jail on felony charges with no bond.

Rosivette Lopes, 32, of 201 Pender Street South, Elm City, is charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon and conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, according to a news release from the Nash County Sheriff's Office. Another man, 19-year-old Kyle Jason McMikle, of Wallace, NC, has the same charges.

Under NC Criminal Law 14-87, felonious robbery with a dangerous weapon is a

Class D felony, carrying a maximum incarceration of up to 204 months, or 17 years, in prison. Conspiracy to commit robbery is a Class E felony, which carries maximum sentencing of 30-88 months.

The Sheriff's Office news release said both Lopes and McMikle were arrested after an incident August 26 at the Spring Hope Dollar General, located at 6245 S NC 581.

The release said that an "armed individual" entered the Spring Hope Dollar General and "demanded money." The Graphic learned that \$466 was taken.

Three days later, on August 29, a similar robbery was conducted at the Dollar General in Elm City, located at 52500 E NC 97. That robbery netted \$1400, according to



MCMIKLE LOPES

NCSO Investigator Macie Hasty.

"After a thorough investigation by the

Nash County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit, two suspects were developed and have been charged accordingly," the release said.

The release states that both Lopes and McMikle were involved in the Spring Hope robbery, but that McMikle alone is additionally charged with the Elm City robbery. Hasty told The Graphic that Lopes and McMikle went on to rob Southern Bank on Forest Hills Road in Wilson this month. Charges for that robbery have already been filed.

Lopes and McMikle are currently being held in the Wilson County Jail under no bond.

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Stone met Sept. 15 and October 13, while an additional meeting between Sheriff's Office staff and management team members took place Sept. 25.

Stone's Oct. 17 release said that he said met with several County Commissioners and Cozart staff on Oct. 13 "in an attempt to provide clarity and accuracy to the information presented by Shatzer, but was met with resistance."

Shatzer's release pointed out that the Sheriff's Office had had a 60.5% increase in salaries over the last nine years, while Nash County's entire budget had only gone up 21.3%.

In addition, Shatzer's release said that when the NCSO became one of the few Sheriff's offices to become accredited through CALEA (The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) in 2022, that came with a history of financial support, which was used in the Manager's report.

Stone's release contends that budget figures Shatzer presented in Sept. "were shown with Capital Improvement Project numbers included in the overall numbers for FY24 in order to inflate the budget and appear as though the Sheriff's Office budget had increased at a tremendous rate."

Stone's release continued, "The fact is during the entire time Sheriff Stone has been in office, CIO has never been included as part of the ongoing ORG budget numbers for the Sheriff's Office, nor any other county department that he has researched, as it has always been a separate funding allocation."

Stone labelled Shatzer's initial report as "misinformation presented...to manipulate the information presented to the Commissioners and the public."

Stone also called out the County Manager for "making it appear the members of the Sheriff's Office

had received large salary increases in FY23." His release said that while salary adjustments were made in FY23 after a pay study was completed at the request of Sheriff Stone, "salaries are still not comparable to local vicinac positions in order to fund the requests for the remainder of this budget year without requiring any additional funding from the County."

Stone's release said he presented a plan earlier this year for staff salary increases that would freeze a select number of current vacant positions in order to fund the requests for the remainder of this budget year without requiring any additional funding from the County.

The Sheriff's release claims that the County Manager deflated several vacant positions within the Sheriff's Office "with the budget already having been approved by the County Commissioners, without consultation or notification to Sheriff Stone."

Stone's release also contended numerous other aspects of Shatzer's September report to the Commissioners, particularly her claim that the Sheriff's Office currently has four vacancies. Stone said the number is fifteen, which are gathering "minimal interest" due to the "current salary issues and competition among other local law enforcement agencies."

Stone's release said that Shatzer's comparative data "intentionally excluded those (counties) that were higher paying agencies," that the County Manager made it appear as though the county was funding law enforcement vehicles when 58 have been purchased through asset forfeiture monies, and that the denial of salary adjustments for civilian evidence personnel has "hampered the department's ability to hire qualified and trained personnel."

"Employing, retaining and compensating those men and women who represent the core values of honor, compassion and diligence are vital to serving

the people of Nash County," the Sheriff said.

Shatzer's release stated that the County Manager shared information with the Sheriff Oct. 13 regarding the need for a balanced budget, unplanned spending, staffing needs, lapsed salaries and tax revaluation.

"Nash County must adopt a balanced budget before July 1 every year. The current budget required \$8,550,000 from the County's general fund, the highest amount ever used to balance the budget," Shatzer's release said. The county is also addressing "deficiencies in the Child Welfare Division of DSS, with the total expenses for services yet to be determined," and that while Nash County recognizes there are staffing needs in the Sheriff's Office, "salary and staffing needs also exist in Emergency Services, Social Services, Planning and Inspections and other departments."

Shatzer's release said that she "has no desire to single out an area to address while not addressing others," with the bottom line that necessary adjustments to spending will be addressed during next year's budget planning process, which begins in January of 2024.

Regarding tax revaluation, Shatzer's release stated that the results of a property revaluation process to reassess all taxed property values "are currently unknown," they are "expected to help address budgetary needs in all departments for the next fiscal year."

"The Nash County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of addressing the needs of all 19 County departments together and not singling out individual groups," said Board Chairman Robbie Davis, who said the best time to do so was during the budget planning process "when we see how property revaluation will affect Nash County."

NASH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORTS

Larceny of dog reported at 13328 S NC 581, Bailey on 10/13/23

Child abuse/felony reported at 1588 N NC 561, Spring Hope on 10/11/23
Breaking and entering, non-force/larceny reported at 1687 Macedonia Rd., Spring Hope on 10/8/23

Two counts of felony breaking and/or entering; larceny after breaking and entering reported at 1852 Exum Rd., Nashville on 10/14/23

Larceny, misdemeanor reported at 2343 Oak Level Rd., Rocky Mount on 10/12/23
Assault inf. serious injury reported at 2869 US 64A, Nashville on 10/14/23

Larceny, misdemeanor reported at 3635 N Halifax Rd., Rocky Mount on 10/11/23

Two counts assault on a female; assault/triangula-

tion reported at 4414 W. Homes Church Rd., Bailey on 10/11/23

Warrant service at 4446 Langwood Way, Rocky Mount on 10/9/23

Domestic disturbance reported at 4755 Kallin Rd., Rocky Mount on 10/12/23

Larceny from construction site reported at 5100 Golden Willow Dr., Battleboro on 10/10/23

Domestic disturbance reported at 5643 W Old Spring Hope Rd., Spring Hope on 10/14/23

Two counts of felony breaking and/or entering; larceny after breaking and entering reported at 7169 Red Rd., Nashville on 10/13/23

Assault/simple reported at 8206 West Mount Drive, Rocky Mount on 10/11/23

Larceny from construction

site reported at 8451 Shallow Creek Trail, Bailey on 10/11/23

Felony larceny reported at 8532 NC 33 Whitakers on 10/11/23

Financial transaction card fraud reported at 878 NC 231, Spring Hope on 8/11/23

Possession schedule I controlled substance, felony, reported at mile marker 444 US 64 W on 10/9/23

Damage to personal property reported at mile marker 464 US 64 E on 10/9/23

Three counts possession n/methamphetamine; discharge firearm from an enclosure; assault-point gun at reported Sandy Cross Rd/Sandy Rd Nashville on 10/14/23

DWI reported at S. Halifax Rd/E NC 37 on 10/8/23

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investigation has been concluded, but that an investigation by the Department of Social Services was still open. The charges were made

based on evidence gathered.

Hasty said he has been placed with a safety provider and is "healing."

No further details have been released.

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Outdoor Lighting	4.6982 ¢/kWh
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH
DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 675

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
Application by Virginia Electric and Power)
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North)
Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric)
Rates and Charges and Review its Fuel)
Factor Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2)
and Commission Rule 28.55)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION
This the 7th day of September, 2023.
NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Shonta Daston, Chief Clerk

The benefits of energy-efficient homes

Consumer efforts to be more eco-conscious are more and more noticeable. For proof of that, one need look no further than the increase in vehicle charging stations. Such stations are more accessible than ever and illustrate that consumer preference is increasingly leaning toward products that leave as small a carbon footprint as possible.

Another indicator of a growing interest in eco-friendly products is the popularity in energy-efficient homes. In fact, a recent survey from the National Association of Home Builders found that energy-efficient features are among the most sought-after "must-haves" among homebuyers. Among those surveyed, 83 percent desired Energy Star-rated windows, 81 percent wanted Energy Star-rated appliances and 80 percent preferred energy-efficient lighting.

Though eco-conscious sensibilities compel millions of homeowners to make their homes more energy-efficient, that's not the only reason to upgrade your home. The following are a handful of the many benefits of energy-efficient homes.

- **Save money:** Inflation was one of the biggest stories of 2022, as the cost of living rose dramatically in the wake of world events. According to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, inflation led to an overall 6.5 percent increase in prices. But that increase was dwarfed by the cost of electricity, which increased by 14.3 percent in 2022. Energy-efficient appliances can help homeowners overcome that spike, as the U.S. Department of Energy indicates upgrading to such products can help homeowners reduce their energy costs by as much as 30 percent.
- **Improve resale value:** As the NAHB survey indicates, modern homebuyers want energy-efficient homes. They're also willing to



pay more for such homes. Research from the mortgage lender Freddie Mac found that homes with energy-efficient ratings sold for nearly 3 percent more on average than homes without such ratings.

• **Live healthier:** The benefits of energy-efficient homes aren't just economic, though health-related benefits certainly produce an economic incentive as well. According to the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, insulation and air sealing protect individuals from heat waves and other ripple effects of climate change. The ACEEE notes that weatherization can improve indoor air quality and comfort, a notable benefit for asthma sufferers and seniors. In fact, the ACEEE estimates that integrating energy efficiency programs in homes could reduce seniors' risk for falls in their homes, potentially saving \$2 billion in fall-related health care costs over the next decade, and improve asthma outcomes, which could reduce health care costs by as much as half a billion dollars.

Energy-efficient products and practices pay numerous dividends, making them a worthy expenditure for any homeowners looking to upgrade their homes.

How to make homes safer from fires

Over a five-year period beginning in 2015 and 2019, fire departments across the United States responded to roughly 347,000 home structure fires per year. That data, courtesy of the National Fire Protection Association, underscores the significance of home fire protection measures.

Smoke detectors are a key component of fire protection, but there's much more homeowners can do to protect themselves, their families, their belongings, and their homes from structure fires.

- **Routinely inspect smoke detectors.** Smoke detectors can only alert residents to a fire if they're working properly. Battery-powered smoke detectors won't work if the batteries die. Routine smoke detector check-ups can ensure the batteries still have juice and that the devices themselves are still functioning properly. Test alarms to make sure the devices are functioning and audible in nearby rooms. Install additional detectors as necessary so alarms and warnings can be heard in every room of the house.
- **Hire an electrician to audit your home.** Electricians can inspect a home and identify any issues that could make the home more vulnerable to fires. Ask electricians to look over every part of the house, including attics and crawl spaces. Oft-overlooked areas like attics and crawl spaces pose a potentially significant fire safety threat, as data from the Federal Emergency Management



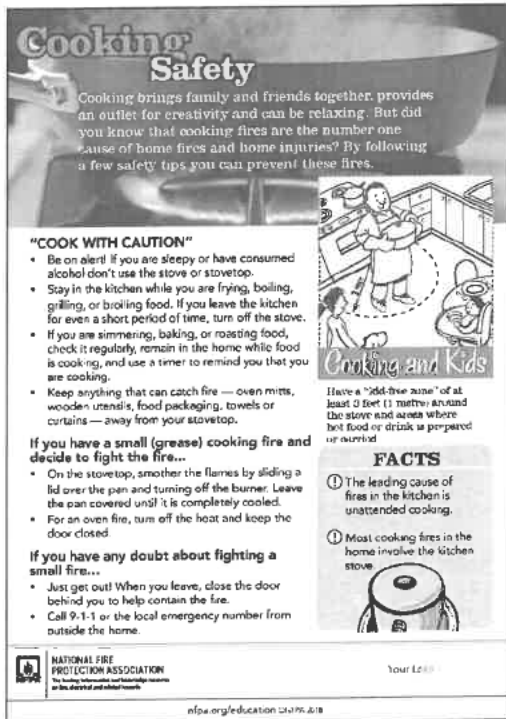
Association (FEMA) indicates that 13 percent of electrical fires begin in such spaces.
- **Audit the laundry room.** The laundry room is another potential source of home structure fires. NFPA data indicates around 3 percent of home structure fires begin in laundry rooms each year. Strategies to reduce the risk of

laundry room fires include leaving room for laundry to tumble in washers and dryers; routinely cleaning lint screens to avoid the buildup of dust, fiber and lint, which the NFPA notes are often the first items to ignite in fires linked to dryers; and ensuring the outlets washing machines and dryers are plugged into can handle the voltage such appliances require. It's also a good idea to clean dryer exhaust vents and ducts every year.

• **Look outward as well.** Though the majority of home fires begin inside, the NFPA reports that 4 percent of such fires begin outside the home. Homeowners can reduce the risk of such fires by ensuring all items that utilize fire, including grills and firepits, are always used at least 10 feet away from the home. Never operate a grill beneath eaves, and do not use grills on decks. Never leave children unattended around firepits, as all it takes is a single mistake and a moment for a fire to become unwieldy.

• **Sweat the small stuff.** Hair dryers, hair straighteners, scented candles, clothes irons, and holiday decorations are some additional home fire safety hazards. Never leave candles burning in empty rooms and make sure beauty and grooming items like dryers, straighteners and irons are unplugged and placed in a safe place to cool down when not in use.

Fire departments respond to hundreds of thousands of home fires each year. Some simple strategies and preventive measures can greatly reduce the risk that a fire will overtake your home.



Cooking Safety

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

"COOK WITH CAUTION"

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.

FACTS

- 1 The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- 2 Most cooking fires in the home involve the kitchen stove.

Have a "odd-five zone" of at least 5 feet (1.5 meters) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or served.

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Avoid These Investment Mistakes



We all make mistakes in many areas of life. These mistakes are usually fairly harmless — we took a wrong turn while driving, used the wrong ingredients in a recipe and so on. But sometimes, our mistakes can be costly — especially those connected to investing.

