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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

November 09, 2023

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

Re: Application for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy
Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Recovery Rider
Docket No. E-22, Sub 674

Dear Ms. Dunston:

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

Pursuant to the instructions in ordering paragraph 6 of the Amended Order, notices were originally published in newspapers having general circulation in Dominion Energy North Carolina's service area once a week for two consecutive weeks beginning with the week of September 19, 2023 (at least 35 days prior to the hearing).

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Lauren W. Biskie

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Enclosures



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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION
(Order #23102DD0)

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

I, Julia Wigginton, Tearsheet Coordinator, hereby certify that a Legal Notice for Dominion Energy Services, Inc, State of NC Utilities Commission Raleigh...Docket No. E-22 SUB 674 was published in the following North Carolina and Virginia newspapers on the dates listed in the year 2023.

- Bertie Ledger Advance 10/07/23, 10/14/23
- Coastland Times 10/01/23, 10/08/23
- Elizabeth City Daily Advance 10/03/23, 10/10/23
- Hertford Perquimans Weekly 10/07/23, 10/14/23
- Martin Co Enterprise (changed name from Williamston Enterprise) 10/05/23, 10/12/23
- Nashville Graphic 10/05/23, 10/12/23
- Plymouth Roanoke Beacon 10/04/23, 10/11/23
- Roanoke Rapids Daily Herald 10/03/23, 10/10/23
- Roxboro, The Courier Times 10/05/23, 10/12/23
- The Daily Reflector 10/03/23, 10/10/23
- Butner Creedmoor News 10/13/23, 10/20/23
- Edenton, The Chowan Herald 10/07/23, 10/14/23
- Gates County Index 10/05/23, 10/12/23
- Pamlico News 10/04/23, 10/11/23
- Roanoke Chowan News Herald 10/04/23, 10/11/23
- Rocky Mt Telegram 10/03/23, 10/10/23
- Spring Hope Enterprise 10/04/23, 10/11/23
- Virginian Pilot 10/04/23, 10/11/23

Julia Wigginton

Signature

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 24 day of October 2023.

My commission expires: 9/30/2024

[Notary Public]



Vote/from A1

Sample ballots are available for each town currently and are available at the election office and also online. Peele explained that in municipal elections each individual town decides the type of election they want the election office to conduct.

"So with that being said, the town of Windsor is the only municipality that allows absentee voting for their town residents. Absentee by mail voting for the town of Windsor begins on Friday, Oct. 6 and the town of Windsor residents who wish to vote by absentee ballot must do so by requesting an absentee ballot request form," said Peele.

One stop early voting begins for Windsor



residents on Thursday, Oct. 19 and ends on Saturday, Nov. 4. One stop

early voting hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and the last Saturday,

Nov. 4. For residents of all other county municipalities,

election day, Nov. 7 is the only day to vote.

Polls open on election day at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

On Nov. 7 unofficial results will be in, however, the canvass date — the date the votes are finalized is Nov. 17.

"The election will be finalized on Nov. 17 at 11 a.m. at the election office. That's when we will be finalizing the provisional ballots and the write-in candidates," stated Peele.

Beginning with this election, voters are required to show an acceptable voter ID to vote. Accepted forms include driver's license, U.S. passport, state ID issued from the DMV. The elections office is also giving out ID cards.

Peele and her team have an "open door policy" for

anyone seeking information or needing answers to voting questions.

"We are doing everything we can to continue to make sure every citizen is aware of the new law. So much so we have been going to all of the town hall meetings, our last one is this evening, at 7:30 and it's going really well for us," said Peele.

Peele provides sample ballots at each of her meetings so residents are aware of the candidates running for office.

If a voter doesn't have proper ID, a provisional ballot will be provided. The voter then has to return with proper ID for the vote to be counted.

Peele encourages every to vote, Tuesday Nov. 7.

John Foley can be contacted at jfoley@ppcm.com

Williford/from A1

The SBI said the Windsor Police Department asked it on May 15 to investigate a rape that was alleged to have happened several decades ago. That investigation, which included assistance from the FBI office in Greenville, resulted in Williford's arrest on Sept. 22.

A spokesman for the Windsor Police Department said Thursday that the allegations were immediately turned over to

the SBI after they were received. The spokesman said they were not sure whether the alleged crimes occurred in Windsor.

Angie Grube, a spokeswoman for the SBI, said Thursday that Williford was a resident of Windsor "at the time of the offenses" but later moved to Chowan County. Williford "was known to the victims and their families," she said.

The allegations against Williford "all came to light" when the Windsor

Police Department was approached about them this spring, Grube said.

"To our knowledge, it had not been previously reported to law enforcement," she said.

According to an online obituary for Williford posted by Edenton-based Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Williford was born in Hertford County and had been the steward of The Wash House Laundromat chain since 1973, serving on the National Coin Laundry Association

board of directors. He was described as an "avid bass fisherman, water skier and outdoorsman" and had also

coached a number of local sports.

A funeral service for Williford will be held Tuesday

at Open Door Church in Edenton. A private burial service will follow in Windsor.

Ruffin/from A1

The album, Half Stepp'n is available on all digital platforms and Ruffin also has hard copies available for individuals who prefer them instead.

Ruffin thinks a Ruffin Brothers vocal 'get together' could happen someday.

"That would be a dream come true. The problem is we all have different jobs and family and scheduling is tough," he said. "But, it could

happen sometime." Ruffin didn't know if his family is distantly related to David Ruffin of The Temptations, but the possibility exists.

"I'm not 100 percent sure, but I wouldn't doubt it. His great-grandparents moved from Bertie County. That's where my family originated, Spring Hill, Indian Woods, Lewiston Woodville which is where I live now, Kelford, and Roxobel," said Ruffin.

"I hope to spread as much

love through music and my everyday living as I possibly can, because for me that's what life is about. I appreciate all the love and support I've gotten since my album release. It means a lot to me," said Ruffin.

Fans will have the opportunity to listen to Ruffin when he takes the stage at the Ahooskie Fall Fling, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14, in downtown Ahooskie.

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This the 7th day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Shorta Dunston, Chief Clerk

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD

It is time to have your Medicare prescription plan (PDP) checked. This is the time to see if you need to make changes for 2024. All changes made during this time will be effective January 01, 2024. Be sure to check your Annual Notice of Change for 2024 (ANOC).

REMEMBER!

October 16, 2023 through December 07, 2023

To find out more information, call Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIP) or your local SHIP counselors at the Bertie County Council On Aging.

Bertie County Council On Aging: (252) 794-5315

SHIP: 1-855-408-1212

Call the office for an appointment.

Counselors will be available at the following sites on these dates:

Kelford Nutrition Site:
Nov. 13, 2023 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Colerain Nutrition Site:
Nov. 14, 2023 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Aulander Nutrition Site:
Nov. 15, 2023 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Rotary 

Rotary Club of Windsor, District 7720

Re-organizational Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 12th
12:15 p.m.
Heritage House Restaurant

Speaker: District Governor Tony Santore

Since the advent of Covid-19 our club has not been meeting regularly and hardly at all.

We are now seeking new members and are going to reboot this club

Meetings will be the second Thursday of each month with a program (or speaker) and also Rotary will meet the fourth Thursday with an organizational meeting.

We are encouraging old Rotarians to return and new folks to check us out.

Feel free to show up or call Lewis Hoggard at 252-802-0792 for more info about Rotary and this club.

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LIFE & STYLE

EDENTON EPIUREAN

Apples can add to many dishes

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

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

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

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



CHERYL ORR

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

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

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

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

Apple Tart Serves 8
INGREDIENTS



- 1 recipe Tart Dough
 - 10 large Granny Smith apples
 - 6 tablespoons butter
 - ¼ cup sugar, plus 1 tablespoon for sprinkling on top
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - ½ teaspoon salt
 - 1 lemon
 - 1 ½/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 - 4 tablespoons apple jelly
- PREPARATION**
- Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

- Roll the dough out onto a floured surface to fit a 12-inch tart pan with removable bottom. Place in pan and press and form edges and chill.
- While dough is chilling, prepare filling. Peel and cut 6 of the apples into thin slices. Melt 4 tablespoons butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Stir in the sugar, vanilla, and salt. Add the sliced apples and gently toss in the

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

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

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

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

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

EXTENSION NOTES

Warm up with a bowl of chili

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

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

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



LISA SMITH

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

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

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

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

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

For a thicker chili, I use a full pound of lean ground beef. When I serve the chili, I add a dollop of plain Greek yogurt or light sour cream on top of each bowl. I like to have a small salad with leafy greens and blueberries or chopped apples. A piece of crusty, whole grain bread on the side is an excellent accompaniment.

Experiment by adding different



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

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

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

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

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In the Matter of)
Application by Virginia Electric and Power)
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North)
Carolina, for Authority to Adjust Its Electric)
Rates and Charges and Reverse Its Fuel)
Factor Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 6-62-133.2)
and Commission Rule 88-55)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing on the annual fuel charge adjustment cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 674, which is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 88-55 for the purpose of determining whether an adjustment or decrement rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudently incurred fuel and fuel-related costs. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

On August 15, 2023, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. 6-62-133.2 and Commission Rule 88-55. By its application, DENC requests that the Commission approve the proposed total fuel factor of 4.6699 cents per kilowatt hour (¢/kWh), to be allocated based on voltage differentiated adjustments, including the base fuel factor, Rider A, EMP Rider B, and EMP Rider R. DENC proposes that the total fuel rate for each customer class be set as follows, effective February 1, 2024:

Customer Class	Total
Residential	4.6082 ¢/kWh
SGS & PA	4.6038 ¢/kWh
IGS	4.5713 ¢/kWh
Schedule NS	4.4209 ¢/kWh
6VP	4.4937 ¢/kWh
Outdoor Lighting	4.6082 ¢/kWh
Traffic	4.6082 ¢/kWh

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

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Factor Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2)
and Commission Rule R6-55)

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On August 15, 2023, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R6-55. By its application, DENC requests that the Commission approve the proposed total fuel factor of 4.5669 cents per kilowatt hour (¢/kWh), to be allocated based on voltage differentiated adjustments, including the base fuel factor, Rider A, EMF Rider B, and EMF Rider B-1. DENC proposes that the total fuel rate for each customer class be set as follows, effective February 1, 2024:

Customer Class	Total
Residential	4.682 ¢/kWh
SGS & PA	4.678 ¢/kWh
LGS	4.773 ¢/kWh
Schedule NS	4.299 ¢/kWh
417	4.957 ¢/kWh
Outdoor Lighting	4.682 ¢/kWh
Traffic	4.682 ¢/kWh

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

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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Sheeta Dunston, Chief Clerk

Granville County 4-H takes gold at state tournament

From staff reports

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

SR. SHOTGUN INDIVIDUAL

Connor Landon
Joshua Roberson

Sr. Shotgun team- 1st Place

Peyton Hight
Daniel Taylor
Caleb Watkins
Trevor Weary

SENIOR MUZZLELOADER TEAM- 1ST PLACE

Reagan Owens- 1st place Individual
Joshua Roberson
Abby Shaeffer

SENIOR TELESCOPIC RIFLE

Reagan Owens

ABBY SHAEFFER- 2ND PLACE INDIVIDUAL

Daniel Taylor

SENIOR COMPOUND ARCHERY

Reagan Owens
Joshua Roberson
Gavin Owens

SENIOR .22 PISTOL

Connor Landon

JUNIOR SHOTGUN

Jackson West

JUNIOR MUZZLELOADER

Cullen Hight

JUNIOR TELESCOPIC RIFLE

Kipton Hymiller

JUNIOR RECURVE ARCHERY

Lily Shaeffer
To learn more about Granville County 4-H, and how to get involved, contact Lina Howe at 919-663-1350 or Lina_Howe@ncsu.edu.

College foundation craft fair supports food pantry

From staff reports

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

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

VGCCF have often been used to honor a person, group, business, or industry with a lasting gift to education. For more information about this event or the VGCC Foundation, contact 252-738-3264 or foundation@vgcc.edu. VGCC students and employees in need of food pantry services may learn more at www.vgcc.edu/food-pantry.

NEWS BRIEFS

Olive Grove Baptist Church holds fundraiser

CREEDMOOR — Olive Grove Baptist Church will hold a fundraiser Oct. 28, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A BBQ chicken plate will be offered for \$10 at the church, at 3024 Olive Grove Church Road. Call 919-528-2424 or email olivegrovebc@icloud.com

Veterans Day Breakfast is Nov. 11

CREEDMOOR — The city of Creedmoor plans the second annual Veterans Day breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 11, 8:30 to 10 a.m.

The event is in the Willow Oak Room on 116 Douglas Drive. RSVPs are recommended but not required, and breakfast will be served to the first 100 participants, until food runs out.

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

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

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

focus on residential and commercial real estate, estate planning, business and corporate law and regulations, land use regulations and civil litigation, a news release says.

The firm's partners, all Granville County natives, include N. Myle Hicks, Harrison Teasley Preddy and Daniel Holder Washburn. Learn more about Hicks, Preddy and Washburn, PC by visiting HPWLaw.Firm.com, calling (919) 6938161, or stopping by their office at 111 Gilliam St.

Butner hosts Yoga in the Park with Darcy Drake

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

The cost for this class is \$10 per person, payable to Darcy Drake on the day of the event via Venmo or exact cash amount. Complimentary light refreshments will be available to keep participants energized throughout the morning.

To secure a spot, register at <https://forms.gle/>

YNYNj8eEJiyudE6d9 no later than Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023. In the event of bad weather, Yoga will be moved to the Soldiers Memorial Sports Arena on 416 24th St. in Butner. Contact Mallory Richard at 919-298-2654 or mrichard@butnenc.org for more information.

6th Annual 1Step 5K Run/Walk scheduled Oct. 14

BUTNER — The 6th Annual AMT Group/Community Methodist Church 1Step 5K Run/Walk is scheduled 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. The event starts in front of Community Methodist Church, 409 West E Street in Butner. Registration for participants begins at 7 the morning of the race.

Beth Barbee, event coordinator, says the event is open to everyone. "We want to invite all men, women and children to participate in this run/walk," Barbee said. A \$10 registration fee includes a T-shirt. There's a special fee for groups and/or running clubs and first responders run free of charge. Medals will be awarded for first, second and third places for men, women, children and seniors. For more information on the upcoming 1Step 5K Run/Walk, contact Barbee at 919-210-3364.

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The Butner-Creedmoor News

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County manager continues listening tour

By Amanda Dixon
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FRANKLINTON — Granville County Manager Drew Cummings continued his county-wide listening tour with a stop at Tar River Elementary School on Thursday, Oct. 12. About 25 local residents attended the meeting along with a handful of county commissioners, in-

cluding Chairperson Russ May, who represents the majority of the Tar River Elementary School area. Residents spoke about water concerns with the increased growth in the southern end of the county and community wells being included in many of the new subdivisions. Cummings said the state permits the community wells, and the Granville-Vance Public Health per-

mits individual wells in the county. Several people said they were afraid of running out of water and wanted to know how the county would handle that situation. Cummings said he did not have a crystal ball that could tell when or if anyone would run out of water. He acknowledged that the county was not in the water business and re-

ally could not do anything about that situation. Cummings is working on gathering data from GVPFH pinpointing the permitted wells with initial water flow numbers and any that have reported water flow issues. There was concern of the area outgrowing available fire and emergency services. Cummings spoke about the fire tax, which is 6 cent on the \$100 valuation, that went into effect last year and the plans to help the volunteer fire departments, such as paying for a daytime driver to be at the station. He also spoke of long-range plans to possibly build additional facilities. Cummings said the county is developing a new website that will pro-



Granville County Manager Drew Cummings explains the difference between state and county permitted wells at the Listening Tour stop at Tar River Elementary School on Oct. 12. Amanda Dixon | Butner-Creedmoor News

vide much clearer information in a lot of areas. The tour continues with stops on Oct. 26 at Creedmoor Community Center and Oct. 30 in Butner at Town Hall. Both sessions begin at 6:30 p.m.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-23, SUB 674

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application)
by Virginia Electric and Power)
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina,)
for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy)
Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Recovery)
Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and)
Commission Rule 88-67)

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On August 15, 2023, DENC filed direct testimony and exhibits in support of its application for REPS cost recovery and 2022 REPS Compliance Report. By its application, DENC proposes to implement a REPS cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2024. It proposes to implement the following REPS rates, not including the regulatory fee: (1) a \$0.57 per month charge for residential customers, which is an increase of \$0.41 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge; (2) a \$3.18 per month charge for commercial customers, which is an increase of \$2.34 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge; and (3) a \$2.15 per month charge for industrial customers, which is an increase of \$15.42 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge.

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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Shoats Dunton, Chief Clerk

Cooper signs bill shielding minors from obscenity

The Wilson Times

WILSON — A bill introduced by state Sen. Buck Newton to protect children from obscenity will take effect Dec. 1 after Gov. Roy Cooper signed the measure into law. Newton, R-Wilson, is lead sponsor of Senate Bill 579, titled "Prevent Harm to Children." Now designated as Session Law 2023-127, the legislation increases the penalty for violating North Carolina's existing obscenity law to a Class H felony.

"Performing acts of obscenity in front of children is a line that should never be crossed, but unfortunately, we're seeing it happen," Newton said in an Oct. 2 news release. "Prevent Harm to Children" will help rid our society of this disturbing behavior and keep children safe. Our message is clear: do not commit obscene acts in front of children." A rewrite of N.C. General Statute 14-190-1 included in the bill makes it unlawful for any adult, firm or corporation to

intentionally disseminate obscenity by selling or providing "any obscene writing, picture, record or other representation of the obscene," presenting or directing "an obscene play, dance or other performance" and publishing or exhibiting obscene materials such as video and audio recordings. Newton told The Associated Press in April that the legislation could apply to "obscene drag shows in front of children," but he acknowledged other shows would be protected under the First Amendment. In 1973, the Supreme Court established a three-prong test to determine whether expression qualifies as legally obscene. The Miller v. California framework sets a high bar for obscenity that much content considered indecent fails to reach. Subsequent case law allows some sexually explicit material to be considered "obscene as to minors" even if it's lawful for adults. The final revision of SB 579, introduced as a conference committee substitute, won House passage with a 108-2 vote on Sept. 21. Senators approved the bill by a 42-0 margin the following day, and Cooper signed it into law on Sept. 29.

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Absences in Dare County Schools addressed

EVERY DAY COUNTS! is the headline on one of the Dare County absenteeism campaign sheets.

Dare County Schools launched an absenteeism campaign at the start of this school year, according to information presented at the September Board of Education meeting.

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an excused absence? Illness, injury, quarantine, death in immediate family, medical and dental appointments, court or administrative proceedings, religious observations, educational opportunities and college days.

Parents must provide a statement in writing as to the absence. That notice is to include the date the note was written, the full name of the student, date of absence(s), reason of absence and contact information for the person writing the note for verification signature.

The time period for the note is three days.

North Carolina has a compulsory attendance law which is designed to hold parents accountable for regular school attendance for children ages 7 to 16.

The school system has a follow-up regime in place for unexcused absences. "If your student is absent, you can expect

phone calls, emails, conference requests, and home visits," states one of the campaign sheets.

Dare County school administrators, classroom teachers, guidance counselors and social workers are all involved in the effort to have the student in

the classroom. The 10-day average daily attendance is the final number for those in the school system for the school year. This year, on the first day of school Aug. 28, some 4,800 students attended school. On the tenth day, Sept. 12,

that number had risen by 120 students to 4,952 students in all Dare County Schools.

A particular problem for Dare County Schools is early release days.

In last school year, the average attendance on Sept. 2 was 91.6%; on

Oct. 7, 86.8%; on Oct. 12, 89.1%; on March 31, 84.4%; April 7, 74.7% and April 28, 75.3%.

A DCS graphic with a three-year look at historical data of students who had 15 or more unexcused absences by school shows the following:

Elementary Attendance Awareness

• Historical data of students who had 15 or more unexcused absences.

School	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
CHES	35	37	29
FFES	30	24	11
KHES	24	17	12
MES	92	60	52
NHES	44	78	49

RESOLUTION OF THE DARE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SCHEDULE OF ABSENTEE MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the Dare County Board of Elections hereby adopts the following list of the days on which the Dare County Board of Elections will meet (if necessary) to review and approve the applications for absentee ballots for the Municipal Elections to be held on November 7, 2023, pursuant to G.S. 163-230(f). The meetings will be held in the meeting room of the Dare County Board of Commissioners located at 954 Marshall C. Collins Drive, Macon NC. Other business may also be conducted by the Board at that time.

3:00 P.M.	Tuesday	October 3, 2023
3:00 P.M.	Tuesday	October 10, 2023
3:00 P.M.	Tuesday	October 17, 2023
3:00 P.M.	Tuesday	October 24, 2023
3:00 P.M.	Tuesday	October 31, 2023
3:00 P.M.	Monday	November 6, 2023 (Pre-Election)
3:00 P.M.	Tuesday	November 7, 2023 (Election Day)
10:00 A.M.	Wednesday	November 15, 2023 (Supplemental/Provisional)
11:00 A.M.	Friday	November 17, 2023 - CANVASS

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the above dates and times set for the review of absentee ballots and additional business be effective for the November 7, 2023 General Election. Approved this 7th day of September 2023.

Nags Head, from 1A

- Fire equipment demonstrations
- Hands-on fire extinguisher training
- Interactive fire safety exhibits
- Firefighter agility test
- Free food

"Fire prevention is a crucial aspect of community safety, and we are committed to sharing essential knowledge and resources with our residents," said Fire Chief Randy Wells. "Our open house provides a fun and educational experience for all ages while emphasizing the importance of fire safety."

Both events are free and open to the public, and community members of all ages are encouraged to attend.

For more information on the events, go to NagsHead-NC.gov or call 252-441-1122.



McGruff the Crime Dog plays with a friend at Nags Head's National Night Out. This year's event will be held Tuesday, October 3 from 5-7 p.m. at Dowdy Park. On October 12, Nags Head Fire Rescue will hold their popular open house at Fire Station 16 from 5-8 p.m. Both events are fun, free and open to the public.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH DOCKET NO. E-22 SUB 574

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 Efficiency Programs (Standard Cost Recovery) Rider under N.C.G.S. 6-63-131 and) Commission Rule R3-67) PUBLIC NOTICE

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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION A. Shonta Draxton, Chief Clerk

BOC, from 1A

ascended to the skies in powered flight were sent to Katharine, the brothers' beloved sister, business manager and glue that held the Wright family together through good times and bad," said Dare County commissioner Danny Couch. "It's time to acknowledge the critical role she played in achieving and sustaining the Wright family's legacy, and the good people of Dare County take great

pride in encouraging the nation and the world to salute Katharine Wright and the Wright family."

