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November 4, 2020

Ms. Kimberly A. Campbell, Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
430 North Salisbury Street
Dobbs Building
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

Re: Docket No. E-22, Sub 589
Dominion Energy North Carolina 2020 NC DSM/EE Riders Proceeding

Dear Ms. Campbell:

Enclosed is an Affidavit of Publication which will serve as proof of publication of the Public Notice as required in ordering paragraph 5 of the Commission's September 14, 2020 *Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice* ("Order") in the above-referenced docket.

Pursuant to the instructions in ordering paragraph 5 of the Order, notices were published in newspapers having general circulation in Dominion Energy North Carolina's service area once a week for two successive weeks beginning with the week of October 6, 2019 (at least 35 days prior to the hearing). Copies of tear sheets from each of the newspapers in which the public notice ran are also enclosed.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Lauren W. Biskie

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Senior Counsel

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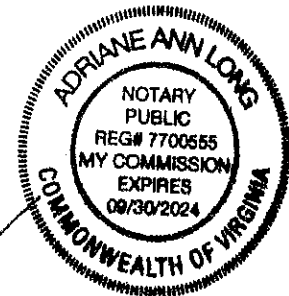
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Julia Wigginton
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Subscribed to and sworn before me this 27th day of October 2020.

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From Rags to Riches: Lawncare business success

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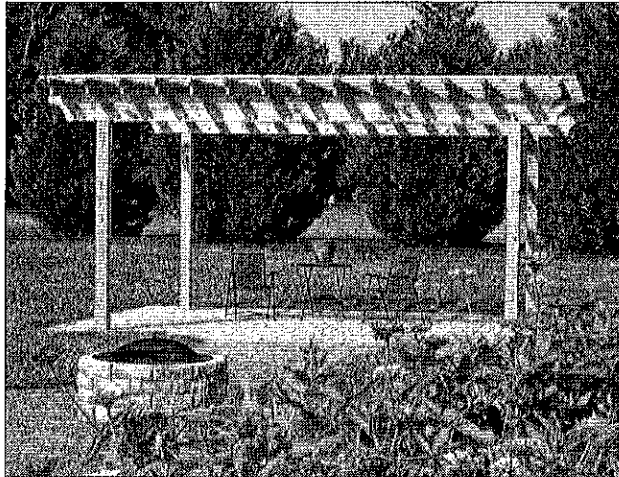
EDENTON - Out of Africa, one eastern North Carolina couple built a business so that everyone can have a lazy weekend.

Sean and Julie Tunney met in Malawi, a nation in central Africa. She was from Massachusetts and Sean was from Zimbabwe. After a transatlantic voyage to the United States, the couple would work hard to achieve the American dream.

They planted the seeds to cultivate a business that would grow Lazy Weekends Landscaping - a business that recently celebrated its 20th anniversary.

"I love Sean dearly, he is a wonderful friend and husband, and a great father to our two boys," Julie said. "And I am thankful for his love, and his willingness to move to the States, leaving all that he knew behind. I am proud of what Sean has been able to accomplish in establishing and maintaining Lazy Weekends for twenty years."

This full-service landscaping operation does everything from traditional mowing and more to landscaping that may include building a fence or installing a sprinkler system, constructing patios and decks,



Lazy Weekends Landscaping is a full-service operation that does everything from traditional mowing and more to landscaping that may include building a fence or installing a

maybe even building a fire pit. Each week, the growing company serves more than 400 clients in addition to more specialized work. "Lazy Weekends works hard so that you don't need to," Tunney said.

But what's the Sean and Julie's backstory? How does a guy from Zimbabwe meet an American and they end up in eastern North Carolina.

Let's start from the beginning. A public health care professional, Julie

sprinkler system, constructing patios and decks, maybe even building a fire pit.

left at a time it was very difficult to leave because everything was so good in Zimbabwe," he said. "I had a great group of friends, all my family were there. Anyway, we came over and we decided we wanted to travel around the country first before we hogged ourselves down."

As the couple traveled around the United States for more than three months, they spent their nights in a tent to save money and drove a gas efficient car - roughing it to say the least.

"We went out West and did all the national parks that we could, stayed off the highways and had a ball doing that," he said. "That was a blast."

Reflecting on that magical mystery tour and what's his life is like today, Sean said, "I literally arrived in this country with nothing and spent every savings that I had traveling around the country the way we did. And the only way we were able to afford that is because we spent our nights in a tent and we drove a tiny Geo Prism that got 35 miles to the gallon - that's when gas was 90 cents a gallon. These days, I've got a comfortable home and I'm putting my boys through college. Yes, I'm as happy as I can be. Secret to success is hard work - that's all it is."

Julie added, "Edenton is full of special friends who have encouraged and supported the business and our family. Edenton has been a great place, not just for Lazy Weekends, but for us as a family where our boys were active in our church, educated through our public schools, played sports, and made lifelong friends. It's a lovely town with great people and I'm proud to call Edenton our home."

Initially, the couple ended up deciding to stay in Durham. Julie was familiar with the area because before working in Africa, she had earned a graduate degree from UNC-

priest connected him to other jobs including April Lane, former a real estate agent who needed some help in her garden at home in Edenton. Because Lane was then in the real estate business, Tunney said, she referred him to other clients and his lawncare business began to grow.

"I started coming over to Edenton two or three days a week," he said. "That turned into a full week and before I knew it, I had a full week's worth of work every week."

As business grew, the couple decided to put down roots in Edenton. The Tunney's sons attended Edenton-Chowan schools and both are in college. Now at UNC-Chapel Hill, Ryan Tunney was co-valedictorian for the John A. Holmes High School Class of 2019. His brother Graham attends NC State University.

Sean Tunney has served in recent years as president of the Edenton Rotary Club and both he and Julie are active members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

After a couple of years, Tunney hired a few workers and opened an office - a business that would grow into more than 20 employees coupled with 16 green pickup trucks and accounts all over northeast North Carolina. Worth noting, Tunney formed a partnership with Jason Potts in 2008 and this accounts for a large part of the business's success. For more information, contact the business at 252-482-7720.

"We've probably worked with between 3,000 to 4,000 clients during the past 20 years," he said.

Good employees drive the business's success. "They are loyal to me and I am loyal to them," he said. "People told me that if I start my own business, I'll have less time to myself. But I figured that if I could do something seasonal, so I thought about landscaping - a job that sort of slows down in the winter so I could disappear for a few weeks - go visit family overseas."

Tunney bought a mower, lawn care equipment and a pickup truck to do his first major job that was work for a long ago Catholic priest whose family had property in Rich Square, a town in Northampton County.

"Place hadn't been lived for at least 10 years," Sean said. "It was like a jungle and needed some work. Priest said to me, 'If you're going to get your business started, I've got a perfect place for you to grind your teeth on. That was 20 years ago. Literally, I would go out there every day and spend eight or nine hours a day bushwhacking, cutting stuff, trimming and cleaning.'"

Tunney said the degree from UNC-

"I always thought I was going to be a farmer until I met my wife, then things changed," he said.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. R-22, SUB 389

REPORT 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 Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R-24-69.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the mutual demand-side management (DSM) and energy efficiency (EE) cost recovery proceeding, for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearings in Docket Nos. R-22, Sub 390 and 391, which are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncnec.com. Members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff via email at DENC.PublicStaff@ncnec.com or by calling 866-840-0816. When registering, provide your name, docket number (R-22, Sub 389), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be admitted to testify at the hearing.

This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R-24-69 for the purpose of determining whether an incentive or decrement rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for adoption and implementation of new DSM and new EE measures and appropriate incentives. Public witnesses testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R-21-1(a).

On August 11, 2020, DENC filed its application for approval of DSM/EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R-24-69. By its application, DENC requests approval to its DSM/EE cost recovery rider, effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2021. DENC's request, including the North Carolina regulatory fee, would result in the following scheduled-hour (kWh) charges: 3.124 cents per kWh for residential customers, 4.118 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers, and 4.0922 cents per kWh for large general service customers. No DSM/EE rider would be applicable to rate schedules GVR, NS, outdoor lighting and utility lighting customers. In addition, industrial and large commercial customers that have, under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9, opted out of demand-side management in DENC's DSM and EE programs are not subject to the rider.

Consistent to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.9499 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by 20 cents. Small general service and public authority customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.0563 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.0155 cents per kWh.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, where a copy of DENC's application is available on the Commission's Website at www.ncnec.com.

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Written statements and evidence unless 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 R-15 and R-19 on or before Monday, October 26, 2020. 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 Monday, October 26, 2020.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 14th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Joana R. Rayder, Deputy Clerk

Community

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Obituaries

Frances Dunlow Hughes

PORT WAYNE - Frances Dunlow Hughes, 84, of Port Wayne went to her Eternal Home on Wednesday, October 7, 2020.

She was born December 20, 1936 in Bertie County, North Carolina, and called Port Wayne, Indiana, home for over 55 years. She was recruited at age 17 by the FBI to work in Washington, D.C., where she met and married her late husband, Willis M. Hughes.

In her professional career, Frances held municipal roles with Usdin Patterson Fletcher, the U.S. Postal Service, Verizon, and was the Diamond Department Director at Service Merchandise.

Frances was a charter member of Waynesdale Baptist Church, serving as Treasurer and Sunday School Teacher. She often participated in her children's and grandchildren's school activities and was a proud military mom. Frances is survived by her sister, Julian Rhea Cook of Buckingham County, Virginia; her daughters, Sue C. (Keith) Caudill, Deborah K. (James B.) Noonan, and Janet L. (Kirk M.) Hughes; her son, Willis F. Hughes; her son-in-law, Jack A. Marqueling; her grandchildren, Justin A. Marqueling, Darcy A. Noonan, Megan L. Brown, Shea H. Noonan, Mackenzie S. Caudill, Benjamin M. Hughes, Meredith S. Caudill, Aileen F. Hughes, Gabriel F. Hughes, and Jacob M. Hughes; her great-grandson, Adam Brown, and many other family members and friends whom she loved and will miss her dearly.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Elbert and Frances Adella Dunlow; her husband, Willis; her sister, Julia C. Hall; her two brothers, E.C. and Spencer Dunlow; and her daughter, Barbara L. Marqueling.

Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, 6324 Winchester Road, Port Wayne with visitation one hour prior. Visitation will also be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Gardens of Memory, Miami. Memorials may be made to Frances's Burial Home.



Martha Frances Carter

WINDSOR - Martha Frances Carter, 53, of Windsor, NC, passed away on October 8, 2020, at Vidant Medical Center following a prolonged illness. She was surrounded by loved ones when she peacefully passed away.

Martha was born on August 30th, 1967 to Hobson D. "Junior" Carter and Mary Frances Mulder Carter in Windsor, NC. After graduating from Bertie High School in 1986, Martha remained in her hometown, which she loved so dearly. Martha dedicated her life to happily serving her community in many ways. She was a beloved nanny and God Mother, a volunteer and employee at the Windsor/Bertie County Chamber of Commerce, and a volunteer, CNA 1, and CNA 2 at both Bertie Memorial Hospital and Bertie Vidant Hospital.

Martha was predeceased by her parents. She leaves behind two Godchildren, Britany W. McClellan (Holden) of Winterville and Heather Whitehurst (Zack Gibbs) of Bear Gass; one great-Godchild, Thelma McClellan of Winterville; and her close friend Susan Whitehurst (Thelma) of Windsor. Martha touched the lives of many who will miss and lovingly remember her.

Visitation was held at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, October 12, 2020, at Walker's Funeral Home in Windsor. Funeral services followed at 11:00 A.M. in the Walker Funeral Home chapel. She was laid to rest at Woodland Cemetery in Woodland, NC. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation at 30 East 33rd St, New York, NY 10016 or online at www.kidney.org/support.

Online condolences may be directed to www.walkerfl.net. Walker Funeral Home of Windsor is serving the Carter family.

Robert P. Smithwick

GREENVILLE - Robert P. Smithwick passed away peacefully in Greenville, NC at the age of 86.

Bob will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 62 years, Leticia Cole Smithwick, and his only son Robert. He was a beloved Papa to Robert and Stacy.

He taught at Edgewood Junior High School for 30 years and where he was affectionately referred to as "Coach". Bob was an avid fisherman loved fishing. He was born in Windsor, NC and moved to Merritt Island, FL in 1990. His summers were spent in NC where he loved to fish.

The family was received at Wylie-Buxley Funeral Home (1360 N Courtenay Parkway, Merritt Island, FL 32963) on Monday, October 12th, 2020 from 10:30-1:30 a.m. A celebration of Life Service took place at Wylie-Buxley Funeral Home at 11:30 a.m.

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Out and About lists current events sponsored by non-profit groups in Bertie County. Please send listings to the Bertie Ledger-Advance, P.O. Box 63, Windsor, NC 27983, bring them by the office on King Street or e-mail them to tbl@ncwebnews.com. All events must be submitted by 4 p.m. each Monday.

Oct. 15

Virtual Cancer Care Seminar

Vidant Health will host a Virtual Cancer Care Seminar from 6-7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15.

The keynote speaker will be Nikki Hyatt, Outreach Coordinator for Vidant Cancer Care. Local health experts from Vidant Bertie, Chowan and Roanoke-Chowan hospitals will present live. Register to view the live stream event at: https://zoom.us/join/register/WN_d0a0s110G-4Wghya3rLA.

Facebook Business Promotion

The Small Business Center at Martin Community College will present a free online seminar about how to use Facebook to promote business.

The seminar will be a Zoom platform presentation and pre-registration is required.

For more information, visit <https://www.ncsbcc.net> or contact Lena Jackson at 252-789-0201 or via email at lena.jackson@martincc.edu.

Oct. 17

Charity Ride

WINDSOR - A Charity Ride and Car Display to benefit David Earl White has been planned for noon on Saturday, Oct. 17 at the Advanced Auto store on U.S. 13 bypass.

White, a native of Windsor and Bertie High School graduate, is in need of a heart transplant and proceeds will benefit medical procedures.

Kickstarts will go up at 1 p.m. There will also be a lunch-dinner drive-thru. Masks are required to participate and attend the event. The ride date is Sunday, Oct. 18. For more information, contact Jackie White at 919-462-1951.

Oct. 20

Blood Drive

WINDSOR - The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 2-5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20 at the Windsor Community Building.

To schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org.

Late Semester Classes

WILLIAMSTON - Six late-start, advanced manufacturing classes are available this fall at Martin Community College.

For more information or to register, call Vanessa Tripp at 252-789-0293 or contact her via email at vanessa.tripp@martincc.edu.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITY COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. 15-27, SUB 589

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITY COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Approval of Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule RS-69

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the virtual demand-side management (DSM) and energy efficiency (EE) cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket Nos. 15-22, Sub 501 and 585, which are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via WebEx. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.net. All members of the public that wish to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff via email at DENCpublichearing@ncuc.gov or by calling 866-380-9816. When registering, provide your name, docket number (15-22, Sub 589), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule RS-69 for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for adoption and implementation of new DSM and EE measures and appropriate incentives. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule RI-21(g).

On August 11, 2020, DENC filed its application for approval of DSM/EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule RS-69. By its application, DENC requested ratemaking to its DSM/EE cost recovery rider effective for service continued cost and after February 1, 2021. DENC's request, including the North Carolina regulatory fee, would result in the following kilowatt-hour (kWh) charges: 0.105 cents per kWh for residential customers; 0.119 cents per kWh for small general service and public utility customers; and 0.022 cents per kWh for large general service customers. No DSM/EE rate rider would be applicable to rate schedules 6VP, 6NS, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers. In addition, industrial and large commercial customers that have, under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9, opted out of and never participated in DENC's DSM and EE programs are not subject to the rider.

Compared to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.0199 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by 19 cents. Small general service and public utility customers would see a DSM/EE rate decrease of 0.0567 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rate decrease of 0.0158 cents per kWh.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

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

Any person wishing to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules RI-5 and RI-19 on or before Monday, October 26, 2020. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4326 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 Monday, October 26, 2020.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.
This the 14th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITY COMMISSION
Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. 16-22, SUB 588

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. § 62-133.8 and
Commission Rule R8-67

PUBLIC NOTICE

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 (REEPS) cost recovery application and compliance report filed by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC), in the above-captioned docket. The public hearing is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. 16-22, Sub 590, which is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.net. Members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff at its email at DNCRPublicStaff@ncuc.net or by calling 866-390-9816. When registering, provide your name, docket number (16-22, Sub 588), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

This proceeding is being held pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67 to consider DENC's application for approval of REEPS cost recovery and compliance with the REEPS requirements during the 2019 calendar year. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

On August 11, 2020, DENC filed direct testimony and exhibits in support of its application for REEPS cost recovery and 2019 REEPS compliance report. In its application, DENC requested to implement the following total REEPS rates, including regulatory fee, effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2021: a \$0.14 charge per month for residential customers; a \$0.82 charge per month for commercial customers; and a \$5.35 charge per month for industrial customers.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

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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 R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Monday, October 26, 2020. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of interveners should also be filed with the Commission on or before Monday, October 26, 2020.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 14th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Joan R. Sawyer, Deputy Clerk

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. 16-22, SUB 589

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
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Carolina, for Approval of Demand-Side
Management and Energy Efficiency Cost
Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9
and Commission Rule R8-69

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In light of customers, in addition, industrial and large commercial customers that have, under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9, opted out of and never participated in DENC's DSM and EE programs are not subject to the rider.

Compared to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.0499 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by 59 cents. Small general service and public authority customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.0562 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.0158 cents per kWh.

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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Joan R. Sawyer, Deputy Clerk

GRANVILLE BRIEFS

Boot Drive

The Butler Firefighter's Association is holding a Boot Drive from 4-6 p.m. on Oct. 8 at the intersection of C Street and Central Avenue. The fundraiser will support the local fire department.

Turkey Shoot

Stem fire and EMS will hold a turkey shoot from 7-10 p.m. every Friday and Saturday in October.

The event is on Hester Road near Brogden Road and will use Winchester No. 8s at 60 feet. The closest pellet to the center wins. The max barrel length is 36 inches, scopes aren't allowed (red dots and shooting sticks are OK). \$5 per shot.

Concessions will be available.

For more information, visit <http://stemfiredepartment.com>.

Trail building

The River Land Conservancy will build 1.6 miles of hiking trails at the Roberts Chapel Conservancy Area, a 56-acre property at 702 Roberts Chapel Road, Stem. TRLC is seeking volunteers to help build trails.

Trail-building workdays will be held 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays through December. Saturday workdays will also be held Oct. 10, Oct. 31, Nov. 21 and Dec. 12.

For more information or to register, contact TRLC at 919-476-6502 or volunteer@riverland.org. Contact Amy at volunteer@riverland.org to organize a service event for your business team, faith-based group, school club, or Scout troop.

Firemen's Day

The Creedmoor Fire Department's annual fundraiser will be 1-5 p.m. on Oct. 10 at 109 S. Main St., Creedmoor. Brunswick Slew is \$8 a quart and a "I Support CVFD" T-shirt is \$20. Donations are also accepted.

There is no parade this year because of COVID-19. The fundraiser will be drive-thru with orders available for takeout.

Quilt raffle

The Franklin County Arts Council will raffle a quilt made by the Quilting Ladies of Lake Royle and Clear Creek Quilting in Burn.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six. Buy tickets at <http://www.fccarts.org> or email fccarts@fccarts.org.

The raffle will be Oct. 17 at 4 p.m. during the annual Quilt Show at Historic Person Place in Lenoir.

The handmade "A Journey Through the Tar and Roanoke Rivers Quilt Trails" is 63 inches by 78 inches and features 20 blocks from the Franklin County part of the Quilt Trails of the Tar & Roanoke Rivers.

Operation Medicine Drop

On Saturday, Oct. 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., The Creedmoor Police Department, CVS Pharmacy and the Vance Granville Community Pharmacy Technician Program is offering a free, contactless way to dispose of unwanted, expired or dangerous prescription drugs.

The medicine drop will be on Doug-

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las Drive behind CVS on Main Street.

Family day shoot

The Stem Fire Department will hold a family day shoot at the old race track on Hester Road from 2-4 p.m. on Oct. 31. Ages 8 and up can shoot. Hot dogs, drinks and chips will be for sale.

Trunk or Treat

Beth Harvest Church, 4737 Wilcox Drive, Wake Forest, will have a trunk or treat event from 3-5 p.m. on Oct. 31. There will be food trucks, live music and candy. For more information, visit <http://bethharvest.com>.

Thanksgiving food drive

The city of Oxford's second annual Thanksgiving Food Drive will run through Nov. 20. The drive will help families in need. Donations of non-perishable food items can be brought to any city department drop-off location.

For questions, call 919-603-1102 or email nyssa.blair@oxfordnc.org.

Crisis hotline

The Families Living Violence Free 24/7 domestic violence crisis hotline is operating during the pandemic. Call 919-603-5700 for English or 919-690-0888 for Spanish. The center encourages people to call if they love or live with someone hurting or threatening them, putting them down or controlling their every move.

Families Living Violence Free also offers individual counseling, safety planning and case management for survivors of domestic violence of sexual assault.

Trained advocates provide confidential one-on-one counseling, which allows clients who are (or have been) victims of domestic violence and sexual assault an opportunity to begin the healing process.

Domestic violence order help

Families Living Violence Free can help Granville County residents with help filing a domestic violence protective order. Call 919-603-5700 to speak with an advocate who can help with planning and completing the order. Callers can also apply for free legal representation.

Community Treasure Chest

Mount Vernon Missionary Baptist Church in Creedmoor welcomes all to its Community Treasure Chest facility filled with new to used clothes and shoes of all sizes and household goods. Coats, dresses, pants, suits, tops, blankets and other items are available in men's and women's sizes. All items are free.

Due to the pandemic, call the church at 919-528-2716 for an appointment.

Maps of free Wi-Fi sites available

For The Butler-Creedmoor News

(Granville County Public Schools bus).

• OXFORD — Granville County is providing maps that show free Wi-Fi hotspots students and residents can use.

• With input from the public and through a collaboration with Granville County Public Schools, a county map has been made available to help find hot spots where free Internet access is available.

• A complete map is available at <http://www.granvillecounty.org>.

• Updates will be made as new information is provided.

• Locations are:

• Butler-Stem Elementary, 201 E. D St.

• Granville County Public Schools bus).

• Butler Gazebo, Gazebo Park, Butler.

• South Branch Library, 1550 S. Campus Drive, Creedmoor.

• Creedmoor City Hall, 111 Mason St., Creedmoor (Granville County Public Schools bus).

• Arby's, 1647 N.C. Highway 56, Creedmoor.

• Hefengles, 1667 N.C. Highway 56, Creedmoor.

• El Corral, 405 N. Main St., Creedmoor.

• El Rio, 2631 E. Lyon Station Road, Suite B, Creedmoor.

• Hardee's, 2508 W. Lyon Station Road, Creedmoor.

• McDonald's, 1543 N.C. Highway 56, Creed-

moor.

• Old South Restaurant, 1513 N.C. Highway 56, Creedmoor.

• Pizza Hut, 1672 N.C. Highway 56, Creedmoor.

• Wilcox Grill, 3585 N.C. Highway 56, Wilton.

• Wilton Pizzeria, 3598 N.C. Highway 56, Wilton.

• Stem Town Hall, 102 W. Tilly Ho Road, Stem.

• Although Wi-Fi service at all of these sites is free, a password may be required. Contact the business or agency if asked to provide this information when logging in.

• To have a site added, contact Assistant County Manager Korena Weichel at 919-603-1366 or korena.weichel@granville-county.org.

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Altec wins Million Hour safety award

For the Butner-Creedmoor News

CREEDMOOR — Altec Industries' facility in Creedmoor was among dozens of local industrial businesses recognized by the N.C. Department of Labor at its annual safety awards banquet on Sept. 24.

"We didn't want COVID-19 to prevent us from recognizing these employers in the Henderson and Oxford area and surrounding communities who are making a commitment to their employees' safety and health," Labor Commissioner Cherie Berry said. "Over the years, North Carolina has experienced a declining injury and illness rate, which remains at a historic low 2.4 per 100 full-time workers for private industry. These employers continue to

make North Carolina workplaces some of the safest in the country and deserve this recognition."

The awards honor outstanding on-the-job safety achievements of each recipient during 2019. Recipients recognized are in Henderson and Oxford areas and surrounding counties.

Berry provided keynote remarks at the virtual meeting, which was her final safety awards presentation as labor commissioner. The banquet was co-sponsored by Henderson-Vance Chamber of Commerce and the Granville County Chamber of Commerce.

The local recipients have met the stringent requirements necessary to receive a safety award. Under program rules, companies must have been free of fatal ac-

cidents at the site for which the award is given to be eligible.

The gold award criteria are based on a DART rate (Days Away, Restricted or Transferred) that is at least 50% below the statewide rate for its industry. The rate includes cases of days away from work, restricted activity or job transfer.

The silver award is based only on cases with days away from work. They are recorded when the worker misses at least one full day of work, not including the day of the injury. The applicant must attain an incidence rate for cases with days away from work that is at least 60% below the rate for its industry.

The million hour award is for 1 million hours, or multiples thereof, without lost-time accidents.

Police: Grass clippings in roads pose hazard

From staff reports

CREEDMOOR — The city's police department is asking mowers not to blow grass clippings onto streets and sidewalks, because they can be dangerous to cyclists.

