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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

May 25, 2023

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

Docket No. E-22, Sub 658

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed please find an Affidavit of Publication, which will serve as proof of publication of the Public Notice in the above-referenced docket as required by Commission Rule R1-21(d)(2).

Pursuant to the instructions in Ordering Paragraph 8 of the November 15, 2022, *Order Scheduling Hearing* and Ordering Paragraph 4 of the November 22, 2022, *Errata Order*, notices were published in newspapers having general circulation in Dominion Energy North Carolina's service area for two consecutive weeks, with publication completed by January 27, 2023. Due to an administrative error, publication occurred after the ordered completion date of January 9, 2023, but was published well in advance of the first procedural deadline of April 25, 2023.

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 #23014DD0)

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 658 was published in the following North Carolina and Virginia newspapers on the dates listed in the year 2023.

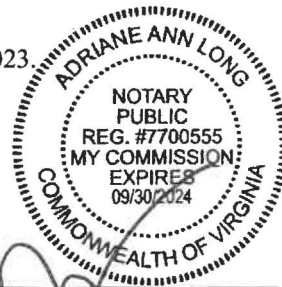
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| Elizabeth City Daily Advance 01/18/23, 01/25/23 | Gates County Index 01/19/23, 01/26/23 |
| Hertford Perquimans Weekly 01/19/23, 01/26/23 | |
| Martin Co Enterprise (changed name from Williamston Enterprise) 01/19/23, 01/26/23 | |
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| The Daily Reflector 01/18/23, 01/25/23 | Virginian Pilot 01/18/23, 01/25/23 |

Julia Wigginton
Signature

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

My commission expires: 9/30/2024

[Notary Public]



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INFORMATIVE

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does what.

In support of that effort, the commissioners were presented with a 2023 Commissioner Orientation Manual — a hefty binder filled with county government navigational information.

Bertie County Manager Juan Vaughan II hosted the orientation held at the Bertie County Library Community Room.

While a good portion of the meeting was filled with Vaughan's explanation of roles and responsibilities of commissioners, department heads and his own duties as county manager, the event offered insight into

each of the county's many departments and those directing them. The audience of about 30 county employees and concerned citizens coming and going throughout the course of the seven hour meeting, absorbed the information with wide eyed appreciation.

"This is a very exciting portion of today's agenda for me, because we get to show the public and our commissioners exactly what we do. We wanted to do something for the entire board and especially for our newest commissioners," Commissioner White, who is Vice Chair, and Commissioner Ballance, explained Vaughan. "We thought it was very important to get you some specific informa-

tion on Bertie County so that's what we are going to do this morning."

After an explanation of the interactions of the board of commissioners, the county manager and department heads, departmental presentations, each five minutes long, began with PowerPoint slide visuals.

While the department heads were each enthused about the year ahead and his or her department's goals, many are facing the challenges of staff shortages expanding the workload of other department employees.

The Bertie County Department of Social Services is one of the most affected by staffing shortages. Social Service Director Daphne

Little explained she had three staff vacancies that she is having difficulty filling. Those vacancies are causing increased workload for other employees. Case workers regularly handling 200 cases are now responsible for picking up the extra workload and are now handling up to 400 cases.

In light of the staffing challenges, due to a variety of reasons including low entry wages, shortages of qualified employees, along with a lack of adequate housing, Board Chair Ron Wesson is focusing on revenue growth and how to increase that number.

The board is actively reviewing the sale of county-owned properties, along with the hiring of a grant

writer in an attempt to increase revenue growth.

In other action, the board approved a lobbying contract with former Sen. Bob Steinburg.

However, a highlight of the afternoon for the citizens was Bertie County Sheriff Tyrone Ruffin's announcement that his department had partnered with ECU Health in a program directed at preventing suicide.

"Yesterday we partnered with ECU Health in providing free gun locks for Bertie County. With that program we hope to reduce suicides and stay ahead and reduce the crime rate of the county," said Ruffin.

While suicide is not yet a big problem in the county, it is a growing concern for

many.

In other business the board appointed Commissioner Ballance to the Albemarle Regional Health Services Board (ARHS) and the East Carolina Behavioral Health Board (NRAB). Commissioner Ron Roberson will serve on the Social Services Board and Vice Chair White will serve on the Economic Development Board.

Appointments to the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee and the Child Fatality Prevention/Community Child Protection Team were tabled until next month's meeting.

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FILM

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Film Festival to be held in September 2023 and realizes the revenue generated from a successful film festival can be extensive.

"The work I am doing is an affirmed signal to Hollywood, New York and others that there is a Tier 1 region in Northeast Eastern North Carolina that is saying we welcome the film industry," said Ferguson.

A film commission works to develop and pro-

mote an area or region to those industry professionals scouting for locations. The revenue realized from such a film deal is often substantial, plus, North Carolina offers a 25 percent rebate on qualifying expenses and purchases made by production companies while in-state as one of its film incentives.

The rebate is funded through the North Carolina Film and Entertainment Grant, which currently has a designated recurring starting amount of \$31 million per fiscal year beginning in July, with any unused funds carrying over from fiscal year to fiscal year.

The board unanimously accepted Ferguson's advice. "Bertie County is already known for two films — one called The Hive, the other Raising Bertie — both have received several awards," said Commissioner John Trent. "I think it's a tremendous opportunity for Bertie County and also think it's tremendous for the citizens of Bertie County, especially with what we've got going

on with Tall Glass of Water and other projects.

The board voted unanimously to explore the procedures and establish a film commission going forward.

Ferguson's Pecan Pickling Short Film Festival is scheduled to premiere on Sept. 8 and run through Sept. 10.

Ferguson explained the festival will host some of the most creative films by some of the most promising regional and national filmmakers. The three-day event will host films of all lengths and genres.

"The films screened at these festivals include projects that are rich in a diversity of voices," Ferguson said.

Heritage Talent Pecan Pickling Short Film Festival intends to offer new filmmakers a platform to introduce their work. The festival will offer a "hybrid" category featuring projects created by young filmmakers who partner with adult filmmakers to showcase their projects and craft.

Film categories include action, animation, documentary, feature, music

video and commercials. The goal of the festival is to celebrate the creative arts and showcase local talent in rural and urban centers. Ferguson is actively looking for talent to volunteer for the festival and is calling all creatives to submit their work.

For more information and to volunteer to be part of the inaugural Pecan Pickling Film Festival go to: heritagetalent.com

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STEINBURG

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adequately pay its employees. Roberson also brought up the fact Steinburg was a Republican.

Commissioner John Trent recognized Steinburg's party affiliation and claimed if the shoe were on the other foot and the General Assembly were Democrats, the board would most likely hire a Democrat.

The commissioners did

alter Steinburg's original two-year contract between the lobbyist, Jackson Stencil, Steinburg's Raleigh lobbying associate and Bertie County. The original agreement called for a \$36,000 yearly fee for each lobbyist, totaling \$72,000 for a two-year contract. However, the commissioners negotiated a 60 day opt-out clause if Steinburg and Stencil do not perform.

Citing Bertie County is the only county that has this type of contract, Board Chair Ron Wesson suggested the lobbyists may work harder knowing the contract is dependent on results.

Steinburg claims he has access to leaders, budget writers and has the insight to find additional funding opportunities that otherwise would not be available.

The former senator could not begin lobbying before Feb. 1, due to a state law requiring lawmakers to spend a "six-month cooling off pe-

riod" after leaving the General Assembly.

Commissioner John Trent and I were in a conversation and he was explaining the opportunities in Bertie and he suggested I speak with the commissioners," explained Steinburg.

"Commissioner Trent just loves Bertie County," said Steinburg. "He told me that he was going to die in Bertie, he loved it so much."

Trent has been an advocate for another grocery

store and added retail in the county for sometime and is looking to expand the affordable housing market. Lobbying efforts could assist with these goals.

One of the benefits Steinburg highlights is his recently formed association with Jones Street Associates.

"Jackson Stencil is one of the top 25 lobbyists in Raleigh," stated Steinburg. "This association allows me to spend time in the district learning what my clients need, while Jackson has a

presence in Raleigh. This is a huge plus, most lobbyists see their clients one or twice a year. I will be on hand, in the district when they need me," said Steinburg.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 658

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Consideration of Certain Standards for Electric Utilities Relating to Measures to Promote Greater Electrification of the Transportation Sector Pursuant to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act)
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) NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING)

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Halifax County Courthouse
Courtroom 4
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Halifax, North Carolina 27839

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 22nd day of November, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk

BIGGS

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will be leaving county government after 22 years of extraordinary service to our county," said Bertie County Commissioner Chair Ron Wesson. "Steve has been at the very heart of every business development gain that we have made over the last two decades. He was the driving force behind our acquisition and development of Bertie Beach and so many other key projects."

Biggs is an expert in his field, who has played an instrumental role in building relationships with Perdue, Occano and has been working with a number of other projects within the county. "I've enjoyed my time in Bertie County and have had a wonderful experience. It was time to move on," said Biggs. Biggs has been working on two large industrial projects for the county. One is in Aulander that has been in the works for some time now and includes land development and removal of some of the buildings. The project may begin in the

WATER

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addresses potential contaminant sources in the vicinity of a well that could threaten the water quality, and protecting the source is much more efficient than having to clean it up or replace it with a new source.

Participating in the process constitutes a continued commitment to protecting a community's water quality and health," claims the NCRWA.

In North Carolina, development of a local Wellhead Protection Plan is not mandatory but, rather, is viewed as a valuable supplement to existing state groundwater protection

programs. North Carolina's WHPP is intended for city and county governments and water supply operators seeking to provide added protection to their local groundwater supplies. The Wellhead Protection Plan, once implemented, reduces the susceptibility of wells to contaminants.

Wellhead protection is simply protection of all or part of the area surrounding a well from which the well's groundwater is drawn. This is called a Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA). The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) defines a Wellhead Protection Area as: "the surface and subsurface area surrounding a water well or wellfield, supplying a public water system, through

which contaminants are reasonably likely to move toward and reach such water wells or wellfields." The size of the WHPA will vary from site to site depending on a number of factors, including the geologic and hydro-geologic features of the area. At a minimum, a WHP Plan must include a planning team, public participation and management of the program along with a contingency plan.

"Operating the water system without problems and safety has always been our main goal," said Spivey in closing.

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Together, we can make a difference.

State health department, UNC Health partner to repurpose R.J. Blackley facility into Butner psychiatric hospital

From staff reports

RALEIGH — The N.C. Department of Health and Human Services and UNC Health will partner to convert the R.J. Blackley Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Center in Butner into a 54-bed inpatient psychiatric hospital for children and adolescents, a news release says. Well more than 250

people are waiting for behavioral health services in emergency departments, DHHS says, including more than 50 children and adolescents. Many of these people end up in emergency rooms or other settings for days because North Carolina has historically lacked the inpatient capacity to meet the behavioral health needs of the community, the re-

lease says.

"Too many children in North Carolina get stuck in emergency departments when they urgently need short-term and high-quality psychiatric care," said DHHS Secretary Kody H. Kinsey. "This partnership allows us to move faster to stand-up services urgently needed today for children. We will continue to invest and build out a continuum

of community-based behavioral health care that prevents, treats, and promotes lasting recovery." UNC Health and N.C. DHHS aim to open this new facility as early as July 1, 2023, providing relief to families seeking specialized inpatient behavioral health treatment. NCDHHS and UNC Health have signed a letter of intent for this partner-

ship and expect to finalize the agreement in January. "Pediatric and adolescent behavioral health is the largest issue affecting the future health of our state," said Dr. Wesley Burks, UNC Health CEO and dean of the UNC School of Medicine. "This partnership with NCDHHS is one piece of a solution for this critical issue and will have a posi-

tive impact on individuals and families for years to come." Adults seeking substance use disorder treatment will continue to have the option to receive services at one of the state's two other Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Centers, Julian F. Keith ADATC or Walter B. Jones ADATC, or from private providers in the area.

Duke Energy officials explain Christmas Eve blackouts to North Carolina regulators

By Victor Skinner
The Center Square

THE CENTER SQUARE — Officials with Duke Energy told the N.C. Utilities Commission on Jan. 3 that Christmas Eve blackouts were the product of colder than predicted weather and higher than predicted usage, combined with a lack of available power to purchase and equipment failures at some facilities.

Several Duke Energy officials explained at an NCUC meeting the timeline of events that left about 500,000 without power in rolling blackouts on Christmas Eve, as well as how and why the company communicated the issues to customers.

"I want to express how sorry we are for what our customers experienced. Winter Storm Elliot was an extremely powerful event with a unique confluence of high winds, extreme temperature drops, and other conditions that forced us to curtail power as a last resort," Duke Energy CEO Julie Janson told the commission. "We regret not being

able to provide customers as much advanced notice of the outages as we would have liked and we acknowledge the outages themselves lasted far longer than we expected."

Duke officials explained the company was handling roughly 300,000 outages on Friday, Dec. 23, due to high winds, but a forecast model showed sufficient power to meet demand.

"We believed we had sufficient power to get us through the day ... but demand rose faster than we predicted," Duke Energy North Carolina President Kendal Bowman said.

Duke Energy took measures to purchase power from other areas, but similar circumstances with the winter storm meant the purchased power from out of state never arrived. By late Dec. 23, operators realized a divergence between power demand and the forecast, and by 4 a.m., available power was about 10 percent below demand. "This was a phenomenon experienced by many of our neighboring utilities as I understand it, as well," Bowman said. "Between midnight and early

Saturday morning, we lost around 1,300 megawatts of power generating capability due to equipment malfunction."

The situation forced Duke Energy to implement load shedding for the first time in the company's history and a tool designed to implement the rolling blackouts did not perform correctly, officials said.

Sam Holman, Duke Energy's vice president of systems planning and operations, told the commission that between midnight and 6 a.m. on Dec. 24 "we experienced a series of events that depleted our energy reserves."

The company's Dan River facility was derated by about half, resulting in the loss of 360 megawatts, and by 2 a.m. the company was down to 200 megawatts of operating reserves. Between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., another 1000 megawatts of capacity was lost due to outside power purchases falling through and a third party plant that went offline, which cut 350 megawatts between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. The company's Roxboro unit three was also

derated by about 325 megawatts, the Mayo facility was derated by about 350 megawatts, 175 megawatts was lost from a Broad River facility, and another 305 megawatts was lost from a network customer.

Duke Energy was forced to implement load shedding shortly after 6 a.m. to prevent a broader impact on the energy grid that would have resulted in more widespread blackouts, officials said.

Energy use peaked around 7 a.m. with 1,911 megawatt hours of load shed, before coming back into balance around 8 a.m. Dec. 24. Duke Energy began restoring power to load shed customers minutes later and officially restored power to all customers

by around 4:24 p.m., officials said.

Overall, the storm reduced power generation by 3.6%, or about 1,308 megawatts, from midnight through early Saturday morning. Nuclear power units were unaffected by the storm and produced about 10,800 megawatts, but instrumentation lines freezing and other mechanical issues resulted in the deratings at other facilities. None of Duke Energy's plants fully shut down during the storm, officials said.

"Solar generation performed as expected, but was not available to meet the peak demand because the peak occurred prior to sunrise," said Duke Chief Generation Officer Preston Gillespie. Duke Energy officials

also discussed their decision to use mass media, rather than individual text alerts, to notify customers because of the quick progression of problems. The company now has pre-prepared text messages specifically for blackouts if needed in the future, officials said.

Commission members posed numerous questions about specific issues at the power plants, and other issues involving the regional grid. Answers to many of those questions, Duke officials said, will be forthcoming from the company's internal investigation, as well as investigations launched by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation.

Butner Public Safety releases crime reports

From BPS

ARRESTS

Dec. 21, Thomas Crowder Ray Jr, 54, of Sten, was charged with outstanding failure to appear. Ray was issued \$500 bail and placed in the Granville County Detention Center.

Dec. 21, Kurt Benjamin Faulkner, 28, of Creedmoor, was charged with outstanding failure to appear. Faulkner was issued \$20,000 bail and placed in the Granville County Detention Center.

Dec. 22, Blanca Azucen Porriillo Assumen, 47, of Durham, was charged with DWI and driving left of center. Assumen was issued \$1,000 bail and placed in the Granville County Detention Center.

Dec. 24, Tyler Ortiz, 30, of Butner, was charged with second-degree trespass. Ortiz was issued \$500 bail and placed in the Granville County Detention Center.

Dec. 26, an assault was reported on Highway 56. Lisa Marie Curl, 40, of Butner, was charged with assault. Curl was issued no bail and placed in the

Granville County Detention Center.

