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November 2, 2022

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

Docket No. E-22, Sub 644

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed please find an Affidavit of Publication, which will serve as proof of publication of the Public Notice as required in ordering paragraph 7 of the Commission 's September 16, 2022 *Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice* ("Order") in the above-referenced docket.

Pursuant to the instructions in ordering paragraph 6 of the September Order, notices were originally published in newspapers having general circulation in Dominion Energy North Carolina's service area once a week for two consecutive weeks beginning with the week of September 25, 2022 (at least 35 days prior to the hearing).

Unfortunately, due to technical errors, the Notice did not run in The Butner Creedmoor News and The Enterprise. A letter of apology from Restoration Newsmedia is included with copies of tear sheets from each of the newspapers in which the public notice ran.

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

Sincerely,

/ s / Lauren W. Biskie

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Enclosures

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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION
(Order #22102DD1)

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

I, Julia Wigginton, Tearsheet Coordinator, hereby certify that a Legal Notice for Dominion Energy Services, Inc, State of NC Utilities Commission Raleigh…Docket No. E-22 SUB 644 was published in the following North Carolina and Virginia newspapers on the dates listed in the year 2022.

Bertie Ledger Advance 9/29/22, 10/6/22

Coastland Times 10/2/22, 10/9/22

Edenton, The Chowan Herald 9/29/22, 10/6/22

Elizabeth City Daily Advance 09/29/22, 10/6/22

Gates County Index 09/29/22, 10/6/22

Hertford Perquimans Weekly 09/29/22, 10/6/22

Martin Co Enterprise (changed name from Williamston Enterprise) 9/29/22, 10/6/22

Nashville Graphic 9/29/22, 10/6/22

Pamlico News 9/28/22, 10/5/22

Plymouth Roanoke Beacon 9/28/22, 10/5/22

Roanoke Chowan News Herald 10/1/22, 10/8/22

Roanoke Rapids Daily Herald 9/29/22, 10/6/22

Rocky Mt Telegram 9/29/22, 10/6/22

Roxboro, The Courier Times 9/29/22, 10/6/22

Spring Hope Enterprise 10/19/22, 10/26/22

The Daily Reflector 9/29/22, 10/6/22

Virginian Pilot 9/28/22, 10/5/22

Julia Wigginton
Signature

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 1st day of November 2022.

My commission expires: 9/30/2024

ADRIANE ANN LONG
NOTARY PUBLIC
REG# 7700455
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 09/30/2024
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

[Notary Public]

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Unfortunately, due to technical errors the following two orders did not run in The Butner Creedmoor News and The Enterprise:

Dominion Resources
Butner Creedmoor & Spring Hope
Butner Creedmoor originally ordered to run on 9/30 & 10/7
rescheduled to run on 10/14 & 10/21
Spring Hope originally ordered to run on 9/28 & 10/5
rescheduled to run on 10/19 & 10/26

We have since corrected all technical errors on our side and feel confident these will not occur in the future.

Thank you in advance for understanding and your patience.

Thank you,

Keven Zepezauer

Keven Zepezauer
President / CEO
Restoration NewsMedia

LOCAL NEWS

Nicole Outlaw assists Bertie businesses

JOHN FOLEY
Staff Writer

Throughout the last three COVID-filled years businesses across the county have struggled to keep the doors open, stores staffed and shelves stocked.

While inventory depletion, supply chain disruption and distribution backlogs whittled away at profits, lack of staff played havoc with the owner's ability to open at all.

While all of these challenges had a serious effect on the economy, many businesses are beginning to see a small degree of normalcy returning. This is true across Bertie County, according to Nicole Outlaw.

A Bertie County native and Bertie High School alum, Outlaw is deeply involved in business across the county. As the program manager of CREATE at the Kenan-Flagler Institute of Private Enterprise, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the mother of four is laser beam focused on growing businesses in Bertie County.

The rise to her current position was unexpected happenstance.

"I first met Mark Little, Executive Director of NCGrowth and Elizabeth Bassnight, Assistant Director of Business Programs, back in 2014 when I was establishing my first business — Rise & Grind Coffeehouse in Windsor, alongside Jasmine Outlaw and Takeyia Hassell," said Outlaw.

Nicole Outlaw

The entrepreneur went on to explain the NCGrowth team helped in creating financial projections and assigned a Kenan-Flagler MBA student, Chris Long, to work with the start-up during Long's spring semester.

That introduction led to Outlaw's current position as program manager.

"CREATE/NCGrowth is a national center helping businesses, governments and other organizations create good equitable jobs, equitable economies and new wealth in distressed communities," said Outlaw.

The center provides technical assistance, produces academic and applies research, while developing innovative policy along with a host of other unique events. CREATE/NCGrowth also includes Anchor Institutions Create Economic Resilience (AICER); SmartUp; Homegrown Tools; and the Black Communities Conference.

Outlaw's passion for business doesn't stop when her NCGrowth day ends.

"I could not travel from county-to-county in our backyard and not share what I know with my people. So, I volunteer my time to the organization I began," said Outlaw.

She gave birth to the Bertie County Small Business Network, (BCSBN) with that in mind.

"I consider starting the network a labor of love. It's a passion project. I love my community. I am proud of the many talented people here. I wanted to help," said Outlaw who started the group in 2021.

The BCSBN is a not-for-profit civic group for small business owners in Bertie and surrounding counties. The organization provides opportunities for training, access to small business resources, and promotes networking events.

While the BCSBN is not part of the NCGrowth program, the BCSBN network is highly representative of the methods used to support businesses in rural and economically distressed communities.

According to Outlaw the organization offers three basic business tools that members may add to their business toolbox, Resources, Collaboration, and Support.