The Creedmoor Police Department said recently it gets complaints about grass clippings every year. It is against a city ordinance to rake, sweep, blow, wash or place yard waste, grass clippings, leaves and other trash or debris into a storm drainage system, street, ditch or other area that may impede water drainage.

But police say grass clippings can harm more than waterways. "Grass clippings in the roadway can act like a sheet of ice for motorists and bicyclists," Police Chief Keith King said.

Both City of Creedmoor Public Works Director Steve Edwards and Planning Director Mike Frangos agree that not only does blowing the grass clippings into the street detract from Creedmoor's aesthetic quality, but the clippings can also block the road's storm-water drainage, causing backups.

City officials are asking residents to blow their grass clippings back into their yards and use them for compost or haul them away and properly discard them. Maintaining grass clippings within a yard can offer some benefits to your lawn health, the city said.

"Grass clippings carry fertilizer into the storm sewer to the river and the chemicals encourage algae growth deteriorating the health of our streams and ultimately our water sources," Frangos said.

MLK essay contest to move forward

By Amanda Dixon

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OXFORD — The Granville County Human Relations Commission announced it will go ahead with the Martin Luther King Jr. essay contest for middle and high school students in January.

Edhel Anderson, HRC member, said the information about the essay contest will be sent to Granville County schools in a few weeks. The essays may have to be back a little earlier because of uncertainty of how the judges will meet to score the essays.

The commission continues to work toward a virtual Martin Luther King Celebration in January. Typically, winning essays are presented at the annual breakfast. Next year, the essays may be read virtually for all to hear.

Commission member William Betts said he continues to work on finding a guest speaker for the event.

The commission agreed Linda Jordan's virtual training session last month was insightful and thought-provoking. The commission said it will look into having additional virtual training in the upcoming months.

Commissioners spoke briefly about the role of the HRC in Granville County. The HRC was established to encourage

understanding and good will between all citizens regardless of race, sex, religion, creed, nationality, or economic status, and thus promote the general welfare of the community.

The HRC was organized to promote, develop, and implement proactive human relations programs in partnership with schools, corporations, cities, foundations and individuals.

The commission focuses on the welfare of the community and promotes better communication, peace understanding, respect, harmony and good will among all citizens. It makes recommendations to the county commissioners about the needs and welfare of residents.

The commission began laying groundwork for plans in 2021. Commission members said they have to remain vigilant and aware of situations within the county.

"We are working on the behalf of all of the people in Granville County and they are our focus," member Ron Bullock said. May Cordery, another member, said she is thankful to be serving on a commission that embraces people and their concerns and that prayer can be very uplifting in times of need.

The HRC will meet at 6 p.m. on Nov. 9. The meeting may be virtual.

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On August 11, 2020, DENC filed direct testimony and exhibits in support of its application for REPS cost recovery and 2019 REPS compliance report. By its application, DENC proposes to implement the following total REPS mix, including regulatory fee, effective for services rendered on and after February 1, 2021: a \$0.14 charge per month for residential customers, a \$0.82 charge per month for commercial customers, and a \$5.35 charge per month for industrial customers.

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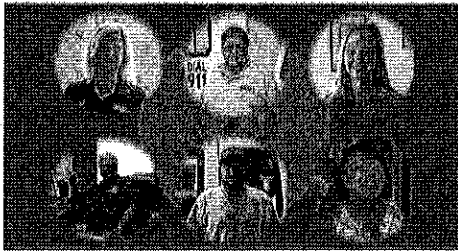
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COURTESY DARE COUNTY

Dare County employees recognized for service

Six Dare County employees were recognized with a presentation of service pins at the Dare County Board of Commissioners meeting held on October 5, 2020. Two county employees received service pins recognizing their 25 years of service to Dare County: Sissy Campbell (top left), administrative specialist for the Roanoke Island/Mainland Division of the Dare County Parks and Recreation Department and Keri Pfister (top center), advanced EMT for Dare County Emergency Medical Services. Karen Patton (top right), social worker II for the Department of Social Services of the Dare County Department of Health and Human Services, received a 20-year service pin.

Two employees within the Dare County Water Department received a 10-year service pin: Chuck Badd (bottom left), water treatment plant superintendent for the Dare County Water Department's Joseph Mac Midget Water Treatment Plant, and Mike Ferguson (bottom center), distribution system specialist for the Dare County Water Department's Northern Beaches Division. Angie Hooper (bottom right), administrative specialist for the Solid Waste Management Department of Dare County Public Works, received a pin recognizing her 15 years of service to the county. For more information about each of the individuals recognized, visit <https://bit.ly/36CYk3>.



COURTESY ISLAND FARM

Island Farm holding pumpkin patch event every Saturday in October

Every Saturday during the month of October, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., Island Farm is holding special full family fun events on Roanoke Island.

Participants can pick a favorite pumpkin, journey through the straw maze, make a hand-dipped candle or corn husk doll, learn about and participate in nature weaving, play pumpkin-toss, corn-cob and more. Island Farm's apple press will be running, and the fire crackling;

fresh popcorn (cooked over the fire) will be available for sampling and a custom tractor photo booth will be available.

"A variety of COVID-19 precautions will be in place to keep visitors and staff safe," stated a press release from Island Farm. "This is an outdoor event, although masks are required where social distancing cannot be maintained. Hand sanitizer will be available for guests." Admission is \$8 plus the cost of pumpkins. Children

under five are admitted for free. This event will take place every Saturday in October, weather permitting. Remaining dates for Island Farm's 2020 Pumpkin Patch are October 10, 17, 24 and 31.

Island Farm is a living history site and working farm located on Roanoke Island, just north of Manteo.

For more information, visit www.obcinc.org, email info@obcinc.org or call 252-473-6500.

Mobile food pantry to make monthly visit

The Food Bank of the Albemarle, in partnership with Colington United

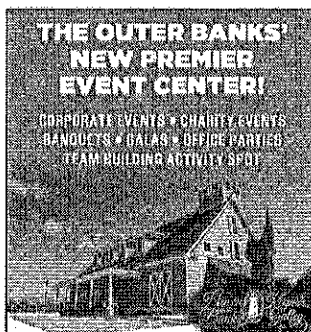
Methodist Church, will visit to the parking lot of First Flight Elementary

School. This month's visit will be October 8, 2020 from 4:30-6 p.m.

Organizers advise that when driven up to the check in, do not get out of vehicles to register. A volunteer will approach and take information. Volunteers will then load the groceries into each vehicle. Leave sufficient room in the vehicle to load the groceries. If there is insufficient room, the driver will be directed to an area where they can park and they will be responsible for loading.

Food will be distributed to area residents who struggle to make ends meet and are in need of emergency food assistance. This may be senior citizens living on fixed incomes, disabled persons, any individual or family currently receiving food stamps and working families who are making tough choices between buying food and paying for other necessities.

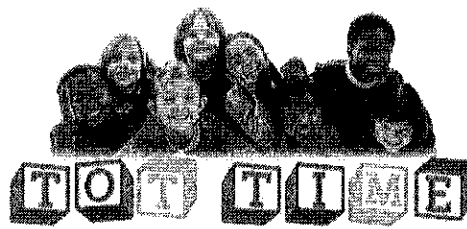
The food from the mobile food pantry is free, but Dare County residency is required.



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MUSEUM OF THE ALBEMARLE

Tot Time: Tools of an archaeologist

The Museum of the Albemarle will host the monthly Tot Time virtually on Thursday, October 8 at 10 a.m.

Participants will learn about the tools that archaeologists use and see a few items they might find when digging.

There will also be a hands-on activity during this free virtual-only program. Families must register in advance by emailing lori.menden@ncdcr.gov with name and

number of participants by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6. Those registered will receive a confirmation email and link to join.

The Zoom session can pick up a packet for hands-on activity available at the museum on Wednesday, October 7, between 10 a.m. and noon.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing to consider the proposed demand-side management (DSM) and energy efficiency (EE) cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing of Docket Nos. E-23, Sub 589 and 590, which are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held virtually via Zoom. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.gov. Members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff via email at ncuc@ncuc.gov or by calling 800-350-0916. When registering, provide your name, docket number (E-23, Sub 589), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R-69 for the purpose of determining whether an incentive or demand rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for adoption and implementation of new DSM and new EE measures and appropriate incentives. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R-21(g).

On August 11, 2020, DENC filed its application for approval of DSM/EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R-69. By its application, DENC requests revisions to its DSM/EE cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2021. DENC's request, including the North Carolina regulatory fee, would result in the following demand-side management charges: 0.1051 cents per kWh for residential customers; 0.1198 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; and 0.0922 cents per kWh for large general service customers. No DSM/EE rate rider would be applicable to rate schedules 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

Compared to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.0199 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by 20 cents. Small general service and public authority customers would see a 0.0151 cents per kWh decrease in their monthly bill, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.0158 cents per kWh.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.gov.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Christopher J. Ayres, Executive Director, Public Staff, 4336 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4366.

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 Unit, 5001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-5001. Written statements may be emailed to attgen@ncdoj.gov.

Written statements or non-verbal evidence may be presented 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 R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Monday, October 26, 2020. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4336 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4366. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Monday, October 26, 2020.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 14th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

Oregon Inlet ocean bar hampers transit

By Mary Helen Goodloe-Murphy
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"We've had a lot of complaints," said Tim Tobin, chairman of the Oregon Inlet Task Force.

Shoaling at the Oregon Inlet ocean bar has reduced depth to five to seven feet according to the most recent survey conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Oregon Inlet Task Force, at its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13, also heard that Corps dredges will soon arrive to fix the bar

and another spot in the channel.

The Corps hopper dredge Currituck, which works on ocean bars, and the sedimentation dredge Merritt may arrive at Oregon Inlet Oct. 25 to 27 to begin work. The dredge Currituck will work through the middle of December.

"Shoaling at the ocean bar, east of the bridge and north of the fender system have major impacts on the demolition operations," wrote NCDOT's Pablo Hernandez.

Hernandez reported "water depths around the bridges have changed

significantly since the storm the week of Sept. 21. The water depths after the storm allowed a brief opportunity for a crane barge to remove the concrete spans from Span 122 to Span 141. Otherwise, the crane barges have not been able to get between the bridges to work on the steel spans and fender systems or east of Span 147 to Span 152 due to the shoaling."

As of Oct. 9, some 54 barges of bridge debris have been dumped in artificial reefs. Hernandez estimates 20 barges remain to be deployed to two

artificial reefs opposite Ocracoke Inlet (Reefs 250 and 255) and two opposite Beaufort Inlet (Reefs 320 and 340). Bomber Bridge demolition is about 80% completed.

Work is going forward on the portion of the Bomber Bridge that will remain at the south end of the new Oregon Inlet bridge. Crane barges are currently removing the catwalks from that portion.

The U.S. Coast Guard's Aids to Navigation Team reported that buoys 13 and 16 are now back on station. Buoy 5 needs a

new light and bracket.

Task Force member Russ King asked, on behalf of the Oregon Inlet Marina fleet, that the red buoy marking the Ocracoke be moved west away from shoaling.

Tobin announced that a 2020 fiscal year report was promptly filed with the requisite authorities overseeing the dredge project. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, \$459,267.04 has been spent on design work, legal fees and some travel for the dredge commission by Dare County.

With L&L Dredging, Conrad Shipyard LLC of Morgan City, Louisiana will build the new dredge.

Tobin announced that a contract between L&L Dredging and Conrad Shipyard has been signed for construction supervision.

Some \$36.2 million is available in the state's shallow draft dredging fund, reported Tobin.

As to disposing of dredge spoil, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is requesting permission to deposit spoil in the Corps channel where depth is well beyond requirements, e.g. 24 feet.

NOTES

From 1A

face down and exhausted. After several unsuccessful attempts to get the man on his paddle board, Motz stated that the swimmer until help could arrive.

Moving on to action

items on the day's agenda, the board reviewed a site plan presentation by deputy planning director Kelly Wyatt with

improvements for the Islington Street Beach Access. According to Wyatt, there will be an asphalt drive aisle, 11 parking spaces, landscaping work and shower area

in addition to a wooden walkway connecting to an existing one.

After a brief discussion on the need for improving the sight line there, board members gave unanimous approval to the site's development plans.

Also gaining unanimous approval was the

reappointment of Jeanne Kramer to the Personnel Grievance Panel.

Other business for the day included a discussion on several changes to camping provisions within the town code.

Board members agreed that campers should only be used at a residence for up to seven consecutive days and no more than three weeks per year.

Approval is to be used to wastewater capacity of the site and while they may be parked on vacant lots they may not be used there. Planning and development director Michael Zahner said he would have a draft ordinance for board consideration at a future meeting.

During his reports, town attorney John Ledy advised that a federal court lawsuit against Dare County and all

municipalities by Joseph and Linda Blackburn related to limited access to Dare County was dismissed by the court. The Blackburns have filed an appeal and the case will now go to the Court of Appeals.

In another report, deputy town manager Andy Garman also pointed out that the part-time Dowdy Park event coordinator position and the Promote Markets has not been out. During board discussion, it was mentioned that pandemic restrictions played a greater part in Dowdy Park access and the position is still included in the budget.

The board also reviewed a fire department five year strategic plan, an annual beach monitoring survey report, and an update from the Waste Reduction Task

Force.

Other discussions included the need for a look at commercial lighting guidelines, Soundside Road Jockey's Ridge access, the need for a better future site definition, power poles on US 158 and a Jitty at Oregon Inlet that would help mitigate erosion at the south end of the town's beach nourishment project.

Following a closed session to discuss legal issues with Ledy, the board recessed until 9 a.m. October 21 for a mid-year budget review workshop.



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. 18-27, SUB 589

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 Demand-Side
Management and Energy Efficiency Cost
Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9
and Commission Rule 62-133.9

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On August 11, 2020, DENC filed its application for approval of DSM/EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule 62-133.9. By its application, DENC requests testimony to its DSM/EE cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2021. DENC's request, including the North Carolina regulatory file, would result in the following (kilowatt-hour (kWh) charges: \$1.01 cents per kWh for residential customers; \$1.19 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; and \$1.092 cents per kWh for large general service customers. No DSM/EE rider would be applicable to rate schedules 65P, NS, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers. In addition, industrial and large commercial customers that have, under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9, opted out of and never participated in DENC's DSM and EE programs are not subject to the rider.

Compared to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of \$0.199 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by 20 cents. Small general service and public authority customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of \$0.552 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of \$0.158 cents per kWh.

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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
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STANTON

From 1A

directly across the street, adjacent to Stacey's old apartment building."

As for the case itself, D'Ambrino said she had always "peripherally known" about it. She added, "I didn't latch onto me over time because it was a case that was not resolved." After delving into Johnson's case, D'Ambrino said there were many people who had begun to reach out to her about Stanton's. "A lot of different avenues had led me to it," she claimed.

D'Ambrino had little information from the jump when she decided to start investigating what happened in February of 1990. All she knew was that a young woman had been murdered, a man was convicted and a family friend had played a major role in the case.

"Just by happenstance growing up, my family was very close with and attended church ... with Edgar Barnes, who became character in season two," she relayed. "I had been told growing up that Eddie had represented some guy who he thought didn't actually do it."

Romallus Murphy from Greensboro was his first defense attorney

who offered he take the plea deal in January 1991. Romallus is dead now," stated D'Ambrino. "Edgar Barnes was Clifton's defense attorney and was court appointed in 1992 and 1993 when Clifton was granted his first Motion for Appropriate Relief post-conviction hearing."

Barnes definitely wasn't the only one who had his doubts, according to D'Ambrino. She said almost every single person she has approached to interview about this case was surprised that we had looked into it sooner.

"A lot of these people have just been sitting going, 'I thought no one was ever going to ask me.' You wouldn't ordinarily expect that from people who thought it was solved," D'Ambrino said that aspect of the investigation surprised her by surprise. She felt that the willingness and eagerness of people to talk about the case stemmed from their belief that they felt like something "was very wrong."

In comparison with the first season, D'Ambrino said the victims are eerily similar. Stanton and Johnson were both young well-to-do, living in the same geographic area in the 1990s. However, Stanton's case had already gone through the traditional judicial process, so D'Ambrino

was able to pull all available records and documents associated with the case to gain a base-level understanding of what happened.

"Finding what I could access, going through Dare County public records, was tremendously helpful," she noted. "With all that background information, I had a lot more to approach my interviews with ... In D'Ambrino's case, I was asking them to please tell me what they knew. There were so many unknowns."

D'Ambrino said she still revisits Johnson's case regularly. "I actually just sent some information to KDHPD from crime line today," she said. D'Ambrino explained that even though Johnson's series ended on the podcast, she still conducts follow-up interviews and has been investigating new leads.

"There were people that came forward in light of season one," D'Ambrino shared. One of these happened to a DNA lab which offers genealogical testing. D'Ambrino said they have now offered their services to the Kill Devil Hills Police Department or any agency looking into Johnson's cold case.

After CounterClock gained global recognition, D'Ambrino decided it was time to put 100% of her efforts towards progressing the podcast and getting her investigative stories the attention they deserved.

"Being able to put stories I'm investigating on the platform that Audio-chuck has been great," she said. D'Ambrino commented that without the platform, Johnson and Stanton's cases would have no audience and, therefore, no way of figuring out the truth.

As for this season two, D'Ambrino left The Coastland Times with one note: "Let's just say by the end of the season, people are definitely going to want to follow-up."

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COVID

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patients in their late teens and early 20s, 0.02 percent for 5- to 17-year-olds, and 0.01 percent for children 4 and younger.

The COVID-19 case count in ARHS eight-county region grew to 3,154 cases — an increase of 170 cases since a week ago. The number of active cases fell to 270 cases — a decrease of more than 100 since a week ago.

The number of persons in the eight counties who've recovered from the virus, meanwhile, rose to 2,763 — an increase of 273 in a week.

Last week, Chowan County — 383 lab-confirmed cases — 408 active, 276 recovered, and 3 deaths. A week earlier, Chowan County had 343 lab-confirmed cases, 80 active, 255 recovered, and 12 deaths.

When asked about the latest spike in Chowan County, ARHS spokeswoman Amy Underhill said during the past week the health service has noticed additional cases have fed into the state reporting system that were actually from tests conducted over the past four months. There were

over 70 cases region-wide that were late finds.

"Staff have been reviewing each case before determining their status and as progress is made in connecting each individual case, we anticipate being able to track a significant number of these cases as resolved," Chowan County is also experiencing several outbreaks at three local long-term care facilities," she said.

According to ARHS latest figures, Perquimans County has 161 lab-confirmed cases — 3 active, 155 recovered, and 3 deaths. A week earlier, Perquimans County had 186 lab-confirmed cases — 24 active, 160 recovered, and 3 deaths.

The CDC's overall infection fatality rate implies that COVID-19, while not nearly as lethal as many people initially feared, is about six times as deadly as the seasonal flu.

Worth noting, Underhill said as far as activity, ARHS has not seen much in our area as of yet. She said ARHS baseline is usually around 2% when the health service starts seeing the season actively with increases up to 8% during the most active part of the season. The beginning of the season is just starting now.

Moreover, while the deaths are reported, it is not considered a reportable condition, therefore influenza-like illness from emergency department data and lab data from sentinel surveillance sites are instrumental in determining the activity in our region and across the state, Underhill said.

During the 2019-20, there was one flu death reported to ARHS and statewide, there were 186 flu deaths, which represents 0.02% of the state's total population, according to data from the NC Department of Health and Human Services.

Overall, about 6 percent of the population experienced an influenza-like illness during the flu season that ended in February. There were 1,650 flu deaths statewide between 2009 and 2020, according to NC DHHS data.

Meanwhile, back to COVID-19, Bertie had a reported 687 total lab-confirmed cases, of which 13 were active as of Monday. There were 693 recovered cases and 11 deaths reported. Gates had 145 total lab-confirmed cases with two still being active. There were 141 recovered cases and three deaths.

REFORM

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prison employees were killed and 10 other workers were injured during an inmate escape attempt at correctional facility at Pasquotank County in 2017.

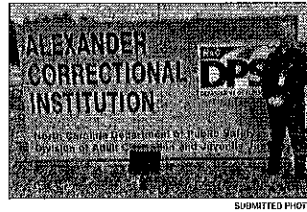
Spurred to action, Steinburg vowed to visit each of the state's 55 correctional facilities. Soon after Steinburg was elected to the senate in 2018, senate leadership selected him to serve as chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Prison Safety Reform.

He held many hearings on matters affecting the state's correctional system that employ 10,000 workers that houses more than 35,000 inmates.

During Steinburg's listening tour, he spoke with administrators, cooks, prison guards — everyone who wanted to voice their concerns about how to improve a system where five employees died within a year.

"I don't believe there is anything I could have done that would have prevented the kind of final, hard information that being with the folks on the front lines provided," he said. "The people who risk their lives everyday going into the prisons to work deserve our gratitude and respect. They have for far too long been ignored or taken for granted by all of us but no more."

Thalling from Chowan County and having served as a co-chairman of the agriculture committee during his service in the state House, Steinburg said when he was elected to the senate, he thought he would be tapped by the leadership to serve agriculture, but it was not to be as he largely wrote the prison system, changed everything. Steinburg said after listening to people not only at the prisons but in his home in Eden, he felt compelled to do something.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

State Senator Bob Steinburg, R-Chowan, visited each of the state's 55 correctional facilities located in places near and far such as Alexander County in the mountains.

Because of the spotlight at the state's correctional system, there was an administrative shake-up at the top levels. Moreover, increased safety protocols have been enacted and prison employees have received a pay increase. Plans are being discussed to separate the Department of Corrections from the Department of Public Safety. "I hope it can be its independent and a cabinet level department."

"Senator Steinburg has stepped up to the plate as no other NC legislator has done in the past 40 years to help correct the problems in our prison system," Lloyd Bennett, Director of NC Prisons, retired.

"That zeal for reform is one the main reasons Steinburg said he is running for re-election — to finish what he started."

"I am fully committed to the opportunity to serve another term in the state Senate, to building upon these unique experiences to make real prison reform in North Carolina a reality," he said. "I have promised the families who loved their loved ones in these vicious attacks in 2017 that I would see this through. There is much left to do but we have begun the hard work of sewing the seeds for enhanced safety of our institutions while at the same time recognizing all of these individuals who staff our facilities by treating them with respect and remembrance to their family for their sacrifice."

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SALES TAX

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educational experience of students and prepare them to be job-ready. Using the 1/2 of a penny sales tax is a way to lower or eliminate the additional property tax burden needed to fund construction of a new high school. The community has shown overwhelming support for keeping the school district downtown, and we're excited."

Spencer noted that the ballot question does not mention the high school due to state and federal regulations governing how it's worked, but the Commission has an official resolution to allocate the funds for John A. Holmes High School. Approximately 30% of the proposed 1/2 of a penny or .26% sales tax proposed by the County Commission would be paid by people traveling through the County to fund this project, he said.

DIRE Board President Nelson Spear said students, teachers and families deserve a new high school, a modern facility with the latest educational tools and technologies. In addition, a new high school will provide an enormous positive economic impact to the entire county, not just downtown.

"The investment that would be made in building a new school on the current downtown campus would have benefits for decades, helping to keep families in Chowan County and bringing others here, helping recruit future teachers and professionals and businesses to our area, helping to spur economic development in the areas surrounding the campus and throughout the county, continuing to build on the strong partnership we have between the school and our downtown, so many positives," he said.

"The DIRE Board of Directors felt it was absolutely necessary to support this effort for economic reasons, to vote for the proposed sales tax increase."

"This proposal, while only a piece of the economic puzzle to fund the project, would

help lower the tax burden on county residents by allowing visitors to help fund the project. I would strongly recommend everyone in vote 'NO' to this proposal," Spencer said.

Jay Holm, chairman of the Education Chowan Educational Foundation, said it's time for a new school.

"Our community has led the way for public education in North Carolina for 250 years," he said. "But we've let our flagship educational institution grow outdated and we have not kept our position as a leader in public education. We've seen our children leave our community for better opportunities. It's time for us to change that. We need to invest in ourselves, our children and our community. We need this small 1/2 of a penny to build a new John Holmes High School. Our students deserve an opportunity to receive the best possible education possible, they deserve an opportunity to have productive careers in Eden and Chowan County. I ask for your support on November 3rd in support of the 1/2 penny referendum."

Spencer said that while only a piece of the economic puzzle to fund the project, would



NICOLE HORNMAN LAYTON/CHOWAN HERALD

College of the Albemarle receives a 2009 International sleeper truck that will be wrapped in the school's logo and used in the new truck driving program at the Edenton-Chowan campus. Pictured (from left) are Jim Lilley, Lilley International; Amy Albosta, COA Foundation and Development executive director; Jack Bengtson, COA president; Charlie Creighton, Colony Tire and Atlantic Tire CEO; Scott Brown, COA truck driving program instructor; Ernest Brown, Lilley International employee; Laurence Lilley, Lilley International; and Patti Kersay, COA board of trustees president.

TRUCK

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with the COA's logo.

An information session for the truck driving program was held Tuesday. Brown said he hoped the session would garner enough interest in the program that they could create a waiting list for future courses.

Bengtson also noted that COA hopes to work with other community colleges in the region for cross-training purposes. For example, one college offers a lineman's program in which people learn how to repair electrical lines. A person could take the lineman's program, then come to the COA for the truck driving course to be able to drive some of the larger utility vehicles.