In addition to acknowledging the need to recognize her incredible contributions to the world of aviation, the resolution also highlights the role of the First Flight Society, one of North Carolina's oldest non-profit organizations, in promoting the history and future of flight. In partnership with the Dare County Regional Airport, the Kitty Hawk-based organization

hosts a National Aviation Day celebration annually on August 19 at the facility, which is located at 410 Airport Road in Macon.

"We would like to thank Dare County Commissioner Denny Couch and the other Dare County commissioners for passing this resolution," said Mike Ponsessa, president of the First Flight Society. "The First Flight Society is thrilled to see the recognition of the importance of Katharine Wright's role in her brothers' success."

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BULK WASTE COLLECTION, SEMI-ANNUAL

The Town of Southern Shores schedules two (2) bulk waste collections each year. One in April and one in October.

THE NEXT SCHEDULED BULK WASTE COLLECTION WILL BE: October 13TH, 2023.

APPROVED ITEMS SHOULD BE PLACED OUT FOR PICK-UP NO LATER THAN THE DAY BEFORE BULK WASTE COLLECTION DAY.

ITEMS ALLOWED ON STREET SIDE NOT EARLIER THAN FRIDAY OCT. 6TH.

Approved Bulk Waste Categories include large items such as:

- Mattresses, Sofas, Chairs, Desks, Furniture, etc.
- Exercise Equipment
- Hot Tub Covers (No Hot Tubs)
- Refrigerators, A/C units or any appliances that may contain refrigerant must be marked: staling Freon has been removed (if not marked it will not be collected) - please remove doors from refrigerators/freezers for safety
- Yard waste/wasteful items bagged in clear or brown paper bags - otherwise it will be rejected and not picked up. **Yard waste/wasteful items OUTSIDE OF COLLECTION DAY must be taken to the Dare County Public Works Facility in Macon, 1018 Onfridwood Dr. 27954, Phone 252-475-5840.

These materials NOT approved for collection:

REJECTED ITEMS will have a visible 'X' painted on them.

- Televisions may be taken at no charge to [Kitty Hawk/Dare County Recycling Center](http://kittyhawk/dare-county-recycling-center) or Dare County CAD Landfill
- Hot Tubs may be taken at no charge to Dare County CAD Landfill
- Water Heaters may be taken at no charge to [Kitty Hawk/Dare County Recycling Center](http://kittyhawk/dare-county-recycling-center) or Dare County CAD Landfill
- Basketball Goal Posts may be taken, with a \$50 permit, to [Kitty Hawk/Dare County Recycling Center](http://kittyhawk/dare-county-recycling-center) or at no charge to Dare County CAD Landfill
- Unlabeled refrigerators or any appliances containing a refrigerant, may be taken at no charge to Kitty Hawk/Dare County Recycling Center or Dare County CAD Landfill
- Hazardous materials such as Paints, Solvents, Chemicals, etc. follow manufacturers label recommendations. Recycling Batteries & Compact Fluorescent Bulbs at any Localities
- NO Building materials, NO Lumber, Scrap Lumber, Roofing, Doors, Screens, Window, Stairs, Carpet, Rugs, Cabinets, Toilets, Pallets or Demolition debris may be taken, with a \$50 permit, to [Kitty Hawk/Dare County Recycling Center](http://kittyhawk/dare-county-recycling-center) or at no charge to Dare County CAD Landfill
- Soil, Rock, Concrete, and Stumps may be taken at no charge to Dare County CAD Landfill
- Tires any items containing Gasoline: Tires must be off the rim, from residential sources only. Maximum 4 tires per visit - may be taken at no charge to [Kitty Hawk/Dare County Recycling Center](http://kittyhawk/dare-county-recycling-center)
- NO items produced as a result of a contracted service or business

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DARE COUNTY CAD LANDFILL 1601 CUB ROAD, MAHON HARBOR, NC 27963-252-475-2059

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Currituck gives update on Mid-Currituck Bridge project

By Summer Stevens
summer.stevens@the-coastland.com

During the commissioner's reports at the mid-September Currituck County meeting, Chairman Bob White said that he attended a recent meeting about the Mid-Currituck Bridge project, and it is currently moving ahead. The estimated timeline for the

permitting process is 18-24 months. The bridge has been discussed and debated for decades, and \$150 million was earmarked for this project from the state. "That would have done some good 10-20 years ago but now it's like a drop in the bucket," White said. The NC Department of Transportation website

says the estimated cost of the 7-mile bridge spanning the Currituck Sound is \$500 million. The approximate location of the bridge is from Aylettin Currituck County mainland to Corolla in the Outer Banks. The project is planned as a toll bridge, though there is no information yet about the price of the crossing.

A bridge would ease traffic congestion and provide another route in the event of a hurricane evacuation. While the DOT is considering, for the first time, public-private-partnerships as a source of funding, as well as looking into any federal monies that may be available. Currituck commissioners moved quickly through

business items, approving a text amendment to clarify the language of adequate public facilities in regard to schools, and rescheduling a public hearing for phase three for Windswept Pines for the mid-October meeting. Commissioners also approved a design build amendment for Sussex Development Corporation for

a guaranteed maximum price of just under \$61 million for the construction of Tulls Creek Elementary School in Moyock. School construction is expected to start this week, and will be completed by August 2025.

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of permitted uses allowed in areas zoned C-2. The C-2 district applies to portions of Avon and Buxton, and is intended to provide for the development of commercial facilities to serve residents and the general public. Any text amendment to the C-2 district would also apply to all lands zoned C-3 in Avon, Buxton and on Roanoke Island, states the memorandum prepared by previous planner Savannah Newbern. Breweries are defined as "a facility licensed by the State of North Carolina to produce, manufacture and distribute malt beverages. The total amount of malt beverages produced at a brewery shall not exceed

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An item brought by Joe Thompson of Land's End Development asks for a zoning map amendment for the property located at 41027 NC 12 in Avon. The property is currently zoned C-2 Commercial and has the Klub Koru on it. The applicant is requesting the property to be rezoned to C-3 Commercial. The property is adjacent to the pier property. A public hearing was held at which no one spoke. The approval of the commissioners was granted. Thompson can now recombine his adjoining property to the north that is zoned C-3 with this parcel so the two parcels can function in unity. He will need to submit a recombination plan and have special use permits amended so the properties can operate together. Dare has been designated a Green Light for

Veterans county. A resolution in support of honoring Dare County's veterans was adopted by the commissioners. The Green Light initiative encourages residents and businesses to show support for local veterans by shining green lights to let veterans know they are "seen, appreciated and supported." The resolution indicates that more than 3,200 veterans are currently living in Dare County. Green lights are to be displayed Nov. 6 through Nov. 19. This is a national initiative, sponsored by the National Association of Counties, which suggests a shorter period of time around Veteran's Day for the display of green lights. This year, the county's resolution extends the time to include The Wall that Heels, which will be in Dare County Nov. 16 through 19 at the Event Site in Nags Head. Another resolution is found in the consent agenda, which was approved. A reimbursement resolution declares the county's intent to reimburse itself for capital expenditures, called original expenditures, from the proceeds of Series 2024A limited obligation bonds. The limited obligation bonds will cover construction of the new youth center and construction, renovation and improvements to various property to the north that is zoned C-3 with this parcel so the two parcels can function in unity. He will need to submit a recombination plan and have special use permits amended so the properties can operate together. Dare has been designated a Green Light for

Commissioner Ervin Bateman acknowledged the death of Jimmy Rabele on Sept. 28. He also acknowledged Domestic Violence Month. Commissioner Danny Couch said he was honored that citizens had having a place to live. "We can't stick our heads in the sand." Couch also said "I am deeply appreciative of our county employees." The commissioners held an 18-minute closed session. The next commissioners meeting is the day before the election, Monday, Nov. 6, 2023 at 9 a.m.

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

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application
 by Virginia Electric and Power
 Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina,
 for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy
 Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Recovery
 Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-131.8 and
 Commission Rule 28-67

PUBLIC NOTICE

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

This the 7th day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
 A. STEVEN DUNSTON, Chief Clerk

BULK TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULED

The Town of Kill Devil Hills Public Services Department will begin collection of APPROVED bulk trash items from IMPROVED properties within the Town of Kill Devil Hills on Monday, October 16, 2023. APPROVED items for collection may be placed in the Street right of way not earlier than Sunday, October 1, 2023 and not later than Sunday, October 15, 2023.

Please place approved bulk trash items in (4) separate bundles as follows:

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3rd Bundle White Goods and Metals: Refrigerators (please remove doors), stoves, washing machines, dryers, hot water heaters, bicycles, metal lawn furniture, air conditioners, metal bed frames, etc.
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 No motors or machinery with an oil reservoir or gas tank
 No propane tanks or sealed canisters of any type

4th Bundle Large Furniture Items: Sofas, beds, mattresses, chairs, tables, bookshelves, etc.
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Additional information about the upcoming Fall Bulk Trash Collection can be obtained by calling the Public Services Department at 252-480-4080 or by visiting the Town of Kill Devil Hills' website at www.kdhhnc.com.

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Chowan Herald up to 2019 soon to be available online

The Shepard-Proden Memorial Library, we proudly announce that the entire collection of back issues of the Chowan Herald newspaper covering 1934 to 2019 will soon be online and freely accessible in early 2024.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Edenton Woman's Club, the remaining issues of the Chowan Herald from 2015-19 will be digitized and made fully accessible and searchable on DigitalNC.

This latest grant brings digital coverage from the Chowan Herald to as close to the present as possible, as the newspaper maintains rights for five years. Ongoing future digitization will thus only have to cover one year at a time each January.

This development is terrific news for genealogists, historians, researchers and patrons, as the vast majority of Edenton's published news will soon be free and easily accessible online!

This digitization effort started in 2018 with an initial grant from the Edenton Woman's Club, and we are so grateful that this project will be completed with help from the same organization. We want to thank the Edenton Woman's Club for its generous support of the library throughout the years, and for helping us bring more online resources to the public.



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expect more of the Chowan Herald to appear on DigitalNC in early 2024. Check out our latest releases below. Have a great week, and we hope to see you in the library!

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 "The Running Grave" by Robert Galbraith
 "Dark Memory" by Christine Feehan
 "Traitor's Gate" by Jeffrey Archer
 "12 Months to Live" by James Patterson & Mike Lupica

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 "Redeeming the Cowboy" by Lisa Jordan
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Jared Jaconove is librarian at the Shepard-Proden Memorial Library.

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Resources don't include your home, car, household items, burial plot, up to \$1,500 for burial expenses (per person), or life insurance policies.

join a Medicare drug plan, you'll get help paying your Medicare drug plan's cost and have no late enrollment penalty. You'll also automatically qualify and will receive Extra Help if you have Medicare and meet any of these conditions: have full Medicaid coverage; get help from your state Medicaid program paying your Part B premiums; receive Supplemental Security income benefits.

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OBITUARIES

Anne H. Hollowell

SUNBURY - Anne H. Hollowell, 81, died Thursday, October 6, 2023 in her home.

Mrs. Hollowell was born in Gates County on July 31, 1942, the youngest of seven children of the late Alfred, Sr. and Jimmie Riddick Hollowell. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Jennings Wayne Bunch, Sr. and by her second husband, Robert Paul "Bobby" Hollowell, Jr.; and her siblings, James Hollowell, Alfred Hollowell, Jr., Erma Miller, and Juanita Fisher.

A 1960 graduate of Sunbury High School, she worked for 25 years as the secretary at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Suffolk, VA. She was a faithful member of Hobbsville Baptist Church, the church in which she attended with her family as a little girl.

Surviving are her children, Patricia Bunch Jordan (husband, Gene) of Lyner and Jennings W. Bunch, Jr. (wife, Courtney) of Knightdale; two sisters, Vera Snider of Virginia Beach, VA and Jean Hobbs of Hobbsville; and five grandchildren, Caroline Jordan (husband, Ed Conrad), Grace Jordan, Noah Jordan, Jennings W. "Tripp" Bunch, III, and Alexandra Bunch. Also surviving are Bobby's sons and their families, Robert Paul Hollowell, III (wife, Sharon) of Elizabeth City, David Lee Hollowell, Sr. (wife, Lori) of Euro, and Michael Neil Hollowell (wife, Deedra) of Alaska.

Funeral services were held Sunday, October 8th, at 2:00 p.m. in Hobbsville Baptist Church and were conducted by her pastor, The Rev. Tim Dannelly. Friends were invited to visit with the family in the social hall immediately following the service. A private burial followed in Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to ECU Health Chowan Hospital Developmental Council for Cancer Services, Attn: Jennifer Harriss, P.O. Box 629, Edenton, NC 27932, or to Hobbsville Baptist Church, in care of Jean Hobbs, P.O. Box 15, Hobbsville, NC 27946.

Her children wish to express their appreciation to family and friends who were steadfast in visiting and supporting her during this difficult time. They also wish to acknowledge the support and comfort provided by their incredible team of caregivers, Dawn Jones, Sheila Layden, Kelly McDowell and Linda Stallings, as well as the staff of Gentiva Hospice.

Miller Funeral Home, 304 Main Street, Gatesville, is assisting the family with arrangements and online condolences may be made by visiting www.millerfh.com.

Byrum, Johnson open Back on Broad Salon

VERNON FUESTON
Staff Writer

EDENTON — Amy Johnson and Sarah Byrum opened their new hair salon on Broad Street Thursday, cutting a ribbon provided by the Edenton Chamber of Commerce and receiving congratulations from Town Councilman Hackney High.

High congratulated the pair and said the town needs more ribbon cuttings like the one for Back on Broad Salon. He said Edenton also needs more entrepreneurs to set up job-producing businesses and occupy vacant storefronts.

Johnson and Byrum opened the salon as a new business, but this is not Byrum's first time cutting hair on Broad Street. Patrons will remember her from Shear Pleasure, which formerly operated a kiosk from the new business. Shear Pleasure closed after its landlord said they had other plans for the property. Byrum's return to a storefront near her old shop prompted the name Back on Broad for the new salon.

Byrum went to beauty school right out of high school 15 years ago. She worked at Chapel's in Hertford for two years and in her beauty shop in New Hope before coming to Edenton and joining Shear Pleasure.

Amy Johnson came to cosmetology later in life, earning her license at College of The Albemarle. She worked at Chevaux on Queen Street for 10 years but did not return to work after

business started reopening after the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I realized that I missed doing hair and was thinking about coming back," Johnson said.

When Byrum mentioned that she was trying to open a new salon, Johnson said she jumped at the opportunity. "Sarah's a great person, and I just thought it would be a wonderful opportunity," she said.

Plan A for Back on Broad involved the two hairdressers subleasing space in the back of the Loose Goose; a consignment shop occupied the storefront then. When another opportunity opened up for that business owner, Byrum and Johnson decided to take a chance and rent the whole shop.

The result is a spacious, airy facility with lots of room for patrons to relax while waiting for appointments. The interior is bright and modern, with a private space for waxing and other procedures.

The pair offer a wide range of beauty services like hair coloring, facial waxing, perms, and cuts. They consider hair coloring a shop specialty.

Back on Broad is located at 315 South Broad Street. The two stylists have separate phone numbers. To make an appointment with Amy Johnson, call (252) 506-1324. Sarah Byrum can be reached at (252) 312-9030.



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Amy Johnson and Sarah Byrum cut the ribbon for their new hair salon, Back on Broad, in Edenton, Thursday, Oct. 5.

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Sharpe wins public power drawing

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The town of Edenton awarded 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity — the equivalent of \$150 — to Mary Sharpe of Edenton in a drawing held Saturday, Oct. 7.

The drawing was held to celebrate Public Power Week and the contributions of public power companies like the town of Edenton and its electric department.

Edenton is a member of ElectricCities, a membership organization that, according to its website, "provides power supply and related critical services to over 90 community-owned electric systems in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia." The organization also "manages the power supply for two power



VERNON FUESTON/CHOWAN HERALD
Janet Bunch receives a free dog from the town of Edenton's utility department. Bunch was on hand for the celebration on Broad Street in front of the Town Hall on Oct. 6. Also pictured are Bud Powell, a purchasing agent for the town, and Steve Nixon, a technician with the utility department.

drawing were Ed Ross, who won an Igloo cooler; Patricia Moran, who received a \$25 Food Lion gift card; and Melody Riddick, who won an LED emergency flashlight.

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Lawrence, defense lead Jags' win in London

Jax beat Atlanta 23-7 at Wembley

KEN MAGUIRE
Associated Press

LONDON — Calvin Ridley is making the most of his second chance, in more ways than one.

The wide receiver held on to a touchdown pass — after a couple of key drops last week — to help the Jacksonville Jaguars beat the Atlanta Falcons 23-7 on Sunday at Wembley Stadium.

Besides defeating his old team, Ridley is also catching up on lost time. He was suspended for the entire 2022 season for violations of the league's gambling policy.

"I'm so proud of Calvin, what he's been through in his life. He's put a lot of things behind him. He's focused on the future," Jags coach Doug Pederson said. "Obviously his testimony, it's one that can be spread to a lot of professional and younger-generation athletes. He's doing things right. He's having him on the football team."

Ridley says he's loving it, too.

"Got in the end zone, got my team a touchdown, to put points on the board, it felt good," he said.



Jacksonville Jaguars wide receiver Calvin Ridley (0) celebrates after scoring a touchdown in the first quarter against Atlanta at Wembley stadium in London, Sunday.

Josh Allen had three sacks and Darius Williams returned an interception for a 61-yard score to help the Jags (2-2) halt a two-game skid with a series of big plays as the team celebrated playing for the 10th time in London. They held on as the Falcons tried to rally in the second half.

Trevor Lawrence side-stepped a blitzing Richie Grant and lofted a deep ball to a wide-open Ridley for a 30-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter.

Williams stepped in front

of wide receiver Drake London, intercepted Desmond Ridder's pass and outran the second-year QB into the end zone to make the score 17-0 in the second quarter. It was the first pick-6 in London since 2016.

The Falcons (2-2) have dropped two in a row and Ridder, making his eighth NFL start, showed some inexperience with interceptions on back-to-back throws in the first half.

"I did a terrible job of taking care of the ball," Ridder said. "We've got to find a

way to start faster, whatever that may be, however it is, that's just what we've got to do, and I've got to do a better job of taking care of the ball."

After the pick-6, Andre Cisco intercepted Ridder's next pass — intended for Kyle Pitts on a crossing route — and returned it to the Atlanta 20. Cisco fumbled but teammate Foyesade Oluokun recovered it at the 16.

Pederson opted against a chip-shot field goal for a 20-point lead and Lawrence was sacked on fourth-and-1

first down until early in the second quarter when Jonnu Smith caught a 15-yard pass to their 44. Atlanta only got across the 50-yard line with 5:55 left in the half when Robinson took an 8-yard carry to the Jacksonville 47. Two plays later, Williams had his pick-6.

Allen increased his sack total to six this season — a week after the Jags had none against the Texans in a 37-17 drubbing.

"I'm ready to win games," he said. "I want to be the guy for the defense that we can count on. (Last week) I felt like I personally let the team down. This week was just get back on track."

STREAKY

The Jags snapped a three-game losing streak at Wembley, where they had the win since beating the Baltimore Ravens 44-7 in 2017. Two years ago, Jacksonville ended a 20-game skid with a 23-20 win over the Miami Dolphins at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.

INJURIES

Falcons' Defensive back Dee Afofuo was evaluated for a concussion.

Jaguars' Return specialist Jamal Agnew (right) was inactive after being listed as questionable.

Crew chief denies cheating led to Harvick's DQ

Harvick DQ'd after race at Talladega

JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

TALLADEGA, Ala. — The crew chief for Kevin Harvick insisted he didn't cheat and race conditions caused Harvick to become the first driver disqualified at Talladega Superspeedway since 1972.

Harvick lost to Ryan Blaney at Talladega on Sunday in a drag race to the finish line. The margin of victory was 0.012 seconds and Harvick was credited with a second-place finish in the final superspeedway race ahead of his retirement at the end of the season.

Some two hours after the race, NASCAR disqualified Harvick, saying



Kevin Harvick visits with his children Keeland (left) and Piper before a NASCAR Cup Series race at Talladega Superspeedway in Talladega, Alabama, Sunday.

the windshield fasteners on the No. 4 Ford were not secure in post-race inspection. The disqualification dropped Harvick from second to 38th — his first last-place finish of the season — and stripped him of all stage points earned Sunday.

Stewart-Haas Racing crew chief Rodney Childers chalked the loose windshield up to rough racing conditions for 500 miles and not cheating in a since-deleted social media post.

"There have been times I've got caught doing

something I shouldn't have. ... got DQ'd for the car buffering in the draft all day and some windshield bolts vibrating out. My guys had a problem on the threads and gobbled on the tip. Sull came out. Not sure what else we could do," Childers wrote Sunday night on X, formerly Twitter. The post was deleted by Monday morning.

It was the first disqualification of a Cup driver at

Talladega since May 7, 1972, when the restrictor plate fell out of Marty Robbins' carburetor on his Dodge.

Even before the disqualification, Harvick winless streak in his final season stretched to 43 races dating back to last year. Harvick was eliminated from the playoffs after the round of 16.

He had joked the fans might have torn the

Talladega grandstands down if he'd won, but settled for just not crashing.

"That would have been great. Talladega has been so up-and-down through the years," Harvick said. "We've had some great moments and some bad moments. The last superspeedway race and we went out with everything rolling, so that's a good thing."

GT coordinator demoted after loss to Bowling Green

Underdog Falcons upset GT Yellow Jackets 38-17

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Georgia Tech coach Brent Key shook up his defensive staff on Sunday, a day after the Yellow Jackets gave up 38 unanswered points in a 38-17 loss to underdog Bowling Green.

Andrew Thacker, who had been Georgia Tech's defensive coordinator since 2019, will no longer lead the defense. Thacker will coach safeties and Kevin Sherer was promoted to defensive coordinator, the school announced in a statement.

The move by Key came after he said "it's on me to make changes to get this thing fixed" following Saturday's home loss. Key described the loss as "an embarrassing display of football" and "an epic of a failure as you can possibly have."

The Yellow Jackets were favored by 22 1/2 points in the game.



Georgia Tech coach Brent Key (right) speaks to an official in the second half against Wake Forest in Winston-Salem, Saturday, Sept. 23.

"Our performance on defense this season hasn't met the standard that we expect at Georgia Tech," Key said in the statement.

"While the responsibility for that does not fall on any one individual — in fact, as the head coach, that responsibility begins with me — I do feel that with a new voice and perspective from the coordinator role is necessary for us to improve."

The Yellow Jackets are 2-2 in Key's first full season as coach. He was 4-4 as interim coach in 2022. Georgia Tech

plays at No. 17 Miami on Saturday.