Dec. 27, Lynette Renee Marrow, 51, of Butner, was charged with flee/elude arrest and resist, delay and obstruct. Marrow was issued \$5,000 bail and released.

Dec. 28, Cory Devon Harrell, 41, of Creedmoor, was charged with outstanding warrant for assault on an individual with disabilities. Harrell was issued \$1,000 bail and placed in the Granville County Detention Center.

OTHER REPORTS

Dec. 20, a theft was reported on Highway 56. Someone took merchandise from the business.

Dec. 22, a breaking and entering into a coin-operated machine was reported on Highway 56. Someone damaged a coin-operated air machine and took money.

Dec. 24, a theft was reported on Central Avenue. Someone took merchandise from the business.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

On the first Thursday of every month, Butner Public Safety hosts its monthly Community Engagement meetings at Butner Town Hall.

"We at Butner Public Safety urge the public to attend these meetings to learn vital information pertaining to the safety of their neighborhoods," BPS says in a news release. "During each of these meeting's information such as recent arrests, crimes and safety concerns are addressed to the public. Butner Public Safety also accepts any and all information or concerns from the public so that they can be resolved or addressed."

For more information, contact Sergeant N. Williams at (919) 575-6561 ext. 111. The next scheduled meeting will be determined at a later date. Butner Public Safety encourages everyone to keep their parked vehicles locked.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH
DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 658

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Consideration of Certain Standards for)
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Promote Greater Electrification of the) NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Transportation Sector Pursuant to the)
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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk

OBITUARIES



Mary Tucker Veasey

Feb 21, 1943 — Jan 22, 2023

Mary Alice Tucker Veasey, 79, of Creedmoor passed away peacefully surrounded by family Sunday, January 22, 2023 at her home.

Mary Tucker Veasey

and Hilda Clayton Tucker.

She retired from Suntrust Bank after seventeen years of service.

Mary led a life of service to the Lord. She was an active member of Olive Grove Baptist Church for many years where she was the nursery leader, Mission Friends leader, Girls Auxiliary leader, Sunday School teacher for ages 9-12, Bible School teacher and assisted in making the church flag. In later years, she attended Creedmoor Baptist and volunteered at the thrift shop, food pantry and enjoyed the Kathy Frye bible circle.

A lover of flowers, she was a member and supporter of the Granville Gardener's Club. Her favorite hobby, however was shopping at Belks and Kohls.

Her greatest gift was her charity to those she loved.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Sossamon Funeral Home of Creedmoor officiated by Reverend Jim Shelley. Burial will follow at Carolina Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include her husband of fifty-eight years, Luther Aubrey Veasey Jr.; a daughter, Paula Veasey McKinzie (Randy); a son, Chris Veasey (Jennie); a granddaughter, Savannah McKinzie; a sister, Louetta Sasnett and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends Thursday, January 26, 2023 from 12:30 - 1:45 p.m. at Sossamon Funeral Home of Creedmoor.

Flowers are accepted.

Arrangements are by Sossamon Funeral Home of Creedmoor. Online condolences may be made at sossamonfuneralhome.com



Honoring MLK

Jonathan Eley, a seventh-grade honor student at G.C. Hawley Middle School, spoke during the inaugural MLK Unity Breakfast honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Creedmoor Community Center on Jan. 16. Jonathan spoke about how King's life, legacy and famous "I Have A Dream" speech have impacted his life and hopes for the world. The speech got a standing ovation and positive remarks from Mayor Bobby Wheeler, Granville County Sheriff Robert Fountain, pictured with Jonathan, and other elected officials and community members.

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Currin retires

The Granville County Planning Board on Jan. 19 honored John Curtin, who announced his retirement after more than nine years of service as a board member. Curtin was presented a Certificate of Appreciation and a Granville County 275th Commemorative coin by chairman Mike Turner, pictured at right, in recognition of Curtin's service.

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LIFE & STYLE

Try cocoa instead of coffee...

I love chocolate. It's comforting and warm flavor is just right for a cold, January day.

Although not everyone is fond of the flavor of chocolate, in its unprocessed state it is a wonderful addition to your spices that's been used in many savory dishes dating back to the Mayans and Aztecs who first harvested the cacao beans.

The beans of the cacao tree have a bitter taste and must first be fermented to develop flavor. After fermentation they are dried, cleaned and then roasted. The shell of the cacao bean is removed to produce cacao nibs.

The ribs are then ground to produce cacao mass. The dried powder produced in the processing is known as cocoa, and the remaining product is cocoa butter. The two are combined with sugar and an emulsifier to create the chocolate with which many are familiar today.

Since cocoa and cacao nibs are not sweet in their own right and have an earthy flavor they are a perfect complement to meats. In my chocolate cooking class, I combine both ground cacao nibs and cocoa powder with spices to create a rub for pork. Coffee is another popular ground bean used in rubs, but I hope you give cocoa a try.

This week I have included my recipe for Cocoa-Rubbed Pork Tenderloin. It's quick to prepare and a nice meal with the pan sauce recipe I included when combined with a seasonal vegetable like Brussels sprouts. Enjoy!

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

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2023 Chowan County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale...

The Chowan County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale will be held on Tuesday, April 18 at the American Legion Fairgrounds.

Chowan County youth ages 5-18 are eligible to participate in the livestock show. Cloverbud exhibitors (5-7 years old) learn their way around the ring and gain experience in showmanship techniques. Exhibitors ages 8-18 are judged on their showmanship

abilities and their animals are judged on market conformity. Participating in the livestock show is a great way for youth to learn responsibility, self-confidence, and animal husbandry.

Participant packets for the 2023 show were mailed out last week. If you are not currently on our mailing list, and you are interested in participating in the 2023 livestock show, please email Camaryn Byrum at cbyrum@ncsu.edu. Forty-nine Chowan County youth participated in the 2022 show. There were three heifer exhibitors, four goat exhibitors and forty-two hog exhibitors.

The Grand Champion heifer was shown by Georgia Parrish, the Grand Champion hog was shown by Hannah Pippins, and the Grand Champion goat was shown by Skylar Biggs.

More than sixty local businesses and individuals registered as buyers for the auction. If you or your business are interested in being a buyer for the 2023 auction, please contact Denise Bunch at 252-482-6585. For more information on the livestock show, contact Camaryn Byrum at cbyrum@ncsu.edu or 252-482-6585.

Camaryn Byrum is a 4-H Youth Development with the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service in Chowan County.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 tablespoons cocoa nibs
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 2 tablespoons coarse salt
- 1 tablespoons coarse ground pepper
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon ground coriander
- ¼ teaspoon fennel seed
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- ¼ cup red wine
- 1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2- 1 ½-2 lb. pork tenderloins, cleaned of silver skin and fat
- 1 large onion, sliced in thick pieces
- ¼ cup shallots, finely diced
- ¼ cup red wine
- 1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 6 tablespoons cold butter, sliced

PREPARATION

- Preheat oven to 425 degrees.
- Line a sheet pan with aluminum foil. Lay out onion slices as a base to place the tenderloins.
- Using a mortar and pestle or a spice grinder, grind the cocoa nibs and spices until coarse. Transfer to a small bowl and set aside.
- Using your hands, rub each tenderloin with oil. Next, rub the cocoa nib/spice mixture all over the tenderloin, massaging it into the meat and making sure everything is evenly coated. Reserve 1 teaspoon of the rub for the sauce.
- Heat a large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat and add oil. Place tenderloins in the skillet and cook, turning to achieve even browning on all sides of the pork, about 2 minutes on each side. Don't cook much longer because the sugar and chocolate in the rub will start to burn.
- Transfer the browned tenderloins to the prepared pan on the bed of onions and place in the pre-heated oven. Roast

COCOA RUBBED PORK TENDERLOIN



until a thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the tenderloin reaches 145 degrees Fahrenheit. For me, this takes approximately 13-15 minutes, but it's a good idea to check the temperature with your thermometer after 10 minutes, as pork tenderloin cooks quickly and ovens can vary.

Once your tenderloins are cooked, remove from the oven, tent with foil, and allow to rest for 5-10 minutes at room temperature.

While the meat is resting, heat the skillet used to brown the meat. Add enough oil to coat the bottom. When the oil is hot add the shallots to the skillet and stir to incorporate any pan drippings. Add the reserved 1 teaspoon of spice rub and cook until shallots are soft. Add any juices that have accumulated from the roasting pan.

Stir in the wine, balsamic, and honey until bubbly. Turn off the heat and add the cold butter, stirring until melted. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Slice meat and drizzle the pieces with the pan sauce.

Notes

I find cooking the pork tenderloin to 145 degrees Fahrenheit is ideal when serving this dish to a crowd. The slices off the thicker end will be a bit pink still, while the slices from the narrow end of the tenderloin will be more well done (and should have no pink on left them). Everyone in your group should be able to find something that suits their taste.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 658

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Consideration of Certain Standards for Electric Utilities Relating to Measures to Promote Greater Electrification of the Transportation Sector Pursuant to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act)
)
) **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing regarding measures this Commission could take to promote greater electrification of the transportation sector as set out in PURPA Section 11(d)(21), 16 U.S.C. § 2621(d)(21) by adding new federal ratemaking standards relating to electric vehicle charging programs. Details regarding the new federal standards and the scope of the Commission's consideration may be obtained from the Commission's Internet web site, www.ncuc.net (search for Docket No. E-22, Sub 658).

A hearing for the convenience of public witnesses, and solely for the purpose of taking nonexpert public witness testimony regarding the above standards, is hereby scheduled for Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the following address:

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LIFE & STYLE

Right time for a good bowl of soup...

With a cold winter wind that chills you to the core, a good hearty soup often can literally be the right course.

There's just something so comforting about a steamy bowl to savor. My husband is a soup aficionado, and when we go out to town he is infamous for sending his soup back to the kitchen because it's not hot enough, and often more than once.

I do enjoy my soup hot, but it's the flavor that's important to me. Soup can be complex with many layers and it's that balance that I enjoy.

Many soups and stews are often better the second day when the flavors have

really married. There is even a scientific basis for this flavor enhancement.

There are measurable changes in sweetness on a molecular level as complex carbohydrates such as vegetable fructose, dairy lactose and starches break down to simple sugars when allowed to rest, and later be reheated. Large proteins also break down similar to the process of letting a dough rest.

A hearty soup with complex layers of flavors is pasta e fagioli — or pasta and beans in Italian. This soup is a beloved recipe in Italian cuisine from the Alps to the Mediterranean, but has several regional variations. Some areas prefer lentil beans, and others cannellini beans.

Some regions use tomato in its base while others do not. As with every recipe I encourage everyone to put their own spin to their liking.

You may opt for fresh or dried beans but for ease in

preparation I use a medley of imported canned Italian beans from Wegman's that contains barloti, cannellini, fagioli rossi and ceci.

Just be sure to drain and rinse any canned beans well. This recipe can be prepared as vegetarian as well, but I prefer the flavor that pancetta adds to the dish. A smaller pasta is always used, and any shape will do.

This soup is hearty enough as a meal when paired with a nice salad and bread.

This week I have included my recipe for Pasta e Fagioli. As Dean Martin sang, "When the stars make you drool, just like pasta fazool, that's amore." Enjoy!

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CHERYL ORR
EDENTON EPICUREAN

PASTA E FAGIOLI



INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 6 oz. pancetta diced
- 1 yellow onion, diced
- 2 carrots, diced
- 2 ribs celery, diced
- 1 teaspoon fresh rosemary, finely minced
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 1 clove garlic, minced, and 3 whole cloves
- 1 15-ounce canned crushed tomatoes
- 4 cups chicken stock
- 2 tablespoons chicken demi-glace, or Better Than Bouillon chicken stock paste
- 1 bay leaf
- Pinch red pepper flakes, Dash of balsamic vinegar, Squeeze of honey
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 2 15-ounce cans Italian Barloti beans, drained and rinsed
- 8 ounces small pasta
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Freshly grated parmigiano Reggiano for topping, and add the rind to the

soup while cooking

• 2 tablespoon each fresh basil and parsley, chopped

• Salt and pepper to taste

PREPARATION

- Heat olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add the pancetta, onions, carrots, celery, oregano, and rosemary. Sauté until softened and starting to brown. Add the garlic and sauté about 30 seconds.
- Add the beans, crushed tomatoes, and the chicken stock. Stir in the demi-glace, bay leaf, red pepper,

tomato paste, honey, parmesan rind, and Balsamic. Bring the mixture to a boil then reduce the heat and simmer about for 10 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Remove the rind and bay leaf. Add the pasta and cook until al dente.

• Stir in the basil and parsley. Season with salt and pepper to taste again. Serve with freshly grated parmigiano cheese and a drizzle of extra virgin olive oil, if desired.

Little Free Libraries open in Chowan County...

The Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library and the Pettigrew Regional Library System are excited to announce that our Little Free Libraries in Chowan County are installed, stocked with books and ready for you to enjoy.

Thanks to the Bright Ideas Grant from the State Library of North Carolina, the Pettigrew Regional Library system is bringing our resources out into Chowan County and right down the street.

Chowan County has four Little Free Libraries located at the Edenton Farm Market, the Edenton Boys and Girls Club, the Northern Chowan Community Center and the Rocky Hook Rescue Station (next to Jim's Deli).

If you have trouble finding these spots, worry not. Each of Chowan's Little Free Libraries are registered with the national non-profit Little Free Library organization and are findable on their world map (www.littlefreelibrary.org/map), and are even searchable on Google Maps.

These libraries are free and open to the public 24 hours a day and seven days a week. The only rule is to "take a book, leave a book," though if you wish to take a book and leave a book later on another date, that is totally fine.

In order to keep up with demand and ensure our libraries are fully stocked, every two weeks the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library staff will restock each of our locations. Let us know what you would like to read by visiting, emailing, Facebook messaging or calling the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library with any and all requests for books in your nearby little free library.

I would like to extend a special thanks to the county commissioners, County Manager Kevin Howard, Pettigrew Regional Library Director Judi Bognazzer, Don Hoggard, Davis Todd, Shannon Ray, Brian Chappell, Mary Wolfe, Edenton Farmers Market and the Chowan County Maintenance Department for helping to make this possible.

Keep an eye out at our sister libraries in Washington, Tyrrell and Perquimans as their Little Free Libraries are being installed throughout their counties as we speak! With the Pettigrew Regional Library's mission of serving all members of our community, we are excited to be taking the library out to you. We hope to expand this program in the future and establish more Little Free Libraries

throughout the county.

Check out below some of the latest releases at the library, have a great week, and we hope to see you at the library!

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SPORTS

Brady now faces choice of whether to continue

BY ROB MAADDI
The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — If Tom Brady retires in the offseason, he'll walk away following one of the worst playoff games of his career.

The seven-time Super Bowl champion had a tough night against Micah Parsons and the Dallas Cowboys, tossing his first red-zone interception with the Buccaneers in a 31-14 loss that ended Tampa Bay's up-and-down season Monday night.

Brady won't be returning home to the Bay Area for a rematch against Brock Purdy and the San Francisco 49ers in the NFC divisional round. He may be going home for good, however.

The 45-year-old, five-time Super Bowl MVP already retired once after last season only to return 40 days later. He said he'll take more time to make his decision this time around.

"I'll be one day at a time, truly," Brady said.

Brady waved his cap to the crowd as he jogged off the field for perhaps the final time and stopped to kiss his parents before heading into the tunnel.

Before leaving the podium, Brady thanked reporters, saying: "Hopefully, you know, I love this organiza-



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady (12) stands on the field during an NFL wild-card game against the Dallas Cowboys, Monday.

tion. It's a great place to be and thank you everybody for welcoming me. ... Very grateful for the respect and hopefully I gave the same thing back to you guys."

Brady had been 7-0 against Dallas before this game, including a 19-3 road win in Week 1.

Though he was only sacked twice, the Cowboys pressured him into several throwaways and forced a bunch of ill-advised passes.

He threw a career-most 66 passes, completing 35 of them for 351 yards, two TDs and one interception.

Brady had 65 attempts for New England against San Francisco on Dec. 16, 2012.

After the Buccaneers went three-and-out on

out in the first half of playoff game since his first one in 2001, the Tuck Rule game on Jan. 19, 2002. The Patriots rallied to beat the Raiders in that game.

Brady and the Bucs (8-10) had no chance for a comeback against Dallas (13-5). Parsons and Co. dominated Brady from start to finish.

"It was typical of the way we played all year, inefficient in the pass game, not very good in the run game, so it's hard to beat good teams like that," Brady said.

The Bucs finally found the end zone when Brady connected with Julio Jones on a 30-yard TD pass right before the end of the third quarter. But Tampa's defense gave a TD right back and the Bucs couldn't score after reaching the Cowboys on their next drive.