"We're working to get people employable. Then we'll look at how to add to our programs," he said.

"We always welcome new patients."

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 589

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 Demand-Side
Management and Energy Efficiency Cost
Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9
and Commission Rule R-12-21g.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual demand-side management (DSM) and energy efficiency (EE) cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket Nos. E-22, Sub 589 and E-22, Sub 590, which are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via WebEx. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.net. Members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff via email at DENC.PublicStaff@ncuc.state.nc.us or by calling 666-308-9846. When registering, provide your name, docket number (E-22, Sub 589), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R-12-21g. The purpose of the proceeding is to determine whether an increment or decrement rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for adoption and implementation of new DSM and EE measures and appropriate incentives. Public written testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R-12-21g.

On August 11, 2020, DENC filed its application for approval of DSM/EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R-12-21g. By its application, DENC requests recovery for its DSM/EE cost recovery rider effective for the service year ending on and after February 1, 2021. DENC's request, including the North Carolina regulatory fee, would result in the following kilowatt-hour (kWh) charges: 0.193 cents per kWh for residential customers; 0.119 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; and 0.022 cents per kWh for large general service customers. No DSM/EE rate rider would be applicable to rate schedules 67N, NS, outdoor lighting and traffic

lighting customers. In addition, industrial and large commercial customers that have, under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9, opted out of and never participated in DENC's DSM and EE programs are not subject to the rider.

Compared to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.019 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by 30 cents. Small general service and public authority customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.052 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.018 cents per kWh.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 14th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Jenna R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

PEMBROKE

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Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton said Pembroke Hall was in the Historic District long before Burgher purchased it, rules are rules.

"Anyone owning property in the Historic District knows they have to get the approval of the EPC before they undertake exterior work on their property," she said. "The District and Guidelines were devised in the public interest to protect Edenton's historic structures as an asset of the town. Even in a pandemic, the town has engaged more tourists than ever before. People come to see our history, including houses like Pembroke Hall and the Historic District guidelines reinforced by the EPC protect and promote that."

The battle of property rights is not unique to Edenton as anyone who has ever lived in a neighborhood guided by a property owner's association can attest. "There is no Certificate of Appropriateness may speak of a Stopped Wives' approach to neigh-

borhood needles, but it is actually a tool to preserve aesthetic appeal, perhaps historic uniqueness and ultimately, property values.

Burgher makes a good case that a man's home is his castle, but the town provides a solid rebuttal that says, sit, please, just paint the fence because rules are rules.

Knighton said the matter has gone full circle at a cost to the town in legal fees now approaching \$20,000. However, if the town stands down, the principles guiding the Historic District may be compromised — a development that affects a town committed to tourism.

"Earlier this year, a citizen asked if it was 'worth it' if the town stood down," Knighton said. "I responded that the town has an absolute responsibility to defend the quasi-judicial decisions made by our boards and commissions. Rules matter. Ordinances need to be enforced. Mr. Burgher bought Pembroke Hall, which is located within the Historic District. In accordance with the Guidelines, Mr. Burgher applied for and received a COA for his fence on condi-

tion that he paint or whitewash it. To date he has elected not to. If the town stands down, there are no Historic District guidelines and there is no Historic District."

However, Burgher remains committed to his crusade until it is resolved. "Since litigation remains in progress until an order is signed, I will not speak further on our strategy," he said. "But remain assured I will continue to fight for the justice in this community."

According to reliable rumor about town, Town Councilman Roger Coleman has proposed a solution based on a comment by Town Attorney Hood Biles that Burgher's fence is the most famous fence since Tom Sawyer.

Coleman suggests the creation of the Tom Sawyer Apple Festival to be held at Pembroke Hall (perhaps annually) in which Edenton residents would pay for the privilege of helping to whitewash the back portion of the fence. Children would be especially welcomed to participate. Funds could be donated to a charity of Bur-

gher's choice — perhaps the library in support of their children's programs.

Help would be needed to ensure quality control, so since it's close to Halloween, maybe the town can organize a parade to inspect the fence until it is resolved.

But seriously, think about it — such a solution would prevent the need for any further whaling by the town, prevent more expenditures by both sides on legal fees, make Burgher look like a hero, be fun and benefit the community. Burgher and town residents would be the winners.

And... legal bills would stop being up.

When Burgher applied for a Certificate of Appropriateness to build a fence along the front of Pembroke Hall in 2017, Knighton said, EPC unanimously approved the fence with a condition. The condition was that the paint or white-wash the masonry elements of the fence.

"Mr. Burgher accepted the COA with the condition and built his fence," she said. "During the construction he

asked the EPC if they would remove the paint/white-wash condition and the EPC unanimously voted to address this request after the fence was completed. As of this point in time, the town had incurred no legal fees in the matter."

Burgher completed the fence, Knighton said, but did not submit the requested application to modify his COA to drop the paint/white-wash condition. Eventually the EPC voted to initiate the enforcement process itself. They notified Burgher and invited him to participate in the proceeding.

Upon hearing, Knighton said, EPC unanimously voted not to delete the paint/white-wash condition based on evidence that included an original photograph of a fence that had been on the property in the late 1800s.

Burgher appealed to the Board of Adjustments and then to the Superior Court. The Superior Court remanded the case to the Board of Adjustments which has now remanded the case to the EPC.

Burgher has won an appeal twice with the Board of Adjustments to reverse EPC's Certificate of Appropriateness.

"Sorry the town fails to acknowledge the reality of their own board's decisions," he said.

Burghers said Town Hall has bigger things to worry about than white-wash of the fence.

"I want to thank the overwhelming support I have received from this community that is tired of the unilateral decision-making of Town Hall and is frustrated with the personal agenda of certain council members," he said. "Our Public Servants owe it to our community to manage funds for the betterment of this community and to decide the major issues before us, example being capital projects, resolving decade old uncompleted for franchises, cutting the water system of Edenton, downtown, coronavirus, to name a few."

Despite it all, Knighton praised Burgher's commitment to Edenton.

"Let me be the first to say that when Burgher has been a credit to the Board of Edenton and only for preserving Pembroke Hall but for many other restoration projects," she said. "He may feel otherwise, but we do appreciate him and what he has done."

SHRIMP

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Besides the boxed shrimp dinners, people could enjoy the sounds of the Justin Holland.

Besides Edenton-native Holland, Friday's band included Adam Nixon on electric guitar and vocals

— "from Bear Swamp" (the Perquimans side); Chris Hardy, of Thick Neck (in Yeoplin Township), on bass and keyboard; and Kemp Nixon, of Elizabeth City, on drums or percussion.

Chamber Executive Director Wm. Dale said that during lunch they sold 200 meals and hoped to sell that many during dinner.

Shrimp by the Bay is one of the Chamber's two main fundraisers. Due to the pandemic, it was unable to host its annual golf tournament.

Chamber Board President Amber Hardy was among those who helped serve meals, supplied by Captain Bells, based in Hartford.

"It is the biggest fundrais-

er for us for the whole year that keeps us going," she said.

Despite the pandemic, the chamber wanted to host the event, but do it safely.

"So we thought, since everything has been so hard, let's collect maybe we can lead by example by showing that we can still do things, but on a smaller scale as long as we

are safe about it," she said. "So that's what we did."

Social distancing measures implemented included wearing masks and gloves for those handling out food and serving boxed meals, until about 8:20 p.m. to a crowd of between 100 to 200 people on its peak.

where people cruise. "Everybody can set up their chairs and safely spread out a little," Hardy said.

One visitor to the event said that when Holland performed through dinner, it was a crowd of between 100 to 200 people on its peak.

CHAMBER

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crease in a small price to pay for a better tomorrow.

"While tax increases are mostly unpopular with voters, we felt that if the County Commissioners were going to devote the proceeds of this increase to the new school, it was a cause worth supporting," he said. "A quarter cent is minuscule in the scheme of things to day and will hardly be noticed by consumers. Plus, the burden is shared by all residents and visitors that spend money in the community, and not just property owners."

Earlier this year, the Chowan Board of Commis-

sioners agreed to put the sales tax hike referendum on the November ballot. According to county officials, the quarter-cent increase, if approved by voters, would generate an additional \$300,000 annually in sales tax revenue for the county.

Commissioners also adopted a non-binding resolution stating their intent to spend the additional sales tax revenue on a new school to replace John A. Holmes High School.

"Myself and the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors fully endorse the proposed sales tax increase for JAHHS," Chamber President Amber Hardy said. "We were supporters of the high school project from the

start and are happy to see this through. We encourage all voters to please follow suit and check yes too! It's for our kids. It's for our community."

The proposed .25% also called a 1/4 of a penny sales tax, on your ballot this year would NOT apply to prescription drugs, unprepared foods (groceries), gas, vehicles, or property.

Last note, Edenton Town Council adopted a resolution in support of the sales tax back in July. Though Tuesday's Edenton Town Council meeting took place after the Chowan Herald was sent to the press, council invited Edenton-Chowan School Superintendent Michael Sasser to present an update on the High School

project and help explain how the funds will be used.



STORAGE BIN AUCTION

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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RALEIGH
DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 589

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 Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R-2-07

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: The North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the matter of Demand-Side Management (DSM) and energy efficiency (EE) cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 589, at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held virtually via Zoom. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncnc.com. Members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff via email at DENCpublichearing@ncnc.com or by calling 866-380-9816. When registering, provide your name, docket number (E-22, Sub 589), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

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This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R-2-07 for the purpose of determining whether an increase or decrease rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for adoption and implementation of new DSM and new EE measures and appropriate incentives. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R-2-07(d).

On August 11, 2020, DENC filed its application for approval of DSM/EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R-2-07. By its application, DENC requests revisions to its DSM/EE cost recovery rider effective for services rendered on and after February 1, 2021. DENC's request, including the North Carolina regulatory fee, would result in the following kilowatt-hour (kWh) charges: 0.051 cents per kWh for residential customers; 0.178 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; and 0.0922 cents per kWh for large general service customers. No DSM/EE rate rider would be applicable to rate schedules GVP, NS, outdoor lighting and traffic

lighting customers. In addition, industrial net large commercial customers that have, under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9, opted out of and never participated in DENC's DSM and EE programs are not subject to the rider.

Compared to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.0199 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by 20 cents. Small general service and public authority customers would see a DSM/EE rate decrease of 0.0502 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rate decrease of 0.0156 cents per kWh.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Civil Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available on the Commission's website at www.ncnc.net.

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This the 14th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
Joan R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

FALL

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North Carolina and NC Art Council present Learning To Sings Write Free online question-and-answer session will be held at 1:30 a.m. Oct. 16 with Ron Capps of the Veterans Songwriting Project. Register at <https://give.us-nc.org/event/songwriting-stories/>

■ The 45th Annual Pen-

nut Festival will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 17, on the John A. Holmes campus. Craft vendors and barbecue and fried chicken platters will be set up. Crafts looking to become involved, please contact sales at ocfcp.s.k2.nc.us. Plate sales available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

■ Forest of Shadows Pettigrew State Park, 2252 Lake Shaw Road, Creswell, will hold a free haunted hike from 7 p.m. Friday, Oct.

20. All mythical creatures are lurking in the forest, while visitors are safe on the boardwalk.

■ The old Chowan County jail, located behind the 1707 court house will be open for tour beginning Saturday, October 31, for groups of six or less. Cost is \$5 per person and times are 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. To reserve tickets, call the Pembroke Barker House. Welcome Center at 252-482-7800.

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10am, 11:30am, 1:30pm and 3:00pm.

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LOCAL & STATE

GREENSBORO

Halloween park visitor hit by bullet

A person has been shot at a Halloween-themed park in North Carolina.

The Greensboro News & Record reports that the incident occurred at the Woods of Terror early Sunday morning. The Guilford County Sheriff's Office said the victim was taken to a local hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening. The investigation is ongoing.

Woods of Terror owner Zoltan McLaurin said in a statement that it appeared that two gunshots were fired into the air and that one of the bullets came down on a customer.

McLaurin said staff members tended to the victim. The person appeared to have a minor gunshot wound to the chest.

The event pays for an armed Guilford County deputy to be on the property every night, and McLaurin said it will continue doing so for the rest of the season.

UNION COUNTY

Driver surrenders in hit-and-run of girl

Authorities in North Carolina say a suspect has turned himself in after a hit-and-run critically injured a young girl who was playing at a soccer field.

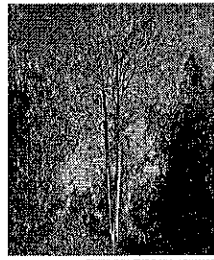
The incident happened Saturday afternoon in Union County, outside Charlotte.

Deputies told local media the driver jumped a curb and hit three people, including a 5-year-old girl who was taken to a hospital in critical condition.

Authorities were initially searching for a vehicle, but Union County Chief Communications Officer "Bugs" Underwood told TV station WNCN the suspect later turned himself in.

The suspect is a juvenile and will be charged with felony hit-and-run as well as careless and reckless driving, the station reported. Because of the suspect's age, authorities can't release a name or any additional information.

SOUTH MILLS



CHIPS DRY/THE DAILY ADVANCE
A trail leading to the state's tallest persimmon tree is seen Saturday afternoon at Dismal Swamp State Park in South Mills. The tree is a registered N.C. Champion Big Tree.

RALEIGH

Prison inmate dies from coronavirus

An inmate at a North Carolina prison who had pre-existing medical conditions has died after testing positive for COVID-19, officials said.

According to a news release from the N.C. Department of Public Safety on Friday, the middle-aged male inmate was in his early 70s.

The agency said the offender tested positive for the virus on Aug. 22. He was hospitalized several times in the ensuing weeks. His condition worsened and he died in the hospital at Central Prison in Raleigh on Friday, officials said.

According to the department, 15 inmates have died of COVID-19 related health issues, including two at Central Prison.

From Associated Press reports

Fed judge halts absentee witness rule

Dever concerned about rules changing after votes cast

BY JONATHAN DREW
The Associated Press

RALEIGH — A federal judge has halted new North Carolina absentee voting rules that gave voters more leeway in the witness problem, the first state to kick off absentee balloting on Sept. 4.

The rules, issued last week in a settlement with voting rights advocates, were blocked by a temporary restraining order issued Saturday by U.S. District Judge James Dever, who raised concerns about changing rules after numerous ballots have already been cast. Saturday's decision comes amid a tangle of litigation in state and federal court over absentee ballots in the key presidential battleground.

Dever raised concerns that the changes, which have been sharply criticized

by Republicans, could violate equal protection rights and dilute the weight of ballots cast under pre-existing rules contained in state law. Dever noted that when the North Carolina State Board of Elections announced on Sept. 22 that it was revising the procedures, more than 150,000 people had already cast ballots. North Carolina was the first state to kick off absentee balloting on Sept. 4.

The revised rules allowed voters who cast absentee ballots with in-person witnesses information to fix the problems by returning an affidavit, rather than starting the ballot over and having it witnessed again. North Carolina law, which legislators updated over the summer in response to the pandemic, requires one witness for an absentee ballot.

During a hearing Friday, Dever asked lawyers from the state attorney general's office whether the new procedures essentially eliminated the witness requirement.

Alexander Peters, a lawyer representing the state board, argued that the county officials who would receive the voter's affidavit responding to the deficiency would stand in for the witness, drawing a retrial from the judge.

"They're not really witnesses," Peters said. "They're acting as a piece of paper," Dever said Friday.

Dever also halted an updated rule that would have allowed county boards six more days to accept mailed-in ballots that arrived after Election Day as long as they were postmarked by Nov. 3.

Dever was presiding over lawsuits by Republican legislative leaders and President Donald Trump's campaign that argued the North Carolina State Board of Elections had usurped the power of lawmakers and lessened the weight of ballots cast before the rule change.

Dever's ruling also transferred those two cases for further review to another

North Carolina-based federal judge whose hearing in the matter is scheduled a hearing for next week.

U.S. District Court Judge William Osteen has also expressed concern that the revised ballot rules would essentially eliminate the witness requirement, which he upheld in a previous ruling.

The rule changes had stemmed from a separate lawsuit in state court by voting rights advocates who argued that the state's absentee ballot requirements were too restrictive in the middle of the pandemic. A legal settlement containing the rules was approved by a state judge Friday, but the procedures have been suspended by Dever's order.

More than 340,000 North Carolina absentee ballots had been accepted as of Saturday, according to the state board, out of a total of 1.1 million ballots requested.

Tillis self-isolating after getting virus

Senator among VM event attendees who contract virus

The Associated Press

RALEIGH — A spokesman for U.S. Sen. Thom Tillis of North Carolina said that the senator is improving after experiencing mild symptoms following a positive COVID-19 test.

Tillis issued a statement saying the senator is self-isolating at home. Tillis announced Friday night that

he had tested positive.

"His mild symptoms from yesterday have significantly improved and the only lingering symptom is the loss of his sense of taste and smell," Webb said.

"This is among several people to be diagnosed with the virus after attending the Supreme Court nomination ceremony in the White House Rose Garden for Army Gen. Mark A. Milley."

Tillis was wearing a mask at the ceremony and has supported mask use.

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Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Approval of Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-13.9 and Commission Rule E-49

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On August 11, 2020, DENC filed its application for approval of DSM/EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-13.9 and Commission Rule E-49. By its application, DENC requests (various) to its DSM/EE cost recovery rider effective the service rendered on and after February 1, 2021. DENC's request, including the North Carolina regulatory fee, would result in the following known-hour (LSE) charges: 0.181 cents per kWh for residential customers; 0.198 cents per kWh for small general service and public utility customers; and 0.022 cents per kWh for large general service customers. No DSM/EE rider would be applicable to rate schedules 6VP, NS, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers. In addition, industrial and large commercial customers that have, under N.C.G.S. § 62-13.9, opted out of and never participated in DENC's DSM and EE programs are not subject to the rider.

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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH
DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 589

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 Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-13.9 and Commission Rule E-49

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-433.5 and Commission Rule E-49 for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for acquisition and implementation of new DSM and new EE measures and appropriate incentives. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule E-12.1(g).

On August 11, 2020, DENC filed its application for approval of DSM/EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-13.9 and Commission Rule E-49. By its application, DENC requests (various) to its DSM/EE cost recovery rider effective the service rendered on and after February 1, 2021. DENC's request, including the North Carolina regulatory fee, would result in the following known-hour (LSE) charges: 0.181 cents per kWh for residential customers; 0.198 cents per kWh for small general service and public utility customers; and 0.022 cents per kWh for large general service customers. No DSM/EE rider would be applicable to rate schedules 6VP, NS, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers. In addition, industrial and large commercial customers that have, under N.C.G.S. § 62-13.9, opted out of and never participated in DENC's DSM and EE programs are not subject to the rider.

Compared to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.0199 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by 30 cents. Small general service and public utility customers would see a DSM/EE charge decrease of 0.0552 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE charge decrease of 0.0158 cents per kWh.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available on the Commission's website at www.ncncu.net.

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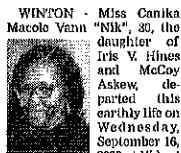
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OBITUARIES

CANIKA "NIKI" VANN



WINTON

Miss Canika "Niki", 30, the daughter of Iris V. Hines and McCoy Askew, departed this earthly life on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at Vidant Regional Health System in Chowan Hospital in Ahoskie, NC.

Canika was a 2009 graduate of Hartford County High School and an employee of Newport News Shipbuilding in Newport News, VA.

Niki was a cheerful person who loved being around family. Canika's favorite pastime was eating out and thinking

with her Hondas. Canika will truly be missed by her family and friends.

Left to cherish her memories are the apple of her eye, (daughter) Caylah Naouet Williams of the home, loving mother, Iris Vann Hines of the home; her father, McCoy Askew of Harrellsville; sisters, Carnissa Vann-Melton (Keith) of Aulander, NC, Wilma King of Durham, NC and Machello Reid (Edward) of Triangle, VA; aunts, Cheryl V. Manley of Winton, NC and Vernice Askew of Brooklyn, New York; one niece, Aleahyah of Durham; nephews, Auntie Seasons, A'Quan Vann, and Andrie Melton, all of North Carolina, and Evan Reid, Sheldon Reid and Donovan Reid of Triangle, VA; lots of cousins; a special cousin who

was her other mother; Anitra T. Vann of Ahoskie; and special friend, Toya "Baby Doe" Jenkins.

A graveside service was held on Tuesday, October 6 at the Vann Family Cemetery in Union.

Reynolds Funeral Home of Ahoskie handled the arrangements.

WILLIS R. PEELE

EDENTON — Willis Ray

Peele, 63, of 2860 Rocky Hook Road, died Tuesday, September 23, 2020, in Chowan River Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Mr. Peele

was born in Chowan County on October 19, 1926, and was the son of the late William Leslie and Lizzie Nixon Peele. A retired farmer and commercial fisherman, he just also worked part-time in his brother's plumbing business. A faithful member of Rocky Hook Baptist Church and its Carey Evans Sunday School Class where he had served as treasurer, he was a retired member of Unit 3 of the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Christeen Pilead Peele; and by his brother, Ralph Peele.

Surviving are children, Cheryl Peele Sutton (Robert), and Allen Ray Peele (Mary Kay), all of Edenton; a sister,

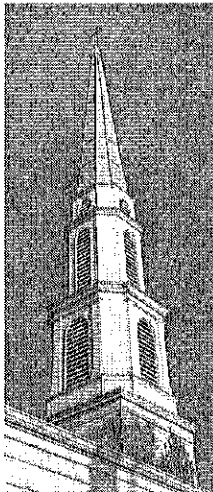
Ruth P. Monks of Tyner; his longtime friend and companion, Maxine Bunch of Edenton; and three grandchildren, Anna Kay Graddock (Mert) of Heflin, Finland, and Leslie Kay Pote (Aaron Swain) and Jacob Allen Peele, all of Edenton.

A graveside service was held Saturday, October 3 in Beaver Hill Cemetery, conducted by Pastor Rusby Womack.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the building fund of Rocky Hook Baptist Church, 113 Rocky Hook Church Road, Edenton, NC 27932.

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, 735 Virginia Road, Edenton, handled the arrangements and online condolences may be made by visiting www.millerfunhome.com.

CHURCH NEWS



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LADIES DAY

GATES — Stoney Branch Missionary Baptist Church Women's Ministry invites the public to attend Ladies Day at the Branch beginning at 12 noon on Saturday, Oct. 10.

This will be a "Praise and Prayer" service with the messenger being Rev. Wanda

Hall Carter of Greater Non-Denominational Ministry.

The theme for this occasion is "Am I My Sister's Keeper." All we ask you to do is pull in, park your car and enjoy the service from the comfort of your vehicle.

For additional information, contact Minister Tammy R. Boone at 252-287-9453.

NOON PRAYER

SUNBURY — St. John A.M.E. Zion Church conducts prayer service at 12 noon each Tuesday. These are weekly run-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 605 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

AME 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 Phney 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 6:30 p.m. and Bible study at 7 p.m. each Wednesday.

For more information, call 252-287-3620.

BIBLE STUDY

SUNBURY — The Way Church, located at 007 RT 32, Sunbury, will hold Bible Study at 7 p.m. every Tuesday.

MARRIAGE SEMINAR

CORATIAKE — Redeem Ministry will be hosting a marriage seminar at 7 p.m. on the second Friday of each month at 1550 NC Highway 32 North, Corapeake.

For more information contact Pastor Bruce McCants at 919-971-0108.

PRAISING GOD MINISTRY

True in the "Praising God Ministry" with the Rev. Dr. Earl Norfleet each Thursday, Friday, and Saturday morning at 10 a.m. on WGAI 580 AM.

Rev. Norfleet will deliver inspirational messages that will strengthen you while giving God, the honor, and the glory and the praise.

Send Church News by fax to 252-358-3940 or email to cal.bryan@news.com. Items can also be dropped off at the main office located at the intersection of Main St. and Catherine Creek Rd., Ahoskie. Church News is printed free of charge.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. R-22, SUB 500

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
Application by Virginia Electric and Power)
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North)
Carolina Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and)
Commission Rule R-8-55 Regarding Fuel and)
Fuel-Related Costs Adjustments for Electric)
Utilities)

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Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

DENC filed an application and testimony relative to the subject matter of this proceeding on August 11, 2020. According to its application, DENC is requesting a total annual fuel revenue decrease of approximately \$15.4 million from the fuel and fuel-related costs currently in effect. Further, DENC proposes to make the fuel revenue decrease effective for service on and after February 1, 2021.

DENC's proposed fuel revenue decrease, including regulatory fee, would result in the following decreases for DENC's customers: 0.295 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers; 0.394 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.499 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.135 cents per kWh for rate schedule PB customers; and 0.107 cents per kWh for rate schedule GVP customers. The net effect of this request would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$3.95.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

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DOCKET NO. R-22, SUB 589

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 Demand-Side)
Management and Energy Efficiency)
Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9)
and Commission Rule R-8-69)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R-8-69 for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for adoption and implementation of new DSM and EE measures and appropriate incentives. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R-8-24(c).

On August 11, 2020, DENC filed its application for approval of DSM/EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R-8-69. In its application, DENC requests revisions to its DSM/EE cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2021. DENC's request, including the North Carolina regulatory fee, would result in the following kilowatt-hour (kWh) charges: 0.151 cents per kWh for residential customers; 0.119 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; and 0.0922 cents per kWh for large general service customers. No DSM/EE rate rider would be applicable to rate schedule GVP, NE, outdoor lighting and traffic

lighting customers. In addition, industrial and large commercial customers that have, under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9, opted out of and never participated in DENC's DSM and EE programs are not subject to the rider.