Sherer joined Key's staff as co-defensive coordinator this year after most recently serving as the New York Giants' linebackers coach.

"Coach Sherer is a veteran coach that has had great success in all aspects of coaching defense and at the highest levels of football," Key said. "I'm confident in his ability to lead our defense and achieve the improvement that we expect and demand."

ECU/from BT
inability to find the end zone

was the difference. The Pirates head into their bye week with a lot

of internal questions and a lot to improve upon before hosting SMU on Oct. 12.

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 674

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This the 7th day of September, 2023

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Shontia Damon, Chief Clerk

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Election/ from A1

last time prior to last year the city had a contested election for mayor.

So far, a majority of those who have cast ballots for today's nonpartisan election are Black and most are registered Democrats.

According to the N.C. State Board of Elections website, around 54% of the early votes cast in the city's nonpartisan election through Saturday were by Black voters while around 45% have been by white voters. Other races accounted for around 1% of the total. The totals include mail-in ballots approved by the board of elections.

Registered Democrats outpaced registered Republicans and unaffiliated voters when early voting ended Saturday. Registered Democrats made up around 63% of the early votes cast, unaffiliated voters cast 22% and Republicans cast 15%.

The three candidates

seeking to be city mayor for the next two years are incumbent Kirk Rivers, who is seeking a second term; and challengers Christina Williams and Bennie Murphy.

The First Ward candidates are councilors Joe Peet and Johnson Biggs, both of whom are running unopposed for re-election.

Three candidates are vying for the two open seats in the 2nd Ward: incumbents Javis Gibbs and Rose Whitehurst and challenger Cami Peterson.

Four candidates are seeking the Third Ward's two council seats: incumbents Ken Spence and Katherine Fycho and challengers Moe Moore and Evelyn Strader.

Four candidates are also seeking the two seats in the Fourth Ward: incumbents Johnnie Walton and Barbara Baxter and challengers Ronnie "Sugarbear" Morris and Sandra White. Baxter was a political unknown before being elected last year to City

Council. She said she has been a "voice for the people" as she's campaigned in the final days before the election.

"I saw a problem, I became a solution," Baxter said. "This isn't a popularity contest but definitely a decision that we make by voting which is best for us. Vote with what people have or haven't shown you. Stay woke, it's a pleasure serving the people. I am asking voters to allow me to continue to fight. The fight continues, I'm just part of the equation."

Whitehurst is also seeking a second term and encouraged those voters who haven't voted to head to the polls today.

"Your vote matters," Whitehurst said. "It's not enough to want to change, you must go and be the change. This city belongs to the people, and I encourage everyone to participate. I thank people in advance for supporting me and hopefully I will be able

to continue the good work that this council has started. We will continue to unite, move forward and transform our city."

The five polling sites are North precinct at the Knobbs Creek Recreational Center at 200 Ward Street; South precinct at the K.E. White Center at 1704 Weeksville Road; East precinct at River Road Middle School at 1701 River Road; West precinct at Pasquotank Elementary School at 1407 Peartree Road; and Mount Hermon at Evangelical Methodist Church at 820 Old Okirko Road.

Voters are reminded that, under a new state law, they are required to show a photo ID in order to vote. Those without a photo ID can either cast a provisional ballot or complete an ID Exemption Form when they vote. The exemption must be for one of a number of "reasonable impediments" to having a photo ID.

Event/ from A1

duster that sprays crops in the region. There were also displays of farm equipment along with food and retail vendors.

There was even an air demonstration performed by Chris Roberts in his vintage World War II 1942 SNJ-2 trainer and free airplane rides were offered to children ages 8-17 by the Elizabeth City Experimental Aircraft Association.

Ana and Matthew Woolard of Coinjock were first in line for the free airplane rides offered by the EAA. The group expected to take around 40 youth for approximately 15-minute airplane rides around the

county as part of its "Young Eagles" program.

The EAA had four planes at the event, including the Cessna 182 piloted by Elizabeth City resident Steve Bonn who took the Woolards and several others for a ride.

The two Woolard children waited in line around two hours last fall for a ride at Aviation Day. Their mother, Megan Woolard, said she was determined to be first in line this year. In fact, they were in line as the first EAA planes landed at the airport for the event after being delayed because of fog in Elizabeth City Saturday morning.

"We didn't want to wait in the heat and being first

in line will allow the kids to enjoy the other activities," Megan Woolard said.

Last year was the first time that Ana Woolard, 13, had ever flown and said she now wants to become a pilot. Ana sat in the co-pilot's seat during her 15-minute ride.

"It was so cool, and just like I remember it from last year," she said.

Bonn said the flying conditions were good Saturday morning and that he enjoys giving the free rides.

"This is the exact way that I started when I was about 10 years old," Bonn said. "My uncle gave me a ride and I have been hooked on flying ever since."

School/ from A1

LGC board member John Burns said that the cost of the new school is in line with the national average. Burns is a former county commissioner in Wake County.

"Unfortunately, that is not out of the range of the national average," Burns said. "I think even more unfortunately is a lot of the cost driver on school construction is the design and building of substantial security improvements. You're not building an office

building. You are building a building that has to be secure from threats. That is where we are."

Currituck commissioners on July 1 raised the county property tax rate by 10 cents with 4 cents of it dedicated to help pay for the new school. County officials have said that an additional 4 cents will be needed for the school beginning next July 1.

County Manager Mike McRee told the LGC that school building projects in Camden and Chowan counties have also encountered substantial cost

increases since they were first proposed.

"We are also very surprised by the cost increases we are seeing, not only on this project but on every project we have bid the last two to three years," McRee said. "They have come in two to three times higher than the original estimate. This is what we are faced with in today's market."

McRee told the LGC that the new school is needed because of continued growth in the Moyock area.

"We have a large influx of people coming over from

EAA said the Elizabeth City chapter does several events a year. He said the group is starting a program in conjunction with Elizabeth City Pasquotank Public Schools that will offer every 7th grader in the district to take a free airplane ride through the end of the school year.

"Starting Tuesday and then the second Tuesday of every month until June we are going to fly the 7th grade class, all 340 of them," Roberts said. "Our attempt is to give them the opportunity to come to the airport and take an airplane ride. We have everything in place to start this Tuesday and we are looking forward to that."

the Tidewater region of Virginia to northern Currituck," McRee said. "We have got to build an elementary school to keep up in the north end of our county."

OBITUARIES

Deacon Herman Leon Powell, I

ELIZABETH CITY - Deacon Herman Leon Powell I, passed on October 2, 2023, at Elizabeth City, Health & Rehabilitation, Elizabeth City, NC. He was the son of the late Josephus Powell and the late Vera Mitchell Powell and the husband of the late Ardella Jarvis Powell.



Celebration of Life Service will be Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 11:00 a.m. at The Mount Chesapeake (Cathedral), Chesapeake Va. with Bishop Kim W. Brown as Eulogist. Interment will be in the Christian Home Baptist Church Cemetery, Moyock, NC. A visitation will be Monday, October 9, 2023, from 5 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home. The family will be receiving friends at 211 Planters Run, Elizabeth City, NC.

Deacon Powell leaves to cherish his memory 2 daughters, Dr. Berita Powell and Kristie Powell (Hassan) and 1 son, Herman L. Powell, II, all of Elizabeth City, NC; 4 grandchildren; Brianna, Brittan, Shelea and Desmond Fountain all of Saint Paul, MN; 6 great grandchildren, Taylor, Jace, Kayden, Charlotte, King and Dream Ariella; godson, Daryll Gregory, (Jerr), god daughter, Deborah Ferebee (Andrew); and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

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Jobless/ from A1

workforce declined by three from July.

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

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

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

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

Currituck, which has the area's second-largest workforce, had the second-biggest number of jobless claims, 436, in August. That was nine fewer than in July. But with its labor force

declining to 14,717, Currituck's jobless rate remained unchanged at 3%. That was the state's fifth-best rate after being and 7th best in July. Only Dare County, with a 2.8% rate, had a better rate in the region in August.

Chowan, with the area's third-largest workforce, saw its number of workers filing for jobless claims rise in August by 10 to 225. With its labor force declining by three, its countywide unemployment rate rose to 3.8%.

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LOCAL NEWS

Gates Ruritan Club sponsors Litter Pickup Day

GATES - The Gates Ruritan Club held its first Litter Pickup Day on Saturday, Sept. 30. The Project Manager was Brown Smith and he conducted a briefing that morning. The Ruritan members who participated agreed to abide by the rules that had been established and each were given a yellow reflective vest to wear at all times, large

orange trash bags, and a litter collection device. The participants were reminded to always face oncoming traffic while picking up the road litter. Also they were not to pick up anything that looked to be unsafe. Appropriate documents had been completed and sent to cover the club's general liability requirements for this community service

event. Thanks go to the following Ruritan members who participated in this year's litter pick-up event: Brown Smith, Aaron Brown, Don Gregory, J. B. Freeman, Cody Brinkley and Tracy Smith. They collected 10 trash bags of litter along Gates School Road, Water Plant Road, and Highway 57.

Gates County Public Library to host two special events

GATESVILLE - The Gates County Public Library, located off Soney Lane behind the State Employees Credit Union, will host the following special events in October:

Saturday, Oct. 7 from 8:30 am - 3 pm - Yard Sale/Vender event. Space (with or without a table) can be reserved for \$25.

Those who attend will find home made goodies, crafts, food, books, yard sale items, plus some information "booths".

A special free event

will be a Rocket "Launch" where participants will make their own rockets and launch them with the aid of compressed air. It will be fun to see whose rockets fly the highest and the greatest distance.

Vendors are encouraged to call the library (252-357-0110) to reserve their space.

Monday, Oct. 9 from 3-6 pm - The Albemarle Regional Library System will celebrate its 75th anniversary.

Each of the seven member libraries will

hold a celebratory reception. All citizens in Gates County are invited to stop by the Gates County Public Library to share in some refreshments; check out the lovely library, admire the LEGO creations that are on display, and enter into a raffle for a container filled with various "bling" from the different businesses in the county.

If anyone has something they'd like to share for the raffle, just give them a call at 252-357-0110.

Open Studios slated for October

SUNBURY - Studio 32, located at 011 NC Hwy 32 North in Sunbury, will host Open Studios from 5-7:30 p.m. each Thursday in October.

First Thursdays are for adults only (free). Bring your own art, sewing/knitting, craft, etc. to work on as well as sharing ideas/techniques with other artists.

Facilitators are Mona Rawls and Tiffany Long.

Second Thursdays are for pre-teens only (free) featuring paper art and journaling (all supplies provided). Facilitators are Tammy Lassiter, Latoya Smith, and Susan Ward.

Third Thursdays are for adults only (free)

featuring zentangle and adult coloring (unique designs with supplies provided). Facilitators are Terri James and Ross Duckworth.

Fourth Thursdays are for adults only (price TBA) featuring "paint and sip" sessions (TBA) that are limited to 10 participants.

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Staff KFF Health News

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

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

The first eligible drugs will go into effect in January 2026. Here are five things to know about the impact:

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2. How will the negotiations affect Medicare patients? In some cases, patients may save a lot of money, but also Medicare spent \$50 billion on these 10 drugs in a 12-month period.

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

4. What are drug companies doing to stop this? Even though negotiated prices won't take effect until 2026, drug companies haven't wasted time turning to the courts to try to stop the new program in its tracks.

5. What if a drug suddenly gets cheaper by 2026? In theory, it could happen. Under guidelines CMS issued this year, the agency will cancel or adjourn negotiations on any drug on its list if a cheaper copycat version enters the market and finds substantial buyers.

Table with 4 columns: Drug name, Manufacturer, Condition treated, Total annual per-person spending for 2022. Lists drugs like Eliquis, Humira, and others.

Source: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services. Credit: Andrew Hershfeldt/Reuters.com

ruary, setting off negotiations set to end next August. The prices would go into effect in January 2026.

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

The drugs selected by CMS range from specialized, hyper-expensive drugs like the cancer pill Imbruvica (used by about 26,000 patients in 2021 at an annual price of \$121,000 per patient) to extremely common medications such as Eliquis (a blood thinner for which Medicare paid about \$4,000 each for 3.1 million patients).

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

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prices "will embolden and arm private sector negotiators to seek that lower price for those they cover."

Stacie B. Dusetzina, a professor of health policy at Vanderbilt University, said the effect on pricing outside Medicare isn't clear.

"I'd hedge my bet that it doesn't change," she said.

Nonetheless, Dusetzina described one way it could: Because the government will be negotiating drugs for Medicare recipients based partly on the listed gross prices for the drugs — distinct from the net cost after rebates are taken into account — the process could give drug companies an incentive to lower the list prices and narrow the gap between gross and net. That could benefit people outside Medicare whose out-of-pocket payments are pegged to the list prices, she said.

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

The lawsuits include a variety of legal arguments. Merck & Co., Johnson & Johnson, and Bristol Myers Squibb are among the companies arguing their First Amendment rights are being violated because the program would force them to make statements on negotiated prices they believe are untrue. Law suits also say the program unconstitutionally coerces drugmakers into selling their products at inadequate prices.

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

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

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OBITUARIES

Richard A. Carlson, Jr.

HERTFORD - LCDR Richard Alexander Carlson, Jr., USN, Retired departed this earth on August 24, 2023 in Hertford, North Carolina at the age of 88. He was preceded by his beautiful wife for forty-nine plus years, Janet Marie Carlson.



Born in the Bronx, New York on March 28, 1935, the son of Richard A. Carlson, Sr. and Lillian S. Carlson, and brother to Joan Marie Carlson Meadowcroft.

Those he leaves to cherish his memory are two sons, one daughter-in-law, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren: Dr. Richard A. Carlson, III and his wife, Tarn Reed Carlson of Fripp Island, South Carolina, and James T. Carlson of Arnold, Maryland. Surviving grandchildren are Richard A. R. Carlson, IV, Courtney Barry Carlson, Reed Chiasson Carlson and his wife, Paige Woodhouse Carlson, and their sons, Chase and Cameron.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1955 to 1977 as an Officer and Naval Aviator.

LCDR Carlson and his wife, Janet, will be interred in Arlington National Cemetery Columbus, Washington, DC. A memorial service will be held Monday, October 30, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 207 S. Church Street, Hertford, NC 27944 with Rev. Father Thomas Everett Wilson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to The Open Door Food Pantry of Perquimans County, P. O. Box 721, Hertford, NC 27944.

Twiford Funeral Homes, 405 E. Church Street, Elizabeth City, NC 27909 is serving the Carlson family. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.TwifordFH.com.

Davis turns 101



PHOTO COURTESY SHERIE SPELLMAN

Albert Davis Sr., who was born Oct. 5, 1922, in Perquimans County, turned 101 on Thursday. Married to Mattie Parker Davis for 70 years, he is the father of six children, grandfather of 19 grandchildren, and the great- and great-great grandchildren of several children. He worked for the city of Elizabeth for more than 25 years. He loves spending time with his family, eating fish, and relaxing on his porch enjoying the fresh air. His favorite saying is: "God is good."

CRIMEWATCH

Perquimans Sheriff Kevin Lassiter of the 200 block of Poplar Neck Road, Tyner, was arrested Sept. 27 and charged with 10 counts of third-degree sexual exploitation of a minor. He was confined at Albemarle District Jail in lieu of a \$500,000 secured bond.

Trevor Lane, of the 700 block of W. Grubb St., Hertford, was arrested Sept. 27 and charged with two counts of resisting.

obstructing and delaying an officer. A \$10,000 secured bond was set.

OUT & ABOUT

Blessing of the animals

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, which is located at 207 S. Church St., Hertford, will host a "Blessing of the Animals" service in the church parking lot today from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. The service will be held as the church celebrates the Feast of Saint Francis animals blessing and prayer, which is observed on or around Oct. 4 each year. Arts on the Perquimans The Perquimans Arts League will host the 11th annual Arts on the Perquimans artists show at the Perquimans County Recreation Center in Hertford at 310 Ganey St., Hertford, today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is

\$5; children younger than 12 admitted free.

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Byrum/from A3

prompted the name Back on Broad for the new salon. Byrum went to beauty school right out of high school 15 years ago. She worked at Chapell's in Herford for two years and in her beauty shop in New Hope before coming to Edenton and joining Shear Pleasure.

Amy Johnson came to cosmetology later in life, earning her license at College of the Albemarle. She worked at Cheveux on Queen Street for 10 years but did not return to work after businesses started reopening after the COVID-19 pandemic. "I realized that I missed doing hair and was thinking about coming back," Johnson said.

When Byrum mentioned that she was trying to open a new salon, Johnson said she jumped at the opportunity. "Sarah's a great person, and I just thought it would be a wonderful opportunity," she said. Plan A for Back on Broad involved the two hairdressers subleasing space in the back of the Loose Goose; a

consignment shop occupied the storefront then. When another opportunity opened up for that business's owner, Byrum and Johnson decided to take a chance and rent the whole shop. The result is a spacious, airy facility with lots of room for patrons to relax while waiting for appointments. The interior is bright and modern,

with a private space for waxing and other procedures. The pair offer a wide range of beauty services like hair coloring, facial waxing, perms, and cuts. They consider hair coloring a shop specialty.

Back on Broad is located at 315 South Broad Street. The two stylists have separate phone numbers. To make an appointment with Amy Johnson, call (252) 506-1324. Sarah Byrum can be reached at (252) 312-9030.

Jobless/from A6

Currituck, which has the area's second-largest workforce, had the second-biggest number of jobless claims, 438, in August. That was nine fewer than in July. But with its labor force declining to 14,717, Currituck's jobless rate remained unchanged at 3%. That was the state's fifth-best rate after being and 7th best in July. Only Dare County with a 2.8% rate, had a better rate in the region in August. Chowan, with the area's third-largest workforce, saw its number of workers filing for jobless claims rise in August by 10 to 225. With its labor force declining by three, its countywide

unemployment rate rose to 3.8%. Perquimans had 206 workers file for unemployment benefits in August, nine more than in July. With its labor force increasing to 4,925, the county's unemployment rate edged up to 4.2%. In Gates, 176 workers filed for jobless benefits in August, one fewer than in July. The county's labor force declined by 58 to 5,152, leaving Gates' unemployment rate unchanged at 3.4%. Camden, which has the fewest workers in the area, continued to have the fewest filing jobless claims, 165. That four-claim increase, and the county's 66-worker increase in labor participation, raised the

county jobless rate to 3.6%. Compared to a year ago, the unemployment rate was down in all six counties from August 2022. Pasquotank and Currituck saw the largest decreases over a year's time, 1.1% and .9%, respectively. According to the commerce department, the number of North Carolina counties with jobless rates of 5% or lower increased to 92 in August, up from 91 in July. The number with rates between 5% and 10% fell from nine to eight. Scotland County continued to have the highest unemployment rate, 6.2% while Swain County had the lowest rate, 2.7%. Unemployment was also a mixed bag in the state's 15 metropolitan

areas. Seven saw their rates decrease, two saw increases and six others remained unchanged. Rocky Mount continued to post the highest rate, 5%, while Asheville again had the lowest, 2.9%. The unemployment rate in the Elizabeth City Metropolitan Area, which includes Pasquotank, Camden and Perquimans counties, remained unchanged at 4.1% in August. The Elizabeth City MA saw 1,072 persons file for unemployment in a total labor force of 26,124. That's one more jobless benefit filing in a labor force of 300 more workers. The Elizabeth City MA's unemployment rate was down a full 1% from August 2022.

Jan. 6/from A6

"That is how I got this call and we have been together a long time now," Ellis said. "Everybody needs help in this country when you are charged with a crime, I firmly believe that." Ellis said defending Horn was a difficult case and an "unusual and unique case." He said it has been the most high-profile case he has

been involved in. "That would probably be true of any lawyer you asked that has represented somebody in this situation," Ellis said. "Mr. Horn has never been in trouble before. As a federal public defender some of my clients had been in a lot of trouble before. Charges were more like serious violence, drugs and those sorts of things. This is somebody (Horn) who has been a

law-abiding citizen his whole life. In my opinion, (Horn) is still a law-abiding citizen. That is what makes this so hard and so unique." Horn cannot file an appeal until after sentencing but Ellis said he has filed a motion with federal Judge Timothy Kelly to dismiss the charges under Rule 29, which is a motion for a judgment of acquittal. Kelly presided over Horn's criminal

trial. "The judge has reserved ruling on that and has asked us to brief that motion," Ellis said. "That is something we have to do next is to file a brief in support of our motion to dismiss. That basically would be saying that the evidence was insufficient for the jury to find (Horn) guilty. They made the wrong decision, basically."

Sheriff/from A1

He said that canvassing neighborhoods as a candidate for mayor in the upcoming election, he has heard from an "overwhelming majority" of citizens that the Sheriff's Office has implemented good community policing practices and that officers are highly visible. "And people feel safer," Hodges said. Hodges said he appreciates the positive relationships that deputies are building with town residents. Councilman Jerry Mimitich offered a similar assessment. "The community is loving what is going on in our community with the sheriff," Mimitich said. Councilors Connie Brothers and Sandra Anderson also said they have positive observations about the law enforcement service under the contract. White told The Daily Advance Monday night

that the cameras respond to the sound of gunshots in order to provide video footage from the vicinity

of where the shots were fired. He also explained that the system automatically contacts 911

emergency communications and can provide video footage to responding officers.

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DOCKET NO. B-22, SUB 674
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
In the Matter of Application)
by Virginia Electric and Power)
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina,) PUBLIC NOTICE
for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy)
Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Recovery)
Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and)
Commission Rule RB-67)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS) cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule RB-67 to consider DENC's application for approval of REPS cost recovery and compliance with the REPS requirements during the 2023 calendar year. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).
On August 15, 2023, DENC filed direct testimony and exhibits in support of its application for REPS cost recovery and 2022 REPS Compliance Report. By its application, DENC proposes to implement a REPS cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2024. It proposes to implement the following REPS rates, not including the regulatory fee: (1) a \$0.57 per month charge for residential customers, which is an increase of \$0.41 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge; (2) a \$3.16 per month charge for commercial customers, which is an increase of \$1.34 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge; and (3) a \$21.15 per month charge for industrial customers, which is an increase of \$14.42 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge.
Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available for review by the public, and on the Commission's website at www.ncsc.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. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff 4316 Mall Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.
The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection-Utilities, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to utilityAG@ncdoj.gov.
Written statements are not evidence unless the persons appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.
Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-3 and R1-19 on or before Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4322 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Tuesday, November 7, 2023.
ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.
This is the 7th day of September, 2023.
NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Shonta Duxson, Chief Clerk

MARTIN COUNTY CRIME BLOTTER

Several face larceny charge in Williamston

The Williamston Police Department had several reports of larceny at 1529 Washington St. in Williamston (Walmart) from September 28 to October 1.