Brady's worst playoff loss was 33-14 to the Baltimore Ravens on Jan. 10, 2010. This one came close. It was a tumultuous season personally for Brady. His marriage to Gisele Bündchen ended when they announced in October that their divorce was finalized. He had the first losing season of his 23-year career, though the Buccaneers won the woeful NFC South and earned the No. 4 seed.

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4-time WNBA champ Moore officially retires

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Maya Moore knew it was time to officially end her basketball career — four years after stepping away.

The Minnesota Lynx star left the WNBA in 2019 to help her now-husband Jonathan Irons win his release from prison by getting his 50-year sentence overturned in 2020. Irons married Moore soon after his release and the couple had their first child, Jonathan Jr., in February.

She announced her decision to retire Monday on ABC's "Good Morning America." Before that, Moore had been noncommittal about playing basketball again, but she said in an interview with The Associated Press that it was time to retire.

"Over the last year, it finally felt right to just close the chapter," Moore said. "Talk about it in a celebratory way. ... I'm excited to be able to give the clarity to the basketball world."

Moore said it did cross her mind that her son and husband wouldn't get to see her play in the WNBA, but that didn't sway her to keep playing.

Irons said he supported Moore's decision.

"I was totally her decision and you know it brewed from her heart," he said. "I was gonna root for her whatever she chose to do. I'd been right there at the stadium yelling: 'Go girl! Take that jump shot, win that championship!'"

The 33-year-old Moore won four WNBA championships with the Minnesota Lynx, two Olympic gold medals with USA Basketball and two NCAA titles with UConn.

"On behalf of the Minnesota Lynx organization, I want to congratulate Maya on an incredible basketball career," Lynx coach and President of Basketball Operations Cheryl Reeve said. "We will always cherish her time in a Lynx uniform and we wish her the best as she continues to pursue this next chapter of her life."

Moore will be eligible for the Naismith Hall of Fame next year since she stopped playing four years ago, one of the rare athletes to leave their sport in the prime of their career.

She was drafted No. 1 by the Lynx in 2011, win-

ning the Rookie of the Year award and going on to average 18.4 points, 5.9 rebounds and 1.7 steals over eight seasons for Minnesota. She was the league's MVP in 2014 and the only player in WNBA history with four 40-plus point games.

"Her four WNBA championships, six All-Star selections, an MVP award

and a Finals MVP trophy are indicative of the type of rare, generational talent Maya brought to this league, but perhaps her greatest legacy will be what she accomplished beyond the game," WNBA Commissioner Cathy Engelbert said.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 658

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Consideration of Certain Standards for
Electric Utilities Relating to Measures to
Promote Greater Electrification of the
Transportation Sector Pursuant to the
Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing regarding measures this Commission could take to promote greater electrification of the transportation sector as set out in PURPA Section 111(d)(2)(1), 16 U.S.C. § 2621(d)(2)(1) by adding new federal ratemaking standards relating to electric vehicle charging programs. Details regarding the new federal standards and the scope of the Commission's consideration may be obtained from the Commission's Internet web site, www.ncuc.net (search for Docket No. E-22, Sub 658).

A hearing for the convenience of public witnesses, and solely for the purpose of taking nonexpert public witness testimony regarding the above standards, is hereby scheduled for Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the following address:

Halifax County Courthouse
Courtroom 4
357 Ferrell Lane
Halifax, North Carolina 27839

Persons desiring to present testimony for the record should appear at the public hearing. Persons desiring to send written statements to inform the Commission of their positions in the matter should reference Docket No. E-22, Sub 658 and address their statements to Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-4325. However, such written statements cannot be considered competent evidence unless those persons appear at the hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

The Commission will convene an evidentiary hearing for the purpose of receiving testimony from expert witnesses beginning May 20, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Persons desiring to intervene as formal parties of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 no later than April 25, 2023. Such petitions should reference Docket No. E-22, Sub 658 and be filed with the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-4325. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses should also be filed with the Commission on or before April 25, 2023. Any party who desires to file rebuttal testimony shall do so on or before May 23, 2023.

The Public Staff of the Utilities Commission, through its Executive Director, is required by statute to represent the using and consuming public in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should reference Docket No. E-22, Sub 658 and include any information which the writer wishes to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of this matter, and such statements should be addressed to Chris Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-4326.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent the using and consuming public in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to the Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Utilities Division, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-9001.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 22nd day of November, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk

HOROSCOPE

JAN. 18, 2023

Spread some joy and use your intelligence to bring about positive changes at home. Challenge yourself physically and try to look, feel and do your best. Let the past guide you to a better future. Focus on moderation, innovation and practicality. Make your dreams come true.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Build on solid ground. Simplify your plans to guarantee positive results. Do something uplifting or help a cause you care about. Don't limit what you can do due to laziness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Think twice; an unnecessary move will set you back. Put more effort into how you run your home and invest in yourself. Keeping up with technology will help you take advantage of a financial opportunity.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Don't take out your frustration on others or overreact to a situation that is sensitive or could influence your reputation. Use your energy to build a solid foundation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Express your true feelings. It's essential to clear up unsettled matters if you intend to move forward. Be willing to walk away from situations that are taking you in the wrong direction.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Put your wisdom and talent to the test. Speak up, indulge in debates that offer food for thought and promote new beginnings, but don't jeopardize your physical well-being.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Dig in, demonstrate what

you have to offer and market your skills to fit what's trending in your community. Get ahead by doing the work and taking the credit you deserve. Leave nothing to chance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't take anything for granted. Do your part to secure your position and to keep your plans updated and ready to launch. Stick to the script and question anything that seems iffy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Enhance your wisdom by checking out what's popular. Spend time with someone you love. Your pursuit of happiness will encourage loved ones to follow suit. Romance is in the stars.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Focus on enlightenment, personal improvements and maintaining a healthy attitude and lifestyle. Indulgence will lead to trouble. Don't jeopardize your reputation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Start something new, and you'll meet someone you click with emotionally. Walk away from bad influences and toward those who bring out the best in you. Don't be too quick to share your secrets.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You may want to invest time and money in home improvements. Stick to a budget to protect against growing too fast. A change you make will cause a problem with someone close.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22) — Set the stage for your performance. Consider what you are trying to achieve, who you are trying to impress and how to turn your passion into something you can enjoy every day. Rely on yourself.

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and has assisted on 42 of his goals since being traded to Washington in 2015, said the curve is big enough to want the puck closer to the back.

defenseman Dmitry Orlov (34 assists) said. "When he's on the ice, Wilson said, and that chemistry grows with time."

"It doesn't hurt to play with him for a while and to kind of know what he does," said Marcus Johansson, who has assisted on 68 Ovechkin goals during two separate stints with the Capitals.

those, so you just get the puck to him where he can shoot and you've kind of done your job."

The rest of the job belongs to Ovechkin, whose shot will be studied by hockey historians for decades for how it has flummoxed opposing defenses and the 167 different scorers who have scored on him.

One no has put the puck on goal more times than Ovechkin, who recently broke Ray Bourque's record that had stood since 2001, ending Monday, Ovechkin has scored on 12,996 of 6,266 shots.

Knowing the odds of Ovechkin getting the puck from his stick to the net is all the more reason for teammates to pass it to him and watch their assist totals soar while he chases Gretzky.

"It's great we have a player who can score every shot and is always dangerous," Orlov said. "He's got the shot from the gods, and he's using it."

ROUNDUP

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Lincoln (Pa.)

HIGH SCHOOL

BOYS BASKETBALL

New Life Academy 60, Victory Christian 59: The

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sonally hiked the Appalachian Trail at the age of 18. His love of hiking led him to explore other parts of the nation, to include the Pacific Crest Trail and the Continental Divide Trail.

"Going through these really remote and beautiful parts of the United States made me realize the importance of having and preserving these natural landscapes. That made me pursue a career in conservation," Schafer said.

The vast beauty of North Carolina is what led the 29-year-old Schafer to a job with the State Parks system.

"I'm from the mountains, but when I first visited Merchants Millpond in December of 2021, I had

never seen anything like this," Schafer noted. "We have nothing like this in western North Carolina. This is a special place; it's like a whole different world. This state has so much to offer and each of our state parks offer something unique."

"Cody and I learn something new about this park every day, whether it's the different species of trees here or how the beaver lodges and beaver dams effects the local ecosystem. And this place can be explored in different ways, by canoe or by hiking one of the trails," he added.

Hinson, age 25, is a 2021 graduate of NC State University where he majored in Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology. He enjoys fishing and reloading ammo.

"I've always been an outdoors kind of guy,"

Hinson said. "In my early teens, my family took a road trip to Las Vegas and back, stopping at different state and national parks. A few years later we did it again, this time to San Francisco and back. I got to see the Redwood Forest Park on that trip. I was maybe 13 or so when I decided I wanted to be a park ranger...and now, here I am."

"I'm use to a swamp environment where I'm from, but Merchants Millpond is so unique," he added. "My first day here I hiked one of the trails; walked around to get a feel of the natural environment. I do have a natural resource background so I know some about swamp ecology and what natural and animal/manual species you typically find in areas such as this. But you still need to learn all you

can about it so you can educate others who visit here."

Due to the fact that he was raised in a rural area, Hinson said he feels right at home in Gates County.

"For people here are just like back home, very warm and friendly; I like it here," Hinson said.

Now in his third month of employment as a park ranger, Hinson said he is becoming comfortable with his work duties as well as learning more about Merchants Millpond.

"Cody and I have enjoyed these formative experiences that led us to seek out a career as conservation officers," Schafer remarked. "Enjoying outdoor spaces and sharing the same ideas of how to preserve and manage those spaces as well as educating others about

those spaces is what led us here to Merchants Millpond."

While the new rangers said they would seize a future opportunity to transfer to a park closer to their respective homes, both seem content to enjoy their time at Merchants Millpond.

"I love it here," Schafer stressed. "I want to get to know the local community better. People here are extremely friendly."

"Please come and check out the millpond; you'll love it just like we do," Hinton stated.

Merchants Millpond State Park centers on a 760-acre millpond more than 190 years old. Hiking the surrounding trails or paddling the placid, shallow waters of the pond offer a great way to explore this wetland environment. Old-growth cypress trees adorned

with Spanish moss create an "enchanted forest," particularly at Lassiter Swamp. Visitors have even spotted the American alligator here, at the northernmost point of its range.

There is camping (tent sites as well as backpacking sites and paddle-in sites), a bathroom, 10 miles of hiking trails, canoeing (bring your own or rent one), fishing (to include a boat ramp) picnicking, and the Visitors Center, complete with exhibits, an auditorium, and a classroom.

Park hours are 8 am until 6 pm (January/February/November/December), 8 am until 8 pm (March/April/May/September/October), and 8 am until 9 pm (June/July/August).

Call 252-357-1191 for more information.

EXPO:
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their drone knowledge and ability to operate drones."

Students from Gatesville Elementary, Buckland Elementary, T.S. Cooper Elementary, Central Middle School and Gates County High School have spent months in preparation for the expo, Annetta said. "These activities build in complexity as the guide continues."

For the "Sea to Air" drone expo, students will maneuver through various obstacles on teams, participate in a flight competition, and present their research to visiting family, friends

and community members through poster boards.

"The expo provides STEM enrichment opportunities for rural students in grades three through high school," Annetta said. "So these are opportunities that they may not have had experienced in their communities, and Mr. Ray Felton has been generous enough to provide a funding source for the program."

Gravelyn Boone, "Gates on the Go" coach and educator for Gates County Public Schools, wrote in an email statement that students participating in the program are currently finishing posters in preparation for the

drone expo.

Students in Boone's groups have chosen various activities for the expo, including the "No Fly Zone" activity and "Traffic Jam" Activity.

As students continue to practice these activities in preparation for the "Sea to Air" expo, Boone wrote that he has enjoyed watching his students perform and gain confidence in their understanding of STEM technology.

"In the 'Traffic Jam' Activity, the students are to photograph all roadways and vehicles to understand traffic patterns," Boone wrote. "In the No Fly Zone Activity, students are to complete a basic drone

obstacle course as quickly as possible while avoiding designated no fly zone regions."

Ann McClung, science coordinator for ECU's Center for Stem Education and one of the coordinators for "Gates on the Go" planning, said the program provides Gates County students exposure to STEM technologies in new and exciting ways, furthering ECU's university mission of regional transformation and service.

"For us, the goal with 'Gates on the Go' is to introduce kids to STEM technologies that they wouldn't have experienced prior to this program, and through that we're seeing a lot of in-

crease in participation," McClung said.

Gatesville and Buckland Elementary schools will have 10 students competing in the expo, T.S. Cooper Elementary will have 24 students, Central Middle School will have five and Gates County High School will have nine.

All community members are invited to attend the "Sea to Air" drone expo, including teachers, staff, parents, fellow peers and Gates County Public School board members.

For more information please contact Gates County District Academically Gifted Coordinator Amanda Hobbs.

WATER:
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also asked if the increase would cause new businesses to have second thoughts about opening in the county.

Another noted there has been no increase in approximately 10 years and that was "good because the price of everything eventually goes up."

A citizen asked if the rates took into account the "water leakage" and if that could be fixed it should lower the expenses of treating the wasted water.

Another resident praised the efforts of the water department and said he had no doubt that material prices have increased, leaving county officials with no other way to cover those rising costs than to raise the water rates.

A county citizen asked if it was possible to go back to a monthly billing system rather than bi-monthly.

Gates County Public Utilities Director Brad Arnold said the increased rates (an additional \$5 in the base usage fee as well as increasing the per 1,000 gallon fee from \$3 to \$5) were needed just to cover the rising cost of operating the water system.

"As most of ya'll know, [the cost of] supplies and materials have gone through the roof," Arnold said. "They are steadily increasing. Overall, we were a little low on our water rates. It's time to raise them up a little bit."

"These increases are to take care of an aging system," stated County Manager Tim Wilson. "There is a lot of repair work that needs to be done. There are other fee increases that are inflationary. What we're paying for water valves, water meter covers and so forth, we need to just recoup the actual cost of those materials."

Wilson also noted that

the proposed new water rates also include a security deposit fee for new accounts. That's a first for Gates County.

"We have some accounts that close out with a balance due and that security deposit will help negate that problem," he said.

Wilson clarified that the advertisement for the public hearing noted that the proposed increase in the bi-monthly base rate is from \$24 to \$29.

The commissioners offered their thoughts on the proposed rate hikes at the close of the public hearing.

"We have applied for a [state] grant to help us meet our infrastructure needs," noted Commissioner Chair Dr. Althea Riddick. "We don't know now what we'll receive. We'll know in about 35 to 40 days."

"Our [current] water rate is too low and our costs of materials and labor are steadily increasing," she added. "We have to build up our Enterprise Fund (fueled by the fees paid by water and sewer customers). We have to show [the state] that we are serious about maintaining our water system. There is a plan to replace all water meters. They are old and not reading accurately."

"This summer there will be a firm coming in to do a comprehensive study of our water rates. But in the meantime we're trying to demonstrate that Gates County is serious about our infrastructure by maintaining what we're going to fix. The grant money will hopefully help us fix it, but we have to maintain it for the future," Riddick concluded.

"I agree with the increase and the purpose of it," stated Commissioner Emily Truman.

"Sustainability is very important," stressed Commissioner Linda Heller. "The state isn't going to give us money if we can't make ends meet. We are collecting

less money than it costs us to produce our water. We've got to get these fees to where the system operated on the rates charged."

Vice Chairman Jonathan Craddock said the Gates County water plant produced 329 million gallons of water in 2022. He noted that 156 million gallons were billed for revenue of \$1,022,872.95. The rest (52 percent of what was pumped and treated) was lost due to an aging system that is in constant need of repairing leaks.

"We've got to do this; our water system has to sustain itself," Craddock said in support of the rate hikes. "The system does not receive any other funding...just the user fees. We don't have the money we need to make the repairs. I can't see us sustaining the water department without raising the rates."

"The issue is stewardship and sustainability, Commissioner Brian Rountree remarked. "Maintaining what we have comes at a cost. We must sustain our Enterprise Fund. If not it will bankrupt itself. We must take the necessary action to ensure that we have a water system in place for our citizens. Sometimes we don't like to take medicine, but it's necessary for a cure."