"We provide resources for our members that many businesses need. As a member of the CREATE/NCGrowth team, I have access to organizations and individuals who can provide support and tools for small business success," she said.

Monthly Outlaw invites colleagues to her Business Education Series.

The meeting includes a 20-minute update by local industry professionals sharing information and small business opportunities. The topics include funding, marketing, small business tax tips, content creation tips and other tools the small business owner relies on.

Past guests include Patrick Rodriguez of the Small Business Administration and Dana Newell of Benton Newell Communications. Both speakers offered information from their areas of expertise. In October, network ambassador Jose Taylor will share small business tax tips.

Collaboration is also a primary resource, according to Outlaw.

"Our members connect with other small business owners within our group fostering sales, friendship and business expansion. The BCSBN seeks to serve as a supplemental group for small business owners whether they have a business in the idea phase, or they have been in business for 20 years," explained Outlaw.

One of the goals for the group is to provide a supplemental support system to sustain small business in Bertie.

"If business owners feel supported and see initiatives happening in their neighborhoods, that increases their probability for success," said Outlaw.

According to Outlaw, small businesses in Bertie County are facing many struggles. The three concerns business owners voice most frequently are limited access to storefront space to lease, rent or purchase. Access to capital is the second major challenge and finally, direct support from local government.

"It is my opinion that Small Business in Bertie has the potential to significantly boost our local economy and revitalize the rural communities in our county. However, local investment, time and funding is key. N.C. Commerce and other entities are showing us not only that small business matters but that rural small business matters. We need our local government leaders to continue to seek grant funds and resources that will provide opportunities for small town revitalization. We also must have equitable distribution of those funds," Outlaw said.

Outlaw continues to stress the need for county collaboration and regularly hosts events promoting local businesses. In September BCSBN hosted a Business Professional Services Resource Fair.

On Nov. 26, BCSBN is hosting a Parking Lot Pop Up Shop in Windsor from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 102 Granville Street.

BCSBN meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. on ZOOM.

For more information contact BCSBN by email: bcsbn1@gmail.com, phone: 252-325-8085.

John Foley can be reached via email at jfoley@upgenc.com.

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Call Customer Care: 252-329-9505

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 644

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
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DENC's Full Recovery request, if approved and inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 1.8763 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential customers; 1.8734 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 1.8615 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 1.8039 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; 1.8298 cents per kWh for rate schedule 6VP customers; and 1.8763 cents per kWh for outdoor lighting and traffic customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by $18.76 – an increase of approximately 17%.

DENC's Stepped Mitigation request, if approved and inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers for the period of February 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023: 0.9382 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential customers; 0.9367 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.9308 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.9020 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; 0.9149 cents per kWh for rate schedule 6VP customers; and 0.9382 cents per kWh for outdoor lighting and traffic customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity during this period by $9.38 – an increase of approximately 8%. The Stepped Mitigation approach would then increase to the same per kWh rates for the period of August 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, as those listed above for DENC's Full Recovery request. In its next fuel proceeding (which will be filed next year) the Company intends to propose rates to recover the balance resulting from the use of the Stepped Mitigation approach.

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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 645

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Approval of Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69

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Compared to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENC's request would be an increase of 0.0885 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by $0.89. Small general service and public authority customers would see a DSM/EE rider increase of 0.0718 cents per kWh and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rider increase of 0.0598 cents per kWh.

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COMMUNITY

OBITUARIES

Nancy Griffin Warren

LAUREL, MD - Nancy Griffin Warren passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on September 30, 2022. Nancy was born on March 19, 1944 in Leaksville, NC and grew up in Bertie County, NC, the daughter of Charles Bennett Griffin, Jr. and Gertrude McCollum Griffin.

Funeral services will be held at Grace Episcopal Church in Woodville, NC near her family home on October 22, 2022, at 2:00pm. The family will receive friends after the service at the home of Nancy's brother Johnny Griffin and his wife Claudia at 623 Jack Branch Road.

Nancy graduated as Valedictorian of Bertie High School and after two years attending St. Mary's in Raleigh, NC, graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in Elementary Education, and was a member of the Alpha Sigma chapter of Tri Delta Sorority. She remained a longtime supporter of the University and instilled this is her children. Shortly after receiving her Master's in Education from the University of Maryland, Nancy became a Kindergarten teacher and after first working at Margaret Edmonston Elementary School, took up residence at Montpelier Elementary school in Prince Georges County, MD. Her passion for Montpelier continued beyond teaching as she led the annual Book Fair and fundraising efforts for the PTA. After her retirement from teaching, she took her love for fashion and entertaining and began a second career starting Urquhart Incorporated where she sold Doncaster clothing for over 20 years. Although living in Maryland for over half a century, her heart remained in Eastern North Carolina and Ocracoke Island, NC.

Nancy also had a multiple-decade volunteer career serving in various capacities at St. Philips Episcopal Church, as Chairwoman of the Laurel Medical Society and multiple-term President of Snow Hill Garden Club. Nancy couldn't stay away from teaching forever, later coming back as a long-term substitute Kindergarten teacher at Montpelier Elementary and as an Aqua Aerobics Instructor at Fairland Sports and Aquatics Complex in Laurel, MD. Nancy was an expert gardener, interior decorator, incredible cook, avid Tar Heel basketball fan and beloved wife and mother who cherished her faith, her family, and her friends.

Nancy is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, Dr. William Addison Warren and two children, daughter Eliza Hill Urquhart Warren and son William Addison Warren, Jr. and wife Rebecca Hart Warren. She is also adored by her two grandchildren, Frank and Mary Bond. She is also survived by her brother John McCollum Griffin, his wife Claudia Blackburn Griffin, her sister-in-law Marcia Sawyers Griffin, wife of the late Charles Bennett Griffin, III as well as many precious nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Grace Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 537, Lewiston-Woodville, NC, 27849.