Compared to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.039 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by 20 cents. Small general service and public authority customers would see a DSM/EE rate decrease of 0.0362 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rate decrease of 0.0113 cents per kWh.

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OBITUARIES

DEBORAH J. HOWARD

"Lord, when Thine sweet that my work is done, let me not linger on, with falling powers, adieu the weary hours, workless worker in a world of work. But with a word, just bid me home, and I will come. Right gladly - yes, right gladly will I come."

MURFREESBORO, NC - Deborah Jean Howard was the first child born to Berne Rosalind and James Whelley Howard on August 30, 1954 in Hertford County, NC.

At an early age, she joined Nebo Baptist Church in Murfreesboro, NC. She enjoyed working in the church and in the community.

After graduating from Northampton County High School in Conway, NC, she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical University in Greensboro, NC, and a Master's in Family Relations and Human Development from Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

In August 1979, Deborah began her career as an Assistant Home Economics Agent for Hertford County Cooperative Extension Services. There, she found a tremendous passion for public service.

She was recognized by Hertford County Commissioners for her expertise and devotion, which extended throughout Hertford County, the state, and beyond.

In 1987, Deborah was

named North Carolina's Outstanding Young Woman of the Year. In 1988, she was promoted to Director of the Hertford County Cooperative Extension Services and continued in that role until 2000. During her career, she served on many boards and councils throughout eastern North Carolina.

All her life, she was a faithful member of Nebo Baptist Church, where she sang in the choir and taught the kindergarten class. Because education was extremely important to her, she supported the education programs of the church. At Nebo, she also supported the Merry Hobers Club.

She delighted in traveling for her job and visiting her family. She absolutely loved her bi-weekly trips to just Hiale, Suwanee, where Connie Hoyer styled her hair, and where the women in the shop diplomatically solved the world's problems.

On October 8, 2020, Deborah's work was done; her song was sung. Without ado, she flew away to where she belonged. She transitioned from obscurity at Vidant Medical Center in Greenville, NC, where she has joined her beloved parents James and Berne.

Those who will celebrate her memory are James Dwight (Yvonne), Carson "Sand", Wayne (Jackie), Shelton, and Berne; aunt, Clarice Hawkins (William); five nieces and nephews, four great-nephews and one great-niece; her extended family: Vernon Kee, Evelyn Kee, and Dominick, LaDora and Loverson Kee; and many cousins, and friends.

Visitation will be held from 3-7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14 at Reynolds Funeral Home in Ahoskie, who is handling the arrangements.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, October 15, beginning with visitation at 11 a.m. followed by the service at 12 noon, at Nebo Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, NC.

"One glad morning, when this life is over, I'll fly away To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away I'll fly away, oh glory I'll fly away, When I die, Hallelujah, by and by I'll fly away."

SHEILA T. BRADLEY

MILLENNIUM - Sheila DeLores Terry Bradley, age 59, of Silo Farm, passed away on Sunday, October 11, 2020 at the Vidant Medical Center of Greenville, NC after a courageous battle with breast cancer.

Sheila was born on April 1, 1961 to Robert James Terry and Linda Lassiter Terry in Ahoskie, NC. Sheila started her career in banking right out of high school. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. Sheila married her best friend in 8th which formed what we know as the "Bradley Bunch". She loved her five children unconditionally and being called mom, but nothing gave her more pleasure than being called grandma, "MawMaw". Mike and Sheila started a career in real estate where they have developed many long-lasting friendships. She looked forward to traveling the world with one of her favorites vacation spots being St. Thomas. Sheila was always up for an adventure,

new scenery, and could usually be found on a cruise ship. She could light up any room with her vibrant smile. She was always trying to fix everything for everyone, always there when someone needed her. She was loved by many and will be deeply missed by all that knew her.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Nicholas Caylen Brown.

Left to cherish Sheila's memory is the love of her life, Mike; two daughters, Melanie Stephenson White and friend, Kyle Hodges, and Lindsay Stephenson Brown and friend, Stormy Butts, both of Ahoskie; three sons, George Michael Bradley and wife Patricia, John Bradley and wife Story, Matt Bradley and wife Joanna, all of Ahoskie; two sisters, Sharon (Towell) and husband Chris and Michelle Elayah, both of Ahoskie; her sister from another mother, Bonnie Langdale and husband Larry of Kill Devil Hills; two brothers, Coy Terry of Kill Devil Hills, and Allen Moody and wife Norma of Kinston; nine granddaughters, Taylor White, Lila Grace Brey Casdence Brown, Georgia Bradley, Kelsey Bradley, Myah Bradley, Bryleigh Bradley, Ella Bradley, and Presley Butts; nine grandsons, Kevin Shaver, Fletcher White, Edward Bradley and friend Kaley, Parker Bradley, Austin Bradley, Caleb Bradley, Cole Bradley, 201 Thomas, and Owen Jenkins; great-grandson, Noah Bradley; grandmother, Myrtle Terry of Ahoskie; two brothers-in-law, Marshall Bradley and wife Lynn of Franklin, VA, Kenny Bradley and wife Andrea of Ahoskie; sister-in-law, Gayle

Deanes and husband Tommy of Ahoskie; along with a host of nieces and nephews. #noonegitsalone

A celebration of life funeral service was held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at Garrett-Sykes Funeral Service, Ahoskie, NC, with Rev. Taylor Lathan officiating. Burial followed at Job Cemetery, Ahoskie, NC.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hertford/Gates Kelly for Life, 350 Wellness Drive, Greenville, NC 27834 or online by visiting memorialfund.com/search.html, type: Sheila T. Bradley. Garrett-Sykes Funeral Service - Ahoskie Chapel handled the arrangements for the Bradley family and online condolences can be directed to the family by visiting www.garrettsykes.com.

ADOLPH EURE

GATESVILLE - Adolph Eure, 62, of Gatesville, died Friday, October 9, 2020. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2020 in the cemetery at Lebanon Grove Baptist Church, Gatesville. Community of Hope Funeral Service, Hobbinsville, is handling the arrangements.

CHARLES NASCOE

GATESVILLE - Charles Nascoe, 87, of Gatesville died Monday, October 6, 2020 at his residence. A graveside service was held on Saturday, October 10, 2020 at Lebanon Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Gatesville. Hunter's Funeral Home, Gates, handled the arrangements.

CHURCH NEWS

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OUTDOOR SERVICES

EURE - Pure Christian Church invites the public to outdoor worship each Sunday at 10 a.m. Pure Christian Church is located at 872 NC 137 in Raeford.

DRIVE-IN WORSHIP

CORAPRAKE - The public is invited to drive-in worship service at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 25 at Union Branch Baptist Church. For more information, call (252) 465-4620.

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.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. 15-22, SUB 588

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R-67

PUBLIC NOTICE

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), and need for application and compliance report by its applicant, Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC), in the above-captioned matter. The public hearing is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. 15-22, Sub 588, which is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.net. Members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff via email at PUBLICSTAFF@ncuc.net or by calling 866-380-5816. When registering, provide your name, docket number (15-22, Sub 588), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

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This proceeding is being held pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R-67 to consider DENC's application for approval of REPS cost recovery and compliance with the REPS requirements during the 2019 calendar year. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R-14(g).

On August 11, 2020, DENC filed direct testimony and exhibits in support of its application for REPS cost recovery and 2019 REPS compliance report. By its application, DENC proposes to implement the following, total REPS rates, including regulatory fee, effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2021: a \$0.14 charge per month for residential customers; a \$0.82 charge per month for commercial customers; and a \$5.35 charge per month for industrial customers.

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DOCKET NO. 15-22, SUB 589

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 Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R-69

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Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

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Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

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HORSES

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Four other horses from the stable are under observation at N.C. State University where they are expected to remain until veterinarians determine what is causing the horses to get sick.

Brandee Phelps, who helps out at the stable, says she is very concerned about the horses' welfare.

"They have done everything they can possibly think of and it's not stopping it," she said. "They had one of the horses autopsied and it didn't show anything. They are still doing more observations on that horse just to see if they can find anything. It's heartbreaking when they can't figure out what it is."

New Hope Stables describes itself on Facebook as "a family owned and operated (stable offering) Seat, Jumping, and Basic Dressage riding lessons with an emphasis on communication and horse care."



Horse named Fancy succumbed to an unknown illness at New Hope Stables, so the animal has joined the stable in the sky.

Bundy said she is grateful for the outpouring of community support her stable has received since people began finding out about the horses' illness. "I can never thank the community enough for all

the support that has shown our small barn," she said. "The outpouring of support has allowed us to seek out the very best specialist to solve this devastating mystery."

Shirana Edwards of Onks Veterinary Clinic of Smithfield, Virginia, is examining the animals.

Because care for the horses is expected to be expensive, New Hope Stables has set up a GoFundMe page at: <https://gfm.me/ufy2gyy>. Any leftover money raised by the effort will be used in care for other rescue horses in the area.

In addition, a barbershop and fried chicken fundraiser has been scheduled for Nov. 6 to help raise money to pay for the animals' care. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Soul Hunters at 1367 N. U.S. Highway 17, Elizabeth City.

For more information, email Phelps at brandee@allsholmail.com. For tickets, call Small Town Trazz at (252) 662-6626.

TREASURE

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after. Any knew Treasure was special as much as we knew. Finding Treasure was, and will always be, one of the best days of our lives."

Since then, Treasure lived a spoiled and lives a happy life. The 18-year-old horse impacted so many lives. Treasure competed frequently at competitions, local or statewide, and always did well.

"Treasure has won many state championships throughout 2007 - now, I could not even begin to count how many children has shown with her at competitions," Bandy said.

Since 2004, Treasure had been living on the farm and she taught countless amounts of children how to ride. Treasure was really the first horse that beginners start out on.

"There is something about Treasure that wakes children and adults fall in love with horses and horseback riding," Bandy said. "Not only does she teach children how to ride, Treasure always gives students a reason to come back."

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PRISON

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anyone who wanted to voice their concerns about how to improve a system where five employees died within a year.

"I don't believe there is anything I could have done that would have provided the kind of first hand information that being with the folks on the front lines provided," he said. "The people who risk their lives every day going into the prisons to work deserve our gratitude and respect. They have for far too long been ignored or taken for granted by all of us but no more."

Hailing from Chowan County and having served as a co-chairman of the agriculture committee during his service in the state House, Steinburg said when he was elected to the senate, he thought he would be tapped by the leadership to serve agriculture, but it was not to be as the tragedy within the prison system changed everything. Steinburg said after listening to people not only at the prisons but in his home in Eden, he felt compelled to do something.

Because of the spotlight at the state's correctional system, there was an administrative shake-up at



State Senator Bob Steinburg, R-Chowan, (center at the head of the table) is speaking to a group of corrections employees.

the top levels. Moreover, increased safety protocols

received a pay increase. Plans are being discussed to separate the Department of Corrections from the Department of Public Safety so as prisons can be its independent and a cabinet-level department.

Steinburg said he stepped up to the plate as no other NC legislator has done in the past 40 years to help correct the problems in our prison system," Boyd Bennett, Director of NC Prisons, retires.

That zeal for reform is one the main reasons Steinburg said he is running for reelection - to finish what he started.

"I am fully committed if given the opportunity to

serve another term in the state Senate, to building upon these unique experiences to make real prison reform in North Carolina a reality," he said. "I have promised the families who lost their loved ones in these various attacks in 2017 that I would see this through. There is much left to do but we have begun the hard work of sowing the seeds for enhanced safety of our institutions while at the same time recognizing all of these individuals who staff our facilities by treating them with respect and remunerate them fairly for their sacrifice."

ROWELL

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to say that I never knew Makin, but talking with her family and friends today I know the world has lost a smart, talented, and beautiful individual.

This is after attending a memorial for the family in her memory a week ago at The Holiday Island Store in Perquimans County. This was the final stop of a Polar Run organized by The Twisted Ones FC for Makin's benefit. They started at A&E Garage, with stops at Newland Pub, Big Daddy's, and The Bethel Fishing Center.

I wrote this that night but publishing deadlines delayed publication until now. I missed the ride as

I'm not a biker, but, store owners, Pete Messina and Lynda Rauh are also avid bikers and were great host for the finale.

If there could be a "feel good" moment under the circumstances this was it. Bikers and non-bikers came from southern Virginia and northeast North Carolina to show their respect and support. I'll bet there were 1,000 to 1,200 to attend throughout the afternoon. The parking lot was full and extended out onto the side of the road.

This crowd was a cross section of our community. There were the young and the old, male and female, blacks and white, but, what I did not see was division. I saw human beings coming together in unity for a just cause. It was America at its finest.

There was a stand selling badge plates, mifflin tickets for gifts, two 60-60 raffles, and donation boxes. The final tally of contributions was not available but is expected to be in the thousands. (Update: the actual count is just over \$5,000). In the spirit of the moment, winners of both 60-60 raffles graciously donated their winnings back to the cause.

I left there a few dollars less than I expected but with a renewed hope for our country. We have lost a part of our future with our Makin, and all the Makins elsewhere that are needless taken from us. Let's not allow their loss to be in vain. You may have missed the benefit on that past Sunday, but it's not too late for every little

candle lit the future glows brighter.

This is not the typical column you would expect from me, but I don't apologize. I was truly moved by this afternoon and it renewed my faith in mankind and gave me

hope. With a little effort the spirit of that day could extend to the other 364.

You may look around and see problems, and that is easy to do today. On the other hand, you can look around and see opportunities. You see

what you look for. I spent the day with people of hope and promise.

The choice is yours. The train is leaving the station, get on board or get out of the way.

God bless and have a great day.

DEATH

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ing eastbound, state Trooper W.B. Copeland's report shows.

Mitchell's vehicle then "continued on to its destination," Copeland's report states.

Sgt. B.F. Daniel said Wednesday Mountjoy's body was found off the roadway by a friend. After Mountjoy's mother was notified, she alerted authorities.

Copeland's report indicates the patrol was notified of the incident about 1:32 a.m. Dated did not know how much time elapsed between when the collision occurred and when it was reported.

Daniel said investigators were able to connect Mitchell to the accident after a piece of a vehicle was found near the accident scene that appeared to match damage to his vehicle. Mitchell and his vehicle were both at his residence when investigators arrived to interview him, Daniel said.

Mitchell told investigators he and a friend "attempted to locate the scene" of the collision several times but were unable to, Daniel said.

Mitchell's vehicle was driving below the 55 mph speed limit for that section of New Hope Road, Copeland's report indicates.

Daniel said the patrol's investigation found Mountjoy was not visible to moving traffic because of its clothing and because he was skateboarding on the wrong side of the road.

Under state law, skateboards are considered pedestrians, and therefore subject to laws against the direction of oncoming traffic. Mountjoy was riding

this skateboard in the same direction as traffic, Daniel said.

According to his published obituary, Mountjoy was a student at Perquimans County High School, a member of PCHS football and track teams and played flute in the school band.

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CHURCH

Hartman to Heart: More Than A Mustard Seed

BY PASTOR CHUCK
HARTMAN
Up River Friends

There are at least two lines in the gospels that Jesus talks about having faith like a mustard seed.

"The more I reflect on Jesus' words, the more I am convinced that He wants us to understand that it takes more than a mustard seed's worth of faith to do anything of value for the kingdom of God."

While we are called to operate in faith, we have missed the mark when we make it all about our faith.

While Jesus did say that we can do the impossible using faith, I am convinced He is reminding us that it takes more than a mustard seed.

In Luke 17:5, the disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith. To which Jesus replies that if one has faith like a grain of mustard seed, that one could say to the mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey.

Here, the disciples want more faith—perhaps the implication is that they desire to do more for

God. In Matthew 17:14-20, a man came to Jesus, and humbly asked for mercy on his son. The man said to Jesus, "I brought my son to your disciples first, but they could not heal him." Jesus responds by saying, "Faithless and twisted generation."

After Jesus heals the son, the disciples later came privately and asked why they could not do what Jesus had done.

Jesus says because they have little faith. Jesus continues to say that even if one has faith like a grain of mustard seed, that one can speak to the mountain, "Move from here to there," and it will move.

When I consider Paul's words in Romans 12:3—do not think highly of ourselves, but think with sober judgment, according to the measure of faith that God has assigned, I wonder if the disciples wanted their faith increased, in Luke 17, so they could show off?

I also wonder if they were attempting to make faith about "the self" in Matthew 17? I wonder if that is why Jesus calls them a "twisted generation?" While I can only speculate as to how the disciples were behaving, I can speak with assurance that for faith to work, it requires many elements.



Pastor Chuck Hartman says, "You be faithful with your gift of faith and watch how God moves mountains for His glory. It takes more than a mustard seed; it takes God's power."

First, faith requires right motives. I can only speculate as to how the disciples were behaving, I can speak with assurance that for faith to work, it requires many elements.

Paul's gift of faith to you by God Almighty, and He expects that we use it. I also believe that this gift of God is unending—you can never use it up, you can never have too much, and you can never have too little; hence faith like a mustard seed.

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is faith that is operating within correct motives—this is faith God will bless. Still, it takes more than a mustard seed.

Second, faith requires our stewardship. James reminds us in James 2:14-17, what good is it if people say they have faith but do not put that faith to work? What good is it if someone is lacking, and you tell them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," yet you do nothing to help their lack? It is the same with faith—faith by itself is dead.

Someone might need you to lift your faith to God, so the mountain in their life is moved and cast into the sea. If you are not stewarding your faith and putting it to practice in God's economy, I am doing the individual in need, no earthly good. Faith has to have work behind it to be useful; yet, it takes more than a mustard seed.

Finally, faith requires God's power. Jesus compares faith to a mustard seed. While a mustard seed is small, it is compared to a seed. Seeds, in the natural, are worth more when they grow.

We have the responsibility to water, cultivate, and work the seed. In the spiritual realm, we provide nourishment to our "faith seed" by reading Scripture, praying, meditating, and worshipping.

All these things feed the seed of faith; however, the growth process always belongs to God. Hence, it takes more than a mustard seed. Without God's power, faith (the mustard seed) will never accomplish its work.

See, it is not about having increased faith. It's not about allowing off what you can do with your faith. No, faith, to work, requires right motives, requires godly stewardship, and then ultimately requires God's power.

God expects us to do our part, sure, but the impossible, the miracle, the mountain being removed is always in God's control. Remember, it takes more than a mustard seed.

You be faithful with your gift of faith and watch how God moves mountains for His glory. It takes more than a mustard seed; it takes God's power.

'Bookwatch' to spotlight 4 new books highlighting religion

Is Joe Biden too Catholic? Or not enough? Has Donald Trump corrupted the leaders of conservative religious groups?

Religion is everywhere, even in four important books featured during the next few weeks on North Carolina Bookwatch.

In Charlotte doctor and author Kianney Martin's "The Audible for Every-



D.G. MARTIN

thing," the lead character is not deeply religious. However, she practices a theology at a hospital clinic owned by a conservative religious group. She goes to bat on behalf of her

friend, another doctor, who is gay and has attracted gay and trans patients. But the hospital clinic wants to get rid of him and his patients. The hospital's leaders reflect badly on their deeply held religious viewpoints.

Dr. Martin, herself active in a mainstream Charlotte church, makes underlying religious conflicts a central theme of her book.

On the other hand, North Carolina's beloved novelist Lee Smith takes us back to an earlier time in her novel, "Blue Marvin." In central character, Jenny, age 13, deals with her strong but immature religious views as she seeks to have God help her patch up her parents' crumbling marriage. On a trip to Key West, she bargains with God to do good

deeds if he will bring her parents together again.

Smith says that for all the stories she has ever written, "this one is dearest to me, capturing the essence of my own childhood."

The book is also a reminder that Jenny's immature view of God is one that is widely shared and not to be scoffed at.

What really happens to

us when we die? Active churches are caught between two ideas. First is the belief set out in the Apostles' Creed in "the resurrection of the body" and judgment day accounting. Second is the conflicting idea that believers in Christ go directly to heaven when they die while others go

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Pat's Praise: Good versus Evil

BY PAT THROCKMORTON

Alfred Boaz, ruler of the Spear-Danes. His heir, Halfdene, had three sons — Hrothgar, Hrothgar, and Halga — and a daughter.

Hrothgar, a great warrior, was the with men eager to fight alongside him. He built an immense and noble hall which he named Heorot and kept his promise to give gifts and treasures to his people. He was a good man.

But, outside the walls of Heorot, death, and mayhem awaited. In the swampy lands nearby lurked a demon named Grendel, whom he had cast him out to live with the likes of Cain after he murdered his brother Abel. Killing, treachery, and wickedness ensued for the next forty chapters. Good versus evil; evil versus good. Grendel was evil.

Just as the colloquialism "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder," so it is with good vs. evil. "The Islamic terrorists who hijacked three commercial jets on 9/11 and destroyed American buildings believed there was a good reason for doing so. To feed and clothe her children, the impoverished mother steals these items knowing her actions are wrong, but the rewards are great. Religion and political beliefs clash, having a considerable influence on one's decision making and moral beliefs."

Perhaps I am more closed-minded than I wish to admit. However, it behooves me to no end to observe the evil-



KAREN THROCKMORTON

ness that prevails today. I believe that every American does know the difference between good and evil. How did our youth become so corrupt? "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

All vocal Christians are saying, "This current activity MUST be contained. Law and order MUST be reinstated and MUST prevail." But who do we look to, to pick up and carry the torch? Prayer is our first line of defense. Paul said in 2 Thessalonians 3:2, AMP: "And that we may be delivered from perverse (improper, unrighteous) and wicked (actively malicious) men, for not everybody has faith and is held by it."

God does always send the answer, not necessarily in real-time, but in His time. The answer may not be that for which we asked, albeit the solution. God's times in retrospect, I look back and marvel to myself that "God did that!"

This story begins with Abraham, reclining in his tent in the heat of the day. From nowhere, there appear, three men, standing under the oak trees. Abraham rushes out to greet them, bowing low to

the ground, inferior he was. God Himself was among the three, only disguised as a mortal man. Royally treated, they were. The ensuing conversation led to the city of Sodom, wherein God revealed to Abraham His plan to destroy the city.

Abraham bargained with The Lord to spare Sodom if he found fifty, forty-five, forty, thirty, twenty righteous people in the city. Would Abraham have been so bold had not his nephew Lot and his family lived in Sodom? Yes, I believe because Abraham was standing in the gap, as the intercessor for all.

"It was evening when the two angels came to Sodom. Lot was sitting at Sodom's (city) gate. Seeing them, Lot rose up to meet them and bowed to the ground." Genesis 19:1, AMP. Rather than sleep in the town square, Lot strongly insisted they spend the night in his house for fear of the harm that would overcome them. They agreed. These are two of the three whom Abraham encountered.

God had departed perhaps because of the sinfulness of the city. God spared Lot and most of his family before destroying Sodom and nearby Gomorrah. Read Genesis 19 for the rest of the story.

In the poetic Bible, God and his (own) strength. Removing all his anger and handing over his sword, he declared himself to be as fierce a fighter as Grendel. The pervasive feel-

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Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition with the North Carolina Utilities Commission by 3:15 p.m. on or before Monday, October 26, 2020. 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 Monday, October 26, 2020.

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This the 14th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Kenna R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

Investigation continues

Two charged in vehicle break-in

WILLIAMSTON - Two Edenton men have been charged in one of the recent vehicle break-ins reported in Martin County.

According to Chief Deputy Drew Robinson, physical evidence collected at various scenes and cooperation from the Edenton and Williamston police departments led to Andre Tyrell Sanders and Quatavus DeJon Burden, both of Edenton, being charged.

The break-in occurred in the area of N.C. 17 near Williamston.

Sanders, 35, 804 Johnson St., Edenton, has been charged with larceny of a motor vehicle, felony breaking or entering of a motor vehicle and felony larceny of a firearm. Sanders received a \$100,000 secured bond.

Burden, 26, 213 Tyler Run Apartments, Edenton, was also charged with larceny of a motor vehicle, felony breaking or entering of a motor vehicle and felony larceny of a firearm. Sanders received a \$400,000 secured bond.

Additional charges

on these suspects have been brought forward in Chowan County.

The investigation into the vehicle break-ins continues. If anyone has any information, or has seen any suspicious activity, they are urged to contact law enforcement.



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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 589

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 Demand-Side
Management and Energy Efficiency Cost
Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9
and Commission Rule R-2-09

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lighting customers. In addition, industrial and large commercial customers that have, under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9, opted out of and never participated in DENC's DSM and EE programs are not subject to the rider.

Compared to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.0199 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by 29 cents. Small general service and public authority customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.0562 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.0158 cents per kWh.

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This the 14th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Jenna R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk



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EGSU helps black veterans share stories

ELIZABETH CITY — Elizabeth City State University is joining forces with the N.C. Museum of History and the State Archives of North Carolina to create a platform for Black military personnel and veterans to share their stories of service to the nation and their communities.

The statewide African American Military and Veteran Lineage project is being funded through a \$20,000 grant from the N.C. Human-

ities Council to the N.C. Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, according to a press release.

"The project, according to the release, will 'document, produce, and develop programming segments' on African-American veterans and current military personnel 'who served and then returned to North Carolina where they continued to serve within their communities in various capacities.'"

The project will seek out veterans from World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn. Veterans are expected to share their stories and experiences at schools, military installations in the state, community centers, libraries and universities.

