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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

July 1, 2024

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

**Re: Docket No. E-100, Sub 192  
Dominion Energy North Carolina  
2023 Integrated Resource Plan of Dominion Energy North Carolina**

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed is an Affidavit of Publication which will serve as proof of publication of the Public Notice as required in ordering paragraph 6 of the Commission's May 14, 2024 *Order Scheduling Hearing and Requiring Notice of Hearing* ("Order") in the above-referenced docket.

Pursuant to the instructions in ordering paragraph 4 of the Order, notices were published in newspapers having general circulation in Dominion Energy North Carolina's service area once a week for two successive weeks at least 30 days in advanced of the July 10, 2024 hearing. Copies of tear sheets from each of the newspapers in which the public notice ran are also enclosed.

Due to a scheduling error by the newspaper, the ad placement in the Williamston Enterprise, originally planned to run May 30, 2024 and June 6, 2024, published on May 23, 2024 and June 13, 2024, which were not consecutive. A copy of the letter from the publisher explaining the error is enclosed.

Also, pursuant the instructions in ordering paragraph 5, the notice was prominently made available on the Company's website at [Notice of Public Hearing - July 10 2024 \(dominionenergy.com\)](https://www.dominionenergy.com/notice-of-public-hearing-july-10-2024) on May 27, 2024 and an electronic link of the Notice was sent for all customers receiving bills electronically on May 20, 2024. A copy of the email sent to customers is enclosed.

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

Sincerely,

*/s/ Lauren W. Biskie*

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Senior Counsel

Enclosures

cc: Lucy Edmondson, Esq.  
William Freeman, Esq.



Virginia Press Services

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**AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION**  
(Order #2405DD0)

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

I, Julia Wigginton, Tearsheet Coordinator, hereby certify that a Classified Legal Notice for Dominion Energy Services, Inc, State of North Carolina (NCUC Docket No. E-100 Sub 192 – 2023 NC IRP Publication Notice) was published in the following North Carolina and Virginia newspapers on the dates listed in the year 2024.

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| Bertie Ledger Advance 05/25/24, 06/08/24   | Butner Creedmoor News 05/24/24, 05/31/24      |
| Coastland Times 05/22/24, 05/29/24   | Edenton, The Chowan Herald 05/25/24, 06/01/24 |
| Elizabeth City Daily Advance 05/22/24, 05/29/24                                    | Gates County Index 05/23/24, 05/30/24         |
| Hertford Perquimans Weekly 05/25/24, 06/01/24                                      |   |
| Martin Co Enterprise (changed name from Williamston Enterprise) 05/23/24, 06/13/24 |   |
| Nashville Graphic 05/23/24, 05/30/24   | Pamlico News 05/22/24, 05/29/24               |
| Plymouth Roanoke Beacon 05/22/24, 05/29/24   | Roanoke Chowan News Herald 05/22/24, 05/29/24 |
| Roanoke Rapids Daily Herald 05/21/24, 05/28/24                                     | Rocky Mt Telegram 05/22/24, 05/29/24          |
| Roxboro, The Courier Times 05/23/24, 05/30/24                                      | Spring Hope Enterprise 05/22/24, 05/29/24     |
| The Daily Reflector 05/22/24, 05/29/24   | Virginian Pilot 05/22/24, 05/29/24            |

Julia Wigginton

Signature

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.

My commission expires: 04/15/28



Evelyn Etienne  
[Notary Public]

# Put a 'spring' in your step with good nutrition

## Beta Upsilon holds April meeting

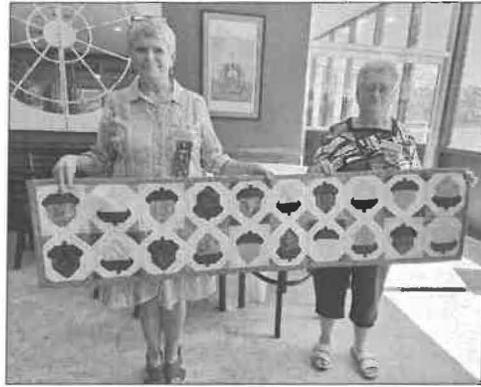
The Beta Upsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International (DKGI), a society for women educators from Bertie, Gates, Hertford, Martin, Tyrrell and Washington counties, enjoyed learning how to put a "Spring" in their steps with good nutrition — both for the body and the mind — on April 13, at Chowan University (CU) in Murfreesboro.

With 23 members and one guest in attendance, Chapter President Dr. Phyllis Broughton (Martin) recognized member Dr. Mary Earp (Hertford), faculty member at CU, who presented a timely and educational inspirational message on how to nourish oneself to be happy and healthy.

Earp shared that some ways to nourish oneself are through spending time reading, completing puzzles, meditating, having daily devotion times, fostering family relationships and friendships and by enjoying nature.

Earp encouraged those present to consider what contentment is really about and to lean on God for contentment. She stressed that with inner contentment, one can share the fruit of the Spirit as given in Galatians 5:22-23, love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Earp referred the group to an article discussing



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Beta Upsilon members Pat Nelson and Brenda White display their acorn runner.

the meaning of content in the online journal Christian Scholars Review entitled "One of the Most Understudied Virtues is Also One We Desperately Need" by Perry L. Glanzer, April 5, 2024 (<https://christianscholars.com/one-of-the-most-understudied-virtues-is-also-one-we-desperately-need/>). She challenged listeners to consider whether contentment rests in the ownership of things or whether it has a deeper meaning.

Carol Anne Hankinson (Hertford) shared bookmarks with the group. Barbara Toti (Hertford) led the group in a membership activity to help members get to know others in the group a little

better. Sitting in two rows of chairs facing each other and working in pairs with one row of participants moving every three minutes, members told their across-the-aisle partners about their educational career highlights, special people in their lives and special places where they had traveled or would like to travel.

Sarah Davis (Hertford) introduced April Vaughn, a diabetes nurse care manager in Hertford County, spoke on healthy nutrition.

April was especially welcomed by the group as her mother, Brenda Trinkham, is a longtime member of Beta Upsilon.

April provided handouts and tips on reducing risks for chronic diseases;

controlling cholesterol; eating less fat; understanding carbohydrates; eating a healthy diet with meal planning, healthy snacking, healthy cooking, adding flavor to low-fat meals; reading food labels; and being aware of serving sizes.

April recommended reading the book *The Blue Zone Challenge: A 4-Week Plan for a Longer, Better Life* by Dan Buettner (2021) for suggestions on living a healthy lifestyle. She emphasized that nutrition does play a role in having a longer, healthier life.

Mona Boyd (Martin) and Pat Nelson (Martin) presided over the installation of two officers for the 2024-2026 term. Tracey Reason (Martin) was installed as 1st Vice President. Robin Lloyd (Washington) was installed as 2nd Vice President.

Dr. Phyllis Broughton will continue to serve as Beta Upsilon President for 2024-2025. Sarah Davis (Hertford) will continue serving as Recording Secretary and Danyel White (Martin) as Treasurer. Kim Dunlow was appointed Corresponding Secretary.

Mona Boyd recognized members for noteworthy achievements as follows:  
■ Amy Barsanti (Martin) attended the South by Southwest Education Conference in Austin, Texas, and served on a panel about climate change. Amy stated that she "brought the classroom experience" to the conference. Amy had two pictures accepted in the 2024 Spring DKG Arts Gallery. She also served on the State DKG Communications Committee where she helped in reviewing regional chapter newsletters.

■ Phyllis Broughton also had two pictures accepted in the Spring 2024 DKG Arts Gallery.

■ Mary Taylor-Conner (Martin) headed the Martin County "I Like Me" Reader Program for kindergarten students. Each child received a book which was read to them by community volunteers.

■ Mary was awarded a Go Global North Carolina Title I School grant and will have the opportunity to go to South Korea during the summer of 2024.

■ Amy Barsanti, Mary Taylor Conner, and Tracey Reason participated in the Martin Community Players spring production of "The Wizard of Oz."

■ Susan Brown (Gates) was awarded the Nell Rae — Eva White Grant-in-Aid Scholarship. She will be working on a Masters in Library Science degree at

East Carolina University. President Broughton recognized Fannie Howell (Martin) and Leigh Ann Hudson (Martin) for their dedication and hard work in updating the Beta Upsilon yearbook and making it available to members online.

A beautiful quilted table runner created by Lynn Crisp (Martin) and final touches completed by Phyllis Broughton featuring an acorn pattern was purchased by Pat Nelson and Brenda White. Funds will be used for scholarships at state and local levels.

The acorn was selected as the theme because it represents the life of the tree. The runner will be displayed at the DKG state convention and then will be gifted to Lynn's son-in-law in remembrance of Lynn's daughter.

Gates/Hertford Beta Upsilon members were thanked for their beautiful "Spring" decorations and great "Nutritious" breakfast foods.

At the late April 2024 DKG State Convention in Durham, two Beta Upsilon members received Region I honors as follows:

■ Golden Key Award: Barbara Harrington (Bertie)

■ Rising Star Award: Carol Anne Hankinson (Hertford)

Teacher Appreciation Week was observed nationally May 6-10. Beta Upsilon is proud of its current and retired teachers at all levels. Members are encouraged to express "Teacher Appreciation" on a daily basis.

Members are encouraged to complete and submit 2024 Beta Upsilon Excellence Award forms and send them to Mona Boyd.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing on the proposed FY 2024-2025 Budget for Bertie-Martin Regional Jail will be held on **Thursday, June 13, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.** The June 13, 2024 meeting for the Bertie-Martin Regional Jail Commission will be conducted electronically. Board members and county staff will participate by phone and/or computer.

The proposed budget may be examined on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Bertie County and Martin County Finance Offices.

Individuals wishing to make comments during the Public Comment Section or Public Hearing may submit written comments to supervisor123@mail.org or by contacting Deputy Director Lydra Freeman at 252-794-9283 or at supervisor123@mail.org by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 to receive call-in instructions for the meeting.

Lydra Freeman  
Deputy Director

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## Notice of Public Hearing CADA Housing Choice Voucher Program PHA Plan

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for May 28, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the CADA Administration Office, 120 Sessoms Drive, Rich Square, North Carolina to review the current Housing Choice Voucher Program PHA Plan for Bertie and Hertford Counties. This document is available for public review on April 22, 2024 at the following locations:

CADA Offices Community Service Centers  
Monday – Thursday 8:30am to 5:00pm  
Friday 8:30am to 1:00pm

CADA Administrative Office  
120 Sessoms Dr. - Rich Square, NC

Hertford County CADA Office  
105 N. Academy St. Bldg. B - Ahsokie, NC

Bertie County CADA Office  
128 E. Granville St. - Windsor, NC

Written comments must be received by 5:00 pm on May 28, 2024 at the CADA Housing Choice Voucher Program  
Post Office Box 530, Rich Square, NC 27869 Attn: Robin Williams

CADA is an Equal Opportunity Agency and Employer  
(252) 539-4155 / TTD 1 (800) 735-2962

## LEGAL NOTICE

### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 192  
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of 2023 Integrated Resource Plan of Dominion Energy North Carolina } NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON 2023 BIENNIAL INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN AND REPS COMPLIANCE PLAN

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On May 1, 2023, Dominion filed its proposed 2023 IRP, which has been subsequently corrected. Dominion filed the most up-to-date version of its 2023 IRP on September 15, 2023. Also, on May 1, 2023, Dominion filed its 2023 REPS Compliance Plan.

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Only individuals registered by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, will be allowed to testify at the Wednesday, July 10, 2024, remote public witness hearing. This hearing will be canceled if no one registers to testify by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3, 2024.

The public hearing will be solely for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g). The Commission reserves the right to limit testimony at the public witness hearings pursuant to Commission Rule R1-21(g)(5). Persons who desire to present testimony for the record should register for the public hearings.

Persons who desire to send written statements to inform the Commission of their positions in the matter should address their statements to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300, and reference Docket No. E-100, Sub 192CS. However, such written statements cannot be considered competent evidence unless those persons appear remotely at the public witness hearing described below and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements. Persons can also submit a statement on Dominion's proposed 2023 IRP and 2023 REPS Compliance Plan via the Commission's website at [www.ncuc.gov/contact.html](http://www.ncuc.gov/contact.html). Consumer statements will be placed in Docket No. E-100, Sub 192CS and may be accessed by searching that docket number via the Commission's website.

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Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

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The Honorable Josh Stein  
Attorney General of North Carolina c/o Consumer Protection – Utilities  
9001 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001  
[utilityAGOC@ncsc.gov](mailto:utilityAGOC@ncsc.gov)

This the 14th day of May, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION  
Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk

# An above normal hurricane season is among us

**BRANDICE HOGGARD**  
Staff Writer

An above-normal Atlantic hurricane season for 2024 is on the way, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Prediction Center, which is a division of the National Weather Service.

The hurricane season extends from June 1 to Nov. 30 and the center is predicting an 85 percent chance of an above-normal season, a 10 percent chance of a near-normal season and a 5 percent chance of a below-normal season for 2023.

"All indications are that we are going to have an active season. After looking at all of the data and intelligence, we will most likely be impacted this year. Most of the projections indicate that we could have several named storms," said David Lafon, Bertie County Emergency Services Director.

"We need to remember

that we don't need several to have trouble. All we need is one with the right conditions and that could have significant impacts on the way that we do things," Lafon continued.

Lafon says his agency is reviewing emergency plans with their partners such as shelter management, meeting with other emergency services, DOT, health department, social services and state emergency management. They have also partnered with the Asher group and have a voice message system that will send out messages to the citizens of the county in the event of upcoming danger. They are also setting up a meeting with local Emergency Agencies and partners to ensure that everyone is informed and on the same page when something happens.

The NOAA is forecasting a likely range of 17 to 25 named storms, eight to 13

of those could potentially become hurricanes and that includes four to seven major hurricanes being expected this year.

The 17 to 25 named storms include winds of 39 mph or higher, the eight to 13 that could become hurricanes will be winds of 74 mph or higher and the four to seven major hurricanes include categories 3, 4 or 5 — with winds of 111 mph or higher. These ranges are provided by the NOAA with a 70 percent confidence.

"With another active hurricane season approaching, NOAA's commitment to keeping every American informed with life-saving information is unwavering," said NOAA Administrator Rick Spinrad.

"AI-enabled language translations and a new depiction of inland wind threats in the forecast cone are just two examples of the proactive steps our agency is taking to meet our

mission of saving lives and protecting property," Spinrad continued.

The Atlantic hurricane season that is upcoming is expected to have above-normal activity due to the confluence of factors, which include near record warm ocean temperatures in the Atlantic Ocean, development of La Nina conditions in the Pacific, reduced Atlantic trade winds and less wind shear. All of these tend to favor tropical storm formation.

As one of the strongest El Niños that has ever been observed nears its end, the NOAA scientist predicts a quick transition to La Nina conditions, which are conducive to Atlantic hurricane activity. This being because La Nina tends to lessen the wind shear in the tropics.

But then at the same time, abundant oceanic heat content in the tropical Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea creates more energy to fuel

storm development.

"Severe weather and emergencies can happen at any moment, which is why individuals and communities need to be prepared today," said FEMA Deputy Administrator Erik A. Hooks.

"Already, we are seeing storms move across the country that can bring additional hazards like tornadoes, flooding and hail. Taking a proactive approach to our increasingly challenging climate landscape today can make

a difference in how people can recover tomorrow," Hooks added.

"This hurricane season also features the potential for having an above-normal west African monsoon, which can provide African easterly waves that seed some of the strongest and longer-lived Atlantic storms. Finally, light

trade winds allow hurricanes to grow in strength

without the disruption of a strong wind shear, and also minimize ocean cooling. The human caused climate change is warming our ocean globally and in the Atlantic basin, and melting ice on land, leading to sea level rise, which then increases the risk of a storm surge. Sea level rise represents a clear human influence on the damage hurricane.

"I feel that the citizens are prepared for hurricane season. The citizens are accustomed to storms in Bertie and always have the next storm in their minds," said Lafon.

The NOAA's outlook is for the overall seasonal activity and is not a land-fall forecast. In addition the NOAA's Climate Prediction Center will update the Atlantic seasonal outlook in early Aug., prior to the historical peak of the season.

Brandice Hoggard can be contacted at bhoggard@apgencc.com.

## Trend/ from A1

"I have seen sheriffs throughout the nation periodically wear a cowboy hat, but since I've started wearing one here in Bertie, I believe I've started a trend throughout the state with other sheriffs."

Ruffin is not actively soliciting his fellow law enforcement leaders to pick up on the wide-brim trend, but his recent notoriety as an active sheriff in the community and at business conferences across the state has raised interest in his new fashion statement.

At a recent business conference Ruffin wore his hat. "It seems the more I network,

sheriffs across the state have said, 'I need to get me a hat.' A few days later I receive the picture from another sheriff letting me know they have their hats. Whenever I get a picture it puts a smile on my face," said Ruffin.

Ruffin used to wear a three-piece suit and tie. That changed one day at Leggett's Grill in Buena Vista.

"When I started wearing the hat, I went to Leggett's Grill in the Asheville community and several of the patrons acknowledged the hat and told me that I no longer needed to wear the suit," he recalled. "Since then, I've backed away from dressing up to come to work and let the cowboy hat be

the signature to let you know that the sheriff is here.

"I tell people there's a new sheriff in town," the Sheriff said. "It's been a great thing even in the community because I see that the citizens love it, and the citizens of Bertie are proud of their sheriff. If I tell them there's a noticeable signature because when I walk through the door, you can hear the citizens say, 'There's the Sheriff.' I've been in some places where citizens will say 'got to get my picture with my Sheriff.' I think the look fits me."

Aside from the adult public at Leggett's, the kids are also enamored with the cowboy look. "The kids love the hat. They love

it, especially because they actually know who I am." Sheriff Ruffin said. "I spend a lot of time trying to build relationships with the youth and when they see the sheriff coming with the cowboy hat, you can hear the excitement in their voice. Most importantly, I believe that in some of their minds, they are saying that they would love to be like cowboy Sheriff Ruffin when they grow up."

Ruffin is in communication with other sheriffs who are planning on a special day where everyone in the department gets to wear a cowboy hat. Ruffin has not implemented that yet, but loves the idea.

"My goal is to be a great sheriff, and to know that small things like this is something that will bring a positive name for Bertie, makes me feel good," he insists. "It's a wonderful feeling when you walk into a local business and citizens approach you with a big smile and say, 'That's my Sheriff.'"

"I love to network, and I network throughout the state of North Carolina, so that if we ever need additional resources here in Bertie, our law enforcement partners will remember the cowboy Sheriff Ruffin," he closed.

There is no truth to the rumor Ruffin was looking at horses.

John Foley can be contacted at jfoley@apgencc.com

## Bridge/ from A1

in Bertie County and the trend he started, so I realized that we out number the Sheriffs in North Carolina with at least 400 police chiefs, so I wanted to start something positive among

chiefs like Sheriff Ruffin did among sheriffs."

This could be a new trend for Edenton. "The EPP has never worn Cowboy hats in the past, but I would love for our department to have them as a secondary hat,

but I will let the incoming chief decide that of course," said King, who is scheduled to retire in September after 30 years of service.

Both King and Ruffin agree that an occasional across the bridge interaction

for the fun of it is an important part of the job.

"Networking and having fun is what this job is all about. When the bad guys see how well we work together they either stop committing crimes or they understand it won't be long before we find them," said King. "I want to thank Sheriff Ruffin for his true friendship and this commitment to the citizens of Bertie County and Edenton working together is the key

to all our success."

On the crowns of his bridge the leaders shook hands, and of course, tipped their hats.

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## Budget/ from A1

While the shortfall tops what was previously reported, the commissioners are looking at cuts that can be made to alleviate a major tax increase.

Vaughan suggested back taxes owed could possibly help make up the difference. Commissioner Michael White took issue with the suggestion.

"Are we saving real property tax was \$11,004,000, but we budgeted for people paying back taxes.

Budgeting somebody paying back taxes should just be gravy on the top. If they didn't pay taxes the first year, we can't bank on them paying it the second year," White said. "And then if they pay it, that's like I said, gravy on the top, versus we're praying they're going to pay back taxes that historically they're not paying so we can balance budget."

The commissioners, along with Vaughan and Rhea, have scheduled future work sessions in order to develop a solution for the shortfall that will not further burden taxpayers.

The public hearing on the budget, originally set for Monday June 10 has been postponed and will be rescheduled at a future June date.

Under North Carolina state law the Bertie County 2024-2025 budget must be approved by July 1, the beginning of the new fiscal year. The next regular county commissioners meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Monday, June 17.

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our students since change is inevitable, but needed at times. In addition, we are providing social/emotional support for students as needed to prepare them for the change."

Head Custodian Sam Bernbridge helped end the school year on a high note for the students. As Bernbridge sealed his fate by filling numerous water balloons using the Bunch of Balloons method, he reminisced about his tenure.

"I love it here. I am going to miss the school, the staff and the students. I thought this would be a fun thing for the kids. We're going to give each of them one balloon they can throw at me before they leave," said Bernbridge, smiling.

Promptly at 11:30 a.m., the students lined up outside, next to the water balloon arsenal, chose their balloon and proceeded to thank Bernbridge for his help as he stood next to the Aulander School sign, barely ducking one water balloon at a time.

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This the 14th day of May, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION  
 Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk

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# Citizens' budget concerns include schools, public safety, transportation, taxes

By Reggie Ponder  
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Granville County citizens offered strong support for the sheriff's office and transportation services – while others presented strong opposition to increased spending and taxes – in comments to the county commissioners Monday.

The regular meeting of the Granville County Board of Commissioners included the public hearing on the 2024-2025 county budget.

Several speakers at the meeting expressed strong support for Sheriff Robert Fountain, the sheriff's office, and full funding of the sheriff's budget request.

"We the people support him," said Baba Kerr, referring to Fountain.

Rev. Omotokun Okomunde said budget constraints would hamper effective operation of the sheriff's office. Noting that Fountain is the "first man of color" to hold the office of sheriff in Granville County, Okomunde said he sees the "vile machinations" of prejudice at work in the budget process.

The county commissioners should not use the budget "to handcuff the man who wields the handcuffs," Okomunde said.

Michael Muhammad said Fountain has been "disrespected by members of the commission."

Another citizen, Brad Oldenburg, voiced a different viewpoint on the budget discussions between the sheriff and the county commissioners. "I have never heard a request from the sheriff's office ever denied," Oldenburg said.

Some requests have been questioned, but not rejected, he said. "There is a lot of misinformation out there and it does not do us any good," Oldenburg said. Fountain also spoke to the board, saying he

expects a healthy tension from the county commissioners. He also said he will find a way to make the budget work and to keep citizens safe.

Patrice Dunn said she was supporting the sheriff. She said she appreciates the new ideas that he is bringing to the office.

Chairman Tim Karan said it might appear that the sheriff's office is receiving \$200,000 less in the budget, but that does not factor in money that is still being provided – but moved to other categories in the county budget – for vehicles, cell phones and Information Technology services.

"This board has been incredibly supportive of this sheriff's office," Karan said.

Commissioner Russ May said he has asked questions about budget requests because that is his job as a county commissioner. But he said he has never spoken or acted disrespectfully toward the sheriff.

"I admire what he has done," May said, referring to the sheriff. "I admire what the department has done."

But he said he would continue to ask questions about funding requests. He said his concern about the property tax burden on citizens is a main reason for his careful look at spending.

Floyd Adist, another citizen who addressed the board Monday, asked the commissioners to rein in spending, because "there is an economic storm out there raging."

"I think that austerity rather than profligate spending should be the watchword for the commission at this time," Adist said.

Members of a movement known as "Down Home," which advocates for lower-income rural residents, spoke in favor of expanding the transportation services offered through Kerr Area Transportation Authority.

Among those who spoke in favor of expanding KARTS was Rakash Patel, who told the commissioners, "KARTS is a wonderful service."

May said the county commissioners have been talking about trying to expand KARTS. "We're still working on that," he said.

County Manager Drew Cummings said that Granville and other area counties last year "stepped up" to provide funding in order to "keep KARTS whole." The county commissioners value KARTS, Cummings said.

Commissioner Zelodis Jay, who serves on the KARTS Board, said the citizens' request for an additional \$250,000 in funding from Granville County needs to be presented also to the other counties that participate in KARTS – Franklin, Vance and Warren.

Alice Meese asked about the cost of operating the local hospital.

"The hospital pretty much pays for itself," Karan said. He noted that the Granville Health System hospital is one of only five county-owned hospitals remaining in the state.

Marie Reardon-Dudley requested county funding for the recently formed Granville County Homelessness Coalition.