OUT & ABOUT

Out and About lists current events sponsored by non-profit groups and churches in Bertie County. Please send listings to the Bertie Ledger-Advance, 109 South King St., Windsor, NC 27983, or e-mail them to bcboggan@apgenc.com. All events must be submitted by 4 p.m. each Monday.

Oct. 7

NC Stop Human Trafficking is Hosting Fall Fundraiser

GREENVILLE - NC Stop Human Trafficking will host BBQ, Bluegrass & Brew at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 7 at the Barn on Saint Andrews.

The Martin County Ramblers will be providing bluegrass entertainment.

There will also be a silent auction along with barbecue and beer.

NC Stop Human Trafficking is still accepting sponsors for this event and ticket sales continue.

For more information about the event, to buy tickets or become a sponsor, visit www.ncstophumantrafficking.org/2022-bbq-bluegrass-brew.

The Barn on Saint Andrews is located at 400 Saint Andrews Dr. in Greenville.

Oct. 8

Potter's House Giveaway is Set

WINDSOR - The Potter's House is set to have their monthly giveaway 8 a.m. — 12 p.m. on Saturday, October 8.

The giveaway is free to the public.

The Potter's House is located at 841 US Highway 13 North in Windsor.

Oct. 12

National Fossil Day Learning Packet

WINDSOR - The Bertie County Public Library will have packets for children to pick up and learn all about fossils for National Fossil Day.

The Bertie County Public Library is located at 102 Lancaster Ave. in Windsor.

Oct. 13

Interested in Becoming a Master Gardener Open House

WINDSOR – The Bertie County Master Gardeners and the Bertie County Extension Office are hosting an open house at 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 13.

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in festivities, there is a fun list of activities, food and entertainment.

There is also a lot of entertainment for the children. Whether they look forward to the bounce houses, face painting, 360 photo booth, sack races or the cake walks, kids of all ages will enjoy the festivities.

Live entertainment in an array of musical genres will grace the main stage at the festival.

Currently, the entertainment includes Mr. Tunes, Pam Chamblee, along with Tyrone Ruffin and Corey Balance.

"We are very excited to bring back an abbreviated version of our Aulander Peanut Festival after a two-year hiatus due to COVID. We urge everyone to please understand that we are trying to implement this with only about a month to plan," said Aulander Commissioner BObbie Parker. "Again, this will be a condensed version of past Peanut Festival as we are starting out small this year trying to rebuild on past successes. The name has changed to Aulander Harvest Fest, but the intent to provide a fun, family event for our community remains."

The event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8, John Asa Field of Dreams from noon to 4 p.m.

John Foley can be reached via email at jfoley@apgenc.com.

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New Orleans in 2015, while also briefly touching on the deadly events at the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Va. in 2017 and the George Floyd protests of 2020.

In the film, Hunt travels across the South, meeting with supporters and opponents of Confederate monuments.

Some members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans from Monroe, La. saw Confederate statues as war memorials to veterans that had no ties to white supremacy or racism.

One member, Thomas Taylor, emphasized that slavery "wasn't so bad."

"It's just a guy standing on a pedestal," Taylor said of the monuments.

One such monument in New Orleans – shown in the film – explicitly had the words "white supremacy" etched into it. Former KKK Grand Wizard David Duke attempted to stage a rally at said monument in 2004, claiming it was a symbol of "white pride."

The film noted various documents of the Confederacy's founding, state secession records and speech transcripts from Confederate leaders – all of which acknowledged slavery and states' rights to own enslaved people as primary factors for secession and later rebellion.

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Audience members watch a screening of "The Neutral Ground," a documentary film on the removal of Confederate monuments, at Providence Baptist Church in Edenton on Saturday.

One such document, from Louisiana, urges Texas to secede from the Union, saying: "the people of the slave holding States are bound together by the same necessity and determination to preserve African slavery."

A speech from Alexander Stephens, Vice President of the Confederacy, was also read during the film.

The speech includes a line that says: "our new government is founded upon exactly the opposite ideas; its foundations are laid, its cornerstone rests, upon the great truth that the negro is not equal to the white man; that slavery, subordination to the superior race, is his natural and moral condition."

Towards the end of "The Neutral Ground," Hunt mentions the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the group that installed the monument in Edenton.

One scholar from UNC Charlotte, Karen Cox, said that the UDC played a large role in indoctrinating American children for decades during the Jim Crow era, which led to many older Americans to believe that slavery "wasn't so bad" and that the Confederacy was fighting for a noble cause – states' rights.

Thomas Taylor later explained that Union troops got "fancy headstones" in cemeteries, while southern soldiers were "dumped into ditches." He urged the need to remember the deaths of Confederate troops, over 400,000 of whom were drafted.

Bookending the screening event was both song and prayer as well as a panel discussion between Hassan Shukar (1972 graduate from John A. Holmes), Jeremy Collins, J.D. (founding Director of the N.C. Office of Digital Equity) and Mavis Hill (Executive Director of the Tyrrell County Community Development Corporation).

A handful of local leaders and clergy made their way to the church for the screening as well, including Chowan County Commissioner Larry McLaughlin and Edenton town councilmen Roger Coleman, Aaron Costan and Sam Dixon.

James Williams, Board Chair of NC CRED, spoke briefly before the film, acknowledging his upbringing in the Jim Crow South. He said that it was time for Confederate monuments to be "moved from public space and to a place more suitable."

Williams was born in nearby Plymouth in 1961.

"I remember running from KKK members in Plymouth while protesting with Golden Frinks," Williams said.