Here are some of the most common investment mistakes:

• Too much buying and selling — Some people find it exciting to constantly buy and sell investments in the pursuit of big gains. Yet, frequent trading can work against you in a couple of ways. First, it can be expensive — if you're always buying and selling investments, you could rack up taxes, fees and commissions. Perhaps even more important, though, excessive purchases and sales can make it difficult to follow a unified, cohesive investment strategy. Such a strategy requires, among other things, careful construction and management of an investment portfolio that's appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. Heavy trading can disrupt this strategy.

• Failing to diversify — If you only owned one type of asset, such as growth-oriented stocks, your portfolio could take a hit when the financial markets go through a downturn. But not all investments will respond the same way to the same forces — for example, stocks and bonds can move in different directions at any given time. And that's why it's usually a good idea to own a mix of investments, which can include domestic and foreign stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit (CDs) and government securities. Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can help reduce the impact of market volatility, it can't guarantee profits or protect against losses in a declining market.

• Trying to "time" the market — "Buy low and sell high" might be the original piece of investment advice, but it's pretty hard to follow — because no one can really predict when an investment will reach "low" or "high" points. Also, trying to "time" the market in this way can lead to bad decisions, such as selling investments whose price has dropped, even if these same investments still have good business fundamentals and strong prospects.

• Not understanding what you're investing in — If you don't know the nature of investments when you buy them, you could get yourself up for unpleasant surprises. For example, some companies, by the very nature of their business and the type of industry they're in, may consistently pay dividends to their investors even though their stock prices may only show relatively modest price gains over time. If you bought shares of this stock, thinking it had the potential to achieve quite substantial appreciation, you might end up disappointed.

• Making the wrong comparisons — You're no doubt familiar with some of the most well-known investment benchmarks — the S&P 500, Dow Jones Industrial Average and the Nasdaq Composite. But it might be counterproductive to compare your results against these indexes. If you have a diversified portfolio, you'll own an array of investments that won't fit into any single index or benchmark, so you won't get an apples-to-apples comparison. You're better off comparing your portfolio's performance against the only benchmark that really matters — the progress you need to make to help achieve your goals. Investing will always have its challenges — but you can help make it easier on yourself by staying away from as many mistakes as possible.

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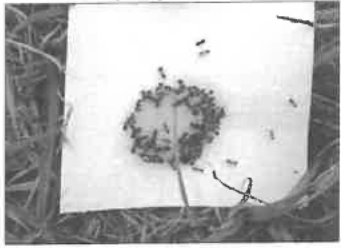
Fire Ants & Mushrooms

By: Daniel Simpson, County Extension Director, Agriculture Agent



Now that fall has arrived, many homeowners have noticed an increase in the number of fire ant mounds and mushrooms in their yards. While this might be a little surprising to some, there is nothing to be alarmed about as this simply is a response to the change in weather. With cooler temperatures and heavy morning dew, fungus that has been growing in your yard will begin to fruit and bare mushrooms, while fire ants will move their mound activity closer to the surface. These are natural shifts in the environmental cycle, which homeowners can use to their advantage.

Fire ants can be found in many locations within Pamlico County including sidewalks, lawns, fields, and roadsides. During periods of hot, dry weather (like this summer), fire ant colonies retreat underground and may go undetected for extended periods. However, as rain and cooler weather increases into early fall, these colonies will rise to the surface, aiding in detection and offering a final opportunity for control before winter weather forces them back deep underground.



A common approach to fire ant control involves a two-step treatment using fire ant bait and individual mound treatments. First, ant bait products are broadcast near active mounds, which the ants will forage for and feed upon, spreading the active ingredient among the colony. Many of these bait products (Amdro Fire Ant Bait, Extinguish, etc.) contain active ingredients that prevent growth or reproduction resulting in death of insects. Bait products work best when conditions are dry, and insects can actively forage. To test for actively foraging fire ants, place pieces of cut hothod or potato chips around the mound. If these items are quickly fed upon by foraging ants, then so will your bait. If, however, these food items do not elicit a response from the fire ant mound, then you may need to wait until conditions are more conducive to active foraging. This process of bait application and foraging may take several days, so be patient. Follow-up mound treatments may need to occur 5-7 days later, targeting the remaining viable mounds that are still active. Mound treatments (Ortho Fire Ant Killer, Seven, etc.) tend to work in hours to days. The active ingredients in these products require direct contact with fire ants, with some products requiring water to be applied to move the chemical down into the mound for greater contact. When using insecticides, ALWAYS READ AND FOLLOW THE LABEL DIRECTIONS. This statement is emphasized because the efficacy of your application hinges on your ability to follow proper application methodology. Homeowners should also understand that a single application will not result in complete eradication of fire ants. Your goal should be to manage the population of fire ants within your landscape to a level where human interactions are reduced. For more information on fire ant management, visit this NC State Extension turf note at <https://www.turffiles.ncsu.edu/insects/fire-ants-in-turf/>.

Mushrooms typically pose little problems for home lawns. Most will pop up during specific periods of weather, be noticeable for a few days, then not be seen again. Applications of fungicides to control mushrooms in yards is not recommended, as it is costly, provides little impact on the mushrooms when present, and is a treatment for an issue that may not be causing any harm. If you must take action, remove the mushrooms by raking or mowing. Do not pick these mushrooms and consume them. For safety, it is best to assume that most mushrooms are toxic.

Typical mushrooms seen around this time of year include Armillaria Root Rot and Fairy Rings. Armillaria root rot produces brownish- or honey-colored mushrooms with fungus feeding on decaying wood debris within the soil. This fungus and mushroom can be a good indication that trees are infected



with wood rot and should be considered as potential hazards. No control options are available to infected plants so just be on the look out and take note. Armillaria will also grow on old tree roots and stumps, so do not be surprised to see them where trees once grew. For an interesting note on this disease, visit the NC State Extension Plant Disease and Insect Clinic Blog at <http://ncspudicblog.blogspot.com/2011/08/armillaria-root-rot-in-landscape-attack.html>.

Other common mushrooms seen in fall are fairy ring puffballs. Several different fungi create these rings, growing on the thatch within your turf. Prevention is the key to control, with fungicide applications made in the spring when soil temperatures reach 55 degrees Fahrenheit. For more information on fire ring control, visit the NC State Extension turf note at <https://www.turffiles.ncsu.edu/diseases-in-turf/fairy-ring-in-turf/>.

For more information on fire ants and mushrooms and their control, please contact Daniel Simpson at (252) 745-4121 or daniel_simpson@ncsu.edu.



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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Sheeta Dunston, Chief Clerk

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FINE PRINT: News from Washington County's public records

Communications log

(The following is a sampling of calls received by the communications division of the Washington County Sheriff's Office.)

- September 29
 - 1:32 a.m. Disturbance in Creswell.
 - 1:35 a.m. Hit and run in Plymouth.
 - 10:24 a.m. Animal bite in Plymouth.
 - 5 p.m. Juvenile problem in Roper.
 - 7:13 p.m. Vehicle abandoned in Plymouth.
 - 7:42 p.m. Suspicious activity in Roper.
 - 10:25 p.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.
 - 11:39 p.m. Crowd control in Plymouth.
- September 30
 - 12:18 a.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.
 - 2:59 a.m. Stalking in Plymouth.
 - 1:03 p.m. breathing problems in Plymouth.
 - 5:38 p.m. Breaking and entering in Plymouth.
 - 7:09 p.m. Intoxicated driver in Roper.
 - 7:15 p.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.
 - 8 p.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
 - 8:09 p.m. Assault in Plymouth.
 - 10:30 p.m. Officer requested to unlock vehicle in Creswell.
 - 11:59 p.m. Overdose in Plymouth.
 - 11:50 p.m. Property damage in Plymouth.
- October 1
 - 3:24 a.m. Stalking in Roper.
 - 11:22 a.m. Vehicle accident in Creswell.
 - 1:07 p.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.
 - 2:18 p.m. Larceny in Plymouth.
 - 6:20 p.m. Careless and reckless driving in Roper.

- 8:44 p.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
- 11:34 p.m. Assault in Plymouth.
- October 2
 - 1:17 a.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
 - 8:07 a.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
 - 8:11 a.m. Suspicious activity in Roper.
 - 8:59 a.m. Vehicle abandoned in Plymouth.
 - 11:17 p.m. Vehicle stolen in Pleasant Grove.
 - 12:11 p.m. Fraud, scam or counterfeit money in Roper.
 - 12:15 p.m. Vehicle accident in Roper.
 - 4:03 p.m. Assault in Plymouth.
 - 4:12 p.m. Property damage in Plymouth.
 - 10:25 p.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.
 - 5:23 p.m. Shots fired in Plymouth.
 - 8:52 p.m. Larceny in Roper.
 - 9:14 p.m. Breaking and entering in Plymouth.
 - 10:10 p.m. Assault in Plymouth.
- October 3
 - 12:42 a.m. Disturbance in Roper.
 - 12:53 a.m. Disturbance in Roper.
 - 3:01 a.m. Drug activity in Plymouth.
 - 4:55 a.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.
 - 1:42 p.m. Drug activity in Plymouth.
 - 5:20 p.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.
 - 6:33 p.m. Assault in Roper.
 - 7:07 p.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.
 - 7:10 p.m. Intoxicated driver in Plymouth.
 - 7:52 p.m. Littering in Roper.
 - 9:38 p.m. Structure fire in Pastego.
 - 11 p.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
 - 11:25 p.m. Suspicious activity in Roper.
- October 4
 - 9:45 a.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.

- 2:09 p.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
- 3:14 p.m. Shots fired in Plymouth.
- 6:36 p.m. Drug activity in Plymouth.
- 6:43 p.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
- 11:55 p.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
- October 5
 - 10:08 a.m. Assault in Plymouth.
 - 7:14 p.m. Fire or smoke alarm in Plymouth.
 - 7:55 p.m. Assault in Roper.
 - 10:29 p.m. Headache in Creswell.

Jail bookings

(The following persons have been arrested and booked into the Washington County Detention Center. It is important to remember that all persons are presumed innocent of these preliminary charges pending court action. The arresting agency is listed in parenthesis.)

September 29
 Mitchell R. Collins Sr., 54, Sawmill Circle, Plymouth, second-degree trespass. Released September 29. (Washington County)
 William Travis Rea Jr., 26, Windsor, driving commercial vehicle while impaired. Released October 1. (Washington County)
 September 30
 Antoinette Derran Purvis, 38, Washington Street, Plymouth, no charge listed. Being held.
 October 2
 Derris Greenwood, 31, Washington, misdemeanor child abuse. Being held (Washington County)
 Christopher Ryan Hardy, 35, Greenville, possess drug paraphernalia, and two counts misdemeanor larceny. Being held. (Pitt County)
 Treymayez Jermold Staton, 45, Jermol Trailer Park, Plymouth, murder. Released October 4. (Washington County)
 Charles David Yow, 54, Griffin, assault on a female, violent domestic violence protection order. Released October 5. (Beaufort County)
 October 3
 Joseph Jabree Carr, 21, Chestnut Street, Plymouth, assault on a female. Released October 5. (Washington County)
 October 4
 Henry Lee Gordon, 35, Jefferson Street, Plymouth, treating public officer. Released October 5. (Beaufort County)

- De'von Lavar Cox, drive or allow a motor vehicle to be driven with no registration, no liability insurance, and expired or no inspection.
- Antoinette Lazier Hall, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation.
- Robert S. Hanzack, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation.
- Douglas Leah Ivey, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation, and expired registration card tag.
- Lowhwa Renee Johnson, seatbelt violation.
- Marriell Cortez Jones, expired registration card tag, expired or no inspection.
- Robert Michael Kenndall, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation.
- Michael Douglas Lee, drive or allow a motor vehicle to be driven with no registration, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation, no liability insurance, and expired or no inspection.
- Richard Lee Norman, canceled, revoked or suspended certificate tag, and no liability insurance.
- Raheed Aaron Rhines, open container after consuming alcohol first, reckless driving to endanger, and no liability insurance.
- Amber Lee Rodriguez, seatbelt violation.
- Jamal Donit Small, break or enter a motor vehicle, identify theft.
- Jermaine Carmel Spain, no liability insurance, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation, and canceled, revoked or suspended certificate tag.
- Lindsay A. Stallings, no liability insurance, expired registration card tag, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation, and possess or display an altered, fictitious or revoked driver's license.
- Joseph Jabree Carr, assault on a female.
- Lecia Lynette Casper, possess open container or consume alcohol in the passenger area.
- Michell Ray Collins, second-degree trespass.

Civil Court

The Honorable Regina R. Parker will preside over district civil court, hearing the following cases:

October 11
 William Henry Anderson II versus Keia Jerris Arnold, visitation.

Pending Charges

(The charges have been filed in District Court and are pending further action. It is important to remember that all persons charged with a crime are innocent until proven guilty.)
 Court date: October 10
 Benjamin Ray Blouis, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation, expired registration card tag, expired or no inspection, and possess or display an altered, fictitious or revoked driver's license.
 October 2
 Lecia Lynette Casper, possess open container or consume alcohol in the passenger area.
 Michell Ray Collins, second-degree trespass.

ing while impaired, reckless driving to endanger.
 Jeffrey Hunter Swain, driving while impaired, civil revocation of driver's license, and speeding 79/55.
 Germond Tyrel Tuggeles, ran from bondman - failure to appear, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation, and speeding 70/55.
 Michael Ray Walker, domestic criminal trespass.

Pending Charges

(The charges have been filed in Superior Court and are pending further action. It is important to remember that all persons charged with a crime are innocent until proven guilty.)
 Court date: November 6
 Terrance Lamont Williams, possession of firearm by felon; first appearance. First-degree murder, one continuance.
 Kionnasha Mark Swain, driving while impaired, injury to real property, 11 continuances.
 Aaren Rashawn Jackson, driving while impaired, five continuances.
 Matthew Lee Bloodworth, larceny of firearm, and habitual felon, first appearance.

Plymouth police reports

The following incidents were reported to Plymouth Police Department:
 September 30
 Southfield Drive resident reports breaking or entering of a motor vehicle.
 October 1
 Misdemeanor larceny at motel.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
 UTILITIES COMMISSION
 RALEIGH
 DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 674

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application)
 by Virginia Electric and Power)
 Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina,)
 for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy) PUBLIC NOTICE
 Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Recovery)
 Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and)
 Commission Rule 88-57)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS) cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule 88-57 to consider DENC's application for approval of REPS cost recovery and compliance with the REPS requirements during the 2022 calendar year. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

On August 15, 2023, DENC filed direct testimony and exhibits in support of its application for REPS cost recovery and 2022 REPS Compliance Report. By its application, DENC proposes to implement a REPS cost recovery rate effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2024. It proposes to implement the following REPS rates, not including the regulatory fee: (1) a \$0.57 per month charge for residential customers, which is an increase of \$0.41 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge; (2) a \$3.16 per month charge for commercial customers, which is an increase of \$2.34 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge; and (3) a \$21.15 per month charge for industrial customers, which is an increase of \$15.42 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available for review by the public, and on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.gov.