In remarks near the end of the meeting, Commissioner Sue Hinman noted the pressure commissioners face from citizens asking for less spending and lower taxes, on the one hand, but on the other hand more funding for public safety, schools, transportation and other services.

May said he can't support the property tax rate that's being proposed. The economy is unpredictable and he wants to reduce the tax burden on citizens, he said.

May said he is concerned that citizens can't afford for the county to "take the bite all at one time."

# Chamber announces Student Spotlight



The Granville County Chamber of Commerce Student Spotlight recipient is Allie Currin. From left are Jade Gingus, Chamber Board member and Education Committee chair; Cynthia Ratliff, Chamber executive director; Currin; Laura and Mike Curtis, owners of Bliss Nutrition; Tamara Rodebaugh, Chamber Board member; and James Brown, Chamber Board member. Contributed photo

For the Butner-Creedmoor News

The Granville County Chamber of Commerce highlights the remarkable achievements of local student and shines a light on their extraordinary talent, unwavering dedication, and boundless potential.

"With genuine pleasure, we present Allie Currin in the fourth installment of our Student Spotlight series," the Chamber said in a press release.

Allie, a junior at Oxford Preparatory School, was nominated by Laura Curtis, owner of Bliss Nutrition in downtown Oxford.

In her nomination, Curtis says that Allie's story is one of remarkable dedication and selflessness. From the moment she steps into work at Bliss, her commitment shines through.

Always punctual, she arrives early and leaves late, ensuring every task is completed to perfection, all with a fantastic attitude.

Allie's role at Bliss extends far beyond the ordinary, according to Curtis. Allie has taken charge of inventory control and has created new energy tests and meticulously tracks

their success. Her creative flair continues through spearheading marketing initiatives, from painting storefront windows on her time off, to helping with social media reels.

Even adversity fails to dampen Allie's spirit. When she fractured her foot during a basketball game, she didn't let it deter her. Despite the pain, she showed up for work the next day in our absence, managing her responsibilities with grace and determination.

Beyond her professional endeavors, Allie's involvement in school and community activities is awe-inspiring. She is the incoming president of Beta Club, and as her senior project, she organized a 5k fundraiser with proceeds to benefit The Masonic Home for Children and Central Children's Home.

Allie's reliability is unmatched and is given without expectation for

recognition or reward. She navigates challenges with ease, maintaining a positive attitude and unwavering determination. At Bliss, she's not just an employee; she's a valued member of the team, deserving of every accolade and recognition.

Allie responded by saying she was totally surprised and had no idea that Laura had nominated her. She states, "I didn't realize that I had an impact on the people around me, especially at work. I love working at Bliss and interacting with the community."

"I'm so thankful for this honor and it is something that will hold close to my heart!"

Laura and Mike Curtis say they are privileged to have Allie on their team.

"She embodies the qualities of dedication, initiative, and integrity that we hold dear, and her presence enriches our workplace immeasurably," the Chamber said in the press release.

Allie will have the opportunity to apply for a scholarship from the Granville County Chamber of Commerce during her senior year.

## LEGAL NOTICE

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This the 14th day of May, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION  
Terrika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk

# Granville Health System names Steven Demertzis Nurse of the Year

For the Butner-Creedmoor News

Granville Health System has named Steven Demertzis the 2023-2024 Nurse of the Year.

Each year, GHS recognizes a nurse who has made outstanding contributions for patients, coworkers, and the organization. Nominations outline the contributions the nurse has made, how these contributions exemplify excellence, and the resulting nursing impact on GHS and the surrounding communities.

Demertzis is a Registered Nurse in the Emergency Department of Granville Health System.

"This prestigious accolade underscores Steven's exceptional commitment to patient care, marking a significant milestone in his career at GHS," the health system said in a press release.

"Steven's dedication and unwavering commitment to excellence have been praised by his peers, who commend his unparalleled ability to anticipate patient needs and deliver exceptional care with compassion and proficiency. His positive impact resonates not only with patients but also amongst his colleagues, reflecting his exceptional leadership and teamwork



Steven Demertzis is Granville Health System's 2023-2024 Nurse of the Year. Contributed photo

skills." Ann Marie Holtzman-Wheeler, chief nursing officer at GHS, praised Demertzis for his work.

"Steven's recognition as Nurse of the Year exemplifies the highest standards of professionalism and compassion in nursing," Holtzman-Wheeler said. "His dedication serves as an inspiration to nursing professionals everywhere, setting a benchmark for excellence in patient care."

GHS also cited personal qualities that set Demertzis apart. "Beyond his clinical expertise, Steven's sense of humor and remarkable communication abilities have made him a

cherished member of the Granville Health System team," GHS said in the press release. "His contributions extend far beyond the confines of the hospital, enriching the broader community with his selfless service and invaluable support. Granville Health System takes immense pride in celebrating Steven's achievements and acknowledges the profound impact of his exceptional service on both patients and the community at large. Steven's unwavering commitment to quality care exemplifies the core values of Granville Health System and reinforces its position as a beacon of healthcare excellence within the community."

### Hobson

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at Ellis Island in 1913. "My mother and her siblings were born in this country," she said.

Hobson shared information about the earliest Memorial Day ceremony in Charleston, South Carolina.

At the end of the Civil War the scale of death was unimaginable — as many as 750,000 Americans dead.

"In February of 1865, the Union Army occupied Charleston and declared martial law. Among others, 900 U.S. Colored Troops; many formerly enslaved, entered Charleston as liberators," Hobson said.

"As described by historian and educator Dan Welch, "emancipation did not bring equality or freedom from racism."

Hobson spoke about Planter's Race-track in Charleston, which had one of the earliest documented Memorial Day events in 1865.

Attendance at this commemoration numbered about 10,000 individuals —

pastors, missionaries, free Blacks, newly freed slaves, men and women. Almost 3,000 children bearing flowers sang patriotic songs as they marched during the procession, according to Hobson.

An archway with the inscription "Martyrs of the Racetrack" was erected over the entrance to the resting place of 257 fallen soldier by African American soldiers and local freedmen. It was created to honor those who were buried at this formally prestigious local race track which was earlier utilized by the most wealthy individuals of Charleston society.

Hobson asked was this an easy expression of love of country or easy expression of true patriotism?

"I believe it was a conscious choice to do what was right by individuals who had so many reasons not to," she said. "I believe this was an outstanding demonstration of true humanity and patriotism."

"Making that kind of choice is a reflection of one's character and integrity — the actions of honorable people," Hobson said.

Hobson spoke about the Vietnam War and the servicemen and servicewomen did not always receive a proper "Welcome Home."

"To stand up for others before yourself is the most courageous thing one can do," Hobson said in a comment that resonated with many people in attendance. "That is what our combat service members did for all of us. It is more than fitting that we honor them today."

Hobson briefly paused in her speech to allow people to speak the name of any fallen combat service member. She honored the memory of Harry Lee Cearnel of Creedmoor and Charles Wayne Hicks of Butner.

In closing, Hobson said, "encourage us to hold the spirit and sacrifice of our fallen soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines in our hearts and in our minds moving forward — that we leave this place with the spirit of unity — as Americans. Doing that is the true test of our national character and an expression of honorable action. It is our choice."

Matilda Travis and Juliana King, students at Granville Early College High School were recognized as first and third place winners, respectively for their essay on what Memorial Day means.

Seuth Granville's band provided musical selections including "The Star-Spangled Banner" and honoring each



Saliyann Marable Hobson shares information about Memorial Day during her remarks at the Remember and Honor Memorial Day Ceremony. Amanda Dixon | Butner-Creedmoor News

branch of service with the "Armed Forces Salute." Emily Struck played "Taps." South Granville's Reserve Officers Training Corps presented the Colors and each branch of service's flags.

Girl Scouts of America Troop 1211 led the event with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members of South Granville's JROTC assisted Linda Jordan, mayor of Butner, with the Laying of the Wreath followed by a moment of silence.

As the event closed, many in attendance who are veterans took a moment to reflect on the fallen heroes who were honored at the ceremony.

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**TOWN OF NAGS HEAD - PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
**PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY 2024-2025,**  
**PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) REQUESTS**  
**FOR FY 2024/2025 THROUGH FY 2028/2029, AND**  
**UPDATED CONSOLIDATED FEE SCHEDULE**

Notice is hereby given that the Town Manager's proposed operating budget for fiscal year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025, has been presented to the Governing Body. The Town of Nags Head Board of Commissioners will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed budget in the Board Room of the Nags Head Municipal Complex located at 5401 S. Croatan Highway on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

The Public Hearing is to consider citizen comment on the Town Manager's proposed operating budget for July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025, Proposed CIP requests for FY 2025 through FY 2029, and updated Consolidated Fee Schedule.

A copy of the proposed budget, CIP requests, and updated Consolidated Fee Schedule are available for public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Copies of the proposed budget may be purchased at \$10.00 each. The documents may also be viewed on the Town's web site at [www.nagsheadnc.gov](http://www.nagsheadnc.gov).

All interested persons are invited/urged to make written or oral comments. A summary of the proposed budget follows:

REVENUES	
TAXES (Ad Valorem)	\$ 11,995,235
OTHER TAXES & LICENSES	11,399,800
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	6,022,265
PERMITS & FEES	597,475
INVESTMENT EARNINGS	200,000
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	473,695
OTHER FINANCE SOURCES	10,076,786
APPROPRIATION FUND BALANCE	400,000
WATER FUND REVENUE	4,915,408
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 46,080,664</b>
EXPENDITURES	
GOVERNING BODY	\$ 185,276
BOND DEBT	1,276,400
TOWN MANAGER/CLERK	1,177,348
LEGAL	132,961
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	1,204,368
IT	580,877
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT	1,543,299
PUBLIC WORKS	7,961,488
STREETS AND STORMWATER	4,871,963
PUBLIC SAFETY - Police	4,605,254
PUBLIC SAFETY - Fire/Ocean Rescue	5,165,423
CONTINGENCY	150,000
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	12,294,799
WATER FUND	4,915,408
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 46,080,664</b>

This is the 12th day of May 2024.  
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**Good, from 1A**

frustration their father felt resulted in a lot of yelling at home. But their mother was committed to focusing on the positive every day. She modeled resiliency and optimism for her children, which served as fuel for the brothers as they began their t-shirt business after college.

"We were kind of stumbling around trying to find what the right thing was, trying different messages and artwork and locations to sell," John Jacobs explained of their early years in an interview with The Coastland Times. The brothers faced a lot of rejection, but they listened.

"People would have legitimate comments like 'I don't like the feel of the shirt' or the message or the price and you have to just absorb that and try to use it as a trainer or teacher. So we took a lot of notes on what people said and tried to use it as fuel to figure out what where we should go with it."

As a reaction to negative and sensational news that seemed to dominate people's mindscape, the Jacobs brothers asked themselves if they could come up with a message that could help people celebrate what's good in their lives.

John drew the first now-iconic Life is Good guy, Jake, with the famous phrase written underneath and took a batch of 48 shirts to a street fair in Massachusetts. They sold out within an hour.

Deciding to try their hand at retail, John and Burt finally found a flip flop shop in Cape Cod willing to order 24 shirts.

The owner, Nancy, called shortly after the brothers returned to their home in Boston. "Hey guys, I've got some good news. I want to place a



John Jacobs spoke to a standing-room-only crowd at Jannette's Pier on May 16 about how he and his brother went from selling t-shirts out of their van to founding America's favorite t-shirt company.



John Jacobs, Life is Good co-founder, autographs his book following his keynote address at Kitty Hawk Kites' 50th Anniversary celebration on May 16.

recorder." "What's a reorder?" John asked, drawing laughter from the audience at Jannette's Pier as he relayed the story.

A week later, Nancy called for a friend with an ice cream shop. "Is there any chance that character Jake can be eating ice cream?" she asked.

"No, but give us two hours and he will," John replied. Nancy called again about a sister-in-law who had a shop near a bicycle store. "Does Jake ride a bike?"

"No but if you pay in advance he can definitely ride a bike."

Life is Good images started out with basic good things like outdoors, mountains, beaches, dogs, family time and road trips. "We know hard things happen in the world but we feel like there should be a little more of a balance," Jacobs said. The brand focused on things that people can be thankful for. But it quickly became more than just that.

The brothers started getting letters from customers saying that the message was helping them navigate through hard times like a battle with cancer or losing a loved one. Even children and teens with serious diagnoses were finding

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and the three-year-old was soon found in a neighbor's well.

Keeper Daniel B. Austin jumped into action and began using techniques taught by the United States Life-Saving Service to restore drowning victims. Soon, there were faint signs of life and before long, the child began to feebly cry to the relief of the worried parents.

Keeper Austin continued careful treatment of the child and brought it safely through the distressing time. After a long nap, the child had fully recovered from the scary accident.

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which is one of our Life is Good "superpowers" as he calls them. "I think you can get back to that rock solid foundation of gratitude whenever you start to feel overwhelmed or overburdened."

The company has had reason to feel overwhelmed. With products primarily sold in retail stores, Life is Good, like many other companies, experienced major financial setbacks during the Covid-19 pandemic.

They went from considering bankruptcy to developing an entirely different business concept that included custom printed messages. Once again, the company listened to its customers and pulled through, coming out stronger and experiencing more growth.

This growth enables greater advocacy for children through the Playmaker Project, a training and support program for early childhood educators who help kids recover from trauma. Life is Good donates 10% to this cause.

For John, when asked what makes life good (aside from cool t-shirts), he answered simply: love. Within that, he described family, friends, helping other people, and doing what you love. "We get to try to spread the power of optimism through our messages and our products, so I could go on and on listing a bunch of activities I love but really, love itself. I know how good that sounds, but to me, that is the reason for living."

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Tyrrell County Budget for FY 2024-2025 has been presented to the Tyrrell County Board of Commissioners, and is now available for Public Inspection at the Office of the Clerk to the Board, Tyrrell County Office Building, 108 S. Water Street Columbia, N.C., Monday -Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Public Hearing will be held Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, Tyrrell County Office Building, 106 S. Water Street, Columbia, N.C. Any questions can be directed to Penny Owens, Clerk to the Board, at 252-796-1371, ext. 2621.



**MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

The Town of Kill Devil Hills' offices will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2024,

in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. The Recycle Center and Dry Trash Drop off Center will also be closed on Monday, May 27, 2024.

All Town offices along with both centers will reopen at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

Normal residential and commercial refuse collections will be made Monday, May 27, 2024 through Friday, May 31, 2024.

The Town of Kill Devil Hills wishes everyone a safe and peaceful holiday.

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Mayor

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**TOWN OF NAGS HEAD - PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
**PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY 2024-2025,**  
**PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) REQUESTS**  
**FOR FY 2024/2025 THROUGH FY 2028/2029, AND**  
**UPDATED CONSOLIDATED FEE SCHEDULE**

Notice is hereby given that the Town Manager's proposed operating budget for fiscal year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025, has been presented to the Governing Body. The Town of Nags Head Board of Commissioners will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed budget in the Board Room of the Nags Head Municipal Complex located at 5401 S. Oreaten Highway on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

The Public Hearing is to consider citizen comment on the Town Manager's proposed operating budget for July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025, Proposed CIP requests for FY 2025 through FY 2029, and updated Consolidated Fee Schedule.

A copy of the proposed budget, CIP requests, and updated Consolidated Fee Schedule are available for public inspection on the Town Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Copies of the proposed budget may be purchased at \$10.00 each. The documents may also be viewed on the Town's web site at www.nagsheadnc.gov.

All interested persons are invited/urged to make written or oral comments. A summary of the proposed budget follows:

REVENUES	
TAXES (Ad Valorem)	\$ 11,995,235
OTHER TAXES & LICENSES	11,359,800
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	6,022,265
PERMITS & FEES	597,475
INVESTMENT EARNINGS	200,000
OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	473,695
OTHER FINANCE SOURCES	10,076,786
APPROPRIATION/FUND BALANCE	400,000
WATER FUND REVENUE	4,915,408
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 46,080,664</b>
EXPENDITURES	
GOVERNING BODY	\$ 195,276
BOND DEBT	1,276,200
TOWN MANAGER/CLERK	1,177,348
LEGAL	132,961
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	1,204,368
IT	580,877
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT	1,549,299
PUBLIC WORKS	7,961,488
STREETS AND STORMWATER	4,871,963
PUBLIC SAFETY - Police	4,605,254
PUBLIC SAFETY - Fire/Ocean Rescue	5,165,423
CONTINGENCY	150,000
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	12,294,799
WATER FUND	4,915,408
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 46,080,664</b>

This is the 13th day of May 2024.  
Caralyn F. Morris, Town Clerk

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**UTILITIES COMMISSION**  
**RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 192

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Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

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The Honorable Josh Stein  
Attorney General of North Carolina c/o Consumer Protection - Utilities  
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Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001  
jstein@AG.ncdoj.gov

This is the 14th day of May, 2024.

**NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION**  
Tarnika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk

# USLSS in NC: Cool and courageous

By Jen Carlson

In the early morning hours of March 28, 1890, a coal-laden schooner, the William H. Keeney, ran aground just southeast of the Little Kinnakeet station. One of the station crew happened upon her as the patrolman was further along his route and hadn't passed the vessel yet along his return route.

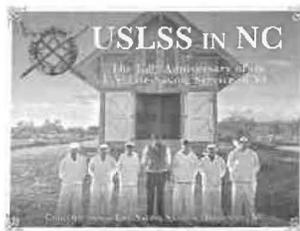
Keeper Edward O. Hooker telephoned their sister stations, Big Kinnakeet and Gull Shoal, for assistance and sent a surferman ahead to burn a signal alerting the sailors help was on the way. Within a short period of time, all three station crews arrived on scene.

The first two shots of the Lyle Gun missed but by using a lighter line, the third shot was a success and the sailors hauled the whip line onboard and tied the line off to the mizzenmast. Initially, the surferman had a struggle in sending out the hawser. The winds had increased steadily during the rescue but that shouldn't account for the difficulty the crew was having in maneuvering the lines. Only when the first sailor was safely on shore via the Breches

Buoy did the surferman learn the tailhook had split. This caused a temporary delay as a new block had to be retrieved from the station and then sent out to the vessel. Once the new block was in place, the remaining six crew of the Keeney were efficiently pulled to shore without further issue. The survivors were then led to the station where they were provided with stimulants to counteract the effects of the long exposure to the elements in wet clothing.

In addition to the three station crews braving the weather, local residents in the vicinity came to give assistance due to the increasing winds and strong currents. It was a very laborious operation hampered by not only a broken tailhook, but deteriorating weather conditions as well.

The day after the incident, the crews from the Little and Big Kinnakeet stations made three trips in the surfboats to bring the sailors' personal effects, some smaller articles from the vessel, as well as the sails to shore. Days later, the Keeney was deemed a total loss and was sold just before her crew departed for their homes. Before leaving, Keeper Hooker was given a letter commending the station crew of their "prompt, cool, and courageous work" in rescuing the sailors from the wreck and thanking them for their kindness during the following days. Captain Samuel Lippencott



Little Kinnakeet crew circa 1890.

feared his words seemed inadequate in expressing the feelings of gratitude to the United States Life-Saving Service. All in a Day's Work

Sometimes it's about being a safe harbor: On March 11, 1896, seven fishermen sought refuge at the Kitty Hawk station in celebration as we recognize the #LegacyofLifesaving and the lasting impact of these often-unsung heroes. Go to [chicamacomico.org](http://chicamacomico.org) for details of the events.

Relief Association while their belongings dried. The weather didn't ease so the men remained at the station overnight until the weather improved and they were able to return to their camp safely.

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## Trail, from 1A

signs highlighting the hardships and triumphs experienced by the men enlisted and missionary teachers at the Freedman's Colony on Roanoke Island, noted the release. Nine life-sized steel silhouettes accompanied the signs throughout the trail.

"These exhibits, brought together through original research and community connections, are the first to bring personal narratives about the Freedman's Colony to Fort Raleigh," stated the release.

The event is set for Saturday, June 1, 2024 at 9 a.m. at Freedman's Point, the parking lot at the base of the William B. Umstead Bridge, also known as the Old Manns Harbor Bridge. Brief remarks about the project and National Trails Day will kick off the event, followed by a ranger-led walk highlighting each sign and the original research for each highlighted historical individual.

In addition to hours of research on the Freedman's Colony by Fort Raleigh staff and volunteers, community and national

organizations and individuals also contributed to the exhibit.

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## Funding, from 1A

amendments to the Series 2023A Limited Obligation Bonds capital project ordinance and to the Series 2024 Limited Obligation Bonds capital project ordinance.

For the 2023A bonds, the amendments adjust the projects' savings and additional interest earnings to be used for the 2024 projects.

For the 2024 bonds, the amendment changes the bond sources, additional construction fund interest and additional savings amounts from Phase One. It adds \$105,690 for costs for the Manns Harbor project.

Four budget amendments were on the consent agenda. The commissioners:

- Accepted a grant for \$74,978 for 911 portable radios.
- Approved additional estimated costs of \$75,000 associated with engineering and agency coordination as a result of new permits received for Oregon Inlet. DEQ Shallow Draft Navigation Fund will match 75%. Dare County share is \$18,750 from the 2024 fund balances.
- Approved increase in funding for Senior Games. The sponsorship money from local businesses and residents was more than anticipated for the 2024 games. In addition, the registration fees increased from 2023 due to the 26% increase in older adult

community participation. Budget amendment is for \$7,000.

- Increased container sales and container purchases by \$20,000 to allow for the purchase of 16 dumpsters. This is the estimated number of dumpsters needed for the remainder of this fiscal year.
- An additional eight items were on the consent agenda. The commissioners:

- Authorized signing a grant certification that the county has no local, state or federal tax debt. The last such certification was signed in 2022.
- Received a \$3,000 mini-grant from Albemarle Regional Health Center. Grant is titled Partnership to Improve Community Health-Youth Involvement in Increasing Healthy Food Access.
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two security lights at the Burrus Field in Buxton.

- Approved a five-year copier lease with Systel Business Equipment and Dare County Library.
- Adopted a local governmental resolution to accept a \$25,000 grant from the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program. The funds will be used for local law enforcement overtime for highway safety.
- Adopted a local governmental resolution to accept a \$30,000 grant from the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program. The funds will be used for local law enforcement liaison traffic safety.

The commissioners made these appointments:

- Veterans Advisory Commission: reappointed Dr. Kevin Wallace and Justin O'Sullivan.
- Zoning Board of Adjustment: reappointed Jay Hart.

The next Dare County Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Monday, June 3, 2024 in the Bobby Owens Commissioners Meeting Room, Dare County Administration Building, located at 954 Marshall C. Collins Dr. in Manteo. The meeting starts at 9 a.m.

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# Women's Club to demonstrate colonial textile crafts

June 8th event part of 250th anniversary of Edenton Resolves

**VERNON FUESTON**  
Staff Writer

The Edenton's Women's Club will sponsor a family-friendly demonstration of colonial-era textile manufacturing at the Iredell House in Edenton next month.

The demonstration will include how Chowan County women prepared cotton and wool by carding the fibers, spinning them, and preparing them for weaving a basic cloth called homespun during the 17th and 18th centuries.

The program, which will take place at the James Iredell House on June 8, will allow families to drop in between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Antique spinning wheels and methods for preparing animal and plant fibers for the

textile-making process will be displayed. Children can try the process themselves and even pet a lamb that will be on site.

The demonstration is the Women's Club's interpretation of what life was like in Edenton at the time of the Edenton Resolves. The local community is celebrating the 250th anniversary this year of the event considered the first example of political action by women in colonial America. Also known as the Edenton Tea Party, 51 women signed a compact on Oct. 25, 1774 promising not to purchase British tea, textiles, clothing, and other products until the English Parliament repealed a series of taxes that were passed without the Colonies' representation.

Carlette Pruden, chair of the Edenton Women's Club, said that while many historians dwell on the courage it took for women to take action that might damage their husbands' careers and their family's livelihood, the Women's

Club decided to focus on the practical side of the accord. Many well-off women would have had to forgo staples like tea, clothing, and textiles, opting to wear locally manufactured cloth and other substitutes for British imports. The colonies were not permitted to establish manufacturing businesses competing with British factories.

Chris Haislet, a historical interpreter at the Island Farm in Manteo, and Abbey Sutton, a historical interpreter at Hope Plantation in Bertie County, will demonstrate the crafts. Abigail Colson of Triple C Petting Farm will bring the lambs for children to pet and provide small amounts of wool for the demonstration.