Frinks, a well-known Civil Rights activist from Edenton, worked closely with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and pushed for nonviolent yet direct action on many issues of equality. His old home, now a historic site, is in Edenton on West Peterson Street.

A few hours before the screening at Providence Baptist, during the weekly protest at Edenton's Confederate monument, counter-protester Millard Bond told a reporter for the Chowan Herald that the town should "move the statue and put it in Golden Frinks' front yard."

Fellow counter-protester Mike Dean later accused those who wanted to relocate Edenton's statue of being "Marxists."

Councilman Coleman previously told the Chowan Herald that he hopes the monument will be relocated by the end of the year. The currently agreed upon location for the statue is Veterans Park on East Queen Street, behind the Chowan County Courthouse.

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RELAY

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an emotional moment when each Luminaria is lit in remembrance of a life touched by cancer. Together, participants take a moment of silence to remember the loved ones they are dedicated to.

When someone makes a donation for a Luminaria, it helps fund the American Cancer Society's mission to save lives.

Frances Hammer, coordinator of this year's local Luminaria, said it will be her last while in charge.

"The event is free to the public but the bags will cost money," Hammer said. "We will be selling bags on the field from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. the day of."

White bags will cost $10 for one or $25 for three, while gold bags cost $25 and torches cost $100, according to Hammer.

"We will put the bags on the home bleachers," Hammer said. "We will also try and fit as many people as we can on the track for a survivor's lap and a caregiver's lap."

A small program with a singer or speaker could be in the works as well.

2022's fundraising goal for the local Relay team was $20,000. However, over $28,000 has already been raised for this season, according to Hammer.

Some donors include the Rocky Hock Ruritan Club, Providence Baptist Church and American Legion Post 40 Family.

The Luminaria is typically the second of three annual events hosted by Relay. The first is an opening ceremony for the year, followed by the Luminaria and concluded with a closing ceremony.

"Typically we do the Luminaria in May, but wanted to wait until October this year," Hammer said.

For more information about the Luminaria or Relay for Life, contact Holley Durham at holley.durham@cancer.org.

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a Task Force Officer for the North Carolina Secretary of State Office and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. He serves as an Executive Board member on the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police, a commissioner on the North Carolina Sentencing Commission and a commissioner on the North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board.

Chief King is a native of Durham.

He has served in the military (United States Marine Corps) and is a North Carolina Central University graduate with a B.S. in Criminal Justice; a graduate and Class President of the N.C. State University Administrative Officers Management Program's 69th Session and a graduate of Boston University – Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police.

"The FBINA is the best experience in my career. The networking and the friendships that I developed will truly last a lifetime," King said. "FBINA by far is the best training that law enforcement can take, however many are called but few are chosen."

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The Chowan County Soil and Water Conservation District are seeking bids for the removal of woody debris from creeks and streams within the county. If you are interested or know someone that may be interested in submitting a bid, contact Jacob Peele, District Technician, for more details at 252-482-4127 x3 or 252-312-9246. Bids will need to be received by 5 p.m. October 24th.

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Approval of Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual demand-side management (DSM) and energy efficiency (EE) cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled to begin immediately following the hearings in Docket Nos. E-22, Subs 643 and 644, which are scheduled to begin on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69 for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for adoption and implementation of new DSM and new EE measures and appropriate incentives. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

On August 9, 2022, DENC filed its application for approval of DSM/EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69. By its application, DENC requests revision to its DSM/EE cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2023. DENC's request, exclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following kilowatt-hour (kWh) charges: 0.1968 cents per kWh for residential customers; 0.1704 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; and 0.1475 cents per kWh for large general service customers. No DSM/EE rate rider would be applicable to rate schedules 6VP, NS, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers. In addition, industrial and large commercial customers that have, under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9, opted out of and never participated in DENC's DSM and EE programs are not subject to the rider.

Compared to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENC's request would be an increase of 0.0885 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by $0.89. Small general service and public authority customers would see a DSM/EE rider increase of 0.0718 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rider increase of 0.0598 cents per kWh.

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Superior Court on behalf of six plaintiffs. This lawsuit claims that voting restrictions in the enabling legislation will be discriminatory against voters of African American and American Indian status.

A panel of judges later held a trial, and in September 2021 a majority struck down the law, saying it intentionally discriminated against Black voters. In early 2022, via 4-3 decision, the NC Supreme Court agreed to hear the case, as well as Harper v. Hall.

The plaintiffs said in a written statement in July that an expedited argument date – such as September – would help both officials and voters "prepare for future elections without the risk of voter confusion and disenfranchisement."

An order filed and signed by Senior Associate Justice Robin Hudson granted the request, citing "the great public interest in the subject matter of this case, the importance of the issues to the constitutional jurisprudence of this state, and the need to reach a final resolution on the merits at the earliest possible opportunity."

It should be noted that the 4-3 decision in early 2022 was down party lines, according to the justices' registered party affiliations.

Newby, supported by the other two Republicans on the court, wrote previously that the "majority expedites the hearing of a case where no jurisprudential reason supports doing."

A lawsuit at the federal level that sees the same voter ID law challenged is currently pending and could become irrelevant if the N.C. Supreme Court upholds the trial court's earlier decision.

Other arguments heard on Monday included West, et al. v. Hoyle's Tire & Axle, LLC, et al. – considering death benefits under the N.C. Workers' Compensation Act and State v. Maderkis Deyawn Robinson – a criminal case concerning waiver of constitutional right to jury trial.

Arguments continued into Tuesday, where the court heard the case Harper, et al. v. Hall, et al. on the issue of newly drawn legislative maps and whether they are the result of "extreme partisan gerrymandering."