There were four reports of larceny and one report of shoplifting. They were able to make arrest of one individual for shoplifting and three for larceny.

Jessica Dawn Baranczyk was charged with shoplifting on Sept. 29. On Sept. 28, Dylan Ray Wynne was charged with misdemeanor larceny and disorderly conduct and Oct. 01 Quasha Tanisha Walker was charged with larceny and failure to appear on a misdemeanor and Astonia Nicole Butts was charged with larceny.

MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Incidents

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

Sept. 25
Warrant service for other jurisdiction was reported at 2484 West Islands Rd. in Williamston.

Sept. 26
Wire fraud was reported at 2606 Raloh Taylor Rd. in Williamston.

Sept. 27
Driving under the influence was reported at Saint Andrews St./ Hwy 171 in Jamesville.

Sept. 28
Simple assault, shooting in city limits and destruction/damage/vandalism of property was reported at 1070 Saint Andrews St. in Jamesville.

Sept. 28
Damage to property was reported at Handy Mart in Robertsonville.

Sept. 29
By failing to report new address as registered sex offender was reported at 1057 Alice Rd. in Williamston.

Sept. 30
Motor vehicle theft was reported at 310 North Maple St. in Oak City.

Aggravated assault, assault on a female and battery of unborn child was reported at 3216 Lee Rd. in Williamston.

Arrests



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

Sept. 25
William B. Huffman was charged with failure to appear assault on a female and failure to appear trespassing.

Sept. 26
Javion Lamar Brown was charged with communicating threats of mass violence on educational property.

Sept. 27
Ryan Albert Gonzalez was charged with driving under the influence.

Oct. 01
Kayla McKinley Jones was charged with simple assault.

Cody James Strickland was charged with assault on a female.

Kassie Lynn Jones was charged with simple assault and assault of unborn child.

WILLIAMSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Incidents

The Williamston Police Department reports of incidents include:

Sept. 25

Unauthorized use of a motor propelled conveyance was reported at 317 Williamston Inn in Williamston.

Uttering of a forged instrument and obtain property by false pretense was reported at 813 East Blvd. in Williamston.

Passing stopped school bus was reported at 1816 West Main St. in Williamston.

Financial transaction card fraud was reported at 312 West Blvd. in Williamston.

Assault on a female was reported at 113 Wilson St. in Williamston.

Possession of marijuana drug paraphernalia was reported at East Blvd. near Jamesville Rd. in Williamston.

Sept. 26
Driving while impaired, driving while license revoked and possession of drug paraphernalia was reported at South Pearl St. near Wilson St. in Williamston.

Warrant service for offense(s) committed in another jurisdiction was reported at South Pearl St. near Wilson St. in Williamston.

Warrant service for offense(s) committed in another jurisdiction was reported at 305 East Main St. in Williamston.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported at 501 Washington St. in Williamston.

Sept. 27
Warrant service for offense(s) committed in another jurisdiction was reported at 214 Andrews St. in Williamston.

Leash law violation was reported at South Hamilton St./Blount St. in Williamston.

Sept. 28
Passing a stopped school bus was reported at West Main Ext./Middle St. in Williamston.

Misdemeanor larceny and disorderly conduct was reported at 1529 Washington St. in Williamston.

Larceny of motor vehicle was reported at 501 Washington St. in Williamston.

Assault on a female was reported at 303 Roberson Dr. in Williamston.

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Sept. 29
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Hit and run was reported at 101 West Blvd. in Williamston.

Shoplifting was reported at 1529 Washington St. in Williamston.

Simple affray was reported at West Main St. near Domino's Pizza in Williamston.

Sept. 30
Simple assault was reported at 1981 US Hwy 17 in Williamston.

Oct. 01
Larceny of merchant, obtain property by false pretense and larceny was reported at 1529 Washington St. in Williamston.

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Sept. 26
Rosalynd Angelika Moody was charged with driving while impaired and driving while license revoked.

Rosalynd Angelika Moody was charged with probation violation and unauthorized use of conveyance.

Samantha Lynn Decker was charged with injury to personal property.

Sept. 27
Travon Knight was charged with hit and run.

Stephen Rakei Willoghby was charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, manufacture/sell/deliver controlled substance within 1000 feet of a school, no operators license and resist, delay and obstruct.

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This the 7th day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Sheena Durston, Chief Clerk

Brothers charged in Bethel shooting

THE DAILY REFLECTOR

Two Pitt County brothers were charged with attempted murder and other crimes after authorities said they shot at a vehicle in Bethel earlier this month.

A news release from the Pitt County Sheriff's Office said that at 8:14 a.m. Sept. 14, deputies responded to the area of 211 Martin St. in Bethel for a report of shots fired. The area makes up part of the Quail Ridge Apartments and is a few blocks south of Bethel Elementary School.

Deputies on scene determined two black males



Shy'kim Carroll and **Steven Carroll**

had fired guns at a vehicle leaving the apartments and were able to identify the men as Shy'kim Malik Carroll, 19, and his brother, Steven M'kendre Carroll, 22, the release said. Both reside at 270 W. Washington St. in Bethel.

Warrants were obtained charging the siblings with

attempted first degree murder, discharge weapon into occupied vehicle, discharge weapon in city limits and felony conspiracy.

The Carroll brothers were located on Sept. 25 at a Bethel residence by detectives from the sheriff's office Gang and Gun Crimes Unit, the release said. Both were arrested. They were jailed in the Pitt County Detention Center under separate \$2 million secured bonds.

Steven Carroll has prior misdemeanor convictions for possessing stolen goods and carrying a concealed weapon from a Dec. 26, 2020, arrest.

Notice of Nonpartisan Municipal Election
Town of Robertsonville, North Carolina

A Nonpartisan Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday - November 7, 2023, in the Town of Robertsonville, North Carolina, for the purpose of electing one Mayor and five Town Council Members for a term of 4 years. Polls will be open from 6:30 AM until 7:30 PM. The polling place will be located at the former East End School - 1121 Third Street Ext., Robertsonville.

PHOTO ID will be required for voting. Please visit www.ncdoj.gov/elections for more details.

Absentee ballots are allowed. Requests for an absentee ballot must be made on the State Absentee Ballot Request Form and received in the Martin County Board of Elections office by 5:00 PM on Tuesday - October 31, 2023. The Board of Elections will meet on October 3, October 10, October 17, October 24, and October 31 at 8:30 AM, November 6 at 5:00 PM, and other times as may be necessary for the purpose of approving absentee ballot applications.

One-stop absentee voting will be held at the Martin County Governmental Center in the Commissioners' Boardroom (Room #112), located at 305 East Main Street, Williamston, NC. One-stop voting begins Thursday - October 19, 2023, and ends Saturday - November 4, 2023. One-stop voting hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, and Saturday - November 4 from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Concess will be held at 11 AM in the Martin County Board of Elections Office in Williamston on Tuesday - November 17, 2023.

All residents of the Town of Robertsonville who are registered to vote with the Martin County Board of Elections may vote in this election. Voters who are previously registered need not re-register for this election. Those residents of the Town of Robertsonville who are not registered to vote must register on or before Friday - October 13, 2023, in order to be eligible to vote on Election Day. Voters who are not registered by that deadline may register and vote during any stop early voting only, and will be required to provide documentation of their residence. Voters who fail to timely make a change in name or address in the county must update their information when presenting to vote, and may be required to vote a provisional ballot.

Voters voting in person are entitled to assistance by an election official, or, if assistance is needed due to disability or literacy, by a qualified person of their choice. Registration facilities and voting sites are accessible to all voters. Curbside voting is available for voters who are not physically able to enter voting sites.

Questions? Call the Martin Board of Elections Office at (252) 795-4317.

Martin County Board of Elections
William E. Newsome - Chair

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CRIME

MARTIN COUNTY CRIME BLOTTER

Three charged with assault on a female

The Martin County Sheriff's office recently charged three different individuals with assault on a female, along with other charges.

On Oct. 2 they received a report of assault on a female at 826 East Blvd. in Williamston. Freddie Freeman Vann was charged with assault on a female, injury to personal property and resist, delay or obstruct.

Raakell Jaiquan Hawkins was charged with assault on a female on Oct. 4. The third person charged was Lucas Graham Richardson on Oct. 8. He was charged with assault inflicting serious bodily injury and assault on a female.

Martin County Sheriff's Office

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

Oct. 02
Assault on a female, resist, delay or obstruct and injury to personal property was reported at 2295 Allen Williams Rd. in Williamston.

Oct. 03
Destruction/damage/vandalism of property was reported at 1541 Archie Mobley Rd. in Williamston.

Oct. 03
Unauthorized use of motor vehicle was reported at 1270 West Park Rd. in Williamston.

Oct. 04
Communicating threats of mass violence on education property was reported on Bus 176 in Williamston.

Oct. 04
Warrant service was reported at 120 Harrell Rd. in Oak City.

Oct. 04
Property damage was reported 3410 Holly Spring Church Rd. in Williamston.



Oct. 05
Destruction/damage/vandalism of property was reported at 1591 Mill Rd. in Williamston.

Oct. 05
Credit card/automatic teller machine fraud was reported at 205 West Main St. in Williamston.

Oct. 06
Motor vehicle theft was reported at 2407 Rogerson Rd. in Williamston.

Oct. 07
Assault inflicting serious bodily injury and assault on a female was reported at 1585 Kent Roberson Rd. in Williamston.

Oct. 07
Assault on a female was reported at 202 South Grimes St. in Robersonville.

Arrests
Arrests do not indicate

guilt or innocence, which is determined through judicial proceedings. The Martin County Sheriff's Office reports of arrests include:

Oct. 02
Freddie Freeman Vann was charged with assault on a female, injury to personal property and resist, delay and obstruct.

Oct. 04
Raakell Jaiquan Hawkins was charged with assault on a female.

Oct. 08
Lucas Graham Richardson was charged with assault inflicting serious bodily injury and assault on a female.

Williamston Police Department

Incidents

The Williamston Police Department reports of incidents include:

Oct. 02
Assault on a female was reported at 826 East Blvd. in Williamston.

Oct. 03
Larceny of a dog was reported at 203 South Watts St. in Williamston.

Oct. 03
Shoplifting was reported at 819 East Blvd. C3 in Williamston.

Oct. 03
Warrant service for offense(s) committed in another jurisdiction was reported at 305 East Main St. in Williamston.

Oct. 04
Hit and run was reported at 201 Marshall Ave. in Williamston.

Arrests
Larceny was reported

at 1529 Washington St. in Williamston.

Oct. 03
Warrant service for offense(s) committed in another jurisdiction was reported at 305 East Main St. in Williamston.

Oct. 03
Driving while impaired was reported at 1902 West Main St. in Williamston.

Oct. 05
Domestic violence protection order violation was reported at 523 West Blvd. in Williamston.

Oct. 05
Assault on a government official, injury to personal property, disorderly conductor and resist, delay and obstruct was reported at 1099 Hampton Ct. in Williamston.

Oct. 06
Warrant service for

offense(s) committed in another jurisdiction was reported at 705 West Main St. in Williamston.

Arrests
Resist, delay and obstruct was reported at 400 Washington St. in Williamston.

Arrests
Larceny of a person was reported at 205 Martin St. in Williamston.

Arrests
Fictitious information to an officer was reported at 400 West Main St. in Williamston.

Arrests
Trespass was reported at 1529 Washington St. in Williamston.

Arrests
Arrests do not indicate guilt or innocence, which is determined through judicial proceedings. The Williamston Police Department reports of arrests include:

Oct. 03
Alanna Michelle Nicholson was charged with warrant service for offense(s) committed in another jurisdiction.

Oct. 04
Reginald Desehwa Jenkins, Jr. was charged with failure to appear on misdemeanor.

Oct. 05
Stetson Javi Glover was charged with driving while impaired.

Oct. 05
Barry Eugene Whitehead was charged with domestic violence protection order violation.

Oct. 06
Sara Ann Gallager was charged with assault on a government official, injury to personal property, disorderly conduct and resist, delay and obstruct.

Oct. 06
Darrin Andrea Everett was charged with aid and abetting larceny of a motor vehicle.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 675

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual fuel charge adjustment cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 674, which is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55 for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudently incurred fuel and fuel related costs. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(p).

On August 15, 2023, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55. By its application, DENC requests that the Commission approve the proposed total fuel factor of 4.5609 cents per kilowatt hour (¢/kWh), to be allocated based on voltage differentiated adjustments, including the base fuel factor. Rider A, EEMP Rider B, and EEMP Rider C, 1110 N.C. proposes that the total fuel rate for each customer class be set as follows, effective February 1, 2024:

Customer Class	Total
Residential	4.6082 ¢/kWh
SGS & PA	4.6038 ¢/kWh
LDS	4.5715 ¢/kWh
Schedule NS	4.5299 ¢/kWh
CPP	4.4837 ¢/kWh
Outdoor Lighting	4.6082 ¢/kWh
Traffic	4.6082 ¢/kWh

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

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

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 674

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application)
by Virginia Electric and Power)
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina,)
for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy)
Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Recovery)
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 2022 REPS Compliance Report. By its application, DENC proposes to implement a REPS cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2024. It proposes to implement the following REPS rates, not including the regulatory fee: (1) a \$0.57 per month charge for residential customers, which is an increase of \$0.41 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge; (2) a \$3.16 per month charge for commercial customers, which is an increase of \$2.34 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge; and (3) a \$21.15 per month charge for industrial customers, which is an increase of \$15.42 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge.

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wide-reaching effects that impact families and entire communities.

Brewington said her team was designed to "assist and support counties in planning for and utilizing opioid settlement funds with technical assistance, outreach, education, training and collaboration," and that they were available to "help counties develop evaluator tools and to provide guidance on completing mandatory reports" on how the money is spent.

"The detailed power point, which can be viewed on the Nash County YouTube channel under the title '9.26.23 Commissioners Meeting (Opioid Settlement Funds Public Input),' advised that county officials 'get input from representative groups, including people with lived experience.'"

Former County Manager Zee Lamb and Board Chairwoman Robbie Davis were two fighting that category and shared painful personal memories, as did several members of the public who said they had had addiction problems themselves, worked with addicts, or both.

Lamb, who was not present but sent a letter read by Assistant County Manager Scott Rogers, said he had initiated the Opioid Working Group in February of 2016, the first of its kind in the state, before his son Zee died from ingesting fentanyl in January of 2017.

"I will never be the same, emotionally, mentally or professionally," Lamb's letter read, commenting that deaths from addiction continued to rise and that officials must use "every resource available to address this epidemic."

Davis shared that he had a son who had had an addiction problem, "while his real issue was a mental health issue," Davis said, adding that problems multiplied to the point where his son eventually landed in prison.

"I want to help those coming out of prison (who have struggled with addiction)," Davis said.

Brewington's presentation said that opioid overdose deaths for recovering addicts leaving prison were fifty times higher than that of the general population within the first two weeks of release, and that they were eighteen times more likely to die of overdoses within the first year after release.

Nash County routinely has Narcan, also called Naloxone, on hand in its jail, according to Sgt. Macie Hasty of the Nash County Sheriff's Office. It is one of only five counties in the state that does that, Hasty said.

Hasty told The Graphic that the NCSO responded to 44 opioid overdose calls in 2022, of which 14 resulted in deaths. Nashville police officers and Nash County Sheriff's deputies also carry Narcan in their patrol cars, and the drug is also carried in county EMS vehicles.

"I'd like to build capacity," Parker-Bellamy said, "and go into these hotels where addicted people may be living" and get the people help."

Kimberly Hickerson, Program Director for the Down East Partnership for Children of Nash and Edgecombe Counties, urged commissioners to "get out and hear the voices of the people doing the work," in order to understand the factors that push people into addiction.

Darryl Mitchell, who leads Celebrate Recovery at Midpoint Church in Middlesex, spoke about the differences in drug culture between the 1960's and now.

"In the '60's, drugs were linked to rebellion, but families were intact," Mitchell said, saying that now he was more likely to hear stories from addicts whose mothers or fathers had left home, leaving them feeling unwanted.

Mitchell said there was "nothing local" that addicts could "go into and get help."

"Even churches don't want these people," he said. "But without the Grace of God, I could be one myself."

Access to treatment was stressed as an over-arching need. Brewington's presentation said "only an estimated ten to twenty percent of people have access to MOUDs (medication for opioid use disorders), and that services such as syringe service programs was one high impact abatement strategy."

Syringe Service Programs were "legalized in North Carolina in 2016, and are evidence-based to reduce opioid addiction. Brewington's presentation said that people who used the program were five to seven times more likely to be treated."

Nash County currently has no such program, but The Graphic learned that Edgecombe County does, administered through both its health department locations in Rocky Mount and Tarboro.

"Housing First," Brewington said, provides "unconditional, permanent housing ASAP for the unhoused," who she said are at increased risk of opioid abuse.

A color-coded map of North Carolina counties within Brewington's presentation shows that there are no Housing First programs existing or in discussion in Nash, Edgecombe, Halifax or Wilson counties. Johnston County is the only nearby county that has one, while Wake County is in the process of developing policy.

In response to an inquiry from The Graphic, Tonya Parker, Community Shelter Manager at United Community Ministries in Rocky Mount, said that 42 homeless from Nash County stayed at the shelter in July. At the Bassett Center, another Rocky Mount shelter specifically for homeless parents and children, there were 21 people from Nash County staying there as of press time. Of those, 16 are children.

Parker said that residents suffering from opioid addiction are referred to outside agencies.

Brewington said Recovery Housing, for those who are receiving MOUDs, is a high impact abatement strategy, proving emergency rent money, deposits or assistance with utilities.

Among multiple other suggestions for opioid settlement funding are employment support services for people in recovery, early intervention for individuals subjected to adverse childhood experiences or adverse community environments.

Nash County Manager Stacie Shatzler said more public hearings on the use of Opioid Settlement funding would be planned.

"I've got a picture of my son, age 29, who died on the living room floor. He was murdered by a drug dealer selling this poison on the streets," said Lewis Johnson, which meets at the Bailey Church of God Family Life Center.

Johnson's addiction recovery group, which has a Facebook page with 863 followers, says its "mission is to provide compassionate, supportive, Christ-centered 12 step groups." A former addict himself, Johnson told commissioners that there are not enough local resources.

"What if we'd had the

PLAN

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sign-off by school boards and commissioners in both Nash and Edgecombe Counties, is Nov. 15.

Multiple transition teams involving personnel from both counties have been working to cover everything from technology to transportation, human resources, student assignment and support.

Among the data being finalized are charts detailing overall impact, facility use, fiscal impact, staffing and an analysis of funding for federal assets.

The report said that the demerger will not only affect the four elementary schools located in Edgecombe County (Baskerville, D.S. Johnson, Fairview and J.W. Parker), but multiple other schools who all have enrolled students who live in Edgecombe County.

Those schools include Benvenue, Coopers, Englewood and Williford Elementary Schools; Edwards, Nash Central, Red Oak and Rocky Mount Middle Schools; Nash Central, Northern Nash, Rocky Mount, Nash-Rocky Mount Early College, CITI High School and The River Academy.

"In some cases, these students are there on assignment for special programming and in other cases, the current attendance zones for these schools span into Edgecombe County and as a result, redistricting will need to occur," the Plan of Transfer states.

Overall impact enrollment numbers are not current, but reflect data as of March 2021. Up-to-date numbers will be pulled and reflect current enrollment as of November 15 2023, when the plan will be submitted to the state.

Using 2021 enrollment data, the plan anticipates a total loss of 1,662 students from elementary, middle and high schools, with largest amount coming from Elementary Schools, which show 816 students living in Edgecombe County.

Regarding staffing, the plan said 50 NCPSS employees currently work in Baskerville, 54 in D.S. Johnson, 49 in Fairview, 38 at J.W. Parker and 28 at the Teacher Resource Center. Baskerville has 21 certified full-time teachers, while D.S. Johnson has 23, Fairview has 22 and J.W. Parker has 17.

A plan chart labeled "State Funding"

shows an anticipated reduction of 118 classroom teachers and 16 teacher assistants, while 21 exceptional children positions will be transferred to Edgecombe County.

Board member Evelyn Bullock asked during a Sept. 25 meeting if "we had come to a conclusion as to what happens to these counties was working with the employees involved, some of whom may have the option of leaving the Edgecombe County School system to stay employed with NCPSS at different locations, subject to staffing vacancies."

No transportation staff are to be transferred from NCPSS. But between five and eight 66-passenger buses are estimated to be changing hands.

The demerger's projected fiscal impact appears harder to pin down, as some funds are tied to average daily membership (enrollments), but the plan's estimated funds that will revert to Edgecombe County upon Demerger total \$2,738,419 from local funding and \$3,415,098 from Federal.

"Federal funding impact is significant due to Federal Grant Funds awarded to individual schools," the plan states.

Under a Funding Summary of Federal Assets, the largest percentage for the four elementary schools is listed as \$365,854.83 for Parker Elementary, while the smallest chunk of \$88,757.05 is listed for Baskerville Elementary.

According to a student transfer timeline for September and October 2023, officials are working to track students on a month-to-month basis who have withdrawn from NCPSS and others who have enrolled in NCPSS while residing on the Edgecombe County side of Rocky Mount.

November and December 2023 plan goals focus on the "commencement of a communications campaign to inform families about the transfer process for current 9th-12th grade students who wish to be legacy students." Community information meetings are also planned for students and their families who meet the requirements for the transfer legacy process.

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Nashville Chamber hosts candidate forum

Candidates field questions on crime, infrastructure, debt

BY NANCY WEST-BRAKE
GRAPHIC STAFF WRITER

Two mayoral candidates for the Town of Nashville and four town council candidates were put in the "hot seat" Tuesday during the Nashville Town Council Candidate Forum presented by the Nashville Chamber of Commerce and held at 7 p.m. at the Town Council Chambers adjacent to the Harold D. Cooley Library.

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

Council member Louise Hinton, who has served since 2015, is running for re-election, and faces competition from three newcomers: Xavier Harrison, Bill Lumppp and Mary Grace Daughtridge.

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

Brown, while describing her mayoral experience as "hoos camp training," emphasized her "honor and pleasure" in doing the job, describing the town of Nashville as a "large family that she loved dearly."

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

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

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

"I understand local government and the strength of (small-town) democracy," Street said, saying that local people were more concerned with what's going on in the nation than officials in D.C. were.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Harrison identified his weakness as "talking on a lot because I love everything."

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

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

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

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

Hinton stressed the importance of careful budgeting and the necessity of considering the impact of increased taxes on the people who live in Nashville.

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

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

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

Lumppp said he supported more training and money for officers.