The organizers request that participants bring a canned good to donate to the Edenton Food Pantry instead of purchasing tickets. The Edenton Women's Club is a chapter of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Abbey Sutton, a historical interpreter at Hope Plantation in Bertie County, demonstrates the craft of spinning thread. The Edenton Women's Club will sponsor a program at the James Iredell House on June 8 demonstrating how Chowan County women prepared cotton and wool by carding the fibers, spinning them, and preparing them for weaving a basic cloth called homespun during the 17th and 18th centuries.

## Monument/*from A1*

In 2022, the town was sued by the N.C. Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy over Edenton's decision to relocate its Confederate monument from the 500 block of S. Broad Street to a site on Queen Street near Filbert Creek.

In March 2023, Tillett issued a restraining order that blocked the town from moving the monument. At the time, the judge said he was awaiting the results of a challenge to a state law requiring that "objects of remembrance" may not be removed unless they are relocated to a place of similar prominence.

## Bond/*from A1*

In recent budget meetings, commissioners decided to adopt a lower figure for the bond referendum than what was initially proposed in a 10-year master plan for the county's recreation department.

That earlier plan proposed a bond of \$20 million with provisions for future or additional spending of as much as \$15 million.

The resulting plan is scaled down from that initial

proposal, but Chowan County Manager Kevin Howard said in an interview that the actual projects and amounts that will be spent on them are still up for discussion.

Howard said commissioners' current thinking includes upgrading the county's soccer and baseball fields, creating walking trails, and going back to recreation plans he said commissioners made 10-15 years ago. Those plans include improvements to the Red Banks Farm property to create a recreation complex. Any

leftover funds could be used to construct a senior center and possibly a new gymnasium complex. He said such plans are still being hammered out, adding that more hearings to gather public input are needed in the coming months.

He characterized commissioners as "backing up a little bit" on the idea of an indoor public swimming pool, deciding to move forward with the lower \$15 million bond figure.

The next step in the process will be the July 15th public hearing on the bond

referendum. Howard said specific decisions on projects will not be made until after other public hearings, giving the public a chance to participate in the debate.

In other business, commissioners approved the removal and replacement of a sewer pump station located near the Edenton-Chowan College of The Albemarle Culinary Arts Building. The project will be performed by McPherson Enterprises Plumbing and Trenching at a cost of \$42,977.

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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION  
Tarnika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk

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# Deputy to train with new partner — K9 from Holland

Colon will be paired with German shepherd after 8 weeks of training

**VERNON FUESTON**  
Staff Writer

Chowan Sheriff's Deputy Danielle Colon just finished one major milestone in her career and is ready to work toward her next.

Colon just finished her associate degree in criminal justice at College of The Albemarle, an important credential for someone wanting to advance in law enforcement. She spent 2 1/2 years working on her degree and enrolled in five courses this semester to graduate, all while continuing to work full-time as a single mother.

Now, she has been accepted for an eight-week training program at Edgecombe Community College,



Colon

German shepherd police dog fresh from basic training in drug detection and officer protection.

Colon and her new partner will come to Chowan County to work as a K-9 team for the Chowan Sheriff's Office. They will work together as partners.

Colon said the assignment is a promotion, and she looks forward to the training, though she is unsure what to expect.

"I don't really know. I've watched a lot of videos and things like that, but I don't really know what to expect," she said. "I know it's going to be hard, but I'm

really looking forward to the challenge."

Sheriff Scooter Basnight is a former K-9 officer. He said the relationship between a dog handler and a dog is intensely close but not the same as between a master and a pet. A police dog has to be both what Basnight called a "force multiplier" and a social animal capable of working around the public and even children. Absolute obedience is essential.

"Here she, we don't know yet, is going to be a narcotics detector, trained for tracking individuals, and trained for apprehension, meaning it will learn to bite and defend the handler, to defend other people," Basnight said. "But more importantly, we want a social dog, meaning that if she's at the elementary school, the kids can pet it."

That tall order will require daily obedience training and sessions where the handler and dog work through takedowns sessions and apprehensions. Colon will be issued a handler suit and train the animal in takedowns using herself as a subject. The dog must be under control at all times.

"We're not holding them, letting them into the bed, loving on them, or feeding them ice cream," Basnight said of K-9 dogs. "It's an unfortunate word to call it, but that dog is a tool, just like a gun, baton, or pepper spray. That dog may be asked to sacrifice its life to save hers."

"That's unfortunate because we do build bonds with these dogs," he continued. "The dog I had, I had him for 10 years. I loved that dog. That dog was the best partner I ever had. I could tell that dog things, and I never had to worry about him telling anybody. There's a bond and

a relationship that she'll build with that dog that she'll never have with any human being."

Such a complex relationship will have to be built within Colon's existing family relationships. A single mother of five — four boys and one girl — her four sons have moved away, while her daughter still lives at home.

"It's something we've discussed," Colon said, referring to her family. "It is not a decision that I could make for myself. I had to make sure that they were on board as well because you can't feed the dog table food and things like that. We like to horseplay, but those kinds of things can't go on when the dog's in the house."

Colon has been in law enforcement for eight years, one year with the Chowan Sheriff's Office. Before that, she was in the

Coast Guard and found she enjoyed the occasional rush that came when boarding suspect boats. She admits to still being a bit of an adrenaline junkie but said that is not the payoff she now receives from police work. She said interacting, helping, and protecting the public was what she works for now.

She said the police work is a calling and not for everybody.

"I would say this: if you have a dream or a desire to do this job, you should, Colon said. "You should take that and go with it. I don't know that I would tell somebody to do that. I think you have to have it in your heart. You need to be a people person, and you also have to remember that everybody's different. You have to have empathy. I think you have to have a heart for this, and I don't think everybody does."

# Workshop to teach biz on becoming tourism friendly

Shallert to lead July 29 workshop at Edenton Baptist

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Local civic leaders and businesspeople interested in how to make a business or community

more tourism friendly can attend a workshop scheduled for July.

Jon Shallert of the Shallert Group will lead the workshop, "Making Your Business and Community a Destination," on July 29.

Shallert is billed as the world's foremost expert on teaching independent

businesses how to reinvent themselves into consumer destinations.

Destination Downtown Edenton Director Ches Chesson said the training should help anyone with business or professional responsibilities related to tourism.

"I had the pleasure of

listening to Mr. Shallert speak at this year's State Main Street Conference, and he's outstanding," Chesson said. "I highly recommend that you make this a priority and take advantage of this opportunity."

The training will be held at the Edenton Baptist

Church fellowship hall on July 29 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Attendees will continue their training through monthly online sessions on topics such as increasing customer traffic, sales, and profits, and through access to Shallert's "Destination University" private library. Downtown Roots will cater

lunch for the workshop.

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# Trump trial defense witness angers judge

### Merchan clears court, castigates Costello for eye-rolling, comments

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — A defense witness in Donald Trump's hush money case whom the judge threatened to remove from the trial over his behavior was scheduled to return to the stand Tuesday as the trial nears its end.

Trump's lawyers are hoping Robert Costello's testimony will help undermine the credibility of a key prosecution witness, Trump fixer-turned-for Michael Cohen.

But Costello angered Judge Juan Merchan on Monday by making comments under his breath, rolling his eyes and calling the whole exercise "ridiculous," prompting the judge to briefly kick reporters out of the courtroom to admonish him.

The judge told Costello, a former federal prosecutor, he was being "contemptuous,"



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Judge Juan Merchan, left, castigates witness Robert Costello about his "decorum" in the courtroom in Manhattan criminal court, Monday in New York.

adding, "If you try to stare me down one more time, I will remove you from the stand," according to a court transcript.

Costello didn't immediately respond to a request for comment Monday from The Associated Press.

The chaotic scene unfolded after prosecutors rested their case accusing Trump of falsifying business records as part of a scheme to bury stories that he feared could hurt his 2016 campaign. The criminal trial, the first of a former U.S. president, is in the final

stretch, with closing arguments expected the Tuesday after Memorial Day.

The charges stem from internal Trump Organization records in which payments to Cohen were marked as legal expenses. Prosecutors say they were really reimbursements for a \$130,000 hush money payment to porn actor Stormy Daniels to keep her from going public before the 2016 election with claims of a sexual encounter with Trump. Trump says nothing sexual happened between them. Trump has said he did

nothing illegal and has slammed the case as an effort to hinder his 2024 bid to reclaim the White House. Trump, a Republican, called the judge a "tyrant" in remarks to reporters while leaving the courthouse Monday and called the trial a "disaster" for the country.

After jurors left for the day Monday, defense attorneys pressed the judge to throw out the charges before jurors even begin deliberating, arguing prosecutors have failed to prove their case. The defense has suggested that Trump was trying to protect his family, not his campaign, by squelching what he says were false, scurrilous claims.

Defense attorney Todd Blanche argued that there was nothing illegal about soliciting a tabloid's help to run positive stories about Trump, run negative stories about his opponents and identify potentially damaging stories before they were published. No one involved "had any criminal intent," Blanche said.

# Election deniers closer to GOP mainstream

### Study: Nearly third of GOP in Congress deny 2020 outcome

NICHOLAS RICCARDI AND LISA MASCARO Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the hours after the attack on the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, Ohio's then-Republican senator, Rob Portman, voted to accept President Joe Biden's win over the defeated former president, Donald Trump, despite Trump's false allegations that Biden only won because of fraud.

But as Trump charges toward his rematch with Biden in 2024, Portman has been replaced by Sen. J.D. Vance, a potential vice presidential pick who has echoed Trump's false claims of fraud and said he'll accept the results this fall only "if it's a free and fair election." South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott and Florida Sen.

Marco Rubio, other possible VP picks, also declined to object to Biden's victory over Trump, but have been less committal this year. Rubio said recently "if things are wrong" with November's election, Republicans won't stand by and accept the outcome.

And the new speaker of the House, Mike Johnson, helped organize Trump's failed legal challenge to Biden's win. He demurred when asked if he believed the 2020 election was legitimate during an event with other Trump allies about the upcoming election.

As Trump makes a comeback bid to return to power, Republicans in Congress have become even more likely to cast doubts on Biden's victory or deny it was legitimate, a political turnaround that allows his false claims of fraud to linger and lays the groundwork to potentially challenge the results in 2024.

# US poised to preserve heavy tariffs under Biden or Trump

### Protectionist trade policy likely to feed inflation pressures

PAUL WISEMAN AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — As president, Donald Trump imposed a 25% tariff on foreign steel, which hurt Clips & Clamps Industries, a Michigan auto supplier — raising its materials prices, making it harder to compete with overseas rivals and costing it several contracts.

Jeff Aznavorian, the company president,

thought he might enjoy some relief once Joe Biden entered the White House. Instead, Biden largely preserved Trump's tariffs — on steel, aluminum and a mass of goods from China.

"It was a little surprising that an ideologically different administration would keep the policies so intact," Aznavorian said, recalling how a previous Democratic president, Bill Clinton, had fought for freer trade. "That's just so different from a 2024 Biden administration."

Trump and Biden agree on essentially nothing,

from taxes and climate change to immigration and regulation. Yet on trade policy, the two presumptive presidential nominees have embraced surprisingly similar approaches. Which means that whether Biden or Trump wins the presidency, the United States seems poised to maintain a protectionist trade policy — a policy that experts say could feed inflation pressures.

Last week, in fact, Biden announced some new tariffs, on Chinese electric vehicles,

advanced batteries, solar cells and other products, that he said would keep Beijing from flooding the United States with cheap imports.

The protectionist tilt of the two presidential contenders reflects the widespread view that opening the nation to more imports — especially from China — wiped out American manufacturing jobs and shuttered factories. It's an especially potent political topic in the Midwestern

industrial states that will likely decide who wins the White House.

"If you look at the election, it's obvious," said William Reinsch, a former trade official now at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "Where are the deciding states? Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin — right there, you can see that trade is going to have an outside role."

In their own ways, the two candidates have ditched a U.S.

commitment to relatively frictionless trade — low barriers and scant government interference — that were a bedrock of American policy for decades after World War II. The idea was that free trade would hold down costs and aid consumers and businesses across the world.

In recent years, though, the perception grew that while free trade benefited households and companies, it hurt workers, with American jobs falling victim to cheaper foreign labor.

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# Netanyahu: Rafah strike 'tragic mishap'

Israeli bombing set fire to camp for displaced Gazans, killing 45 people

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TEL AVIV, Israel — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Monday that a "tragic mishap" was made in an Israeli strike in the southern Gaza city of Rafah that set fire to a camp housing displaced Palestinians and, according to local officials, killed at least 45 people.

The strike only added to the surging international criticism Israel has faced over its war with Hamas, with even its closest allies expressing outrage at civilian deaths. Israel insists it adheres to international law even as it faces scrutiny in the world's top courts, one of which last week demanded that it halt the offensive in Rafah.

Netanyahu did not elaborate on the error. Israel's military initially said it had carried out a precise airstrike on a Hamas compound, killing two senior militants. As details of the strike and fire emerged, the military said it had opened an investigation into the deaths of civilians.

Sunday night's attack, which appeared to be one of the war's deadliest,



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Palestinians look at the destruction after an Israeli strike where displaced people were staying in Rafah, Gaza Strip, Monday. Palestinian health workers said Israeli airstrikes killed at least 45 people in the area. Israel's army confirmed Sunday's strike and said it hit a Hamas installation and killed two senior Hamas militants.

helped push the overall Palestinian death toll in the war above 36,000, according to the Gaza Health Ministry, which does not distinguish between fighters and non-combatants in its tally.

"Despite our utmost efforts not to harm innocent civilians, last night there was a tragic mishap," Netanyahu said Monday in an address to Israel's parliament. "We are investigating the incident and will obtain a conclusion because this is our policy."

Mohammed Abuassa, who rushed to the scene in the northwestern neighborhood of Tel al-Sultan, said rescuers "pulled out people who were in an unbearable state."

"We pulled out children who were in pieces.

We pulled out young and elderly people. The fire in the camp was unreal," he said.

At least 45 people were killed, according to the Gaza Health Ministry and the Palestinian Red Crescent rescue service. The ministry said the dead included at least 12 women, eight children and three older adults, with another three bodies burned beyond recognition.

In a separate development, Egypt's military said one of its soldiers was shot dead during an exchange of fire in the Rafah area, without providing further details. Israel said it was in contact with Egyptian authorities, and both sides said they were investigating.

An initial investigation

found that the soldier had responded to an exchange of fire between Israeli forces and Palestinian militants, Egypt's state-owned Qahera TV reported. Egypt has warned that Israel's incursion in Rafah could threaten the two countries' decades-old peace treaty.

The U.N. Security Council scheduled an emergency closed meeting for Tuesday afternoon on the situation in Rafah at the request of Algeria, the Arab representative on the council, two council diplomats told The Associated Press ahead of an official announcement.

Rafah, the southernmost Gaza city on the border with Egypt, had housed more than a million people — about half of Gaza's population — displaced from other parts of the territory. Most have fled once again since Israel launched what it called a limited incursion there earlier this month. Hundreds of thousands are packed into squalid tent camps in and around the city.

Elsewhere in Rafah, the director of the Kuwait Hospital, one of the city's last functioning medical centers, said it was shutting down and that staff members were relocating to a field hospital. Dr. Subaih al-Hamas said the decision was made after a strike killed two health workers Monday at the entrance to the hospital.

# Spain, Norway formally recognize Palestine state

Israel accuses Madrid of helping to incite genocide against Jews

JOSEPH WILSON

Associated Press

BARCELONA, Spain — Spain, Norway and Ireland moved to formally recognize a Palestinian state on Tuesday in a coordinated effort by the three western European nations designed to add international pressure on Israel to soften its devastating response to last year's Hamas-led attack. Tel Aviv slammed the diplomatic move that will have no immediate impact on its grinding war in Gaza.

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez told his nation in a televised address from Madrid that "this is a historic decision that has a single goal, and that is to help Israelis and Palestinians achieve peace." Israel's Foreign Minister Israel Katz quickly lashed out at Spain on X, saying Sánchez's government was "being complicit in inciting genocide against Jews and war crimes."

Ireland and Norway soon joined Spain in formalizing a decision they had jointly announced the previous week. The Palestinian flag was raised in Dublin outside Leinster House, the seat of the Irish parliament.

"This is an important moment and I think it sends a signal to the world that there are practical actions you can take as a country to help keep the hope and destination of a two-state solution alive at a time when others are trying to sadly bomb it into oblivion," Irish Prime Minister Simon Harris said before his Cabinet meets to formally sign off on the decision.

Norwegian Foreign Minister Espen Barth Eide said in a statement that "for more than 30 years, Norway has been one of the strongest advocates for a Palestinian state. Today, when Norway officially recognizes Palestine as a state, is a milestone in the relationship between Norway and Palestine."

While dozens of countries have recognized a Palestinian state, none of the major Western powers has done so. Still, the adherence of three European countries to the group represents a victory for Palestinian efforts in the world of public opinion.

Relations between the EU and Israel have nosedived with the diplomatic recognitions by two EU members, and Madrid insisting on Monday that the EU should take measures against Israel for its continued deadly attacks in southern Gaza's city of Rafah.

# Mexico set to elect 1st female president

Sheinbaum, Gálvez leading candidates in Sunday's election

MEGAN JANETSKY

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Mexicans will vote Sunday in historic elections weighing gender, democracy and populism, as they chart the country's path forward in voting shadowed by cartel violence.

With two women leading the contest, Mexico will likely elect its first female president — a major step in a country long marked by its "machismo" culture. The election will also be the biggest in the country's history. More than 20,000 congressional and local positions are up for grabs, according to the National Electoral Institute.

The number of contested posts has fed bloodshed during the campaigns, as criminal groups have used



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Mexico's President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, right, and Mayor Claudia Sheinbaum, greet supporters at a rally in Mexico City's main square, the Zocalo, July 1, 2019. Sheinbaum is the frontrunner in the race to replace Obrador in Sunday's Mexican election.

local elections as an opportunity to exert power. A toxic slate of cartels and gangs have battled for turf and more than 20 people seeking political office have been killed just this year.

Also at play is the political legacy of President Andrés Manuel López Obrador and Mexico's often tumultuous relationship

with the United States. Candidate Claudia Sheinbaum, the former mayor of Mexico City, has maintained a comfortable double-digit lead in polls for months. She promises to be a continuation of populist leader López Obrador and is backed by his ruling Morena party. Trained as a scientist,

Sheinbaum has had to walk a fine line to carve out her own image while highlighting her connection to López Obrador, though she lacks the charisma that attracted many to her political ally.

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Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate Women's Day during an 11 a.m. service on Sunday, June 2.

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The National Library of Medicine produced the exhibit, which was guest curated by Jill L. Newmark (NLM Exhibition Program) and Margaret A. Hutto (Reginald F. Lewis Museum).

This special collaboration with the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture featured a companion exhibition at the museum.

The traveling banner exhibition and companion website (Opening Doors: Contemporary African American Academic Surgeons ([m.h.gov](http://m.h.gov))) tell the stories of pioneering African American surgeons and educators who exemplify excellence in their fields and work to educate and mentor younger physicians and surgeons.

The exhibit recognizes the long tradition African Americans healers and physicians and celebrates the contributions of African American academic surgeons to medicine and medical education.

This exhibit, which will close on July 13 is free and open to the public.

The Museum of the Albemarle is located at 501 S. Water Street, Elizabeth City, NC. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call (252) 335-1453 or visit [www.museumofthealbemarle.com](http://www.museumofthealbemarle.com).

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OBITUARIES

TONY L. MOORE

LENOIR, NC - Tony Larry Moore, a beloved husband, amazing father, and great friend, passed away on April 20, 2024 in Lenoir, NC at his home with his family. He was born on October 19, 1964 in Chowan, NC to parents Edith and Larry Moore who instilled in him the values of hard work and compassion. He graduated from high school at Gates County High. In his early 40s, Tony went to college at CCC&TI

and graduated with an Associate's in Computer Programming. Tony's passing has left an indelible mark on those who knew and loved him. Tony loved to hunt, fish, and garden. There wasn't anything Tony couldn't do. He never let anything hinder him. He was unstoppable and there wasn't anything he couldn't fix. There wasn't a day that went by where Tony would rather sit inside than to be outside on a beautiful day. He loved to take

his beloved dog Nala on runs to the creek, fishing, and hunting. Those left to cherish his memory are his parents, Edith Moore and Larry Moore; his brother, Johnny Moore NC; his wife, Amy Moore; his four children, Matthew Moore, Amber Moore, Jennie Moore, and Ashley Moore; and his grandchild Karly Moore. A funeral service will not be held. Tony will be reunited with the east coast per his wishes. Online condolences

es may be left for the family at www.greer-mcelveenfuneralhome.com. Greer-McElveen Funeral Home and Crematory is honored to serve the family of Mr. Tony Moore. ROBERT DAVIS, JR. MURFREESBORO - Robert Davis, Jr., 83, of Murfreesboro died May 21, 2024 at his residence. Funeral services were held on Friday, May 24, 2024 at Conway Cemetery, Conway. Garrett-

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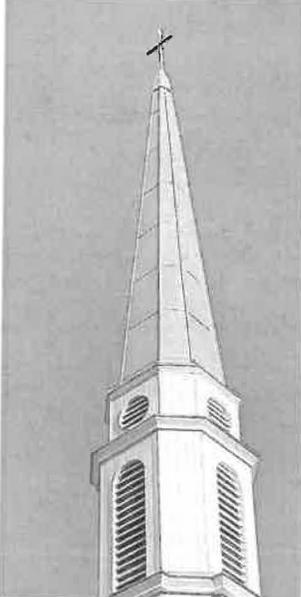
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# Cooper, Ward earn Todd awards, Stanley earns Hurdle award

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Two Perquimans County High School seniors have been awarded a scholarship named for a PCHS graduate that helps promote awareness of a potentially fatal medical condition that can affect young women.

Another PCHS graduating senior has received a scholarship named for a member of the Perquimans County Schools Foundation Board of Directors.

Marleigh Cooper and Ashlynn Ward are this year's recipients of the Abby Todd Toxic Shock Syndrome Awareness Scholarship, while Keralyn Stanley is this year's recipient of the Pamela W. Hurdle Scholarship.

The Abby Todd Toxic Shock Syndrome Awareness Scholarship, presented to a graduating PCHS female senior for the first time in 2021, is made available by the family of Abby Todd. According to the schools foundation, "Todd 'nearly lost her life' to menstrual toxic shock syndrome, also known as mTSS, in October 2020.

According to the foundation, mTSS is a rare but serious condition that affects many body systems at once. It is caused by



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Perquimans County High School graduating seniors Marleigh Cooper, center left, and Ashlynn Ward, center right, are shown with Abby Todd, right, and her mother Yvonne Honza, left. Cooper and Ward both received the Abby Todd Toxic Shock Syndrome Awareness Scholarship during a Perquimans County Schools Foundation event. Cooper plans to attend ML Olive University while Ward plans to attend College of The Albemarle.

the release of toxins from an overgrowth of bacteria called *Staphylococcus aureus*, which is found in many women's bodies. A tampon can sometimes be an ideal place for the bacteria to grow.

"The condition is serious, but with immediate medical attention, it is curable. Without treatment, it can be fatal," the foundation said.

The goal of the Abby Todd scholarship, according to the foundation, is to help educate female students about mTSS symptoms and causes. Applicants

for the scholarship are required to research toxic shock syndrome and submit an essay on the condition as a part of their scholarship application.

Cooper, who received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Abby Todd fund, is dually enrolled at both Perquimans High School and College of The Albemarle. She maintains a 4.1 grade-point average, is active in both the Health Occupations Club and Beta Club and was a member of the PCHS Pirates volleyball team, where she earned coaches and scholar athlete awards.

Cooper, who also received a \$1,000 Foundation Scholarship, plans to attend Mount Olive University to study criminology.

Ward is also dually enrolled at PCHS and COA and maintains a 4.6 GPA. She is active in student government, the Health Occupations Club, Beta Club, Interact Club and the FFA. She plans to attend COA to study nursing.

Ward also received a \$1,000 Foundation Scholarship and a \$1,000 Lion's Club Jim Catfish Hunter Scholarship. Hurdle, a longtime



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Perquimans County High School graduating senior Keralyn Stanley, left, is shown with Pam Hurdle, a longtime member of the Perquimans County Schools Foundation Board of Directors. Stanley is this year's recipient of the Pamela W. Hurdle Scholarship, which Hurdle presents to one female graduating senior planning to attend a four-year university.

member of the foundation board, began providing a \$500 scholarship to a PCHS graduating female student planning to attend a four-year university in 2021. According to the foundation, the scholarship "serves to empower others by encouraging them to pursue higher education and propel their careers."