Other than raising the bi-monthly basic usage fee from \$24 to \$29 (which includes the first 2,000 gallons of water) and the rate for each additional 1,000 gallons of usage after that from \$3 to \$5, other changes to the fee schedule include the following:

- Tap-On Fee size ¾," from \$1,000 to \$1,500;
- Tap-On Fee size 1" from \$1,250 to \$2,000;
- Tap-On Fee size 2" from \$2,250 to \$3,000;
- Meter Re-Read Fee from no cost to \$25;
- Meter Test Fee from \$15 to \$40;
- Replace angle valve from \$60 to \$75;
- Replace meter box

with lid from \$50 to \$75; and

- Replace meter box lid from \$15 to \$25.
- There are two new fees: an application fee (\$25 for residential homeowners/renters;

- \$50 for a new commercial account; and \$100 for a new industrial account) plus a security deposit for all new accounts (\$50 for residential homeowner; \$100 for residential renter; and

- \$100 for new commercial or industrial customers).
- The current Impact Fee Water of \$1,000 as well as the current Impact Fee Sewer of \$1,000 will be rescinded with the new ordinance.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 658

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Consideration of Certain Standards for)
Electric Utilities Relating to Measures to)
Promote Greater Electrification of the) NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Transportation Sector Pursuant to the)
Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing regarding measures this Commission could take to promote greater electrification of the transportation sector as set out in PURPA Section 111(d)(21), 16 U.S.C. § 2621(d)(21) by adding new federal ratemaking standards relating to electric utility charging programs. Details regarding the new federal standards and the scope of the Commission's consideration may be obtained from the Commission's Internet web site, www.ncuc.net (search for Docket No. E-22, Sub 658).

A hearing for the convenience of public witnesses, and solely for the purpose of taking nonexpert public witness testimony regarding the above standards, is hereby scheduled for Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the following address:

Halifax County Courthouse
Courtroom 4
357 Perrell Lane
Halifax, North Carolina 27839

Persons desiring to present testimony for the record should appear at the public hearing. Persons desiring to send written statements to inform the Commission of their positions in the matter should reference Docket No. E-22, Sub 658 and address their statements to Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-4325. However, such written statements cannot be considered competent evidence unless those persons appear at the hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

The Commission will convene an evidentiary hearing for the purpose of receiving testimony from expert witnesses beginning May 20, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Persons desiring to intervene as formal parties of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules 111-5 and 11-19 no later than April 25, 2023. Such petitions should reference Docket No. E-22, Sub 658 and be filed with the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-4325. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses should also be filed with the Commission on or before April 25, 2023. Any party who desires to file rebuttal testimony shall do so on or before May 23, 2023.

The Public Staff of the Utilities Commission, through its Executive Director, is required by statute to represent the using and consuming public in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should reference Docket No. E-22, Sub 658 and include any information which the writer wishes to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of this matter, and such statements should be addressed to Chris Arvey, Executive Director, Public Staff, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-4326.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent the using and consuming public in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to the Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Utilities Division, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-9001.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This 22nd day of November, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
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GARDNER

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to give us cash for gasoline. She told us about her children and her extended family. We never found out exactly why the niece who dropped her at Walmart failed to pick her up. A son living in Raleigh had bought the small house where she lived. It was next to a church.

No carjackers were visible. I was embarrassed I even thought of that. After one final offer of cash and our instructions to pay it forward to someone who needed it more, we said goodbye, left Lula in her little house and asked her to offer a prayer for us instead. It wasn't even 6 p.m. yet, still working hours, as we headed back to Elizabeth City. Diana's phone rang. It was another real estate agent with a cash offer to buy a piece of property she had been trying to sell for awhile. "See? We were supposed to be here," Diana said. Less than 72 hours later, I was eating lunch with Hood Ellis at our Rotary meeting. He wanted to know how our trip to Edenton turned out. I shared the story and Diana and Hood. Ellis said it reminded him of a verse discussed in his Bible class. The gist of it is,

"Let God interrupt." I agreed and pointed out that we saved \$40 on tickets to see the Jae Simms' Trio at Arts of the Albemarle the same night. After lunch, Ellis's law partner, Andrew Howle, oversaw the drawing for the weekly 50-50 raffle. I won. The prize was \$23, about what I spent on gas to get to Edenton. Three days later we were on the way to Raleigh for Christmas.

In Rocky Mount the owner of a convenience store compelled us a couple cups of coffee, use of the bathroom and a chat, since none of her employees had shown up to work. As fellow columnist Reggie Ponder recently wrote, sometimes "Slow and not so furious" is better. *Doug Gardner tries to do the right thing in Weaverville.*

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<p>STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH</p> <p>DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 658</p> <p>BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION</p> <p>In the Matter of Consideration of Certain Standards for Electric Utilities Relating to Measures to Promote Greater Electrification of the Transportation Sector Pursuant to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing regarding measures this Commission could take to promote greater electrification of the transportation sector as set out in PURPA Section 111(d)(2), 16 U.S.C. § 2621(d)(21) by adding new federal ratemaking standards relating to electric vehicle charging programs. Details regarding the new federal standards and the scope of the Commission's consideration may be obtained from the Commission's Internet web site, www.ncuc.net (search for Docket No. E-22, Sub 658).</p> <p>A hearing for the convenience of public witnesses, and solely for the purpose of taking nonexpert public witness testimony regarding the above standards, is hereby scheduled for Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the following address:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Halifax County Courthouse Courtroom 4 357 Ferrell Lane Halifax, North Carolina 27839</p> <p>Persons desiring to present testimony for the record should appear at the public hearing. Persons desiring to send written statements to inform the Commission of their positions in the matter should reference Docket No. E-22, Sub 658 and address their statements to Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-4325. However, such written statements cannot be considered competent evidence unless those persons appear at the hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.</p> <p>The Commission will convene an evidentiary hearing for the purpose of receiving testimony from expert witnesses beginning May 20, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 450 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.</p> <p>Persons desiring to intervene as formal parties of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 no later than April 25, 2023. Such petitions should reference Docket No. E-22, Sub 658 and be filed with the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-4325. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses should also be filed with the Commission on or before April 15, 2023. Any party who desires to file rebuttal testimony shall do so on or before May 23, 2023.</p> <p>The Public Staff of the Utilities Commission, through its Executive Director, is required by statute to represent the taking and consuming public in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should reference Docket No. E-22, Sub 658 and include any information which the writer wishes to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of this matter, and such statements should be addressed to Chris Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-4326.</p> <p>The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent the using and consuming public in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to the Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Utilities Division, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-9001.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This the 22nd day of November, 2022.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk</p>			

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TOBIAS

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creative offered here in our town. Where I can grab the best Puerto Rican sandwich at Westover. A sumptuous pulled pork sandwich at Inner Banks Barbecue. A

transcendent brisket at Old Colony. An Edentonian at Emilio's. A delectable cajun grilled yellowfin tuna at Waterman's. A scrumptious fried founder at the 300 Bistro. A festival of prime ribs at The Table. Enchiladas and proper margaritas at Mama's (rhyme intended).

Any number of too wonderful (and tempting) essays in coffee at the local morning conference center, the Edenton Coffee House. And my favorite hand-squeezed orangeade from the least-to-goodness soda fountain at Blount's Drugstore. Brunch and lunch and din-

ner at the new Herringbone — which is a triumph of cuisine and preservation.

Anything and everything at Cotton Gin Culinary, where my taste buds go to school.

And, don't you know, I do a lot of writing of these columns at my favorite haunt in the courtyard at the Edenton

Bay Trading Company.

All these artistic values were confirmed lately by the outpouring of sympathy, and the gathering round of all these restaurants and the entire community, for the Governor's Pub, in its moment of unspeakable, unmeasurable, and inexplicable loss.

All this is beautiful. All this makes sense. All this is art that is accessible, embraceable, and for all that, it is lovely to behold. Better, far better, than what passes for art in Boston.

Jonathan Tobias is a resident of Edenton.

WORTHINGTON

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got nearly \$296,000. ECPPS announced plans to hire three additional SROs with the grant funds, although it takes time to recruit and train officers.

But the most important step to improve school safety would be to improve student discipline. The

National Center for Education Statistics released a survey in July 2022 which compared school incidents in pre-COVID years to those after resumption of in-school instruction. Physical altercations between students increased 33%, classroom disruptions from student misconduct rose 56%, and student verbal abuse of teachers and staff went up 48%.

Teachers often feel that they are all alone in the classroom with little help to maintain order. For example, principals seldom send disruptive students home because the number of suspensions negatively affect their annual evaluations. Suspensions force parents to address behavioral issues, but often they act as if their child is the victim. And some students

view suspensions as a vacation from school. Actually it's a vacation for the teachers — who don't have to deal with the disruptive student for a few days.

If school discipline is strictly maintained throughout the school day, fewer students act out because they know there will be consequences. So the best use of money for school safety would be

to hire more supervisors for in-school suspensions. Then the misbehaving students would have to do school work during suspensions, and it would still be punishment because they couldn't associate with their friends during the school day. And parents wouldn't have to scramble to find someone to supervise the suspended student.

If you have a school-age child or grandchild, please attend school board meetings and ask for progress reports on efforts to improve school safety. The next ECPPS Board of Education meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 23 at H.L. Trigg Community School.

Michael R. Worthington is a resident of Pasquotank County.

JACAVONE

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Kevin Howard, Pettigrew Regional Library Director

Judi Bugnizet, Don Hogard, Davis Todd, Shannon Ray, Brian Chappell, Mary Wolfe, Edenton Farmers Market, and the Chowan County Maintenance

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Keep an eye out at our sister libraries in Washington, Tyrell and Perquimans as their Little Free Li-

braries are being installed throughout their counties as we speak! With the Pettigrew Regional Library's mission of serving all members of our commu-

nity, we are excited to be taking the Library out to you! We hope to expand this program in the future and establish more Little Free Libraries throughout

the county!

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

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 658

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
 Consideration of Certain Standards for Electric Utilities Relating to Measures to Promote Greater Electrification of the Transportation Sector Pursuant to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act)
)
) NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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 This the 22nd day of November, 2022
 NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
 Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk

Retiring K-9 awarded to partner

Sheriff Stone presents service weapon to retired deputy

BY LINDELL KAY
GRAPHIC STAFF
WRITER

A Nash County Sheriff's Office K-9 has retired after seven years on the job due to bad hips.

Dako, a German Shepherd from Holland born in 2014, was assigned as K-9 in 2015 to Lt. David Walker. The two worked together as a unit for seven years and 10 months.

During last week's meeting, Sheriff Keith Stone requested the Board of Commissioners give the dog to Walker.

Stone said Dako could still perform his duties if called upon, but the dog developed arthritis and has slowed down in recent months. It's typical for police dogs to age out after around eight years.

Stone highlighted Dako's major accomplishments over the years.

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Also in 2019, Dako found a discarded firearm used in a crime and located drugs in a storage unit.

Dako's work on locating missing persons is above the national average.

"He's done an amazing job for Nash County," Stone said.

Walker said Dako has earned some relaxation and some rest.

Also deserving of a little rest is retired Deputy Wayne Joyner who began his law enforcement career with the sheriff's office in 1994 and ended it Dec. 31, 2022.

The Board of Commissioners has awarded Joyner his service handgun.



Nash County Sheriff's Lt. David Walker with K-9 Dako moments after county commissioners awarded the aging dog to his controller last week. Graphic photo by Lindell Kay



Pictured (L-R), Retired Deputy Wayne Joyner and Sheriff Keith Stone pose together last week after Joyner was presented with his service weapon. Graphic photo by Lindell Kay

Joyner signed up as a detention officer 28 years ago, promoted to sergeant a year later. He attended Basic Law Enforcement Training and became a deputy in 2007. He worked patrol until 2015 when he moved to the civil division performing civil case processing.

Each year the county government awards pins of service to employees. This year the board presented pins for 20, 25 and 35 years along with retirees.

Employees who received a pin for 20 years are: Dale Griffin in emergency medical services; Lisa Pittman in social services; Wayne Joyner in sheriff's office; Crystal Silver in health; and Samuel Weeks in the sheriff's office.

Employees who received a pin for 25 years are: Melanice Eason in finance; Astrid

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Listing forms will be mailed only to those who listed personal property in 2022. If you did not list taxable property in 2022 and you now own taxable personal property, you may call (252) 459-9816 and a form will be mailed to you. Forms can also be found on line at www.co.nash.nc.us. Go to Departments, click on Tax, scroll down to either Business Personal Property or Personal Property. Click on the appropriate link. You may print a form by clicking on the link entitled "print a form." All listings by mail must be postmarked (not metered) no later than January 31, 2023, to avoid a late listing fee.

Assistance in listing is available at the Nash County Tax Office in the Nash County Office Building, 120 W Washington Street, Nashville, NC, 27856, Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM during the month of January. Any questions concerning listing should be directed to (252) 459-9816.

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Nash UNC adds new members to board

Nash UNC Health Care has appointed three new members to its Board of Commissioners, to fill seats left open by the departures of Melvin Mitchell, who served for nine years, Dr. Ivan Peacock, who served for nine years, and Robble Green, who served for three years.

New board members Kenneth D. Arrington, Brian Brantley, and Terri Sharpe started their terms after being sworn in at the January 5 board meeting. In addition, the board annually elects officers with the new term beginning in January of each year. For 2023, the Board Executive Leaders for Nash UNC remain Bill Lehenes, chair, John Barker, past chair, Joel Bryant, vice chair, Butch Holland, treasurer and Jean Kitchin, Secretary.

"Nash UNC is privileged to have such an engaged board of commissioners

leading our community hospital's strategic direction," said Dr. L. Lee Isley, president and CEO of Nash UNC Health Care. "We look forward to the perspectives and guidance we will gain from Mrs. Sharpe, Mr. Arrington, and Mr. Brantley, all lifelong residents of this community. We thank Ms. Green, Mr. Mitchell and Dr. Peacock for their service and dedication over the last several years."

Arrington, a lifelong resident of Rocky Mount, has served as administrative manager of H.D. Pope Funeral Home in Rocky Mount for the past eight years, having served hundreds of families during their most vulnerable times. He previously worked in Wilson County Public Schools, and has served in a variety of community service roles including mentorship, motivational speaking and faith based leadership

roles with Truth Tabernacle Ministries.

Brantley, a lifelong resident of Spring Hope, retired in 2021 as director of Nash County Emergency Services, where he served for 36 years. He has also served in many community roles including Spring Hope Fire Department, Spring Hope Planning Board, Spring Hope Golf Association and Englewood Baptist Church.

Sharpe, a Rocky Mount native and Certified Public Accountant at Bunch & Company, LLP, has worked in public accounting for more than 36 years. She has served as treasurer and ambassador for the Rocky Mount Area Chamber of Commerce and currently serves on the board of trustees for North Carolina Wesleyan University.

Nash donates county vehicles to SNHS

BY LINDELL KAY
GRAPHIC STAFF
WRITER

The Nash County Board of Commissioners has donated a surplus patrol car and ambulance to local educational institutions.

Nash Community College will receive a 2014 Dodge Charger with approximately 157,544 miles. The vehicle still has lights and siren installed with a fair market value of less than \$10,000, according to information provided by county officials.

Southern Nash High School will receive a 2010 Freightliner Sprinter with approximately 174,109 miles. The EMS decals, sirens and emergency lights will be removed before transferring ownership of the vehicle. The vehicle is valued at more than \$10,000.

NCC requested the donation of the patrol vehicle including the affixed eme-

gency light bar, siren and emergency equipment for use in its Basic Law Enforcement Training program. The donation request was initiated by Sheriff Keith Stone.

Southern Nash wants the ambulance for use in its Public Safety and Emergency Management curriculum.

The program focuses on the five main career clusters within public safety including law enforcement, corrections, fire and emergency services, legal services and protection and security. Course offerings provide students the opportunity to obtain 19 industry certifications allowing them to be ready to enter the workforce, according to information provided by county staff and school officials. The donation request was initiated by Emergency Services Director Tony Cameron.

Commissioners voted unanimously to donate the vehicles during their Monday meeting.

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- The Town of Nashville's PRCR Department's Street and Special events application for a permit for 2023 Stoney Creek Environmental Park music series.
- The Town of Nashville's PRCR Department's Street and Special events application for a permit for the 2023 Nashville Farmers Market.
- The Town of Nashville's PRCR Department's Street and Special events application for a permit for the "Egging" to be held Saturday, April 1, 2023.
- The Town of Nashville's PRCR Department's Street and Special events application for a permit for the Downtown Halloween Trick or Treating event, to be held October 27, 2023.
- The Nashville Chamber of Commerce's Street and Special events application for a permit for the 25th annual Nashville Blooming Festival.
- The Keep it Swinging, Inc's Street and Special events application for a running event race to be held October 28, 2023.