"In the early conflicts, despite being given inferior

equipment, less training and serving in a segregated and a biased military, African Americans, Native Americans, and Latinos served with valor and courage," NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Secretary Larry D. Hall said. "We hope this project will address the lack of information regarding the roles, responsibilities, triumphs, and heroism minorities played in the military."

According to the release, the NC Department of Military Affairs, EGSU's School of Humanities and Social Sciences and the NC Museum of History created the first-ever NC African American Veterans Lineage Day event in 2019 to commemorate African Americans' contributions to the U.S. Military.

For more information, contact Angella Dunston at angella.dunston@mlivets.nc.gov.

North Carolina becomes new WGU affiliate

DURHAM — On October 5, 2017, Western Governors University President Scott Poleshuk visited the North Carolina Legislative Building in Raleigh to officially launch WGU North Carolina as a state affiliate.

The establishment of WGU North Carolina was previously authorized by the North Carolina General Assembly and Governor Pat McCrory in October 2015.

In recognition of its third anniversary, Chancellor Catherine Thrift has an-

nounced the launch of the WGU North Carolina Three for Three Scholarships. Ten residents will receive \$3,000 each in tuition credit (at \$750 per six-month term, renewable for up to four terms).

Designed for working adults, WGU is an accredited, nonprofit online university offering more than 60 undergraduate and graduate degrees in IT, business, K-12 teacher education, and healthcare, including nursing. WGU offers an asynchronous, competency-based

model that allows students to log in and access coursework at a time convenient for them, and to accelerate at their own pace.

Over the past three years, WGU North Carolina's enrollment has more than tripled to 3,900 active students. School officials also shared the following statistics (as of September 2020):

- 4,217 WGU graduates live in 97 of North Carolina's 100 counties
- Over the past three years, nearly \$1.3 million in schol-

arships has been awarded to 606 recipients

- 74% of students work full-time, and 10% work part-time
- Students range in age from 17 to 75
- 22% of students are from low-income families
- One in five WGU North Carolina students is affiliated with the military community

To apply for the WGU North Carolina Three for Three Scholarships a person must be a resident of North

Carolina. Scholarships will be awarded based on a candidate's academic record, financial need, readiness for online study at WGU, and current competency, plus other considerations.

The application deadline is Dec. 31. To learn more about the WGU North Carolina Three for Three Scholarships or to apply, visit nc.wgu.edu/3for3.

For more information about WGU North Carolina, visit nc.wgu.edu.

Chowan U. adds Master of Arts in teaching

MURFREESBORO — Beginning spring 2021, Chowan University will offer an online Master of Arts in Teaching with two specializations: 1) Elementary Education and 2) Secondary Education (Social Studies, Mathematics, English, and Comprehensive Science). The new pro-

gram was approved this week by The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

Chowan University's Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) is designed for individuals seeking an initial teaching license through the

completion of graduate study, and for individuals who hold a license and/or an education degree but wish to earn a master's degree to help them further their careers. "This program is exactly what is needed for teachers in northeastern North Carolina and

southeastern Virginia," shared Dr. Ella Benson, Chowan University Professor of Education and Coordinator of the MAT Program. "So many wonderful teachers will be able to complete the certification process while earning a master's degree to help them to further their careers. The program is also perfect for people who majored in a content area and now want to move into teaching."

The 30-hour program can be completed in four semesters.

The primary mode of instruction is asynchronous online instruction. However, students will have the

option to take up to 25 percent of the coursework via face-to-face or synchronous instruction.

These sessions will be recorded and made available to students unable to attend in-person or remotely at the time of the class meeting.

To qualify for admission to the Master of Arts in Teaching degree program, a student must have earned a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning with a minimum GPA of 2.7 or higher from the undergraduate degree-granting institution.

The student must also have completed 24 semester hours of coursework in the liberal arts, social studies (history, psychology, economics, geography, sociology, etc.), English, mathematics, or science (biology, physics, chemistry, etc.).

Applications to the Master of Arts degree program are accepted throughout the year. A completed application file will include an application for admission, a current resume, a personal statement describing the rationale for pursuing the MAT, official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended by the student, which should also reflect the date of degree conferred from the bachelor's degree program, and three letters of recommendation.

For more information, visit <https://chowan.edu/admissions/school-graduate-studies>.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. 18-22, SUB 589

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 Demand-Side
Management and Energy Efficiency Cost
Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9
and Commission Rule R-69

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Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R-69 for the purpose of determining whether an increase or decrease rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for adoption and implementation of new DSM and new EE measures and appropriate incentives. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R-214(g).

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This 10th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

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Notice of Request for Proposals
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NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with N.C.G.S. 153A-348.6 ("Authorization to Provide Grants," and subsequent N.C.G.S. 160A-340.6 "Public-Private Partnerships for Communications Service," the County of Martin has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) and is actively searching for an unaffiliated qualified private provider of high-speed Internet access service for the purposes of expanding the availability of high-speed Internet access service in all of the unserved areas of Martin County. The County will consider a broadband incentive of up to the lesser of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000.00) or 15 percent of the total project cost for a specific term not to exceed seven (7) years, and free access to Martin County's communications tower for a specific term not to exceed seven (7) years. More details and information is contained in the RFP, which can be obtained by visiting Martin County's website www.martincountync.gov/publicnotices, emailing samples@martincountync.gov, or by written request to or in person at the County Manager's office located at 305 East Main Street, Williamston, NC 27882.

MARTIN COUNTY HIGH-SPEED INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE EXPANSION PROJECT

Proposal Due Date: 2:00 p.m., Friday, November 20, 2020

All proposals submitted must be presented in a sealed envelope to:
Martin County Managers Office

Attn: David Bone
305 East Main Street
Williamston, NC 27882

In order to be considered for selection, a proposal must be received by

2:00 p.m. Friday, November 20, 2020.

Faxed or emailed proposals will not be accepted.
Proposals will be opened by Martin County at
2:00 p.m., Monday, November 20, 2020.

Jessica Godard
Clerk, Martin County Board of Commissioners

2020 has shown us why America needs journalists

By Randy Evans

There is one week set aside each year to salute newspapers for the important role they have played in our nation, a role that goes back to the beginning of these United States.

This year, however, waiting until October 4-10 and National Newspaper Week has been difficult, because the coronavirus pandemic and a variety of major news events across our land have tested newspapers, and our communities, in ways we might never have fathomed.

Taking stock of the contributions by newspapers, large and small, serves as an important reminder of why our Founding Fathers wrote freedom of the press into the Constitution's Bill of Rights -- and why the theme for this year's National Newspaper Week, "America Needs Journalists," is so appropriate.

We have seen our lives and our communities change in dramatic ways because of coronavirus.

In the early weeks, businesses closed their doors and government offices were darkened in response to directives that all but the most essential workers should remain at home to guard against spreading the disease.

Newspapers scrambled to protect their employees, too. But newspapers still needed to be produced to serve their readers and communities and to fulfill that vital information function the Founding Fathers envisioned.

Journalists quickly educated themselves on the coronavirus and shared that knowledge with readers. They kept their communities informed -- telling readers where tests were available, reporting on

local test results, showing the heartbreaking news of deaths, and alerting people about employment changes at local businesses.

Journalists turned to their kitchen tables, spare bedrooms and basement offices to take the place of the newsrooms where they had gathered with colleagues a few weeks earlier. While the locations changed, the core mission of newspapers did not.

Newspapers have long served as "watchdogs" over government. The pandemic magnified the significance of this role because the virus closed most government offices, and meetings of school boards, city councils and county officials moved onto Zoom.

Reporters have always tried to be vigilant over the way state and local governments use tax money and make decisions. But in 2020, journalists also have worked to keep up with the dynamic nature of the coronavirus testing data. They have tried to make sense of the metrics government leaders have relied upon in making decisions on mask wearing, social distancing, and back-to-school directives.

The most potent tool of newspapers continues to be the spotlight. They shine it on problems that need to be addressed and on solutions that might be considered. They shine it on stories that are heartwarming and uplifting. At other times, they shine it on topics that might raise the blood pressure of readers.

There has been a long tradition of newspapers advocating for the public's access to government meetings and records so citizens know what their government is

doing, or not doing. This is hugely important now and long term, because government should conduct its business -- really, it's the public's business -- in open, not in secret, so citizens have the opportunity to share their views on forthcoming decisions.

The important work of newspapers stretches far beyond government buildings, however. Newspapers are there to introduce readers to interesting people. They tell their communities about events that are coming up. They provide the stuff that finds its way into families' scrapbooks and onto the doors of refrigerators -- news items about awards received, honors bestowed, touchdowns scored, prize-winning pigs shown at local fairs, and on and on.

And in times of great distress -- during killer hurricanes and tornadoes, horrendous floods and wildfires -- newspapers step up in ways that truly can make the difference between life and death. Newspapers have done this for years, once again being the go-to source for vital details the public needs -- the lists of places where people can charge their cell phones, laptops and medical equipment, the locations of shelters and meal distribution sites, and places where people can get drinking water or provide a helping hand to those in need.

The immense challenges we all have dealt with this year clearly underscore the fact that America needs journalists.

Randy Evans is executive director of the Iowa Freedom of Information Council. He was a newspaper reporter and editor in Iowa for 42 years.

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ANSWERS

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 589

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 14th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Janna R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 588

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Virginia Electric and Power
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North
Carolina for Approval of Renewable Energy
and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard
Cost Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8
and Commission Rule R-67

PUBLIC NOTICE

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 application and compliance report filed by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC), in the above-captioned docket. The public hearing is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 589, which is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.net. Members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff via email at DENC/PublicHearing@ncuc.net or by calling 866-380-9816. When registering, provide your name, docket number (E-22, Sub 588), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

This proceeding is being held pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R-67 to consider DENC's application for approval of REPS cost recovery and compliance with the REPS requirements during the 2019 calendar year. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R-21(g).

On August 11, 2020, DENC filed direct testimony and exhibits in support of its application for REPS cost recovery and 2019 REPS compliance report. By its application, DENC proposes to implement the following total REPS rates, including regulatory fee, effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2021: a \$0.14 charge per month for residential customers, a \$0.82 charge per month for commercial customers, and a \$5.35 charge per month for industrial customers.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 14th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Janna R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

Third-generation worker helps keep Domtar safe

Washington County native William "Butch" Whitley oversees purchasing and security at the Domtar Plymouth facility.

As the purchasing manager, Butch (and his team) functions as the primary point of contact between suppliers and the mill.

His responsibilities consist of procuring equipment and products used at the mill by identifying supplier sources, screening vendors and negotiating favorable pricing. In addition to monitoring supplier performance and ensuring contractual obligations are met, Butch also manages the storeroom and is responsible for the security department for the site. He supervises a security team of 23 employees who work rotating shifts providing coverage 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

A third generation employee, Whitley is no stranger to the mill. While attending college at UNC-Chapel Hill, Butch worked at the mill each summer as an intern and said he "always knew the Plymouth mill was where I wanted to make a career".

Following graduation with a BS degree in Business Admin-

istration, Butch was employed as a Master Trooper with the NC Highway Patrol and later gained valuable sales experience working in the industrial supply chain business. Whitley's leadership skills and knowledge allowed the seamless transition into the role of capital buyer with Weyerhaeuser.

In 2007 when Domtar acquired Weyerhaeuser Company, Butch's role changed to Purchasing/Stores Manager. Security management responsibilities were assumed in 2010.

Like so many other businesses, COVID-19 presented additional challenges to Domtar's daily operations. Safety precautions have been implemented to keep employees, contractors, visitors safe when on the mill site. Butch Whitley and his team have led the way in these efforts.

In July 2020, while Domtar was preparing for the annual outage, our community experienced a rise in the number of COVID-19 cases. This heightened the need for increased safety measures at the mill.

With guidance from Domtar's corporate office and adhering to

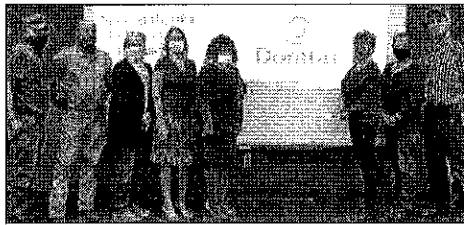
CDC protocols, the management team instituted screening procedures including: visitor questionnaires, redirecting traffic patterns, and temperature screen-

ings for all contractors, employees and visitors entering the mill. Exhibiting a strong commitment to security rules and knowledge of hazards and threats to

safety, Butch helped to ensure appropriate safety procedures were established and facilitated to protect the employees, the facility, and the community.



Third-generation Domtar employee, William "Butch" Whitley describes some of the finer points of a thermometer to security employees. Temperature checks have become commonplace in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. (Courtesy photo)



Employees from Domtar employees, including, from the left, Chuck Daniels, Curtis Deil, Brenda Sloan, Carolyn Dew, Deloris McCray, Susie Uriek, Fay Royner and Todd Coltrane, attended the Domestic Violence Impact Event on Thursday, October 1. The event was held by the Center for Family Violence Prevention, which serves Pitt, Martin, and Washington counties. This virtual event provided attendees an overview of the positive impact the center has on domestic violence prevention in the community. Several individuals shared stories describing how domestic violence impacted their lives and how support from this agency was instrumental in their personal journey. The center is committed to breaking the cycle of domestic violence and promoting healthy family relationships in the communities served. Domtar was an event sponsor. Other employees attending, but not pictured, are Diane White and Everick Spence. (Courtesy photo)

JROTC blood drive at WCHS

Washington County High School Panthers Detachment JROTC will host a blood drive on Friday October 9.

The event is scheduled from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., in the high school's gymnasium.

Participants are asked to use the gate by the football field to enter the gym.

COVID screening and social distance guidelines will be required along with a face covering.

Sergeant Major Curtis Arnold is the point of contact and can be reached at 252-793-3031.

Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience IDEA - Part B (611) Grant Public Notice

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-Part B, Public Law 108-446) Project is presently being amended. The Project describes the special education programs that the Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience proposes for Federal funding for the 2020-2021 School Year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments to the Project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under this Federal Program.

All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended Project to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The IDEA-Part B Project is open to the public for review and comments September 28, 2020 through October 9, 2020 in the administrative office of Dr. Marnie Stanley located at 1216 Saint Andrews Street, Jamesville, NC 27845.

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 589

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 Demand-Side
Management and Energy Efficiency Cost
Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9
and Commission Rule R-6-09

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the natural gas pipeline management (DNM) and energy efficiency (EE) cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENEC). The public hearing is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 589 and E-22, Sub 590, which are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available to witnesses, not members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff via email at DUCPublicStaff@ncuc.state.nc.us or by calling 866-780-9416. When registering, provide your name, docket number (E-22, Sub 589), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at this hearing.

This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R-6-09. The purpose of determining whether an investment or development project is required to allow DENEC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for adoption and implementation of new DNM and new EE measures and appropriate incentives. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R-6-09.

On August 11, 2020, DENEC filed its application for approval of DNM/EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R-6-09. By its application, DENEC requests revisions to its DNM/EE cost recovery rider effective for service initiated on and after February 1, 2021. DENEC's request, including the North Carolina regulatory fee, would result in the following kilowatt-hour (KWH) charges: 0.0011 cents per KWH for residential customers; 0.0138 cents per KWH for small general service and public authority customers; and 0.0922 cents per KWH for large general service customers. No DNM/EE rate rider would be applicable to rate schedules GVP, NS, outdoor lighting and traffic.

Filing testimony. In addition, industrial and large commercial customers that have, under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9, opted out of and never participated in DENEC's DNM and EE programs are not subject to the rider.

Compared to the current DNM/EE rates, the result of DENEC's request would be a decrease of 0.0199 cents per KWH for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 KWH of electricity by 20 cents. Small general service and public authority customers would see a DNM/EE rate decrease of 0.0052 cents per KWH, and large general service customers would see a DNM/EE rate decrease of 0.0138 cents per KWH.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENEC's application is available on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

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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 J. Mark Smith, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection, Utilities, 5001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-5001. Written statements may be emailed to utilities@ncog.nc.gov.

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

This is the 1-16 day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Joan R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

BCCC Foundation awards 2020 fall scholarships

The Beaufort County Community College Foundation is proud to announce the following scholarship recipients for the Fall 2020 semester.

Students can still sign up for eight-week classes starting October 15.

The BCCC Foundation is currently raising funds through an online auction to support scholarships.

Students can apply now for Spring 2021 scholarships.

Jessica Aycock, 22, received the Myrtle Culler Jones Scholarship. The Snow Hill resident is working toward an Associate Degree in Nursing. She attended James B. Hunt High School and holds certificates in Nurse Aide I and Nurse Aide II. She is the partner of Tyler Stahl and the daughter of Tammy and David Aycock of Lucama. Aycock currently works in Gastroenterology East and plans to work as a nurse

educator. Established in 2002 by the family of Myrtle Culler Jones, this fund provides an annual scholarship to a second-year BCCC student in a medical technology program. Jones, a Beaufort County native, recognized the importance of a medical facility in a rural community. She wanted her estate to benefit students in the medical field. Recipients must have at least a 3.0 GPA.

Blair Blackburn, 43, received the Linda L. Penrod Scholarship. Blackburn is part of the nursing program. She is the wife of Ricky Blackburn, and she attended J.H. Rose High School. The Washington resident plans to become a nurse at Vidant Beaufort Hospital or Vidant Medical Center. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communications, Advertising & Public Relations from Salem College.

Established in mem-

ory of Linda L. Penrod, the endowment funds scholarships for nursing students who have completed one semester and have a 3.0 GPA or higher. Students must demonstrate financial need.

Jordan Harris, 18, received the David & Terri Ann McLawhorn Scholarship. The Washington resident is working an Associate in Arts. She attended South Central High School and plans to earn a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. She works as a hostess at Chalkboard Scratch Kitchen.

Dr. David McLawhorn initiated this endowment in 2004. As president of BCCC from July of 2001 through May of 2012, Dr. McLawhorn wanted to create a fund that would supplement the work of the Foundation by providing scholarship to students who demonstrate need and academic promise.

Kathryn Hudson, 19,

received the Tylee Memorial Scholarship. The Washington resident is working toward an Associate Degree in Nursing. The daughter of Clineck and Renee Hudson of Washington, she attended Beaufort County Early College High School and holds an Associate in Arts. She plans to serve the people of Washington as a nurse.

Mrs. Sam Tim (Tay) Carter, with encouragement from her children Libba, Lou, Clay, and Mary, started the Tylee Family Endowment in 2003, in memory of her grandfather, Dr. David Thomas Tylee. The endowment also honors his numerous descendants who have made significant contributions to the medical community of Beaufort County. Scholarships generated by this endowment are awarded to BCCC students enrolled in any medically related program.

Samantha Johnson, 23, received the Jari & Grey

Bowers Scholarship. The Washington resident is a pre-nursing student working toward an Associate in General Education. She attended Washington High School. The daughter of Michelle and Harold Johnson of Washington, she currently works at Gaskins Land Surveying as a receptionist. She plans to continue her nursing education.

Grey Worley and Jari E. Bowers provided for this endowment in their wills. Grey Bowers was a home economics teacher and Jari Bowers was a successful businessman and community leader. The Bowers believed deeply in the value of education as well as the mission of BCCC, and bequeathed this endowment in 2008 to help students demonstrating need and enrolled in a curriculum program at BCCC.

Hannah LeNeave, 18, received the Coca-Cola Scholarship. The Greenville resident is working toward her Associate in Arts. She attended D.H. Conley High School and plans to transfer to East Carolina University. She is the daughter of Jesse and Andrea LeNeave of Greenville.

Established in 2010 with a generous gift from the Coca-Cola Foundation and Coca-Cola Bottling Plant in Washington, NC, this endowment provides a scholarship for a BCCC student with at least a 2.5 GPA and is receiving no other financial aid.

Thanks to this donation, the Coca-Cola Bottling Plant will model good corporate citizenship in perpetuity.

Latham Waters, 21, received the Robert "Bob-

by" E. Farish Scholarship. The Washington resident is working toward his Associate in Applied Science in Criminal Justice Technology. He was homeschooled and currently works at the Food Lion in Chowchewy. He is the son of Jim and Lisa Waters. He plans to work as a pack ranger at a Civil War battlefield.

Rebecca Farish established this endowment in 2005 to honor the memory of her husband with scholarships that are reflective of his talents and interests in life. The scholarships are awarded to students in the business, criminal justice or automotive technology programs each year, and are based on need.

Alex Watkeys, 26, received the Tylee Memorial Scholarship. The Greenville resident is working toward an Associate Degree in Nursing and plans to work as a nurse, possibly as a psychiatric nurse. Watkeys attended D. H. Conley High School and holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. He is the husband of Lindsay Watkeys and the son of Chip and Teena Watkeys of Greenville.

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Student's idea of 'Doing Our Best'

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Washington County Middle School teachers asked students to write what they believe the school's mission statement, "Doing our Best, to be our Best" means. This is one student's response.)

By Zane's Bell
WCMS Student

If I were presently attending school, I would "Do My Best to be My Best," arriving at school on time and going straight to class, modeling respectful manners to the teachers and classmates.



BELL

In the classroom, completing my work and following the rules. In the cafeteria, I would stay at my table and leave on

time. In the hallways, I would walk in a line and would not touch the walls. During fire drills, running in the hallways would not be acceptable and I would follow the teacher's direction. In the library, I would return all of my books on time. Writing on the desks or damaging anybody's property does not represent "Doing My Best to be My Best."

While attending school virtually online, my goal is still to "Do My Best to be My Best." I am joining the classes

on time every day.

A quiet spot in my house is where I meet my teacher and classmates — there are no distractions around me.

Muting my microphone unless the teacher calls on me as well as using the chat to ask the teacher questions. Ensuring I am dressed appropriately if I have to turn on my camera; as well as make certain my classroom materials are available for every class.

I am proud to work hard and diligently to "Do My Best to be My Best"

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 589

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 Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider under N.C.C.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R-49

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual demand-side management (DSM) and energy efficiency (EE) cost recovery proceeding for Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENEC). The public hearing is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 589 and 591, which are scheduled to begin on Thursday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncnec.com. Members of the public that wish to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing, to later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff via email at PublicStaff@ncnec.com or by calling 866-333-9816. When registering, provide your name, docket number (E-22, Sub 589), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R-49 for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required to allow DENEC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for adoption and implementation of new DSM and new EE measures and appropriate incentives. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R-21(g).

On August 11, 2020, DENEC filed its application for approval of DSM/EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.C.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R-49. By its application, DENEC requests revisions to its DSM/EE cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2021. DENEC's request, including the North Carolina regulatory fee, would result in the following kilowatt-hour (kWh) charges: 0.1051 cents per kWh for residential customers; 0.1198 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; and 0.0922 cents per kWh for large general service customers. No DSM/EE rider would be applicable to rate schedules EPE-N5, unstaffed lighting and traffic lighting customers. In addition, industrial and large commercial customers that have, under N.C.C.S. § 62-133.9, opted out of and were participating in DENEC's DSM and EE program are not subject to the rider.

Compared to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENEC's request would be a decrease of 0.0199 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by 20 cents. Small general service and public authority customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.0062 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.0158 cents per kWh.

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This 14th day of September, 2020

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Jeanne R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
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The Town of Plymouth seeks a Full-time Code Enforcement Officer to ensure compliance with all Town codes and ordinances through effective public contact and education. Work includes interpreting and explaining ordinances to property owners, contractors and the general public to comply with the local rules and regulations; to ensure related code requirements and protection measures are met; conducts onsite inspections and re-inspections, investigates and determines existence and type of zoning, housing, signage, health, noise, animal, public safety, property maintenance and/or nuisance code violations and recommends corrective actions to bring about compliance; issues notices of violations and citations; responds to citizen complaints regarding potential code violations; conducts research regarding property ownership, current and past permits and applications, and applicable codes; coordinates code enforcement actions with other departments and other governmental agencies when necessary. The employee is exposed to inside and outside environmental conditions of extreme temperatures, hazards; various animals; and irate citizens. Work is performed under the general supervision of the Development Services Manager, and is evaluated through conferences; review of project records; adherence of work inspected to approved plans and Town specifications.

Physical and Mental Requirements:

Physical Demands: While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to use hands to finger, handle, feel or operate objects, tools or controls; reach with hands and arms; stand; talk and hear; walk; sit; climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl; and lift or move up to 100 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception and the ability to adjust focus.

Mental Demands: While performing the duties of this class, employees are regularly required to use written and oral communication skills; read and interpret data, information and documents; analyze and solve problems; use math and mathematical reasoning; observe and interpret situations; learn and apply new information or new skills; work under deadlines with constant interruptions; interact with Town staff and other organizations; and frequently deal with dissatisfied or quarrelsome individuals.

Minimum and Preferred Qualifications

Graduation from high school or G.E.D. equivalent; and five years of extensive, pertinent code enforcement experience involving considerable, sensitive public contact in a municipal setting; or an equivalent combination of training and experience.

Special Requirement

Possession of an appropriate driver's license valid in the State of North Carolina is required.

A Town of Plymouth Employment Application must be completed and submitted to Samantha Stalls, Human Resources, at 124 East Water St., Plymouth, NC 27962 or by email to samantha.stalls@visiplymouthnc.com.

Employment Applications may be obtained in person from the Town of Plymouth located at 124 East Water Street, Plymouth, NC 27962 or online at www.visiplymouthnc.com.