Stanley plans to attend Elizabeth City State University to study psychology. She is a member of the PCHS Marching Band, is a member of the PCHS Pep Squad, and volunteers at the Perquimans Arts League. She has won numerous awards in mathematics, the foundation said.

# Lions Club awards 8 Jim Catfish Hunter Scholarships

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Hertford Lions Club recently awarded eight \$1,000 Hertford Lions Club Jim Catfish Hunter scholarships to Perquimans County High School graduating seniors who plan to attend either a technical or trade school, two- or four-year college

university. Making the presentation was Tommy Harrell of the Lions Club. The scholarships are named for the late Jim "Catfish" Hunter, a Hertford native who pitched for both the Oakland Athletics and New York Yankees in his Major League Baseball Hall of Fame career. The Lions Club

scholarship winners were chosen based on academics, leadership ability, volunteerism and work ethic. Those receiving the Jim Catfish Hunter Scholarship included: Hailey Jo Scott, Dakota Mayo, Jacob Nixon, Holly Riddick, Mary Charles Woodard, Ashlynn Ward, Harlee Hunter and Vivien Lane.



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Tommy Harrell of the Hertford Lions Club, fourth from left, poses with this year's Hertford Lions Club Jim Catfish Hunter Scholarship recipients. Left to right, Hailey Jo Scott, Dakota Mayo, Jacob Nixon, Holly Riddick, Mary Charles Woodard, Ashlynn Ward, Harlee Hunter and Vivien Lane.

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# Wilson, Brickhouse, Roberts named Rayburn Scholars

Scholarship helps grads attend college 50 miles from home

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

Three graduating seniors at Perquimans County High School were recently named this year's Rayburn Scholars during an annual scholarship event hosted by the Perquimans County Schools Foundation. Kyara Wilson, Dawson Brickhouse and Collin Roberts were awarded scholarships through the Rayburn Endowment, which is named for Perquimans residents Walker and Marjorie Rayburn. Brickhouse and Roberts received a one-time \$5,000 scholarship award and Wilson received a \$5,000 renewable award worth \$20,000 over four years. Brickhouse plans to attend East Carolina

University to pursue a bachelor's degree in computer science. He was a dual-enrolled student at Perquimans High School and College of The Albemarle and amassed a 4.6 grade-point average. At Perquimans County High School, he started a "technology help desk" where he helped students having technical or computer issues. He provided technical support, fixed damaged computers and also trained an underclassman to continue the project now that he has graduated. Brickhouse was among the PCHS students receiving their diplomas during the school's commencement exercises Friday night. Brickhouse was a member of the school Beta Club and Phi Theta Kappa. He also serves as a volunteer at his local church. Roberts also plans to



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Walker and Marjorie Rayburn, left, are shown with Perquimans County High School graduating seniors, center, left to right, Kyara Wilson, Dawson Brickhouse and Collin Roberts at a recent Perquimans County Schools Foundation scholarship event. Wilson, Brickhouse and Roberts, each of whom plans to attend East Carolina University in the fall, are this year's recipients of the Rayburn Scholarships, which are awarded to PCHS students who plan to attend a University of North Carolina System campus at least 50 miles from their home.

attend ECU where he will pursue a degree in mechanical engineering. He was an honor student who also was dual enrolled at Perquimans High School and COA. He was

active in the Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, FFA and the Sea You at the Pole events. He also is active in the Ruritain Club. He was also a scholar

athlete, playing basketball, soccer and baseball for the PCHS Pirates. He hopes to return to Perquimans and work as a mechanical engineer at U.S. Coast Guard Base Elizabeth City.

Wilson also plans to attend ECU, where she will pursue a degree in social work. Wilson was an honor student who also was dually enrolled at Perquimans High School and COA. She completed internships with the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce and the Perquimans County Tourism Development Authority. She was active in FCCLA, drama, technical arts and cheerleading. The purpose of the Walker and Marjorie Rayburn Endowed Scholarship is to provide an opportunity for a graduate of Perquimans County High School to attend a college in University of North Carolina System that is at least 50 miles away from home. To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants participate in a face-to-face interview and submit a written essay.

# Scott earns Godfrey Scholarship

\$1K scholarship goes to PCHS grad pursuing degree in ag or agrbiz

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Perquimans County High School graduating senior Hailey Jo Scott, center, flanked by Tammi Byrum, left, and Debbie H. Godfrey, right, is this year's recipient of the J. Marion & Debbie H. Godfrey Agri-Business Scholarship. The scholarship is named for the parents of Byrum, Godfrey, and their sibling, Melissa G. Miller.

attending either a two- or 4-year college or university, trade or technical school.

Although Scott says she did not grow up around agriculture, she joined ag-related clubs in middle school and continued her ag-related studies in high school as a member of FFA. She says attending state and national conventions, as

well as ag-related field trips, helped her develop a passion for agriculture. Scott is a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, FFA, the Beta and Health Occupations clubs, and a cheerleader at PCHS. She is an honor student, a forestry member and member of the Vet Science Team at PCHS.

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# Put a 'spring' in your step with good nutrition

## Beta Upsilon holds April meeting

The Beta Upsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International (DKGI), a society for women educators from Bertie, Gates, Hertford, Martin, Tyrrell and Washington counties, enjoyed learning how to put a "Spring" in their steps with good nutrition — both for the body and the mind — on April 13, at Chowan University (CU) in Murfreesboro.

With 23 members and one guest in attendance, Chapter President Dr. Phyllis Broughton (Martin) recognized member Dr. Mary Earp (Hertford), faculty member at CU, who presented a timely and educational inspirational message on how to nourish oneself to be happy and healthy.

Earp shared that some ways to nourish oneself are through spending time reading, completing puzzles, meditating, having daily devotion times, fostering family relationships and friendships and by enjoying nature.

Earp encouraged those present to consider what contentment is really about and to lean on God for contentment. She stressed that with inner contentment, one can share the fruit of the Spirit as given in Galatians 5:22-23: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Earp referred the group to an article discussing the meaning of contentment in the online journal Christian Scholars Review entitled "One of the Most Understudied Virtues Is Also One We Desperately Need" by Perry L. Glanzer, April 5,



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
New Beta Upsilon officers Tracey Reason (First Vice President) and Robin Lloyd (Second Vice President).

is a longtime member of Beta Upsilon. April provided handouts and tips on reducing risks for chronic diseases; controlling cholesterol; eating less fat; understanding carbohydrates; eating a healthy diet with meal planning, healthy snacking, healthy cooking, adding flavor to low-fat meals; reading food labels; and being aware of serving sizes.

Carol Anne Hankinson (Hertford) shared book marks with the group.

Barbara Toti (Hertford) led the group in a membership activity to help members get to know others in the group a little better. Sitting in two rows of chairs facing each other and working in pairs with one row of participants moving every three minutes, members told their across-the-aisle partners about their educational career highlights, special people in their lives and special places where they had traveled or would like to travel.

Sarah Davis (Hertford) introduced April Vaughn, a diabetes nurse care manager in Hertford County, spoke on healthy nutrition. Dr. Phyllis Broughton will continue to serve as Beta Upsilon President for

2024-2025. Sarah Davis (Hertford) will continue serving as Recording Secretary and Danyel White (Martin) as Treasurer. Kim Dunlow was appointed Corresponding Secretary.

Mona Boyd recognized members for noteworthy achievements as follows: Amy Barsanti (Martin) attended the South by Southwest Education Conference in Austin, Texas, and served on a panel about climate change. Amy stated that she "brought the classroom experience" to the conference. Amy had two pictures accepted in the 2024 Spring DKG Arts Gallery. She also served on the State DKG Communications Committee where she helped in reviewing regional chapter newsletters.

Phyllis Broughton also had two pictures accepted in the Spring 2024 DKG Arts Gallery. Mary Taylor Conner (Martin) headed the Martin County "I Like Me" Reader Program for kindergarten students. Each child received a book which was read to them by community volunteers.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Barbara Harrington received the Region 1 Gold Key Award.

Mary was awarded a Go Global North Carolina Title I School grant and will have the opportunity to go to South Korea during the summer of 2024.

Amy Barsanti, Mary Taylor Conner, and Tracey Reason participated in the Martin Community Players spring production of "The Wizard of Oz."

Susan Brown (Gates) was awarded the Nell Rae — Eva White Grant-In-Aid Scholarship. She will be working on a Masters in Library Science degree at East Carolina University.

President Broughton recognized Fannie Howdell (Martin) and Leigh Ann Hudson (Martin) for their dedication and hard work in updating the Beta Upsilon yearbook and making it available to members online.

A beautiful quilted table runner created by Lynn Crisp (Martin) and final touches completed by Phyllis Broughton featuring an acorn pattern was purchased by Pat Nelson and Brenda White. Funds will be used for scholarships at state and local levels.



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Carole Anne Hankinson was named the Region 1 Rising Star.

The acorn was selected as the theme because it represents the life of the tree. The runner will be displayed at the DKG state convention and then will be gifted to Lynn's son-in-law in remembrance of Lynn's daughter.

Gates/Hertford Beta Upsilon members were thanked for their beautiful "Spring" decorations and great "Nutritious" breakfast foods.

At the late April 2024 DKG State Convention in Durham, two Beta Upsilon members received Region 1 honors as follows:

Golden Key Award: Barbara Harrington (Bertie)

Rising Star Award: Carole Anne Hankinson (Hertford)

Teacher Appreciation Week was observed nationally May 6-10. Beta Upsilon is proud of its current and retired teachers at all levels. Members are encouraged to express "Teacher Appreciation" on a daily basis.

Members are encouraged to complete and submit 2024 Beta Upsilon Excellence Award forms and send them to Mona Boyd.

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This the 20th day of May, 2024.

Wynesha Crandell, Town Clerk  
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MARTIN COUNTY CRIME BLOTTER

Fleeing, eluding and resisting lead to an arrest

The Williamston Police Department received a report of flee/elude, resist delay and obstruct and speeding at 201 Gatling St. in Williamston.

Later that day Trevor Angelo Slade was charged with resist, delay and obstruct, flee/elude and speeding.

Trevor Angelo Slade was also charged with a failure to appear.

MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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

June 05 Kidnapping/abduction and aggravated assault was reported at 5276 NC 171 in Jamesville.

June 06 Counterfeiting/forgery was reported at Post Office in Oak City.

Communicating threats was reported at 1177 Middle St. in Jamesville.

Damage to property was reported at 1910 Old Us 64 in Jamesville.

Intimidation was reported at 1360 South Main St. in Parmele.

June 07 Communicating threats was reported at 221 Wild Cat Rd. in Williamston.

Larceny of whose in action was reported at 5276 NC 171 in Jamesville.

June 08 Assault on a female was reported at 409 Modica St.



in Robersonville.

June 09 Dead on arrival was reported at 1226 Union Town Rd. in Jamesville.

Dead on arrival was reported at 104 Station St. in Everett.

Arrests Arrests do not indicate guilt or innocence, which is determined through judicial proceedings.

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

June 08 Elijah Akeen Little was charged with warrant service other jurisdiction.

WILLIAMSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Department reports of incidents include:

June 03 Passing a stopped school bus was reported at Willow Acres PVA in Williamston.

June 05 Destruction/damage/vandalism of property was reported at 706 East Blvd. in Williamston.

June 06 Larceny from merchant was reported at 1529 Washington St. in Williamston.

June 07 Possession of marijuana drug paraphernalia was reported at 1529 Washington St. in Williamston.

June 08 Larceny, speeding to elude arrest and resist, delay and obstruct was reported at 201 Gatling St. in Williamston.

June 04 Failure to stop for blue

light and siren was reported at Intersection of North Biggs and East Main St. in Williamston.

June 05 Breaking and entering into a motor vehicle and larceny of a firearm was reported at 1071 Cantle Ct. in Williamston.

June 06 Unattended death was reported at 202 Victoria Ave. in Williamston.

June 07 Failure to appear was reported at 305 East Main St. in Williamston.

June 08 Flee/elude, resist delay and obstruct and speeding was reported at 201 Gatling St. in Williamston.

Warrant service for offense(s) committed in another jurisdiction was reported at 201 Gatling St. in Williamston.

June 04 Possession with intent to manufacture, sell or deliver schedule II was reported at East Main St. near Martin County Government Building in Williamston.

June 08 Manufacture/sell/deliver/possession of controlled substance within 1000 ft of a school, possession with intent to manufacture, sell or deliver marijuana, and possession of up to half ounce of marijuana was reported at 116 Andrews St. in Williamston.

Larceny was reported at 1529 Washington St. in Williamston.

June 09 Breaking and entering of a motor vehicle and larceny of firearm was reported at 405 State St. in Williamston.

Larceny was reported at 701 East Blvd. in Williamston.

June 09 Simple assault was reported at 201 Gatling St. Apt. 48 in Williamston.

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Simple possession of marijuana was reported at Andrews St. near Washington St. in Williamston.

June 04 Charles Bond III was charged with possession with intent to manufacture, sell or deliver schedule II.

Felony flee to elude, fail to heed to blue lights/sirens, driving while license revoked, reckless driving and speeding was reported at Cherry St. near North Houghton St. in Williamston.

Arrests Arrests do not indicate guilt or innocence, which is determined through judicial proceedings.

The Williamston Police Department reports of arrests include:

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June 04 D'Andre Jamar Moore was charged with failure to stop for blue lights and sirens.

Verlinda Mary James was charged with passing stopped school bus.

June 07 Sharee Ikea Poulson was charged with failure to appear.

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Nash County man, 35, faces 74 counts of felony charges brought by NCDOT

ROCKY MOUNT TELEGRAM

A Nash County man is facing 74 total counts of felony offenses, in connection with using the identities of

numerous people and forging life insurance applications to fraudulently obtain cash from two insurance companies in 2022, N.C. Insurance Commissioner

Mike Causey said in a news release late last week.

Jonathan Vlasak, 35, a licensed insurance agent, was charged with 25 counts of forgery, 25 counts of

identity theft, 22 counts of obtaining property by false pretense and two counts of attempting to obtain property by false pretense, Causey said.

According to the insurance department, special agents with the department's criminal investigations division allege that

Vlasak used the identities of 16 different victims to defraud two insurance companies.

Vlasak is also accused of subsequently forging life insurance applications under those stolen identities to get \$8,256 from Occidental Life Insurance Co. of North Carolina and

to get an additional \$3,752 from Americo Life Insurance Co. of North Carolina on 22 separate occasions, the department said.

The offenses allegedly occurred between Aug. 23, 2022, and Oct. 25, 2022. Vlasak was arrested on June 4, the department said.

A secured bond for Vlasak was set at \$150,000, and he was released the day after having been arrested after posting bond, the Nash County Sheriff's Office said.

Vlasak had listed an address in the 4300 block of Sandy Pine Court, which is northwest of Dortches, the insurance department said.

Causey said in prepared remarks as part of the news release that consumers need to be extra vigilant to protect sensitive information from getting into the hands of the wrong person.

"The department is committed to helping protect consumers by pursuing and prosecuting these types of major crimes in North Carolina," Causey said.

LEGAL NOTICE

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This the 14th day of May, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk

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Notice of Public Hearing 2024-2024 Budget for Town of Everetts. The Town of Everetts will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 24th, 2024 at 7 pm at the Everetts Town hall. The meeting is to approve the Fiscal year 2024-2025 Budget. If you have any questions, please contact the Mayor or one of the commissioners. A copy of the budget is available by calling the town office at 252-792-3394.

TOWN OF PARMELE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Proposed Budget. There will be a public hearing regarding the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The hearing will be held on Monday, June 24, 2024, 5:30 p.m. at the Parmele Community Center, 1027 Pitt Lane, Parmele, NC 27861. Free Conference Call Information for the Public FREE CALL: 702-843-2510 Access Code: 1413313, then press "#"

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NASHVILLE POLICE REPORTS

INCIDENTS
Larceny of a firearm reported at 110 Circle Drive, Nashville on 5/12/24
Possession of drug paraphernalia (not marijuana) simple possession schedule II controlled substance reported at 813 Western Ave., Nashville on 5/16/24

Fleeing attempt to elude law; resisting arrest/hinder and delay; conspiracy to commit a felony; forgery; notes, checks, securities; identity fraud; forgery-uttering; obtain property by false pretense; assault law enforcement officer/other; serious injury reported at 1205 East-

am Ave., Nashville on 5/15/24
Death investigation at 1801 Fairfield Rd., Nashville on 5/18/24
Assault-simple reported at 507 Indian Trail, Nashville on 5/18/24

charged with possession drug paraphernalia (not marijuana); simple possession schedule II controlled substance on 5/16/24
Austin Monte Ruffin was charged with discharging a firearm into occupied dwelling/moving vehicle on 5/13/24

NASH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORTS

Assault with serious bodily injury reported at 10472 Village Heights, Whitakers on 5/18/24
Larceny after breaking and entering reported at 1134 Golden Acres Dr., Spring Hope on 5/13/24
Motor vehicle theft reported at 1143 Golden Acres Dr., Spring Hope on 5/13/24
Flee/elope arrest with motor vehicle, felony reported at 1205 Eastm Ave., Nashville on 5/15/24
Breaking and entering auto, larceny from auto reported at 1250 Golden Acres Dr., Spring Hope on 5/13/24

Larceny of a firearm reported at 1374 Erkin Smith Rd., Nashville on 5/14/24
Damage to real property reported at 2006 Erkin Smith Rd., Nashville on 5/15/24
Obtain property by false pretense reported at 220 W. Washington St., Nashville on 5/15/24
Damage to personal property; misdemeanor breaking and entering reported at 51513 Finch Rd., Bailey on 5/14/24
Felony breaking and/or entering reported at 639 Aventon Gin Rd., Whitakers on 5/13/24
Larceny after breaking and entering; breaking and entering felony reported at 6849 S NC 231, Middlesex on 5/12/24
Felony breaking and/or entering; larceny after breaking and entering reported at 6849 S NC 231, Middlesex on 5/12/24
Felony breaking and/or entering reported at 8325 Ultes Rd., Bailey on 5/18/24
Assault-point gun; assault on a female; possession of stolen firearm; second degree kidnapping reported at 9167 Stoney Hill Church Rd., Middlesex, on 5/17/24
Obtain property by false pretense reported at 9561 W NC 97, Middlesex on 5/14/24
Assault on a female reported at Baldy Hill Rd/Stoney Hill Church Rd, Middlesex on 5/12/24
DWI reported at mile marker 459/US 64 W on 5/12/24
Discharge firearm into occupied dwelling/moving vehicle/attempt first degree murder; assault with deadly weapon reported at W. Tarboro Rd/Flowers Lane, Rocky Mount on 5/16/24

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Town of Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
The Town of Spring Hope Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing to consider the Proposed FY25 Town of Spring Hope Budget on June 3, 2023, 7 p.m.
Town of Spring Hope Town Hall Board Room
118 W Railroad St; Spring Hope, NC
The proposed FY25 budget is viewable at www.springhope.net and in Town Hall during business hours.

TOWN OF NASHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The proposed fiscal year 2024-25 budget for the Town of Nashville has been presented to the Nashville Town Council and is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk at the Nashville Town Hall from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm weekdays.
The Town of Nashville Town Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget at 7:00 pm on June 4, 2024, at Nashville Town Council Chambers located at 114 West Church Street, Nashville, North Carolina, for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed budget. Interested persons are invited to attend the Public Hearing and express their views.

Louise Bennett
Nashville Town Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY 2024-2025 NASH COUNTY BUDGET

The FY 2024-2025 Recommended Budget for Nash County was submitted on May 20, 2024 to the Nash County Board of Commissioners and is available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners. There will be a public hearing on the FY 2024-2025 Nash County Budget beginning at 9:00 a.m. on June 3, 2024 in the Frederick B. Cooper Jr. Commissioners' Room on the third floor of the Administration Building, 120 West Washington Street in Nashville, NC.
Citizens have the right to provide written and oral comments and the right to ask questions concerning the budget and the county funding plan.

Janice Evans
Clerk to the Board

CHASE

to elude, possession with intent to sell or deliver marijuana and maintaining a vehicle as a dwelling place.
Kimbrough has a \$650,000 bond; Coulanges and Jean, with fewer charges, have \$150,000 bonds each.
Nashville Police received a call at 5:10 p.m. regarding a male suspect trying to pass a fraudulent check at the Wal-Mart of Nashville, according to Deputy Police

Chief David Boykin.
An officer tried to speak with the man, whose name is not presently being released, outside the store but the man reportedly ran away from the officer and jumped into a grey Charger waiting in the parking lot.
Two other Nashville officers responded, as did a Nash County Sheriff's Deputy, and a vehicle chase ensued east on Eastern Avenue, then West on East-

ern Avenue until the suspect's Charger turned into the Farm Bureau Insurance parking lot at East Point Avenue.
Pinned in by law enforcement vehicles, the suspect reportedly made a U-turn and tried to leave the parking lot, striking three Nashville Police vehicles and the Sheriff's Office vehicle.
One Nashville Police vehicle was struck head on, with an officer being trans-

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NPD

NPD officers will also be among hundreds who run five miles from Raleigh's Carter Finley Stadium to the Capitol in the final leg May 31st. Raleigh PD will shut down Hillsborough Street for the event.
"it ends with the Circle of Honor, with all the athletes in the state coming to Reynolds Coliseum," said Deputy Chief David Boykin, who sits on the LIETR state council. "Officers line the gym with torches and assist one athlete with lighting the cauldron for the start of the summer games."
LOTR has six relay legs throughout the state, with Nash part of Leg #6, which includes Vance, Edgecombe, Pitt, Beaufort, Hyde, Currituck and Dare Counties. For each leg, local officers volunteer to carry the torch in a run and participate in other activities to raise awareness and funding. A color-coded map online on the Special Olympics North Carolina website shows the location of each leg, along with information on the Relay calendar.

is in such a great mood."
Boykin, describing the Circle of Honor, had a hard time putting the emotion generated into words.
"The energy in that room... With everybody in the building supporting law enforcement..." Boykin said, trailing off as he got lost for a second in memory.
It was a powerful boost for officers who rarely get that kind of reception.
In addition to the positive relationships with athletes, Brantley said another plus is the camaraderie between departments.
"It's a friendly competi-

tion between us to see who raises the most," Brantley said.
Last year, law enforcement across the state raised \$1.8 million for the cause.
The Nash County run May 28 will begin at the courthouse at 10 a.m., continue to First Street, down to Cross Street, across Barnes and back to the courthouse. Officers from the Nash County Sheriff's Department, Highway Patrol, NC Probation and Parole are expected to take part.
Grey T-shirts to commemorate this year's Torch Run are available for sale

for \$20 at the Nashville Police Department, as well as at Hedgepeth-Hudson Insurance Services at 221 South Barnes Street. All monies go into the LOTR state fund, and are then disbursed to local special Olympics programs.

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Child abuse-felony reported at 2480 Curtis Ellis Dr., Rocky Mount on 5/25/24  
Larceny of a firearm; larceny misdemeanor; damage to personal property; breaking or entering into or breaking out of motor vehicle(s) reported at 174 Glover Park Memorial Dr., Nashville on 5/19/24

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Financial transaction card fraud reported at 2793 E Old Spring Hope Rd., Nashville on 5/25/24  
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Motor vehicle theft was reported at 7578 Winters Rd., Bailey on 5/24/24  
Motor vehicle theft; all other vehicles was reported at 7671 Old White Oak Rd., Nashville on 5/23/24  
Misuse of 911 system was reported at 7834 Red Oak Blvd., Rocky Mount on 5/22/24  
Exploitation of disabled or elderly adults reported at 7867 W NC 97, Middlesex on 5/25/24  
Murder reported at 9454 Ules Rd., Bailey on 5/23/24  
Felony breaking and/or entering reported at 9686 US 64A, Spring Hope on 5/23/24  
Accessing computers reported at 9758 Camp Charles Rd., Bailey on 5/23/24  
Missing persons reported at 9936 Camp Charles Rd., Bailey on 5/23/24  
Possession of stolen vehicles; possession of drug paraphernalia (not marijuana); possession marijuana less than 1/2 ounce reported at Peeler Rd./Acorn Trail, Rocky Mount on 5/23/24

## Nashville woman charged with stealing from employer

BY NANCY WEST-BRAKE  
GRAPHIC STAFF WRITER

A former dollar store employer has a court appearance May 30 to answer charges that she stole from the store where she worked.  
Angel Taylor, 41, of 220 Lumber Street, Nashville is reportedly out on bail at present, but is due in Nash District Court to answer twelve counts of felony larceny by employee.  
Court records indicate that Taylor was arrested November 19 by Nashville Police

for an offense on October 17, 2023.