More information and documents related to these public hearings is available at www.townofnashville.com. Any questions should be submitted to Lou Bennett, Town Clerk, at 459-4511, ext. 221 or Lou.bennett@townofnashville.com

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by: Hiram Lupton

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Lynn Rockwell
Oriental, NC



This is a picture of a bald eagle sitting its prey in the middle of a farm field. This picture was taken at the intersection of White Farm Road and Straight Road in Oriental

Greg Wall



Green Salamander

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Those who do not learn history are doomed to repeat it.



-George Santayana

SUDOKU

6			9		4			
		8		4	5			
	7			5				
		7			3			
	4	1						
3	6					9		
4	7			3	1			6
		2						
	5		7					9

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

6	8	2	7	8	7	4	9	1
4	1	1	9	5	8	2	2	8
9	5	8	1	8	2	2	6	7
1	6	7	2	4	4	9	9	8
5	2	9	8	8	1	4	6	7
8	4	6	9	7	1	2	2	5
8	8	6	9	5	1	9	7	2
7	9	4	5	4	2	8	3	6
2	4	1	2	4	7	4	8	9

ANSWER:

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Congressman Greg Murphy Holds Roundtable Discussion in Aurora

Discussions with Murphy ranged from the Town's revitalization efforts, economic development, expansion of health care and other vital services, to law enforcement priorities, the fossil museum's plans for growth, funding, bringing a grocery store back to Aurora, expansion of roadways for business development, and education and job opportunities. Murphy also mentioned he was in the midst of hiring a liaison for his Washington, D.C. office who would work with his constituent communities to help them find grant opportunities and other similar resources.

Mayor Williams thanked Kidwell and Murphy for their support, and acknowledged the many volunteers and businesses trying to help advance Aurora.

"There is so much talent trying to help us out, so much enthusiasm about what could happen. I can't thank you enough for being here today, and I can't thank our citizens and our families enough for helping to bring us out of the ashes to rise up," he said.

Following the discussion, Murphy read a Congressional Record tribute which he entered to honor local Aurora resident and WWII veteran Anne Windley for her many contributions to Aurora and to the nation.

DEQ makes grant opportunities easier to navigate

RALEIGH - The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) launched a new webpage that provides information on all DEQ funding programs in one place, along with a searchable list of currently open applications for grant opportunities.

"This new tool will make it easier to access funding available through DEQ and support projects that will improve public health, the environment and quality of life across North Carolina," said Secretary Elizabeth S. Biser.

The new Grants page at <https://deq.nc.gov/news/grants> is a one-stop shop for everyone, including local governments, businesses, community and nonprofit organizations and others, looking for grant and loan funding information for a variety of environmental projects.

The page includes recurring and one-time funding sources across DEQ divisions, with links to additional information includ-

ing eligibility, how to apply, and program contacts. Potential applicants can also view a searchable list - <https://deq.nc.gov/news/current-grant-opportunities> - of funding opportunities currently accepting applications, with the option to filter by who is eligible to apply.

DEQ receives state and federal funding to distribute for projects that improve air and water quality, reduce waste, enhance energy efficiency, and more. Recent federal legislation (including the American Rescue Plan Act, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and Inflation Reduction Act) has expanded DEQ's capacity to fund water infrastructure and clean energy projects over the next several years. Some of this funding has already been allocated, while more opportunities will become available in the future.

For more information, please visit the DEQ Grants page at <https://deq.nc.gov/news/grants>

Caswell Center Foundation Offers College Scholarship Program

The Caswell Center Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce the availability of three \$1,000 scholarships for the 2023-2024 academic year.

To qualify, applicants must be a rising college senior or working towards a graduate degree with an Allied Health, Education or Psychology major in one of the following areas:

occupational therapy, physical therapy, recreation therapy, psychology, nursing, speech-language pathology, or social work and intend to serve persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities after graduation. The scholarship will be available to qualified applicants residing in one of the following 38 counties: Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Dare, Duplin, Edgecombe, Gates, Greene, Hertford, Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton,

Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Pitt, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Tyrrell, Washington, Wayne, or Wilson.

To learn more about eligibility requirements or to receive an application, please contact Danielle

Howell, Executive Director, at (252) 208-3790 or danielle.howell@cdills.nc.gov or visit www.caswellcenterfoundation.com.

The scholarship application deadline is April 1, 2023.

Established in 1999, the Caswell Center Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that enhances the quality of life for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in eastern North Carolina.

Historical Society Celebrates 100 Years 2023 Brings a Year-Long Celebration

NEW BERN, NC. The New Bern Historical Society will turn 100 years old this year and they plan to spend the year in celebration. From special twists on popular events, to nationally known speakers,



the Hallowed Ground Lantern Tour, Heritage Homes Tour, and Ghostwalk along with even more Lunch & Learn opportunities. Watch for additional presentations from

well-known speakers including authors David Cecelski and Peter Sandbeck. There will also be a special commemorative addition to the Attmore-Oliver House Garden.

One hundred years is quite a feat for any organization! It began at the home of Mrs. R. N. Duffy on April 19, 1923, when 19 people gathered to start a branch of the State Historical Society. It has grown over the years to more than 1200 members with our mission to "celebrate and promote New Bern and its heritage through events and education." That's a century of service telling the story of the remarkable people and events that have shaped this community and contributed to our state and nation.

Everyone is invited to join in the celebration. The capstone is the Historical Society's extended gift to the community - a 100th Anniversary Exhibit at the North Carolina History Center: "Through the Looking Glass, A Journey with the Storytellers." The exhibit will fill the Duffy Gallery and will be free and open to the public from April 2023 into January of 2024. After 100 years, the Historical Society has a large collection of images and artifacts of New Bern's history. Many of these have been hidden for years in our files and storage, and others will be on loan from friends. The generosity of many has made this impressive exhibit possible.

Expect all the popular events including Harry Goodman Battlefield Adventure Day,

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Offices are located in the historic Attmore-Oliver House at 511 Broad Street in New Bern. For more information, call 252-638-8558 or go www.NewBernHistorical.org or www.facebook.com/NewBernHistoricalSociety.

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Speakers ask school board to allow fans at games

By DALE HEBERLIG
Staff Writer

Two speakers urged Washington County's school board to open future basketball games to the public during public comment at the board's January 10 meeting.

James "BJ" Cooper and Shana Phelps argued strongly in favor of keeping the games open to fans. Their comments came in response to a preliminary decision — made follow-

ing an outbreak that resulted in a wound to a school resource officer at a January 6 contest.

The decision to close games to the public was overruled by the school board later in the January 10 meeting.

In his comments, Cooper maintained the closure decision "didn't make sense" since the January 6 incidents were sparked by actions by high school cheerleaders, not fans.

He also took swipes at Superintendent Linda Jewell-Carr and school board member Vanessa Cherry in his remarks. He asked if the decision to cancel a game and rule out future spectators was a "collective" decision or one made by Carr.

"It didn't make sense to me to cancel the game the other night (Jan. 6)," Cooper said. "Usually, it's up to the refs or the booking agency to cancel a game

if they don't feel safe. The cheerleader issue is an inside issue, it had nothing to do with the fans. What have the fans done? The players have not done anything to anybody."

Cooper suggested Carr may not understand the importance of athletics in Washington County and he expressed some ill-defined issues with Cherry.

"I don't think Dr. Carr can relate to the dynamic of athletics and what it

emphasized the importance of fan support in Washington County athletics.

"We are more than spectators," she said. "We don't have training camps, fancy weight rooms or weekly live news coverage, but we are rich in local support. Spectators are our natural resources. To ban spectators strips us of our natural resources."

In her comments, Phelps

CHARGES

serious bodily injury, and disorderly conduct at a school;

• Brittney Faye Blount, 31, Plymouth, felony inciting riot, five counts felony conspiracy, failure to disperse on command, disorderly conduct at a school;

• Melanie Blount, 41, Plymouth, resist public officer inflicting serious bodily injury, felony inciting to riot, four counts fel-

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ony conspiracy, failure to disperse on command, disorderly conduct at a school;

Additional, charges reportedly are forthcoming against juveniles and adults.

SMOOTH

cheerleaders — who were the apparent source of a series of skirmishes January 6 — did not perform at the game, Washington County's JV cheerleaders performed admirably in the absence of their older peers.

There was at least one policy change in effect at

Friday's Bertie tilt. A hallway adjacent to the high school gym — where the January 6 conflict ignited — was closed.

School board members announced prior to the January 13 game that spectators would be confined to their seats unless visiting the concession stand or

rest rooms and that "violent, aggressive, disruptive or disrespectful behavior" would not be tolerated. Additionally, any spectator leaving the premises would not be readmitted.

In the interim, investigation into the January 13 events continue. At least five adults have been

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charged with felonies in connection to the fracas that resulted in injury to an SRO, who was injured as she tried to diffuse a physical struggle in a breezeway outside the WCHS gym.

An unspecified number of juveniles have been charged with crimes and/or suspended from school.

LIBERTY

has given birth to a new type of weak, hypesensitive, self-centered personality that is easily offended, experiences liberty mainly as risk and danger and is therefore mainly interested in safety and protection. Often, these folks do not know the difference between a man and a woman and insist on being addressed with strange pronouns e.g. in the plural when "they" are just one person.

This reminds me eerily of the old times of absolutism, when the monarch insisted on being addressed in the plural and the crime of lese majesty (crimen laesae maiestatis) allowed the king to throw anybody in the dungeon who dared criticize him. Any inconvenient speech could be declared an insult of majesty and be prohibited and punished. And the king determined what speech was inconvenient.

Our modern censors

have not really understood that to curb freedom of speech in order to eliminate hate speech is throwing out the baby with the bath water. Just like one cannot be a little bit pregnant, we cannot have just a little bit of government controlled free speech.

The founders of our Republic knew that once you start regulating speech, by prohibiting "hate" speech or "offensive" speech, speech is no longer free and increasingly so, since anything you or I might say might offend somebody or could potentially be interpreted as hate speech by somebody.

Speech, regardless how well-intended, can always be declared or interpreted as inconvenient by somebody. The founders of the American Republic knew that censorship of inconvenient speech is the slippery slope that leads to loss of liberty and ultimately to serfdom.

It is the inconvenient speech that is protected by the First Amendment, not the convenient speech. Just like liberty includes the option of making mistakes and wrong decisions, freedom of speech includes the option of offensive speech — sauf intentional slander and libel. If we may no longer haze, offend, ridicule, or despise each other openly, we have lost all freedom of speech, thought, and expression.

The new collectivists, as they internalize their moral superiority, appear to lose the ability to tolerate rejection, critique, and ridicule and, as a consequence, we are about to lose our freedom of speech.

Someday, when their own views and opinions become inconvenient to the powers that be and they are oppressed and censored by means of the very same oppressive tools, they themselves helped to

forge, they will shed bitter tears.

If you can no longer make mistakes or wrong decisions, you can be sure that you lost your liberty.

Loss of freedom of speech destroys liberty and loss of liberty leads to the road to serfdom, aka slavery.

Resist. Resist. Resist. (And read: Friedrich A. Hayek, The Road to Serfdom, Routledge, UK, 1944)

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TAXES

believe that our tax dollars are going towards things like infrastructure, roads, helpful social programs and other interests that seem to benefit the whole of civilization.

Even if I were to grant you that, there is one thing about taxes that we all understand and that is that we are taxed by our government under the implicit threat of coercion and force.

Taxation is not a voluntary act — at the federal, state, county and local level — and in the event that you choose to keep the money you earned, agencies like the IRS will come knocking on your door to forcibly take what you have earned with the threat of prison if you do not comply.

This is compounded by the fact that the government takes your money and spends it recklessly without your consent. It may give you roads and it may give you some infrastructure but, ultimately, what happens to your money is in the hands of people you'll never meet, doing things that you'll never benefit from.

Taxation, as it exists in America today, while legal, is wholly immoral. Taking what Americans have earned, with the threat of force, for whatever reason, is an affront to liberty.

Which is all the more reason why I hope Republicans are serious about cutting the IRS and

taxation down to size, especially during the age of the most financially irresponsible administration to date.

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NOTICE

**Town of Plymouth
Wastewater Treatment System
Annual Performance Report**
The Clean Water Act requires those entities that own or operate wastewater treatment and collection systems to create an "Annual Report" that summarizes the system's performance over a 12 month period.
In accordance with that law, please note that the required report for the Town of Plymouth will be published and copies will be available at Town of Plymouth, 124 East Water Street.



"Conformity is the jailer of freedom and the enemy of growth." — John F. Kennedy

35th President of the United States

ROANOKE BEACON for God, for Country, for Truth



Tyrrell County's board of commissioners honored county employees with a slew of awards during its recent board meeting. As described by County Manager David Clegg, January board meetings have been traditionally used to call attention to the work and service of employees working within law enforcement and the clerical side of county business. "This meeting in January is always special because it gives us the opportunity to address those folks that work for Tyrrell County on a daily basis and serve the citizens admirably," Clegg said proudly. (Staff photo by Arthur Howell)

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.)

January 13
7:50 a.m. Animal problem in Creswell.
4:18 p.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.
5:31 p.m. Officer requested to unlock vehicle in Creswell.
5:40 p.m. Careless and reckless driving in Plymouth.

January 14
12:23 a.m. Traffic stop in Plymouth.
12:50 a.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.
1:27 p.m. Disturbance in Roper.

January 15
2:20 p.m. Suspicious activity in Roper.
4:16 p.m. Ambulance needed in Plymouth.
4:42 p.m. Suspicious activity in Roper.
5:44 p.m. Suspicious activity in Roper.

January 16
8:49 p.m. Fight in Plymouth.
8:50 p.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
9:36 p.m. Ambulance needed in Plymouth.

9:51 p.m. Careless and reckless driving in Plymouth.

January 15
2:02 a.m. Disturbance in Williamson.
10:16 a.m. Report of vehicle stolen in Plymouth.
4:59 p.m. Shots fired in Plymouth.

January 16
5:09 p.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.
5:19 p.m. Residential alarm in Plymouth.
7:13 p.m. Fight in Plymouth.
7:46 p.m. Loud music complaint in Plymouth.

January 17
5:19 p.m. Shots fired in Plymouth.
6:51 p.m. Assault in Roper.
7:49 p.m. Breathing problems in Creswell.
9:38 p.m. Domestic situation in Plymouth.

January 18
10:53 a.m. Fraud, scam or counterfeit problem in Roper.
10:55 a.m. Animal control needed in Plymouth.
1:27 p.m. Animal control problem in Creswell.
1:36 p.m. Animal control problem in Columbia.
2:10 p.m. Railroad crossing issues in Plymouth.

January 19
2:45 p.m. Caller was threatened in Plymouth.
4:10 p.m. Vehicle abandoned in Creswell.
4:53 p.m. Assault in Plymouth.
7:17 p.m. Business alarm in Roper.
7:40 p.m. Ambulance needed in Creswell.
11:29 p.m. Shots fired in Plymouth.

January 18
1:53 a.m. Shots fired in Plymouth.
1:54 a.m. Shots fired in Plymouth.
8:40 a.m. Property damage in Plymouth.
11:27 a.m. Officer requested to unlock vehicle in Plymouth.
12:53 p.m. Ambulance needed in Roper.
1:10 p.m. Drug activity in Plymouth.
4:16 p.m. Juvenile problem in Plymouth.
4:39 p.m. Larceny in Plymouth.

January 19
5:32 a.m. Domestic situation in Plymouth.
8:42 a.m. Property damage in Plymouth.
11:05 a.m. Larceny in Plymouth.

January 20
11:15 a.m. Fraud, scam or counterfeit money in Plymouth.
12:18 p.m. Suspicious activity in Roper.

January 21
4:05 p.m. Harassment in Plymouth.
4:39 p.m. Brush or woods fire in Plymouth.
5:13 p.m. Larceny in Plymouth.
7:34 p.m. Assault in Plymouth.

January 22
7:53 p.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.
8:22 p.m. Shots fired in Plymouth.
9:07 p.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
9:24 p.m. Ambulance needed in Creswell.

January 23
9:07 p.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
9:24 p.m. Ambulance needed in Creswell.

January 24
1:10 p.m. Drug activity in Plymouth.
4:16 p.m. Juvenile problem in Plymouth.
4:39 p.m. Larceny in Plymouth.

January 25
11:15 a.m. Fraud, scam or counterfeit money in Plymouth.
12:18 p.m. Suspicious activity in Roper.

January 26
1:10 p.m. Drug activity in Plymouth.
4:16 p.m. Juvenile problem in Plymouth.
4:39 p.m. Larceny in Plymouth.

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January 30
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January 31
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February 1
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February 2
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Pictured are Congressman Don Davis, left, and the Rev. Charles E. McCollum Sr.



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Pictured are members of the Epsilon Sigma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.