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

Street said that "crime" was a "big undertaking" and that one part of the solution was generational respect for law officers, like the kind that comes from "the back of a mother's hand."

Street said it was up to leadership to find criminals who cause problems.

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

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

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

Hinton also said there was a problem with septic tanks that could not be retrofitted because houses had been built too close together.

Street proposed Judiciary for ways to augment the town's water supply, particularly with augmentation issues.

Daughtridge said additional monies needed to spent on infrastructure, particularly septic issues, and said the town should have a reserve fund for the purpose.

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

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

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

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

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

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

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application)
by Virginia Electric and Power)
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina,)
for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy) PUBLIC NOTICE
Efficiency Portfolio Standard, Cost Recovery)
Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and)
Commission Rule R8-67)

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

That the 7th day of September, 2023

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Danton, Chief Clerk

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

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

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On August 15, 2023, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55. By its application, DENC requests that the Commission approve the proposed total fuel factor of 4.5697 cents per kilowatt hour (¢/kWh), to be allocated based on voltage differentiated adjustments, including the base fuel factor, Rider A, ENF Rider B, and ENF Rider B-1. DENC proposes that the total fuel rate for each customer class be set as follows, effective February 1, 2024:

Customer Class	Total Fuel Rate
Residential	4.6882 ¢/kWh
SCS & PA	4.6018 ¢/kWh
ISC	4.5713 ¢/kWh
Subclass NS	4.4299 ¢/kWh
6VP	4.0937 ¢/kWh
Outdoor Lighting	4.6882 ¢/kWh
Traffic	1.6682 ¢/kWh

Compared to the current fuel rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.1106 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity from \$41.76. Small general service and public authority customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.1067 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.1067 cents per kWh.

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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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AROUND THE COUNTY

Whortonsville Reba Tiller, Correspondent

The corn is no longer as high as an elephant's eye. Most of it has been cut which clears the curves here and we can see who is coming from the other direction. Today is Sunday, there were nine at church, and ten came for lunch at my home. Since Bill and Sylvia are leaving on an anniversary trip we had a big lunch and chocolate cake in celebration. Russ came over but Jenna is still on a liquid diet until the doctors can figure out what her problem is. I am getting quite frustrated as many doctors as she has seen that they can't seem to find where her pain is coming from, but she is still going to school and teaching her 2nd grade class that she adores. Amanda Godwin is going through some difficult health problems and started chemo. The community is rallying around her in a big way. She and Eddie built our wonderful dock along with many other things that they did for us. She was always right by his side when they were working. Rita, Greg and Stephanie are here

helping Suzi and Kevin get ready for the big party for Eric and Kelly. We are seeing strange animals in our area. Russ saw a huge something yesterday on Trent Road, it wasn't a bear or a deer so what kind of creature are roaming our woods? There is a little house for sale in Whortonsville next to Mrs. Florence's house. We love our community and hope this big new project that someone wants to put in will not happen and destroy the tranquility which was the reason we all moved here. It such a quiet and lovely neighborhood and we do not wish it to be destroyed. Also Brown Creek is a nursery area and we want to keep it that way. Alex Adams is farming oysters here and that cleans the water so don't forget when you want delicious oysters call him at 252-617-9080

Thought for the week—Optimism is a cheerful frame of mind that enables a teakettle to sing though it is in hot water up to its nose. (Quoted by Harold Heffer in The Optimist)

Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, Correspondent

On Saturday, Roy, Joannis, Walt, and I attended the "Hello 50" event at Merchants Millpond State Park in Gatesville, NC. Roy was a Ranger 1 there from 1986-1989. The park is celebrating being 50 years old, so all former rangers were interviewed.

On our way home on highway 33, a large wild turkey flew over my car. I thought it was going to hit us, it was so close. Yes, turkeys can fly, but usually just to roost in a tree.

Homecoming for Pamlico Methodist Church was October 1, 2023. A member of the Paul Brady family shared some church history, and from the pictures Debbie posted, it looked like everyone had a good time of fellowship.

October 1, 2023, was also World Communion Sunday and Stonewall celebrated it following the scriptures that were given by Paul to the church at Corinth. They were blessed to have many visitors, including one from Canada.

Stonewall Methodist Church became a member of the Global Methodist Church in January 2023. Stonewall has been realigned into the Washington District of the North Carolina Conference and I will be ordained this week at the NC GMC Provisional Annual Conference in Fayetteville.

Stonewall Methodist Church has Bible Study on Wednesday at 6:30 pm. We will complete 2 Chronicles and will begin the study of the Book of Ezra. You do not have to be a member to attend Bible Study. Everyone is welcome. Choir practice follows at 7:30 pm, and we are always looking for new voices to join us in worshiping in song. All are welcome.

On October 15, Stonewall Methodist Church will celebrate "Miracle Sunday," and will dedicate the baby grand piano given to the church by the Ron & Marilyn Slate Family.

The temporary bridge across Trent Creek at Meiritt is being dismantled. The pavement has been removed and the metal supports have been pulled up by a crane. The new construction at the corner of Trent Road and Highway 55 has a new sign, "Chubby's BBQ and Blues."

October is Pastor Appreciation month. Pastors have an awesome responsibility and dedicate their lives to serving others by preaching and teaching the word of God and leading souls to Jesus Christ. The job is tough, but those who are dedicated rest in the assurance that they are doing what God has called them to do. Pray for your pastor, prayer is needed most of all.

Have a blessed week. Overwhelmed? Take Spiritual Vitamin O. "Be not overcome by evil but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:21)

Aurora Joy McCracken, Correspondent

Ophelia dumped close to three inches, came close to submerging the dock and caused the power to go out most of the day. The Aurora VFD weather station recorded a high gust of 44 mph while the NWS posted 69. Lots of pine cones and small branches came down. Yet another passing blow and good fortune. I did have a friend's sailboat get damaged being tied up to a faulty dock when the wind changed to the south. Watched a jet ski run up and down at the end enjoying the rough water. There was a brown patch in the creek, probably from runoff. Low's braved the weather incredibly bringing me a new appliance.

Returnees to the yard include Blue Jays, Pine Warblers, Blue Birds, Flickers and Red-headed Woodpeckers. We still have two female Hummingbirds and I see our area should

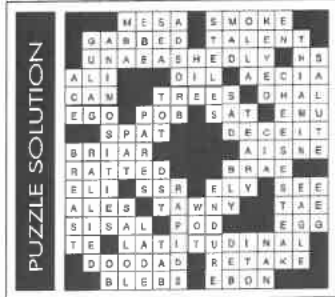
keep feeders out until the end of the month. I counted six Nuthatches chirping in the trees. The Mockingbird has started singing again. I've been seeing Cormorants, Kingfishers and Terns out on the water. The Gulls are still around, but thankfully not populating the dock as much. A pair of juvenile Herons have been chasing each other about. The other day at dusk I finally saw a bat working the back yard!

Had a group of mushrooms (I think a type of Parasol) come up on the lawn. The Pyracantha berries are numerous. Looks like the temperatures are finally in line with Fall.

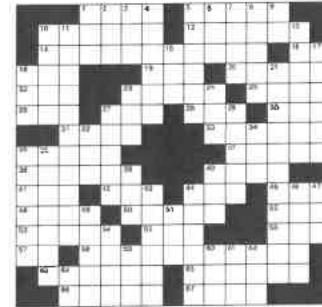


The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

"Woke up today. It was terrible."
—Grumpy Cat



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CLUES ACROSS

- Flax tablecloth with steep edges
- Byproduct of fire
- Talked
- Unique skill
- Unadorned
- Where teenagers go
- Boxing's GOAT
- Used to anoint
- Reproductive structure found in nut fungi
- Auburn great Newton
- Some are for Christmas
- Divied, split pulvis
- Self
- Where to get your mail
- High schoolers' test
- Flightless bird
- Expatriated
- Practice of intermarrying the man
- Type of patch
- French river
- Told on
- Hillside
- Pepton's little brother
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Progressive country musician
- Wives
- Brews
- Yellowish-brown
- Acetic explorer (abbr.)
- Mexican agave
- Type of "cast"
- Popular breakfast food
- Atomic #52
- Position north or south of the equator
- Gadget
- Another recording
- Irregular bridges in cell membranes
- Dark brown

CLUES DOWN

- Licensed for Wall Street
- Partner to flow
- A very large body of water
- Accumulate on the surface of
- Central cores of stems
- Angry
- Spanish stew: ___ podrida
- Fastened with a pin
- On your way: ___ route
- Soviet labor camp system
- Emphatic
- B complex vitamin
- Go quickly
- Traut
- A teen's best pickie
- Philly culinary specialty
- Small eboid
- Unhappy
- Trans away
- Fall of teeth
- Touch softly
- Former OSS
- A person's cabinet
- Cause from behind
- Fall back
- Nellie ___ journalist
- A part of a river where the current is very fast
- Weather
- Sports broadcaster Ian
- Electroencephalograph
- Phenyl salicylate
- Web of things
- Ship goods as cargo
- The bill in a restaurant
- Young female
- Old trial judge
- One's grandmother
- West Siberian river

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-12, SUB 674

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION:

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

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This the 7th day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

AROUND THE COUNTY

Whortonsville Reba Tiller, *Correspondent*



This has been a whirlwind week and the most beautiful day today with many boats sailing and motoring out of the creek to enjoy the day! I felt like I needed to switch to heat this morning. There wasn't enough folks to have church at Bethel this lovely Sunday morning so I decided to stay home and do catch up before company comes in on Tuesday. Eric and Kelly came home to hear all the music in the Old Front Porch Music Festival. I missed everything but heard a lot of good reviews from others. My neighbors attended the Gospel Ensemble at the Methodist Church and told me I should have the men that sang in it in my Chorale. I would love that because I need more men. Marsha had a very good singer at Marsha's Cottage named Minda Lacy. My grandson Harry celebrated his 21st birthday at Camp Seagull for the festivities there.

He has been a counselor there for two years and loves it. It is so nice to have our new bridge at Trent Creek. I heard Dawson Creek is the next one. Amanda Godwin is having treatments this week and we hope they go well, but she needs all our prayers. The Pamlico Chorale is rehearsing on Mondays at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall at the Methodist Church in Oriental. We welcome new singers. I am a Methodist but I don't know if my church in Durham is United or Global. Maybe I should just keep playing for Bethel Free Will since I have been playing for them for close to forty years and they don't care that I am Methodist. God gave me the talent to play and He wants me to use it for His glory and He doesn't care what denomination. Thought for the week—OCTOBER is crisp days and cool nights, a time to curl up around the dancing flames and sink into a good book. (John Singer)

Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, *Correspondent*



The soybeans have been harvested on the farm and there is not much news from Pamlico since I have been out of town. Oriental celebrated the "Old Front Porch Festival" with wonderful music resounding from porches all over town. The Old Front Porch Festival is always a wonderful event, and this year it honored Dottie Ozman.

October 5-7, 2023, the Global Methodist Church held its North Carolina Provisional Annual Conference in Fayetteville, NC. The GMC NC PAC celebrated the addition of almost 400 churches to the conference with that number expected to rise to approximately 500 before the end of the year.

Stonewall Methodist Church became a member of the Global Methodist Church in January 2023. Their pastor was ordained this week at the GMC NC PAC along with 137 other ordinands. There was a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit in this new denomination whose mission is to "love extravagantly, worship passionately, and witness boldly."

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Please pray for Israel. They are in a war with Hamas, and many have died or been taken hostage.

Celebrating birthdays in October Amanda Carey and Joannis Rodgers (10/10), John Paul Wood (10/11), Dixie Gatlin (10/12), Elena Hamilton (10/13), John Deaton (10/15), Barbara Carey (10/19), Billinda Gwaltney and Connor Russo, (10/22), Linda Lane (10/24), George Bennett (10/25), Polly Taylor (10/27), Jeremy Freeman (10/29), and Linda Gail Lupton (10/31). Charles and Ann Stackhouse celebrate their Anniversary on October 16.

Have a blessed week. Perplexed or puzzled? Take Spiritual Vitamin P. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27)



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ELECTRONIC AUCTION ADVERTISEMENT

The Pamlico County Board of Commissioners, at its meeting on October 2, 2023, authorized the sale of the following county owned personal property items by public electronic (online) auction:

- 7 cars
- 5 trucks
- 4 SUVs
- 1 ticket booth
- 1 mower

The auction will go live on October 16, 2023 and can be accessed from the following web site address: <https://www.GovDeals.com/> PCSC. The full list of personal property can be viewed on the Pamlico County web site: <https://www.pamlicocounty.org/>. The auction will close on October 26, 2023.

The personal property is being sold "as is" and subject to any and all exceptions of record. After the auction is concluded, the County Manager or Finance Officer, are authorized to finalize the sale or reject each bid. Bids may not contain any conditions or reservations. Pamlico County reserves the right to withdraw any listed property from the auction at any time before the bidding opens. Pamlico County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Epiphany Named to Advanced Placement School Honor Roll



The Epiphany School of Global Studies recognized for student success in Advanced Placement program while broadening access.

New Bern, North Carolina - College Board announced that The Epiphany School of Global Studies has been named to the Advanced Placement (AP) School Honor Roll, earning Platinum distinction.

The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering results for students while broadening access. Schools can earn this recognition annually based on criteria that reflect a commitment to increasing college-going culture, providing opportunities for students to earn college credit, and maximizing college readiness.

Epiphany had 84% of seniors who took at least one AP exam during high school, 76% of seniors scoring a three or higher on at least one AP exam, and 32% of seniors who took five or more AP exams.

Epiphany currently offers the following AP courses: Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, English Language, English Literature, European History, Human Geography, Latin, Spanish Culture and Language, and US Government & Politics.

"We are very excited about the recognition from the College Board," says David Wang, Head of School at Epiphany. "The acknowledgement is a testament to the dedication of the school's AP teachers and the hard work of the school's students."

"AP represents an opportunity for students to stand out to colleges, earn college credit and placement, and potentially boost their grade point averages," said Trevor Packer, head of the AP program. "The schools have shown that they can expand access to these college-level courses and still drive high performance - they represent the best of our AP program."

College Board's AP program enables students to pursue college-level studies—with the opportunity to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both—while still in high school. Through AP courses in 38 subjects, each culminating in a challenging exam, students learn to think critically, construct solid arguments, and see many sides of an issue—skills that prepare them for college and beyond.

About Epiphany

Founded in 2006 by Nicholas and Catherine Sparks, The Epiphany School of Global Studies is an independent school, serving nearly 500 students in kindergarten through twelfth grade on its two campuses in the historic town of New Bern, North Carolina. The school is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS).

To learn more about The Epiphany School of Global Studies, visit www.epiphanyglobalschool.org.

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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
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Boards approve 'change orders,' get update on building

By Dale Herring
Staff Writer

Washington County's commissioners and school board members met in a joint session last week to hear updates on school construction and unanimously approve change orders totaling \$1.3 million in additional cost.

Metcon project executive Michael Konieczka outlined four areas of cost increase to the two boards Tuesday, September 26, while explaining that progress on the K-12 school is back on schedule and that ongoing future financial risk for the county is shrinking.

"I'm very pleased with our progress," Konieczka said in reference to construction. "We're pretty close to on schedule, working weekends despite time

lost to weather." He called expectations to have a considerable portion of the facility "under roof" by the end of the year a major milestone.

Regarding future cost impacts, Konieczka noted, "I think you are coming out of your risk. The risk is turning to our (Metcon) risk now."

The change orders approved

last week address several elements:

- New construction drawings required to reflect changes resulting from value engineering that generated cost \$4 million in reductions in the final Guaranteed Maximum Price (\$761,054);
- Increased cost for upgraded glass and the buildings' rooftop slab (\$111,772);

- An increase of the size of the new school's science lab as dictated by DFI (\$192,066);
- Replacement of significant unsuitable soils (\$249,308).

Monies held in two "reserve" funds will be used to defray the cost. Konieczka explained that money was allocated as "allowances" within the GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price) because

additional costs were anticipated, while the county's construction budget included 2.5 percent of the total project as a contingency.

After applying dollars from those funds, the unmet change order cost approved in last week's vote amounts to \$890,299.

Konieczka led the meeting the K-12 project is essentially seven separate buildings, including wings for each level of classrooms, along with a gymnasium wing, a common area and a mechanical room. He provided photos illustrating areas of progress at the site at the intersection of US Hwy 64 and Route 45. There is considerable progress on the walls of the gymnasium, while much foundational work is complete, along with plumbing and electrical progress.

County pursues avenues to fund new school

Expectations, or hopes, that a new North Carolina state budget would include a specific additional appropriation for construction of a new K-12 school have not panned out, but Washington County Manager Curtis Potter told a joint meeting last week that there is still an avenue to pursue for more funding.

In a Tuesday, September 26 meeting, Potter told county commissioners and school board members that the NC budget does not include a "direct" appropriation for the county, but does include another round of grants for up to \$12 million.

Potter acknowledged the timing for the new grant round "is

not great," since it's unclear when applications can be submitted and awards made.

In previous discussions, Potter and commissioners indicated a property tax increase of some magnitude — to meet the debt load of a \$20 million loan — is likely in the absence of additional funding.

Parents, students invited to College Night at BCCC

Beaufort County Community College (BCCC) will host college representatives from more than 40 colleges on campus on Tuesday, October 17, from 6:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m., in the Boyette Conference Center in Building 10, to present information and answer questions.

This is a free event, and parents, high school students, and transfer students are encouraged to attend.

Public universities that will have representatives include Appalachian State

University, East Carolina University, Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, North Carolina State University, UNC-Asheville, UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Charlotte, UNC-Greensboro, UNC-Pembroke, UNC-Wilmington, Western Carolina University, and Winston-Salem State University.

Private colleges will also have representatives present. These include Barton College, Campbell University, Catawba College,

Chowan University, Clinton College, Full Sail University, High Point University, Liberty University, Meredith College, Methodist University, Mid-Atlantic Christian University, North Carolina Wesleyan College, Queens University of Charlotte, Randolph College, Regent University, Salem College, Shaw University, St. Andrews University, University of Mount Olive, and Wake Forest University.

The College Foundation of North Carolina will also be available to speak with participants about planning and paying for college.

Many aid programs, including childcare assistance, scholarships, work-study, and Pell grants, require families to fill out a FAFSA (Free Application

for Federal Student Aid). The submission period for the FAFSA opens on October 1, so this is an ideal time to learn about it.

BCCC cuts Barber Academy ribbon

Beaufort County Community College cut the ribbon on its new location for its barber academy at 238 W. Main Street. The program offered free back-to-school haircuts to area residents to introduce people to the space and give students needed experience.

The academy has 40 students enrolled, split between its day and evening courses.

For two weeks in August, the academy offered free back-to-school haircuts for kindergarten through 12th grade students and employees. Student barbers provided 175 free haircuts during the promotional period.

Services at the academy are available Monday through Thursday and ap-

pointments and walk-ins are welcome. The shop is closed Friday-Sunday. Call 252-940-6430 to make an appointment.

BCCC staff worked to retrofit the former furniture shop with Internet connections, refinished the floors, added a classroom in the back, plumbed and wired eight stations, installed new chairs, and installed security systems and cameras.

The location is adjacent to Ruff Kutz Barbershop, and owner Carrell Williams welcomed the students and the college with a motivational speech and doughnuts.

Students must complete 1588 practice hours. This is currently split between two semester-long courses.

es. New sections of Level 1 and Level 2 began for full-time students in August, and evening sections of Level 1 and 2 began for part-time students in September.

The academy is designed to train and prepare students for the profession of barbering. Students learn the information needed to pass the state licensure exams as well as the most contemporary techniques to ensure success in school and employment on the job. They learn skills, safety judgments, proper work habits, business skills, and desirable attitudes necessary to obtain licensure and to compete in job entry-level positions in barbering or a related career field.

Navy to commission Flight III destroyer, USS Jack H. Lucas

The USS Jack H. Lucas (DDG 125) joins the active US Navy fleet Saturday, October 7, with a commissioning ceremony in Tampa, Florida.

The first US Navy Flight III destroyer is named for Plymouth native Jack Lucas, a Marine Corps hero in World War II Battle of Iwo Jima.

The ceremony will be live streamed at Vanguard Educational Institute, 201 West Water Street, starting at 9:45 a.m.

The ship's name was selected on September 17, 2016, by then Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus to serve as a constant reminder to the immense impact actions taken by any one Sailor or Marine can truly have.

DDG 125 is named for Pfc. Jack Lucas, who served in the U.S. Marines during World War II, earning the Medal of Honor for his heroism at Iwo Jima, when he was just 17 years old. He is the youngest

Marine, and the youngest serviceman in World War II, to be awarded the United States' highest military decoration for valor. In 1961, he returned to military service as a captain in the U.S. Army and trained younger troops headed for Vietnam. Lucas passed away on June 5, 2008, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

The ship is centered around the AN/SPY-6(V)1 Air and Missile Defense Radar and incorporates upgrades to the electrical power and cooling capacity.

Guided-missile destroyers provide multi-mission offensive and defensive capabilities. Destroyers can operate independently or as part of carrier strike groups, surface action groups, and expeditionary strike groups. They are capable of conducting anti-air warfare (AAW), anti-submarine warfare (ASW), and anti-surface warfare (ASu).

Following commissioning, USS Jack H. Lucas will transit to its homeport of San Diego.

Flu vaccine clinics

By Dale Herring
Staff Writer

MTW Health District will offer drive-through flu vaccine clinics next week in Washington, Tyrrell and Martin counties.

The clinics run from 3-6 p.m. at the following locations:

Washington County — Tuesday, October 10, at the Plymouth Fire Department, 775 US Hwy 64 East, Plymouth; Tyrrell County — Thurs-

day, October 12, at the MTW Dental Clinic, 1208 US Hwy 64 East, Columbia;

Marin County — Wednesday, October 11, at the EJ Hayes Alumni Center, 201 Andrews Street, Williamston.

Regular and high-dose vaccines are available, as well as flu mist. Patients should bring identification and insurance cards. There is a fee for uninsured recipients.

NOTICE OF ELECTION
WASHINGTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

The municipal election for the Towns of Creswell, Plymouth and Roper will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

Voters will be asked to show photo ID when they vote. All voters will be allowed to vote with or without ID. Voters who lack ID can get one for free from their county board of elections. Find out more at ocbe.gov/election-id.

Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

One-stop early voting will be held at the following locations from Thursday, October 19, 2023, to Saturday, November 4, 2023:

- County Board of Elections office, 114 N Railroad Street, Roper, NC, 27970

Office Hours and dates as follows: Thursday, 10/19/2023 thru Friday, 11/03/23 will be open from 8:30 am until 5:00 pm. Saturday, 11/04/2023 (the only Saturday) the office hours will be 8:00 am until 3:00 pm.