Among items that Taylor reportedly stole were Skittles, Reynolds Aluminum Foil, toilet paper, microwave meals, plug-in, Clorox, air freshener, paper plates, onions, Febreze, Chetco, Mexican Corn, chewing gum, multiple containers of insect spray, candy, Gain detergent, peanuts, chips and sodas.



TAYLOR

## Convicted felon charged with alleged attacks in courtroom

BY NANCY WEST-BRAKE  
GRAPHIC STAFF WRITER

A 30-year-old Rocky Mount man is due in Nash County court May 30, charged with assaulting his lawyer and a sheriff's deputy in court earlier this month.  
David Jordan Jr. of 137 River Run Road is in jail on a \$20,000 secured bond after a May 1, 2024 incident in Superior Court.  
Jordan Jr. had been in Superior Court for disposition of a case. Court records stated he was found guilty on one count of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and was sentenced to 33 to 32 months.  
Upon hearing his conviction, Jordan Jr. "assaulted and attacked John Wells, public defender, by lunging at the victim with his body and causing the victim to fall to the ground. Defendant laid on top of the victim while on the ground," records stated.  
James Dew of the Nash County Sher-

iff's Office, acting as Bailiff, intervened, whereupon Jordan Jr. assaulted the deputy, "attempting to strike Dew in the face with an elbow."

In addition to felony charges of assault on an executive legal court official and assault on government employee, Jordan Jr. is also charged with the misdemeanor resisting a public official for reportedly pulling away from Dew and not obeying "lawful commands."

Jordan Jr.'s May 1 conviction stemmed from "attempting to kill" several individuals - Jermel Lynch, Myron Lynch, and Daquan Lynch - with a handgun on July 13, 2022, court records stated.



JORDAN

### EARP

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an online obituary as the son of Nancy Jo Barnes Burnett of Bailey, who passed away May 17 and was laid to rest May 20 at the Bailey Town Cemetery.  
Hasty said the Sheriff's Office is unaware at this time of any relation between the deaths.



Brandon Charles Earp is captured by Nash County Sheriff's Office. Contributed photo

### NCSO

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over US 64. The home was inside Spring Hope's ETJ, Gant said.

Stone said the initial call was from a homeowner about a home invasion, with the caller reporting an invader inside the home. Based on the homeowner's description, Stone said Sgt. Salazar was able to locate the suspect walking on 64 Alternate.

The suspect has initially been identified as a Juan Carlos Salazar, age 33, unrelated to Sgt. Salazar, but positive identification via fingerprints is pending so no information has been available about the man's residency or work status, according to NCSO Sgt. Kevin Bisette.

Stone said he had not yet reviewed bodycam footage as to the conversation between the suspect and the deputy, but told reporters that the suspect had been "armed with some type of weapon" and "charged at the deputy, who fired one shot and hit the suspect 'center mass.'"

The deputy was not injured but the shot put the suspect down, Stone said, with EMS arriving about 10 minutes later.

EMS first responders treated an abdominal wound, according to 9-1-1 Director Bryant Fisher.

The suspect was treated at the scene and transported to Wake Med hospital. At the time of the press conference, Stone said the man was "critical but stable" and was probably in surgery.

No charges were immediately filed as of 11 a.m., but Stone said the suspect was going to be charged in connection with entering



Kevin Bisette shows a photo of the shooting suspect during a Nash County Sheriff's Office press conference last Thursday morning. Graphic photo by Nancy West-Brake

the home and also with an assault on the deputy. Stone said that some items had been taken from the home but did not relate further details.

"We're doing a workup at this time - where he's from, what other charges he might have, because it's not reasonable for somebody to just home invade a house," Stone said.

Stone said the suspect was not known to NCSO, but has a criminal record; traffic violations locally but a conviction from Florida.

Stone said he did not have information as of yet as to the Florida charges.

Stone also said that he did not think that the suspect knew the homeowners involved.

By 11:30 a.m., Thursday the NCSO was taking part in a multi-agency meeting that also involved the Spring Hope Police Department.  
Stone said that Sgt. Salazar was placed on administrative leave pending conclusion of SBI's investigation, which is routine procedure when a shooting occurs. Stone also said it is routine for an investigation to be done by an outside law enforcement agency in those circumstances.

"My deputy will have to live with this the rest of his life," Stone said. "I commend (his) actions. His quick thinking and his training prevailed today, and he's able to go home and be with his family."

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# King Brings Home Gold From State Championships

by: Hiram Lupton

A consistently strong performer for the Pamlico County High School Men's Track & Field Team all season, Antoine King capped off a stellar Senior season by earning the Gold Medal in the Discus at the NCHSAA 1A State Championships held Monday in Greensboro. King's throw of 153'-7" bested his next closest competitor by only 5", but it was enough to crown him State Champion. Congratulations Antoine, you are truly "King" of the discus.



# Like What You Drive and How it's Equipped? Thank the Military

Drivers can thank the military for the introduction of sport utility vehicles to the mainstream market. Predecessors to modern SUVs date back to military models from the late 1930s, and four-wheel-drive station wagons and other vehicles that were introduced in the late 1940s. However, many car enthusiasts feel the 1984 Jeep Cherokee was the first SUV in the modern style. In 2021, the Environmental Protection Agency reported that SUVs made up 44.67 percent of all light-duty vehicles produced that year, compared to 25.89 percent of market share for sedans and wagons. In fact, as of 2023, many major automakers had announced plans to phase out many of their popular sedans. General Motors dropped nearly all passenger cars from its North American portfolio. Dodge dropped the Challenger and Charger; Acura removed the ILX model; the Chrysler 300 is no more; and Nissan no longer offers the Maxima. These are just some of the effects of the popularity of SUVs and also part of a larger shift toward the production of electric vehicles.



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### BAY RIVER MSD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 - 2025

The proposed fiscal year 2024-2025 budget for Bay River Metropolitan Sewerage District has been presented to the Board of Directors and is available for public inspection in the office at 101 North Fourth Street, Bayboro from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm weekdays.

Bay River MSD will hold a final public hearing on the proposed budget on June 5, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the office for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed budget. Persons wishing to be heard are invited to make written or oral comments.

For any questions, please contact Bay River MSD at 745-4812.

### PAMLIKO COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD, INC. RUNNING FOR LIFE MAY 25, 2024

Place: 911 Grace Daniels Road, Bayboro, NC US 28515

Description: This race is designed to help fundraise for the station so they can give back to the community with better equipment and supplies. This race is also to help runners meet some of the friendly faces at the station and see where we are located. All are welcome!

Registration Fees: \$40 - 5k Dog Race  
\$35 - 5k Run  
\$20 - 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk  
\$20 - Wheelchair Mile

Awards/Race Categories:  
• Top Overall Male and Female for the 5k.  
• Top Finishers for each age group for the 5k only Male/Female: 9-14, 15-19, 20-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61-70, 71-80, 81+

Giveaway: Participants will receive a t-shirt when registered by May 17th

Start Time(s):  
• 5k - 8am  
• 5k Dog Race - 8:15am  
• 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk - 8:45am  
• Wheelchair Mile - 9am

Awards will follow

Course Description: The course will be on the road, with a beautiful scenery of trees and houses, miles will be marked before the race. More information can be found at [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com) (search for Running for Life)

## Oriental Harbor Village Marina Request for Proposal Facilities Management Contractor

**Start Date:** June, 2024  
Oriental Harbor Village Marina is a 111 slip marina in the heart of Oriental, NC. The marina is seeking facilities management of the marina-docks, clubhouse, bathroom, and office.

**Coverage:** 365 days per year  
**Estimated hours per week:** 20-24

**Responsibilities:**

- Daily:
  - Physical presence at the marina to ensure security of marina facilities
  - 24 hour phone availability to board member
  - Daily dock walk to review boats for damage or potential loss
  - Maintenance of club house and bath house facilities
  - Perform minor repairs and assess/report substantive repairs to board
  - Order needed marina supplies
  - Answer marina phone (messages) and e-mails from slip owners, occupants, and the general public in a timely manner.
- Weekly:
  - After dark dock walk to identify lighting and other issues on docks
  - Process invoices in coordination with the accounting firm
  - Schedule and supervise contractors
- Monthly:
  - Review and record electric usage at each slip pedestal
  - Electric billing to boat owners via QBO

**Bi-annually:**

- Determine mobility of each boat
- Clean pedestals/dock boxes and docks

**As needed:**

- Storm preparation and management
- Monitor storm development and progression
- Periodic email notification to board members and slip occupants
- Timely removal and storage of power pedestals
- Adjustment of dock lines
- Post-storm clean up

**Other services, as determined by marina board**

**Note:**  
Your proposal should specify the staffing plan that accommodates peak labor needs. The facility management contractor is required to maintain liability insurance. The insurance must be in place prior to execution of the contract.

**If interested, contact:**  
[board@ohvmarina.com](mailto:board@ohvmarina.com) or [president@ohvmarina.com](mailto:president@ohvmarina.com)  
Visit our website at [www.ohvmarina.com](http://www.ohvmarina.com) for more marina information.  
Please include your name and contact information.

# AROUND THE COUNTY

## Whortonsville Reba Tiller, Correspondent



The fields are beautiful as the crops are growing with leaps and bounds especially the corn. It is Monday, Memorial Day and I am late with the news this week. Lots of guests. Lalou, my niece and husband Tom Opheim were visiting from The Villages in Florida last week from Wednesday to Saturday, then my son Ken and grandson Jacob came on Saturday and am expecting Pulley from Timberlake to arrive today. I love company even though I have a small house we can always find room. My son Ken is the one who was in the hospital recently and found he had cancer but he is doing well with it. The Marine Craft Marina sponsored Extravaganza was Saturday and I listened to the band from my front porch. Just got bad news this morning that Amanda Godwin had passed away in a Hospice House in Charlotte. Amanda and Eddie were very precious and helpful to Weeks and me over the years. They built us a very good dock when the one we had got torn up in a hurricane.

Missed all the happenings in Oriental but with the weather being so gorgeous I am sure everything went off without a hitch. Now we are anticipating Noah's graduation from Pamlico High School. A lot of the credit goes to Savannah Alexander for how well she has done because she taught him in Chapel Hill before Noah moved here. Harry is back at Camp Seagull waiting for schools to end and the influx of the kids. Several of the counselors were at Rusty's house yesterday celebrating their last "hurrah" before the kids come into camp. Pamlico Chorale is gearing up to sing at the Croaker Festival and we will have rehearsal on Monday, July 1st at 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall of the Oriental Methodist Church. Be sure you have the music for the "SALUTE TO THE ARMED FORCES."

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - REMEMBER THOSE WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES SO THAT WE MAY HAVE THE FREEDOM TO WORSHIP, PLAY, SING, AND LOVE EACH OTHER!**

## Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, Correspondent



I am late writing my article this week and it is Memorial Day today. Last Memorial Day, I attended the service at the Pamlico County Court House and went to New Bern to meet with Dallas Quidley at his request, because he wanted me to officiate his and Sadi's funerals when the time came. I remember that day well as I took a fall in the hall at Truwood and got a nice shiner that stayed with me for days. In just one short year, they both went home to be with the Lord.

Praise the Lord, no accidents this year. As always, the wreaths in front of the WW II memorial at the courthouse are beautiful and special to me. Wilbur Gaskill, the husband of my namesake, was one of the men who died for our freedom. He had been a member of Bayboro Baptist Church and had been very active in that church back in the day.

The corn on the farm is high enough now that I have to creep out of my driveway to be sure there is no oncoming traffic. The corn is the tallest I have seen in the county this far. I did see a small flock of turkeys in a field on Trent Road. Of course, I still have to dodge potholes and turtles when I drive on that road. Several holes have been patched, but it is still a mess.

Mr. Dubois continues to clean up his lot next to the Broad Creek United Church of Christ and our farm. Mrs. Mary Mattocks has containers in her driveway as they are doing work inside her house. I noticed the folks across from Kenny Hill are leveling their lot, perhaps they will become new neighbors this year.

Starting on Memorial Day, Chubby's BBQ will be open from 11:00 am - 7:00 pm Monday through Saturday.

Stonewall Methodist Church had a wonderful Trinity Sunday and Memorial Sunday celebration on May 26, 2024. After worship several youth participated in the "Rise Against Hunger" event at Washington First Methodist Church and helped to pack almost 10,000 meals. Sharon Rowe and I treated them out to supper at Burger King on our way back to Pamlico County. We are so proud of our youth and their desire to take part in service projects.

Celebrating her birthday in May is Suzie Rodgers (5/30). Celebrating their anniversary in May are Timothy & Veronica Jones (5/30).

Have a blessed week. Tired? Take Spiritual Vitamin T. "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31)

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town of Oriental will hold a Public Hearing on June 4, 2024 at 6PM or as soon thereafter as can be reached, at the Oriental Town Hall Large Board Room, 507 Church St.

The Purpose of this Public Hearing is to take comment on the proposed budget and revised fee schedule for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, beginning July 1, 2024.

The proposed Budget (General Fund and Water Fund) will have been presented to the Mayor and Commissioners by June 1, and will be available for inspection at Town Hall M-Th 8AM-4PM, F 8AM-3PM.

It can also be viewed at [www.TownOfOriental.com](http://www.TownOfOriental.com)

Substantial changes may be made to the Budget following the Public Hearing.

Diane H. Miller, Manager/Clerk, Town of Oriental

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Town of Minnesott Beach 2024-2025 Budget

The Town of Minnesott Beach Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on June 11, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Minnesott Beach Town Hall, located at 11758 NC Hwy. 306 S. in Minnesott Beach on the proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget pursuant to NC GS 159-12(b).

A copy of the proposed budget is on file at the Town Hall for public inspection Monday through Thursday from 9:00AM to 2:30PM. It is also available on the web at [minnesottbeachnc.gov/officea2.com](http://minnesottbeachnc.gov/officea2.com).

This is an open meeting and all residents are invited to attend.

### GLASSES FOUND

A pair of glasses were found in the driveway at 607 Alligator Creek Rd, Merritt. Please call 670-8404 if you lost your glasses there.

## How to test home water quality

Water is essential for life. Generally speaking, a human can go without food for about three weeks, but typically would perish without water after just three to four days. When people consume water, they are doing so with the assumption or hope that the water is clean and free from harmful contaminants. Even though municipal water systems filter and test water supplies, the company EcoWater Systems™ says some of the most common tap water contaminants they encounter actually enter water sources after they have been tested at treatment facilities. Drinking water may contain small amounts of contaminants that are not unsafe to consume at certain levels. However, at higher levels, these same substances can be problematic. Contaminants can include hydrogen sulfide, raised acidic levels, arsenic, lead, nitrate, and microbiologicals, which include viruses, protozoan and parasites. Homeowners can take proactive approaches to test their water to determine if it contains potentially harmful levels of contaminants. This is especially crucial for those who rely on residential well water, which is not subject to the same testing as municipal systems.



Anyone who knows there may be a problem with the ground water or drinking water in their area or who notices a change in water odor, color and taste can request more information. One place to start is with a Consumer Confidence Report. Most people on municipal water should receive an annual water quality report called a CCR, or Consumer Confidence Report, states Consumer Reports. People who rent or didn't receive one can contact their local water supplier or their landlords. Testing can be initiated by contacting one's local health department, which may provide free private well or drinking water testing, advises the Environmental Protection Agency. Homeowners also can reach out to a state-certified laboratory to test drinking water. These organizations can provide the most accurate results. Call the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791. People also can buy test kits from their local home centers or online. These tests come with a package of strips that contain reagents that change color to indicate the presence of various contaminants in the water. Keep in mind that quality control may vary, and that tests can give false readings. Testing drinking water can alert to potential problems and compel homeowners to take action regarding contaminated water.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE DIVISION AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

May 17, 2024

Dear Local Government Official:

The staff of the Local Government Commission has recently reviewed data from audited financial statements submitted by local governments for fiscal year 2023 and several other information related to your financial health and fiscal management practices. I am pleased to notify you that based on our analysis, Oriental will not be included on the fiscal year 2023 Unfit Assistance List.

We commend you and your staff on the efforts you made to achieve this goal. We encourage you to continue to maintain the practices that have led to this accomplishment and to look for opportunities to continue to improve your financial health and fiscal management practices.

Our staff is available to provide guidance or assistance as you continue your work to adhere to the requirements of the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. Please do not hesitate to contact us at [slg@afr.dor.northcarolina.gov](mailto:slg@afr.dor.northcarolina.gov) or 919-914-4300.

Sincerely,  
**Kendra B. Boyle**  
Kendra B. Boyle, CPA, CIA  
Director, Fiscal Management Section  
State and Local Government Finance Division

Submitted by Breena Litzenger  
Commissioner, Town of Oriental

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Diane Davis Miller, Tammy Andrew Cox, Sally Belangie and town admin staff, we are off the Unfit Assistance List an ENTIRE YEAR EARLY!!! This is huge for our small town and goes solely to the hard work and long hours our town staff put in. Thank you so much, Team!! Because of you all, we are in better standing for receiving grants and we have more autonomy when dealing with our finances.

We were originally put on the list due to a late audit (COVID related) and due to our water rates being low so as not to fund depreciation.

Be sure to comment and congratulate these amazing women!

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# Is it government's job to make you happy?

By JOHN HOOD  
Is it the job of government to make you happy?

While it may seem like a straightforward question, there are some important subtleties packed into those few words.

On the face of it, "no" feels like the obvious answer. The Declaration of Independence states that governments are instituted to secure our rights to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." The first section of our state constitution uses the same language, while adding that North Carolinians are entitled to protection of their right "to enjoyment of the fruits of their own labor."

Under our form of government, you're not entitled to be happy. Nor are you entitled to enjoy the benefits of someone else's labor.

You are free to yearn, to strive, to pursue. You may reach your goals, and feel happy about that. Or you may not fully reach your goals, yet derive satisfaction from the attempt and from what you gain along the way.

Governments are obligated, then, only to protect your right to pursue happiness. Simply being unhappy is not a justification for governments, using coercion, to transfer the fruits of other people's labors to you.

On the other hand, the tasks governments are constitutionally authorized to do for us — ensure public safety, administer courts, and finance public goods that cannot otherwise be delivered by voluntary means — are obviously related to our happiness.

We pay taxes, comply with the law, and otherwise give up some of our personal liberty in order to receive valuable public services. If we don't get them, or their value is far less than the cost, that understandably makes us unhappy. As government failures increase, that unhappiness turns to anger.



Whether in Washington or in Raleigh, policymakers typically judge public policies according to objective criteria such as the pace of economic growth, changes in personal incomes, levels of educational attainment, or health outcomes.

Increasingly, however, some are using measures of public happiness or satisfaction to evaluate what government does (or fails to do).

The technical name for what they are measuring is "subjective wellbeing."

People differ in their preferences, circumstances, and definitions of a life well lived. The best way to gauge how happy or satisfied they feel is to ask them, not to make guesses based on facts external to their personal experience.

When it comes to the optimal size and scope of government,

progressives and conservatives clearly disagree. In the North Carolina context, for example, progressives think our state expenditures and taxes are too low to finance necessary public services. Conservatives think North Carolina is closer to getting it right, and that making state government bigger would cost more than the additional services would be worth.

I'm a conservative, and I often cite studies about economic growth to support my case. But is that really the goal?

One might argue that instead of measuring North Carolina's gross domestic product, we ought to be measuring North Carolina's gross domestic happiness!

A few researchers have done that kind of analysis. For example, a study by Baylor University political scientist Patrick Flavin, published in the journal Social Science Research, compared levels of state spending to levels of wellbeing. He found no relationship between overall state spending and residents' self-

ported happiness. He found the same thing for major categories of state spending such as education and public assistance.

However, Flavin did find the states that spent more on true "public goods" — including highways, public safety, libraries, and parks — tended to have higher levels of subjective wellbeing. With true public goods, it is either impossible or prohibitively costly to exclude nonpayers from benefiting from them, and consumption by one person doesn't significantly reduce the ability of another to consume it.

Taken together with other studies showing a link between economic freedom and subjective wellbeing, I read this evidence as generally consistent with a fiscally conservative approach to public policy. Perhaps you disagree. I'm happy to talk more about it.

John Hood is a John Locke Foundation board member. His latest books, *Mountain Folk and Forest Fish*, combine epic fantasy with early American history (FolkloreCycle.com).

## OTHER SIDE

his values are not their values. When you take stock of NFL's so called values and the behavior of many of their players off the field, you have to take them at their word.

The NFL's values, and indeed the values of the modern world, are not Butker's values and, frankly, America is worse

for it. Here in the modern era, we have a society that is headed towards social, moral and economic collapse almost entirely because it has thrown tradition by the wayside.

Leftists and the fools condemning Butker are precisely why our society is plagued by

hopelessness and madness at every turn. They're why we apparently prefer chaos to law and order.

That sort of world makes it a smorgasbord for predators and evil opportunists that enjoy sowing chaos for their own ends.

That there is outrage against

Butker's speech demonstrates that the people who worship leftist values and wickedness, though I repeat myself, are keenly aware of the damage their alternative values are causing.

More than that, it demonstrates that they are still very afraid that a return to tradition

and a rejection of modernity will spell the end of their wicked crusade.

Hopefully, those fears are justified.

Washington County native Arthur Howell is a staff writer at The Beacon. He can be reached via email at [arthur@roanokebeacon.com](mailto:arthur@roanokebeacon.com).

## BACK IN TIME

urday night. Plymouth High School recently selected varsity cheerleaders for the 1974-1975 school year. They are, Kay Hannon, Susan Dorman, Kelly Gore, Le-ray Taft, Wysonza White, Grizell Hill, Lora Hardison, Lou Ann Minton, Doreen Fuller and Susan Hill. Luenecke Jackson is an alternate.

Bertha Downing, a senior at PHS, has been nominated to participate in Saint Augustine College's Summer Advanced Freshmen Program.

Estella Fuller was named Miss Startite for 1974-1975.

Plymouth Little League Baseball and Little Girls Softball programs get underway next week.

Roanoke Saddle Club held its first show of the season last Saturday will 11 of 21 classes completed before a rainstorm brought the show to an end.

Students from Mt. Julius Walker's Social Studies Class at Washington County School prepared special interest reports on the country of Finland.

Plymouth High School varsity and junior varsity baseball teams went to Baltimore Saturday to see the Oriole versus Boston Red Sox game.

Seven Washington County Union students have been chosen to attend Western Carolina University's four-week summer demonstration. They are Enid Neptune, Caroline Ward, Thomas Maloney, Shel Harrell, Mona Williams, Lionel Neptune and Jay Riddle.

Misses Jackie Browning and Becky Beddard spent the weekend at Camp Hardie with the Girl Scout troop.

Nellie Johnson, a second-grade student at Creswell, had her painting selected to represent the county in a statewide student art program. Danny H. Rouse is Law Officer of the Week.

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
Pursuant to applicable law, a public Quasi-Judicial Hearing will be held by the Washington County Board of Commissioners serving in their capacity as the Washington County Board of Adjustment to consider a Special Use Permit application to establish the T.F. Nixon Memorial Garden, a family cemetery, at 1079 Woodland Road in Roper. The documents pertaining to this application are now available for inspection at the office of the Clerk to the Board located at 116 Adams Street, Plymouth, NC 27962.

This public hearing is scheduled to take place during the Washington County Board of Commissioners regular meeting which will be held on Monday, June 3, 2024, at 6:00 PM in the Commissioners' Room, 116 Adams Street, Plymouth, NC.

Julie J. Bennett, MMC, NCMCC  
Clerk to the Board

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# Students share experiences with Career & Technical Education

## La'tavea's success as a hairstylist.

As a young hairstylist, La'tavea Purvis faced the challenge of attracting clients and improving her skills. However, with the help of technology, she was able to overcome and grow her small business.

Technology has played a significant role in helping La'tavea improve her skills and stay up-to-date with the latest trends. With the abundance of online resources and tutorials, she was able to learn new techniques and perfect her craft. Additionally, technology has allowed her to showcase her work to a wider audience, attracting potential clients from all over the world.

One of the significant benefits of technology for La'tavea has been the ability to manage her business more efficiently. With the help of various software and apps, she can manage appointments, track inventory, and process payments with ease. This has not only saved her time but also provided her clients with a seamless and professional experience.

Embracing technology has enhanced La'tavea's skills by utilizing social media and other online platforms. That allows her to connect with potential customers and share her work thus expanding her client base and increasing her revenue.

In conclusion, technology has played a crucial role in La'tavea's journey as a young hairstylist. It has helped her learn new techniques, stay up-to-date with trends, attract clients, manage her business efficiently, and grow her small business.

By embracing technology, she has been able to provide her clients with an exceptional experience and continue to pursue her passion for hairstyling.