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Pictured is Warren County Commissioner and Chairman Tare Davis on Monday.



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Pictured are the president emeritus the Rev. Charles E. McCollum Sr., left, President James Mills of the Roanoke Valley Southern Christian Leadership Conference and President Dawn Daly-Mack of the Northampton County NAACP.

KING

FROM PAGE A6

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY CELEBRATION IN LITTLETON

LITTLETON — On Monday, the community gathered to celebrate the 21st Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Celebration.

According to a press release, the event was held in the Promise-Land Sanctuary at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Program participants and elected officials processioned into the establishment with Steve Wonder's "Happy Birthday." The Rev. Andre Motley, associate at Piney Grove Baptist, was the master of ceremonies. Sienna-Faith Boyd led with the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by the singing of the Negro National Anthem by Michael Hawkins.

Warren County Commissioner and Chairman Tare Davis read scripture. Halifax County Commissioner Carolyn Johnson received a prayer that King delivered on Sept. 6, 1953.

"Dr. King's prayer is adequate for the times in which we now live," Johnson said.

The Rev. Charles McCollum Sr. welcomed everyone and gave remarks. According to the press release, McCollum said King Day was celebrated in the eastern part of the county, while the western end did not have anything happening to honor King.

"Dr. King said all can be great because all can serve," he said in the press release.

McCollum recognized Congressman Don



Richard Holm | The Herald
Pictured are members of the Epsilon Sigma Lambda Chapter.

Davis and his District Director Kim Mack.

Seventh-grader Micah Adkins of Chaloner Middle School served as the M.L.K. Bell Ringer.

Rep. Michael Wray (D-27) said it was an honor to be in the presence of trailblazers and future trailblazers because working together works to make the world a better place.

Wray remarked on Sarah Keys Evans being one of those trailblazers and those serving on the Sarah Keys Evans Committee who received the Medallion Award. He presented the Sarah Keys Evans' Project Committee member the 2022 Governor's Volunteer Service Award for Halifax County.

The following received their Medallion Award: The Rev. Charles McCollum, Ervin Griffin, Georgette Kimball, Ophelia Gould-Faison, John Simson and David Putney. Members not present were Helen Rosser and Napoleon Hill.

Congressman Davis remarked on the impor-

ance of unity and how King's work inspired the nation and world.

"Halifax County, there is a steep mountain in front of us that will require all of us to move," he said in the press release.

Davis said everyone needs to continue dreaming.

"We came in today as individuals but we leave more powerful together," he said. "Look at your neighbor and say dare to dream. Dr. King reminded us to keep on dreaming and don't stop dreaming."

Davis said King's "I have a Dream" speech was first spoken in Rocky Mount.

"Not everyone believed King in the day," he said in the press release. "It was King that reminded us that we must keep on dreaming. In 1863, Abraham Lincoln signed The Emancipation Proclamation which freed the millions of slaves, but many were still captives. We can be free but still in bondage."

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ECU Health leaders posed with Congressman Don Davis and his team, as well as health department leaders, in front of the Halifax County Health Department on Jan. 20.

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ECU Health leaders join Medicaid expansion roundtable in Halifax

BY THE HERALD STAFF REPORTS
HALIFAX — ECU Health joined community officials and business and health leaders at a Medicaid expansion roundtable hosted by U.S. Congressman Don Davis on Jan. 20 at the Halifax County Health Department, followed by a tour of ECU Health North Hospital.

Jay Briley, president of ECU Health community hospitals, and Jason Harrell, president of ECU Health North Hospital, attended the roundtable to offer insights on health issues impacting Halifax County and eastern North Carolina.

According to a press release received Tuesday from Ashlin Elliott, ECU Health Public Relations, officials urged the need for Medicaid expansion, and community leaders offered perspective and insight on how to best advocate for expansion in North Carolina, which would provide invaluable health and economic benefits to communities across the region. With Medicaid expansion, more than 600,000 North



Congressman Don Davis toured ECU Health North Hospital on Jan. 20.

Carolinians — 100,000 of whom live in eastern North Carolina — would have access to the affordable health care coverage they need.

"ECU Health is grateful for the opportunity to meet with Congressman Davis and other community leaders to discuss Medicaid expansion and other important health-care needs for Halifax County and the region we so proudly serve," Briley said. "Medicaid expansion is a crucial initiative that would provide numerous benefits for the state, and

especially here in rural eastern North Carolina, where we see high rates of chronic diseases and high rates of uninsured patients. Simply put, Medicaid expansion would make an important difference in the lives of so many, and we are committed to advocating for this important measure."

Following the roundtable, Briley and Harrell welcomed Congressman Davis to ECU Health North Hospital for a tour of the hospital, including the oncology unit and

women and children's unit. During the tour, the leaders discussed how Medicaid expansion and the Healthcare Access and Stabilization Program would help provide much-needed relief for rural hospitals across the state, ensuring that rural North Carolinians have access to high-quality health care.

"Rural hospitals like ECU Health North play a critical role in the communities they serve," Harrell said. "Our hospital is not only a hub for high-quality care, but it is also the largest employer in the county. Medicaid expansion should be a top priority for the state, and we appreciate Congressman Davis's efforts to advocate for the health and well-being of eastern North Carolina."

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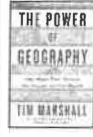
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MONEY MATTERS

You Decide: Will 2023 be naughty or nice?

The traditional holiday question to children, "Have you been naughty or nice," is a perfect lead-in to the economic outlook in 2023. As 2022 ends and 2023 begins, we face two economic challenges: inflation and recession. The big questions are, will inflation return to normal in 2023, and will it take a recession to do so?



Dr. Mike Walden

Actually, we've already seen some progress on inflation. Year-over-year inflation was over 9% in the summer, but recently it's been under 8%. That doesn't seem like much, but at least the rise in prices has been slowing.

But the decline in the price of gas at the pump has certainly brought smiles to our faces. After the national price per gallon jumped to over \$5 in June, we're now seeing gas prices in the low \$3 range.

Interest rates are another matter. If you're borrowing money for a home, vehicle or another big-ticket item, you're now paying more than twice as much as a year ago. For example, despite some slippage in November and December, 30-year fixed mortgage rates are still hovering near 6.5%. At the end of 2021, they were under 3%.

The bottom line is that most people are still struggling economically as we end one year and move on to another. Even if a person received a pay boost in 2022, it was likely less than the increase in prices they paid. If your income rises less than prices, then your standard of living has dropped.

2022 has been a rough year. Will it get any better in 2023? Part of the reason for inflation has been problems with businesses getting enough supply of the products we want to purchase. The pandemic gave us a new term for this situation: supply chain problems. When we are trying to buy things, but there are not enough of those things to buy, then the prices of those things jump.

The good news is that supply chain problems have eased. One measure shows the intensity of supply problems improving 75% since 2021. As a result, sellers have more inventories, and delivery times have returned to pre-pandemic levels. The improvement in the supply chain should help moderate inflation.

But will it be enough? The Federal Reserve doesn't think so. The Federal Reserve — commonly called "the Fed" — is the nation's central bank. It has the ability to create money, and it uses that power to nudge interest rates up and down. If the Fed wants to stimulate borrowing and spending, it lowers interest rates. It did this at the height of the pandemic, which, among other things, created massive home buying. But if the Fed wants to moderate

create a recession where sales fall and unemployment rises. Unfortunately, one of the best predictors of a recession — a measure called the "inverted yield curve" — is giving its strongest forecast of an upcoming recession in forty years.

Thus, I — and many economists — are forecasting a recession for some period in 2023. The good news is that it will likely be relatively mild. The unemployment rate, currently under 4%, could rise to 5% or 6%. An unemployment rate in that range is historically low for a recession. Still, with a jobless rate of 5% or 6%, between 50,000 and 100,000 workers in North Carolina would be added to the unemployment rolls.

Although North Carolina's economy has been growing faster than most states, North Carolina will feel a recession. Even North Carolina's rapidly expanding cities and metropolitan areas will know a recession has arrived. In fact, if history is any guide, metro regions could suffer more. For example, in the so-called "subprime" recession of 2007-2009, the economies in metropolitan North Carolina contracted by a larger percentage than the economies in rural regions.

If a recession does happen in 2023, look for businesses

in sectors selling products or services that can be postponed to be hit harder. These are sectors like real estate, construction, manufacturing, retail and leisure/hospitality. Businesses selling necessities like food, health care, education and energy will be less negatively impacted.

When will the economy get better? When will we have inflation under control and the economy growing again? I'm hoping we will see these conditions toward the end of 2023. By then, I think we could see the inflation rate half of what it is today, thereby allowing the Fed to ease up on the brake and slightly push down on the gas pedal for the economy. That is, I think the Fed could be reducing interest rates and stimulating the economy a year from now. A year from now, we could see the 2023 recession end and a new economic expansion beginning.

So, I see challenges but then relief for us and the economy in 2023. I wish I could be more upbeat, but my intent is to be honest and clear. Is my forecast helpful? You decide.

Dr. Mike Walden is a William Neal Reynolds Distinguished Professor Emeritus at North Carolina State University.



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SPORTS

HAWKS:

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final 5:07, while holding the Hawks scoreless in the final two minutes.

Up by as many as 21 points (67-46) in the second half, Chowan was seemingly in control until Lees-McRae mounted its comeback. The Bobcats cut into the deficit with a run to trim the deficit to 67-54, but Askew and

Le Gassick ended the run with a pair from the stripe. Le Gassick hit a three-pointer before Skyler Davis tacked on a pair from the stripe as the Hawks built a 76-58 lead.

The Bobcats countered with seven straight points before Askew went 1-2 from the stripe and added a layup. LMC would not go away as the Bobcats cut the deficit to single-digits, but Askew answered at the

other end with a triple. LMC continued to chip away with back-to-back triples to trail 82-78, with 3:44 remaining. LMC continued to claw their way back as the Hawks were held scoreless for over two minutes. Isaac Hippolyte slowed the run with a jumper as the Bobcats trailed by one possession with 2:25 remaining. Le Gassick gave the Hawks some breathing room with a pair from the stripe.

With 1:08 remaining, the Bobcats closed the gap to 86-85 at the stripe. LMC used three defensive blocks to keep the Hawks off the board. LMC took an 87-86 lead with 20.6 remaining. The Bobcats missed a pair of free throws but collected a steal to seal the comeback victory. Chowan (8-9 overall); 6-5 in league play) was scheduled to play at North Greenville in Tigerville, S.C. on Monday night.

CHOWAN:

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points off turnovers and went 21-of-28 from the charity stripe.

Holding a narrow 14-11 lead in the first quarter, Chowan began to pull away as Keibra Hopkins nailed a pull-up jumper and a pair from the stripe. Imani Hickman and Sydney

Roberts then added two free throws each as Chowan led 22-15 by the end of the opening period.

That margin grew to 31-15 in the early stages of the second quarter highlighted by Robinson's bucket and two free throws and a three-point play by Hickman.

Chowan led 38-22 at the half. Patterson started

off the second half the same way she started the game with a three-pointer. Patterson would go on to score a pair of transition layups to stretch the lead to 46-22.

King-Johnson notched a pair from the stripe before Demetria Bland used a transition layup after a steal.

After the media timeout, King-Johnson posted a putback basket

and Hickman added a free throw. King-Johnson added a layup to push the lead to 57-25. Carter notched a layup before the end of the quarter that aid Chowan in building a 59-28 lead.

Chowan improved to 11-6 overall and 7-4 in league play with the win in advance of their Jan. 25 game at North Greenville (South Carolina).

BROWN:

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and-white jerseys of the school she is so dearly loves.

Reaching such a milestone is considered a lofty goal within athletics. However, doing so at a small private school located in an extremely rural county (population of just over 17,000) makes it a tougher mountain to climb. Counting Friday night's victory, the Lady Eagles have seven wins so far this season. Last year's team won 10 games and there hasn't been a single NEA squad in recent memory with a roster of 10 players or more. The current team has seven players; the 2021-22 squad had just enough to fill the five starting spots.

Faced with a lack of depth, Brown's teams make up for that with grit and determination. They didn't shoot very well against Terra Ceia, but turned up the defensive pressure to keep them in the game. Still, they trailed by four (26-22) early in the fourth quarter before a pair of clutch baskets down the stretch by Leah McDermott plus baskets from Hayes Hatcher and Chloe Long and two free throws by Sarah Kate Ricks provided the Lady Eagles with the offense needed to allow their coach to secure career win #500.

"I really enjoy coaching in games like the one tonight," Brown admitted. "That's what keeps me going... making strategic moves in a game. I thrive in that environment. It's a game of quick decisions."

After graduating from Barton College, Brown's coaching career at Northeast began in 1983 where she worked part-time and coached only the junior varsity girls.

"I don't count wins or losses," Brown said. "What I do is move forward and build upon what we did right during our last game and work to improve the things we did wrong."

Friday's post-game celebration included

awarding the game ball to Brown as she stood at midcourt. There she was joined by her players, past and present.

"That was pretty neat; 500 or not, it was nice of some of my former players join in [the celebration]," Brown noted. "It's always nice to visit with my former players. It's special when we stay connected. I'm so proud of them...what they've

become in life." "It's been a great career here," Brown said, "one that I wouldn't trade for anything else in the world. Sure, the times have changed and the kids' lifestyles have changed, but it's still about teaching the importance of discipline and teamwork. Those are life skills worth learning, ones that will take you far in your

chosen profession." In closing, Brown was asked how long would she take to enjoy the accolades that come with reaching the coaching milestone.

"Tonight (Friday), but I've got to start preparing this weekend for next week's practice schedule and games," she humbly answered.

Thus begins the quest for win #501...and beyond.

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NATION

California weather calms but storm damage seen as extensive

BY JOHN ANTOCZAK
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — California's weather was calmer Tuesday after weeks of atmospheric rivers that slammed the state with damaging rains, wind and surf that flooded homes, highways and farm fields, collapsed hillsides and toppled countless trees.

Tallying the damage will take time, but the number of homes and other structures that will be re-tagged as uninhabitable could be in the "low thousands," said Brian Ferguson, spokesperson for the Governor's Office of Emergency Services. The damage is spread across 41 of California's 68 counties, Ferguson said.

Light rain and snow showers lingered in some areas, but skies were finally largely clear.

A shot of precipitation from a quick system was predicted for today and Thursday, followed by a dry period, the National Weather Service said.

Forecasters cautioned that although the midweek rainfall will be light, it could be enough to cause problems because the state is so saturated.

Flood warnings remained in effect for the Salinas River in Monterey County and parts of Mariposa and Merced counties in the Central Valley.

Nine atmospheric rivers since late December have caused power outages, flooding, levee breaks, washouts and landslides. At least 20 people have been killed.

The amount of rain and snow has been staggering. The San Francisco "water year" to date — since Oct. 1, 2022 — has recorded 21.76 inches of rain, making it the sixth-wettest year on record, the National Weather Service said.

The amount of water in the snowpack covering the Sierra Nevada and other mountain ranges is more than 250% of normal to date and 124% of the April 1 average, when the pack is normally at its peak, according to the state Department of Water Resources.

President Joe Biden is planning to travel to California's central coast on Thursday to visit areas that have been devastated by the extreme weather. The White House said in a statement Monday that the president would meet first responders and state and local officials, survey recovery efforts and assess what additional federal support is needed.

Stocks close mixed on Wall Street

BY DAMIAN J. TROISE AND ALEX VEIGA
The Associated Press

Stock indexes on Wall Street closed mixed Tuesday, as investors focus on a busy week of corporate earnings for insight into how much damage inflation is inflicting on the economy. The S&P 500 slipped 0.2%, ending a four-day winning streak. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 1.1%, mostly because of a big drop in Goldman Sachs after the investment bank's results came in far below analysts' estimates as deal-making dried up.

Gains in technology stocks helped the market composite eke out a 0.1% gain, extending the tech-heavy index's winning streak to a seventh day.

The mixed start to the holiday-shortened week fol-

lows a solid start to the year for Wall Street after a dismal 2022. The broader market is coming off its best week in two months, but investor sentiment could quickly turn as companies report their results for the October-December quarter.

Analysts still expect companies in the S&P 500 to report a drop in profits for the fourth quarter from a year earlier. That would mark the first such decline since 2020, when the pandemic was crushing the economy.

More importantly, investors are listening closely to financial updates from companies to better determine whether inflation will continue squeezing consumers' wallets and sapping corporate profits.

"We haven't gotten much forward guidance from companies for the coming

year yet, and that's really what we'll be focused on," said Bill Merz, head of capital market research at U.S. Bank Wealth Management. "And it may be that forward guidance continues to be light in terms of content, because companies simply don't know."