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 7th day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
 A. Shonta Danston, Chief Clerk

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
 UTILITIES COMMISSION
 RALEIGH
 DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 675

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
 Application by Virginia Electric and Power)
 Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North)
 Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric) PUBLIC NOTICE
 Rates and Charges and Revise its Fuel)
 Factor Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2)
 and Commission Rule 88-55)

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On August 15, 2023, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 88-55. By its application, DENC requests that the Commission approve the proposed total fuel factor of 4.5409 cents per kilowatt hour (¢/kWh), to be allocated based on voltage differentiated adjustments, including the base fuel factor, Rider A, EMP Rider B, and EME Rider B-1. DENC proposes that the total fuel rate for each customer class be set as follows, effective February 1, 2024:

Customer Class	Total
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LGSS	4.5713 ¢/kWh
Schedule NS	4.4299 ¢/kWh
GVP	4.4317 ¢/kWh
Outdoor Lighting	4.6082 ¢/kWh
Traffic	4.6082 ¢/kWh

Compared to the current fuel rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.1066 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$1.10. Small general service and public authority customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.1087 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.1067 cents per kWh.

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FINE PRINT: News from Washington County's public records

Communications log

(The following is a sampling of calls received by the communications division of the Washington County Sheriff's Office.)

- October 6
 - 7:12 a.m. Livestock in the road in Plymouth.
 - 3:57 p.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
 - 4:40 p.m. Harassment in Roper.
 - 6:13 p.m. Breaking and entering in Plymouth.
- October 7
 - 11:27 a.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.
- October 8
 - 12:45 a.m. Suspicious activity in Roper.
 - 2:55 a.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
 - 1:36 p.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
 - 7:34 p.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
- October 9
 - 2 a.m. Prowler in Plymouth.
 - 3:26 p.m. Harassment in Roper.
 - 5:47 p.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
 - 7:42 p.m. Threats communicated in Plymouth.
 - 7:42 p.m. Harassment in Plymouth.
 - 11:35 p.m. Trespassing in Plymouth.
- October 10
 - 12:51 a.m. Drug activity in Plymouth.
 - 9:07 a.m. Assault in Plymouth.
 - 1:15 p.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.
 - 2:07 p.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.
 - 5:29 p.m. Disturbance in Roper.
 - 8:27 p.m. Suspicious activity in Creswell.
 - 9:04 p.m. Shots fired in Plymouth.
- October 11
 - 12:57 a.m. Noise complaint in Roper.
 - 7:50 a.m. Breaking and entering in Plymouth.
 - 11:16 a.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.
 - 12:45 p.m. Disturbance in Roper.
 - 3:25 p.m. Juvenile problem in Plymouth.
 - 4:41 p.m. Fraud, scam or counterfeit money in Plymouth.
 - 5:44 p.m. Suspicious activity

in Plymouth.
7:22 p.m. Intoxicated driver in Plymouth.
10 p.m. Breaking and entering in Plymouth.
October 12
8:28 a.m. Juvenile problem in Plymouth.
2:25 p.m. Harassment in Plymouth.
2:32 p.m. Juvenile problem in Plymouth.
9:09 p.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.

Jail bookings

(The following persons have been arrested and booked into the Washington County Detention Center. It is important to remember that all persons are presumed innocent of these preliminary charges pending court action. The arresting agency is listed in parenthesis.)

October 9
Timothy S. Chestnut, 55, Linden Street, Plymouth, no charge listed. Released October 12.
Rodney Paul Godley, 77, Long Ridge Road, seatbelt violation. Released October 10. (Washington County)
October 10
David Brent Long, 42, Washington, possess drug paraphernalia and felony larceny. Being held. (Washington and Martin counties)
October 11
John Burton Vick Jr., 50, NC Highway 32, Plymouth, obtain property by false pretense. Released October 11. (Washington County)

District Court

Honorable Keith B. Mason presided over the August 8 session, disposing of cases as follows:
Wendell S. Banks, speeding 76/55 reduced to 69/55, seatbelt violation; \$20 fine and costs. No operator's license; voluntary dismissal.
Andrew Stephen Barham, no operator's license, and fictitious or altered title registration card tag; 20 days to pay fine and costs.
Tavis Lamont Brown, expired registration card tag, expired or no inspection, and expired registration card tag; voluntary dismissal.
Sierra Paige Calmer, speeding 10/70 reduced to 79/70;

\$50 fine and costs. Reckless driving to endanger; voluntary dismissal.
Riley T. Christmas, seatbelt violation, and possess open container or consume alcohol in the passenger area; 20 days to pay fine and costs.
De'von Lavar Cox, drive or allow a motor vehicle to be driven with no registration, no liability insurance, and expired or no inspection; 20 days to pay fine and costs.
Jermain Frank Cradle, reckless driving to endanger; 20 days to pay fine and costs.
Darryl Stephon Grant, speeding 78/55, expired registration card tag, expired or no inspection, and seatbelt violation; voluntary dismissal. Driving while license revoked - impaired revocation reduced to driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation, and driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation; 20 days jail, 12 months probation, \$100 fine, costs, not operate motor vehicle until properly licensed, attorney and appointment fees.
Elite Divine Harvey, speeding 68/55 reduced to 64/55; \$10 fine and costs.
Kasey Jamal Jackson, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation, and canceled, revoked or suspended certificate tag; voluntary dismissal. Failure to secure passenger under 16; \$25 fine and costs.
Austin Blake Johnson, assault on a female; voluntary dismissal.
Lowella Renee Johnson, seatbelt violation; 20 days to pay fine and costs.
Kadesia Nikkole Jones, speeding 92/70; \$200 fine and costs. Reckless driving to endanger, and failure to secure passenger under 16; voluntary dismissal.
Michael Antoine Keyes, two counts driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation; 20 days jail, 12 months probation, \$100 fine, costs, not drive until properly licensed. Two counts no liability insurance, two counts window tinting violation, and possess or display an altered, fictitious or revoked driver's license; voluntary dismissal.
Wendell Q. Landon, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation; 20 days jail,

12 months probation, \$50 fine and costs. Expired registration card tag, and expired or no inspection; voluntary dismissal.
William P. Livingston, speeding 87/55; \$10 fine and costs. Reckless driving to endanger; voluntary dismissal.
Phoenix Raven Lynn, expired registration card tag, and allow unlicensed to drive; voluntary dismissal.
Oscar Mays Jr., no liability insurance, no operator's license; 20 days to pay fine and costs.
Richard J. McKenry, speeding 70/50; \$10 fine and costs. Failure to secure passenger under 16; voluntary dismissal.
Lavale Meshiah Norman, speeding 82/50, and reckless driving to endanger; 20 days to pay fine and costs.
Raquael S. Phelps, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation reduced to failure to notify FMV of address change; \$25 fine and costs. Possess or display an altered, fictitious or revoked driver's license; voluntary dismissal.
Jessica Lynn Price, speeding 73/50 reduced to 59/50; \$10 fine and costs. Expired registration card tag, operate a vehicle with no insurance, reckless driving with warrant disregarded, expired or no inspection, and canceled, revoked or suspended certificate tag; voluntary dismissal.
Derenius Jabar Pugh, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation; 20 days jail, 12 months probation, \$50 fine, costs, not drive until properly licensed. Speeding 70/55; voluntary dismissal.
Nathaniel Bryce Pugh, speeding 129/70, and window tinting violation; voluntary dismissal. Reckless driving to endanger; 30 days jail, 12 months probation, \$100 fine and costs.

Corey Howard Purvis, open container after consuming alcohol first; \$25 fine and costs. Two counts failure to comply with license restriction, and possess open container or consume alcohol in the passenger area; voluntary dismissal.
Carian Laquick Revell, aid and abet driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation, and no liability insurance; voluntary dismissal.
James Anthony Robinson, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation, and failure to notify DMV of address change; \$25 fine and costs. Window tinting violation; voluntary dismissal.
Michael A. Roca-Rivera, seatbelt violation; 20 days to pay fine and costs.
Carlene Sanders, expired registration card tag; voluntary dismissal. Seatbelt violation; \$25 fine and costs.
Taylor Drake Schuyler, aid and abet impaired driving, aid and abet driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation, and possess open container or consume alcohol in the passenger area; voluntary dismissal.
Derek Lee Sechrest, speeding 91/70 reduced to 79/70; \$10 fine and costs. Reckless driving with warrant disregarded; voluntary dismissal.
Richard Joseph Severn, speeding 77/55; 20 days to pay fine and costs.
Kaley Danielle Sunon, speeding 79/55, and window tinting violation; 20 days to pay fine and costs.
Jahmond M. Swain, driving while impaired, and seatbelt violation; voluntary dismissal. Drive after consuming alcohol younger than 21; 30 days jail, 12 months probation, \$50 fine, costs, attorney and appointment fees indexed as civil judgment.
Clantia Terre Taylor, no

liability insurance; voluntary dismissal. Failure to secure passenger under 16; \$25 fine and costs.
Megan A. Tenterton, speeding 61/45; 20 days to pay fine and costs.
Karla Eberhedge Tom, speeding 97/70 reduced to 79/70; \$50 fine and costs. Reckless driving to endanger; voluntary dismissal.
Emily Rose Villars, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation, and failure to secure passenger under 16; \$35 fine and costs.
Alvin Delone Vison, speeding 69/55, and seatbelt violation; voluntary dismissal.
Michael Jama Ward, driving while license revoked - impaired revocation reduced to driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation, and speeding 69/55; 20 days jail, 12 months probation, \$40 fine, costs, not drive until properly licensed. Operate a vehicle with no insurance, window tinting violation, and allow a vehicle to be driven with registration plate not displayed, and fictitious or altered title registration card tag; voluntary dismissal.
Elisha Ann Washington, two counts driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation; \$50 fine and costs. Window tinting violation, and speeding 69/55; voluntary dismissal.
Benjamin A. Wasniewski, speeding 115/70; voluntary dismissal. Reckless driving to endanger; 30 days jail, 12 months probation, \$100 fine and costs.
Daniel S. Watson, speeding 72/55; 20 days to pay fine and costs.
Destiny Armoie Webb, no operator's license, waived.
Monique D. Wilkerson, speeding 70/50; prayer for judgment continued.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 675

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, c/o Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Authority to Adjust Electric Rates and Charges and Revise its Fuel Factor Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 88-55

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing on the annual fuel charge adjustment cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company (VEPCO), Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 674, which is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 88-55 for the purpose of determining whether an increment of investment is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudently incurred fuel and fuel related costs. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule 81-21(g).

On August 15, 2023, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 88-55. By its application, DENC requests that the Commission approve the proposed total fuel factor of \$ 669.00 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh), to be allocated based on vintage differentiated adjustments, including the base fuel factor, Rider A, EMF Rider B, and EMF Rider B-1. DENC proposes that the total fuel rate for each customer class be set as follows, effective February 1, 2024:

Customer Class	Total
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Compared to the current fuel rate, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.0106 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$1.10. Small general service and public authority customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.1067 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.1067 cents per kWh.

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

This the 7th day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Shonta Denson, Chief Clerk



CHURCH DIRECTORY

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SAINT JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH, Reverend Fr. Victor Subb, Glenmary Home Missions, Parish located at 506 East Main Street, Plymouth, Wednesday, Bilingual Mass at 6:30 p.m.; Weekend Masses, Saturday English Mass, 6 p.m., and Sunday Spanish Mass at 11 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions: Saturday 4-45 - 5:45 p.m., or by appointment. Cell: (615) 572-0092. All are welcome.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF CHRIST, Jay Hurdison Preaching Minister, Aaron Warwick, Youth Minister. Contact: 252-793-5820, website: www.plymouthchurchofchrist.org. Located at 905 Washington Street, Plymouth, Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Sunday worship at 10 a.m.; Wednesday, meal at 6 p.m., Bible Study at 7 p.m.

UNION CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Pastor Jonathan Honeycutt, (252) 793-9191. Located on NC Highway 32 South, Plymouth, Sunday morning worship 11 a.m.; Sunday Bible Study 6 pm; Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm.

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS
ROPER PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH, Located at 311 E. Burncombe Street, Roper, Pastors Ronnie and Patricia Casper, contact (252) 333-8474 or email rcountry59@gmail.com. Sunday School at 10 a.m., Sunday morning worship at 11 a.m., Sunday evening worship at 6 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study at 7 p.m.

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Biden balances support for Israel as his party urges restraint

BY **AMNER MADHANI AND MATTHEW LEE**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden told a crowd of Democratic donors over the weekend of a decades-old photo he took with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, an aside that seemed intended to illustrate his long support of Israel and track record of speaking bluntly with the conservative Israeli leader.



Joe Biden president

Biden said he'd written on the photo of himself as a young senator and Netanyahu as an embassy hand, "Bibi. I love you. I don't agree with a damn thing you say." He told donors at a Friday night fundraiser that Netanyahu still keeps the photo on his desk and had brought it up during Biden's lightning visit to Tel Aviv last week.

As expectations grow that Israel will soon launch a ground offensive aimed at rooting out Hamas militants who rule the Gaza Strip, Biden finds himself facing anew the difficult balancing act of demonstrating full-throated support for America's closest ally in the Middle East while trying to also press the Israelis to act with enough restraint to keep the war from spreading into a broader conflagration.

Biden has literally, and figuratively, wrapped Netanyahu in a warm embrace since the Oct. 7 attacks by Hamas. He's repeat-

edly promised to have Israel's back as it aims to take out the militant group that controls the Gaza Strip and carried out the brutal attacks that killed 1,400 Israelis and captured more than 200 others.

But he also increasingly is paying greater public heed to the plight of Palestinians and the potential consequences of a hardline Israeli response.

White House officials say Biden, during his visit to Tel Aviv last week, asked Netanyahu "tough" questions about his strategy and the way forward. Biden himself told reporters on his way back from Israel that he had a "long talk" with Israeli officials "about what the alternatives are" to a possible extended ground operation. U.S. defense officials were also consulting with Israel on the matter.