CTE (Career and Technical Education) has played a pivotal role in La'tavea's success as a hairstylist.

Through CTE programs, she was able to gain hands-on experience and learn the necessary skills to start her own business. These programs provided her with a solid start in business management, marketing, and customer service, which have been invaluable in growing her business.

Moreover, CTE programs have helped her stay up-to-date with latest industry trends and techniques, allowing her to provide her clients with the best possible service.

Overall, the combination of technology and CTE has been instrumental in La'tavea's success as a young hairstylist and entrepreneur.

In addition to the benefits of technology and CTE, La'tavea's success

can also be attributed to her passion and dedication to her craft.

She has spent countless hours perfecting her skills and staying up-to-date with the latest trends in the industry. Her commitment to providing her clients with the best possible service has earned her a loyal following.

Furthermore, La'tavea's success has inspired her to give back by mentoring other aspiring hairstylists.

She believes that everyone should have access to the same opportunities that helped her succeed, and she is committed to helping others achieve their goals.

Overall, La'tavea's story is a testament to the power of technology, CTE, passion, and dedication.

With the right tools and mindset, anyone can overcome challenges and achieve success in their chosen field.

## Creating a website

By ROBYNNA DAVENPORT  
Washington County High School

In Mr. Baldwin's Career Management Class, one particular assignment shines bright in my memory — creating a website.

As I worked on this project, carefully selecting layouts and crafting content, something sparked within me. It was the realization that I harbored a genuine interest in the field of anesthesiology. The class discussions, coupled with the hands-on experience of building a website, provided me with a newfound perspective on potential career paths.

Reflecting on that project now, I find myself viewing the use of pursuing a career as an anesthesiologist. The difficulties of administering anesthesia, the responsibility of ensuring patient comfort and safety, and the dynamic nature of the profession all interest me. Yet, I am also carefully aware of the rigorous academic and practical requirements such a career requires.

Considering my experience in Mr. Baldwin's class, I am filled with a sense of possibility and curiosity.

Could this newfound interest translate into a workable career path?

Would I have the opportunity to pursue further education and training in this field?

These questions stay in my mind, prompting me to explore and investigate the possibilities that lie ahead.

## A visit to Cisco

By TAYYARAH BELL  
Washington County High School

Members of Washington County High School TSA (Technology Student Association), along with their advisor, Kerry

"Juice" Baldwin, had the opportunity to visit Cisco at their Raleigh Triangle Park Campus, and let me just say, it was quite the experience.

Cisco is all about developing, making, and selling all sorts of high-tech stuff like networking gear, software and telecommunications equipment. It's like they're wizards behind the scenes ensuring our digital structure stays strong and connected.

Our tour guide, Rene Daughtry, was really something. He's deeply into technology, and shared how he got into this field and its simple, because of his love for mathematics and science. He just couldn't get enough of understanding how things work. He even has his own company called STEEM, which I think is pretty cool.

During our tour, Rene talked about how networking is a big deal at Cisco. He said it's like the backbone of everything we do online, connecting devices and ensuring information flows seamlessly. It was really interesting and fascinating stuff, and Rene made it sound really easy to understand.

But here's the really cool part: Rene isn't just about tech; he's also into robotics, building with Legos, and drones. He shared how he recently taught a class about building Legos, which sounds like a blast.

What's even cooler is that he's breaking boundaries. He mentioned that he hadn't worked much with females before, but during a break, some of the girls were propping up their phones to make a TikTok video instead of just standing there. He jumped right in and joined them. They thought he was cool and even gave him a big hug, saying he was a cool coach. They even told their parents.

Overall, the trip to CISCO was eye opening. Learning about the company and the technology from someone like Mr. Daughtry, who was so passionate about it all, was really inspiring. That showed me and my peers just how important, exciting, and diverse the world of technology can be.

I believe I went there with little passion and interest at first, but I am pleased that both I and my peers left with a positive impression of Cisco. I hope that one day we can all return to hear about new developments in the technology world.

My favorite part was learning about how Google played an important role in propelling Tesla forward. I was impressed by Cisco's dedication to its employees, such as the comforts like the breakroom. I was told that they even used to have nap pods for employees to rest. I appreciate how they prioritize not only the company's well-being but also that of their employees. It was enlightening to realize that even with advancements like AI, there are still great job opportunities for people to program and ensure error-free operations.

I really value Mr. Baldwin's guidance and the lessons he shares with us.

In one of his classes, he mentioned the importance of creating a website, which caught my attention because it was something new for me. So, I decided to make my own website focused on nursing. It's essentially my company's website, titled "Nurse Practitioner Care Solutions: Bringing Healthcare Home."



Students pause for a photo during a trip to Cisco.

The website emphasizes providing care for clients in the comfort of their own homes, at their convenience. We offer home visits, initial consultations, and virtual therapy sessions to accommodate everyone's needs. My goal is to ensure that every client feels welcomed and valued when they interact with us.

Reflecting on this, if I had the chance to start this clinic today, I wouldn't change a thing. The career management class has only deepened my passion for nursing and caring for others, making me appreciate the smiles on their faces even more.

Before we wrap things up, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the impressive appearance we all presented during our recent trip. Dressed in professional business attire, each of us displayed a remarkable sense of professionalism.

The guys wore shirt and ties, and the ladies were dressed professionally as well. Dressing professionally is nothing new for us in this class. Since the beginning, every Thursday, without fail, we dress to

impress. This is because our class focuses on career management, and Mr. Baldwin, who has been doing this for 27 years, insists on this.

While I admit that dressing professionally isn't something I'm entirely used to yet, I've come to realize its importance. It not only reflects positively on us as students but also prepares us for the expectations beyond the classroom. Whether it's for internships, job interviews, or meetings with potential employers, Mr. Baldwin's dedication to wearing professional attire has undoubtedly equipped us with valuable skills for our future careers.

Our class discussions about career management sparked my interest in learning more about different industries and professions. When we visited Cisco with our Technology Student Association, I was inspired to write about our experience.

Learning about Cisco's innovative technology and hearing from passionate people like our tour guide, Rene Daughtry, inspired

me to share our trip with you. The experience not only highlighted the importance of considering a career, but also revealed the range of opportunities available in the technology industry.

At Washington County High School, every student really values Juice and all he does for us. He's always there for us, helping us learn and grow.

Juice puts in a lot of time and effort to guide us and teach us important stuff. Whether it's in class or with extracurricular activities like TSA, he's always supportive and encouraging. He really cares about each one of us and it very much shows. Juice's dedication has a big impact on us, making us more confident and ready for whatever comes our way.

We're so lucky to have Juice as someone who leads us and supports us at Washington County High School, and we'll always appreciate everything he does for us.

Although we call him "Juice" there is no disrespect, because he stays it is like calling him coach.

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La'tavea Purvis practices her skills as a hairstylist.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Miller begins tenure as MCC President

WILLIAMSTON - Effective May 1, Dr. Tabitha Miller has commenced her official duties and responsibilities as the 10th President of Martin Community College (MCC). "Martin Community College is one of the educational jewels in eastern North Carolina," said Dr. Miller. "We are the only college out of the 58 community colleges with an Equine program. Other programs offered that make us unique include Orthopaedic Technology, Solar Technician Certification, Fire Alarm Technician Training, Public Safety Administration, Apprentice Line Technician, and Physical Therapist Assistant." Miller added that the college's high school

dual enrollment student population is first-class, with MCC earning #1 for transfer success out of all other community colleges in the state. "With top-notch faculty and staff, our college is set to move forward and grow as we strengthen our relationships with the community and regional industry," Dr. Miller noted. "When you get a moment, please come by. Join our book club, attend an event, work with our Small Business Center to start your own business, review our Continuing Education and Curriculum class schedules and see how Martin Community College can assist you in your lifelong learning journey." Dr. Derrick Wilkins,

MCC Board of Trustees Chair, emphasizes the Board's endorsement as he welcomes President Miller, saying, "The MCC Board of Trustees welcomes President Miller. We offer her our unanimous support as she charts the next chapter for the College. Furthermore, we rally the support of the community and all stakeholders as the College moves from good to great." President Miller's exceptional leadership will undoubtedly propel MCC into its next phase of greatness. Her unwavering commitment to educational excellence and serving our students and community is unparalleled. With President Miller's visionary guidance, we eagerly anticipate the transformative direction in which she will lead the College. "This day marks the beginning of an exciting chapter for MCC. An induction and welcome reception will be held in the coming weeks.

Dr. Tabitha Miller

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Impact of private school voucher funding on rural areas raises concern

By Shanteya Hudson NC News Service

Legislation to boost private school voucher funding in North Carolina is raising concerns among educators, particularly in rural areas. Educators say when private schools get vouchers, that's money public schools won't receive.

House Bill 823 aims to allocate about \$500 million of additional taxpayer money over the next two years for the state's Opportunity Scholarship.

Deanne Meadows, Columbus County School District superintendent, has personally witnessed the consequences of underfunded public schools.

"We have closed or consolidated from 18 school facilities down to 12. And we did that because we had a lot of schools that were very small, and we could not accommodate the cost of those smaller schools," she explained.

She said parents should have the freedom to decide which school their child attends, but emphasized that it is crucial to ensure public schools receive full funding before allocating funds for vouchers. According to Meadows, when a student transfers to a private school with a voucher, the funds allocated to that student go with them, which might impact the number of teachers, nurses and essential services available in public schools.

She added if a student decides to transfer back to a public school mid-year, the previously allotted funds do not return.

Supporters of the private-school voucher expansion argue that the additional funds would help clear a waiting list

of about 55,000 students. Another major concern highlighted by Meadows is the lack of accountability faced by private schools when compared with public schools. Public schools have to meet specific requirements for their teachers and testing, among other things. She also pointed out that public schools have to meet the needs of all students, which isn't a requirement at private schools.

"Charter schools, private schools, home schools, they don't have to serve anybody," she said. "They can serve whoever they choose to serve, but we serve every kid that comes through our door."

Research from Public Schools First NC has raised additional concerns about discriminatory policies in private schools. These policies allow private schools to turn away students based on such factors as religion, LGBTQ+ status, and disabilities.

Meadows also worries about the long-term economic impact on the district, particularly for vulnerable students. "They've got to have an education in order to be able to be successful in their future. And when we start taking away from public education, we are taking away the chance for those kids to be able to be successful and productive and be able to come out of a poverty situation," she explained.

In light of these concerns, Democratic legislators have introduced H.B. 983 to restrict future expansion of the Opportunity Scholarship program. The proposed legislation, and a companion bill the Senate, aim to limit the program to current voucher recipients starting from the 2024-2025 school year. The bill also seeks to phase out funding for the scholarship after the 2025-2026 school year.

If passed, the legislation would also require private schools benefiting from the Opportunity Scholarship to adhere to state testing requirements for students from the third grade through high school.

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STATE NEWS

# North Carolina works to keep kids on Medicaid health coverage



By Shanteya Hudson  
NC News Service

A new report showed North Carolina is one of only a few states taking a cautious approach to removing families with children from Medicaid since the pandemic ended. According to the Georgetown University Center for Children and Families, some states were quick to remove people from Medicaid and CHIP programs as soon as the COVID public health emergency ended. But for North Carolina, it was not the case. Nicole Dozier, direc-

tor of the Health Advocacy Project at the North Carolina Justice Center, said children's well-being was at the forefront of the state's approach during a pivotal period known as "unwinding." "Once it became really clear that children would lose or could lose coverage because of administrative and paperwork issues, the state quickly paused the unwinding process to make sure that no kids lost coverage who were eligible," Dozier explained. As a result, only 1% of North Carolina children lost their health coverage last

year. The report said only North Carolina, Kentucky and Oregon delayed their unwinding processes. Nationwide, more than 4 million children have lost their Medicaid and CHIP coverage, even though many are still eligible. Dozier pointed out the ripple effects of maintaining Medicaid coverage for children extend beyond doctors visits. She noted improved health outcomes for children directly benefit their caregivers and families. "It's really hard to be productive, or do well in school or at work, if

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# Helicopter crash could reverberate across the Middle East

BY JOSEPH KRAUSS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — The helicopter crash in which Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, the country's foreign minister and other officials were killed is likely to reverberate across the Middle East, where Iran's influence runs wide and deep.

That's because Iran has spent decades supporting armed groups and militants in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Yemen and the Palestinian territories, allowing it to project power and potentially deter attacks from the United States or Israel, the sworn enemies of its 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Tensions have never been higher than they were last month, when Iran under Raisi and Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei launched hundreds of drones and ballistic missiles at Israel in response to an airstrike on an Iranian Consulate in Syria that killed two Iranian generals and five officers.

Israel, with the help of the United States, Britain, Jordan and others, intercepted nearly all the projectiles. In response, Israel apparently launched its own strike against an air defense radar system in the Iranian city of Isfahan, causing no casualties but sending an unmistakable message.

The sides have waged a shadow war of covert operations and cyberattacks for years, but the exchange of fire in April was their first direct military confrontation. The ongoing war



Vahid Salemi/AP Photo

Iranian worshippers chant slogans during an anti-Israeli gathering after Friday prayers in Tehran, Iran on April 19. The apparent crash of a helicopter carrying Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, the country's foreign minister and other top officials is likely to reverberate across the Middle East. Tensions have soared since the start of the Israel-Hamas war, and Israel and Iran directly traded fire for the first time ever in April.

between Israel and Hamas has drawn in other Iranian allies, with each attack and counter-attack threatening to set off a wider war.

It's a combustible mix that could be ignited by unexpected events, such as Sunday's deadly crash.

### A BITTER RIVALRY WITH ISRAEL

Israel has long viewed Iran as its greatest threat because of Tehran's controversial nuclear program, its ballistic missiles and its support for armed groups sworn to Israel's destruction.

Iran views itself as the chief patron of Palestinian resistance to Israeli rule, and top officials for years have called for Israel to be wiped off the map.

Raisi, who was a hard-liner viewed as a protégé and possible

successor of Khamenei, chastised Israel last month, saying "the Zionist Israeli regime has been committing oppression against the people of Palestine for 75 years."

"First of all we have to expel the usurpers, secondly we should make them pay the cost for all the damages they have created, and thirdly, we have to bring to justice the oppressor and usurper," he said.

Israel is believed to have carried out numerous attacks over the years targeting senior Iranian military officials and nuclear scientists.

There is no evidence Israel was involved in Sunday's helicopter crash, and Israeli officials have not commented on the incident.

Arab countries on the Persian Gulf have also long viewed Iran with suspicion, a key factor in

the decision of the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain to normalize relations with Israel in 2020, and of Saudi Arabia to consider such a move.

### A PROXY WAR STRETCHING FROM LEBANON TO YEMEN

Iran has provided financial and other support over the years to the Palestinian militant group Hamas, which led the Oct. 7 attack into Gaza war, and the smaller but more radical Palestinian Islamic Jihad, which took part in it. But there is no evidence that Iran was directly involved in the attack.

Since the start of the war, Iran's leaders have expressed solidarity with the Palestinians. Their allies in the region have gone much further.

Lebanon's Hezbollah militant group, Iran's most militarily advanced proxy, has waged a low-intensity conflict with Israel since the start of the Gaza war. The two sides have traded strikes on a near-daily basis along the Israel-Lebanon border, forcing tens of thousands of people on both sides to flee.

So far, however, the conflict has not boiled over into a full-blown war that would be disastrous for both countries. Iran-backed militias in Syria and Iraq launched repeated attacks on U.S. bases in the opening months of the war but pulled back after U.S. retaliatory strikes for a drone attack that killed three American soldiers in January.

Yemen's Houthi rebels, another ally of Iran, have repeatedly targeted international shipping in what they portray as a blockade of Israel. Those strikes, which often target ships with no apparent links to Israel, have also drawn U.S.-led retaliation.

### BEYOND THE MIDDLE EAST

Iran's influence extends beyond the Middle East and its rivalry with Israel.

Israel and Western countries have long suspected Iran of pursuing nuclear weapons in the guise of a peaceful atomic program in what they see as a threat to non-proliferation everywhere.

Then-President Donald Trump's withdrawal from a landmark nuclear

pact between Iran and world powers in 2018, and his imposition of crushing sanctions, led Iran to gradually abandon all the limits placed on its program by the deal.

These days, Iran is enriching uranium to up to 60% purity — near weapons-grade levels of 90%. Surveillance cameras installed by the U.N. nuclear agency have been disrupted, and Iran has barred some of the agency's most experienced inspectors. Iran has always insisted its nuclear program is for purely peaceful purposes, but the United States and others believe it had an active nuclear weapons program until 2003.

Israel is widely believed to be the only nuclear-armed power in the Middle East but has never acknowledged having such weapons.

Iran has also emerged as a key ally of Russia following its invasion of Ukraine, and is widely accused of supplying exploding drones that have wreaked havoc on Ukraine's cities. Raisi himself denied the allegations last fall in an interview with The Associated Press, saying Iran had not supplied such weapons since the outbreak of hostilities in February 2022.

Iranian officials have made contradictory comments about the drones, while U.S. and European officials say the sheer number being used in the war in Ukraine shows that the flow of such weapons has intensified since the war began.

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# RRPD searching for larceny suspect

**BY THE HERALD STAFF REPORTS**  
The Roanoke Rapids Police Department is currently looking for Jimmy Isiah Williams Jr., 26, of Halifax.

According to a press release from Chief C. Shane Guyant, at about 2:50 a.m. on May 25, Officer B. Holcomb responded to an address on West 10th Street in reference to the larceny of a motor vehicle. Officer Holcomb found that Williams had taken a vehicle from a female who he had previously been in a relationship without her permission. Officer Holcomb obtained a warrant for felony larceny of a motor vehicle.

At about 4:30 a.m.,

Lt. M. Hunsucker was in the area of West 10th Street and observed the stolen vehicle and attempted to conduct a vehicle stop on the stolen car as it turned into a driveway. Williams exited the vehicle and took off running on foot. He entered a heavily wooded area, and the Halifax County Sheriff's Office was called to the scene to assist with canine support. With the assistance of B Squad with the sheriff's office, a handgun that was thrown during the foot pursuit was collected.

Williams is a convicted felon from a 2016 robbery with a dangerous weapon in Halifax County. Williams is

wanted for firearm by a convicted felony, larceny of motor vehicle, possession of a stolen motor vehicle and resist, delay and obstruct

Williams also has other outstanding unserved warrants for arrest for break/enter motor vehicle, felony larceny, felony larceny from a person assault on a female, communicating threats, and misdemeanor larceny

Williams has not been located to serve these warrants. Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Williams is asked to contact Halifax County Crime Stoppers at 252-583-4444, visit halifaxcountycrimestoppers.org or use the p3 app. Tipsters can remain anonymous and get paid for information.



Jimmy Isiah Williams Jr.

# Man passes out in running vehicle, arrested for DWI

**BY THE HERALD STAFF REPORTS**

At about 7:30 p.m. on May 24, Master Officer D. Norfleet with the Roanoke Rapids Police Department, was in the area of US Highway 158 and Smith Church Road, when he observed a vehicle sitting in the roadway with the driver appearing to have passed out.

According to a press release from Chief C. Shane Guyant, Master Officer Norfleet conducted a stop on the vehicle to check on the driver's welfare.

The driver was identified as Reginald Levern Bradley, 50, of Roanoke Rapids. He was not responsive behind the wheel of a 2004 Ford Taurus with the engine running.

Master Officer Norfleet was able

to wake Bradley and during this exchange he detected the odor of alcohol emanating from Bradley and from inside the vehicle he was driving. Master Officer Norfleet conducted a series of Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and determined that Bradley was impaired and arrested him for suspicion of driving while impaired.

Bradley was transported to the police department, where he consented to a breath analysis on the intoxilyzer instrument. He registered a .19 BrAC, which is more than twice the legal limit. Bradley was taken before a magistrate and charged with driving while impaired. He received a \$500 bond and a June 14 court date.



Reginald Levern Bradley

# Concerned call about man with possible firearm leads to arrest

**BY THE HERALD STAFF REPORTS**

At about 6 p.m. on May 20, Officer M. Morris and Master Officer K. Williams with the Roanoke Rapids Police Department responded to the area of Chockoyotte Park in reference to a black male with dreadlocks wearing a black shirt and gray sweatpants walking around the pavilion area with a 30-round magazine exposed outside of a backpack.

According to a press release from Chief C. Shane Guyant, the caller was concerned the person had a gun in the backpack as well. At the time recreational events were ongoing in the park. Officers rushed to the scene.

Officer Morris spotted the suspect walking towards the back of Walmart but could not get turned around fast enough to approach him. Master Officer Williams spotted the male crossing Premier Boulevard heading towards some

restaurants across the street. Both Officer Morris and Master Officer Williams were able to locate and detain the male. He was identified as Anthony Devon Mills, 33, of Roanoke Rapids.

Mills was searched. The 30-round magazine was removed from his pants pocket and Officer Morris removed his backpack and checked inside. A black air soft pistol was located inside the backpack. Also inside the backpack was an unlabeled pill bottle with two plastic baggies which contained two grams of "crack" cocaine and 25 Lorazepam (Schedule VI controlled substance). Also found was marijuana in a cigar wrapper.

Mills was charged with possession of cocaine, possession of Schedule IV, and possession of Schedule VI. He was given a \$10,000 bond and jailed in the Halifax County Detention Center. His court date is scheduled for July 25.



Anthony Devon Mills



Richard Holm | The Herald

Volunteers placed U.S. flags at the graves of U.S. service personnel on Saturday.

## DAY

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The post commander remarked on how many see the holiday as a longer weekend for a break.

"It's just become a day off, but when you turn out here to honor those fallen veterans that are very here at Crestview, you say 'I remember.' Hanretta. "So I thank you for that."

He thanked Owner Sandra Showalter of the cemetery and managers Jenger Adams and Timothy Harris for a donation of \$300 to purchase U.S. flags that will be placed on service members' graves. Hanretta said they have more than 750 flags to be placed. He also gave thanks to Askew Funeral and Cremation Services for providing an awning for the event. Also, Hanretta praised Walt Fightmaster, a member of Post 38, who organized the Memorial Day event.

After recognizing others, Hanretta reminded everyone of the purpose of the occasion.

"You know that Memorial Day honors the sacrifices of our fallen service members who put their lives on the line for our nation," he said. "For us and for the future generations. These men and women answered the call to serve and defend our country with courage, dedication and selflessness, knowing the risks were great when our freedom was even more important. This is also a day to recognize and appreciate the veterans who served alongside these courageous veterans and offer comfort and support to that special group of Gold Star



Richard Holm | The Herald

Fritz Johnson, a member of the American Legion Post 38 in Roanoke Rapids, played taps Monday morning during a Memorial Day ceremony at Cedarwood Cemetery.



Richard Holm | The Herald

A volunteer placed a U.S. flag at a U.S. service member's grave Saturday morning during a Memorial Day ceremony.



Richard Holm | The Herald

Ken Wilson, left, and American Legion Post 38 Commander Kevin Hanretta participated in a Memorial Day ceremony at Cedarwood Cemetery on Monday.

families, those that have lost loved ones.

"We must always remember that it is because of their sacrifices that we enjoy our freedom today. That brings us to today and our part in putting our American flags on veterans' final resting place."

Hanretta said it is a sacred trust to ensure that their leave was not in vain.

"Our heritage of justice, freedom and

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the attendees — and he received a standing ovation.

Toney's companion, Sarah Lee, of Wilmington, said afterward that she believed the honors Toney received were rightly deserved.

"He put everything that he did into his career — and he's going to do many, many more great things," Lee said.

Stone, in remarks minutes earlier, described the opportunity to speak as one of joy but also one of reality because of how dangerous the job is.

Stone recognized in the audience a family member of the only federal marshal who came away unscathed in an April 29 shooting in Charlotte that took the lives of four law enforcement officers.

The events that led up to the shooting of Toney can be traced back to Feb. 4, 2021.

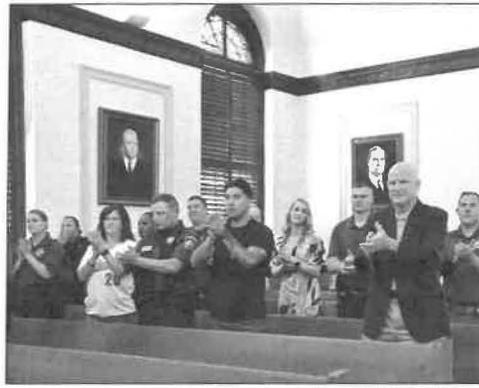
Jarred Ford, who was alone, was halted on southbound I-95 by Deputy Shelby Smith near the interchange for Gold Rock for reportedly speeding while behind the wheel of a 2008 Mercedes Benz.