All told, the S&P 500 fell 8.12 points to 3,990.97. The Dow dropped 391.76 points to 33,910.85. The Nasdaq rose 15.96 points to 11,095.11.

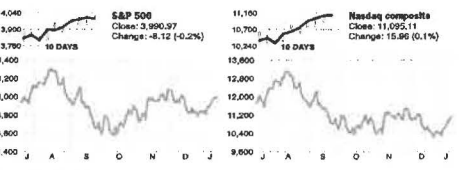
Small company stocks also gave back some of their recent gains. The Russell 2000 index fell 2.76 points, or 0.1%, to close at 1,884.29.

Bond yields remained relatively stable. The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose to 3.64% from 3.59% late Friday. Bond and stock markets were closed in the U.S. for Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday.

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Stock Recap

NAME	CHG	%CHG	LOW	HIGH	OPEN	CLOSE	PREV	PERF	YTD
S&P 500	-8.12	-0.2%	3982.87	3999.07	3982.87	3990.97	3982.87	-0.2%	+1.3%
Dow Jones	-391.76	-1.1%	34002.07	33910.85	34002.07	33910.85	34002.07	-1.1%	+2.2%
Nasdaq	15.96	0.1%	10979.15	11095.11	10979.15	11095.11	10979.15	0.1%	+4.8%

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Stocks of Local Interest

NAME	TICKER	CHG	%CHG	LOW	HIGH	OPEN	CLOSE	PREV	PERF	YTD
AT&T Inc	T	14.46	75.3	18.33	22	18.33	22	18.33	+75.3%	+121%
Alphabet Inc C	GOOGL	82.46	185.79	82.18	184	184	184	184	+185.7%	+226%
Alphabet Inc A	GOOG	82.46	185.55	82.18	184	184	184	184	+185.5%	+226%
Amazon.com Inc	AMZN	81.63	176.83	86.86	167	167	167	167	+176.8%	+431%
Apple Inc	AAPL	173.11	173.61	166.88	171	171	171	171	+173.6%	+134%
Bank of America	BAC	29.31	29.71	28.82	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	+29.7%	+14%
Bojiacorp Health B	BOHB	259.85	260.10	214.88	218	218	218	218	+260.1%	+100%
Casey Co	CS	268.83	448.40	228.29	243	243	243	243	+448.4%	+100%
Outback Steakhouse	DK	49.23	84.46	34.33	37	37	37	37	+84.4%	+100%
Duke Energy	DUK	53.78	116.33	50.22	51	51	51	51	+116.3%	+100%
Eastman Kodak	K	81.94	114.68	112.85	112	112	112	112	+114.6%	+100%
Fed Cit Bank & NC	FCNCA	388.21	514.72	324.99	350	350	350	350	+514.7%	+100%
Ford Motor	F	10.81	25.13	12.67	12	12	12	12	+25.1%	+100%
Higdon Corp	HIG	243.11	424	239.11	242	242	242	242	+424%	+100%
Hyatt Hotel Material	HY	20.39	45.30	21.83	21.84	21.84	21.84	21.84	+45.3%	+100%
JPMorgan Chase	JPM	102.28	186.09	149.89	149	149	149	149	+186.0%	+100%
Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	155.73	158.69	172.38	157	157	157	157	+158.6%	+100%
Loews Cos	L	170.13	211.19	200.82	204	204	204	204	+211.1%	+100%
Lumen Technologies	LUMN	4.96	12.49	5.38	5.31	5.31	5.31	5.31	+12.4%	+100%
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	374.74	374.74	318.85	318	318	318	318	+374.7%	+100%
Norfolk Southern	NS	47.00	186.60	37.18	37	37	37	37	+186.6%	+100%
NACCO Industries	NIC	38.84	83.79	27.78	29	29	29	29	+83.7%	+100%
News Media Inc	NM	12.25	25.45	18.87	19	19	19	19	+25.4%	+100%
Wm Inc B	WMB	82.22	149.08	78.14	77	77	77	77	+149.0%	+100%
Northrop Grumman	NOC	361.62	568.27	468.27	489	489	489	489	+568.2%	+100%
Oracle Corporation	ORCL	101.19	269.48	172.88	182	182	182	182	+269.4%	+100%
Philly Morris Inc	PM	80.86	112.48	101.33	107	107	107	107	+112.4%	+100%
Procter & Gamble	PG	122.19	195.26	156.64	144	144	144	144	+195.2%	+100%
Raytheon Co	RTX	61.63	118.41	92.87	92	92	92	92	+118.4%	+100%
Shutterstock	SKR	70.34	191.08	88.79	91	91	91	91	+191.0%	+100%
Taiga Inc	TGA	80.21	381.29	131.49	149	149	149	149	+381.2%	+100%
Total Renewable Gr	TRG	40.71	89.45	45.8	45	45	45	45	+89.4%	+100%
Tyson Foods	TSN	88.38	102.72	86.39	86	86	86	86	+102.7%	+100%
US Cellular	USM	19.22	39.26	29.89	30	30	30	30	+39.2%	+100%
UnitedHealth Group	UNH	461.34	848.10	485.09	489	489	489	489	+848.1%	+100%
Walmart Stores	WMT	112.77	182.77	144.41	144	144	144	144	+182.7%	+100%
Wells Fargo & Co	WFC	38.84	85.30	44.12	44	44	44	44	+85.3%	+100%
Wayfare	WY	72.02	43.01	31.71	31	31	31	31	+43.0%	+100%

Bitter war for stocks

Forecasters expect more weakness in global stock markets as a possible recession looms after three tumultuous years dominated by COVID-19. Wall Street's benchmark S&P 500 index fell nearly 20% last year after the Federal Reserve and other central banks hiked interest rates to cool economic activity and surging inflation. Hong Kong's Hang Seng plunged 27% and China's main index fell 15%. Germany's benchmark sank 12%.

Inflation is easing, but traders' uneasy Western economies will tip into recession. Adding to downward pressure on share prices, Russia's war on Ukraine and uncertainty about China's recovery after the abrupt end of anti-virus controls.

"We don't think we have seen the worst of it," said John Higgins of Capital Economics. "If a recession hits, U.S. corporate profits are forecast to fall 14% to 20%." The S&P 500 is expected to slide up to another 6%.

"A dismal picture," Keith Wade of Schroders added in a report. "Chinese equities should be the ones delivering the best return," said Hugo Fildes of Pictet.



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LOCAL & STATE

OBITUARIES

Mae Neal Allen Batts

ROCKY MOUNT - Mae Neal Allen Batts was the daughter of the late Leacy and Jake Allen. Born in 1926 in Stanley County, N.C., Mae grew up on a sharecropping farm until her family moved into the town of Norwood in the 1940s. She graduated as valedictorian of her one room school, Norwood Negro High School in 1944 and went to North Carolina College for Negroes (now North Carolina Central University) in Durham, N.C. Mae became the women's high school basketball coach at Booker T. Washington High School, as well as a biology teacher. She also taught physical education and served as cheerleader coach after the establishment of the desegregated Rocky Mount Senior High School in 1970 and worked there until her retirement in 1980. A beloved educator and community member, Mae actively supported the many efforts for civil rights that were afoot in Rocky Mount and in the region during the 60's and 60's. She was in many ways, an "unsung" heroine. Mae was a member of the AKA's and the Moles. She was an active participant at Holy Hope Episcopal Church which became Church of the Epiphany. In the 60's she was the adult sponsor of the Young Episcopalsians group at the church. She also became an early member of the board of the Wright's Adult Day Care Center after the passing of her husband, Roscoe A. Batts. Mae instilled in all who knew her a commitment to justice and challenging inequalities. Her long life provided many opportunities even in her waning years, for continued modeling of her values and beliefs.

Continuing to cherish and carry on the legacy of Mae are her daughter and son-in-law, Valerie Batts (John), six grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, students and friends.

A Celebration of Her Life will be held at 2:00 pm on Sunday, January 29, 2023 at F.D. Fope Funeral Home Chapel, 325 Nash Street, Rocky Mount, NC with Bishop Haywood Parker as eulogist.

In Mae's memory, donations may be made to the Wright's Adult Day Care Center, 501 Raleigh Road, Rocky Mount, NC 27803.

Carol Harrell

ROCKY MOUNT - It saddens me to share the passing of my sister Carol Harrell on January 1, 2023.

Carol grew up in Rocky Mount NC and was the daughter of the late Norman Fleming Harrell and the late Patricia Anne Spruill Harrell.

Carol worked/retired from North Carolina State University and had made her home at Lake Sinclair/Eatonton GA since 2013.

Carol is survived by her brother, Butch Harrell (Dorie) of Lake Sinclair and two nieces, Ashley (Joe) Graziano of Marietta GA, and Blair (Adam) Linn of Augusta GA.

Family and Friends will celebrate Carol's life at a graveside service at 11:00am, January 28, 2023 at Rocky Mount Memorial Park, with Pastor Preston Holmes officiating.

NASH

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Sheriff Keith Stone told the board that Nash Community College officials recently asked if the Nash County Sheriff's Office had surplus patrol vehicles to be used in the college's Basic Law Enforcement Training program.

Stone identified a surplus vehicle as being a 2014 Dodge Charger with 157,544 miles and equipped with lights and a siren.

Southern Nash High School will soon receive a Nash County surplus ambulance for use in its Public Safety and Emergency Management program.

This program focuses on the five main career clusters within Public Safety, including law enforcement, corrections, fire and emergency services, legal services and protection and security, said Tony Cameron, direc-

tor of Nash County Emergency Services.

"Course offerings provide students the opportunity to obtain 19 industry certifications, allowing them to graduate high school and be ready to enter into a certification program in the workforce," Cameron said.

The school is getting a 2010 Freightliner Sprinter with roughly 174,109 miles. The EMS decals, sirens and emergency lights will be removed before transferring ownership of the vehicle.

Davis, answering a question by Belfield about access to the program by students at the county's other three high schools, said the program at Southern Nash High School was available to students attending other high schools.

DEATHS

PINETOPS — Willie Thomas "Snap" Davis, 71, died on Monday, Jan. 16, 2023. Funeral Thursday at 1 p.m., at the funeral home. Arrangements by Hemby-Willoughby Mortuary Inc. Due to COVID-19, it's mandatory to wear a mask.

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DOCKET NO. E 22, SUB 658

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In the Matter of)
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Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act)
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METRONET

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— inside of a decade," Roberson said.

"It would probably be anywhere between a year and a year and a half," Quarles said, noting that the time really depends on the environment.

"I was just looking for a commitment of a hundred percent of the city within some reasonable period of time, so thank you," Roberson said.

Councilman Reuben Blackwell focused on the dynamics of the Nash County and Edgecombe County sides of the city and of well-developed communities and communities being developed or redeveloped.

Blackwell said that while the Old Mill area is a great place to begin work because of access to multiple types of communities and because the Willford Town, Little Raleigh and South Rocky Mount areas are not too far away. "I didn't hear anything about Edgecombe."

Blackwell wanted to know whether Metronet is being conscientious and intentional about ensuring the company is building on both the Nash and Edgecombe sides of the city at the same time.

Whitfield told Blackwell that was a great question and that he would be more than happy to get back to him.

Whitfield, however, assured Blackwell that Metronet's intention is not to build in the wealthy communities first and get to the communities with fewer resources last.

Blackwell made clear to Whitfield that he wanted to hear from Whitfield he is intentional about building up inner-city communities simultaneously. "Absolutely," Whitfield

said.

Councilman Andre Knight said he had heard Metronet in Greenville had some extensive problems with subcontractors doing work there.

Knight asked interim City Manager Peter Varney whether a municipal staff person will monitor or be the person to make sure things are going well in Rocky Mount.

"I think we'll have several people doing that," Varney said. "One of the things

we're going to need to do is to do locates."

Varney also said the municipality will have to work ahead of Metronet in getting the pole attachment agreements approved and then also locate wherever the company will be working in the underground areas.

Varney also made clear he believes Metronet and the municipality will end up "being married for a while" in terms of a partnership.



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Under the plan, the generation unit at the Mayo Plant will be retired in 2028 alongside units 1 and 2 at the Roxboro Plant on Hyco Lake.

The retirement date for units 3 and 4 at the Roxboro Plant vary and may be retired as early as 2026 or as late as 2034. The Person County Board of Commissioners retained outside legal counsel and an energy consulting firm in its efforts to extend the life of Duke Energy's Roxboro and Mayo generating stations and intervened in the Utilities Commission proceedings with requests to extend the proposed closure dates for the Mayo and Roxboro coal plants, require replacement generation assets to be located in Person County and provide community support for those affected by the pending closures.

Those requests were not met in the order.

In response, the commissioners voted at their Jan. 17 meeting to retain legislative lobbyist EGV Strategic.

County Attorney Ellis Hankins said House Bill 951 will not likely come back in full for discussion, but it would be beneficial to ask the legislature to consider financial transition assistance to the county, incentives for Duke Energy to replace generation assets in Person County and continue to make use of its current transmission infrastructure.

At last Thursday's Roxboro Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Duke Energy District Manager Tanya Evans highlighted the company's presence in Person County with employees involved in several important local institutions including the Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees, the Chamber of Commerce board and moments of everyday life.

"Our employees are little

league coaches," Evans said. "They're dance moms. They serve on church committees.

Our Mayo employees sold hot dogs and auctioned parking spots to raise an endowment for a Piedmont Community College scholarship. Our linemen collected Toys for Tots and have been reading buddies. Our Roxboro teammates organized a golf tournament that benefits the Partnership for Children and My Life Matters. We are volunteer firefighters and Boy Scout leaders and we are Kiwanians and Rotarians. The point is: we live here, we work here, we raise our families here and we retire here. Person County is as much a part of Duke Energy as Duke Energy is Person County. I know we are all keenly interested in what our future looks like over the next decade and while I don't have any specifics right now of what that looks like, I can tell you this: Duke Energy is aligned with Person County's interests in siting replacement generation at Roxboro and Mayo."

Evans noted that the plants will continue to operate until reliable replacement generation assets are operational. "In the recent Carbon Plan order, the North Carolina Utilities Commission reiterated reliability as a non-negotiable," Evans said. "It emphasized support for an orderly energy transition out of coal to maintain reliability, approving our plan to continue utilizing our coal-fired generation assets until replacement generation units and our transmission lines are in service. Furthermore, we are deeply committed to our employees—ensuring that we support them now in their roles at these critical plants and in supporting their transition to other roles and furthering their careers at Duke Energy as we retire the plants. We appreciate the positive and collaborative and ongoing conversations throughout this

process and we are committed to continuing that dialogue and collaboration. I am optimistic about our next chapter here in Person County."

In her update Tuesday, Cathey said county representatives previously met with Duke Energy leadership and would be meeting again Friday with the Duke's state leadership.

County Commission chair Gordon Powell said the county worked with Duke before getting involved in the Utilities Commission proceeding. "We went through several meetings with Duke Energy reps and others to try to get the best possible person to lead this from the legal standpoint beyond our county attorney and we ended up with Patrick [Buckfin] because of his expertise and it has been a good move," Powell said. "He knows the inner workings [of the Utilities Commission] and he knows beyond that. We wanted to get the best we could and he has been our lead person there. But he has gotten to a point that his expertise is at a stopping point and he doesn't mind saying so and that's why we've gone the lobbyist route."

EDC member Scott McKinney noted the board's support of Duke Energy. "As a member of the EDC, we're 100 percent supportive of doing whatever we can to help Duke flourish here and continue to do so," McKinney said. "I appreciate the sensitivity that public officials in our county have had in dealing with this issue and coming across as a public citizen not throwing Duke under the bus or anything. We love them—they're our neighbors and our colleagues and want to do anything we can to keep them here."

McKinney said he would like to be sure the lobbyists understand Duke's history in the county to be able to clearly tell the story at hand. "I would almost say I have

a righteous anger about this entire situation," McKinney said. "I don't think we need to get Duke angry, but as a citizen, I'm angry at how this is impacting our community and I appreciate everything everybody is doing to move forward. At some point along the line if we aren't careful—and I say this to remind myself more than anybody else—there's a reason why Highway 158 is not four lanes and the same thing might happen in this situation where other people are able to have strategic discussions with the appropriate parties that shifts things in their direction instead of our direction. This is one of those hills that the people of Person County can't die on—we've got to win this battle one way or the other."

Board Chair Phillip Allen said the county would not be competing against Duke Energy.

"We are partnering with them because what happens good for them in Person County will be good for us in Person County," Allen said. "We are prepared to do what we need to do. Like I said, Duke Energy has been the best corporate citizen here in my lifetime and this may be the most critical issue we face in our lifetime."