"We're going to make sure other hostile actors in the region know that Israel is stronger than ever and prevent this conflict from spreading," Biden said Thursday in a nationally televised address on assisting Israel and Ukraine in their wars. "At the same time... Netanyahu and I discussed again yesterday the critical need for Israel to operate by the laws of war. That means protecting civilians in combat as best as they can."

Both Secretary of State Antony Blinken and the executive director of United Nations

Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn., has suggested that the administration has demonstrated a double standard when it comes to valuing the lives of innocent Israelis and Gaza residents. Israel's retaliatory bombing campaign has killed more than 4,300 Palestinians, according to the Hamas-run Health Ministry.

World Food Program, Cindy McCain, offered grim warnings Sunday that the situation on the ground is only becoming more complicated.

Blinken on NBC's "Meet the Press" warned "there's a likelihood of escalation" against U.S. forces stationed in the region by Iranian proxies. Iran is the biggest financial backer of Hamas, Hezbollah militants in Lebanon and Shiite militias in Iraq.

McCain said on ABC's "This Week" that the humanitarian situation her organization is confronting in Gaza is "catastrophic."

As well, Biden and Pope Francis spoke on the phone for about 20 minutes Sunday, addressing the need to "pinpoint paths of peace" in world conflicts, the Vatican press office said in a brief statement.

The pressure on Biden for a balanced approach comes from Arab leaders in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and beyond who have seen large protests erupt in their capitals over the crisis in Gaza. It also comes from European officials, who have expressed horror at the most brutal attack on Israeli soil in decades, but also underscored that the Israelis must abide by interna-

tional and humanitarian law. Biden also faces scrutiny from people in the younger and more liberal wing of his Democratic Party, who are more divided over the Israel-Palestinian issue than the party's centrist and older leaders.

Less than week into the war, dozens of lawmakers wrote to Biden and Blinken urging them to ensure the protection of Israeli and Palestinian civilians by calling for Israeli military operations to follow the rules of international humanitarian law, the safe return of hostages, and diplomatic efforts to ensure long-lasting peace. That was followed by more than a dozen lawmakers introducing a resolution urging the Biden administration to call for an immediate de-escalation and ceasefire.

Three members of the Democratic caucus — Reps. Della Ramirez of Illinois, Summer Lee of Pennsylvania and Rashida Tlaib of Michigan — wrote to Blinken last week about the "lack of meaningful information" about the status of U.S. civilians, particularly those in Gaza and the West Bank. The administration has said some

500 to 600 U.S. citizens may be in Gaza.

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"How do you look at one atrocity and say, 'This is wrong,' but you watch as bodies pile up as neighborhoods are leveled?" Omar asked at a news conference. "Israel has dropped more bombs in the last 10 days than we dropped in a whole year your humanity? Where is your outrage? Where is your care for people?"

Inside the administration there has been debate over whether Biden is pursuing a policy too closely aligned to Israel's.

Last week, at least one department official resigned, saying he could no longer support what he called a "one-sided" policy that favors Israel at the expense of the Palestinians.

"I cannot work in support of a set of major policy decisions, including rushing more arms to one side of the conflict, that I believe to be short-sighted, destructive, unjust and contradictory to the very values that we publicly espouse," Josh Paul, an 11-year veteran of the State Department's Bureau of Politi-

cal/Military Affairs, wrote in a statement posted to his LinkedIn account on Wednesday.

Other State Department officials have expressed similar concerns and some of them spoke at a series of internal discussions for employees that were held on Friday, according to people familiar with the events who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss private conversations. Many of those comments were angry and emotional, these people said.

Blinken sent a department-wide memo Thursday urging employees to remember the administration's broader goals for equal justice and peace for both Israel and the Palestinians.

Biden administration officials, meanwhile, in their interactions with their Israeli counterparts have witnessed trauma — and rage — that is palpable.

The most significant announcement to come out of Biden's visit to Israel this past week was getting Egypt and Israel to agree to allow a limited number of trucks carrying food, water, medicine and other essentials into Gaza via the Rafah border crossing.

While the agreement to allow some aid into Gaza appeared to be minor considering the enormity of the humanitarian crisis, U.S. officials said it represented a significant concession in the position Israel held before Blinken's meeting with Netanyahu on Monday and Biden's talks with the Israeli leader on Wednesday.

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UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH
DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 675

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION:

In the Matter of)
Applications by Virginia Electric and Power)
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North)
Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric)
Rates and Charges and Revise its Fuel)
Factor Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 61-153.2)
and Commission Rule 89-55)

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Man arrested, Mustang seized following chase

BY THE HERALD STAFF REPORTS
On Saturday evening, Deputy C. Roberts and Cpl. G. Caine of the Halifax County Sheriff's Office



Ronnie Anthony Mills

were in the area of Mills Road and Highway 561 in Hollister, when they noticed a red Ford Mustang driven by 65-year-old Ronnie Anthony Mills in a careless and reckless manner.

According to a release from Scott Hall of the HCSO, Deputy Roberts attempted to initiate a traffic stop, but Mills refused to stop and fled from Roberts. Deputy Roberts and Cpl. Caine pursued Ronnie Mills on Mills Road with speeds reaching 120 mph. Ronnie Mills led deputies to a residence on Mills Road, where he was taken into custody.

Deputy Roberts arrested and charged Ronnie Anthony Mills, 65, of Hollister, with felony flee to elude, speeding, driving while license revoked, possession of an open container of alcohol, and resist, delay or obstruct a public officer.

Mills was placed in the Halifax County Jail under a \$10,000 secured bond with a Nov. 15 court date. The 2015 Ford Mustang was seized under the North Carolina Run and Done Law.

Man arrested for outstanding warrant

BY THE HERALD STAFF REPORTS
On Saturday, Carl Michael Williams Jr. was arrested for an outstanding warrant.



Carl Michael Williams Jr.

According to the Enfield Police Department's Facebook page, the warrant was for carrying a concealed firearm and going armed to the terror of the people.

Williams was incarcerated at the Halifax County Detention Center. He received a \$2,500 secured bond and a Nov. 15 court date.



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Pictured is a wrecked vehicle following a high-speed chase early Saturday morning. Petitions are forthcoming for felony flee to elude on the juvenile driver.

Juvenile petitions sought following vehicle pursuit, wreck

BY THE HERALD STAFF REPORTS

At about 2:30 a.m. Saturday, Sgt. D. Newsome with the Roanoke Rapids Police Department was patrolling the area of Chockoyotte Street, when he observed a gray Nissan traveling above the posted speed limit.

According to Chief C. Shane Guyant, Sgt. Newsome turned around and caught up with the vehicle after it turned onto Julian R. Allsbrook Highway. He attempted to initiate a traffic stop, and instead of stopping, the driver accelerated at a high rate of speed, getting on Interstate 95 traveling south. Sgt. Newsome initiated a vehicle pursuit in excess of 100 mph. The pursuit continued to the 171 mile marker, where the driver made an abrupt exit from the interstate in an attempt to elude Sgt. Newsome. The vehicle continued through the stop light at the intersection of NC Highway 125 and wrecked, the release reads.

Sgt. Newsome detained five passengers from the vehicle, and

the driver fled on foot. Four of the six occupants were transported to ECU Health North Hospital for injuries. One was transferred to ECU Hospital in Greenville for a broken leg. That person's condition is not known at the time of this release.

Lt. A. Cash, Cpl. G. Martin, Cpl. R. Marshall and K-9 Ivey of the Halifax County Sheriff's Office assisted, along with Trooper Dennis of the NC State Highway Patrol. Cpl. Marshall deployed K-9 Ivey in an attempt to track the driver who had fled. After a brief track, Lt. Cash observed a subject matching the driver's description running on Three Bridges Road near Carolina Rest Home Road. Lt. Cash was able to arrest the subject who turned out to be the juvenile driver of the vehicle. Trooper Dennis investigated the accident. After being denied a secured custody order, all juveniles were turned over to their parents. Petitions are forthcoming for felony flee to elude on the juvenile driver.

Robeson County duo arrested after traffic stop

BY THE HERALD STAFF REPORTS
At about 8:15 p.m. on Saturday, Master Officer K. Williams with the Roanoke Rapids Police Department



Daniel Lopez



Javier Alvarado

initiated a traffic stop on a 2019 Chevrolet Silverado in the area of Roanoke Avenue and West 13th Street for suspicion of driving while impaired.

During the course of the traffic stop, both occupants were observed with open containers of alcohol in their possession and the driver displaying signs of impairment. According to a press release from Chief C. Shane Guyant, both subjects were told to exit the vehicle and were detained. The front seat passenger, Daniel Lopez, 31, of Lumberton, was found to be in possession of a Glock 9mm "ghost gun." Ghost guns are unserialized and untraceable firearms that can be bought online and assembled at home. Lopez also possessed 4 grams of cocaine. He was arrested for open container, carrying a concealed gun, possession of cocaine, as well as an outstanding order for arrest out of Robeson County.

After performing a standardized field sobriety test, the driver of the vehicle, Javier Alvarado, 41, also of Lumberton, was placed under arrest for driving while impaired, carrying a concealed gun (pistol grip shotgun found under his driver's seat), possession of .7 grams of cocaine, open container, driving while licensed revoked, as well as an outstanding warrant for his arrest out of Robeson County.

After a check of Alvarado's driving record, it was learned that his driving privilege is currently revoked for a previous DWI. Alvarado's vehicle was then seized as part of the DWI seizure law. Both subjects were placed into the Halifax County Jail. Alvarado has no bond due to him having the same charge pending and Lopez has a \$9,000 secured bond. Both have a Nov. 3 court date.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH
DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 678

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric Rates and Charges and Revise its Fuel Factor Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R4-55

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This the 7th day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Sheeta Duzette, Chief Clerk

Letters To Santa

It's time to send in those Letters to Santa for publication in The Herald on Dec. 23! The deadline is Dec. 6.

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HEALTH NEWS

West Nile Virus cases on the rise

Public health officials remind North Carolinians to take precautions against mosquito-borne illness

RALEIGH — The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services reminds people to take precautions against mosquito bites following recent reports of West Nile virus infection in the state.

Late summer and early autumn are the most common time to become infected with mosquito-borne diseases in North Carolina like WNV.

Five cases of WNV have been reported in North Carolina residents since Aug. 1. All individuals have recovered, and to protect their privacy, no other information will be released. Typically, by this time of year, only

two or three WNV cases have been reported on average.

"As we move into the fall months and cooler weather, this is a reminder that mosquitoes are still active and can transmit West Nile virus," said Michael Doyle, State Public Health Entomologist. "We urge residents to take precautions and protect themselves from mosquito bites and local governments to implement integrated mosquito management methods for mosquito control."

West Nile is not the only mosquito-borne virus in the state. Approximately 20 cases of La Crosse encephalitis

are reported each year in the western part of the state, and one case has been reported so far in 2023. There is also always a small risk of contracting eastern equine encephalitis in the eastern counties, but no cases have been reported this year.

NCDHHS recommends individuals take the following precautions to protect against mosquito bites and mosquito-borne illness:

- Use mosquito repellent that contains DEET (or equivalent) when outside in areas where mosquitoes might be present.
- Use caution when applying repellent to children. See www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/find-repellent-right-you for repellents that will work for you and your family.
- Install or repair or use window and door screens.
- Close doors without screens, including garage doors. Do not leave doors propped open.
- Use air conditioning if needed due to a lack of window or door screens.
- Reduce mosquito breeding by emptying standing water from flowerpots, gutters, buckets, pool covers, pet water dishes, discarded tires, birdbaths, etc. at least once a week.

Local, state and federal public health agencies work throughout the year to investigate and respond to cases of mosquito-borne infections, educate the public on preventing mosquito bites and support local mosquito management programs.

For more information on West Nile virus and the prevention of mosquito bites visit epi.dph.ncdhs.gov/cd/diseases/wnv.html and www.cdc.gov/westnile/faq/repellent.html.

NC fights back against youth overdose epidemic

By Shantayna Hudson
NC News Service

In the wake of the devastating overdose epidemic in North Carolina, the state's Department of Health and Human Services is stepping up to aid families and provide resources for youths battling substance abuse disorders. State data show in 2022 alone, overdose deaths in North Carolina spiked by 22%, and nationwide, teen overdose deaths rose by 50%.

Kelly Crosby, director of developmental disability and substance use services for the North Carolina Division of Mental Health, said recognizing many adults with substance use disorders start using during their teenage and young adult years, it is crucial to educate and support young people

in preventing substance abuse and overdoses.

"In North Carolina, among kids 12 to 17 years old, around 5% had a substance use disorder in the past year," Crosby reported. "That's more than 41,000 kids."

Crosby pointed out the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated mental health challenges and substance use, with increased reports of anxiety, depression and substance misuse.

Sara Howe, CEO of Addiction Professionals of North Carolina, said to help address youth substance use challenges, a range of resources are available in the state. Some resources include education, harm reduction and treatment and mental health support.

Howe noted parents can get additional help at AlcoholDrugHelp.org.

"They can look, they have a list of what they provide, what insurance they take, do they take Medicaid, do they take commercial insurance, and do they have intensive outpatient, residential," Howe outlined. "This is a resource that we have right in our backyard that we can take advantage of today."

Research from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showed other protective factors to youth substance abuse disorder are family engagement, conversations around the disapproval of substance use, and mental health support.

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In the Matter of Application)
by Virginia Electric and Power)
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina,) PUBLIC NOTICE
for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy)
Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Recovery)
Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and)
Commission Rule R4-67)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing on the annual Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS) cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 674, which is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R4-55 for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudently incurred fuel and fuel related costs. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

On August 15, 2023, DENC filed direct testimony and exhibits in support of its application for REPS cost recovery and 2022 REPS Compliance Report. By its application, DENC proposes to implement a REPS cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2024. It proposes to implement the following REPS rates, not including the regulatory fee: (1) a \$0.57 per month charge for residential customers, which is an increase of \$0.41 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge; (2) a \$3.16 per month charge for commercial customers, which is an increase of \$2.34 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge; and (3) a \$21.15 per month charge for industrial customers, which is an increase of \$15.42 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge.