For questions and/or additional information, please contact Samantha Stalls, Human Resources at 252-793-6101 ext 2228 or by email at samantha.stalls@visiplymouthnc.com



Above: Sheila Ward and Cynthia Purnell listen as Patricia Peele explained the role and responsibilities of the Lay Health Advisors.

Left: Margaret Clayton, left, Renee Clark and Deborah Morrison discussed shared experiences with breast cancer survivorship.

Community leaders train to improve health care access

ROANOKE RAPIDS — If people are puzzled about the existing health care system and don't know how to access the care they need, then help is on the way in communities throughout the Rural Health Group service area.

Ten community leaders from six counties in northeastern North Carolina began training to improve access to health care for people in their communities. The training is a special project that is part of the Rural Health Group's Outreach and Education Program. The training is linked to a community-based grant funded by Vidant in partnership with the medical and health organization.

RHG Coordinator, Denise Belle, and Women's Health Educator, Patricia Peele, developed the training and will conduct a year-long project. The project aims to introduce community-based "knowledgeables" to share information that can help people understand the local health and medical system — structure and services — available in their communities and get

assistance navigating the system for timely care.

The participants applied for the training and were selected based on their interest in helping others and their current involvement in their communities. The trainees are already active in community nonprofit organizations, social and civic organizations, workplace contacts, church groups and/or family groups, and are recognized and trusted community residents. Collectively, the group is expected to reach 500 or more individuals with information about the current medical/health care system.

"Improving Access to Healthcare" is the title and objective of the one year grant program. Following the training, Lay Health Advisors will make themselves available to people in their respective communities, share information with people and direct them to health care services or Rural Health Group personnel. The overall goal is to improve health and wellness conditions in the RHG/Vidant service area.

include the following individuals:

- Pauline E. DeLoatch, Northampton County
- Evelyn W. Mason, Warren County
- Belinda Jones-Hill, Quamkey Church Community
- Tonya C. Hicks, Weldon and Raleigh
- Brenda K. Alston, Hodgestown
- Sheila J. Ward, Halifax County
- Margaret Clayton, Warren and Northampton counties
- Norma Hedgepeth, Plumline/Wayman communities
- Cynthia Purnell, South Rosemary community
- Deborah Morrison, trainee and Roanoke-Chowan Community Health Center, Advisory Board chairwoman
- Renee M. Clark, Nash County, trainee and presenter, Hospice Care
- Alice Sheenall, Quality Improvement Manager and staff of the Rural Health Group staff will conduct subsequent training sessions along with partnering organizations. Upon completion of the training program, the participants will be certified as RHG Lay Health Advisors.

sors. The group met Saturday at Logan's Roadhouse using social distancing to begin the training program.

The next training will be scheduled using Zoom virtual meeting. Training sessions will include topics on FQHC mission, patient roles and responsibilities, primary care and patient centered medical home. In addition, the group will learn about patient advocacy, medical transport choices, clinical trials, insurance, hospice care services, wills and end-of-life choices.



Norma Hedgepeth was excited about the training. She received her tool kit for Lay Health Advisor work, including voting information, breast cancer awareness products and face masks to distribute.

— Special to the Daily

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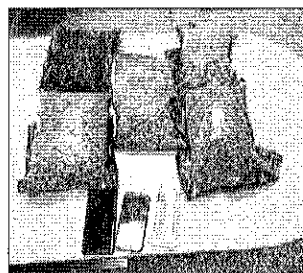
From the Halifax County Sheriff's Office:

On Friday, Oct. 9, 2020, at around



Naam Maurice Ezell

responded to a vehicle stop that was conducted by Trooper T.D. Forsyth with the N.C. Highway Patrol. During the stop, Ezell, 42, of Woodland, was arrested and charged with FVWSD Marijuana, Felony Possession of Marijuana and Maintain a vehicle to store a controlled substance. Ezell was



A search of a vehicle led to the discovery of five pounds of marijuana.

secured bond with a Oct. 21 court date pending.

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 589

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 Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69

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Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

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On August 11, 2020, DENC filed its application for approval of DSM/EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69. By its application, DENC requests revision to its DSM/EE cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2021. DENC's request, including the North Carolina regulatory fee, would result in the following kilowatt-hour (kWh) charges: 0.155 cents per kWh for residential customers; 0.119 cents per kWh for small general service and public utility customers; and 0.0922 cents per kWh for large general service customers. No DSM/EE rate rider would be applicable to rate schedules GVP, NS, outdoor lighting and non-fire lighting customers. In addition, industrial and large commercial customers (as have, under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9, opted out of and never participated in DENC's DSM and EE programs) are not subject to the rider.

Compared to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.0199 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by 20 cents. Small general service and public utility customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.0268 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.0158 cents per kWh.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Jenna R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

STATE NEWS

NC Rural Center announces new Executive Director of recently launched national nonprofit



ARMEER KENCHEN

RALEIGH - Armeer Kenchen, appointed member of the Durham Manning Commission, has joined the NC Rural Center as the executive director of the new nonprofit subsidiary CornerSquare Community Capital (CSCC) and as the director of the organization's long-running Small Business Credit Initiative (SBICI).

In these roles, Kenchen will lead the Rural Center's small-business lending support programs, including the established Loan Participation Program (LPP) and the recently launched, CornerSquare Community Capital, a \$40 million partnership with Trustist to support Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) in the bank's 17-state operating region.

Kenchen joins the Rural Center with more than twenty years of experience in community and small-business development, and has previously served in executive staff positions, including executive vice president at the Durham-based CDFI Southside Credit Union. Kenchen has also previously served as the economic development director at the Northeastern Community Development Corporation in Camden, North Carolina, as president and CEO of Generations Credit Union in Durham, and as a management consultant for Siskin Trust National Bank in Accra, Ghana.

Prior to his career in financial services, Kenchen was a public school teacher in Bertie County. "Armeer brings with him a wealth of experience from a long and distinguished career in financial services," said NC Rural Center President Patrick Woodie. "We are excited for him to take over our

existing lending support programs, as well as play an integral role in shaping and leading our newest program, CornerSquare Community Capital."

CornerSquare Community Capital, which launched last week in partnership with Trustist, the resulting bank from the BB&T and SunTrust merger, is a first-of-its-kind program that will help CDFIs generate more small-business loans to underserved entrepreneurs, including women, people of color, and individuals of low-to-moderate income.

"This is an exciting time to be joining the Rural Center," said Kenchen. "As our state and nation's small-business sector is struggling right now, this work takes on an even more critical and timely importance. Our nation's economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic will depend upon the grit and dedication of our nation's small-business owners."

The NC Rural Center's suite of lending support programs includes the Loan Participation Program (LPP), which was initially funded by the U.S. Department of the Treasury through the States' Small Business Credit Initiative. The Loan Participation Program is a small-business lending program that helps reduce the risk exposure for lenders in all 100 North Carolina counties, allowing them to make more loans in their communities and regions. Since launching in 2012, LPP has supported loans to more than 600 businesses, leveraging \$200 million in private capital and creating or retaining more than 11,000 jobs.

While LPP serves primarily community banks, federally insured credit unions, and a handful of CDFIs, CornerSquare will focus more exclusively on building a stronger, more vibrant CDFI sector.

Former SBICI director, Thomas Wall, is retiring from his role after nine years of service. Wall initial-

ly planned to retire earlier in the spring, but delayed his retirement and stayed on to help the NC Rural Center launch and manage the NC COVID-19 Rapid Recovery Loan Program.

"Tom's dedication to our state's rural and small-business communities is unmatched. We are grateful for all Tom has done to build and expand our lending support and small-business development programs, and to help more North Carolina small-business owners get access to the commercial capital they need," said Woodie. "Most people wouldn't delay their retirement to take on a challenging new project in the middle of a global pandemic, but Tom isn't most people. We wish him a happy retirement and thank him for his service to North Carolina."

For 30 years, the NC Rural Center has worked to develop, promote, and implement sound economic strategies to improve the quality of life of rural North Carolinians. The Rural Center serves the state's 80 rural counties, with a special focus on individuals with low-to-moderate incomes and communities with limited resources.

CornerSquare Community Capital, a nonprofit subsidiary of the NC Rural Center, works to strengthen the lending infrastructure of Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) by providing more equitable access to commercial capital for individuals who may face additional barriers, which includes women, people of color, and individuals of low-to-moderate income. Established from a \$100 million contribution of \$40 million by Trustist, the bank that emerged from the SunTrust and BB&T merger, CornerSquare Community Capital purchases a portion of loans made by participating CDFIs to eligible businesses, which decreases lending risk and allows CDFIs to make more loans to entrepreneurs.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. R-22, SUB 588

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of:
Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (Resiliency and Cost Rider) pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R-67

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in Raleigh, North Carolina, on the above-captioned application. The public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.gov. Members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff via email at PUBLICSTAFF@ncuc.gov or by calling 866-349-2816. When registering, provide your name, docket number (R-22, Sub 588), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

This proceeding is being held pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R-67 to consider DENC's application for approval of RESIP cost recovery and compliance with the RESIP requirements during the 2019 calendar year. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R-21(g).

On August 11, 2020, DENC filed direct testimony and exhibits in support of its application for RESIP cost recovery and 2019 RESIP compliance report. By its application, DENC proposes to implement the following total RESIP rates, including regulatory fee, effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2021: a \$0.14 charge per month for residential customers, a \$0.32 charge per month for commercial customers, and a \$5.35 charge per month for industrial customers.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. R-22, SUB 589

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 Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R-69

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On August 11, 2020, DENC filed its application for approval of DSM/EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R-69. By its application, DENC requests revisions to its DSM/EE cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2021. DENC's request, including the North Carolina regulatory fee, would result in the following (lowest-cost) (LWC) charge: 0.1051 cents per kWh for residential customers; 0.1190 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; and 0.6922 cents per kWh for large general service customers. No DSM/EE rate rider would be applicable to rate schedules GVP, NR, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers. In addition, industrial and large commercial customers that have, under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9, opted out of and never participated in DENC's DSM and EE programs are not subject to the rider.

Unchanged to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.0199 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by 20 cents. Small general service and public authority customers would see a DSM/EE rate decrease of 0.0563 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rate decrease of 0.0158 cents per kWh.

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STATE NEWS

Be cautious, take action to prevent wildfires during fall wildfire season in North Carolina

RALEIGH As we head into fall wildfire season in North Carolina, the N.C. Forest Service and the USDA Forest Service urge visitors and North Carolinians to be cautious with campfires and when burning yard debris.

In North Carolina, the fall wildfire season typically lasts from mid-October until mid-December, the time of year when people do yard work that may include burning leaves and yard debris. The leading cause of wildfires in North Carolina is debris burning. When left unattended, debris fires can escape and start wildfires.

"As leaves begin to fall and vegetation starts to dry out, it's important for all North Carolinians to use extreme caution when burning debris of any kind," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "As wildfires continue to rage in Western states and the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be a challenge, let's remember that we're not powerless. Our best defense against wildfires starts at home. Following simple prevention tips and taking action around your home can reduce the risk that a wildfire affects you, your loved ones, your neighbors and your communities."

There are many factors to consider before burning debris. The N.C. Forest Service encourages residents to contact their local county forest ranger before burning debris. The ranger can offer technical advice and explain the best options to help ensure the safety of people, property and the forest. To find contact information for your local county ranger, visit <https://www.ncforestservice.gov/contact>.

For people who choose to burn debris, the N.C. Forest Service offers the following tips to protect property and prevent wildfires:

Consider alternatives to burning. Some types of debris, such as leaves, grass and stubble, may be of more value if they are not burned, but used for mulch instead.

Check local burning laws. Some communities allow burning only during specified hours. Others forbid it entirely.

Make sure you have a valid permit. You can obtain a burn permit at any authorized permitting agent open for business or online at <https://www.ncforestservice.gov/burnpermit>.

Local fire officials can recommend a safe way to burn debris. Don't pile vegetation on the ground. Instead, place it in a screened receptacle away from overhead branches and wires. Keep your pile small, not tall.

Stay informed about the weather and possible weather changes. Postpone outdoor burning during high winds or gusts, or periods of low relative humidity. Even if you have a valid permit, stop burning if strong winds develop.

Household trash should be hauled away to a trash or recycling station. It is illegal to burn anything other than yard debris. Be sure you are fully prepared before burning. To control the fire, you will need a hose, bucket, steel rake and a shovel for tossing dirt on the fire. Keep a phone nearby, too.

Never use kerosene, gasoline, diesel fuel or other flammable liquids to speed up debris burning.

Stay with your fire until it is completely out.

Burning agricultural residue and forestland litter: In addition to the rules above, a fire line should be plowed around the area to be burned. Large fields should be separated into small plots for burning one at a time. Before doing any burning in a wooded area, contact your county ranger, who will weigh all factors, explain them and offer technical advice.

Defensible space around your home is important. Clear debris from your roof and gutters. Store firewood and other combustible items at least 30 feet from your home and uphill if possible. For

more information and tips to help create a defensible space around your home and protect your property from wildfire, visit www.resistwildfire.org.

The USDA Forest Service also reminds campers to be cautious when burning campfires. Use existing fire rings if possible and clear a safe area around them of at least 15 feet. Never leave campfires unattended and ensure they are completely out before leaving.

The USDA Forest Service offers the following guidelines for safely extinguishing campfires and helping to prevent wildfires:

Allow the wood to burn completely to ash, if possible.

Four lots of water on the fire, drown ALL embers, not just the red ones.

Don't until the hissing sound stops.

Stir campfire ashes and embers with a shovel.

Scrape the sticks and logs to remove any embers.

Stir and make sure everything is wet and that embers are cold to the touch.

If you do not have water, use dirt. Pour dirt or sand on the fire, mixing enough dirt or sand with the embers to extinguish the fire.

Continue adding or stirring until all remaining material is cool.

Do NOT bury the fire as the fire will continue to smolder and could catch roots on fire that will eventually get to the surface and start a wildfire.

Always exercise caution with any outdoor burning. Even when burn bans are not in effect, weather conditions may not be favorable for outdoor fires, Troxler said. Outdoor burning is discouraged during periods of low humidity or high winds.

Studies have shown that taking these and other measures can reduce the possibility of wildfires. To learn more about fire safety and preventing wildfires and loss of property, visit www.ncforestservice.gov and www.smokefree.com.



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 UTILITIES COMMISSION
 RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 588

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of:
 Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R6-67

PUBLIC NOTICE

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 (REES) cost recovery and compliance report filed by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC), in the above-captioned docket. The public hearing is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 590, which is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncnc.net. Members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff via email at DENCpublichearings@ncnc.net or by calling 866-380-2616. When registering, provide your name, docket number (E-22, Sub 588), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

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On August 11, 2020, DENC filed direct testimony and exhibits in support of its application for REES cost recovery and 2019 REES compliance report. By its application, DENC proposes to implement the following total REES rates, including regulatory fee, effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2021: a \$0.14 charge per month for residential customers; a \$0.82 charge per month for commercial customers; and a \$5.35 charge per month for industrial customers.

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This the 14th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
 Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

NATION

BILLINGS, MONT.

Court asked to block land use plans

The governor of Montana on Monday asked a judge to block three sweeping land use plans that would open most U.S.-owned lands in the state to energy development, saying the documents were invalidated when the Trump administration's public lands laws were removed for being in the past unlawfully.

A judge last month ousted Bureau of Land Management Deputy Director William Perry Pendley after he served as acting director of the agency for more than a year without receiving a confirmation vote in the U.S. Senate as required under the Constitution.

The ruling, in a lawsuit brought by Montana Gov. Steve Bullock, marked a stinging rebuke against the Trump administration's practice of keeping unconfirmed officials in some key leadership posts by issuing them repeated "interim" authorizations.

SAN FRANCISCO

Epic scale of fires continues to grow

The staggering scale of California's wildfires reared another milestone Monday: A single fire surpassed 1 million acres.

The new mark for the August Complex in the Coast Range between San Francisco and the Oregon border came on day after the total area of land burned by California wildfires this year passed 4 million acres, more than double the previous record.

Gov. Gavin Newsom said the amount of land scorched by the August Complex is larger than all of the recorded fires in California between 1932 and 1999.

"If that's not proof point, testament, to climate change, then I don't know what is," Newsom said.

The August Complex began as dozens of fires ignited by lightning in the Mendocino National Forest in mid-August and became California's largest fire on record in September. As of Monday, it covered nearly 1,500 square miles.

NEW YORK

CDC: Virus can spread indoors

The top U.S. public health agency said Monday that the coronavirus can spread more than 6 feet through the air, especially in poorly ventilated and enclosed spaces. But agency officials maintained that such spread is uncommon and current social distancing guidelines still under review.

However, several experts faulted the updated Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance. They said the virus can spread more easily than the CDC seems to be indicating, and suggested that the public should wear masks even in prolonged outdoor gatherings when they are more than 6 feet apart.

The virus "is traveling through the air and there is no bright line. You're not safe beyond 6 feet. You can't take your mask off at 6 feet," said Dr. Donald Milton of the University of Maryland School of Public Health.

From Associated Press reports

Trump, still infectious, back at White House — without mask

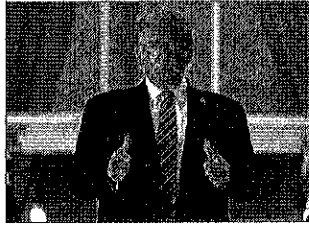
BY ZEKE MILLER,
JILL COLVIN AND
AAMER MADHAN
The Associated Press

BETHESDA, Md. — President Donald Trump staged a dramatic return to the White House Monday night after leaving the military hospital where he has been receiving an unprecedented level of care for COVID-19. He immediately ignited a new controversy by declaring that, despite his illness, the nation should not fear the virus that has killed more than 210,000 Americans — and then he entered the White House without a protective mask.

Trump's message alarmed infectious disease experts and suggested the president's own illness had not caused him to rethink his often-cavalier attitude toward the disease, which also has infected the first lady and several White House aides, including new cases reported on Monday.

Landing at the White House on Marine One, Trump gingerly climbed the South Portico steps, removed his mask and declared, "I feel good." He gave a double thumbs-up to the departing helicopter from the portico terrace, where aides had arranged American flags for the sunset occasion. He entered the White House, where aides were visible milling about the Blue Room, without wearing a face covering.

The president left Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, where his doctor, Navy Col. Sean Conley, said earlier Monday that the president remains contagious and would not be fully "out of the woods" for another



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Donald Trump stands on the balcony outside of the Blue Room on Monday as he returns to the White House in Washington after leaving Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

work but that Trump had not or exceeded standards for discharge from the hospital. Trump is expected to continue his recovery at the White House, where the reach of the outbreak that has infected the highest levels of the U.S. government still is being uncovered.

Still, Trump indicated he will not be kept from campaigning for long, tweeting before leaving the hospital, "Will be back on the Campaign Trail soon!"

"Trump made a point of sounding confident earlier. He tweeted, 'I will be leaving the great Walter Reed Medical Center today at 6:30 P.M. Feeling really good! Don't be afraid of Covid. Don't let it dominate your life... I feel better than I did 20 years ago!'"

Trump's nonchalant message about not fearing the virus comes as his own administration has encouraged Americans to be very careful and take precautions to avoid contracting and spreading the disease as cases

continue to spike across the country. For more than eight months, Trump's efforts to play down the threat of the virus in hopes of propelling up the economy ahead of the election have drawn bipartisan criticism.

"We have to be realistic in this: COVID is a complete threat to the American population," Dr. David Nace of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center said of Trump's no-fear comment.

"Most of the people aren't so lucky as the president" with an in-house medical unit and access to experimental treatments, added Nace, an expert on infections in older adults.

"It's an unconscionable message," agreed Dr. Sanyal Khan of Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. "I would go as far as to say that it may precipitate or worsen spread."

There was political pushback to Trump's attitude toward the virus, as well.

Republican Sen. Cory Gardner of Texas told the

Houston Chronicle editorial board that Trump had "let his guard down" in his effort to show that the country was moving beyond the virus and had created "confusion" about how to stay safe.

Conley said that because of Trump's unusual level of treatment so early after discovery of his illness he was in "uncharted territory." But the doctor also was upbeat at an afternoon briefing and said the president could resume his normal schedule once "there is no evidence of live virus still present."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, those with mild to moderate symptoms of COVID-19 can be contagious for as many — and should isolate for at least — 10 days.

Trump's expected discharge raised new questions about how the administration was going to

protect other officials from a disease that remains rampant in the president's body. Press secretary Kayleigh McEnany announced she had tested positive for the virus Monday morning and was entering quarantine.

Both Nace and Khan expressed fear Trump will not properly stay isolated at the White House — and that he has not learned his lesson about wearing a mask.

"We know he hates the mask, we know he hates to be restricted, we know he's unpredictable," Nace said.

"The rest of the American people are held accountable to a 10-day isolation period." There also were lingering questions about potential long-term effects to the president — and even when he first came down with the virus.

Conley repeatedly declined to share results of

medical scans of Trump's lungs, saying he was not at liberty to discuss the information because Trump did not waive declassification confidentially on the subject. COVID-19 has been known to cause significant damage to the lungs of some patients. Conley also declined to share the state of Trump's most recent negative test for the virus — a critical point for contact tracing and understanding where Trump was in the course of the disease.

Only a day earlier, Trump suggested he finally had grasped the true nature of the virus, saying in a video, "I get it." But then on Sunday afternoon, Trump briefly ventured out of the hospital while confidants in salute cheering supporters by motorcycle — an outing that disregarded precautions meant to contain the virus.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. R-22, SUB 589

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 Demand-Side
Management and Energy Efficiency Cost
Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9
and Commission Rule R8-69

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing on the demand-side management (DSM) and energy efficiency (EE) cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. R-22, Sub 589 and R-22, Sub 588, which are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.net. Members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing, on or before 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff via email at DENC@publicaffairs.ncuc.net or by calling 866-369-9816. When registering, provide your name, docket number (R-22, Sub 589), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69 for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for adoption and implementation of new DSM and new EE measures and appropriate incentives. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-2.1(g).

On August 11, 2020, DENC filed its application for approval of DSM/EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69. By its application, DENC requests evidence to its DSM/EE cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2021. DENC's request, including the North Carolina regulatory fee, would result in the following kilowatt-hour (kWh) charges: 0.031 cents per kWh for residential customers; 0.119 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; and 0.922 cents per kWh for large general service customers. No DSM/EE rate rider would be applicable to rate schedules 6V1, NS, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers. In addition, industrial and large commercial customers that have, under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9, opted out of and never participated in DENC's DSM and EE programs are not subject to the rider.

Compared to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.919 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by 20 cents. Small general service and public authority customers would also see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.952 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.915 cents per kWh.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent customers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff 4324 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4360.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent customers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection Unit, 900 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-0901. Written statements may be emailed to utility@DOJ.nc.gov.

Written statements are not evidence unless 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 R1.5 and R1.19 as set forth Monday, October 26, 2020, with the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff 4324 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4360. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Monday, October 26, 2020.

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LOS ANGELES

70 arrests as fans cheer Lakers win

Seventy-six people were arrested and more than 30 buildings and businesses were damaged during a downtown celebration turned chaotic after the Los Angeles Lakers won their 17th National Basketball Association championship, police said Monday.

Causes for the arrests included failure to disperse, vandalism and assault on a police officer.

Eight officers were treated for injuries and three members of the crowd were taken to hospitals after being injured by so-called loss of control munitions fired by officers, a police statement said.

"The Lakers beat the Miami Heat 106-93 Sunday night in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., to win the NBA Finals in six games."

The sounds of fireworks immediately reverberated across Los Angeles and fans headed to Staples Center, the Lakers' home court, to celebrate — despite admonitions to stay away.

Celebrations mostly were peaceful but some riots and looting were reported at officers, KABC-TV reported. Violence peaked online also showed fans doing "drumming" and fireworks being set off in the streets — which is illegal without a permit, KABC-TV reported.

PHOENIX

John McCain's mother dies at 108

Roberta Wright McCain, the mother of the late Sen. John McCain who used her feisty spirit to help win voters during his 2008 presidential campaign, has died. She was 108.

A spokesperson for daughter-in-law Cindy McCain said Roberta McCain died Monday. A cause of death was not immediately released.

"It is with great sadness that I announce the death of my wonderful Mother-in-law, Roberta McCain," Cindy McCain posted on Twitter. "I couldn't have asked for a better role model or a better friend."

In a tweet, granddaughter Meghan McCain thanked her "Nana" for teaching her how to live life with "grit, conviction, integrity and love."

"There will never be another one like you, you will be missed every day. I wish my daughter had gotten to meet you," said McCain, who gave birth to her first child last month.

At 65, Roberta McCain became the Republican senator's secret weapon at campaign stops as evidence that voters need not worry about her son's age — then past 70 — as he sought the presidency.

She once said her son liked to hold her up as an example of "what he hopes his lifespan will be."

In August 2018, however, it was the



Roberta McCain, the mother of Arizona Sen. John McCain, stands on stage during a rally in Downingtown, Pa.

mother who ended up mourning the son when John McCain died of brain cancer. Despite being slowed by a stroke, Roberta McCain attended the memorial and burial services in Washington and Maryland for the midlife son she called "Johnny."

She remained energetic and active into her 90s, traveling often with her identical twin sister Roberta, who died at age 68. She attended the 2008 Republican National Convention, where her son excelled.