Smith had been working traffic as part of the Nash County sheriff's Criminal Interdiction Unit and Toney arrived on the scene as a backup to the traffic stop, but Ford allegedly began to struggle with the deputies.

Ford then allegedly pulled a gun out of his pocket and fired, striking Toney. Smith returned fire, disabling Ford.

On Jan. 4, 2023, Ford was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Raleigh to serve 10 years in federal prison for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. However, District Attorney Jeff Marsigli said that on Jan 25, 2023, a trial in N.C. Superior Court on attempted murder and assault-related charges had ended with a hung jury.

During the gathering in the former courtroom on Friday, Stone asked the attendees whether they had heard the saying, "Fake it



Part of the audience can be seen Friday giving a standing ovation after retiring Nash County sheriff's Deputy William Toney gave brief remarks at a retirement gathering for him.

and make it." Stone told Toney that the fabric of the thin blue line of law enforcement cannot do that.

"They can't go to work and not do the work. They can't go to work and just sit back and make a day out of it because what you think is routine could end up as deadly," Stone said.

Stone in his remarks expressed appreciation to Chief Deputy Allen Wilson for the training he provided to the Criminal Interdiction Unit and said he believes that is one of the reasons between that and the angles and angels.

"The smallest amount of angle that this perpetrator had could have changed every bit of this for two officers that day," he said of what happened on Feb. 4, 2021.

And he told Toney, "The Lord's angels were with you when you went to work that day and prevented it by the training you had and the fast action that you had."

Stone also alleged that Ford had already committed carnage elsewhere and spoke of his belief in the likelihood of the suspect, after running out of money, could have entered a grocery store or invaded a person's home given he had used a weapon before and could have used that weapon again.

"But you stopped that threat," Stone told Toney. "You will never know the number of lives that you saved by your proactive policing and what you removed from the interstate."

Stone in other remarks told the gathering, "Everybody wants a professional law enforcement officer to come to your house with de-escalation skills, communication skills and to answer it all."

At the same time, Stone emphasized that there must be professional level pay and benefits to have professionals in law enforcement.

As for Toney, Stone said, "His life will never be the same for what he gave Nash County."

Among those in attendance Friday was N.C. Rep.

Allen Chesser, R-25th District, who had served as a police officer in Nags Head and in Raleigh.

Chesser said that he was not planning on speaking until he received a notice

from Stone after the start of the gathering. Chesser said that as he sat, he wondered what he was going to address Toney as.

"The man has got a decorated resume," Chesser said.

"And, so, since the thin blue line that we both served in is a family and a brotherhood, I'd be honored if you just allowed me to call you brother," Chesser told Toney.

"Yes sir," Toney told Chesser. Chesser told Toney of the state flag simultaneously flying over the capitol and presented Toney with a certificate of appreciation. Chesser also expressed appreciation to Toney for his heroism, his courage, the example he has set for law enforcement and the example he will continue to be.

The floor subsequently was opened to anyone in the audience who wanted to comment.

Toney is currently

serving on the Spring Hope Board of Commissioners — and Spring Hope Mayor Kyle Pritchard stood up and expressed appreciation to Toney for his service to the county as a deputy and to the town as an elected leader.

Toney's sister, Jennis Toney-Carpenter, who operates a funeral home in Spring Hope, stood up and said that she was glad to see this day.

"It has been a long journey for all of us," Toney-Carpenter said. "The day that Tommy was injured, it just took something from all of us, but we are very appreciative for the county, for Sheriff Stone and for all of the support that we've received since his injury."

Michael Laurence, who is retired from having served as a corrections officer and who worked with Toney, stood up and made clear that he did not want to become emotional.

"But I can say he's a good man," Laurence said.

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Detroit 10, Toronto 11
Boston 2, Milwaukee 1
Seattle 9, Washington 2
Tampa Bay 4, Kansas City 1
Baltimore 4, Chicago White Sox 1
Texas 6, Minnesota 2
Houston 5, Oakland 2
Cleveland 5, L.A. Angels 4
San Diego 5, N.Y. Yankees 2
Monday's Games
Baltimore 11, Boston 3
Minnesota 6, Kansas City 5
Toronto 5, Chicago White Sox 1
Colorado 8, Cleveland 6
Seattle 3, Houston 2
Tuesday's Games
Boston (Bello 5-2) at Baltimore (Rodriguez 5-1), 6:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Jones 3-4) at Detroit (Skubal 6-1), 6:40 p.m.
Oakland (Spence 3-2) at Tampa Bay (Littell 2-1), 6:50 p.m.
Kansas City (Ragans 4-3) at Minnesota (Woodward 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Gausman 3-3) at Chicago White Sox (Klevinger 0-3), 7:40 p.m.
Arizona (Pacheco 2-3) at Texas (Dunning 3-1), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (McKenzie 2-3) at Colorado (Feltner 1-4), 8:40 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Correa 3-4) at L.A. Angels (Klayton 2-4), 8:58 p.m.
Houston (Brown 1-3) at Seattle (Carillo 4-6), 9:40 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
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Thursday's Games
Cincinnati at L.A. Dodgers 1
Boston 2, Milwaukee 1
N.Y. Mets 4, San Francisco 3
Atlanta 6, Pittsburgh 1
Seattle 9, Washington 5
Colorado 5, Philadelphia 2
Miami 3, Arizona 1
San Diego 5, N.Y. Yankees 2
St. Louis 4, Chicago Cubs 3
Friday's Games
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Philadelphia at San Francisco, 3:45 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at N.Y. Mets, 4:10 p.m.
Miami at San Diego, 4:10 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 7:20 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 7:40 p.m.
Cleveland at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.

WALTON/ from B1

Game 4 of the Boston Celtics-Indiana Pacers matchup in the Eastern Conference finals on Monday night.

Walton, who entered the Hall of Fame in 1993, was one of the game's most celebrated figures. His NBA career — disrupted by chronic foot injuries — lasted only 468 games combined with the Portland Trail Blazers, the San Diego/Los Angeles Clippers and the Celtics. He averaged 13.3 points and 10.5 rebounds in those games, neither of those numbers exactly record-setting.

Still, his impact on the game was massive.

"I love him as a friend and as a teammate," Celtics legend Larry Bird said. "It was a thrill for me to play with my childhood idol and together we earned an NBA championship in 1986. He is one of the greatest ever to play the game. I am sure that all of my teammates are as grateful as I am that we were able to know Bill. He was such a joy to know and he will be sorely missed."

Walton's most famous game was the 1973 NCAA title game, UCLA against Memphis, in which he shot 21 for 22 from the field and led the Bruins to another national championship. "One of my guards said, 'Let's try something else,'" Wooden told The Associated Press in 2008 for a 35th anniversary retrospective on that game.

Wooden's response during that timeout: "Why? If it ain't broke, don't fix it." They kept giving the ball to Walton, and he kept delivering in a performance for the ages.

"It's very hard to put into words what he has meant to UCLA's program, as well as his tremendous impact on college basketball," UCLA coach Mick Cronin said Monday. "Beyond his remarkable accomplishments as a player, it's his relentless energy, enthusiasm for the game and unwavering candor that have been the hallmarks of his larger-than-life personality."

"It's hard to imagine a season in Pauley Pavilion without him."

When Walton retired from the NBA he turned to broadcasting, something he never thought he could



FILE PHOTO BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Denver Nuggets' Dan Issel, left, guards Portland Trail Blazers' Bill Walton as Walton moves toward the basket during their game Feb. 12, 1978, in Portland, Ore.

be good at — and an avenue he sometimes wondered would be possible for him, because he had a pronounced stutter at times in his life.

"Turns out, he was excellent at broadcasting," Walton was an Emmy winner, eventually was named one of the top 50 sports broadcasters of all time by the American Sportscasters Association and even appeared on The New York Times best-seller list for his memoir, "Back from the Dead." It told the story of a debilitating back injury suffered in 2008, one that left him considering taking his own life because of the constant pain, and how he spent years recovering.

"I lived most of my life by myself. But as soon as I got on the court I was fine," Walton told The Oregonian newspaper for a story published in 2017. "But in life, being so self-conscious, red hair, big nose, freckles and goofy, nerdy looking face and can't talk at all. I was incredibly shy and never said a word. Then, when I was 28 I learned how to speak. It became my greatest accomplishment of my life and everybody else's biggest nightmare."

The last part of that was just Walton hyperbole. He was known for his on-air tangents and sometimes appeared on-air in Grateful Dead T-shirts; Walton was a huge fan of the band and referenced it often, even sometimes recording satirical radio specials celebrating what it meant to be a "Deadhead."

And the Pac-12 Conference, which has basically evaporated in many ways now because of college realignment, was another of his many loves. He always referred to it as the "Conference of Champions" and sang its praises all the way to the end.

CELTICS/ from B1

But the Celtics dominated late again.

They pulled within 102-100 on Tatum's dunk with 3:12 to go, tied the score with 2:40 left on Brown's mid-range jumper and then took the lead on White's 3.

In between, Boston forced two turnovers and Brown blocked Nemhard's shot at the rim with 1:05 left. Indiana had one more

"It doesn't get any better than this," he once said on a broadcast, tie-dyed T-shirt on, a Hawaiian lei around his neck.

Walton was involved in the broadcasts of college and NBA games for CBS, NBC and ABC/ESPN in his career, along with stints working for the Clippers and Sacramento Kings as an analyst. He returned to ESPN and the Pac-12 Network, further touching the roots of his league, in 2012.

"Bill Walton was a legendary player and a singular personality who genuinely cherished every experience throughout the journey of his extraordinary life," ESPN Chairman Jimmy Pitaro said. "Bill often described himself as 'the luckiest guy in the world,' but anyone who had the opportunity to interact with Bill was the lucky one. He was a truly special, giving person who always made time for others. Bill's one-of-a-kind spirit captivated and inspired audiences during his second career as a successful broadcaster."

But Walton will always be synonymous with UCLA's dominance. He enrolled at the school in 1970, before freshmen could play on the varsity team. Once he could play for Wooden, the Bruins were unbeatable for more than two years — Walton's UCLA teams won their first 73 games, the bulk of the Bruins' extraordinary 88-game winning streak. It was snapped against Notre Dame in 1974, a 71-70 loss in which Walton shot 12 for 14 from the field.

"Bill Walton's passing is a sad tragedy. One of the great ones in UCLA basketball history," Digger Phelps, who coached that Notre Dame team, posted Monday on social media. "We were great friends over the

chance when Tatum missed a 3 with 8 seconds left, but Irufo Holiday chased down the rebound and ran out the clock before Indiana could foul.

"They fought us hard to the wire, they have pride as a team. They didn't want to give up," a relieved Tatum said. "We missed bunnies all night. I knew we were due for one. That was a big time shot."

years. It won't be the same without him."

UCLA went 30-0 in each of Walton's first two seasons, and 86-4 in his career on the varsity team.

"My teammates ... made me a much better basketball player than I could ever have become myself," Walton said at his Hall of Fame speech in 1993. "The concept of team has always been the most intriguing aspect of basketball to me. If I had been interested in individual success or an individual sport, I would have taken up tennis or golf."

Walton led Portland to the 1977 NBA title, then got his second championship with Boston in 1986.

"Bill Walton was an icon," said Jody Allen, the chair of the Trail Blazers. "His leadership and tenacity on the court were key to bringing a championship to our fans and defined one of the most magical moments in franchise history. We will always treasure what he brought to our community and the sport of basketball."

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been a vital part. When she came in, we had just lost Madison Adams and them, so we were kind of in the midst of not knowing, pitching-wise, what we were going to have."

With Brandon in the circle, RCS advanced into the third round of the state playoffs for the first time.

Brandon starred again as a junior, pitching a five-inning no-hitter in a 10-0 win against Rosewood in the first round of the playoffs.

She then tossed a seven-inning, one-hit shutout in a 3-0 victory against Bear Grass Charter in round two before turning in a 13-strikeout performance in an 11-inning heart-breaking loss at East Columbus in round three.

This year, the Bulldogs made it even further, finishing as the 1A East region's runners up behind Triangle North Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Year honors for Brandon.

But Brandon couldn't walk away from the game before her RCS career started. She lost her father, Michael Brandon, in November 2021.

"She and her dad were really close, especially on the softball side," Clark said. "I could see where it would've been very easy for her to step away from the game just to kind of separate from that. She didn't do it. I feel like she took it as a challenge and she's just gone above and beyond working after that. Every day, she's working on something. It's just been awesome to see her mentality not to give up—that dog mentality. I think that's what makes her such a good leader for everybody else, because she has that grit and determination to make herself better. She kind of expects everybody else to do the same thing."

Brandon leaves RCS with a 2.70 career ERA, a 29-15 record and 391 strikeouts to 113 walks in 267 1/3 innings.

She batted .413 with 69 hits, 75 RBIs, 20 doubles, 16 homers and 43 runs in 198 career at bats.

"She's a workhorse," Clark said. "She studies the game. She called me the other day and sent me a picture after we found a Chatham Central game. She went and watched that and sent me all the notes on all the kids. She definitely puts the time in and loves the game. She's our leader, for sure, in the group. She's



SILAS ALBRIGHT | THE COURIER-TIMES

Emma Brandon smiles as she rounds third during a homer at Chatham Central in the second round of the playoffs. It was the last bomb of her RCS career. She finished with 16 homers in three seasons.



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Emma Brandon pitches during the final game of her RCS career Thursday at Northside Pinetown.

going to be a big loss, but [ETSU] is getting a good one as long as she stays focused. She's going to work hard, I have no doubt about that."

Brandon plans to pitch and play corner infield for ETSU.

She said a few schools were involved in her recruitment but that she just had a feeling when she arrived on campus in Johnson City, Tenn., about an hour and a half west of Boone across the Blue Ridge Mountains.

"ETSU really just felt like home to me," Brandon said. "I really knew as soon as I got there that's where I wanted to be."

She said the Buccaneers didn't get involved in her recruitment early in her high school career.

"It was kind of a last minute thing over my junior year summer," Brandon said. "I took a chance and it worked out."

After her official visit,

Brandon felt comfortable with her decision.

"It was really relaxed," Brandon said. "Everybody is really close there. There's lots of connections. I met the girls and they were really nice and welcoming. It was overall just a really good place and I loved it."

Johnson City is more than four hours from Roxboro, but Brandon has no qualms about the distance.

"I'm not worried about that," Brandon said. "I'm a pretty independent person."

In 2024, ETSU went 11-39 and 5-16 in the Southern Conference to finish eighth in the league.

Although her playing career with RCS has come to a close, Brandon said the program means a lot to her.

"We're a family here," Brandon said. "We have such a great time. We keep it light and fun and I'm so proud to be a Bulldog."

# ELLIS

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outfield coach before being promoted to interim head coach in January 2022.

"Cody has a vast knowledge of the game of baseball and brings a wealth of coaching and playing experience to UNCG," Mackin said. "He showcased his passion and leadership for the program this season and demonstrated his professional and positive culture. I am confident that Cody will maintain relationships among our UNCG family, alumni, and donors and we are excited to announce him once again as a Spartan."

While interim head coach, Ellis was voted the 2024 Southern Conference Coach of the Year as well as 2024 SoCon Sports Media Association Coach of the Year.

After being voted to finish sixth in the SoCon Preseason Poll, Ellis led the Spartans to a 33-21 record and a 15-6 conference record, earning the program's third SoCon regular season title.

Ellis also guided the Spartans to two ranked wins this season, including the program's second victory over a No. 1 team defeating Wake Forest 4-3 Feb. 20 in Greensboro. UNCG also crushed then-ranked No. 13 NC State 18-3 March 12 in Raleigh.

Ellis joined the Spartans after three years at PHCC, starting in August of 2019. Over his three years, he compiled a 92-48 record. He led the 2021 team to a third-place finish in the NJCAA World Series. The 2020 team led the NJCAA in stolen bases with 119 in a shortened season and in 2021 with 271, and fourth in the country with a .962 fielding percentage in 2021.

He joined PHCC after serving as a graduate assistant of the baseball team coaching the hitters and outfielders as well as recruiting talent at the University of Lynchburg. Ellis was an assistant coach for the Keene Swampcats of the New England Collegiate Baseball League during the summer of 2017.

Along with his knowledge of college baseball, Ellis brings experience from working as a manager for Team USA in July 2021. He was responsible for managing and building relationships with the top prospects in the

country through the Player Development Pipeline (PDF) league. Along with this, he also assisted in identifying and selecting players for the 2021 18U National Team. He was part of the USA Task Force scouting and evaluating talent across the country. Ellis has since continued to be part of USA Baseball since 2019 through his time as a manager in the PDP and assistant coach in PDP National Training Development Program (NTDP).

Ellis began his coaching career as an assistant coach at PHCC in 2016. Ellis played baseball for PHCC and was an All-Region outfielder in 2011.

He then moved on to play Division I baseball for Norfolk State University where he was named second-team All-MEAC at second base.

At Norfolk State, he led the team in 2014 with a .349 batting average. He also played for the Professional Independent Pecos League with the Topoka Train Robbers and the Garden City Wind where he was a 2015 All-Star at first base.

Ellis received his associate's degree in Recreational and Leisure Studies from Patrick Henry Community College in 2012, a Bachelor's of Science degree in Exercise Health and Physical Education from Norfolk State University in 2015, and a Master's degree in Educational Leadership in Higher Education from the University of Lynchburg in 2018.

Ellis coached Caleb Cozart, who was recognized as UNCG's third SoCon Player of the Year this year. Cozart broke UNCG's single season home run record with 22, is tied for first in single-season RBI with 73, and is second in program history in slugging percentage with a .742 clip.

Following the 2024 SoCon Tournament, UNCG leads the SoCon in ERA (5.27), fewest runs allowed (312), and lowest opponent batting average (.265).

UNCG is nationally ranked 15th in triples (20), 20th in stolen bases (105), and 23rd in stolen bases per game (1.94).

This season, the Blue and Gold averaged 7.90 runs per game and 3.25 extra base hits per game, while four Spartans had 20 or more extra base hits this season. The Spartans won eight of their last 11 regular season contests and 10 of their final 12 conference games.

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**Public Notices**

**NASH COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
Public hearings will be held on Monday, June 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. before the Nash County Board of Commissioners on the first floor of the Nash County Administration Building located at 120 West Washington Street, Nashville, NC 27882 to consider Conditional Rezoning (Request C2-240301) made by Linda Dear Creek Properties LLC, the proponent developer, to rezone a 55.78-acre tract of land owned by W. T. Bramley, Jr. & Betty Bramley, located on both sides of Stallings Rd., Spring Hope, NC 27882 and further identified as Nash County Tax Map P98 (2788265786) from A1 (Agricultural) to RA-30-CZ (Single-Family Residential Conditional Zone) specifically for the development of the proposed 56-lot Stallings Road residential subdivision. Conditional Rezoning Request C2-240301 made by the Frisley Daniel Street, 8 1/2-acre tract, the property owner, to rezone a 55.42-acre tract of land located on the south side of W NC Highway 97, Spring Hope, NC 27882 and further identified as a portion of Nash County Tax Map P98 (2788265786) from R40 (Single-Family Residential) to RA-30-CZ (Single-Family Residential Conditional Zone) specifically for the development of the proposed 61-lot Daniel's Landing residential subdivision. Text Amendment Request A-240501 made to amend the Nash County Unified Development Ordinance Article XII, Section 12-3.3 to adopt the revised Nash County Ordinance and Tar-Panico Stormwater Ordinance for New Development and the Local Implementation Program. Members of the public are invited to attend this meeting and to participate as permitted by the applicable public hearing procedures. Substantial changes to the requests may result from the public hearings. The full request applications may be reviewed on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Nash County Planning & Inspections Department on the second floor of the Nash County Administration Building or you may call 252-458-9609 for more information.

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Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk



Southern Nash High School's Class of 2023 graduates toss their caps during last year's commencement ceremony in the school gymnasium. Hannah Whitley Cananena | Enterprise file photo

**Southern Nash High graduation set for June 9**

For The Enterprise

Rocky Mount High School: 11 a.m. June 8  
Families, friends, teachers, board members and district administrators will come together to honor graduates' achievements.

The early college high school graduation will take place in the Brown Auditorium on Nash Community College's campus. CTH High School ceremony will also be held in the Brown Auditorium.

Tar River Academy's ceremony is scheduled at the Rocky Mount Event Center.

Nash Central and Northern Nash High schools will host their graduations in their respective gymnasiums. Nash Everywhere Digital Academy will celebrate its graduates at Englewood Baptist.

Southern Nash and Rocky Mount high schools will conduct their ceremonies in their gymnasiums.

About 1,011 Nash County Public Schools seniors will graduate this spring in a series of ceremonies across various high schools.

District officials announced dates for each commencement ceremony on Friday. Nash-Rocky Mount Early College High School and CTH High School held their graduations Tuesday, at 2 and 4 p.m. respectively. Remaining ceremonies are scheduled as follows:

- Tar River Academy: 6 p.m. June 4
- Nash Central High School: 9 a.m. June 7
- Northern Nash High School: 11 a.m. June 7
- Nash Everywhere Digital Academy: 1 p.m. June 7
- Southern Nash High School: 9 a.m. June 8

**Natasha Neal earns NCC's Excellence in Teaching Award**

For The Enterprise

The Excellence in Teaching Award nomination process began with a Bachelor of Science and three full-time curriculum faculty members being selected for consideration based on the results of evaluations by students for the 2023 academic year. These faculty members wrote a short essay and were allowed to select faculty to submit essays of support following peer observation.

"Natasha is gifted both as an artist and an instructor, and she has excelled at using her talents to help her students hone their own artistic abilities," said Amy Harrell, vice president of instruction and chief academic officer at NCC. "Anyone who has seen the work created by the advertising and graphic design students knows that they have been carefully and diligently taught."

Neal is a tenured member of the NCC faculty. She has been an advertising and graphic design instructor since 2008. She specializes in adult and e-learning and has various skills in the design space. Neal was also named a professor this year. She has been the college's only full-time instructor for the program; thus, she has developed the curriculum for it over the years.

"Reflecting on my teaching career, I can't ignore the significant impact my students have had on my life," Neal said. "This impact has been woven through moments ranging from general conversations to challenges that we overcame as a team."

She received both a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Arts from Elizabeth City State University, focused in graphic design and art, respectively. She earned her Master of Arts in adult education from the University of Florida. Additionally, Neal holds various Adobe Certified Professional designations and graduate certificates in online teaching and adult learning from Walden University.

"I have observed her excel as an instructor in all instructional modalities. She is accessible, technologically skilled and motivated to see her students succeed," said Nakisha Floyd, department chair of business and information technologies at NCC. "She has shown that she is a reflective practitioner who evaluates the quality of instruction. She excels in program planning by effectively using metrics and data to evaluate instruction. She is proactive in seeking out ways to keep our curriculum fresh and updated to promote NCC's goal to prepare students for the 21st-century workforce."

Neal has learned various lessons from her 15 years at NCC and looks forward to the future.

"My horizons have been expanded by my students' diverse perspectives and experiences, which has challenged me to keep learning and growing in order to assist better and guide them on their educational journey," said Neal.

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## Nash schools highlight Advanced Placement achievements

For The Enterprise

RALEIGH — Nash County Public Schools was recognized as one of six districts invited by the College Board to participate in Advanced Placement Day at the North Carolina General Assembly. This North Carolina Advanced Placement Partnership invitation underscores NCPS' leadership in promoting Advanced Placement education, the district said in a Friday news release.

NCPS delegates Robin Griffin, the school system director of accountability, Wendy Hinson, academic and intellectually gifted programs and fine arts coordinator, and Jeff White, executive director of secondary schools, represented the district at the event, where they engaged with lawmakers and discussed the district's impactful AP strategies.

Their discussions with state legislators, including Rep. Allen Chesser, R-Nash, of House District 25 and Sen. Lisa Barnes, R-



Nash County Public Schools' AIG and fine arts coordinator Wendy Hinson, left, Jeff White, the district's executive director of secondary schools, and Robin Griffin, NCPS director of accountability, are pictured in the North Carolina Legislative Building for Advanced Placement Day at the General Assembly. Contributed photo

Nash, of Senate District 11 highlighted the district's advancements in AP education and the state's role in supporting AP initia-

Placement Partnership's Capitol Day "offered NCPS a platform to showcase its dedication to increasing educational opportunities through the enhancement of AP courses," the district's news release says. "This effort has led to a significant rise in AP participation within the district, empowering students to pursue rigorous academic challenges and achieve excellence in their studies."