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Friday, Oct. 13 Results

Local Games

Bertie - 30
Perquimans - 24

Gates County - 39
Washington Co. - 16

Hertford County - 41
Camden County - 0

KIPP Pride - 38

NW Halifax - 14

Northeast Acad. - 39
Bethel Academy - 8

Wilson Prep - 34
Northampton Co. - 28

Eastern NC Games

Columbia - 46
Mattamuskeet - 12

Currituck Co. - 66
Pasquotank Co. - 0

Halifax Acad. - 68
Pungo Christian - 12

Nash Central - 66
Bunn - 0

New Bern - 28
Greenville Rose - 21

Northeastern - 67
Manteo - 0

Northern Nash - 49
Franklinton - 30

North Pitt - 42
Washington - 0

SE Halifax - 46
Warren County - 6

Southern Nash - 20
Rocky Mount - 0

SW Edgecombe - 49
Ayden-Grifton - 20

Weldon - 36
N. Edgecombe - 6

West Craven - 35
Greene Central - 28

Oct. 20 Schedule
All games at 7 p.m.

Bertie at Washington Co.
Halifax Acad. at Lawrence
Hertford Co. at Manteo
NW Halifax at Northampton
Tarboro at Gates Co.



CHOWAN:
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his one-yard TD run. The senior quarterback rallied the Hawks again in the second quarter where

his three-yard TD run capped an 83-yard drive that tied the game at 14-14. West Georgia answered on the game's next offensive snap when Brown raced 88 yards to paydirt, staking the home team to a 21-14

halftime lead. McKee provided most of Chowan's offense in the contest with 303 yards passing and 25 yards rushing. The Hawks posted a majority of their rushing yards in the first half, being held to

-15 yards in the second half, mostly due to being sacked seven times. West Georgia racked up 238 yards on the ground. For the first time since the 2021 season, a pair of Chowan receivers went over the 100-yard mark

in the same game. Noah Toeter led the Hawks with seven receptions for 118 yards. Holloway hauled in four catches for 115 yards and a touchdown. Abdirul Lee and Fofie Bazzie tallied seven tackles each to

lead Chowan's defense. Jayshaun Alston and Dwayne Smith collected one sack each. Smith also recovered a fumble. Chowan faces another long road trip this Saturday (Oct. 21) when they travel to Mississippi College.

BARONS:
Continued from 1B

Washington County's Ishawn Fuller blocked a punt. Fuller then grabbed the loose ball and ran 22 yards for an easy touchdown. Panthers quarterback Christian Phelps added the conversion run, rallying Washington County to within 18-16 with 9:12 to go in the third period. The visitors then attempted an onside kick, an effort that failed twofold as they not only didn't recover the kick, they also

committed a personal foul on the play. That set-up Gates County in excellent field position, starting a drive from the Panthers 38 yardline. Sparked by a 22-yard run by Jaden Parker, GCHS scored four plays later on a 4-yard run by DeMari Cooper. Parker ran in the conversion, increasing the Barons lead to 26-16. Washington County threatened to score again on the game's next series as they moved the ball into the redzone. However, GCHS defender Cam Lee turned in two big plays: tackling Phelps

for a six-yard loss and then battling down a fourth down pass at the 10 yardline. Following an exchange of possessions, Gates County put together a 12-play drive that consumed nearly five minutes off the fourth quarter clock. Cooper ended that 56-yard march with his three yard TD run. The Barons extended their lead to 32-16 with 4:25 left in the game. Any chance of a Washington County comeback was dashed on the game's next

series where linebacker Calvin Harrell put a heavy rush on Phelps, who threw a wobbly pass that was intercepted by DeShawn Sherman. The interception allowed GCHS to start a drive at the Panthers 35 yardline, which ended seven plays later with A.J. Riddick's one yard TD run. Gates County opened the game with an 11-play, 65-yard drive capped by Cooper's six yard TD run. The conversion run failed, leaving the Barons with a 6-0 lead at the 7:00 mark of the first quarter. The Gates County

defense produced the game's next points near the midway mark of the second period. There, with Washington County on offense at its own 23 yardline, the Panthers attempted a double handoff, but the ball squirted free and bounded backwards. GCHS linebacker Nijhil Baskerville scooped up loose pigskin and raced 15 yards for a touchdown. The conversion run failed, but the Barons had doubled their lead to 12-0. After forcing a Panthers punt on the game's next possession,

Gates County closed out the first half scoring with a 61-yard, seven-play drive capped by Cooper's 10 yard run. The conversion run failed, but the Barons hold an 18-0 halftime lead. Cooper (30 rushes for 152 yards), Parker (21-114) and Riddick (13-66) led the Gates County offense. Washington County finished with 191 total yards (112 rushing and 79 passing). Gates County will host undefeated Tarboro High School this Friday, Oct. 20. Kick-off is set for 7 p.m.

EAGLES:
Continued from 1B

25-15. In the second set, the Eagles seemed a little more confident in their gameplan. Even though ACS stayed close, it was

the Eagles' resiliency that kept them ahead and gave them 25-20 win over the Warriors. The third set was all out war as both teams were firing on all cylinders. The largest lead of this set was only four points, with four

ties. Mistakes were crucial and serves vital. But once again the Eagles pushed forward and edged the Warriors, 26-24. In the fourth set, the ACS front line took control of the net, dropping returns

in unoccupied areas of the Eagles defense. Their frontline attack overwhelmed the BACA and gave ACS a 25-18 victory, which tied the match at two sets apiece. In the last and final set, the Eagles came out with the guns

blazing, rattling off five points with Kaydee Beachboard's serves giving the Eagles a 5-0 lead before a point side out. The Warriors seemed out of sync as they struggled to return volleys. Eventually they

warmed up, but it was too late. BACA was in rhythm and commenced to rattle off point after point enroute to winning the set 15-7 to claim the Mid-Atlantic Christian Academy Association 1A Conference Championship.

NEA:
Continued from 1B

the possession as Dalton Vann went 60 yards on the first play of the drive, adding to the NEA tally. Dawson Vann added the conversion and the Eagles led 24-0 with 10:52 to play in the second quarter.

tally with one grab for three yards. Dawson Vann had 10 tackles to lead the Eagles, followed by nine (including one tackle for loss) by Medford Greyson. Bridges tallied eight tackles while Trevino had seven tackles, two for loss and

one fumble recovery. Coggins added six tackles, including two for loss, while Dalton Vann had five tackles. Camden White added four tackles, including one for loss. Brinkley, Smith and Mason Vann also recorded multiple tackles each.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH
DOCKET NO. E-12, SUB 675

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
Application by Virginia Electric and Power)
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North)
Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric)
Rates and Charges and Revise its Fuel)
Factor Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2)
and Commission Rule 28-35)
PUBLIC NOTICE

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Customer Class	Total
Residential	4.6022 ¢/kWh
SBS & PA	4.6028 ¢/kWh
LGS	4.5713 ¢/kWh
Schedule NS	4.4299 ¢/kWh
GPV	4.4937 ¢/kWh
Outdoor Lighting	4.6032 ¢/kWh
Traffic	4.6082 ¢/kWh

Compared to the current fuel rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.1106 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$1.10. Small general service and public authority customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.1087 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.1007 cents per kWh.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available for review by the public, and on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.gov.

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Written statements are not evidence unless the persons appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules 21-4 and 21-19 on or before Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

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This the 7th day of September, 2023

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Workforce crisis damages families' access to therapies for babies

CLAIRE SAVAGE
The Associated Press
Report for America

CHICAGO — Alexander watches Paw Patrol with fervor, bowls his baby brother over with hugs and does everything with gusto.

What the 3-year-old West Chicago toddler can't do yet is speak more than a few words. His balance is wobbly and he isn't able to let his preschool teachers know when he's hurt or scared.

When his mother, Tilda Garcia, had him tested, the youngster qualified for five therapies through a U.S. program dedicated to treating developmental delays in babies and toddlers — treatment designed to help Alexander develop the tools he needs to thrive.

The relief she felt in identifying what he needed was short-lived.

The federally mandated Early Intervention program is plagued by chronic staffing shortages nationwide, leaving thousands of desperate parents frustrated: They know their children need support, they're aware of proven therapies that could make a difference, but they have to wait for months to get the help they need.

After 14 months of phone calls, hours of research and pushing herself to the limit with work and childcare, Garcia finally landed an in-person early intervention appointment, but even then she couldn't get Alexander all the therapies he needed. She tears up as she recounts how overwhelming the fight to secure access has been.

"I didn't have any support," she said.

'THE EARLIER, THE BETTER'

Early Intervention was created in 1986 to address developmental delays in



Early Intervention speech pathologist Megan Sanders works with 2-year-old Aria Faulkner at parents Lindsey and Kendrick Faulkner's home Aug. 15 in Peoria, Ill.

children like Alexander as soon as possible. About one in six children in the U.S. has at least one developmental disability or other developmental delay, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Since all U.S. states and territories accept federal funding for Early Intervention, they are obligated to provide services to kids who qualify under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

But providers are scarce in almost all states. Some children wait months or years for the care they need, and many age out of the program before they access any services at all.

The COVID-19 pandemic worsened chronic staffing shortages, in part because many providers didn't want to risk infection by entering families' homes, even when restrictions on in-person visits were lifted, according to Maureen

Greer, the executive director of the Infant and Toddler Coordinators Association, which supports the Early Intervention system nationwide.

For similar reasons, families seeking services were also less likely to request in-person help during the pandemic. But now the number of children seeking services has rebounded, and states are struggling to find the staff to meet the needs of families with young children with disabilities, according to Kay Neas of the U.S. Department of Education.

Service delays in Illinois, where Alexander lives, nearly doubled in 2022, according to Chicago-based early childhood advocacy organization Start Early. Waitlists — technically not allowed since all eligible kids are entitled to Early Intervention — have increased dramatically and thousands of providers have left the

field, according to the Illinois Department of Human Services.

When children turn 3, the responsibility for providing special education services shifts from Early Intervention to school districts. But those systems are understaffed and booked up, too, according to speech-language pathologist Sarah Ziemba, an Early Intervention provider in Peoria, Ill.

Waiting means skipping precious months of development, while acting early saves money on special education and other services later in life.

"Research really supports that the earlier, the better. And so when we miss those opportunities to help them at those younger ages, sometimes we are limiting their potential into adulthood," said Ziemba.

Families with private insurance can opt to pay for therapy appointments

outside the Early Intervention program, but those without the means can be left behind, according to Ziemba.

"In a way, Early Intervention is contributing to some social inequity," she explained.

Research supports her assessment. A report published this year by the National Institute for Early Education Research found that Asian, Hispanic and Black children are less likely to receive Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education services than white non-Hispanic children.

"For Black children, the disparities in access to services are especially large and cannot plausibly be explained by differences in need," the report says.

Income also plays a role, said lead researcher Allison Friedman-Kruss.

"Poorer states are serving a lower percentage of children,

so really suggesting that there is a problem there," Friedman-Kruss said.

But there is no way to attract more providers without better wages, Ziemba explained. Early Intervention providers in Illinois are government contractors, meaning they get no health benefits or paid time off, and they can effectively double their salaries by working in other settings such as hospitals, schools or nursing homes.

"People are just done with it, and it has gotten worse even in the last two months," Ziemba said in late July. "I really feel like we're kind of seeing the implosion of the whole program."

As families lose access to the free or reduced-cost therapies, pressure builds on schools to pick up the slack, but they're short on special education teachers, too.

"In the long term, we're seeing kids fall farther and farther behind," said Ziemba, who has done this work for nearly 25 years.

Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed a budget in June giving Early Intervention providers a 10% raise. That helps, Ziemba said, but likely won't make up for the impact of inflation and may not be enough to slow the steady exodus of workers. She and another provider say wages were stagnant for years.

In July, the administration announced a retention program designed to reward tenured Early Intervention providers, interpreter and service coordinators with payments of up to \$1,300 to stay in the field.

"We remain committed to giving our service providers the support and resources they deserve for caring for our state's children," said Alex Gough, a spokesperson for the governor's office.

Third-party, independent candidates could threaten Dems, GOP in 2024

STEVE PEOPLES
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Robert F. Kennedy Jr., an anti-vaccine conspiracy theorist and scion of the storied Democratic dynasty, was expected to launch an independent or third-party presidential bid on Monday. Cornel West, a philosopher and Black social leader, made the same choice last week. And No Labels, a new political party, is intensifying candidate recruitment efforts.

While the politics are murky, the fresh frenzy of outsider candidates threatens to weaken both major parties as Democratic President Joe Biden and Republican former President Donald Trump tighten their grip on their parties' presidential nominations.

There's little concern that the independent or third-party candidates would actually win the presidency, but they could siphon support from the ultimate Democratic and Republican nominees. A heightened sense of concern is spreading especially among Democratic officials, who see the outsiders as a dangerous wildcard that harkens back to 2016, when Green Party nominee Jill Stein was most likely to draw support from Trump's razor-thin victory by winning a small portion of the vote.

Those associated with the third-party efforts make no apologies for their work.

"The American people have been hungry for options. So, get ready," Stein said in an interview. "What we're seeing is a voter rebellion. It's been a long time

coming."

The rise of outsider candidates is an acute reminder of the intense volatility — and uncertainty — that hangs over the 2024 presidential election. Both of the major parties' most likely nominees — Biden and Trump — are extraordinarily unpopular. They're running as the nation grapples with dangerous political divisions, economic anxiety and a deep desire for a new generation of leadership in Washington.

Much more activity is expected soon.

Kennedy was to outline his plans in Philadelphia on Monday. Stein said the Green Party will likely make an announcement about its presidential aspirations later this month. No Labels, meanwhile, plans to make a formal decision about its presidential nominee in the spring.

The efforts face steep hurdles beyond winning more than a small fraction of voters. Simply qualifying for the ballot in every state will be a gargantuan task for outsider candidates without the benefit of existing political networks.

Jim Messina, who managed President Barack Obama's 2012 reelection campaign and is now a prominent Biden ally, didn't downplay the possibility that the new candidates could weaken Biden's coalition.

"I am a campaign manager so I am wired to plan for everything and panic about nothing, and the threat of a third party needs to be planned for seriously," Messina said.

No independent or

third-party candidate has won an electoral vote in more than half a century, never mind the 270 needed to claim the presidency, but Messina said Biden and his team still need to be aggressive in warning voters about the threat that long-shot outsider candidates present.

"You need to tell people that a vote for a candidate without a path to 270 means they're lighting their ballot on fire," Messina said.

That may be easier said than done.

Gallup released new polling last week showing that 63% of U.S. adults currently agree with the statement that the Republican and Democratic parties do "such a poor job" of representing the American people that "a third major party is needed." It was among the highest figures since Gallup first asked the question in 2003.

Still, it's far from certain that disaffected voters would ultimately cast a ballot next fall for Kennedy, West or a centrist No Labels candidate. Historically, polls showing that people want a third party to exist have rarely translated into substantial support for actual third-party candidates.