A previous state Supreme Court ruling confirmed new districts for the 2022 election cycle. However, those critical of the Republican-led General Assembly's remedial maps for state House and Senate races have continued to press challenges against the redistricting.

Some North Carolina legislators took issue with a court-drawn map for congressional elections.

The other case in which oral arguments were heard on Tuesday was Cedarbrook Residential Center, Inc. et al. v. N.C. Department of Health & Human Resources – dealing with sovereign immunity.

In rank and file fashion, visitors with tickets to view the proceedings funneled in and out of the courthouse's Georgian doors over the course of the two days, eager to get a glimpse into the workings of the state's highest court.

Arguments were live streamed across Monday and Tuesday, for those not in attendance.

Before the session kicked off, the justices toured Edenton on Sunday, taking part in a cocktail party at the Penelope Barker House, dinner at a private residence and a candlelight dessert at the Cupola House.

"Members of the court so enjoy our time here," Newby said. "The folks of Edenton could not be more hospitable. We are always warmly received. We thank all the folks who have worked so hard to make our visit special."

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SUSPECT

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wanted in Philadelphia after allegedly beating and sexually assaulting a 71-year-old woman in her home.

According to Philadelphia police, Downing entered the victim's home through an unlocked front door. At the time, he was screaming for help, which police said was a "ruse" to enable him to commit the crime.

Downing first demanded money from the victim. When she offered jewelry instead of money, he repeatedly punched her in the head and back, as well as choked her, Philadelphia Police Department Capt. James Kearney said.

During the beating, Downing allegedly forced the woman to take off her clothes. He then dragged her up and down the stairs while beating her, then sexually assaulted her, police said.

The victim eventually managed to fight him off.

"He repeatedly told her he was going to kill her, and she told my investigators that she is a strong woman who will survive, and she did. She has my respect, and today I think she's a hero," Kearney said.

After the assault, Downing fled in the victim's gray 2014 Toyota Corolla with her cellphone and credit cards, according to police.

The Chowan County Sheriff's Office, after investigating the stolen vehicle in Edenton, provided the information from their investigation to Philadelphia police to obtain warrants on Downing.

At 10:51 p.m. Monday, a citizen utilized the "See Something, Say Something" model and EPD took Downing into custody safely.

"This is just another example of unity, especially when our citizens and law enforcement work together. Working together in unity can establish a crime-free community," said Edenton Police Chief Henry A. King Jr.

Downing has been charged with multiple felonies, including aggravated assault, rape, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, robbery, burglary, strangulation, Unlawful Restraint, Sexual Assault, Criminal Trespass, false imprisonment and theft. Misdemeanors include terroristic threats, indecent assault, simple assault, recklessly endangering another person, unauthorized use of auto and criminal mischief.

Downing received no bond and is awaiting extradition.

Chowan County Sheriff Scooter Basnight said he was proud of the coordination between his office and EPD.

"I am very proud of the work of my deputies and the cooperation between our two agencies," Basnight said. "This is proof of what can be accomplished when law enforcement has the support of the community we serve."

King echoed similar thoughts.

"I would like to thank the Chowan County Sheriff's Office for all their hard work and dedication involving this case," King said. "I look forward to our continued partnership in providing excellent customer service and combating crime in our town and Chowan County."

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Dare commissioners deal with roads, grants

By Mary Helen Goodloe-Murphy
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Dare County commissioners voted unanimously to permanently close the paved portion of Seagull Street in Rodanthe.

Oceanfront property owners in Mirlo Beach Subdivision requested the closure to grant property owners the ability of move oceanfront houses westward toward NC 12. The moves are to mitigate damages from erosion and storm events.

On Sept. 6, 2022, the commissioners held a public hearing at which no person offered comment.

The commissioners also passed a resolution recommending that Concord Court in Arbor Way, Phase 1, in Manteo be added to NCDOT's secondary road system. Five property owners signed the required petition.

By resolutions, the commissioners appointed Dare County Sheriff's Captain Jack Scarborough as liaison with the Governor's Highway Safety program and accepted a grant award of $25,000 for equipment from the Governor's Highway Safety program.

The commissioners agreed to forward a request to the Dare County Tourism Board for $200,000 in matching funds for a federal grant for building 4.41 miles of concrete pathway along NC 12 in Frisco and Buxton. The request came from the Frisco-Buxton Pathway and Outer Banks National Scenic Byway Dare County Committees.

This first section of the proposed pathway would run along the oceanside of NC 12 from Cape Hatteras Secondary School in Buxton to Piney Ridge Road in Frisco.

MH. GOODLOE-MURPHY PHOTO

Seagull Street in Rodanthe's Mirlo Beach subdivision was permanently closed by Dare County's Board of Commissioners at the request of oceanfront property owners, who are now in a position to move houses back from the ocean. Seagull Street runs parallel to the remnant portion of NC 12 at the north end of Rodanthe.

Proposal, from 1A

sliding fee scale based on ability to pay. The composition of the centers' board of directors is 51% patients.

He again explained the centers' integrated care model that stresses quality not quantity, spending time with a doctor and providing physical, mental and dental health care.

And, he told the commissioners that the goal is not to take away, but to "bring providers to enhance medical services."

One doctor who will switch to Manteo is already working in Engelhard. Another doctor is also lined up. "The model," said Rockenstein, "is a big attraction." Three more doctors are interested.

Rockenstein said "we don't have a building yet."

The medical center would operate five days a week and look at what's appropriate to provide additional times, such as extended hours or Saturday operation.

At the board's Sept. 21, 2022 meeting, the commissioners were also introduced to the adopted organization chart for the task force. Randy Fenninger made the presentation for the task force, saying the new health center is a "very important beginning."