During their visit, Griffin, Hinson and White thanked officials for legislative support that facilitates access to AP resources, including testing funds, bonuses for AP teachers and backing from the NCAAP.

"Nash County Public Schools is committed to continued collaboration with state officials and stakeholders to further develop its AP offerings, ensuring students are well-prepared for academic and professional success in the future," the release says.

## Sertoma Club honors Louisburg native

The Wake Weekly

The James E. Shepard Sertoma Club has named Wendell Tabb its Educator of the Year.

Tabb, a native of Louisburg, "has exhibited major contributions to the profession, his students, Hillside High School and the overall Durham com-

munity," the club said in presenting the award to Tabb.

The Educator of the Year Award is intended to honor someone who exemplifies the dedication and excellence of Shepard, who was the founder of what is now North Carolina Central University.

Tabb retired in 2022 after 35 years as drama director and theater teacher at Durham's Hillside High School. He produced "Why Mosquitoes Buzz," the school's first cinematic production.

Most recently, Tabb created a play called "State of Urgency" that deals with death by firearms and a range of social justice issues.

"The production had garnered national attention as it explores topics like racism, poverty, colorism, 'no-snitching' codes, and gun violence, witnessing how these issues affect our communities," the club said in presenting the award to Tabb.

For eight consecutive years, Tabb received the N.C. Regional Theatre Conference Excellence in Directing Award.

The Durham High



Wendell Tabb speaks to the James E. Shepard Sertoma Club after receiving its Educator of the Year Award. Reggie Ponder | Restoration NewsMedia

School theater was renamed the John H. Gattis - Wendell Tabb Theater in February 2019, and the stage was named the Wendell Tabb Stage.

Tabb ran unopposed this year for a seat on the school board in Durham County.

He has directed more than 100 plays and has appeared as an actor in

several N.C. Central University productions.

Tabb holds a bachelor's degree in theater education and master's degree in educational administration from N.C. Central University.

The James E. Shepard Sertoma Club has made charitable contributions of \$1.3 million over its 41-year history.

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## Farmer advocates for conservation, federal support

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WILSON — Farmers and legislators came together on Tuesday to voice support for the federal Inflation Reduction Act that's funding climate-smart agricultural practices on North Carolina farms.

Wilson livestock farmer R.C. Hunt, a past president of the National Pork Producers Council, said some \$19.5 billion has been allocated to U.S. Department of Agriculture conservation programs that help farmers address climate change.

Hunt said he's dismantling a Wilson County hog farm that he began some 35 years ago and between Black Creek and Stantonburg.

Hunt was joined by state Rep.-elect Rodney D. Pierce, D-Halifax, and Rep. Eric Ager, D-

Buncombe, at the Wilson Rose Garden for a press conference focusing on the subject.

The farm has produced some 1.5 million pigs for market in its life.

"I don't know what the future of that farm holds, but my goal is to go in there and clean it back up to kind of the way I found it 35 years ago," Hunt said.

During the farm's life, Hunt said he tried to net-work and obtain government funding when available.

"For example, that farm 35 years ago qualified for some cost-share funds, so we were able to get a technical specialist to come in and design that animal waste lagoon to make sure that it was built correctly and reduced any risk of any breaching or having a dam breach," Hunt said. "It was a small amount of money, but it entitled us to build that facility correctly — and that's what we did."

Using cost-share funds, the farm has also received some assistance with composting for waste disposal and fencing to fence off streams, creeks and ditches.

"We have tried very hard to go the extra mile, and we have the opportunity," Hunt said. "There is a very real possibility that we could qualify for some assistance in helping us convert this animal waste lagoon into a freshwater pond, so that is what we are pursuing."

"The climate-smart programs funded by the IRA are invaluable," he added. "These programs benefit North Carolina hog farmers as we seek to preserve our land and reduce our carbon footprint, ensuring we can continue to operate sustainably for generations to come."

Agriculture and agribusiness contributes some \$103 billion to the state's economy annually.

# Good nutrition, food safety vital during pregnancy

**Q** I recently found out I am going to be a grandmother! What information should I share with my daughter about prenatal vitamins and foods to avoid throughout her pregnancy? — PJ, Winterville

**A** Shantell McLagan and Michael Denning are fourth-year Brody medical students, and they wanted to delve into the importance of vitamin supplementation and food safety during pregnancy.

"I have to eat twice as much, for me and my baby." We've all heard this age-old adage voiced by craving pregnant persons. But do expecting parents really need to eat twice as much? And more importantly, what foods best help them remain energized, focused, and healthy during this important time?

Pregnancy is a time of great growth and development, both for the pregnant person and the baby being carried. Ensuring adequate nutrition is crucial during this period, not only for the pregnant person's health but also for the optimal growth of the fetus. While folic acid and iron are well-known essentials in prenatal care, prenatal vitamins encompass a wide range of nutrients vital for maternal well-being and fetal growth.

As a future obstetrician/gynecologist (Shantell) and as a pediatric physician (Michael), we know making sure that new parents and babies are well-nourished and set up for success, both during and after pregnancy and it is our priority. In this article, we will discuss the importance of all nutrients in prenatal vitamins,



KATHY KOLASA

as well as foods to avoid during pregnancy.

Multivitamins, better known as "Prenatals," are jam-packed with nutrients that support the health and development of both baby and parent. The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology provides amazing guidelines and guidance on multivitamins.

It's important to have some facts, especially if you purchase and over-the-counter prenatal. Take only one serving of the prenatal daily. Check the supplement facts label on your bottle.

When considering which multivitamin to take, know each nutrient has its own critical function within the body. Calcium supports bone and teeth development in the fetus and maintains maternal bone density, reducing the risk of developing brittle bones. Vitamin D is essential for calcium and phosphorus absorption and is critical for bone development in pregnant persons and babies. It bolsters the immune system, potentially lowering risks for preterm birth and low birth weight.

Omega-3 Fatty Acids (DHA) are critical for fetal brain and eye development and promote maternal cardiovascular health, potentially decreasing the risks of preterm birth and postpartum depression. Iodine helps with thyroid hormone creation and early fetal brain development.

Low iodine during pregnancy can lead to mental and nerve deficits in the baby.

Vitamin B12 is vital for the baby's nervous system and red blood cell production, and B12



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also sustains maternal energy levels and prevents anemia. Vitamin C is essential for protein synthesis and is necessary for fetal bone, cartilage, and connective tissue development. Vitamin C also boosts the maternal immune system and enhances iron absorption. Vitamin E is an antioxidant that shields cells from damage. Vitamin E supports the immune system and potentially reduces the risk of pre-eclampsia, characterized by high blood pressure during pregnancy.

Zinc supports DNA synthesis and immune function as well; zinc is crucial for normal fetal growth and development. Magnesium is involved in many bodily functions, such as muscle

and nerve function, blood glucose control and bone development. Magnesium regulates blood pressure and potentially reduces risks of preterm birth and low birth weight.

B vitamins (B6, B2, B1, B3, B5) are essential for metabolism, nervous system function, and red blood cell production. B vitamins lower risks of neural tube defects like spina bifida and bolster overall maternal health. Also, ensure choline is present in your vitamin; it plays a critical role in the brain development of fetuses and is often lacking in the diet of adults, especially women.

Pregnancy is a time of heightened awareness about what goes into your body. While

maintaining a balanced diet is essential, there are certain foods pregnant people should avoid to reduce risks of foodborne illnesses that could harm both the pregnant person and baby.

Talk with your health care providers about the right diet and amount of weight gain for you. There are several foods to avoid during pregnancy. Cold-cut deli meats pose a risk of listeria contamination, potentially leading to nausea, vomiting. Thoroughly cook meat, as raw meats may have harmful bacteria. Avoid raw eggs in homemade mayonnaise and other products. Avoid raw sprouts, like beans and alfalfa that may carry bacteria. Unpasteurized (raw) dairy products, such as cheese and milk, carry the risk of harmful bacteria. Choose pasteurized dairy to reduce the risk of infection.

Additionally, certain fish, like bigeye tuna and swordfish, contain high levels of mercury, which can be harmful to the developing fetus. Limit consumption of these fish but be sure to still eat 8-12 ounces of fish especially those rich in omega-3 fatty acids. Limit sugary drinks and drink water to maintain hydration without added sugars. Consider flavoring water with fruit for a refreshing alternative.

With these foods, the goal is to decrease the risk of consuming any substances that may cause harm. While pregnancy is a time of joy and anticipation, it's also a period that demands careful attention to nutrition and food safety. Best wishes to you and your family.

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## TASTEFOOD

# Salmon adds fishy twist to sandwich inspired by bahn mi

**T**his two-fisted sandwich is inspired by a Vietnamese bahn mi. Bahn mi is a fusion of Vietnamese and French cuisines. It comprises a soft baguette layered with meat (often pork or chicken), quick pickles, leafy herbs and chiles, with a generous smear of pate, aioli or mayonnaise.

It's a delectable convergence of contrasts — crunchy, juicy, creamy textures and sweet, salty, spicy flavors — that deservedly nudges this specialty into addictive territory. It also provides enough flexibility in ingredients to appeal to nearly everyone, with perhaps the one fixed rule: Provide plenty of napkins.

This variation jettisons meat and replaces it with a soy- and Sriracha-slicked salmon fillet. Wafer-thin cucumbers and quick pickled carrot and daikon provide crunchy, sweet and sharp freshness. A garlicky, spicy yogurt-mayo sauce lends cool creaminess to every bite. (You can use all mayonnaise if you prefer.) For the bread, choose a wide baguette to contain the fillings or individual sandwich baguettes. Lightly toast the bread to help prevent sogginess from the fillings and lend more crunch to the eating experience.

**SALMON BAHN MI**  
Active time: 30 minutes  
Total time: 30 minutes, plus marinating time  
Yield: Makes 2 sandwiches

**Ingredients:**  
**Marinade:**  
1/4 cup soy sauce  
2 tablespoons packed brown sugar  
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice  
1 tablespoon sesame oil  
1 teaspoon Sriracha  
2 skinless salmon fillets, each 6 to 7 ounces and 3/4 inch thick, pin bones removed  
**Sauce:**  
1 medium carrot, peeled,



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This two-fisted sandwich is inspired by a Vietnamese bahn mi.



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coarsely grated  
1 (3-inch) daikon, peeled, coarsely grated  
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice  
2 tablespoons unseasoned rice wine vinegar  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt  
**Sauce:**  
1/2 cup whole-milk Greek yogurt  
2 tablespoons good-quality mayonnaise  
1 garlic clove, minced or pushed through a press  
1 teaspoon fresh lime juice  
1 teaspoon Sriracha  
Pinch of kosher salt  
1 large baguette, cut into two (5- to 6-inch) center-cut sections (or 2 small sandwich baguettes)  
1 (3-inch) piece of English cucumber, very thinly sliced (1 to 2 jalapeno peppers, thinly sliced, seeded (optional)  
Fresh cilantro sprigs

**Steps:**  
1. Whisk the marinade ingredients in a bowl. Spread the salmon in a snug baking dish or glass container. Pour the marinade over and turn to coat. Transfer the salmon to the refrigerator and let marinate for 30 minutes to 1 hour.  
2. Combine the sauce ingredients in a bowl. Let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally, or refrigerate for longer. When ready to use, drain the vegetables well.  
3. Whisk the sauce ingredients in a small bowl.  
4. When ready to assemble, remove the salmon from the marinade. Place on a rimmed baking sheet and broil until cooked through the center and slightly charred on top, 5 to 7 minutes, rotating the pan once or twice.  
5. Place the bread, cut sides up, on a separate baking sheet or rack and broil until lightly toasted, 1 to 2 minutes.  
6. To assemble, brush both cut sides of the baguette with the sauce. Arrange a layer of cucumber over the bottom, slightly overlapping. Top with a layer of the slaw. Arrange a salmon fillet

over the slaw. Top with jalapenos and cilantro sprigs. Close the sandwich and serve immediately.

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**Tribute**/from A1

Barker said that as of 2024 there are 8,600 missing in action Americans, just over half of who are believed to be lost at sea. Personnel with the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, who Barker worked with while on active duty in France during the 50th anniversary of the D-Day landings at Normandy, are tasked with searching for, identifying and returning home those service members.

Mike Money, an assistant scoutmaster with Troop 9046 and former U.S. Navy field corpsman, said his family has been directly impacted by the work of those who bring

missing in action service members home when his wife's uncle, Buck Pierce, who died in Korea was located more than half a century later.

"When you talk about POWs and MIAs, these are people who gave their lives for us and we're not really sure where they are," Money said. "We are a product of their finding someone."

"He was listed as MIA for 69 years — 69 years. The beauty of this country, and the beauty of the things we're going to talk about today, is that after 69 years her father got a phone call. They found him and they brought him home."

Pierce was interred in



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An audience member at the Pitt County Veterans Council Memorial Day event in Greenville salutes the flag during the singing of the national anthem.

South Carolina two years ago. Money said he felt fortunate to attend the service where he was laid to rest.

"For those of you guys, especially us veterans who

are here, you guys know exactly what I'm talking about," Pierce said. "You never leave someone behind and thank God we have people who are willing to fight for us. Because of that, 69 years later, his body was brought home and he was brought back to his family."

The toll of death still resides with Tresa Dula-Sultan, a former airman and junior vice commander of North Carolina for Disabled American Veterans.

She fulfilled wartime manpower planning duties for campaigns in the Middle East following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. With her role in determining where troops

needed to be allocated, she also had to review the casualty figures.

"I want to give a shout out to us veterans, because people will tell us thank you for our service and some of us will be like no, (Memorial Day) is not our day. Our day is Veterans Day. But you know, for us veterans and active duty, it's just by the grace of God that it could have been any one of us," Dula-Sultan said to agreement from the audience. "For us to be out there, doing it, I think it's fine to say thank you for your service."

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**Korea**/from A1

Adult books focused on Korean history and culture along with cookbooks that association members thought would appeal to everyone. English translations of Korean bestsellers also were donated.

"All the books are in English, but some of the children's books are bilingual, featuring both English and Korean," Song said.

The association plans to continue its book donations, extending to East Carolina University, Pitt Community College, Wintgreen Elementary School, Hope Middle School and other public schools.

"We also plan to hold Korean cultural experience events annually in the future," Song said.

In addition to the taekwondo performance, the group offered face painting and the opportunity to try on traditional Korean costumes.

"We believe that such encounters can positively influence perceptions of Korea and Asians. Sensory experiences like taste and touch tend to create lasting memories," Song said. "We believe that the

fundamental way to overcome and prevent issues like the increase in Asian hate crimes during the COVID-19 pandemic is through familiarity and understanding."

Song said the organization also wants to provide Korean parents who are adapting to life in the United States opportunities to volunteer and connect with American society.

Also with the sponsor organizations, Song said Amber Winstead, the librarian at Sheppard Memorial Children's Library, helped make the event possible.

The Korean Association of Greater Greenville Area was established in 2001 to promote unity and friendship among Koreans living in eastern North Carolina.

There are now more than 200 Koreans residing in the Greenville-Pitt County area, according to the association. It said many Koreans in the community have their own businesses and work in professions such as teaching and health care, reflecting the city's character as a hub for education and medicine.

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**Traffic**/from A1

He, like other speakers, questioned by Evans wants to send construction traffic through a neighborhood so development could begin in the rear of his property.

Ellen Hoj, a planner, said an existing hunter's road runs along the edge of Evans property that could be adapted into a construction road.

The road isn't owned by Evans; it's part of a piece of property that a hunting club leases, Fagundus said.

"It's a good idea. I don't disagree with the idea and we've had that discussion. We don't have the legal ability today to commit to showing that on a legal plat," Fagundus said. "If we can work that out and execute it, it's a good idea. The challenge is the legality." Evans doesn't have the legal authority to use the road.

Ed Conleton, another Ironwood resident, raised concerns about the development sending additional stormwater into the stream and flowing through Ironwood. Conleton showed a number of photographs of erosion along the stream's banks.

Fagundus said development standards are now different when streams are involved. The new

neighborhood will be built with a retention pond to slow down the flow of water.

Hoj also questioned if planning and zoning board members at Tuesday's meeting had the authority to approve the plat since several members were absent including representatives of areas outside Greenville's city limits which are governed by city planning rules.

Assistant City Attorney Philip Dixon said the seven board members who were present had the authority to approve the plat.

Commission Chairman Alan Brock asked Senior Planner Chantae Gooby to explain the procedures the commission needed to take when considering the adoption of denial of a preliminary plat.

Gooby said under the city's ordinance if the board chose to deny a plat it has to explain why it doesn't meet city code.

Brock asked if any commission member believed the plat didn't meet city code and planned to make a motion denying the preliminary plat. When no one spoke, he called for a motion approving the plat.

Commission member Chris West made the motion which was seconded by Falson. The board unanimously approved the plat.

After the meeting, Whitley said

Ironwood residents aren't giving up their fight.

"We are going to do whatever we can do to stop this. We were counting on the commission and they are going to allow their staff to make the decision rather than the commission," Whitley said.

The neighborhood would likely drop the complaint if the developer sought a different construction road, he said.

"They are going to drive their construction equipment through our neighborhood on narrow roads with kids out of the streets and it's purely based on economics. It's cheaper for the developer to do it that way than to do it the right way which would be having a road off (N.C.) 43," Whitley said.

Ironwood's Homeowners Association President Rebecca Jones said her group will track the progress of the development.

"We are going to just try to stay in the information loop and stay up to date on the steps they are taking in trying to clear the environmental impact statement and traffic statements," Jordan said.

During the staff presentation, Gooby said the project has about a dozen reviews it must pass before construction can begin.

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**22 killed by tornadoes over weekend**

**JOHN SEEWER**  
Associated Press

Strong storms with damaging winds and hail pummeled north Texas on Tuesday morning as much of the U.S. recovered from severe weather, including tornadoes, that killed at least 23 people during the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

Widespread power outages were reported in the region, which includes Dallas and Fort Worth, where an oppressive, early-season heat wave added to the misery. Nearly 800,000 customers lacked electricity Tuesday, including close to 390,000 in Dallas County, according to PowerOutage.us.

Destructive storms over the weekend caused deaths

in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri and Kentucky.

Seven people were killed in Cooke County, Texas, from a tornado that tore through a mobile home park Saturday, officials said, and eight deaths were reported across Arkansas.

Two people died in Mayes County, Oklahoma, east of Tulsa, authorities said. The injured included guests at an outdoor wedding. A Missouri man died Sunday after a tree limb fell onto his tent as he was camping.

Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear said at a news conference Monday that five people had died in his state.

A possible tornado damaged a high school and a half-dozen homes in

Pennsylvania on Monday night. No injuries were reported, but school was canceled in Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania, said David Truskowsky, spokesperson for the city's fire department.

Roughly 160,000 homes and businesses lacked electricity Tuesday following the weekend storms in Kentucky, Arkansas, West Virginia and Missouri.

It has been a grim month of tornadoes and severe weather in the nation's midsection.

Tornadoes in Iowa last week left at least five people dead and dozens injured. Storms killed eight people in Houston this month. April had the second-highest number of tornadoes on record in the country.

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DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 192 BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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The Attorney General is also authorized to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to:

The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General of North Carolina c/o Consumer Protection - Utilities, 5001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-5001, utah@ncag.state.nc.us

This the 14th day of May, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY D/B/A DOMINION ENERGY VIRGINIA FOR APPROVAL OF A RATE ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE PURSUANT TO § 56.585.1 A 4 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA CASE NO. PUR-2024-00071

On May 1, 2024, Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Virginia ("Dominion" or "Company"), pursuant to § 56-585.1 A 4 ("Subsection A 4") of the Code of Virginia ("Code"), filed an application ("Application") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for approval of a revised increment/decrement rate adjustment clause designated as Rider T1. Pursuant to § 56-585.1 A 7 of the Code, "the Commission's final order regarding any petition filed pursuant to [Subsection A 4] . . . shall be entered not more than three months . . . after the date of filing of such petition."

Subsection A 4 deems to be prudent, among other things, the "costs for transmission services provided to the utility by the regional transmission entity of which the utility is a member" and "costs charged to the utility that are associated with demand response programs approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission [("FERC")] and administered by the regional transmission entity of which the utility is a member."

The Company has been a member of PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. ("PJM"), a regional transmission entity that has been approved by FERC as a regional transmission organization, since 2005. Dominion, as an integrated electric utility member of PJM, obtains transmission service from PJM and pays PJM charges for such service at the rates contained in PJM's Open Access Transmission Tariff approved by FERC. The Company states that it also pays PJM charges for costs associated with demand response programs approved by FERC and administered by PJM.

In this proceeding, Dominion seeks approval of a revenue requirement for the rate year September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025 ("Rate Year"). This revenue requirement, if approved, would be recovered through a combination of base rates and a revised increment/decrement Rider T1. Rider T1 is designed to recover the increment/decrement between the revenues produced from the Subsection A 4 component of base rates and the new revenue requirement developed from the Company's Subsection A 4 costs for the Rate Year.

The total proposed revenue requirement to be recovered over the Rate Year is \$1,169,592,808, comprising an increment Rider T1 of \$638,238,346, and forecast collections of \$531,354,462 through the transmission component of base rates. This total revenue requirement represents an increase of \$249,440,612, compared to the revenues projected to be produced during the Rate Year by the combination of the base rate component of Subsection A 4 (the Company's former Rider T) and the Rider T1 rates currently in effect. Implementation of the proposed Rider T1 on September 1, 2024 would increase the total monthly bill of a typical residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month by \$3.81.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may adopt rates that differ from those appearing in the Company's Application and supporting documents and may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Application and supporting documents.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on the Company's Application. On June 17, 2024, at 10 a.m., a Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before June 11, 2024, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at www.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting; (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to SCCLink@ecc.virginia.gov; or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at www.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting.

Beginning at 10 a.m., on June 17, 2024, the Hearing Examiner will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

On June 17, 2024 at 10 a.m., or at the conclusion of the public witness portion of the hearing, whichever is later, in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, a Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence offered by the Company, any respondents, and the Commission Staff.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission has directed the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and has required electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

An electronic copy of the Company's Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: David J. DePippo, Esquire, Dominion Energy Services, Inc., 120 Tredegar Street, RS-2, Richmond, Virginia 23218, or david.j.depippo@dominionenergy.com. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: www.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

On or before June 11, 2024, any interested person may submit comments on the Application electronically by following the instructions on the Commission's website: www.virginia.gov/casementcomments/Submit-Public-Comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00071.

On or before June 4, 2024, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission at: www.virginia.gov/dkw/filing. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the small addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. A copy of the notice of participation as a respondent also must be sent to counsel for the Company. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, Participation as a respondent, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, Counsel, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00071.

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Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper, in all other respects, except as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, Copies and format, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

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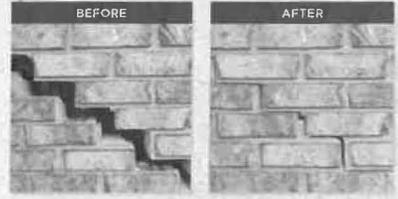
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 8001 Mail Service Center  
 Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-0001  
[JStein@AGO.ncdoj.gov](mailto:JStein@AGO.ncdoj.gov)

This the 14th day of May, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION  
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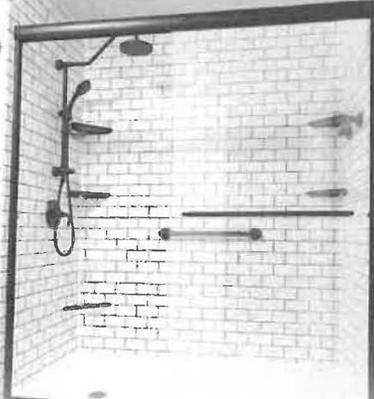
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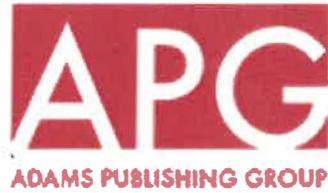
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Jun 13, 2024

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The ad for Dominion Resources did not publish in the Williamston Enterprise on May 30, 2024 or June 6, 2024 because we had major system issues and were down for almost two weeks. I do apologize for the inconvenience. We strive to run all ads as sent.

Sincerely,

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Dear Valued Customer,

On May 14, 2024, the North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC) issued an order scheduling a public witness hearing in Dominion Energy North Carolina's 2023 Integrated Resource Plan docket (Docket No. E-100, Sub 192) on July 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. via Webex.

As part of this order, Dominion Energy is required to provide an electronic copy of the NCUC's Notice of Public Hearing to all customers who receive bills electronically. [You can view the notice here.](#)

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Dominion Energy

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