Absentee ballots will be mailed to voters who have requested them beginning October 6, 2023. A voter can fill out an absentee ballot request at voteymail.ncbe.gov, or by filling out a request form provided by the board of elections. The request must be received through the website or by the Washington County Board of Elections by 5 p.m. October 31, 2023.

Registered voters who live within the boundaries of CRESWELL, PLYMOUTH and ROPER may vote in the municipal election. Municipal centers include the mayor and members of the municipality's governing board. THE TOWNS OF CRESWELL AND ROPER DOES NOT HAVE EARLY VOTING AND NO ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED.

The voter registration deadline for this election is 5 p.m. Friday, October 13, 2023. Eligible individuals who are not registered by that deadline may register and vote at any early voting site during the early voting period. New registrants will be required to provide documentation of their residence.

Questions? Call the WASHINGTON COUNTY Board of Elections Office at 252-793-6017 or send an email to elect@ocbe.washco.nc.gov.

General James, Chairman
WASHINGTON COUNTY, Board of Elections

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

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Rider under N.C.G.S. 662-132.8 and)
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FINE PRINT: News from Washington County's public records

Communications log

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

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

- 8:44 p.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
- 11:34 p.m. Assault in Plymouth.
- October 2
 - 1:17 a.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
 - 8:07 a.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
 - 8:11 a.m. Suspicious activity in Roper.
 - 8:59 a.m. Vehicle abandoned in Plymouth.
 - 11:17 p.m. Vehicle stolen in Pleasant Grove.
 - 12:11 p.m. Fraud, scam or counterfeit money in Roper.
 - 12:15 p.m. Vehicle accident in Roper.
 - 4:03 p.m. Assault in Plymouth.
 - 4:12 p.m. Property damage in Plymouth.
 - 5:21 p.m. Shots fired in Plymouth.
 - 8:52 p.m. Larceny in Roper.
 - 9:14 p.m. Breaking and entering in Plymouth.
 - 10:10 p.m. Assault in Plymouth.
- October 3
 - 12:42 a.m. Disturbance in Roper.
 - 12:53 a.m. Disturbance in Roper.
 - 3:01 a.m. Drug activity in Plymouth.
 - 4:55 a.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.
 - 1:42 p.m. Drug activity in Plymouth.
 - 5:30 p.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.
 - 6:53 p.m. Assault in Roper.
 - 7:07 p.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.
 - 7:10 p.m. Intoxicated driver in Plymouth.
 - 7:52 p.m. Loitering in Roper.
 - 9:38 p.m. Structure fire in Pastego.
 - 11 p.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
 - 11:25 p.m. Suspicious activity in Roper.
- October 4
 - 9:45 a.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
- 2:09 p.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
- 3:14 p.m. Shots fired in Plymouth.
- 6:36 p.m. Drug activity in Plymouth.
- 6:43 p.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
- 11:55 p.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
- October 5
 - 10:08 a.m. Assault in Plymouth.
 - 12:09 p.m. Trespassing in Plymouth.
 - 2:53 p.m. Officer requested to unlock vehicle in Roper.
 - 6:15 p.m. Traffic stop in Creswell.
 - 7:14 p.m. Fire or smoke alarm in Plymouth.
 - 7:55 p.m. Assault in Roper.
 - 10:29 p.m. Headache in Creswell.

- phernalia, and two counts misdemeanor larceny. Being held. (Pitt County)
- Treyman Jerrold Staton, 45, Jerusalem, Tarkenton, Plymouth, murder. Released October 4. (Washington County)
- Charles David Yow, 54, Grifton, assault on a female, violate domestic violence protection order. Released October 5. (Beaufort County)
- October 3
 - Joseph Jabree Carr, 21, Chestnut Street, Plymouth, assault on a female. Released October 5. (Washington County)
- October 4
 - Henry Lee Gordon, 35, Jefferson Street, Plymouth, restraining public officer. Released October 5. (Beaufort County)

- De'von Levar Cox, drive or allow a motor vehicle to be driven with no registration, no liability insurance, and expired or no inspection.
- Antonio Lester Hill, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation.
- Robert S. Hancock, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation.
- Douglas Isiah Ivey, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation, and expired registration card tag.
- Lowatha Reese Johnson, seatbelt violation.
- Martrell Cortez Jones, expired registration card tag, expired or no inspection.
- Robert Michael Kendall, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation.
- Michael Douglas Lee, drive or allow a motor vehicle to be driven with no registration, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation, and expired or no inspection.
- Richard Lee Norman, canceled, revoked or suspended certificate tag, and no liability insurance.
- Rashheed Aaron Rhines, open container after consuming alcohol first, reckless driving to endanger, and no liability insurance.
- Amber Lee Rodriguez, seatbelt violation.
- Jamal Donte Small, break or enter a motor vehicle, identity theft.
- Jermaine Carmel Spous, no liability insurance, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation, and canceled, revoked or suspended certificate tag.
- Lindsay A. Stallings, no liability insurance, expired registration card tag, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation, and possess or display an altered, fictitious or revoked driver's license.
- Joseph Nathan Sutton, driving while impaired, reckless driving to endanger.

- Jakey Hunter Swain, driving while impaired, civil revocation of driver's license, and speeding 79/55.
- Germond Tyrel Tuggeles, run from bondsmen - failure to appear, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation, and speeding 70/55.
- Michael Ray Walker, domestic criminal trespass.
- Jakey Lamal Wilkins, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation, expired registration card tag.

Pending Charges

(The charges have been filed in Superior Court and are pending further action. It is important to remember that all persons charged with a crime are innocent until proven guilty.)

Court date: November 6

Terrance Lannon Williams, possession of firearm by felon; first appearance. First-degree murder; no continuance.

Koondrea Marek Swain, driving while impaired, injury to real property, 11 continuances.

Aaron Rashawn Jackson, driving while impaired; five continuances.

Matthew Lee Bloodworth, larceny of firearm, possession of firearm by felon, and habitual felon; first appearance.

Plymouth police reports

The following incidents were reported to Plymouth Police Department:

September 30

Southfield Drive resident reports breaking or entering of a motor vehicle.

October 1

Misdemeanor larceny at motel.

Jail bookings

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

September 29

Mitchell R. Collins Sr., 54, Sawmill Church, Plymouth, second-degree trespass. Released September 29. (Washington County)

William Travis Rea Jr., 26, Wadsworth, driving commercial vehicle while impaired. Released October 1. (Washington County)

September 30

Antoinette Derramen Purvis, 38, Washington Street, Plymouth, no charge listed. Being held.

October 2

Derrius Greenwood, 31, Washington, misdemeanor child abuse. Being held. (Washington County)

Christopher Ryan Haady, 35, Greenville, possess drug para-

Civil Court

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

October 11

William Henry Anderson II versus Keis Jerrie Arnold, visitation.

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Court date: October 10

Benjamin Ray Blount, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation, expired registration card tag, expired or no inspection, and possess or display an altered, fictitious or revoked driver's license.

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

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On August 15, 2023, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55. By its application, DENC requests that the Commission approve the proposed fuel factor of 4.5609 cents per kilowatt hour (¢/kWh), to be allocated based on voltage differentiated adjustments, including the base fuel factor, Rider A, ERMF Rider B, and ERMF Rider B-1. DENC proposes that the total fuel rate for each customer class be set as follows, effective February 1, 2024:

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

Compared to the current fuel rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.1106 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$1.10. Small general service and public authority customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.1087 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.1047 cents per kWh.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

LGA TO MEET WEDNESDAY

LITTLETON — The Lake Gaston Association will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at Lake Gaston Baptist Church, 2378 Eaton Ferry Road, Kirk Randle and David Belkowsky, wildlife biologists with the North Carolina Wildlife Commission, will discuss the state of the Lake Gaston fishery. The meeting is open to the public. The LGA is a nonprofit 501(c)(4) organization whose purpose is to further the long-range good and general welfare of the property owners of the Lake Gaston area. For more information, visit LGAncva.com.

STRIPER CLUB TO MEET

HENRICO — The Lake Gaston Striper Club will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Lake Gaston Lions Club building, 139 Stanley Road. The guest speaker will be Kirk Randle, NC Wildlife fish biologist, who will talk about the Lake Gaston fishery and a new strain of largemouth bass which may be introduced into the lake. The public is invited. For more information about the club, visit lakegastonstriper.org.

lakegastonstriper.org.

UNION MISSION SALE

An Everything \$1 or Less Per Item sale is planned for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Union Mission's Clothing Store, 1311 Roanoke Ave. in Roanoke Rapids. For more information, call Charlie Batzel at 252-536-9904.

LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE

The Halifax County Library System will hold its last Open House from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday at the Lily Plise Sullivan Memorial Library in Enfield. Refreshments will be served and prizes will be raffled off.

FISH DINNERS, SANDWICHES SALE

LITTLETON — The Littleton Senior Citizens will hold their fish dinners and sandwiches sale Friday at the Littleton Community Center, 238 Oak St., eat in or take out. Plates should be ready by 11 a.m. and are \$8; sandwiches are \$3. Proceeds benefit the center. Crime Stoppers benefit. A hot dog sale will be held from

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at 800 Jackson St. in Roanoke Rapids. Enjoy grilled Nathan's Famous Hot Dogs, chips and a soda. Costs is \$7 for two hot dogs, chips and a drink or \$5 for one hot dog, chips and a drink. Proceeds will go to Crime Stoppers of Halifax County. To pre-order, call 252-219-2000.

FISH PLATE SALE

SEABOARD — The Seaboard Lions Club will hold a fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at 653 Peanut Market Road. Plates are \$10, with proceeds going to the club.

BOATING AMERICA SAFETY CLASS

LITTLETON — A Boating America Safety Class will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday at Longbridge Volunteer Fire Department, 1679 Eaton Ferry Road. Training is done by certified instructors, and will include, but not limited to, existing Federal, North Carolina and Virginia laws, and safe boating practices. At completion attendees will be given a Boating Safety Card, prior to leaving. The fee is \$40 per person, which covers all course materials,

payable at time of class, check or cash. All training is conducted under the current State and CDC guideline for COVID. For more information, call 757-508-9700.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

GASTON — A Community Yard Sale will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Lake Gaston Community Center, 564 NC 46 Highway. There will also be chopped barbecue sold by the pound and by the sandwich with slaw. Proceeds will go toward kitchen renovations at the center. For more information, call 252-535-5092.

OCTOBERFEST PLANNED IN GARYSBURG

GARYSBURG — An Octoberfest will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Garysburg Town Center, 504 NC Highway 46. Vendors are welcome for a \$25 fee. For more information, call town hall at 252-536-2167.

NORTHAMPTON ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING

JACKSON — The Northampton

County Board of Elections will meet at 10 a.m. Oct. 10 at 9495 NC Highway 305. For more information, call the office at 252-534-5681.

ROANOKE VALLEY VETERAN'S MUSEUM TALK

LITTLETON — The Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum will present a Veteran Talk at 7 p.m. Oct. 12 titled Berlin Airlift — The First Battle of the Cold War. General David Johnson will discuss the actions of the Soviet Union and our Allies following the Second World War. How did the brand new US Air Force, less than one year old, perform in feeding a city of more than 2 million people? Johnson was the commander of the 85 Operations Group and returned the three precision navigation radars to the newly united country of Germany in 1994, along with the associated airspace. The event is free and open to the public. The museum is located at 100 East North Main St. Museum tours will be available following the talk.

DEEDS

Note: The value of the property is based on the amount of the deed revenue tax stamp on file at the Halifax County Register of Deeds Office.

- SEPT. 25
 - Jaceep Delawari et. al. to 125AFC LLC, 125 Appleberry Court, Weldon, tax value n/a.
 - Navritkumar Patel to Minaxi LLC, Highway 903, Faucett, tax value n/a.
 - Jonathan Warthin et. al. to Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2021-RP5, 1104 Church St., Scotland Neck, \$146,000.
 - William Fleetwood to Patrick and Kathleen French, 44 Rabbit Bottom Circle,

- Littleton, \$335,000.
- David and Faye Pepper to Anthony and Roxie Fox, three parcels, Davie Woods Drive, Roanoke Rapids, \$225,000.
- U.S. Bank National Association/TR et. al. to Theodore Blevins, 593 Colonial Drive, Roanoke Rapids, \$137,000.
- Evelyn Atry to Rickie and Deborah Smith, 808 Jackson St., Roanoke Rapids, \$160,000.
- Angela Wilkins-Hyman et. al. to Darrien Pierce, Delmar Road, Enfield, \$72,000.
- Ronald Williams et. al. to Albert and Mary Daughtridge, 37795 Highway 903, Palmyra, \$10,000.

- Melo Jones to Riverstone Recap LLC, Highway 903, Halifax, \$4,000.
- SEPT. 26
 - John Mizell to Haoid Enterprises LLC, 24158 Highway 125, Scotland Neck, \$75,000.
 - Thomas Wiggins et. al. to Esther Hair, 325 Bluebell Drive, Faucett, tax value n/a.
 - Holgood Charter School Inc. to Walter House, 303 S Bay St., Palmyra, tax value n/a.
 - Holgood Charter School Inc. to David Pilley, 307 S Bay St., Palmyra, tax value n/a.
 - David Desmond to Anchored Acquisitions LLC, 314 Ferguson St., Littleton, \$59,000.

- SEPT. 27
 - John Ferro to Theresa and Frederick Dettinger Jr., two parcels, Craig Street and 252 Craig St., Roanoke Rapids, tax value n/a.
 - Russell and Rachel Carroll to Wesley's Housing Center LLC, East Drive, Roanoke Rapids, \$16,500.
 - Rudolph and Marie Harrison to Cassandra Cooper, 51 Grace St., Weldon, tax value n/a.
 - Becker Farms Properties LLC to Ronald Holt II, 804 4th St., Roanoke Rapids, \$47,500.
 - East Coast Homes Inc. to Justin Mitchell et. al., 84 Jim Martin Drive, Weldon, \$160,000.


- Whitley and Janet Stephenson to Tar River Land Conservancy, Bartholomew Road, Brinleyville, \$850,000.
- Macon and Elaine Robertson to CMH Homes Inc., two parcels, Highway 125, Halifax, \$13,000.
- SEPT. 28
 - Thelma Pomeroy et. al. to Baseline Properties LLC, 814 Vance St., Roanoke Rapids, \$13,500.
 - Dalton and Teresa Hus to Kevin and Angela Clark, 228 Shell Drive, Roanoke Rapids, \$246,000.
 - Sandra and Ervin Bennett Jr. to Brandon and Sara Pike, 4020 Piney Grove Church Road, Faucett, \$150,000.
 - Gloria Robinson to Tyrone Hargrove, 123 Prospect Ave., Weldon, tax value n/a.

- SEPT. 29
 - James Buck to Jean Ambrose, 104 Field Drive, Scotland Neck, tax value n/a.
 - Felicia and Joseph Sykes to Derrick Bennett, 1206 Cotton Road, Weldon, \$15,000.
 - Russell and Rachel Carroll to Kyndahl and Marvin Faulcon, East Drive, Roanoke Rapids, \$16,500.
 - Paul and Pearlle Cooper to PC Adecock LLC, 4160 Adecock Road, Brinleyville, tax value n/a.

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In the Matter of Application)
by Virginia Electric and Power)
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for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy) PUBLIC NOTICE
Efficiency Practices Standard Cost Recovery)
Rules under N.C.G.S. § 62-137.8 and)
Commission Rule R9-67)

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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Sheela Dunston, Chief Clerk

2023 SOLARFEST



Pictured is Mozine Lowe, executive director for the Center of Energy Education.



Photos by Richard Helm | The Herald
Pictured are Center for Energy Education Vice Chairman James Pierce, left, Rep. Michael Wray (D-27), Executive Director Mozine Lowe, Sen. Bobby Hanig (R-3), Jennifer Storipan, Patrena Benton Elliott, Ray Spain and Michael Williams, director for Turning Point Workforce Development Board.



Pictured is Chief of Staff Cornelius Jordan with the NC Department of Environmental Quality.



Pictured are students during the 2023 SolarFest.



Left: Pictured are booths at the 2023 SolarFest. Right: Pictured are attendees for the 2023 SolarFest.



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SCHOOL NEWS



CONTINUED PHOTOS
The Chowan Chapel was dedicated on Sept. 28 during a service featuring music and words from several individuals, including alumni of Chowan University.

Chowan University dedicates new Chapel

MURFREESBORO - In a poignant ceremony that echoed with faith, unity, and gratitude, Chowan University celebrated the inauguration of the Chowan Chapel on Thursday, Sept. 28. This momentous event, known as the "Chowan Chapel: Service of Thanksgiving," marked a significant milestone in the institution's history.

The Chowan Chapel, situated within the serene confines of Chowan University's campus, is far more than a brick-and-mortar structure; it symbolizes a sacred space where a community of believers, united by a shared purpose, can congregate. With its doors now open to all, the Chowan Chapel embarks on a noble mission to serve as a cornerstone in the realms of worship, edification, and evangelism. It serves as the centerpiece of the university's faith-based education, reinforcing the institution's unwavering commitment to being a Christ-centered institution of higher learning.

The opening ceremony featured a rich program, including Dejuan Lee's soul-stirring piano performance as part of the gathering music. Charles E. Taylor, Jr., President of Chowan University, extended a warm welcome and shared the purpose behind the gathering.

Kemper W. Baker, Chair of the Board of Trustees, acknowledged the generosity that made the construction of the Chowan Chapel possible. The program continued with heartfelt invocations and readings, including those by Bucky Glover, Duke Askew, Linda B. Weaver, Rev. Mari E. Wiles, Jane Newsome, Rev. Pam Taylor, Brayden Conboy, Anthony M. Rawlings, Sr., and Charles Pond.

Trustee and alumnus Bucky Glover (Class of 1974) delivered an extremely personal invocation that offered extended gratitude to donors, architects, and the extended Chowan family.

A special musical anthem, "I Am The Way," was prepared and performed especially for this service and was presented by The Chowan Choir. The sermon, an inspirational message focusing on "Faith in your Future," was delivered by alumnus and trustee, Pastor Anthony Rawlings, Sr. (Class of 2011).

The event concluded with benediction by Charles B. Pond, III, a trustee of Chowan University. Following the service, dinner was

served held, reminiscent of the homecoming Baptist dinners often cherished at regional congregations.

When it came to designing the Chowan Chapel, the university sought to create a structure that seamlessly blended with the existing architectural landscape while paying homage to the local and regional church buildings. Toni Finch, Principal of Little BIRD Architecture, PLLC, was entrusted with this task.

Finch's vision was clear: to design a chapel that would not only stand as a symbol of faith but also evoke a sense of nostalgia reminiscent of the region's historic church buildings. She carefully studied the local architectural vernacular, considering the shapes, materials, and aesthetics that define the area's beloved churches.

The result is a chapel

that exudes charm and timelessness. With its graceful lines, a soaring steeple, and a warm color palette, the Chowan Chapel harmoniously fits within the campus's architectural context while carrying the spirit of traditional North Carolinian churches.

Months of construction, headquartered in Wilmington, brought Finch's design to life.

The completion of the Chowan Chapel marks a significant milestone in the 175 years of the institution's history. As it stands proudly on the campus, the Chowan Chapel beckons all to come together, to worship, and to reflect. It is a living testament to the university's values, and it will undoubtedly play a pivotal role in shaping the spiritual and intellectual growth of students for generations to come.



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HEALTH NEWS

West Nile Virus cases on the rise

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

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

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

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

two or three WNV cases have been reported on average.

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

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, most people who become

infected with WNV do not develop any symptoms. About one in five people who are infected develop a fever with other symptoms such as headache, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, diarrhea or rash. About one in 150 people who are infected develop a severe illness affecting the central nervous system such as encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) or meningitis (inflammation of the membranes that surround the brain and spinal cord).

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

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

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

Use mosquito repellent that contains DEET (or equivalent) when outside in areas where mosquitoes might be present.

Use caution when applying repellent to

children. See www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/find-repellent-right-you for repellents that will work for you and your family.

Install or repair and use window and door screens.

Close doors without screens, including garage doors. Do not leave doors propped open.

Use air conditioning if needed due to a lack of window or door screens.

Reduce mosquito breeding by emptying standing water from flowerpots, gutters, buckets, pool covers, pet water dishes, discarded tires, birdbaths, etc. at least once a week.

If you think you or a family member might have WNV disease, talk with your health care provider.

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

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

NC fights back against youth overdose epidemic

By Shanteyna Hudson
NC News Service

In the wake of the devastating overdose epidemic in North Carolina, the state's Department of Health and Human Services is stepping up to aid families and provide resources for youths battling substance abuse disorders. State data show in 2021 alone, overdose deaths in North Carolina spiked by 28%, and nationwide, teen overdose deaths rose by 20%.

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

in preventing substance abuse and overdoses.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Efficiency Programs, Standard Cost Recovery)
Rates under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and)
Commission Rule 88-67)

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 7th day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Duzaton, Chief Clerk

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 675

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual fuel charge adjustment cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 88-55 for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudently incurred fuel and fuel-related costs. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule 81-21(g).

On August 15, 2023, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 88-55. By its application, DENC requests that the Commission approve the proposed total fuel factor of a \$609 cents per kilowatt-hour (¢/kWh), to be allocated based on voltage differentiated submarkets, including the base fuel factor, Rider A, EMP Rider B, and EMP Rider B-1. DENC proposes that the total fuel rate for each customer class be set as follows, effective February 1, 2024:

Customer Class	Total
Residential	4,608¢/kWh
SGS & PA	4,608¢/kWh
LGS	4,513¢/kWh
Schedule NS	4,409¢/kWh
6VP	4,493¢/kWh
Outdoor Lighting	4,608¢/kWh
Traffic	4,608¢/kWh

Compared to the current fuel rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.106¢/kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$1.10. Small general service and public authority customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.087¢/kWh, and large general service customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.106¢/kWh.

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NATIONAL SCOREBOARD

TV SPORTS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3
COLLEGE SOCCER (MENS)
7 p.m. ESPN — Rutgers at Maryland
MLB BASEBALL
7 p.m. ESPN — AL Wild Card Texas at Tampa Bay, Game 1

25. (25) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 188, 12.
26. (26) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, 188, 11.
27. (27) J.D. Coffey, Chevrolet, 188, 12.
28. (28) Chase Briscoe, Chevrolet, 188, 15.
29. (29) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 187, 0.
30. (30) Ryan Preece, Ford, 186, 0.
31. (31) Harrison Burton, Ford, suspension, 175, 6.
32. (32) Brad Keselowski, Ford, accident, 161, 5.
33. (33) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, accident, 161, 1.
34. (34) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, accident, 161, 1.
35. (35) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, accident, 161, 0.
36. (36) Tyler Reddick, Ford, 160pm, 83, 8.
37. (37) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 160pm, 83, 8.
38. (38) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, accident, 160, 1.
39. (39) Kevin Harvick, Ford, disqualified, 160, 1.