On paper, Kennedy may be most likely to draw support from Trump's coalition given his embrace of the anti-vaccine conspiracy theories and positive attention from far-right media.

Aware of the risk, Trump allies have begun circulating opposition research against Kennedy designed to damage his standing among would-be conservative supporters.

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 675

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On August 15, 2023, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule RB-55. By its application, DENC requests that the Commission approve the proposed total fuel factor of 4.5669 cents per kilowatt hour (¢/kWh), to be allocated based on voltage differentiated adjustments, including the base fuel factor, Rider A, EAFI Rider B, and EMF Rider B-1. DENC proposes that the total fuel rate for each customer class be set as follows, effective February 1, 2024:

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

This the 7th day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Panaman, Chief Clerk

NATIONAL SCOREBOARDS

TV SCORES

Table with columns for sport (Football, Soccer, Baseball, Basketball), date (Tuesday, October 17), and game details including teams and scores.

AUTORACING

Table listing NASCAR Cup Series races, including driver names, teams, and race results.

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ROUNDUP

Lewis (one yard) and McDowell-Moore (five yards) scored in the second stanza and Oscar Perez-Gaspar kicked both extra points for a 39-6 half-time lead.

ROUNDUP

Amun McNeil completed the Tarboro scoring with a two-yard TD run in the third quarter, and Perez-Gaspar booted the PAT.

ROUNDUP

The Vikings outgained Martin 332-167, including a 274-135 advantage on the ground. They won despite nine penalties for 99 yards and three fumbles lost.

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Christian Gunter led Tarboro with 82 yards on seven carries. Northern Nash 49, Franklinton 0.

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Nash Central 56, Bunn 0. Nash Central improved to 3-2 in the Big East 2A/3A Conference and 7-2 overall with an easy victory over Bunn at home on Friday night.

ROUNDPUP

Javaris Jones scored three touchdowns and rushed for 190 yards on just three carries for the Bulldogs while Marquel Warren and Amir Graham also provided scoring runs. D'angelo Johnson (37 yards) and Isiah Finley (24 yards) caught TD aerials from Winston Lee.

ROUNDPUP

Johnson recovered a fumble and Braxton Sykes kicked six extra points for NC. SWE 49, A-G 20. SouthWest Edgecombe remained unbeaten (4-0) in the Eastern Plains 2A Conference and emerged 6-2 overall with a league triumph over Ayden-Grifton on Friday night in Pinetops.

ROUNDPUP

The Chargers fell to 0-5 in the EPC and 2-6 overall. Weldon 36, North Edgecombe 6. The Warriors fell to 2-4 in the Tar Roanoke 1A Conference and 2-6 overall after a conference defeat at Weldon on Friday night.

ROUNDPUP

The Chargers built a 22-0 lead at halftime. North Edgecombe's lone score came from Jahmarie Dickens in the third quarter. Dickens paced the Warriors on the ground with 45 yards on seven carries.

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Person County native graduates U.S. Navy Basic Military Training

Seaman (SN) Eli Byerly, 18, of Roxboro graduated from United States Navy basic military training (boot camp) at U.S. Navy Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill., on Sept. 29. Byerly successfully completed 10 weeks of intensive basic training at GLKTC, one of 1,000 recruits in training group 42 and one

of approximately 88 in Ship 10 Division 290. While in recruit training, Byerly maintained an average on all evaluations to remain in the top five percent of all recruits and also served as Recruit Religious Petty Officer for his division. Division 290 earned all competition/evaluation flags

and was awarded the Hall of Fame flag which is the supreme award that a recruit division may win. The Hall of Fame Flag is awarded only to those divisions that achieve an average 4.70 or higher (out of a possible 5.0) on all tests and assessments and have earned all evaluation flags. A trophy accompanies this rare-

ly-achieved flag and the division is enshrined in the Recruit Training Command Hall of Fame. After the Pass-In-Review ceremony (graduation), Byerly reported to Corry Station in Pensacola, Fla. for Ascension School, A School, where he will receive technical training for his rate Cryptologic Technician - Maintenance.



Byerly

Understanding climate science

By ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Special to the CT

It's been said that climate is what you expect and weather is what you get. In other words, weather is the mix of atmospheric events that we experience each day, while climate looks at averages for these events over a long period of time and provides a prediction of future weather trends.

Climate scientists study these longer trends in weather measurements, along with greenhouse gas concentrations including carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide, which influence climate. They use historical and current measurements, along with computer simulation models to predict future measurements.

Computer climate models have become one of the more controversial components of climate science. The benefits and limitations of climate models, which predict how rising greenhouse gas levels will affect future global temperatures have been continuously analyzed and improved upon over time.

In 2019, a team of researchers published a peer-reviewed study in the science journal *Geophysical Research Letters* that found most of the climate models being used to predict Earth's average surface

temperature between 1970 and 2017 have been impressively accurate, that is, model predictions are tracking closely with actual temperature readings.

In 2021, a study published in the journal *Environmental Research Letters* analyzed 86,126 peer-reviewed studies on climate change and found that 99.9 percent of them came to the same conclusion: rapid climate change is happening beyond what would be considered resulting from purely natural causes.

The scientific process that governs climate science, and any other academic science, is founded in evidence not opinions. This evidence is peer reviewed by experts in the field to evaluate the research of their colleagues, attempt to recreate the results of their experiments and seek to poke holes in their methodologies. In that sense, not only have climate models been extensively evaluated over the decades, but climate science in general is among the most rigorously tested fields of study.

It's important to understand a bit about how climate science works so that we can all better appreciate the findings, and understand the causes and negative impacts of a changing climate. This understanding will put us in the best position to make the needed local decisions to mitigate climate change and its impacts.

N.C. law enforcement cracking down on speeding campaign 'Operation Crash Reduction'

The N.C. Governor's Highway Safety Program is reminding drivers to follow the speed limit as part of 'Operation Crash Reduction' from Oct. 9-15.

The annual campaign enforces safe driving during one of the deadliest months of the year for fatal vehicle crashes. Motorists may notice increased law enforcement efforts to crack down on speeding motorists and bring awareness to unsafe speeds in communities statewide next week, including radar operations and speed display signs.

"Ensuring the safety of all drivers is our highest priority," said Mark Ezzell, director of the N.C. Governor's Highway Safety Program. "We are urging everyone to slow down and obey the posted roadway signs. The choices you make behind the wheel can help save lives."

The campaign is part of a greater effort led by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to target speed, distraction and impairment in North Carolina, Kentucky, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington D.C. This area of the country is prone to the nation's high-

est number of traffic crash fatalities during the early fall.

An increased number of North Carolina drivers take to the roads for seasonal-related activities in October. The high-trafficked period is a popular time for festivals, football games and fall foliage. Statistics show that October is the deadliest month to be on the road. Each October from 2017-2021, North Carolina has experienced an average of 148 fatalities, more on average than the second most deadly month, November.

"Twenty-nine percent of the 12,350 people who died in motor vehicle crashes nationwide in 2021 were related to speeding."

"Speeding accounts for nearly one-third of all fatalities on our roads and puts everyone at risk," said NHTSA's Acting Administrator Ann Carlson. "Speed limits aren't a suggestion; they are the law."

For more information and statistics on speeding in North Carolina, visit Speed a Little. Lose a Lot.

For real-time travel information, visit DriveNC.gov or follow [NCdot](https://www.facebook.com/NCdot) on social media.

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Customer Class	Total
Residential	4.6082 ¢/kWh
SGS & PA	4.6078 ¢/kWh
LGS	4.5715 ¢/kWh
Schedule F5	4.4209 ¢/kWh
EVP	4.4977 ¢/kWh
Outdoor Lighting	4.6082 ¢/kWh
Traffic	4.6082 ¢/kWh

Compared to the current fuel rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.1106 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$1.10. Small general service and public authority customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.1087 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.1067 cents per kWh.

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little heavier than the lower, tobacco prices have been on the higher side, and corn harvest has been average or better, all of which is a blessing due to the dry and hot season we have dealt with. My hope is that these encouraging trends follow us through the remainder of harvest.

Many important updates have come up, that I think all growers should know about. Take note of the new EPA proposals and the farmworker support and regulation update – especially the Farm

Labor Regulation Update event in Oxford on Nov. 15.

I also want to put a call out to growers who would be interested in being a part of a program advisory board for the field crops program. These growers will help me identify needs of the farmers and will direct the events and services offered to farmers.

It will likely just be a meeting once a year. Let me know if you are interested.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or issues as you go through harvest season. I can be reached at 336-595-1195 or mikayla-berryhill@ncsu.edu

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Customer Class	Total
Residential	4,602¢ e/kWh
SGS & PA	4,602¢ e/kWh
LGS	4,571¢ e/kWh
Schedule NS	4,429¢ e/kWh
SVP	4,407¢ e/kWh
Outdoor Lighting	4,602¢ e/kWh
Tirebills	4,602¢ e/kWh

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A. Sheets Danton, Chief Clerk

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Pageant registration to close

MIDDLESEX — Registration for the Miss Bailey and Miss Sweetpotato pageants will close on Saturday, Oct. 14, during a meeting planned at Middlesex Baptist Church, 11490 W. Stewart St. For information about pageant registration, email missbailey2022@gmail.com.

Downtown development meeting slated

SPRING HOPE — The Spring Hope Downtown Development Board will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, at Town Hall, 118 E. Railroad St.

Bailey commissioners to meet

BAILEY — The Bailey Board of Commissioners will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, at Town Hall, 6217 Main St.

Planning board schedules meeting

SPRING HOPE — The Spring Hope Planning Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at Town Hall, 118 W. Railroad St.

Chamber members to convene

BAILEY — The Bailey Chamber of Commerce will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at the chamber building, 6270 Main St.

Spring Hope Garden Club to meet

SPRING HOPE — The Spring Hope Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at the Spaulding Family Residence Center, 600 S. Pine St.

The club welcomes new members. Dues are \$5 a month, and those interested can call 252-903-3535 or send a message to the "Spring Hope Garden Club" Facebook page.

Bailey chamber schedules golf tournament

LOUISBURG — The Bailey Chamber of Commerce will hold a superball golf tournament at 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 20, at Tar River Golf & Country Club, 170 Church Water Road.

Entry fee is \$300 for each four-person team. Golfers can register in advance or sign up at 8 a.m. on the day of the tournament. First, second and third-place prizes will be awarded, along with prizes for the longest drive and the shot closest to the pin. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 each.

To register a team or request more information, call 252-280-2297 or email bcoventis@gmail.com.

'Trick or Treat on the Street' coming to Bailey

BAILEY — The Bailey Chamber of Commerce will hold "Trick or Treat on Main Street" from 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, along Main Street in downtown Bailey.

The all-ages festival features food trucks, costumed characters, shows, trick-or-treating and concessions. Main Street will close at 4 p.m. for a candy station setup, and participants are asked

to arrive at that time, unload on Main Street and park outside the designated area by 4:30 p.m. Follow the "Bailey Chamber of Commerce" Facebook page for event updates.

Pig at the Depot scheduled in November

SPRING HOPE — Railroad Street and North Pine Street to Ash Street will be closed from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, for Spring Hope's Pig at the Depot event.

Church teams will sell barbecue plates to fundraise for their organizations. The cook-off will feature games, face painting and vendor booths.

County commissioners' session set

NASHVILLE — The Nash County Board of Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 6, in the Claude Mayo Jr. Administration Building, 120 W. Washington St.

Spring Hope board meeting slated

SPRING HOPE — The Spring Hope Board of Commissioners will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6, at Town Hall, 118 E. Railroad St.

Dan Finch Pottery Market scheduled

SPRING HOPE — The Dan Finch Pottery Market will return to downtown Spring Hope from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11.

Miss Bailey, Miss Sweetpotato Pageants slated

BAILEY — Contestants will compete for one of 16 crowns representing either the Miss Bailey or the Miss Sweetpotato courts at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Southern Nash High School. Admission is \$10 per person at the door.

Middlesex board meeting scheduled

MIDDLESEX — The Middlesex Board of Commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 13, in the conference room at Town Hall, 10232 S. Nash St.

A public comment session is held during every town meeting. Anyone wishing to be placed on the agenda can make a request in writing by providing the speaker's name, affiliation, subject matter, approximate time requested and phone number. Requests can be mailed to Mayor Lu Harvey Lewis, P.O. Box 69, Middlesex, NC 27557 or faxed to 252-235-5762.

Requests must be received by the Thursday before the meeting in order to be considered. Anyone wishing to review the agenda packet can do so in the town clerk's office during normal business hours on the meeting date.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR listings are published as a public service of The Enterprise. The submissions deadline is 5 p.m. Monday for each Wednesday's edition. Email listings to cityedman@wilson-times.com with "Community Calendar" in the subject line.



Southern Nash's Jonathan Hines (28) fights for yardage during Friday's game at Burn. Jyromn Brindley | Special to The Enterprise

Firebirds

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Hines would get his points later in the first, on a 2-yard TD run as well as a 7-yard scoring jaunt in the second quarter, but Mitchell was the offensive star of the night. The speedy junior zipped 61 yards for Southern Nash's second TD, then blazed 84 yards for another score at the end of the quarter.

That TD came after Burn's Gabriel Trivette returned the kickoff 74 yards to spoil the shutout bid. Mitchell then scored on runs of 58 and 39 yards in the second quarter as the Firebirds built a 56-7 lead by halftime. Jyonez Andrews scooted 45 yards to the end zone on his lone carry of the night



Southern Nash freshman Camron Lyons (33) runs with the ball during Friday's game at Burn. Jyromn Brindley | Special to The Enterprise

before Hines, who finished with 91 yards, ran a 1 in from 7 yards. Senior Charlotte Benson kicked her seventh PAT of the half following Hines' second TD. In the second half, Deon

Nicholson had a 2-yard TD run, while Jason Hartsfield scored from 27 yards out in the fourth quarter. Southern Nash will visit 3-A Rocky Mount this Friday.

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LGS	4.5713 ¢/kWh
Schedule NS	4.2959 ¢/kWh
GVP	4.4937 ¢/kWh
Outdoor Lighting	4.6032 ¢/kWh
Traffic	1.6082 ¢/kWh

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Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Recovery)
Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and)
Commission Rule 88-55)

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On August 15, 2023, DENC filed direct testimony and exhibits in support of its application for REPS cost recovery and 2022 REPS Compliance Report. By its application, DENC proposes to implement a REPS cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2024. It proposes to implement the following REPS rates, not including the regulatory fee: (1) a \$0.57 per month charge for residential customers, which is an increase of \$0.41 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge; (2) a \$3.16 per month charge for commercial customers, which is an increase of \$2.34 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge; and (3) a \$21.15 per month charge for industrial customers, which is an increase of \$15.42 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge.