He said "the goal of the task force is to look beyond" and prevent gaps in health care. "We need to look mid-term and long-term," said Fenninger.

Four committees are created: Patient Care, Recruitment and Retention, Facilities and Project Funding. The chairs of these committees, respectively, are Kevin Phillips, Fenninger, Jim Tobin and Tod Chissold. The chairs will form an executive council. Subcommittees are set up to involve more people in the community.

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Chief, from 1A

the town's interim chief. In addition to his experience with Nags Head, Hale spent eight years with the Town of Kill Devil Hills.

"During his tenure in Nags Head, Chief Hale has directly supervised all the Town's police divisions, including Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Animal Control, and Administration," stated a Town of Nags Head press release. "He has taken a lead role in emergency management and response, internal security, special events, departmental training, and interagency coordination efforts."

Hale is originally from Aulander in Bertie County. In 2017, he completed the administrative officers management program at North Carolina State University.

"Chief Hale has dedicated his career to this community. Through his twenty plus years of local law enforcement service, he has developed relationships with partner agencies and community leaders and built trust with our citizens and departmental staff. He also understands the Town's values and our unique issues," said Garman. "Chief Hale has proven to be an honest, supportive, and inspiring leader. Perry is also proactive and operates with a sense of urgency, which is a requirement to provide the service our community deserves. I look forward to continuing to work with Perry and wish him the best of luck."

"I've been fortunate to spend all of my law enforcement career on the Outer Banks," said Hale. "Nags Head benefits from a well-trained and professional police force thanks to long-standing support from our elected officials and staff. To be honest, while I am honored to be selected for the chief's position, I am even more excited to lead the great group of men and women who make up our Police Department. Together, we are motivated to keep Nags Head a safe place to live and visit."

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 645

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Approval of Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69) PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual demand-side management (DSM) and energy efficiency (EE) cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled to begin immediately following the hearings in Docket Nos. E-22, Subs 643 and 644, which are scheduled to begin on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69 for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for adoption and implementation of new DSM and new EE measures and appropriate incentives. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

On August 9, 2022, DENC filed its application for approval of DSM/EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69. By its application, DENC requests revisions to its DSM/EE cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2023. DENC's request, exclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following kilowatt-hour (kWh) charges: 0.1963 cents per kWh for residential customers; 0.1704 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; and 0.1475 cents per kWh for large general service customers. No DSM/EE rate rider would be applicable to rate schedules 6VP, NS, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers. In addition, industrial and large commercial customers that have, under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9, opted out of and never participated in DENC's DSM and EE programs are not subject to the rider.

Compared to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENC's request would be an increase of 0.0865 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by $0.89. Small general service and public authority customers would see a DSM/EE rider increase of 0.0718 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rider increase of 0.0598 cents per kWh.

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Series 2023B limited obligation bonds call for the construction of a new youth center in the Town of Manteo and the construction, renovation and improvements to county Emergency Medical Services stations located in Manteo, Frisco and Manns Harbor.

The Series 2023A bonds are expected to have a maximum principal amount of $9,277,000.

In making the request, finance director David Clawson told the commissioners that this series of bonds will likely be issued in February 2024 due to the Local Government Commission's calendar.

Dare County received its 31st certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting. Clawson accepted the plaque from board Chairman Robert L. Woodard. Assistant finance director Sally DeFosse was presented with an award of financial reporting achievement. She was instrumental in preparing the county's annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year 2021.

In planning matters, the commissioners approved a special use permit for Elizabeth Shifflett to operate a four-day a week childcare facility in the Manteo Faith Baptist Church located at 1097 Burnside Road in Manteo. The property is zoned RS-8 and childcare facilities as an accessory use of an existing church are permitted subject to special use permit review. The permit approval for the Little School of Fish Child Care Facility was unanimous.

The commissioners also set a date for a public hearing on a text amendment to add pet crematorium to the list of permitted uses in the R-2B zoning district, which is mapped only in Colington. The amendment is requested by Pam Anderson. The hearing is set for the board's next regular meeting on Nov. 7, 2022.

The board approved a resolution proclaiming Fire Prevention Week. The theme for the Oct. 9-15, 2022, Fire Prevention Week is "Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape."

The resolution "urges all citizens to plan and practice a home fire escape and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Dare County and surrounding area fire and emergency services."

The commissioners approved the following items in the Oct. 5 consent agenda:

- A memorandum of agreement allowing Dare Emergency Medical Services to use the Town of Kill Devil Hills fuel pumps, resulting in a cost savings to the county over travel to the county fuel pumps and over retail purchases.
- A budget amendment for additional SNAP funds given to counties to support efforts of administering the Food and Nutrition Service program due to workload increases that counties experienced as a result of increased food insecurity due to the pandemic. These funds were allocated based on FNS caseloads. The amendment shows $19,201.71 of 100% federal funds going to the county's division of social services.
- The purchase of a replacement VHF paging system for the Dare County Emergency Operations Center.

Service and support of the current operating system ended Dec. 13, 2020. Dare County elected to use the stored spare parts. As of Sept. 14, 2022, all spare parts and equipment have been used to fix the aging system.

The commissioners approved a resolution authorizing county manager Robert L. Outten to enter into a contract in the amount of $418,044 with Motorola for the sole source purchase of a VHF paging system for Emergency Operations Center.

During public comment, Rev. Spottswood Graves read a pastoral statement signed by 12 members of the North Dare Ministerial Association addressing the impacts of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision regarding Roe v. Wade announced this summer.

Willo Kelly, chief executive officer of the Outer Banks Association of Realtors, introduced Donna Creef as the new government affairs director for the association. Creef retired from her position as Dare County planner in January of this year. Accompanying Kelly and Creef was Rosemarie Doshier, who chairs the association's Government Affairs Committee.