EDC ex-officio member Claudia Berryhill echoed McKinney. "As a Person County Citizen, I would say to keep pedal to the metal," Berryhill said. "This is not a time to wimp out. We've got to do whatever it takes."

The Utilities Commission order requires Duke to remodel resource additions to achieve the carbon dioxide emissions reduction mandates—including impacts of the Inflation Reduction Act, Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act, and other future legislative changes and changing conditions—and file a new proposal with the Commission by Sept. 1, 2023. By law, the plan will be updated every two years.

AGENDA

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Pictured from left are Nash Community College Basic Law Enforcement Training Academy Director Tim Melhus with graduates Brian Montes Tellez, Isalah Antonio Thomas, Michael Shane Rogers, Shonda Deleytha Hargett, Stone Garrett Mason, De'naija De'atria Sims Wissher, Rahsun Shaheem Lawrence, Sarah Elizabeth Barnett and Shivam Dipak Patel. Contributed photo

9 graduate from law enforcement academy at Nash Community College

For The Enterprise

ROCKY MOUNT — Nine cadets were honored for completing Nash Community College's basic law enforcement training program in a Jan. 18 graduation ceremony for the 71st BLEAT Academy. Cadets participated in rigorous physical and classroom state commission-mandated topics and methods of instruction. They learned about topics related to legal, criminal, juvenile, civil, traffic, investigatory, patrol, custody, court procedures, emergency

responses, ethics, community relations and more during the 21-week academy. Graduates are listed along with their employers, the law enforcement agencies who sponsored their participation.

- Brian Montes Tellez, Franklin County Sheriff's Office.
- Isalah Antonio Thomas, Rocky Mount Police Department.
- Michael Shane Rogers, Rocky Mount Police Department.
- Shonda Deleytha Hargett, Rocky Mount Police Department.
- Stone Garrett Mason, Rocky Mount Police Department.

- De'naija De'atria Sims Wissher, Rocky Mount Police Department.
- Rahsun Shaheem Lawrence, Rocky Mount Police Department.
- Sarah Elizabeth Barnett, Nashville Police Department.
- Shivam Dipak Patel, East Carolina University Police Department.

Upon successful completion of all units of study, each of these graduates took and passed the certification examination mandated by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and the North Carolina Sheriff's Education and Training Standards Commission.

CORRECTION

A story on the Spring Hope Board of Commissioners' Jan. 12 meeting published in The Enterprise's Jan. 18 edition con-

tained several errors.

- The emergency declaration commissioners approved is retroactively effective to Dec. 24, not
- Jan. 10 as reported.
- Pritchard spoke with Shadi Eskaf, director of the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality

Division of Water Infrastructure, to discuss options and procedures for the \$3.7 million grant to be released, not the N.C. Emergency Management Association as reported.

- The emergency declaration passed and small businesses can immediately reach out to town staff to be directed to apply for a maximum \$2 million U.S. Small Business Administration loan to help recover from damage or lost revenue experienced during the water loss. Businesses do not have to wait for a completed application from the mayor. The Enterprise regrets the errors.

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Southern Nash High student Haley Perry displays her acrylic painting, "Bicycle Baby." Contributed photo

FEATURED STUDENT ARTIST

SNHS art student recreates childhood snapshot

By Hannah Whitley Camarena
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Haley Perry, 18, is a senior in Melissa Mitchell's Advanced Placement studio art class at Southern Nash High School and is The Enterprise's featured student artist this week.

One of Perry's recent acrylic paintings is named "Bicycle Baby" and was inspired by a photograph that shows her riding her first bike as a child.

"My favorite part about this piece is that it was challenging for me to overcome," Perry said. "The painting took Perry

about two weeks to complete.

"(What) I love about this painting is the color palette I chose for it," she said. "I love how the blue background and the pink complement each other. It definitely reminds me how bright my childhood was for me."

Perry said a future goal is to "pursue a career that I will enjoy and never get tired of. I want to be happy and successful in any way possible."

Perry gave special recognition to her teacher, Mitchell, because she said it makes a "difference when you have a great teacher who leads you in the right direction."

County donates ambulance to Southern Nash

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services and protection and security.

The program allows students to "graduate high school and be ready to enter into a certification program in the workforce," according to the meeting agenda.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

- N.C. Wesleyan University President Evan Duff informed the board that his institution has changed its name from N.C. Wesleyan College.
- The board unanimously granted Nash Community College a 2014 Dodge Charger patrol car after the college requested the donation from Sheriff Keith Stone.
- Communications Director Jonathon Edwards showed the board a video called "What to Expect When Moving to a Rural Community" that he hopes real estate agents will show clients considering homes in rural Nash County. This video can be viewed at the shortened link bit.ly/5wpz2s8Q.

Halifax County man wins \$1M prize

For The Enterprise

RALEIGH — Richard Todd of Roanoke Rapids took a chance on a \$30 scratch-off ticket and won a \$1 million prize.

Todd purchased his lucky Millionaire Maker ticket from the Speed Mart on East 10th Street in Roanoke Rapids.

When Todd arrived at North Carolina Education Lottery headquarters on Jan. 15, he had a decision to make.

He could choose to receive his prize as an annuity of \$50,000 over 20 years or a lump sum of \$800,000.

He chose the lump-sum amount of \$800,000 and after required state and federal tax withholdings, took home \$427,509.

Ticket sales from scratch-off games make it possible for the lottery to raise more than \$2.5 million a day on average for education, lottery officials said in a news release.

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police said.

The Spring Hope Police Department credited the Nash County Sheriff's Office and N.C. Alcohol Law Enforcement with "aiding with this investigation and in the apprehension of suspects."

Officers weren't able to

identify anyone suspected of firing the gunshots because "bystanders and bar management are refusing to cooperate with law enforcement," the Sunday release says.

The shooting remained under investigation Tuesday.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Spring Hope Police Department at 252-478-5504, ext. 229.

LOCAL & STATE

OBITUARIES

Joyce B. Stuart

GREENVILLE - Joyce B. Stuart, 66, passed away after a brief illness on Monday, January 16, 2023, surrounded by her family.

A graveside service will be conducted Friday at 11 am in Evergreen Memorial Estates, Grifton. The family will receive friends Thursday from 6 to 8 pm at Smith Funeral Service.

Joyce was born in Danville, Virginia and later relocated to Greenville. She was a graduate of North Pitt High School and was employed with Weyerhaeuser for over 33 years. A character that could keep you laughing, Joyce would always pick you up when you were down and give you the shirt off her back. She loved animals and her happy place was at the beach. Above all, she loved her family.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mayse Sheffield and husband, Wilbur; nephew, Jay Mills; and uncles, Doug King and Herbert Brown.

She is survived by her husband of 37 years, Danny Stuart; sisters, Selma Barr (Romnie) of Greenville and Angela Hart (John) of Ayden; nephew, Joshua Hart; niece, Nikki Sorenson (Tony); great-niece, Aedyn Sorenson; aunts, Sue King and Eta Brown; cousins, John Warren and James Brown; and beloved godson, Preston Rivera and fiancée, Katrina Wagner.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Eastern Carolina, 3620 Tupper Dr., Greenville, NC 27834. Arrangements by Smith Funeral Service & Crematory. Online condolences may be expressed at www.smithfcs.com.

Jeffrey Kevin Hunnings

BLOUNTS CREEK - Jeffrey Kevin Hunnings, 43, passed from this life to his heavenly home on Sunday, January 15, 2023.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, January 21, from 11:00-1:00 PM at Wilkerson Funeral Home. A private family service will be held. He was the son of Jeffrey Wayne Hunnings and Kathy Wier Hunnings. Kevin was born in Greenville on October 6, 1979. As a child, he enjoyed visiting his grandparents on the Bogue Sound, riding on his granddaddy's lap while cutting grass, and sneaking into the candy jar to eat jelly beans whenever he could. He played Winterville Little League baseball from Pee Wee League starting with Coach Buck Deaver. Kevin's dad and coaching staff knew him as KJ. Starting their first game, Kevin talked his dad into letting him pitch and he pitched a No Hitter game. Upon going to Hargrave Military School, he played second base. He came back to D.H. Conley for his senior year and went on to graduate from Pitt Community College where he graduated with academic honors in Welding. Kevin was hired in the Maintenance Department at Cherry Point where his welding career took off. From there, he received many certifications throughout his career to include welder, pipe fitter, and rigger being able to handle any job small or large, and was promoted to foreman. Kevin enjoyed being with his daughter, the water skiing, and playing his Minnigan guitar and singing. Many friends knew him as KJ. The family would like to thank everyone who was a part of Kevin's life who helped to make him the kind and caring person he became. Kevin was preceded in death by his grandparents, William and Mary Hunnings, Lou Wier Johnson and John Wier; uncles, Gary Hunnings and Allen Smith. In addition to his parents, Kevin is survived by his daughter, Susan Grace "Gracie" Hunnings; brother, Michael Lee Hunnings; fiancé, Tonya Ratliff Counts; uncles and aunts, William and Linda Hunnings, Mary Hunnings, Michael and Jo Ann Wier, and Jackie Wier Smith. Donations may be made to Hooker Memorial Christian Church, 1111 Greenville Boulevard SE, Greenville, NC 27858 or a church/charity of your choice. Arrangements by Wilkerson Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences at www.wilkersonfuneralhome.com.



Suspect arrested in fatal stabbing

The Daily Reflector

A Greenville man has been arrested in connection with a fatal stabbing that occurred in the city earlier this month.

George Wesley Tyson III, 36, was arrested early Saturday in Kinston by that city's police department. The Greenville Police Department obtained an arrest warrant for Tyson on Friday and dispatched alerts that he was a wanted man.

The department said Kinston police received tips that Tyson was in the city. He has since been moved to the Pitt County Detention Center where he is being held without bond.

Tyson is suspected in the stabbing death of Broderick Harris, 34, who was taken to ECU Health Medical Center on Jan. 6. He died from his wounds at the hospital.



TYSON

It is believed Harris and Tyson were involved in a dispute in the 1300 block of Ward Street when the stabbing occurred.

Tyson has prior arrests including possession of a firearm by a felon, common law robbery, assault inflicting serious injury of an officer on duty and robbery with a dangerous weapon.

Tyson was "quickly" developed as a suspect in the case, Greenville police reported.

Anyone with information further information in the case can contact Detective Dawson at 329-4300 or Pitt-Greenville Crime Stoppers at 758-7777.

Boyfriend turns to booze, drugs after baby's birth

Dear Abby: I'm having a big problem with my boyfriend. He had a baby five months ago, and since then he has changed drastically. He previously had a problem with addiction, but had a handle on it. He told me the baby was powerful motivation. My pregnancy was blissful, and he was attentive and caring.

I know babies are stressful, and ours had colic, so we had many nights filled with screaming. I do most of the work with the baby. I quit my job to be a stay-at-home mom and nurse him. The only time my boyfriend takes care of the baby is for me to take a shower. He has been drinking every night and now he's doing marijuana as well. He is pretty funny when he's high, but I don't trust him to take care of our son when he's that way. He is also addicted to his phone.

When I try to tell him how I feel, he gets defensive. He accuses me of "trying to start problems." He also lies about his addictions. I only recently found out about some of his lies, and now I'm having a hard time believing anything he



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

says. This is not how I wanted my life to be. This is not what I wanted for our baby. I'm trying to decide whether it's better to put up with it or leave. I'd have to get a job and find child care. The thought of my son in daycare makes me sick, but so does being treated this way. Please advise me. — Troubled New Mom

Dear Mom: Face it. Your boyfriend has backslid, and you can no longer trust him to be truthful with you. Your problems will never be resolved if they can't be discussed without contention. Start looking for reliable daycare for the baby and for a job. If you do, you will have a head start on the inevitable. If you and this man separate, he will be legally responsible for contributing to his son's support. It may also be the "jolt" he needs to get straight again.

Recycle this newspaper.

OBITUARY POLICY

For information on submitting obituaries or death notices Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., call 329-9505 or email obits@reg.com and specify that you are interested in obituary information for The Daily Reflector. On weekends and holidays, email obit@reg.com.

Obituaries must be received, processed and approved by 4 p.m. to appear in print the following day.

Death notices can include the name and age of the decedent; funeral and visitation or viewing information; and the name of the funeral home.

HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST
United Feature Syndicate

Spread some joy and use your intelligence to bring about positive changes at home. Challenge yourself physically and try to look, feel and do your best. Let the past guide you to a better future. Focus on moderation, innovation and practicality. Make your dreams come true.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Build on solid ground. Simplify your plans to guarantee positive results. Do something uplifting or help a cause you care about. Don't limit what you can do due to laziness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Think twice; an unnecessary move will set you back. Put more effort into how you run your home and invest in yourself. Keeping up with technology will help you take advantage of a financial opportunity.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Don't take out your frustration on others or overreact to a situation that is sensitive or could influence your reputation. Use your energy to build a solid foundation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Express your true feelings. It's essential to clear up unsettled matters if you intend to move forward. Be willing to walk away from situations that are taking you in the wrong direction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Put your wisdom and talent to the test. Speak up, indulge in debates that offer food for thought and promote new beginnings, but don't jeopardize your physical well-being.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Dig in,

demonstrate what you have to offer and market your skills to fit what's trending in your community. Get ahead by doing the work and taking the credit you deserve. Leave nothing to chance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't take anything for granted. Do your part to secure your position and to keep your plans updated and ready to launch. Stick to the script and question anything that seems iffy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Gainance your wisdom by checking out what's popular. Spend time with someone you love. Your pursuit of happiness will encourage loved ones to follow suit. Romance is in the stars.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Focus on enlightenment, personal improvements and maintaining a healthy attitude and lifestyle. Indulgence will lead to trouble. Don't jeopardize your reputation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Start something new, and you'll meet someone you click with emotionally. Walk away from bad influences and toward those who bring out the best in you. Don't be too quick to share your secrets.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You may want to invest time and money in home improvements. Stick to a budget to protect against growing too fast. A change you make will cause a problem with someone close.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Set the stage for your performance. Consider what you are trying to achieve, who you are trying to impress and how to turn your passions into something you can enjoy every day. Rely on yourself.

Gunfire damages N.C. substation

STATESVILLE (AP) — A North Carolina utility said Tuesday that an electricity substation was damaged by gunfire but that it caused no power outages.

The damage comes after a gunfire attack on multiple substations in Moore County in December that knocked out power to more than 45,000 customers. There have been no arrests in those shootings.

EnergyUnited said in a news release that an alarm early Tuesday alerted it to an equipment problem at the substation in Randolph County, north of Charlotte.

In Loving Memory

Mother
Nora Lee Carey Robbins



Sunrise 5-30-24
Sunset 1-18-07

You left us beautiful memories. Your love is still our guide, although we cannot see you, you're always at our side.

Love,
Mary David,
Louis and Bruce

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 658

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Consideration of Certain Standards for Electric Utilities Relating to Measures to Promote Greater Electrification of the Transportation Sector Pursuant to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act)
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) NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING)
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing regarding measures this Commission could take to promote greater electrification of the transportation sector as set out in PURPA Section 111(d)(2)(1), 16 U.S.C. § 2621(d)(2)(1) by adding new federal ratemaking standards relating to electric vehicle charging programs. Details regarding the new federal standards and the scope of the Commission's consideration may be obtained from the Commission's Internet web site, www.ncuc.net (search for Docket No. E-22, Sub 658).

A hearing for the convenience of public witnesses, and solely for the purpose of taking nonexpert public witness testimony regarding the above standards, is hereby scheduled for Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the following address:

Halifax County Courthouse
Courtroom 4
357 Ferrell Lane
Halifax, North Carolina 27839

Persons desiring to present testimony for the record should appear at the public hearing. Persons desiring to send written statements to inform the Commission of their positions in the matter should reference Docket No. E-22, Sub 658 and address their statements to Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-4325. However, such written statements cannot be considered competent evidence unless those persons appear at the hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

The Commission will convene an evidentiary hearing for the purpose of receiving testimony from expert witnesses beginning May 20, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Persons desiring to intervene as formal parties of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 no later than April 25, 2023. Such petitions should reference Docket No. E-22, Sub 658 and be filed with the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-4325. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses should also be filed with the Commission on or before April 25, 2023. Any party who desires to file rebuttal testimony shall do so on or before May 23, 2023.

The Public Staff of the Utilities Commission, through its Executive Director, is required by statute to represent the using and consuming public in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should reference Docket No. E-22, Sub 658 and include any information which the writer wishes to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of this matter, and such statements should be addressed to Chris Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-4326.

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This is the 22nd day of November, 2022.

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