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Conservative group names Fontenot a 'Legislator of the Year'

By Corey Friedman
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WILSON — When he took his oath of office in January, Rep. Ken Fontenot became one of 120 state representatives in the N.C. House.

As his first session in Raleigh draws to a close, Fontenot, R-Wilson, is in even more elite company as one of 10 lawmakers receiving "Legislator of the Year" honors from the North Carolina Values Coalition.

"I'm just humbled and honored to be recognized," Fontenot said. "In one sense, there's a part of me that does the work just because I believe it needs to be done. In another sense, it's overwhelming. I do this because I love our country, our state and our county."

The conservative N.C. Values Coalition recognized six representatives and four senators with its Legislator of the Year Award for sponsoring and supporting bills the organization championed, including Senate Bill 20,

which limits abortions after 12 weeks of pregnancy and provides grant money to improve prenatal health care, and House Bill 574, which requires transgender student-athletes to compete against players of the same biological sex.

Executive Director Tami Fitzgerald said Fontenot ultimately earned the honor for his work on House Bill 808, which prohibits doctors from performing gender transition surgeries on patients under 18.

"As a pastor, Representative Fontenot saw the biblical mandate to protect children from surgical or hormonal mutilation through medical transitioning," Fitzgerald said in a statement to The Wilson Times. "We sincerely appreciate his leadership and excellent rhetorical arguments by awarding him this Legislator of the Year Award."

Fontenot was one of HB 808's four primary sponsors. Gov. Roy Cooper vetoed the legislation on July 5, but it became law on Aug. 16 following successful override votes in the House and Senate.

A Marine Corps veteran and pastor who has worked as a teacher in both public and private schools, Fontenot said he plans to seek reelection next year in House District 24, which includes all of Wilson County and the Sharpshooting precinct in Nash County. Lawmakers serve two-year terms, and the General Assembly traditionally holds a long session on odd-numbered years and a short session on even-numbered years.

Fontenot said his first year in the legislature has taught him "how much we can get done when we work together and we go to work."

"It has been so nice to help restore the dignity and reputation of the government and be able to bring results in one term," he said.

While criticism comes with the job, Fontenot said many constituents in Wilson County have expressed appreciation for his advocacy.

"A lot of times, we get a lot of flack," he said, "but we also do a lot of good work."

The North Carolina Values Coalition honored its Legislators of the Year during a banquet at the Angus Barn, a destination stakehouse in Raleigh. Fontenot said his wife, Francesca, accepted the award on his behalf while he visited family out of state.

Fontenot shares the Legislator of the Year distinction with his seatmate on the House floor, Rep. Jennifer Balkcom, R-Henderson, along with Rep. Hugh Blackwell, R-Burke; Rep. Neal Jackson, R-Moore; Rep. Kristin Baker, R-Cabarrus; and Rep. Tricia Cotham, R-Mecklenburg.



Rep. Ken Fontenot, R-Wilson, is pictured with his North Carolina Values Coalition Legislator of the Year plaque. Fontenot is among nine state lawmakers to receive the conservative public policy organization's annual award. Contributed photo

Homes

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erwise noted within the ordinance section on tiny homes. Bailey Board of Adjustment approval is required to waive or modify setback requirements.

Planning board members will review the tiny homes ordinance amendment during their next meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m. Nov. 13 at Town Hall, 6217 Main St.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

- Commissioners approved an ordinance amendment to allow Strickland's Auto Rentals and Sales to operate on the corner of Deans and Jackson streets. The planning board will review the amendment next month.

- The board appointed Commissioner Walter Wells to serve as mayor pro tempore following Allen Daniels' resignation in June. After the vote, Wells led the remainder of Monday's meeting in Mayor Thomas Richards' absence.

- Wells and Commissioner Dillon Bissette agreed to trade the town functions they oversee. Wells will now serve as Bailey's water and sewer commissioner, and Bissette will take over as police commissioner.

- Chief of Police Adam Gelo said the Bailey Police Department has eight officers available to patrol the town after receiving officers' new-hire paperwork from the state.

- Town Administrator Joel Killion plans to install four 25 mph speed limit signs that Bailey recently purchased for \$201.80.
- Wells reminded residents of upcoming Bailey Chamber of Commerce events including Friday's fundraiser golf tournament at The River Golf and Country Club in Louisburg, Trick-or-Treat on the Street from 5-8 p.m. Saturday in downtown Bailey and the Miss Bailey and Miss Sweetpotato Pageant planned for Nov. 11 at Southern Nash High School.

- Commissioners appointed themselves to a standing committee formed to study town sewer system projects. The group will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursdays at Town Hall. Meetings are open to the public, and board members encouraged residents to attend and provide feedback as work progresses. The first meeting is scheduled for Oct. 26.

- Bailey Town Hall will be closed Nov. 10 in observance of Veterans Day.

Middlesex

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the fire department for 38 years and Mount Pleasant Rescue for 12 years," Alford said. "...I know what's going on around Middle-

sex, I feel like, most of the time. That's why I feel like I want to be a commissioner."

Now retired, Alford previously worked in a warehouse for curtains, drapes and other home furnishings.

Echoing McClenny's

sentiments, Alford said he wants to see Middlesex resolve its longstanding wastewater system issues while he's in office.

"We have had a problem with the water and sewer, and I want to see that addressed," he said.

Bailey

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Hawley said employees need handbooks and job descriptions, with performance reviews conducted every six months.

Hawley said attending planning board and commissioners' meetings disturbed him because he feels the boards take advantage of property owners who cannot read or write English.

He said he doesn't believe taxpayer property should be sold at a discounted price.

Bailey needs a proactive mayor and commissioners who take their positions seriously, he said.

Hawley said he can type, balance a checkbook and run two profitable businesses, and he doesn't need multiple people helping him do a job he's being paid for.

"Every citizen in this town (needs) to know they have a voice in their town," Hawley said.

WALTER WELLS

Walter Wells filed to run for a Board of Commissioners seat on July 20. The board appointed

Wells to serve as Bailey's police commissioner in May 2022 after then-Commissioner Joel Killion stepped down to become town administrator.

Wells is retired after working for 50 years in the telecommunications industry.

In his last full-time position at AT&T, Wells said he spent four years in the telecom's external affairs office working with local municipalities, counties and the North Carolina General Assembly.

From there, he said he worked with elected officials and legislators, municipal and county leaders and their employees.

"These experiences provide a good background to position me to fulfill the responsibilities as a town commissioner," Wells said.

Wells served on the Bailey Planning Board for 10 years and said he understands the town's challenges. He said Bailey needs an updated "comprehensive long-range use plan," among other planning needs.

"Bailey is at a crossroads, and the town needs

involved leaders and civic participation to position the town for organized growth (and) water and sewer improvements," he said. "And to encourage civic involvement to promote economic development in the Bailey area."

If elected to a full term, Wells said he would strive to "lead, partner or get out of the way."

ERVIN POWELL

Commissioner Ervin Powell filed to run for reelection on July 19.

Powell works for Collins Aerospace, a defense contractor and civilian aviation consulting company in Wilson. He's also a pastor at New Vision Community Baptist Church in Bailey.

He said his previous experience as a commissioner will help him succeed if elected to a new four-year term. Powell received 81 votes — the highest total among five candidates in the at-large contest — to win his board seat in 2019.

Powell said his platform is "to be the voice for all people."

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Customer Class	Total
Residential	4.6082 ¢/kWh
SGS & PA	4.6038 ¢/kWh
LGS	4.5713 ¢/kWh
Schedule NS	4.4299 ¢/kWh
GVP	4.6937 ¢/kWh
Outdoor Lighting	4.6082 ¢/kWh
Traffic	4.6082 ¢/kWh

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Age, testimony factors in convict's release

Raekwon Blount was 14 when he participated in Hustle Mart murders

PAT GRUNER
Staff Writer

Factors that led to the release of a man who served prison time for a 2012 triple homicide north of Farmville included his age at the time of the crime, his willingness to testify and the long wait for a trial.

Raekwon Blount, now 26, served 11 years and five months of an active sentence for three counts of second-degree murder and one count of robbery with a dangerous weapon for the April 1, 2012, robbery at Hustle Mart.

During the robbery Mokhd "Sam" Moahamed Almujaishi, 16, Nabil Nasser Saeed Almogannabi, 26, and Gaber Alawi, 24, were shot in the back of the head by Blount's co-defendant, Antwan Andre Anthony, as they crouched on the floor with their hands behind their head. Anthony was sentenced to death in the killings, which were caught on video.



THE DAILY REFLECTOR

The Hustle Mart-3 store north of Farmville in 2012 was the scene of a robbery where three men, including a teenager, were killed.

Blount, who was 14 at the time of the robbery was accused of entering the store with Anthony and Xavier Monzel Shamble with guns drawn. The three began collecting cash and merchandise. Blount's minimum sentence, handed down on Nov. 2, 2016, was nine years and seven months in prison with a maximum sentence of 12 years and six months. He was set to be tried as an adult after his indictment in August of 2012.

According to a spokesman for the Department of Adult Corrections, under the state's

structured sentencing laws offenders can be placed on post-release when they have completed 100 percent of their minimum sentence and 85 percent of their maximum. In Blount's case, that 85 percent would have been 10 years and seven months.

North Carolina's 2022 structured sentencing laws indicate that second-degree murder is a Class B1 felony and that mitigated sentences typically run 12-16 years.

While charged with three counts of first-degree murder, Blount pleaded guilty

to the lesser second-degree charges. The presiding judge in the case, now-retired J.C. Cole, accounted for mitigating factors in handing down a sentence.

Court documents said that Blount testified in two trials that led to convictions of Shamble and Anthony and that his age or immaturity, voluntary acknowledgment of wrongdoing to a law enforcement officer early in the proceedings and the presence of a support system in the community were considered.

Blount also had no points on his records and no aggravating factors, which can lead to a harsher sentence.

Though a sentence was handed down in 2016, prior to that Blount had spent 1,674 days incarcerated as he waited for resolution. That is approximately four and a half years. The decision to grant credit for some or all of an offender's time served is made at a judge's discretion, the DAC spokesman said.

Blount's post-release sentence runs until Sept. 27, 2024. Terms of post-release are not public records, according to the DAC spokesman.

Man killed in west Greenville; information limited

THE DAILY REFLECTOR

The Greenville Police Department said it is investigating a homicide after responding to the 900 block of Tyson Street in west Greenville about 9:20 a.m. on Sunday.

Officers were called to the area, west of Sadie Sautler school near the intersection of Battle Street, to investigate a call of suspicious activity, according to a news release issued about 2:15 p.m. on Sunday.

While on the scene, they discovered a man who was dead. The release did not identify the man, give his age, say where he was from or offer further information about how he was killed.

Although the investigation is still preliminary, the release said the cause of death did not appear natural. Detectives are investigating the incident as a homicide.

The release said the victim's name was being withheld pending next of kin notification.

Officers canvassed the area and talked to potential witnesses, the release said.

Police encouraged anyone with information about the incident to call the department at (252) 329-4315 or Pitt-Greenville CrimeStoppers at (252) 758-7777.

CrimeStoppers offers a reward for information that leads to an arrest. Callers can remain anonymous.

Secrecy from A1

"Listen, the moment you feel like you have to make legislation to hide what you're doing when you work for the public, we know that there's an issue," Smith said. "There is absolutely no transparency. The public records request that (news agencies) are no longer allowed to ask for, not only is it backward, but there are also provisions in the budget that say we can sell information. I just think this is on the path to ruin when you do things such as this because our job is to represent the citizens, our job is to represent the people, the constituents, the people of North Carolina. If we're doing what we're supposed to be doing, which is the people's business, what are we trying to hide?"

Smith also expressed concern about a consolidation of power in the state's legislature away from the courts and

governor's office. Smith said the moves eliminate effective checks and balances.

It grants the legislature power to confirm the president of the state's community college system, for instance. A person elected by the system's board can serve as interim president until a joint resolution is reached by the House and the Senate.

The State Bar Council's authority to make four appointments to the Judicial Standards Commission was removed, with those appointments, a district court and superior court judge apiece to the House and Senate, now at the behest of the General Assembly.

"If you've seen everything else, a lot of the checks and balances have been taken away," said Smith, former Greenville mayor and councilwoman. "We are making a lot of power grabs, taking a lot of power from the governor. We've taken a lot of appointments from the governor. Then you

see the appointments and we're putting a lot of appointments into our hands in the legislature and then deadlocking issues."

"That concerns me because I don't know where we're going. ... We have a democracy and we need to protect that democracy. I'm very afraid of what's next."

Glorianna Brown, the Democratic representative House District 8, expressed a commitment to transparency in spite of the new law.

"The provision that empowers lawmakers to choose what is and is not public record in their office is not surprising; it is exactly what we have come to expect from our current leadership in the General Assembly," Brown said. "I can promise you that I will not hide from the truth. I am committed to continuing to earn the trust of my constituents and this legislation will not prevent me from doing so."

Glover from A1

According to the indictment, Glover allegedly withdrew funds from an account owned by Howard Conner, who died June 6, 2019, at First Citizens Bank and Trust Company on June 7 and June 11, 2019. Conner was a lieutenant with the Greenville Police Department and had retired in 2003.

Glover is the City Council's mayor pro-tem and longest-serving member. She is currently running for a 12th term.

Conner's wife made a complaint with the Greenville Police Department, who turned the case over to the Pitt County Sheriff's

Office in July 2019. The sheriff's office gave its findings to the Pitt County District Attorney's Office about a month later. Sgt. Lee Darnell with the sheriff's office said in September.

Pitt County District Attorney Faris Dixon said in September the matter was turned over to another prosecutor but did not explain why it took four years to bring the case to the grand jury. Dixon said the case was given to another prosecutor to avoid a conflict of interest but never explained what was the conflict.

According to the N.C. Administrative Office of the Courts' online records, Glover is scheduled to appear

in Dec. 5 in Pitt County Superior Courtroom 1.

Glover's statement ended with a message of thanks.

"I am most appreciative of the support of so many constituents, friends, family and supporters who will stand beside me in this journey. God Bless you all."

Glover Livingston can be contacted at glivingston@agenc.com and 252-325-9570.

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ENP	4.4937 ¢/kWh
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Forum/ from A1

Mewborn said he was vice chairman of the Pitt County Human Relations, which encompasses representatives from other towns, people in social services and county officials, and he's been on the town of Ayden's planning and zoning boards as the ex officio of those boards.