"Her love of life, her deep interest in the world, her strength, and her belief that we are all meant to use our opportunities to make ourselves useful to our country,"

DENVER

Officials investigate security guard

Denver officials were investigating Monday how an armed security guard for a television station who is suspected of fatally shooting a man following an altercation following opposing protests was able to work in the city without a license.

Matthew Dillhoff, 30, was being held in jail for investigation of first-degree murder following Saturday afternoon shooting near Civic Center Park as protesters fled out of the park following the demonstrations — a "Patriot Movement" and a "BLM-Antifa Soap Drive" counter-protest. He has not been charged and no lawyer was listed as representing him in court records.

Under rules adopted by Denver in 2018, both security companies and the guards they employ must have city licenses. Guards must undergo 16 hours of training and a FBI background check to get a license and complete eight hours more training to renew their license each year, said Eric Escobedo, a spokesman for the city's Excess and Licenses Department. Guards that carry firearms also must be screened by police, he said.

Dillhoff did not have a license at the time of the shooting and there is no record of him applying for one, Escobedo said.

From Associated Press reports

Trump holds first rally since contracting coronavirus

BY JILL COLVIN
The Associated Press

SANFORD, Fla. — Just a week after his release from the hospital, President Donald Trump returned to the campaign trail Monday for the first time since contracting the coronavirus as he tries to slay a late comeback in the election's final stretch.

"It's great to be back in my home state, Florida, to make my official return to the campaign trail," Trump declared in front of a crowd of thousands of supporters, standing shoulder-to-shoulder, mostly without masks, despite the ongoing pandemic.

"I am so energized by your prayers and humbled by your support," he said.

Trump, whose doctor said Monday for the first time that he had received a negative test for COVID-19, is pushing to correct a significant deficit in national and battleground state polling. His Sanford rally Monday night was his first stop in a busy week that will include events in Pennsylvania, Iowa, North Carolina and Wisconsin.

The robust schedule underscores the work Trump needs to do as he tries to win over voters just three weeks before Election Day. And it comes amid still-unanswered questions about the effect so much travel on his 74-year-old president's health. The progression of



President Donald Trump arrives for a campaign rally Monday at Orlando Sanford International Airport in Sanford, Fla.

COVID-19 often is unpredictable, and there can be long-term complications.

After Air Force One lifted off from Joint Base Andrews, the president's doctor released an update on his health that said Trump had tested negative for the virus — and had done so on consecutive days. His doctor, Navy Cmdr. Scott Conley, said that the tests, taken in conjunction with other data, including viral load, have led him to conclude that Trump was not contagious.

For days, the White House had sidestepped questions as to whether Trump had tested negative. Conley over the weekend said that the president met Centers for Disease Control and Prevention criteria for safely discontinuing isolation and that by "currently recognized standards" Trump no longer was con-

sidered a transmission risk. Trump, eager to return to campaigning, says he now is "immune" to the virus — a claim that is impossible to prove given limitations in what scientists know about the coronavirus.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious-disease expert, said Monday on CNN that those who recover from COVID-19 likely are to be immune for a limited period of time, but there are cases emerging of people getting infected weeks or months later.

Panel, speaking as Trump was preparing to depart the White House for Florida, questioned the wisdom of holding such an event. He noted that test positivity rates are climbing in parts of the Sun Belt.

"We know that that is asking for trouble when you do that," Fauci said.

Some medical experts also have voiced skepticism that Trump could be declared contagion-free so soon. And it was unclear what — if any — added precautions and safety measures the campaign planned to take to prevent the trip from further spreading a virus that already has infected so many of the president's closest aides and allies, including his campaign manager and the head of the Republican Party.

Florida is seen as critical to Trump's re-election chances. Trump narrowly beat his 2016 rival, Democrat Hillary Clinton, in the state by just over 112,000 votes. Some recent polls have suggested a close race in the state, while others have put Democrat Joe Biden ahead.

Trump's decision to quickly return to the campaign trail drew criticism from Biden and other Democrats.

"President Trump comes to Sanford today bringing nothing but reckless behavior, divisive rhetoric, and fear-mongering," Biden said in a statement. "But, equally dangerous is what he fails to bring: no plan to get this virus that has taken the lives of over 16,000 Floridians under control."

Florida state Rep. Sherwin Jones, a Democrat who is running for state Senate and who recently recovered from his own COVID-19 infection, said in a conference call with reporters that Trump should not be coming to Florida.

"It's reckless and irresponsible," Jones said.

Florida lawyer Dan Uhlir, who has dressed as the Grim Reaper on beaches to highlight the coronavirus threat, filed a lawsuit Monday trying to stop Trump from holding his Sanford rally. It sought to have the event classified as a public nuisance.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 589

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of:
Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, Duke Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Approval of Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-13.9 and Commission Rule E-49

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OBITUARIES

Tyren Berry Jones Sr.

TIMBERLAKE — Tyren Berry Jones, Sr., 73, of Timberlake, died Monday, Oct. 5, 2020. Born in Durham County, Mr. Jones was the son of the late Andrew Jackson Jones and Marie Royler Jones and husband of the late Vicki Loran Jones. He is preceded in death by three sisters: Ella Rachel Taylor, Doris Jones Summers and Andrea LaFaye Jones. Mr. Jones served in the U.S. Navy as a corpsman during the Vietnam War. He later worked as a transmission mechanic for 17 years and later retired from IBM after 22 years. He was of the Baptist faith. He enjoyed gardening, fishing and was recently preceded in death by his fishing buddy, Tom Pate.

Mr. Jones is survived by his wife, Jewel Lamell Jones; two children, Tyren Berry Jones, Jr. and Marie Lorraine Jones; two step-children, Reece Lewis Carpenter and Timothy Scott Lewis; two brothers, George Edward Jones and Andrew "Buddy" Jones; six grandchildren, Glancy, Kaitie, Lindsay, Katie, Aaron and Tyren III; four great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Visitation will be held 1-2 p.m. Saturday at the Brooks and White Chapel and other times at the home. Memorial services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020, at the Brooks & White Chapel by the Chaplain, Marvin Buchanan.

In memory of Berry, memorials may be made to Animal Protection Society of Person County, P.O. Box 201, Roxboro, N.C. 27573.

Condolences may be sent to www.brooksandwhite.com.

Anthony Glenn Wilborn

Anthony Glenn Wilborn, 63, of Roxboro, died Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020 at his home. Born in Person County, he was the son of the late Truman Forsling Wilborn and Katie Luried Whitfield Wilborn. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother, Ronald "Wingling" Dean Wilborn and sister, Joyce Marie Wilborn Wrenn. Mr. Wilborn was a former employee of Collins & Alkman with twenty years of employment. He worked for Eaton and later transferred to Dill Air Controls Products in Oxford. Anthony loved shooting pool and playing softball.

Surviving are his son, Joshua "Josh" Shane Wilborn (Fran) of Timberlake; brother, Jerry Wayne Wilborn (Damon) of Roxboro; twin sister, Lynn Wilborn Alkman (Marshall) of Roxboro; grandchild, Jordan Shane Wilborn; two nephews: Travis Dean Wilborn and Jeremy Lawrence Wilborn; grandnephew, Gibson Dean Wilborn; brother-in-law, Ricky Wrenn; special friend and caregiver, Bettie Rosenbaum; loving pet dog, Jaxon.

Visitation was held Monday, Oct. 5, 2020 at the Brooks and White Funeral Home and other times at the home.

Funeral service was Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020 at the Brooks and White Chapel with the Rev. Herbert Brown officiating. Burial will follow in the Providence Cemetery.

Palbearers were David Whitfield, Donnie Whitfield, Jeremy Lowery, Jeremy Wilborn, Travis Wilborn and Yankie Miller.

Condolences may be sent to www.brooksandwhite.com.

Danny Norwood Oakley

Danny Norwood Oakley, 69, of 1234 Moriah Rd., Rongemont, died Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2020. Born in Person County, Mr. Oakley was the son of the late Johnnie Thelbert and Mary Earl Gentry Oakley. He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Wallace Inglo and John "Butch" Inglo.

Mr. Oakley learned tobacco and was the co-owner of Oakley's Automotive. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and enjoyed pontooning at the river. Mr. Oakley was a founding member of the Moriah Volunteer Fire Department and was its first chief. He enjoyed listening to beach music.

Mr. Oakley is survived by his wife, Janet Lamford Oakley; two children, Douglas Norwood Oakley and Joy Oakley Brown, both of Rongemont; two brothers, Donnie Oakley and wife Margie and Ted Oakley and wife Kathy, all of Rongemont; one grandchild, Hunter Oakley Brown.

The family received friends Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020 at the Brooks and White Funeral Home and at other times at the home. A family memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Hunter Oakley Brown College Fund, c/o Joy Brown, 1234 Moriah Rd., Rongemont, N.C., 27572 or the Moriah Volunteer Fire Department, 6905 Mt. Harmony Church Rd., Rongemont, N.C., 27572.

Condolences may be sent to www.brooksandwhite.com.

Gregg Michael Shonyo

ROUGEMONT — Gregg Michael Shonyo, age 64, of 6094 Moore's Mill Road, Rongemont, died Monday morning, Oct. 5, 2020 at his home.

Mr. Shonyo was born June 22, 1956 in Middlesex County, Mass., son of the late William Lyle Shonyo and Barbara Ann Hayes Shonyo who survives and was husband of 38 years to Wendy DeMattheis Shonyo who also survives. He was owner and operator of S&S Truck Service, Inc. and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. Gregg enjoyed riding his Harley, working, and spending time with his family.

Surviving in addition to his mother and wife are three children, Kyle Shonyo of Timberlake, Ryan Shonyo and wife, Megan of Rongemont, Gina Marie Shonyo of Greensboro, grandchildren, Jill Shonyo, two sisters, Terry Lacey and JoAnn Lowandowski both of Camillus, N.Y.

In addition to his father, Mr. Shonyo is preceded in death by a brother, Brian Shonyo.

Honoring Gregg's wishes, no services are planned. Arrangements are by Strickland and Jones Memorial Funeral Services, 1810 Durham Road, Roxboro, N.C. 27573. Online condolences may be made at stricklandandjones.com.

For professional assistance with your advertising, contact or call **Lea at 336-599-0162**

Recreation department's education camp registration continues

The Person County Recreation, Arts and Parks Department, in partnership with Person County schools, is announcing the continuation of the Person County Recreation and Education Camps.

The camp will consist of a six-week session beginning Sept. 28 and running through Nov. 6.

There are four sites available to choose from: Huck Sabanbury, Kibby Cultural Complex, Timberlake Building in Helms, and Mayo Park. There are limits on the number of seats available at each site. If there are not enough registered participants at each site, all will be transferred to the Huck Sabanbury gym site.

The Huck Sabanbury and Helms sites will be hosting early voting this fall and the PCRBC program will need to relocate to a nearby facility (within Roxboro city limits) for the days between Oct. 14 and Nov. 4.

These camps will include designated times each day for students to participate in remote learning, arts and crafts, physical activity, movies, outside activities, and other games and other activities.

Each participant will go through a health screening and temperature check upon arrival in the morning before being allowed to enter the camp

site. Once in the campsite, proper and frequent hygiene techniques will be followed based on published guidelines.

Lunch and snack will be provided through the school system lunch program, however students may opt to bring their own lunch and snack.

The fees for this camp are as follows: six-week registration fees:

One child: one day \$20/week, two days \$40/week, three days \$55/week.

Two or more children: one day/week \$20/week for first child and \$16/week for each additional child, two days/week \$40/week for first child and \$30/week for each additional child, three days/week \$55/week for first child and \$40/week for each additional child.

Drop in rates: one day \$25/child, two days \$45/child, three days \$50/child.

There are no family discounts for drop in rates.

The first payment is due upon registration. Each weekly payment is due on each Friday for camp for the following week.

School supply needs that each student needs to bring to camp will be outlined in the registration/information packet that can be picked up at the recreation office located at 303 S. Morgan St. call 336-597-1765 for more information or to have a registration packet emailed at 336-597-1765.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 18-22, SUB 589

IN REPLY TO 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 Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider under N.C.U.C.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R1-21(g).

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual demand-side management (DSM) and energy efficiency (EE) cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. 18-22, Sub 589 and 588, which are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held online via WebEx. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.com. Members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff via email at PUBLICSTAFF@ncuc.com or by calling 336-380-5916. When registering, provide your name, docket number (18-22, Sub 589), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R1-21(g) for the purpose of determining whether an increase or decrease in rate is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for DSM and implementation of new DSM and EE measures and appropriate incentives. Public testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

On August 11, 2020, DENC filed its application for approval of DSM and EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.U.C.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R1-21(g). By its application, DENC requests to increase its DSM and EE cost recovery rider to \$0.0138 cents per kWh for residential customers, \$0.0118 cents per kWh for small general service and public utility customers, and \$0.0092 cents per kWh for large general service customers. No DSM/EE rider would be applicable to rate schedules 071, 072, 073, 074, 075, 076, 077, 078, 079, 080, 081, 082, 083, 084, 085, 086, 087, 088, 089, 090, 091, 092, 093, 094, 095, 096, 097, 098, 099, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

PLEASE REGISTER NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 12.

We are ready to start the next **DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM!**

Interested in learning more about the program?

Join us virtually for a **DPP Interest Meeting**

Thursday, October 15, 2020
12-1 p.m.

To register for the meeting and to get the link to join us, either:
Call LeighAnn Gresson (Health Dept.) @ 336-597-2204 x2277 OR
Go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/diabetes-prevention-program-sessions-0-tickets-122176476129>

PLEASE REGISTER NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 12.

During this Interest Meeting, We will discuss:

- Who is eligible for participation in this program (not for someone who has type 1 or 2 diabetes).
- When the program will be offered and a product selection (including a statement of cost: \$ 5,800 to \$ 5,850 per session).
- What the program is all about and what is expected of participants.
- What the program cost is (only \$20).
- What topics you get to learn in the program (lifestyle changes).
- Who program lifestyle coaches will be (you think you will like them).
- AND MUCH MORE!

You may be eligible for this program if you have:

- ✓ Ever been told you are pre or borderline diabetic.
- ✓ Had a blood test within the last year and your A1C was 5.7-6.4 or your fasting blood sugar was 101-125 mg/dl.
- ✓ Ever had gestational diabetes (diabetes during pregnancy).
- ✓ Have a Body Mass Index of 25 or higher.

Not sure if you are at-risk for pre-diabetes? You can still join us and we can give you a simple risk test.

Will the actual Diabetes Prevention Program be virtual or in-person?

That is yet to be decided. We want input from participants in the Interest Meeting to help us make that decision.

PERSON COUNTY health department

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Compared to the current DSM/EE rider, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.0119 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by 20 cents. Small general service and public utility customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.0092 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.0138 cents per kWh.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available to the Commission's website at www.ncuc.com.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements by the Public Staff should indicate any information that the service will be provided by the Public Staff in the investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Christopher J. Ayres, Executive Director, Public Staff 4376 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1358.

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, 5001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-5001. Written statements may be emailed to millyAGO@ncuc.gov.

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

Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules 24-5 and 24-6 on or before Monday, October 26, 2020. Such petition should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4376 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1358. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Monday, October 26, 2020.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This 14th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
Jenna R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

Great ways to celebrate National Popcorn Month

Fall is officially here and October is the start of all of the fall festivals and pumpkin patches throughout the community. But it is also the National Popcorn Poppin' Month, a seasonal celebration of one of America's oldest and most beloved snack foods. As farmers head into the fields to harvest crops, families and friends gather to honor this ever-popular treat. Whether slow-roasted, microwave or ready-to-



FOOD FOR THOUGHT
Jennifer Brown

eat, we consume 13 billion quarts each year of this whole-some, whole grain. Popcorn is also non-GMO, vegan, gluten-free, sugar-free and naturally low in fat and calories, which makes it an easy fit for the dietary conscious. And it's budget-friendly along with yummy. A quart of popped popcorn costs as little as 16 cents. Add in popcorn's irresistible smell, taste, and versatility and it's easy to understand

its growing popularity. With a variety of different ways to eat it—plain, buttery, or loaded with goodies—popcorn always fits the mood or occasion. Pop up a bowl and join the Popcorn Poppin' Month celebration. Learn why popcorn pops, the history of popcorn, corny facts, recipes, and more online at their web-site at www.popcorn.org. The local Cooperative Extension Office is joining forces with nine other county Extension Offices to host a Med instead of Meats virtual class. The six-weekly

sessions will share the basics of the Mediterranean way of eating along with information about different recipes and cooking tips. Participants will increase their understanding of the health benefits and concepts related to the Mediterranean style eating pattern. The classes will be held on Mondays, Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30 and Dec. 7, 14 at 12 p.m. each day. There is no cost for this program and participants will receive weekly emails including handouts, lesson materials, and videos of demonstra-

tions of Mediterranean recipes. Try the following recipe from the Mississippi State University Extension or for more information, follow us on a variety of social media sites: Facebook and Instagram @personcountylife or Twitter and YouTube @PersonCountyFCS

1 (16oz) package of chopped frozen vegetable mix (celery, bell pepper, onion)
3 tsp minced garlic
1 Tbsp chili powder
1 Tbsp onion powder
1 Tbsp garlic powder
1 Tbsp paprika
7 cups water

Rinse and wash beans in a colander according to package directions. Slice smoked turkey sausage into thin slices. Combine all ingredients in a 4 qt slow cooker. Cover and cook on high for 7 hours or until beans are tender. Serve immediately.

Slow Cooker Red Beans and Rice – serves 9

1 lb. dried red beans
3/4 lb. smoked turkey sausage

Extension Notes

Learn about the Mediterranean diet

Ready to enjoy a way of eating that is great tasting and good for you? Then the simple, delicious and satisfying Mediterranean way of eating may be right for you. Join the N.C. Cooperative Extension offices across the Piedmont area in celebrating the Med Way of eating by using MedInsteadOfMeats.com to help you eat the Med Way. Created by N.C. State Extension and the Community and Clinical Connections for Prevention and Health Branch of the North Carolina Division of Public Health, MedInsteadOfMeats.com is filled with recipes and resources that make the New Year a great time of year to start eating the Med Way.

The Med Way reflects a way of eating that is traditional to the countries that surround the Mediterranean Sea and includes fruits, vegetables, whole grains, fish, nuts, seeds, and olive oil and limits highly processed foods and added sugar. The Mediterranean diet has been extensively studied and is associated with promoting health and decreasing the risk of many chronic diseases including some forms of cancer, Type 2 diabetes, and cardiovascular disease. As such, the Mediterranean way of eating is recommended around the world, including in the 2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans. There are seven simple steps to eating the Med Way and they are change your protein, swap your fats, eat more vegetables, eat more fruit, snack of nuts, make your grains whole, and rethink your sweets. Since we know that eating like those who live in the Mediterranean region has been shown to promote

health and decrease risk of many chronic diseases, we want to provide a program to teach this healthier way of eating to the community. Therefore, the local Cooperative Extension Office is joining forces with 9 other county Extension Offices to host a Med instead of Meats virtual class. The 6-weekly sessions will share the basics of the Mediterranean way of eating along with information about different recipes and cooking tips. Participants will increase their understanding of the health benefits and concepts related to the Mediterranean style eating pattern. The classes will be held on Mondays, Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30 and Dec. 7, 14 at 12 p.m. each day. There is no cost for this program and participants will receive weekly emails including handouts, lesson materials, and videos of demonstrations of Mediterranean recipes. To register, go online to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/med-instead-of-meats-tickets-12353204139>

Equine PPID/IR webinar

Want to learn more about PPID (Pituitary pars intermedia dysfunction) and IR (insulin resistance) in horses? This is the webinar for you. Dr. Shannon Pratt, Phillips, Equine Extension Specialist at North Carolina State University will be on this webinar to discuss metabolic disorders associated with glucose metabolism on Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. The webinar will be via Zoom platform. Register through the Equine Metabolic Disorders Webinar link at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/equine-metabolic-disorders-webinar-tickets-122701016039>. Once registered, you will receive a link to the Zoom webinar a couple of days before the event.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 589

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 Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R-69

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing on the aforesaid demand-side management (DSM) and energy efficiency (EE) cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket Nos. E-22, Sub 589 and E-22, Sub 590, which are scheduled to begin on Monday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.gov. It is the public's duty to attend the hearing and to provide input in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff via email at PUBLICSTAFF@ncuc.gov or by calling 866-388-9616. When registering, provide your name, docket number (E-22, Sub 589), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R-69 for the purpose of determining whether an agreement or decrement rider is required to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for adoption and implementation of new DSM and new EE measures and appropriate incentives. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R-71.21(g).

On August 11, 2020, DENC filed its application for approval of DSM/EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R-69. In its application, DENC requests revisions to its DSM/EE rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2021. DENC's request, including the North Carolina regulatory fee, would result in the following kilowatt-hour (kWh) charges: 0.1051 cents per kWh for residential customers; 0.1139 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; and 0.0922 cents per kWh for large general service customers. No DSM/EEES rider would be applicable to rate schedules GPN, NS, outdoor lighting and traffic.

Lighting customers. In addition, industrial and large commercial customers that have a meter N.C.G.S. § 65-133.9, opted out of and never participated in DENC's DSM and EE programs are not subject to the rider.

Compared to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.0159 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by 20 cents. Small general service and public authority customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.0162 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.0154 cents per kWh.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Christopher J. Ayres, Executive Director, Public Staff 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4366.

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This 14th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

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The Associated Press

Cancun Mayor Mura Lazuma Espinosa said that the city had opened more shelters than usual to give people more space in recognition of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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"It's just that property (behind Belvedere) ... undeveloped land," he said.

Jordan responded with, "We (town) need some housing. The town needs to do something. It really bothers me and there really is a need for housing."

Jordan estimated the town "is probably 200 (residences) short."

Ward 8 Councilman Dale Mayo asked about the Forest Acres Subdivision, noting that there were few available lots and that several property owners — several who were present — had asked him about rezoning to GR-3 from GR-16.

Sam Noble, who lives in Forest Acres, asked to speak about the issue and explained that every lot in the subdivision is a single-family.

"There are a few open lots, but they're huge," he said.

Mayo then made the motion to rezone Forest Acres from GR-16 to GR-3.

Both rezonings were approved unanimously, which means both will go before the Planning Board

for action. If approved, they will come before the council for a public hearing and vote.

The discussion of the Confederate monument look longer and was less productive, as there were two deadlocked votes in the absence of Mayor Joe Pitt, who would normally serve as a tiebreaker.

Brown made a motion to seek and accept proposals for relocation of the Confederate monument with a deadline of Nov. 2 to allow for placement on the Nov. 9 agenda for action.

Ward 2 Councilman Leo Lewis was immediately critical of the November timeline and proffered a proposal with five restrictions for those seeking to gain the monument.

Among them:

- The monument must remain in Edgecombe County.
- Must go on private property, but be accessible to the public.
- Must go to an organization and not an individual.
- No cost to the town.
- A one-year period to receive proposals.

After back-and-forth discussion, the council

deadlocked 4-4 on the vote, which resulted in the motion's failure.

Brown then introduced another motion that would allow 90 days for nonprofit organizations to submit proposals to house the monument.

The only restrictions included were no cost to the town and be located on private property accessible to the public.

The vote on that motion was three in favor and four against, but Woodard, in his capacity of mayor pro tem, did not vote before declaring the vote.

According to parliamentary procedure, a vote not cast is to be counted as a vote in the affirmative, which made the vote 4-4 and caused the motion to fail.

Lewis told the council that there had been four proposals received, including one from Martin County.

In the end, Woodard proposed reviewing the process in 90 days.

"Let's do that and see what proposals we've gotten," he suggested, to the agreement of the other council members.

The next council meeting is on Nov. 9.

ARREST

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arrested for unauthorized use of motor vehicle. A \$2,000 unsecured bond was set and an arrest warrant issued.

■ Sept. 30 — Laciarius Davon Stencil, 23, of 300 S. 12th St. in Pinetops, was arrested for communicating threats and resist, obstruct and delay. A \$3,000 unsecured bond was set.

■ Oct. 1 — Saiquan Demetrique Whitaker, 21, of 1301 Capitans Road in Tarboro, was arrested for

injury to personal property. A \$1,500 unsecured bond was set and an arrest warrant issued.

■ Oct. 1 — Clifton Mack Clark Jr., 41, of 715 White Oak Swamp Road in Whiteakers, was arrested for DWI and issued a written promise to appear.

■ Oct. 2 — Veronica Lashunva Powell, 46, of 6541 Derring Drive in the Battleboro community, was arrested for two counts of misdemeanor larceny and five counts of failure to appear. A \$9,000 secured bond was set and two warrants and

five orders for arrest were issued.

■ Oct. 3 — Antonio Lamont Jordan, 52, of 1116 Branch St. in Rocky Mount, was arrested for injury to real property, injury to personal property, two counts of second-degree trespass, two counts of larceny and two counts of failure to appear. A \$3,000 unsecured and a \$300 secured bond was set.

■ Oct. 3 — Daniel Bryant, 20, of 6445 Mayo Farm Road in Oak City, was arrested for disorderly conduct. A \$2,000 secured bond was set.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALPHOI

DOCKET NO. R-22, SUB 589

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 Demand-Side
Management and Energy Efficiency Cost
Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9
and Commission Rule R-1-21(f).