During a comment period, commissioner Steve House reported that the Division of Marine Fisheries was studying what can be done about the invasive blue catfish species and will develop some kind of plan. The issue of blue catfish was raised by Alano Harrison at the last board meeting. House also commented on the closure of the striped bass fishery in the Albemarle Sound.

Commissioner Rob Ross toured Rodanthe with Dave Hallac, superintendent of the National Parks of Eastern North Carolina. The duo looked at the beachfront homes threatened by erosion. "I don't know what the answer is," said Ross.

Outten, in his report, said multiple meetings with all stakeholders have been held to try to make all the rules work together to address the Rodanthe oceanfront erosion situation. The county is looking for grant opportunities.

Outten asked for and received approval to accept a $416,354 grant for the Dare County Sheriff's Office to set up and operate for three years a task force on human trafficking.

A change in cost share percentage for dredging was enacted by the General Assembly. In times past, the county was required to pay one-third of the cost of a project. The percentage has changed to 25%. The commissioners adopted a resolution to change documents regarding the dredge the Miss Katie to reflect the lower percentage.

Dorothy Hester, the county's public information officer, passed on a compliment from Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company, which completed beach nourishment projects in Buxton, Avon and Nags Head this past summer. The company workers have never seen a community embrace a project like locals and visitors did here, reported Hester.

Hester said Emergency Management has acquired a drone purchased through a grant. So far, 18 Dare employees in various departments are learning to operate the equipment. A federal test is required.

The redesign of the county's website is moving forward and Hester anticipates launch at the end of November or early December. The website address will change to darenc.gov.

In his comments, Clawson announced the receipt of $323,123 in rescue plan monies intending to supplement the $250,000 payment in lieu of taxes from the National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife. The funds come with all the rules in place and no deadline for spending.

The board held a closed-door meeting. The commissioners provided guidance to county attorney Outten regarding McKenzie, one of the firms involved in opioid settlement negotiations and the Blackburn case about the county's two-month COVID-19 closure starting March 27, 2020. Additionally, the commissioners gave direction about acquiring a piece of property.

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

The following is a list of the days on which the Dare County Board of Elections will meet to approve the applications for absentee ballots for the General Elections to be held on November 8, 2022, pursuant to G.S. 163-230.1(f).
The meetings will be held in the meeting room of the Dare County Board of Commissioners located at 954 Marshall C. Collins Drive, Manteo NC. Any other business may be conducted by the Board at these times.

2:00 P.M.	Tuesday	October 4, 2022
2:00 P.M.	Tuesday	October 11, 2022
2:00 P.M.	Tuesday	October 18, 2020
2:00 P.M.	Tuesday	October 25, 2022
2:00 P.M.	Tuesday	November 1, 2022
2:00 P.M.	Monday	November 7, 2022 (Pre-Election)
2:00 P.M.	Tuesday	November 8, 2022 (Election Day)
10:00 A.M.	Monday	November 17, 2022 (Supplemental Provisional)
11:00 A.M.	Friday	November 18, 2022 - CANVASS

Approved this 10th day of August, 2022

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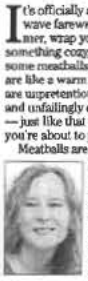
Try braised lamb meatballs for fall

It's officially autumn, so wave farewell to summer, wrap yourself in something cozy, and make some meatballs. Meatballs are like a warm hug. They are unpretentious, homey and unfailingly comforting — just like that sweater you're about to pull on.

Meatballs are also universally pleasing. Most cuisines seem to have a version of a meatball, with "meat" being the variable term. The iterations are numerous and diverse, yet consistent: from the traditional messy marriage of beef and pork, to fishy concoctions such as Danish fiskefrikadeller or Brazilian bolinho de bacalhau, to vegetarian no-meatballs constructed of lentils and beans. Falafel, anyone?



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The common denominator in these finger-licking morsels is a marriage of flavor and economy; they are an efficient and tasty way to stretch meat and repurpose trimmings and leftovers, while landing in a favorite comfort food group for adults and children alike. Everyone, it seems, loves a good meatball.

These are of the meaty ilk. They are lamb-heavy with a little beef added to keep the lamb in check. An unapologetic shower of spices and herbs delivers a whammy of flavor and fragrance, while a nugget of salty, creamy feta tucked into the centers oozes cheesy goodness throughout the meat. Fall never tasted so good.

Braised Lamb Meatballs in Smoky Tomato Sauce

Active Time: 30 minutes
Total Time: 1 hour, plus chilling time
Yield: Makes about 20 meatballs; Serves 4 to 6

Meatball Ingredients:

1 ½ pounds ground lamb
½ pound ground beef
¼ cup finely chopped yellow onion
¼ cup panko breadcrumbs (Japanese breadcrumbs)
¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro leaves and tender stems, plus more for garnish
2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint
3 garlic cloves, minced or pushed through a press
1 teaspoon sweet paprika
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon ground coriander
1 teaspoon kosher salt
½ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
3 to 4 ounces feta, cut into ½-inch cubes, plus more for garnish

Sauce Ingredients:

1 tablespoon olive oil
¼ cup finely chopped yellow onion
2 garlic cloves, minced or pushed through a press
2 tablespoons tomato paste
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon ground coriander
½ teaspoon smoked paprika
1 (15-ounce) can crushed tomatoes with juices
2 large roasted red peppers from a jar, drained and finely chopped
1 tablespoon harissa sauce (or chili paste)
1 teaspoon kosher salt, or to taste
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Steps:

Combine all the meatball ingredients except the feta in a bowl. Using your hands, gently mix until the ingredients are evenly distributed without overworking the meat.