"I know how all this stuff works," said Mewborn, who has also been on the Greenville-Pitt County Convention and Visitors Authority, Pitt County Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board, St. Paul Church Anti Racism Committee, Ayden Collard Festiva Executive Board, Greenville-Pitt County Convention Bureau Board, Ayden Food Commercialization Center Board, and the Contentnea Metropolitan Sewer District Board.

"When it comes down to mayors and the invites, I am the only Mayor Pro Tem within the county that the mayors invite, and that's part of our goal, to work as a coalition," said Mewborn. "This isn't child's play, the livelihood of all depends on it."

Raymond Langley is currently commissioner of Ward 3 in Ayden, serving on the CMSD board as well, operating Langley



BEYONCA NEWBORN

A forum for candidates seeking the mayoral post and seats on the Ayden Board of Commissioners included, from left, Brian Newell, Rochelle Hobbs, Cindy Goff, Ivory Mewborn, Raymond Langley, Daniel Heffner and Davon Daggas.

well as the liaison on for the planning board. He said 20 years serving the country as a soldier and leading soldiers in combat taught him how to lead people.

"I know how to guide people in the right direction, and a lot of times on boards, as well as our board, we stray away from the objective," said Langley. "We need a leader to bring everybody back in, have that cohesion, and have everybody either agree or disagree in a way that's productive for the town of Ayden."

This is Langley's second term as commissioner. He served in the first Gulf War and was a civilian contractor in the second Gulf War. He is a small business owner as well, operating Langley

Computers on Third Street.

Daniel Heffner, a real estate agent and former manager and owner of Met Deli in Greenville, said that his background in those businesses is good experience for the mayor's post. As a Realtor, he has helped people make one of the most important decisions in their life.

Heffner also serves as the board chair for the Downtown Ayden Main Street program, he's on the Ayden Chamber of Commerce board, the town Planning board, the Ayden Country Club board and town marketing and ordinance committees.

Heffner said that the people he serves with on these boards and his constituents

have encouraged him to throw his hat in the ring.

"I am on the grassroots level of these boards, and the reason I'm standing up here right now is because of those boards," said Heffner. "I feel like I'm part of let's make a great change, let's move forward, let's be the change for the betterment of Ayden."

"And I feel like I am nothing but a representative of what we want the people that I'm working with, my constituents, I wouldn't even be standing here. Those folks have kind of empowered me to think about doing this, so that's kind of why I'm here."

Davon Daggas is a Pitt County Sheriff's Office deputy. He said that he earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Fayetteville State University, joined the Army ROTC and went to boot camp at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia.

He was second out of 800 people in his Army unit, Daggas said, because of his leadership skills and his integrity. Integrity is a core value, he said.

"Not only do I say it, but I act on it, and I do it, because I believe that change is needed to be effective," said Daggas. Daggas said he also completed an internship under

then-N.C. Sen. Don Davis and former U.S. Rep. G.K. Butterfield. While working closely with them, they taught him about leadership and shared their knowledge and wisdom, he said.

Cindy Goff and Rochelle Hobbs are both seeking the seat for commissioner of Ward 2 in Ayden, while Brian Newell is running unopposed for the seat of commissioner of Ward 1.

Hobbs moved to Ayden from Washington, N.C., where she was active in civic affairs, and she said she likes Ayden's similar small-town feel. She said she has been in customer service for 20-plus years and now works real estate. She's naturally an advocate for people, she said.

"It's what I do day in and day out," said Hobbs. "I also take part in the revitalization projects that we have in our hometown of Washington."

Hobbs said she moved to Ayden a little over a year ago over on Lee Street and fell in love with the town. "I know that I absolutely have something to offer because I have a servant's heart," said Hobbs. "But it's about relationships, it's about working together, it's about figuring out what priorities you all have, understanding you,

y'all understanding me, and just being there."

"Being is becoming," said Hobbs. "We must make sure that we are doing that as individuals and collectively."

Cindy Goff is currently the commissioner of Ward 2 in Ayden and she said that she is looking forward to serving the community for another term. Goff had been in banking for 24 years, she recently retired from BBCT after two years of service with them, and she said that her familiarity with customer service, with finance, how to balance budgets, and how to assist with financial needs qualifies her.

"Everyone here is looking out for the future of the next generation," said Goff. "While preserving the integrity of our history, we need leaders who strive to make the decisions that will make that happen, who can get things done in a matter that is beneficial to all citizens of Ayden, and we need leaders who will work together with respect and courtesy, who will genuinely listen to the needs of the community, who can be a voice for those who feel that they are not heard, who are ignored or just feel disenfranchised."

Campaign/ from A1

Stein and Morgan each talked about growing up in North Carolina.

Stein's father joined with Julius Chambers and James Ferguson to open the state's first integrated law firm. They went on to win important anti-discrimination cases despite enduring a firebombing of their offices, he said.

"My faith teaches me that we are called to do our part and to make a difference. And we can. We can make North Carolina even stronger if we invest in our people and their futures," Stein said.

Morgan, a native of New Bern, integrated an elementary school in that community and was later the first black drum major at an integrated high school.

"Those were difficult times, troubling times. My school even had a riot during that year," Morgan said. "But those were years that also taught me courage, taught me leadership, taught me the need to be able to forge relationships with people that did not agree with you, that were fearful of you, who even hated you but we all had to come together and work through it."

North Carolina needs someone with those skills, Morgan said.

Morgan and Stein said

they are both supporters of public education. Both are unhappy with the current, Republican-led General Assembly's decision to direct public school dollars to private schools through expanded NC Opportunity Scholarship program. Both are unhappy that the Republican-led state Supreme Court hasn't taken action on the Leandro v. State of North Carolina court case that nearly 30 years ago ordered a "sound, basic education" for North Carolina children.

Both men said teachers deserve better pay.

Both men said the state needs to add to Medicaid Expansion to further improve access to health care.

Stein congratulated Pitt County Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Marvin K. Blount III's support of programming that works to move with substance abuse issues out of the court system and into treatment.

Morgan said he wants to reform the judicial system so people with criminal records who have paid their debt have an easier time reintegrating back into society and the workforce.

Stein was asked about his stance on critical race theory, book bans and how black history should be taught in public schools.

"The way we go forward is by investing in our kids to think critically, to read, to write, to be able to

communicate. That is how kids are going to succeed. Banning books is not a path to the future," Stein said. "We have to teach our kids our full history."

So much of the United States history is remarkable and should be wholly embraced, Stein said, but there were dark times and they cannot be ignored.

"It's only by confronting things head on that we can make progress," he said.

Morgan said he wants the state to address the need to eradicate gun violence by implementing responsible gun laws, red flag laws and longer waiting periods.

"It's not a Second Amendment issue," Morgan said. "Don't let those other folks make you think we're trying to hold back their guns. It's not about holding back guns, it's about holding back irresponsible usage of guns."

Morgan and Stein also both support continuing efforts to expand broadband access in rural areas to promote economic growth.

Stein and Morgan are the only Democratic candidates who registered to succeed Gov. Roy Cooper, who has served two terms and cannot seek a third term.

Along with Robinson, Republican Treasury Secretary Dale Folwell, former congressman Mark Walker, former state senator Andy Wells and retired health care executive Jesse Thomas have filed to run for the

GOP spot.

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DUCKET NO. E-22, SUB 675

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
Application by Virginia Electric and Power)
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North) PUBLIC NOTICE
Carolina, for Authority to Adjust Its Electric)
Rates and Charges and Revenue Fund)
Factor Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-132)
and Commission Rule 88-55)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing on the annual fuel charge adjustment cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 674, which is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 4925 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 88-55 for the purpose of determining whether an increase or decrease in rate is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudently incurred fuel and fuel-related costs. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule 81-21(g).

On August 15, 2023, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 88-55. By its application, DENC requests that the Commission approve the proposed total fuel factor of 4.5629 cents per kilowatt hour (¢/kWh). It is allocated based on voltage differentiated adjustments, including the base fuel factor, Rider A, EMF Rider B, and EMF Rider B-1. DENC proposes that the total fuel rate for each customer class be set as follows, effective February 1, 2024:

Customer Class	Total
Residential	4.682 ¢/kWh
SGS & PA	4.933 ¢/kWh
LGS	4.513 ¢/kWh
Schedule NS	4.429 ¢/kWh
SPZ	4.437 ¢/kWh
Outdoor Lighting	4.692 ¢/kWh
Traffic	4.682 ¢/kWh

Compared to the current fuel rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.1106 cents per kWh for residential customers, who would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$1.10. Small general service and public authority customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.1087 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.1067 cents per kWh.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Dobbs Building, 4925 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available for review by the public, and on the Commission website at ncuc.nc.gov.

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Written statements are not evidence unless the persons appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rule 81-5 and Rule 81-19 on or before Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4925 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

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Customer Class	Total
Residential	4,682 ¢/kWh
RES & PA	4,663 ¢/kWh
LOS	4,571 ¢/kWh
Schedule NS	4,439 ¢/kWh
EV2	4,457 ¢/kWh
Outdoor Lighting	4,682 ¢/kWh
Traffic	4,682 ¢/kWh

Compared to the current fuel rates, the amount of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.116¢ cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$1.16. Small general service and public authority customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.1067 ¢/kWh, and large general service customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.1067 ¢/kWh.

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.
This the 7th day of September, 2023.

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric Rates and Charges and Revise its Fuel Factor Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-333.2 and Commission Rule R4-55)
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Customer Class	Total
Residential	4.6082 ¢/kWh
SGS & PA	4.6038 ¢/kWh
EGS	4.5713 ¢/kWh
Schedule NS	4.4299 ¢/kWh
EV2	4.4977 ¢/kWh
Outdoor Lighting	4.6082 ¢/kWh
Traffic	4.6082 ¢/kWh

Compared to the current fuel rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.1116 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$1.17. Small general service and public authority customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.1080 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.1002 cents per kWh.

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 This the 7th day of September, 2023
 NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
 A. Sherida Dinsion, Chief Clerk

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW RATE SCHEDULE RING AND TARIFF PURSUANT TO §54-236 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA
 CASE NO. PUV-2023-00132

On September 7, 2023, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("CVA") or "Company" filed an application ("Application") pursuant to §54-236 of the Code of Virginia. CVA Application seeks approval of the proposed Rate Schedule RING, Renewable Natural Gas Receipt Service ("Rate Schedule RING"). Specifically, the Company proposes Rate Schedule RING as a new rate schedule for CVA's producers ("RING Producers") to accommodate with CVA distribution system and deliver RING into CVA systems and allow CVA to recover the costs associated with such infrastructure ("RING Producers") from RING Producers. The Company states that the proposed Rate Schedule RING service will be unique to each of the RING Producers who enter into a gas purchase agreement with CVA. CVA states that the rate will be based upon the cost of service associated with the Company's facilities required to make the interconnection and service available.

In support of its Application, the Company states that it has been approached by potential RING Producers who have expressed an interest in contracting their facilities to CVA distribution system and delivering RING to the Company. The Company asserts that the proposed Rate Schedule RING enables CVA to recover the costs associated with such interconnections from the RING Producers, and not from CVA's general body of customers. The Application states that service under Rate Schedule RING will be available to RING Producers on CVA's distribution system who enter into a Facilities Interconnection Agreement with CVA for an interconnection to deliver RING to CVA for CVA system supply. The Facilities Interconnection Agreement will specify the terms and conditions of the interconnection of the RING Producers' facilities to the Company's facilities including the cost thereof.

CVA requests that the Commission find Rate Schedule RING to be in the public interest because, according to the Company, it allows RING Producers to interconnect with CVA's system and thus the ability to provide RING, a low-carbon fuel source, to CVA's customers. CVA states that the use of RING will reduce the carbon emissions of CVA's customers. The Company further states that RING interconnection service also provides an opportunity for further development and investment in RING production with its related environmental and economic benefits. In addition, the Company states that it has the potential to provide additional supply to CVA.

Further details are set forth in the Company's Application and supporting materials, and statements persons are encouraged to review the documents.

TAKES NOTICE that the Commission may adopt rates and terms and conditions that differ from those appearing in the Company's Application and supporting documents.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Comment that, among other things, allowed the Commission to provide notice to the public and provide interested persons an opportunity to comment on the Company's Application.

To ensure administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission has directed the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and request electronic service on parties and staff in this proceeding. Please refer to the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment for further instructions concerning Confidential or Excluded-by-Service Information.

An electronic copy of the Application may be obtained, at no charge, by submitting a written request in conformance with the Commission's website www.ncuc.gov. Interested persons also may deposit a written copy from the Commission's website: www.ncuc.gov, Case No. PUV-2023-00132.

On or before December 13, 2023, any interested person may file comments on the Application by following the instructions on the Commission's website www.ncuc.gov or by submitting a written statement to the Commission. These include, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically through the public comment system. These include, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically through the public comment system by US mail to the Chief of the Commission, c/o Document and Cases, 750, Bldg 2115, Richmond, Virginia 23181-2115. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUV-2023-00132.

On or before December 13, 2023, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation with the Chief of the Commission at publicaffairs@ncuc.gov. This notice, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically through the public comment system by US mail to the Chief of the Commission, c/o Document and Cases, 750, Bldg 2115, Richmond, Virginia 23181-2115. All such notices shall include the contact information of each party or their counsel. A copy of the notice of participation also must also be sent to counsel for the Company Pursuant to § 54A-1-30-20. Participation as a respondent, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the nature of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific issues sought to be raised before the Commission; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the notice. Any deposition, expert report, or government body participation as a respondent must be prepared by counsel as required by § 54A-1-30-20, Council of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUV-2023-00132.

On or before December 13, 2023, any interested person may request that the Commission convene a hearing on the matter by filing a request for hearing electronically via publicaffairs@ncuc.gov. These include, as a practical matter, to file a request for hearing by US mail to the Chief of the Commission at the address listed above. Such request for hearing shall include the contact information of each party or their counsel of available. A copy of the request for hearing also must also be sent to counsel for the Company Pursuant to a hearing shall include: (i) a precise statement of the filing party's interest in the proceeding; (ii) a statement of the specific issues sought to be raised before the Commission; and (iii) a statement of the legal basis for such action, and (iii) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in this matter. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUV-2023-00132.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use one both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of § 54A-1-30-15, Council of the Rules of Practice. The Company's Application, the Commission's Rules of Practice, and the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment may be viewed at www.ncuc.gov under Case Information.

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