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AUTO RACING
NASCAR
Cup Series Talladega 500 Results
Sunday
At Talladega Superspeedway
Talladega, Ala.
Lap length: 2.66 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
1. (10) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 188 laps, 50 points.
2. (16) William Byron, Chevrolet, 188, 53.
3. (12) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 183, 34.
4. (4) Chase Briscoe, Chevrolet, 188, 34.
5. (17) Austin Cindric, Ford, 188, 37.
6. (30) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 188, 35.
7. (23) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 188, 43.
8. (19) Ryan Preece, Ford, 188, 31.
9. (6) Joey Logano, Ford, 188, 0.
10. (20) Daniel Suarez, Chevrolet, 188, 32.
11. (24) Chandler Smith, Chevrolet, 188, 6.
12. (17) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 188, 25.
13. (3) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 188, 27.
14. (15) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 188, 23.
15. (4) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 188, 34.
16. (13) Tyler Reddick, Ford, 188, 19.
17. (1) Eric Altmire, Ford, 188, 20.
18. (16) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 188, 22.
19. (24) Chris Buescher, Ford, 188, 19.
20. (21) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 188, 17.
21. (12) Michael McDowell, Ford, 188, 16.
22. (35) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, 188, 15.
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North Carolina Wesleyan libero Hailey Davenport passes the ball during the Bishops' upset over Southern Virginia on Saturday.



North Carolina Wesleyan women's soccer player Nicole Yagi controls a crossing pass during Saturday's loss to Southern Virginia at Sealf Field.

Roundup from B1

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

SPIKERS UPSET

The North Carolina Wesleyan University volleyball team has been playing better as of late, and evidence of that was the first match on Saturday against the defending USA South champions, Southern Virginia.
The Bishops trailed two sets to none against the Knights but rallied to post a 21-25, 20-25, 25-21, 25-19, 15-13 triumph in the first of two matches at Everett Gymnasium.
That win was Wesleyan's third straight on the season and first over Southern Virginia since the 2021 season.
The Bishops were defeated by Brevard in their second match later in the day, as the Tornadoes (3-4 USA South overall) took a four-set victory to give the Bishops (4-12 overall, 2-6 USA South) a split of the weekend's matches.
In one of the most competitive matches of the season, Wesleyan and Southern Virginia were essentially even on the stat sheet and scored exactly 59 points each. Sloan Martin would have a game for the record books with 18 kills, 13 digs, two blocks and 18 assists in the victory. Hailey Davenport would also have 30 digs as the libero and delivered three service aces.
Also contributing for the Bishops were Fiona Agan (nine kills), Ajah Vazquez (seven kills, four blocks, two assists), Emily Forsaker (two blocks), and McKenzie Norris (19 assists, 14 digs) as well as Josie Bravo (two aces along with Vazquez).
In the loss to Brevard (20-25, 25-18, 25-19, 25-21), Martin again led the Bishops with 13 kills and 13 assists followed by Grace Beutler with 11 and Vazquez with 10.
Vazquez had three blocks while Forsaker and Desiree Walker added two each.
McKenzie Norris had 14 kills and Davenport managed 23 digs. Lauren Morris chipped in 13 digs and Norris garnered 12.

MENS SOCCER

NCW 2, PFEIFFER 1

The N.C. Wesleyan men's soccer team won its USA South Conference opener on Saturday, edging Pfeiffer 2-1 at Sealf Field.
After a scoreless first half, the Bishops scored first in the second stanza at 67:41 when Osei Darko notched his first goal of the season on an assist from Bastien Dechamps to give the home

team a 1-0 lead. Pfeiffer (0-1, 3-4-1) tied it at 1-1 at 78:13 on a tally by Alex Michael.
It didn't take Wesleyan long to respond. Dann Post put in his first goal of the year at 79:51 to give the Bishops the lead for good.
Wesleyan outshot the Falcons 10-9, including 7-3 in the second half. Pfeiffer held a 4-6-3 advantage in corner kicks while Wesleyan committed 20 fouls (four yellow cards, one red) to 13 for Pfeiffer (two yellow, one red).
The Bishops have now beaten the Falcons seven

straight times dating back to the 2017 season. Saturday's win was the fourth decided by one goal in the series.

WOMENS SOCCER

SO. VIRGINIA 4, NCW 0

The North Carolina Wesleyan women's soccer team couldn't generate any offense and suffered a 4-0 loss to Southern Virginia on Saturday at Sealf Field.
The Bishops dropped to 0-2 in the USA South and 2-7 overall following their four consecutive losses, while the Knights improved to 3-0 in conference and 4-4-1 overall.
Southern Virginia scored goals at 3:12 (Maci Rackham), 6:46 (Rackham off an assist from Audrey McKeon) and 18:35 (Maybel Harris off a Tess Miller assist) in the first half to take a 3-0 lead.
The Knights then tacked on a second-half goal at 87:18, which was Harris' second of the match.
Southern Virginia held a 15-2 advantage in shots, including 9-2 in the second half. The Bishops didn't generate a shot in the first half.
The Knights had a 5-1 advantage in corner kicks and committed six fouls to three for Wesleyan.

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ROUNDUP/from B2

Clark defeated Olivia Kim and Maya Brandt 8-3; and at No. 3 doubles, where the pairing of Aubrey Pittman and Nora Morningstar eased past Zoe Lloyd and Helen Heymann 8-4.

FCS emerged 10-6 overall. "The girls did a good job bouncing back from yesterday's loss to play a very competitive match against the defending state champions," said FCS coach Barry Nethercutt.

In singles, No. 1 Molly Morningstar fell 8-2; No. 2 Clark lost 8-1; No. 3 Addison Rich lost 8-1; No. 4 Afon Joyner was defeated 8-0; No. 5 Page Strickland fell 8-3 and No. 6 Pittman was defeated 8-5.

FOOTBALL/from B2

made it 26-20. The Knights went 80 yards in five plays. A 25-yard pass from Pitt to Arrington set up Pitt's 37-yard aerial to King for the TD, and Bartle's run for two with 58 seconds left in the third quarter extended Northern's advantage to 34-20.

After a Nash Central punt, NN went 53 yards in five plays, all carries by Loring. His five-yard TD run and a conversion run by Conner Baker made it 42-20 with 8:54 left in the game.

Nash Central answered with an 81-yard drive in seven plays as it got some help from a pass interference call that led to a five-yard TD run from Elijah Harrison with 6:34 remaining, cutting the deficit to 42-26 after the conversion failed.

Central recovered a Knights fumble at the NN 24 but ended up losing possession on downs with 5:19 left.



Northern Nash defender Conner Baker (3) puts the clamps on Javaris Jones of Nash Central.

Northern then drove 83 yards in eight plays, the key being a 32-yard pass from Pitt to King which set up a 10-yard run by Barian Seickland with 1:24 left. Davis Wells kicked the extra point to complete the scoring. Pitt completed 15 of 26 passes for 300 yards with King (6-133),

Arrington (3-123) and Bartle (5-45) being his main targets. Loring added 87 yards rushing on 10 carries while Mitchell had 75 yards on 14 touches.

For Nash Central, Rodgers led the way on the ground with 150 yards on 21 carries while Jones added 100 yards on nine attempts as the Bulldogs went for 285 yards on 41 carries. Lee was 6 of 13 passing for 82 yards with the longest being 54 yards to D'angelo Johnson.

OTHER RESULTS

- Rocky Mount defeated Roanoke Rapids 46-0 on Homecoming
- Southern Nash defeated Bunn 68-7
- Wayne Christian 50, Faith Christian 14
- Tarboro 42, Perquimans 6
- Southeast Halifax 30, North Edgecombe 6
- Warren County 56, Rocky Mount Prep 0

WESLEYAN/from B2

remaining in the third quarter when Byrd scored from a yard and Green added the PAT.

Butler's three-yard run and a Baker PAT cut the deficit in half, but the Bishops tackled on their final points on a one-yard run by Martin with 9:09 left in the game, capping a 13-play, 72-yard drive in 8:48. Green booted the extra point.

Wesleyan piled up 516 yards of offense (364 rushing and 152 passing) to 340 for LaGrange (205 rushing and 135 passing).

Marques completed 15 of 24 passes for 152 yards, one TD and three interceptions. His top targets were Christian Drumgoole (six catches, 50 yards) and Byrd (three receptions, 50 yards).

Byrd rushed for 203 yards and two TD on 26 carries for the Bishops.

WOMEN'S SOCCER
Wesleyan 3, Pfeiffer 0
The North Carolina

Wesleyan University women's soccer team ended a five-match losing streak with a 3-0 win over Pfeiffer on Saturday in a USA South Conference match at Scalf Field.

The Bishops improved to 1-3 in the conference and 3-8 overall while the Falcons dropped to 0-4 in league play and 1-10-1 overall.

Wesleyan scored all three goals in the second half. Samantha Dell recorded the first goal at 56:56 to put the Bishops on top for good. Mia Scherber added her second tally of the season at 68:49 to give Wesleyan a 2-0 advantage.

Nicole Yagi connected on her first goal of the year at 85:42 off a pass from Eden Whiteside to complete the scoring.

The Bishops outshot the Falcons 30-12, including 21-4 in the first half and 10-4 in shots on goal. They also held an advantage in corner kicks (4-3).

Anna Yeskey played all 90 minutes in goal and made four saves to preserve the shutout for Wesleyan.

MENS SOCCER
Wesleyan 3, SoVa 1
N. C. Wesleyan's mens

soccer team also had a banner weekend as the Bishops extended their win streak to three straight and improved to 3-0 in the USA South Conference with a victory over Southern Virginia in Buena Vista, Va., on Saturday.

The Bishops (5-5-2 overall) struck first at 10:39 on a goal by Leho LeLounsrn off an assist by Bastien Dechamps to make it 1-0. The lead grew to 2-0 at 54:05 when Osei Darko scored a goal off an assist from Dechamps.

Darko added his second goal of the match at 55:32 to extend the Wesleyan lead to 3-0.

Southern Virginia cracked the scoreboard at 69:09 on a goal by Benjamin Simister.

SVU outshot Wesleyan 14-10 (4-3 in the first half and 10-7 in the second) but came up with just one goal. Rafael Farina played all 90 minutes in goal and made

seven saves to pick up the win for the Bishops.

VOLLEYBALL

Bishops sweep
A big rally in the second match against Johnson & Wales helped the North Carolina Wesleyan University volleyball team to a weekend sweep on Saturday at Everett Gymnasium.

The Bishops came from down 0-2 to defeat J&W in their second match in five sets and complete a 2-0 day. Earlier Wesleyan won a USA South Conference battle over Pfeiffer with a sweep in three sets.

Those wins improved Wesleyan to 6-13 overall and 3-5 in the USA South Conference. The Bishops have won five of their last seven matches after starting the season 1-11.

In the win against Pfeiffer, Sloan Martin had an outstanding match with 10 kills, four aces, 15 assists and five digs. Fiona Egan and Grace Bestler each added six kills, while Ludmila Borges



Wesleyan's Eden Whiteside (white jersey) tries to ward off Pfeiffer's Yaeline Riera during Saturday's USA South Conference match at Scalf Field.

provided three blocks, Egan had two and Mary Alice Butler chipped in one.

Mckezia Norris tallied 10 assists while Hailey Dav-enport and Norris added 13 and seven digs, respectively. In the second match of the afternoon, Wesleyan would have to battle back from a sluggish start which

saw the ladies down two sets out of the gate. Lady Borges and Fiona Egan would show out, combining for twenty kills in the final three sets. Fans were also entertained to six different lead changes during the closing three sets, which saw Wesleyan show tremendous heart to claw back in the contest.

Husband's family absent from kids' lives

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have two children and live close to my family. We spend lots of quality time with them, and they are invested in our children's lives, as we are in theirs.

The same is not true of my in-laws. The first few years I would FaceTime and call, trying to build a relationship. Eventually I realized I was the only one making an effort, so I stopped calling.

The first cousin on my husband's side is due to give birth, and my husband wants to skip my nephew's first birthday party for his gender reveal party. My arguments is, they have put no effort into our lives or our kids, so why would we miss an event for people who do? His argument is that they don't ask for much



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR EASY DECISION: Not only do his relatives not ask for much, but they give absolutely nothing. Rather than argue about this, attend your nephew's first birthday party and tell your husband to go to the gender reveal. Problem solved.

DEAR ABBY: I am a young woman who was born with cerebral palsy. As such, I struggle to run or walk at the

same pace as others do and I have an uneven sense of balance when carrying things.

I hope to become more independent (driving, college and the like), and sometimes I worry the physical exertion will be too much for me. How do I swallow my pride and ask for some guidance? Who should I talk to? **—NOT READY TO REACH OUT DEAR NOT READY:**

Asking for guidance should not involve swallowing your pride. One excellent place to look for guidance would be the student health center at the college you would be attending another would be the Cerebral Palsy Foundation (your.org). Having the good sense to ask for help isn't a sign of weakness; it's a sign of strength and intelligence.

HOROSCOPE

Devote time and energy to helping a cause or solving a problem. Refuse to let domestic situations interfere with your purpose. A couple of financial adjustments will put your mind at ease and encourage you to restructure your plans. Don't waste energy on people or situations that don't fit your plans. **PRIORITIZE.**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Put on your adult pants and take a stand. How you use your skills and connections to make your community better will have a stabilizing effect. You can attract attention and inspire people. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)—Take the path that offers you freedom to follow your heart's desire. Refuse to let anyone interfere with your plans. Don't let personal issues get in the way of financial stability.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)—Take inventory before trying something new. Don't fall for someone's doggy investment plan. Stick to what you know and do your own thing. Make changes at home conducive to your needs. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)—Reach for the stars. Believe in yourself and work on a plan to improve your financial situation. Don't let someone make you do anything that's not in your best interest.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)—Your discipline will pay off. Look for an opportunity to team up with someone who can complement your abilities. Put everything in writing to avoid setbacks. **ARIES** (March 21-April 19)—Listen, assess and get moving. Don't waste time on someone or something that has no future. Look for solid opportunities and pay attention to the fine print. When opportunity knocks, open the door.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)—Don't share too much information. Mail cover what you hear, verify facts and use what

you learn to your advantage. Follow your heart and take advantage of an opportunity. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)—Acting based on your emotions will leave you confused. Think before you put more energy into restructuring your lifestyle. Networking functions will reveal what's available. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22)—Stick to what you know and do best. An unexpected helper will put you at ease and help you make a lifestyle decision. A change will offer security and prompt you to spend less time with unreliable people. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)—Take a close look at the details before making a big decision. Get your facts straight and find out if any updated information can help you communicate and get along with others. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Take a look at your current situation and consider the changes that will be whatever isn't working for you. Find a unique way to use your money and skills to make a difference.

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Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Recovery)	
Risk under N.C.G.S. 6-62-133.8 and)	
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This the 7th day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Sheila Dawson, Chief Clerk

Get pump'ed up

We think of pumpkins when we think of fall. There are so many fall festivals and places to buy a pumpkin. I am sure you can think of a variety of things you can do with a pumpkin such as carving, roasting and eating the seeds, as well as making pumpkin pie. Well, the Extension Office has a different plan for that pumpkin this year. Join us on Monday, Oct. 30 at 9:30 a.m. for a special Halloween Exercise Class and Pumpkin Painting Craft Workshop at the N.C. Cooperative Extension - Person County Center Auditorium. We will start with a nice warm-up period, and then have a spooky good time with a



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fun 30-minute cardio, strength and flexibility workout from a personal trainer. This is an all-standing program with no floor work. Participants will have the option to use a small pumpkin as a weight for the exercise and then paint it as a craft afterwards. The event is free but you must pre-register and the pumpkins will be provided. Call 336-599-1156 or email jennifer.brown@ncsu.edu by Oct. 19 to register. You can dress up for this Halloween fun and have a chance to win a prize for best costume, best decorated pumpkin, and more. Enjoy this delicious recipe from Oregon State University Extension. For more Food for Thought programs, activities and recipes, check us out online at <http://facebook.com/personcountylife>

Turkey Pumpkin Chili

serves 10

- 1 tsp vegetable oil
 - 1 lb lean ground turkey
 - 2/3 cup chopped onion (1/2 medium onion)
 - 1/2 cup chopped green pepper (1 small pepper)
 - 1/2 tsp garlic powder
 - 1 can (15oz) kidney beans, drained and rinsed
 - 1 can (15oz) great northern beans, drained and rinsed
 - 1 can (16oz) pumpkin
 - 1 can (15oz) crushed tomatoes
 - 1 can (15oz) low-sodium broth
 - 1/2 cup water
 - 2 Tbsp packed brown sugar
 - 1 package taco seasoning mix (1.25 oz)
- In a large saucepan, heat oil on medium heat. Add ground turkey, onion, green pepper, and garlic. Cook and stir, breaking meat apart until it is brown and vegetables are tender. Stir in the beans, pumpkin, tomatoes, broth, water, brown sugar, and taco seasoning. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, then cover and simmer for 1 hour.
- Nutritional Information: 240 calories, 7g fat, 460mg sodium, 29g carbohydrates, 6g fiber, 15g protein

NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

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Implications of Herbicide Applications on Replanting Decisions

Original article written by Dr. Rocky Lemus, Extension and Research Professor, Mississippi State University - adapted by Kim Woods

Many herbicides are available to aid in the control of both grass and broadleaf weeds in forage crops. Types and mode of action can impact how long herbicides stay in the soil. Soil pH and moisture levels can affect how quickly herbicides breakdown; as soil pH increases, activity and breakdown also increase but dry conditions, on the other hand, slow down breakdown. Planting cool-season annual grasses and legumes for winter grazing can offer great benefits; however, looking at herbicide labels and residual effect is important to make sure timing is appropriate. Important items to look for on the label will be the plant back interval for a specific forage crop, the use rate related to the plant-back interval, and the type of soil. The planting interval or plant-back restriction is the required amount of time from herbicide application to subsequent legal crop establishment for grazing or hay production.

It is important to follow label recommendations on application rates, planting, haying, and grazing restrictions.

Finally, herbicide selection is important for crop safety, protection from yield losses from weed pressure, and in-season plant-back restrictions for residual herbicides. Before applying a herbicide, follow and understand the label (especially related to crop rotations, understanding rate and timing) prior to making management decisions. Not following planting restrictions or operating off label (using not labeled herbicides or operating outside the recommended rates) means that the manufacturer of the herbicide will assume no responsibility for any herbicide damage to the planted forage crop. On the other hand, if these restrictions are not followed and residues are detected in the grazing livestock or the people that will consume the meat, the forage or livestock producer could be held legally responsible. Read and follow the label.

Insect and Related Pests of Shrubs

Excerpt from NC State Extension Publications

The plant boom of recent years has spawned a renewed interest in the home landscape. As the number of certified nurseries in the Southeast increases, an increasingly diverse array of ornamental plants is finding its way into both the home yard and the commercial landscape. Although many contractors and weekend gardeners expect shrubs to be relatively maintenance-free, they often realize too late that each plant in the landscape is the favorite food of some menacing insect or mite pest.

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ATTENTION

All riders of the Person Area Transportation Shuttle Bus:

Due to required annual driver training **there will be no Uptown Shuttle on Tuesday, October 24th.** PATS will also be running a restricted schedule for all services on Monday, October 23rd and Tuesday, October 24th. Only in county medical appointments and work related trips will be served on these days. If you have questions please give us a call at 336-597-1771



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Slow cooker tips

Whenever you are cooking with a new piece of cookware, you always want to follow the manufacturer's guidelines. It is best to prepare foods that have a good amount of moisture such as soups, stews, sauces, etc. To aid in cleaning, it is helpful to spray cooking spray in the bottom of it, use a slow cooker liner, or now they have silicone inserts.



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Jennifer Brown

Any meats used in a slow cooker should be probably thawed before being placed into the slow cooker. It is best to fill the slow cooker between 1/2 to 2/3 full. Vegetables such as potatoes and carrots cook slower than the meat so it is important to place them at the bottom of the slow cooker.

Certain items such as spinach may need to be added about 20 minutes before the rest is finished cooking. The liquid in the slow cooker is important and should almost cover the ingredients. Throughout the cooking time, it is important to not remove the lid during the cooking process. Every time the lid is raised the temperature immediately drops adding roughly 20 minutes to the cooking time each time the lid is lifted. And, as always, use a food thermometer to make sure the meats have been cooked to a proper temperature.

Store any leftovers in a shallow, covered container and refrigerate within 2 hours of cooking.

Enjoy this delicious recipe from Illinois Extension. For more Food for Thought programs, activities and recipes, check us out online at <http://facebook.com/persongranvilleca>

Upside Down Pumpkin Cheesecake serves 8

- 8 oz reduced-fat cream cheese, softened
- 8 oz fat-free cream cheese, softened
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 (15oz) can pureed 100% pumpkin
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp pumpkin pie spice
- 3 large eggs
- 1 Tbsp melted butter
- 1/2 cup gingersnap cookie crumbs (- 8-9 cookies, crushed)

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Wash hands with soap and water. Lightly grease a 9" pie plate or prepare with nonstick spray. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar using an electric mixer on medium speed until smooth and creamy. Add pumpkin, vanilla, lemon juice, and pumpkin pie spice to bowl and mix until just combined. Add eggs, 1 at a time, mixing until each one is incorporated before adding the next egg. Pour cheesecake mixture into the prepared pie plate. To make topping, combine melted butter and gingersnap cookie crumbs in a small bowl. Mix with a fork until well-combined. Sprinkle evenly over top of cheesecake. Bake for 35-40 minutes or until almost set. Allow to cool, then cover and chill in refrigerator for at least 3 hours before serving.

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Welcome Song, Book One: The Ugly Duckling by Rachel Isadora Movement Activity: Row, Row Your Boat, Book Two: The Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf, Movement Activity: Itsy Bitsy Spider (Staying strong Regardless) Activity: Making Flowers for Ferdinand out of colorful pipe cleaners.

Structured Play Group: Montessori

Monday Oct. 30 10:30 a.m.
This week will focus on Montessori play.

Events for School Age Children (ages 6-11)

Block Build

Wednesday Oct. 4 3:30 p.m.

Come join us for a Block Build. We will use Legos and Magna-tiles to build whatever you imagine.

Home School Group - Science with Paper Airplanes

Wednesday, Oct. 11 11 a.m.
Come and connect with other home school families as we explore the scientific method with paper airplanes. There will also be an opportunity to try some new airplane styles.

Events for Tweens & Teens (ages 12-18)

Teen Craft - Potion Bottles

Monday, Oct. 9 3:30 p.m.