PUBLIC NOTICE

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lighting customers. In addition, industrial and large commercial customers that have, under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9, opted out of and never participated in DENC's DSM and EE programs are not subject to the rider.

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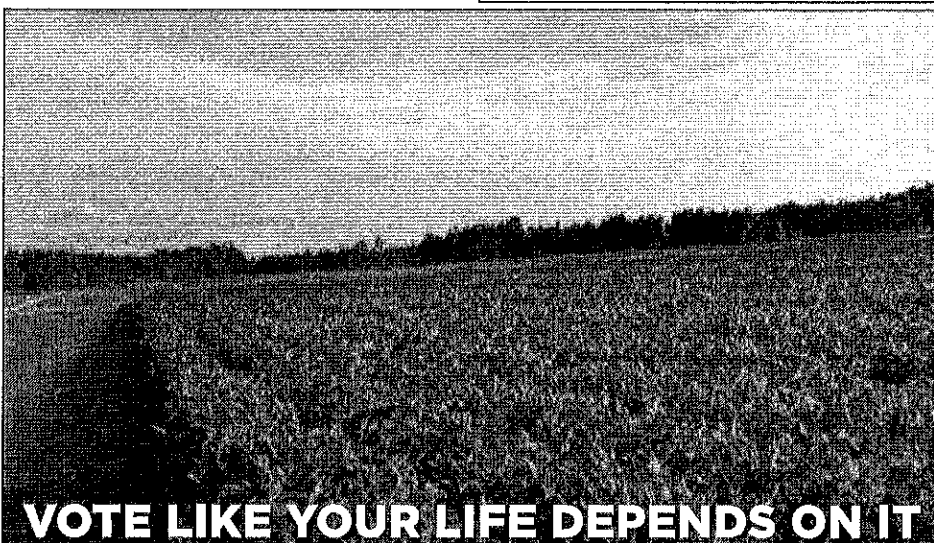
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This the 14th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Joann R. Rayner, Deputy Clerk



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SPORTS

COMMENTARY

College football wrong on messages vs COVID-19

BY PAUL NEWBERRY
The Associated Press

C'mon, college football, you've got to do better. Coaches must set an example by wearing their masks. Fans shouldn't be cheering from their seats or mugging for the cameras without face coverings. Schools must mandate safety checks for anyone entering the stadium.

That's the only way they're going to get through this most heinous of seasons — somewhat safely, at least — in the midst of an unchecked pandemic that has already claimed more than 200,000 American lives.

The biggest game of this past weekend produced all sorts of disturbing images. Georgia, the third-ranked team in the country, required fans to wear masks when they enter Sanford Stadium and while they're on the concourses, but they can take them off at their socially distanced seats.

So, naturally, hardly anyone was wearing a mask while watching a 27-6 victory over Auburn in the first top 10 matchup of the season.

Sure, Georgia was following Southeastern Conference guidelines, and school officials insisted that they maintained a safe environment for an outdoor event, but the message was not a good one.

Especially when Bulldogs coach Kirby Smart seemed to spend most of the evening with his mask dangling beneath his nose or down around his neck.

Smart acknowledged that he must do a better job with this most basic — and arguably, most important — of



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A fan holds a sign "Even COVID can't stop Dawgnation" in Athens, Ga., on Saturday. Coaches wearing masks are visible in the background. One school deciding to drop the season early. College football is sending plenty of alarming signals at it attempts to get through a tenuous season amid a pandemic.

safety protocols, a simple step that tens of millions of Americans are following every day despite the inconvenience.

"Absolutely," Smart conceded. "I've been talked to by the commissioner and several others."

He held up a mask to drive home his mea culpa.

"I just have to figure out a way to get it tighter and more comfortable on there," he said. "The biggest thing is when you're in the middle of coaching and talking to somebody, you have to get comfortable being able to leave it up and leave it on. And that's probably the toughest thing."

Then there's LSU, the reigning national champion and another SEC powerhouse.

We've already heard coach Ed Orgeron casually drop that most of his team

already contracted the coronavirus, as though it was nothing more than the common cold.

On Monday, the Tigers doubled down by announcing they'll stop doing CDC-sanctioned wellness checks at stadium gates. Instead, they encouraged fans to do a self-assessment of their health before they leave the house.

LSU officials say they want to cut down on the long lines to get inside Tiger Stadium. For good measure, they also lifted a ban on alcohol sales, creating an even greater chance of irresponsible conduct from those in the stands.

Look at it this way: Since the fans won't have to wait as long to get inside, they'll be even more prone to drinking. Seriously, it's baffling

that anyone in a position of authority pondered the options and thought this was the way to go — especially in a state that has one of the nation's highest COVID-19 death rates, roughly 1 in every 860 residents.

To its credit, the NFL has gotten serious about its safety protocols in the wake of games being postponed because of positive tests.

Commissioner Roger Goodell sent out a memo warning the league's 32 teams of penalties including potential forfeits of games for any violations that force changes in the schedule.

The league already dished out hefty fines to three coaches — Denver's Vic Fangio, San Francisco's Kyle Shanahan and Seattle's Pete Carroll — who flouted their exposed noses at the league's mask mandate. They were hit with

\$100,000 fines, while their teams got docked \$250,000.

The SEC and other conferences should consider similar measures for coaches who don't wear their masks, but don't hold your breath.

We reached out to the league Tuesday and all we got was "there's always room for improvement" before being pointed to an article in which Georgia officials said they were largely pleased with their safety measures for Saturday night's game.

Georgia and LSU are hardly the only schools worthy of scrutiny.

In a season-opening upset of the defending national champs, now Mississippi State coach Mike Leach was caught many times with his face uncovered. He blatantly violated league rules, and then cast

doubt on whether masks were needed at all.

"I try to do my best with it, but once you're 6 feet apart, I can't help but wonder if some of this isn't an homage to politicians," Leach said, doing his best to send the most irresponsible message to his players.

Thankfully, there are coaches like Duke's David Cutcliffe, who understand the gravity of the situation.

"I'm first a believer that it's important to other people that you wear a mask — more important to other people than it is to you," he said. "I promised our players and I promised our parents that the No. 1 priority that we would have would be the health and well-being of these young men."

Of course, it was always going to be difficult to maintain a safe environment in a high-contact sport played in close quarters.

We've already seen positive tests, and we will surely see many more before the season is done.

But the goal must be to get through this without anyone suffering long-term health problems or, heaven forbid, dying.

If our players are disciplined enough to do all that they're doing to play league football, why would we not do the same? Cutcliffe said, "It's not easy to talk and call plays on the sidelines, a constant thing that's in your mind. But you know what? Personal discipline is the best way we're going to face anything in life and handle tragic circumstances or tough circumstances. So we're just going to go with it."

C'mon, college football, you can do better.

INJURIES

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progressing, but it's probably still going to be a while. ... We didn't play well together and that's the big thing I saw. We had small mistakes that were causing us to get beat, when if you take the right footwork or we work better together on the set to one side, then you don't get beat. There is a continuity factor and there is a youth factor."

Redshirt freshman Nishad Strother, who started the first game at right guard, is slated for the second straight week to play left tackle. Avery Jones, a sophomore who transferred from North Carolina to ECU during the summer, remains as the starting left guard. Valentin center Fernando Fyfe has been a bright spot,

and to the right of him this week will be either Sean Bailey or Trent Holler at guard and Bailey Malovic or N.C. State transfer Justin Chase to start at right tackle.

"Nishad Strother has played three different positions in two weeks," said Houston, referencing the shifts already from right guard to right tackle and then left tackle by the 6-foot-4, 200-pound former Havelock High School star.

Ga. State limited ECU running backs Darius Pinnix, Keston Mitchell, Khalil Harris and Chase Hayden to 18 total carries for 22 combined yards. Hayden ran seven times for 20 yards, but the newest depth chart released Tuesday did not designate a No. 1 running back.

Athletes took ownership of

the three interceptions he threw to the Panthers. He is 43-of-79 with 451 yards, three touchdowns and four INTs two games into his junior campaign.

"I have to be athletic enough to make plays, even when that happens," he said after the game of blocking miscues. "I have to make good decisions when I do. It starts with me, and I have to be better."

The opening half was especially troublesome for the Pirates offense Saturday. ECU had seven offensive possessions in the first half, resulting in four punts, two field goals and an interception. The Pirates trailed 35-13 at the half.

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ECU

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head coach and only his second losing season, joining a 5-7 mark with The Citadel in 2014.

Houston's losing season at The Citadel was followed a 9-4 breakthrough campaign at the same school and preceded by three winning campaigns leading Leinor-Rhyno from 1-13.

"I think this job is very similar to Leinor-Rhyno and the situation we inter-

acted there," Houston said. "There are some similarities to The Citadel, but probably more to Leinor-Rhyno. Sometimes, people don't want to hear that, but this is a great institution and it's a phenomenal place to be the football coach. It has a really bright future and we're excited to be here. We're in the middle of a complete rebuild, and that is what it is. ... You have all the development staff, so the challenges are just getting guys on the same page, whether you are talking about offen-

sive line or the secondary or defense as a whole. You have the wide receivers and (quarterback) Holtan (Ahlens) and a couple new running backs, so wherever it is, it's getting everybody on the same page and it's getting everybody in where they are functioning better together as one and cutting down on the mistakes."

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OPEN

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Madison Bingle of the United States and Yana Stokova of Russia.

In the match, Stokova is broken to lose serving in game five of the second set, during which she double faulted twice.

According to Die Welt and ESPN's reports, huge sums were allegedly placed on the Romanians to win

ing possible charges of organized fraud and sporting corruption, it said.

The French Tennis Federation, which runs the French Open, referred all questions to the Tennis Integrity Unit, which oversees corruption investigations in the sport.

TU spokesman Mark Harrison wrote in an e-mail to the AP: "In line with the TU policy of operational confidentiality, we are not able to comment on this matter."

The prosecutor's office said probe was opened on Oct. 1, the day after.

The police are investigat-

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Eligible customers. In addition, industrial and large commercial customers that have, under N.C.G.S. § 62-13.9, opted out of and never participated in DENC's DSM and EE programs are not subject to the rider.

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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Jesse R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

3rd Congressional District

A 13-term Democratic incumbent is back on the ball at this year in Hampton Roads, this time with a challenge from a Republican newcomer.

The 3rd Congressional District, which includes parts of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Hampton and Suffolk, plus all of Newport News, Portsmouth, Franklin and Isle of Wight County, has been represented by U.S. Rep. Bobby Scott for 27 years. Scott, who serves as chairman of the House Education and Labor committee, is hoping to close out three decades in the Hampton Roads district.

Republican John Collick, a 57-year-old career counterterrorism expert who lives in Suffolk, said he looked around for a candidate to support in the November elections and couldn't find anyone, so he decided to run. He won a three-way primary in June.

The Virginia-Pilot asked each candidate to tell voters about themselves and what they'd do if elected. (Some answers have been edited for grammar and length.) We'll have stories on the congressional races coming soon, but for now, here are the candidates in their own words.



John Collick, Republican

Age 58
Occupation: Retired marine, retired counterterrorism expert
Previous office held: none
Education: Campbell University, North-central University

How do you plan to respond to the COVID economic crisis moving forward? Under President Trump, unemployment hit historic lows for many groups, including African Americans, women, and Latinos. Only after governors shut down state economies did our national economy begin to deteriorate. So, the foundation exists for low unemployment rates to return as states begin to open. While some businesses will not make it, others will thrive again. For those people who cannot return to their jobs, along with underemployed or unemployed folks, I am proposing workforce training in the high-paying trades that we so desperately need — something Congressman Scott has voted against time after time.

How would you deal with a Trump second term or Biden administration? I will always seek bipartisanship and do what is right for our country, not the party line. All legislation I support will be constitutional, ethical, and moral; it will always put America's interests ahead of other nations. I will never damage reputations based on phony accusations, but will forcefully call for the removal of anyone, Republican or Democrat, who violates their oath of office or has committed a crime. To remain a free people, we must begin electing men and women with unquestionable integrity, not simply because of their political party.

What is a key issue facing your district specifically? The most pressing issue facing the 3rd District is education. Many schools, particularly in low-income areas, are below average, according to GreatSchools.org. In many schools, most students cannot read or comprehend at grade level, and are not proficient in math or science. The best way to fix this is through competition. We need school choice; parents should be able to choose whether their child attend a public, private, religious, charter school or home-schooled, with the money following the student. Every child should receive a quality education, giving them equal opportunities when they graduate from high school.



Bobby Scott, Democrat

Age 73
Occupation: Congressman, former attorney
Previous office held: U.S. House of Representatives (1993-present), Virginia Senate (1983-93), Virginia House of Delegates (1978-83)
Education: A.B., Harvard College; J.D., Boston College Law School

How do you plan to respond to the COVID economic crisis moving forward? As chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor, I have worked to provide funding to expand our testing capacity, to help state and local governments avoid significant cuts to education, and to require OSHA (The Occupational Safety and Health Administration) to implement an infectious disease safety plan to protect our workers from COVID-19. I have fought for expanded paid family, medical and sick leave benefits, as well as financial support for those in need, especially for the unemployed, and premium pay for our workers on the front lines, including those in hospitals, grocery stores, correctional facilities and shipyards. These provisions were all included in the Heroes Act passed by the U.S. House in May and I will continue to fight to make sure they are in the next COVID-19 economic relief bill.

How would you deal with a Trump second term or Biden administration? Regardless of who wins the White House this November, I will push for passage of my Raise the Wage Act to increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour. I will work to pass my College Affordability Act, which would update the Higher Education Act to address the student debt crisis and to make college more affordable. I will work to make our workers have a level playing field and stronger bargaining rights through my Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act. And I will continue to push for comprehensive criminal justice reform and end our nation's addiction to mass incarceration with my SAFE Justice Act.

What is a key issue facing your district specifically? As is the case across our country, the most important issue facing my constituents is making sure our economy works for everyone, not just the wealthy few, and that we responsibly address the COVID-19 pandemic. But specific to Virginia's 3rd Congressional District and Hampton Roads, we need to make sure that our shipbuilding and ship repair industries receive sufficient and sustained work to support our Navy. We need to make sure that those who serve and have served in our nation's Armed Forces and their families receive support and assistance in our region.

What is a key issue facing your district specifically? Infrastructure, reducing our reliance on fossil fuels and support policies that address climate change. Here in Hampton Roads, we are fortunate that we have engineers and scientists at Jefferson Lab and NASA Langley dedicated to this work, and we must continue to support investments in science and research. Our region's economy is driven by our military shipbuilding and other federal partners and I will continue to advocate for our interests in the halls of Congress.

4th Congressional District

The 4th Congressional District stretches from Richmond to Hampton Roads, including parts of Chesapeake and Suffolk, and was redrawn in the last four years to make it heavily Democratic.

Donald McEachin, a former attorney, was first elected to the seat in 2016 and has held on to the seat by wide margins. He faces off against a Republican pastor from Richmond.

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Donald McEachin

Age 68
Occupation: Congressman, former attorney
Previous office held: U.S. House of Representatives (2017-present), Virginia Senate (2008-17), Virginia House of Delegates (1996-2002, 2006-08)

Education: political science, American University; J.D., University of Virginia School of Law; Master of Divinity, Virginia Union University

How do you plan to respond to the COVID economic crisis moving forward? The economic crisis and the public health crisis go hand in hand. We need to ensure sufficient testing, we need to ensure we have a vaccine that people can trust and we need to move forward on therapeutics. At the same time, Americans need help. We need to extend unemployment, provide additional loans for small businesses so they can pay employees, we need to suspend evictions, we need to provide access to quality health care and we need to provide adequate assistance such as food for those who are struggling.

How would you deal with a Trump second term or Biden administration? I will continue to work diligently to serve my constituents, to make sure we are assisting them during this pandemic. We need to ensure everyone has access to affordable quality health care and reasonably priced prescriptions. My job will continue to be to advocate legislation that helps my constituents, from reducing the crushing burden of money in politics, to ensuring jobs, to ensuring strong public schools to reforming our criminal justice system. I want to ensure everyone has equal opportunity, fairness and justice regardless of skin color, religion, sexual orientation, age or sex. **What is a key issue facing your district specifically?** My constituents are suffering under this pandemic. They worry about infection, they worry about their family and friends' health. But they are also worried about their jobs, their ability to pay the rent,

to feed their families, to keep the lights and soon the heat on. They worry whether they are getting accurate honest science-based information from the government and whether they can act on those recommendations. They worry about their children's education, but at the same time, the safety and efficacy of returning children to in person learning. They need support in all these areas and they need to have access to public health, science-based facts.



Leon Benjamin

Age 62
Occupation: Senior pastor and bishop of New Life Harvest Church, Richmond
Previous office held: If any

Education: biblical studies, master's degree, Christian education, Rowan University

How do you plan to respond to the COVID economic crisis moving forward? We have learned a lot about COVID-19 since the first cases were reported. We have to do what is necessary to protect our population, like wearing a mask, washing our hands and when available getting the vaccine shot. Congress must continue their mission to protect employment and American businesses. Congress should allocate additional funds for the paycheck protection program, make improvements to the Employee Retention Credit and make a second round of stimulus checks available to eligible Americans. These are ways congress can ease the hardship that millions of Americans are still feeling from the COVID-19 pandemic.

How would you deal with a Trump second term or Biden administration? Any person in this country must be able to accept the peaceful transfer of power and work together as Americans and stand united to bring solutions to our cities across this nation. I feel that whoever wins, whether Trump for a second term or Biden, we should come together as a people and work together to bring peace and love and unity so as to experience the prosperity that this nation has given us already in past administrations.

What is a key issue facing your district specifically? The key issue facing our district specifically is a two-pronged factor. One is that COVID-19 has caused many institutions to be impacted like small businesses, educational institutions and families who have had to adjust to the COVID-19 guidelines. The other side is the dangers our communities now face because of the unrest and riots coupled with the idea of defunding the police. Our police stations have been under attack and my opponent has not helped the situation by refusing to call out the political leaders in the district for allowing this to continue.

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Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R-69 for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for adoption and implementation of new DSM and new EE measures and appropriate investments. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R-42(c).

On August 14, 2020, DENC filed its application for approval of DSM/EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R-69. By its application, DENC requests revisions to its DSM/EE cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2021. DENC's request, including the North Carolina regulatory fee, would result in the following kilowatt-hour (kWh) charges: 0.1051 cents per kWh for residential customers; 0.1198 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; and 0.0922 cents per kWh for large general service customers. No DSM/EE rate rider would be applicable to rate schedule 6912, NS, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers. In addition, industrial and large commercial customers that have, under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9, opted out of and never participated in DSM/EE DSM and EE programs are not subject to the rider.

Compared to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.0199 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by 20 cents. Small general service and public authority customers would see a DSM/EE rate decrease of 0.0057 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rate decrease of 0.0158 cents per kWh.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

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Written statements are not evidence unless 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 R-1-5 and R-1-19 as before Monday, October 26, 2020. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by interveners should also be filed with the Commission on or before Monday, October 26, 2020.

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This is the 14th day of October, 2020.

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ODU reports coronavirus outbreak in residence hall

By JESSICA NOLTE
Staff writer

Old Dominion University reported a coronavirus outbreak Thursday night in one of its residence halls.

"We want to make you aware that our COVID-19 testing has identified what could be the beginning of an uptick in positive results among symptomatic and asymptomatic students who live on campus," an alert from the university said.

The school reported 14 of the 389 people who live in Whitehurst

residence hall tested positive for COVID-19. The Virginia Department of Health has an outbreak at five or more positive cases.

It was not immediately clear when the students were tested, but the university said it would test all the Whitehurst residents and offered to test the staff. The university did not say whether those who tested positive were symptomatic.

In an effort to reduce the spread for residential students, the school said it offers same-day testing for symptomatic students and 24-hour results for asymptomatic

students.

Students who test positive in the residence halls are moved into quarantine or isolation where they receive physical and mental check-ups and meals. Those who are quarantined or isolated also transition to in-person instruction to online learning.

The alert said the university is monitoring cases in other residence halls, and it will be implementing new measures Friday to reduce the spread.

Beginning Friday, the Whitehurst BOD Market — a university store — will be temporarily closed

along with communal rooms and other gathering spaces.

Gatherings in residence halls will be limited to 25 people — the maximum allowed previously was 50 people. The capacity for the Student Recreation Center is being reduced from 20% to 15% maximum occupancy.

The university said it will also initiate an immediate interim suspension for anyone in violation of the COVID-19 policy.

"We have no indication of spread through in-person instruction or in the workplace," the school said.

ODU reports its COVID-19 testing information in an online dashboard that is updated on Mondays. The numbers available Thursday do not reflect the 14 people who tested positive in Whitehurst residence hall.

From July 21 to Oct. 5, the university performed 3,236 coronavirus tests with 70 people testing positive for the virus. Last week, eight people at the university tested positive, and two of those people were symptomatic.

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requested absentee ballots for the upcoming election. And there's still nearly two weeks to go until the Oct. 23 deadline for making

Some good news: The general assembly, realizing that this process is unfamiliar for a whole lot of folks already stressed by the pandemic, has directed registrars to give absentee voters a chance to correct mistakes that would normally send a ballot to the shredder. Bottom line: Registrars are supposed to call you within three days so you can come "save" your ballot if there's still time.

But while unrestricted absentee voting is here to stay — no more excuses necessary thanks to a law that took effect July 1 — this is the only election so far where voters will get that kind of shot at a do-over.

Getting it right the first time will save a lot of headaches. At the heart of your packet: A ballot just like everyone else at your polling place will be handed.

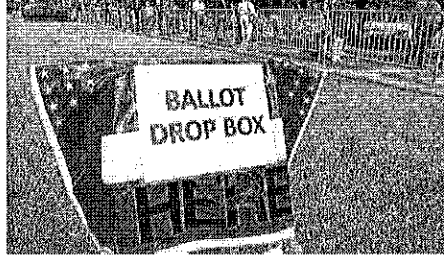
A watermarked seal on the back protects for its authenticity. Beyond that, things can get a bit puzzling.

Witness requirement

The instruction sheet says — at least at the top — that if you're concerned about your safety (as in, catching coronavirus) you can skip the traditional requirement of having a witness.

But Envelope A, which contains your ballot, has a warning on both sides: "Do not open except in the presence of a witness."

And Envelope B, which has



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your voter statement on the back, asks you to sign under oath, subject to a felony penalty, that a witness watched you open Envelope A and mark your ballot.

What gives? Like most states, Virginia has long required a witness for absentee ballots — anyone at least 18 and not your employer — as an added layer of protection against fraud.

But finding a witness during a pandemic could put isolating people at risk. A federal lawsuit plus state legislation passed during the special session in Richmond led to a temporary waiver of the requirement.

Confusion arises, though, because portions of the packets were preprinted by localities months or even years ago, using language that's dictated by state code.

Last month, Virginia's Republican Party filed a motion in federal court complaining that too many voters haven't gotten the message clearly.

Bottom line: No witness is required for this election.

Naked ballots

Naked ballots are a no-no in Virginia, one of 16 states that require mail-in votes to be checked in some kind of "secrecy sleeve" to protect privacy.

That's where Envelope B comes in again. Blank on the front, with your voter statement on the back — at least that's what you're told — you're to place your ballot inside, fold it, and place it in the secrecy sleeve.

Registrars check the information on the voter statement against their records before opening En-

velope B, a preprocessing step that helps get a jump on the workload.

When the time comes to feed voting machines, Envelope B will be opened and separated from the ballot inside. Election officers — one from each party plus a third observer — will watch as ballots are unfolded, kept face down and placed into the machine.

Bottom line: Envelope B is a must-do. Place your ballot inside, fill out the form on the back and sign.

Return envelope

A pre-addressed return envelope is provided. Envelope B goes inside that.

The return envelope has two back sides. The one above the registrar's address where your ballot is heading can be used to

back it through the postal system. The bar code above your home address is linked to your name and information in the registrar's records. It's assumed before anything gets opened, your ballot's first check-in.

It's a little thing, but in your packet you'll encounter two reminders to "add the correct postage" before mailing.

But the return envelope already has a stamp.

Again, a preexisting problem. The price of those stamps was covered by a \$2 million bill passed in September.

Bottom line: Make sure you use that return envelope but there's no need to scrounge up a stamp.

Despite some snafus, Piper has confidence in the system's ability to handle the unprecedented flood. Incidents like the one in Northern Virginia, where at least 1,400 voters received duplicate absentee ballots, will straighten themselves out, he said.

Safeguards — records and cross-checks — make it so "no voter can cast more than one ballot that gets counted," Piper said.

Absentee ballots must be postmarked by Election Day and received by noon Nov. 6. They can also be hand delivered to registrars' offices, placed in designated drop boxes or even brought to polling places on Nov. 3.

As of Thursday afternoon, 37,103 had already been filled out by voters, turned in and accepted.

Bottom line: Don't wait.

For more guidance, a tracking tool or to request a ballot, go to elections.virginia.gov.

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 58

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
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Carolina, for Approval of Demand-Side
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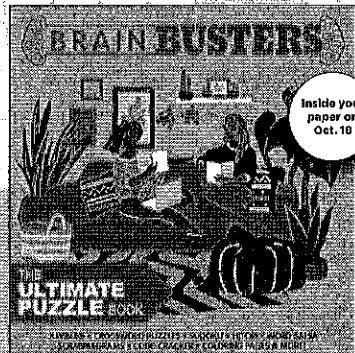
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