Come and craft your own decorative potion bottles. All supplies will be provided.

Teen Advisory Board

Monday Oct. 23 3:30 p.m.

Come join the Teen Advisory Board. Assist with planning teen programs.

Events for Adults and Seniors

Comedian Mick McKenna

Tuesday Oct. 3 5:30 p.m.

Come see Comedian Mick McKenna perform at the library. Mick is a Scottish comedian who was a BBC comedy scriptwriter in Scotland, and also wrote for the Late, Late, Show host Craig Ferguson. Enjoy a clean comedy performance with fun for all.

Walk and Talk

Wednesdays in October (weather permitting) 9:30 a.m.

Take a leisurely walk with librarians and chat about books you enjoy.

Meditative Art

Tuesday, Oct. 10 5:30 p.m.

Express yourself through art in a safe space and recharge your mental health. Bring your own materials or choose from our options.

Paint the Town

Tuesday, Oct. 17 5:30 p.m.

Registration Required. Come learn how to paint a dark fall wood scene step by step.

Therapeutic Alternatives Inc. Presents: The 3 Ds

Wednesday, Oct. 18 10:30 a.m.

In this session we will define dementia, depression and delirium. We will talk about the differences and similarities of the 3 and will identify appropriate interventions. This free educational presentation is open to all adults and caregivers. Attendees will have the option of earning a certificate of completion for participating.

Legal Aid Information Booth

Thursday, Oct. 19 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Stop by for educational handouts and ask questions.

The Book Bunch Presents: A book talk on Bluebird, Bluebird by Attica Locke

Thursday, Oct. 19 12 p.m.

All are welcome. The book bunch is always open to new members. Books for this event are supplied by the library's resource sharing upon request.

Hooked

Tuesday, Oct. 24 5:30 p.m.

Come learn how to crochet, or bring your own crochet project and socialize. This session will cover how to crochet a single panel hat using a simple formula and a half double crochet stitch.

The Person County Public Library offers a variety of free programs and services for all ages. We hope that you will join us for our free fun and educational events. Unless otherwise noted, all in-person events are free and are held at the Person County Public Library. To register for events, please drop-by the library front desk, or give us a call at 336-587-7881. You do not need to possess a library card to attend library events or to use the library's services such as WiFi, printing, or computers. The Person County Public Library is open Monday through Saturday and is closed on Sundays. Our open hours are: Monday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Wednesday-Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Commissioners annex Walnut Cove's 2nd phase

By Hannah Whitley Camarena
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SPRING HOPE — The Board of Commissioners unanimously voted Monday to annex 10

homes in the Walnut Cove subdivision's second phase of construction.

The properties are now officially in Spring Hope's town limits. Owners will pay municipal taxes and "shall be subject

to all debts, laws, ordinances and regulations in force in the town of Spring Hope and shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits as other parts of the town of Spring Hope," according to the annexation or-

dinance approved Monday. Walnut Cove currently consists of 48 new single-family homes. Prices range from \$289,000 to \$329,000, according to the site plan and Dream Finders Home

website. Town commissioners' next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6, in the Spring Hope Municipal Building, 118 W. Railroad St.

Town pays to remove trees, fill pothole

By Hannah Whitley Camarena
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BAILEY — The Board of Commissioners agreed to remove four trees and fill a pothole during its regular monthly meeting on Sept. 18.

Commissioner Ervin Powell said four trees on Joyner Street needed to be removed before hurricane season really set in.

The board unanimously agreed to pay Superior Tree Service \$4,000 to complete the work.

A pothole behind Southern Bank needed to be filled, so the board agreed to pay Galeas Paving \$1,300

for the repair. The tree removal and pothole fix have since been completed, Town Administrator Joel Killian said in an email.

Bailey is seeking applicants for its Streets, Trees and Zoning Commission, one of five appointed advisory boards commissioners have created to increase residents' involvement in town decision-making.

Application forms are available online at bit.ly/45XEIV and at Town Hall, 6217 Main St. Completed forms can be returned to Killian.

The next Bailey Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Oct. 16 at Town Hall.

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Football

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Tusculum's Ty'Korian Brown on a deep pass in the third quarter.

The Pioneers offense, moribund as it was in the first half, found its rhythm after halftime. After the teams traded three-and-outs to start the third quarter, the Pioneers started moving the chains in their no-huddle offense. Palazzo completed a pair of third-down passes to sustain the drive before hitting Kemani Brown on first and goal from the 8 for the TD. Kicker John Aiden Pittman was off target with the PAT kick but the Pioneers were on the scoreboard.

Tusculum forced another Barton punt but had to start at its own 12-yard line with 1:49 to play in the third. Jojo Restall raced 54 yards on first down before Palazzo connected with Kemani Brown for 21 yards to the BC 9. Two plays later, Palazzo ran R in from 4 yards to start the fourth quarter. He then found Will Shellenback on a jump-pass for the two-point conversion to tie the score at 14-14.

There was still a lot of time remaining, 14:47 to be exact, so much so that each team two more possessions each with all four ending in punts.

After a pass interference penalty on the first play gifted the Bulldogs 15 yards and a fresh set of downs, Lynch and Terrall hooked up for a 19-yard play on third and 12 on the decisive drive of the game for the Bulldogs. Terrall also ran for a first down and Johnson hauled in 13-yard pass for another one as the Bulldogs marched 67 yards in 11 plays to set up Huggins' game-winner with five seconds to play.



Barton's Jordan Terrall (1) outruns a pair of Tusculum defenders on route to a 53-yard touchdown run in the first quarter of Saturday's game in Greeneville, Tenn. Brent Walton | Special to The Enterprise



Barton's Kameron Johnson (10) twists away from Tusculum defensive back Ryan Dolce (1) after making a first-half catch during Saturday's game in Greeneville, Tenn. Brent Walton | Special to The Enterprise

The relief was evident in Hester's voice following the game, happy to be back on the bus heading to Wilson after Huggins' game-winner.

"We all know as coaches and players that we can be better than what we were, but there's some really good things going on out there and our guys fought like crazy, didn't give up when the tide turned out there in momentum," he said. "It shifted and you've

got to kind of summon all your guts and find a way to make a stand and we did that and found a way to work the ball down the field, get it in field-goal position and then, gotta make the kick! Gotta snap it, gotta hold it and get it protected. Did that and got it done."

After two weeks on the road, the Bulldogs return to Trust Stadium this Saturday against defending SAC champion Newberry.

Bulldogs

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on Thurston's tally, while Gompers' goal was set up by Nico Rockelen.

The visitors got on the board in the 41st minute, before Zeph Rico-Jaramillo responded 1:03 later to push the lead back to four off Lopes' second assist of the game.

King scored his second goal in the 60th minute, then Tomany Migliarotti capped the scoring for the home side in the 76th minute.

Barton will look to extend its winning streak to three on Wednesday, when it welcomes Mount Olive.

Bulldogs fall in straight sets to Crusaders

WILSON — Barton's losing skid extended to six matches on Friday as the women's volleyball team suffered a 25-17, 25-21, 25-17 sweep on its home court against Conference Carolinas-leading North Greenville.

The Bulldogs fell to 4-9 on the year. Allison Gambill finished with a team-leading nine kills along with eight digs for Barton, while Lily Haaga followed with seven kills.

Bulldogs rally past NC Wesleyan

WILSON — Barton College scored four second-half goals to rally from a 2-4 halftime deficit for a 4-2 men's soccer nonconference victory against North Carolina Wesleyan University on Sept. 27 at the Bulldogs Athletic Complex. Junior forward Gabriel Smer-Lopes scored the go-ahead goal on a penalty kick and provided a pair of assists as the NCAA Division II Conference Carolinas Bulldogs rose to 3-5-1 overall.

Barton got its first goal just 90 seconds into the second half from sophomore midfielder Jacob Gompers. Graduate students Peer Brendler and Nico Rockelen each netted goals, with Rockelen assisting on Brendler's goal. Immanuel Akpeme notched Barton's final goal.

Freshman Dalton Houser got the win in goal for the Bulldogs, who outshot the Division II Bishops (2-5-2) 21-2.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Pageant registration to close

MIDDLESEX — Registration for the Miss Bailey and Miss Sweetpotato pageants will close on Saturday, Oct. 14, during a meeting planned at Middlesex Baptist Church, 11490 W. Stewart St. For information about pageant registration, email missbailey2022@gmail.com.

Downtown development meeting slated

SPRING HOPE — The Spring Hope Downtown Development Board will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, at Town Hall, 118 E. Railroad St.

Bailey commissioners to meet

BAILEY — The Bailey Board of Commissioners will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, at Town Hall, 6217 Main St.

Planning board schedules meeting

SPRING HOPE — The Spring Hope Planning Board will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at Town Hall, 118 W. Railroad St.

Chamber members to convene

BAILEY — The Bailey Chamber of Commerce will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at the chamber building, 6270 Main St.

Spring Hope Garden Club to meet

SPRING HOPE — The Spring Hope Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at the Spaulding Family Resource Center, 600 S. Pine St.

The club welcomes new members. Dues are \$5 a month, and those interested can call 252-903-3535 or send a message to the "Spring Hope Garden Club" Facebook page.

Bailey chamber schedules golf tournament

LOUISBURG — The Bailey Chamber of Commerce will hold a superball golf tournament at 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 20, at Tar River Golf & Country Club, 170 Clear Water Road.

Entry fee is \$300 for each four-person team. Golfers can register in advance or sign up at 8 a.m. on the day of the tournament. First, second and third-place prizes will be awarded, along with prizes for the longest drive and the shot closest to the pin. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 each.

To register a team or request more information, call 252-290-2297 or email bocventes8@gmail.com.

'Trick or Treat on the Street' coming to Bailey

BAILEY — The Bailey Chamber of Commerce will hold "Trick or Treat on Main Street" from 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, along Main Street in downtown Bailey.

The all-ages festival features food trucks, costumed characters, shows, trick-or-treating and concessions. Main Street will close at 4 p.m. for a candy station setup, and participants are asked

to arrive at that time, unload on Main Street and park outside the designated area by 4:30 p.m.

Follow the "Bailey Chamber of Commerce" Facebook page for event updates.

Pig at the Depot scheduled in November

SPRING HOPE — Railroad Street and North Pine Street to Ash Street will be closed from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, for Spring Hope's Pig at the Depot event.

Church teams will sell barbecue plates to fundraise for their organizations. The cook-off will feature games, face painting and vendor booths.

County commissioners' session set

NASHVILLE — The Nash County Board of Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 6, in the Claude Mayo Jr. Administration Building, 120 W. Washington St.

Spring Hope board meeting slated

SPRING HOPE — The Spring Hope Board of Commissioners will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6, at Town Hall, 118 E. Railroad St.

Dan Finch Potters' Market scheduled

SPRING HOPE — The Dan Finch Potters' Market will return to downtown Spring Hope from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11.

Miss Bailey, Miss Sweetpotato pageants slated

BAILEY — Contestants will compete for one of 16 crowns representing either the Miss Bailey or the Miss Sweetpotato courts at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Southern Nash High School.

Admission is \$10 per person at the door.

Middlesex board meeting scheduled

MIDDLESEX — The Middlesex Board of Commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 13, in the conference room at Town Hall, 10232 S. Nash St.

A public comment session is held during every town meeting. Anyone wishing to be placed on the agenda can make a request in writing by providing the speaker's name, affiliation, subject matter, approximate time requested and phone number. Requests can be mailed to Mayor Lu Harvey Lewis, P.O. Box 69, Middlesex, NC 27557 or faxed to 252-235-5762.

Requests must be received by the Thursday before the meeting in order to be considered. Anyone wishing to review the agenda packet can do so in the town clerk's office during normal business hours on the meeting date.

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Southern Nash's Jonathan Hines (28) fights for yardage during Friday's game at Bunn. Jyronn Brinley | Special to The Enterprise

Firebirds

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Hines would get his points later in the first, on a 2-yard TD run as well as a 7-yard scoring jaunt in the second quarter, but Mitchell was the offensive star of the night. The speedy junior zipped 61 yards for Southern Nash's second TD, then blazed 64 yards for another score at the end of the quarter.

That TD came after Bunn's Gabriel Trivette returned the kickoff 74 yards to spoil the shutout bid. Mitchell then scored on runs of 58 and 39 yards in the second quarter as the Firebirds built a 56-7 lead by halftime. Jyquez Andrews scooted 45 yards to the end zone on his lone carry of the night



Southern Nash freshman Camron Lyons (33) runs with the ball during Friday's game at Bunn. Jyronn Brinley | Special to The Enterprise

before Hines, who finished with 91 yards, ran it in from 7 yards. Senior Charlotte Benson kicked her seventh PAT of the half following Hines' second TD.

In the second half, Deon Nicholson had a 2-yard TD run, while Jaden Hartsfield scored from 27 yards out in the fourth quarter. Southern Nash will visit 3-A Rocky Mount this Friday.

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DOCKET NO. E-22-SUB 675

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

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On August 15, 2023, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 88-55. By its application, DENC requests that the Commission approve the proposed total fuel factor of 4.5609 cents per kilowatt hour (¢/kWh), to be allocated based on voltage differentiated adjustments, including the base fuel factor, Rider A, EMF Rider R, and EMF Rider B-1. DENC proposes that the total fuel rate for each customer class be set as follows, effective February 1, 2024:

Customer Class	Total
Residential	4.6082 ¢/kWh
SGS & PA	4.6318 ¢/kWh
LGS	4.5713 ¢/kWh
Schedule NS	4.299 ¢/kWh
GVP	4.4977 ¢/kWh
Outdoor Lighting	4.6082 ¢/kWh
Traffic	4.6082 ¢/kWh

Compared to the current fuel rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.1106 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$1.10. Small general service and public authority customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.1087 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a fuel rate decrease of 0.1097 cents per kWh.

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Troops/From A1

With the help of Capital Automotive and its trucks, volunteers moved everything into four storage units, Whitehead's house and the homes of two other supporters. Cross and Crown took charge of Girl Scout cookies distributed by the organization, and Griffin Mission Ministries was in charge of receiving other donations.

When the shopping center building was repaired, it was sold, and Packs for Patriots was asked to move. Cross and Crown offered to partner with them, and volunteers and staff have been moving, cleaning and sorting supplies since then to prepare for this month's opening.

Volunteer Marty Ford said the new facility is set up well to receive, sort, store and send out donations. "We have a section where we have all our toiletries, hygiene kits, little snacks, books, puzzles and games. And we try to meet every need imaginable for our troops because when they are deployed, they can be in remote areas with very few resources, so we are their resource, and we do what we can to support them, and to let them know that there's a little bit of home coming your way," said Ford.

"This is a marvelous facility. It's a lot bigger than our former center, and we're hoping to serve more, and do more with this wonderful wonderful space," said Ford.

General Murray, representing the National Guard Family Program at the opening, said Packs for Patriots gives them access to resources when they are in need.

"This organization has really been a blessing to our soldiers and families, and we really appreciate everything that Mrs. Barbara Whitehead has done for us," said Murray. "Today is a special day to recognize not only her but also to recognize how important her organization is to our soldiers and family members."

Josie DiCesare with Pinnacle Home Care and their team of volunteers received a special shout-out from Whitehead who referred to them as the Energizer Squad because they hold the record for packing the most goodie bags in a day.

"We come once a week to Packs 4 Patriots, and our unbroken record is 700 goodie bags in one day with the help of all of our friends," said DiCesare. "... We also sing as we do it, we giggle, and we actually get quite a bit done."

DiCesare said that volunteering teaches her friends at Pinnacle the importance of giving back. "My son was a Marine, and they learn that the items they are bagging go to a Marine like Jacob, and it makes them feel good

that they're doing something good for someone else," said DiCesare.

Visitors were able to tour the facility and mingle while enjoying refreshments provided by Reedy Branch PWB Church. Flower arrangements provided by Ed and Diane Godfrey and Linda's Florist and a quilt donated by Marty Ford were the main prizes for a drawing.

Whitehead said that NC Support our Troops is especially happy to be in the new space just in time for the holiday season.

"It's Christmas time so we need to start packing Christmas packages, and we're inviting the community to go ahead and start those handmade ornaments, the cards and letters, the artwork, going to Dollar Tree and buying the small decorations, because it's not the expensive things that mean home, and the troops especially love the handmade ornaments from children," said Whitehead.

The holidays are the hardest time for our troops to be away from home and Whitehead said that together we can make the holidays merrier and brighter for them through donations.

"Our troops are still deployed," said Whitehead. "We still have probably a quarter of a million troops who are serving around the world, and we want them to know that America cares, and that America has not forgotten them."

Shutdown/From A1

U.S. Rep. Don Davis of Snow Hill, a Democrat who represents the 1st Congressional District, said a shutdown would have directly impacted 6,700 federal workers, 46,000 veterans and 174,000 seniors in the district. His statement said avoiding a shutdown was paramount, but the resolution is imperfect.



Davis

"The short-term funding bill does not include security assistance funding for Ukraine. As a proud member of the House Armed Services Committee, I remain committed to supporting Ukraine. However, today's vote was about supporting the American people and providing us with the breathing room to come together and engage in a meaningful bipartisan dialogue about our long-term fiscal future," added Davis.

The bill was approved after chaotic days of turmoil in the House. McCarthy abruptly abandoned demands for steep spending cuts from his right flank and relied on Democrats to pass the bill, at risk to his own job. The Senate followed with final passage closing a whirlwind day at the Capitol.

"This is good news for the American people," Biden said in a statement.

He also said the United States "cannot under any circumstances allow American support for Ukraine to be interrupted" and expected McCarthy "will keep his commitment to the people of Ukraine and secure passage of the support needed to help Ukraine at this critical moment."

McCarthy's nemesis, U.S. Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Florida, said in broadcast interviews Sunday that McCarthy was in "brazen, material breach" of agreements he made with House Republicans in January when he ran for speaker. As a result, Gaetz said he would be filing "a motion to vacate the chair," as House rules permit.

McCarthy's response: "So be it. Bring it on. Let's get over with it and let's start governing."

No speaker has ever been removed from office through such a move. Procedural votes could be offered to halt the motion or it could trigger a House floor vote on whether McCarthy, of California, should remain speaker.

"I think we need to rip off the Band-Aid," said Gaetz, R-Fla. "I think we need to move on with new leadership that can be trustworthy."

Murphy supported McCarthy's bid for the speakership. His statement did not address the issue of removing him.

Judge blocks 2 provisions in new abortion law

12-week near-ban remains in place

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RALEIGH — A federal judge on Saturday blocked two portions of North Carolina's new abortion law from taking effect while a lawsuit continues. But nearly all of the restrictions approved by the legislature this year, including a near-ban after 12 weeks of pregnancy, aren't being specifically challenged and remain intact.

U.S. District Judge Catherine Eagles issued an order halting enforcement of a provision that requires surgical abortions that occur after 12 weeks — those for cases of rape and incest, for example — be performed only in hospitals, not abortion

clinics. That limitation would have otherwise taken effect on Sunday.

And in the same preliminary injunction, Eagles extended beyond her temporary decision in June an order preventing enforcement of a rule that doctors must document the existence of a pregnancy within the uterus before prescribing a medication abortion.

Short of successful appeals by Republican legislative leaders defending the laws, the order will remain in effect until a lawsuit filed by Planned Parenthood South Atlantic and a physician who performs abortions challenging the sections are resolved. The lawsuit also seeks to have clarified whether medications can be used during the second trimester to induce

labor of a fetus that can't survive outside the uterus.

The litigation doesn't directly seek to topple the crux of the abortion law enacted in May after GOP legislators overrode Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper's veto. North Carolina had a ban on most abortions after 20 weeks before July 1, when the law scaled it back to 12 weeks.

The law, a response to the 2022 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that struck down *Roe v. Wade*, also added new exceptions for abortions through 20 weeks for cases of rape and incest and through 24 weeks for "life-limiting" fetal anomalies. A medical emergency exception also stayed in place.

On medication abortions, which bill sponsors say also are permitted through 12

weeks of pregnancy, the new law says a physician prescribing an abortion-inducing drug must first "document in the woman's medical chart the ... intrauterine location of the pregnancy."

Eagles wrote the plaintiffs were likely to be successful on their claim that the law is so vague as to subject abortion providers to claims that they broke the law if they can't locate an embryo through an ultrasound because the pregnancy is so new.

"Providers cannot know if medical abortion is authorized at any point through the twelfth week, as the statute explicitly says, or if the procedure is implicitly banned early in pregnancy," said Eagles, who was nominated to the bench by then-President Barack Obama.

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ACC FOOTBALL
Maye, Tar Heels dominate 'Cuse

CHAPEL HILL— There will be bigger tasks ahead for No. 14 North Carolina...



North Carolina quarterback Drake Maye looks to pass against Syracuse during the first half of a game on Saturday at Chapel Hill.

Quarterback Garrett Shrader was 15 for 21 for 124 yards and an interception. "There was real football out there," Orange coach Dino Babers said...

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-22. SUB 674

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application)
by Virginia Electric and Power)
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina,) PUBLIC NOTICE
for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy)
Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Recovery)
Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.6 and)
Commission Rule R4-67)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS), cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 410 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.6 and Commission Rule R4-67 to consider DEC's application for approval of REPS cost recovery and compliance with the REPS requirements during the 2022 calendar year. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R3-21(g).

On August 15, 2023, DENC filed direct testimony and exhibits in support of its application for REPS cost recovery and 2022 REPS Compliance Report. By its application, DENC proposes to implement a REPS cost recovery rider effective for rates rendered on and after February 1, 2024. It proposes to implement the following REPS rates, not including the regulatory fee: (1) a \$0.27 per month charge for residential customers, which is an increase of \$0.41 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge; (2) a \$5.16 per month charge for commercial customers, which is an increase of \$2.34 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge; and (3) a \$21.15 per month charge for industrial customers, which is an increase of \$15.42 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge.

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Thurs the 7th day of September, 2023.

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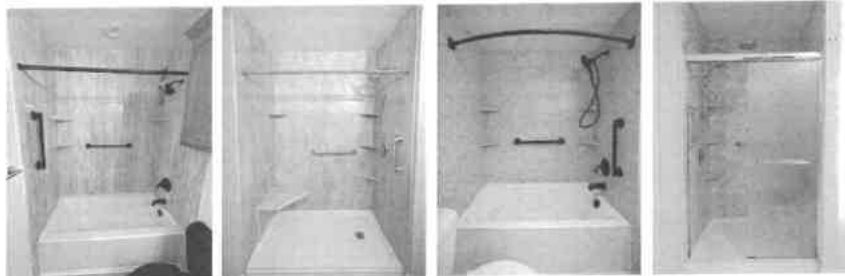
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