Shape the meat into 1 ½- to 2-inch balls. Make a small indentation in the center of each with your thumb and insert a feta cube, then close the meat around to seal it. Place the meatballs on a plate, cover with plastic wrap, and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.

Heat the oven to 350 degrees.

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large ovenproof skillet over medium-high heat. Add the meatballs in batches, without overcrowding, and brown on all sides, turning as needed, 5 to 7 minutes. (The meatballs will not be cooked through at this point. They will continue to cook in the sauce.) Transfer to a plate and repeat with the remaining meatballs.

Pour off all but 2 tablespoons drippings from the pan. Add the onion and saute until soft, scraping up any brown bits, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the garlic and saute until fragrant, about 15 seconds. Stir in the tomato paste, cumin, coriander and paprika and stir to create a slurry and to slightly toast the spices. Add the remaining sauce ingredients and simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Return the meatballs to the sauce without completely submerging. Place in the oven and cook until the meatballs are thoroughly cooked, 20 to 30 minutes.

Serve warm, garnished with crumbled feta and chopped fresh cilantro leaves.

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Read plant-based labels carefully

With as many as 1 in 5 adults who had COVID developing long COVID, it is smart to get your vaccine and booster, eat healthy, be physically active, wash your hands often and wear a mask.

Q I see lots of foods claiming to be "plant-based." What does that mean on a food label or in an advertisement?
ME, Greenville

A I too have noticed boxes and cans of food that never before were labeled "plant-based" with those words boldly on the label. That's a sure sign that the marketers think you are more likely to buy their products than the food without it. Haley Bowen, a senior in East Carolina University's Dietetics program will discuss further.

The number of products that are labeled plant-based has been growing exponentially in the last year. It's important to say that there are lots of food items, like canned plain green beans, frozen peaches, canned nuts and beans that are plant-based even though they are not labeled as "plant-based."

KATHY KOLASA

If you follow an eating pattern like MyPlate or DASH, Mediterranean, vegetarian or vegan that has more than half the plate filled with plant-based foods, you may help in reducing your risks for conditions like heart disease and diabetes. If you already have diabetes or high blood pressure, eating plant-based foods may help manage your health condition — if the plant foods you eat are from whole plants and seeds and nuts.

Many foods labeled "plant-based," especially those that are made to look like hamburgers or sushi, chicken tenders or cheese might not be any better for your health than the real thing. Importantly, they might not provide the same nutrients as the food they are trying to look like. These products attempt to mimic the flavor and texture of animal protein but may be made with soy or a variety of grains or vegetables.

Now, you may be wondering what a plant-based food item really is. Well, plant-based food is any food that does not come from an animal and does not have animal ingredients added to it. Take a can of navy beans with tomato sauce with only sugar, salt and starch added. It is plant-based. But when you add an animal ingredient with small chunks of salt pork or rendered pork fat added, some people would say it is no longer plant-based. But another person might say it still is because more than half of the contents of that can come from plant foods.

What this means is that there is no legal definition of plant-based. Those who are vegetarian or vegan might say that foods that come from animals include dairy, meat, poultry and seafood and eggs and are not plant-based. However, it is clear that food groups like fruits and vegetables as well as nuts, legumes or beans, and even products made using whole grains are plant-based. In addition, all the many types of seeds as well as oils such as olive oil are considered plant-based foods.

Are you confused? You can build a vegetarian plant-based diet that has all the major nutrients: carbohydrates, fat and protein — and it might be healthier, but it depends on what the ingredients are. Plant-based foods usually have fewer of the nutrients that we want to keep out of our diet such as saturated fat, which contributes, for example, to heart disease. And plant-based foods usually have more of the nutrients that we need like dietary fiber.

At home, you can make easy swaps to eat more foods that are plant-based. You can replace butter, margarine or lard with oils made from a vegetable when cooking. You could eat more beans for your protein instead of beef, pork, poultry or fish. You could even switch from your regular cow's milk to almond milk in your morning cup of coffee or in a smoothie.

Use the ingredient list and the Nutrition Facts labels on the food packages — they are legal guides — to know if you are getting the nutrients in the ingredients in the plant-based foods and drinks you need. If you decide to use plant-based milk instead of cow's milk, make sure you get the calcium and vitamin D you need.

One of our nutrition colleagues encourages her patients and consumers to skip alternative plant-based meats. Instead learn to enjoy the wonderful flavors and textures of real, whole foods. Or just eat smaller portions and less of those animal foods with saturated fat and dietary cholesterol.

Surveys show that about half of the people who pick the products labeled "plant-based" do so for health reasons. About 1 in 3 like the taste. And about 1 in 5 are hoping it will benefit the environment and sustainability of the food supply. Regardless of your reason, make sure you get all the nutrients you need to be healthy.

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Regrow vegetables from scraps

BY JESSICA DAMIANO
The Associated Press

Gardening naturally lends itself to reusing and recycling — just think about compost and last year's seed trays. So if there's a way to reduce trash while saving money on produce, you can count me in. And one of my favorite ways to do both is to regrow vegetables from kitchen scraps.

Instead of throwing away or composting the bottoms (or tops) of vegetables when preparing them, you can grow them into leafy greens and other tasty tidbits right on your windowsill.

Before I go any further, it's important to point out that these methods aren't likely to produce plants that will grow well in your garden, so I don't recommend replacing your seedlings in this manner. But they are likely to yield a side dish or two, and you can never underestimate the value of a fun project.

General tips: Scraps will grow best in a sunny spot. Use lukewarm water, and replace it every day or two to avoid the growth of bacteria. Don't worry if the submerged portion of your cuttings becomes a bit slimy, but if the whole thing starts to turn brown, toss it in the compost pile and start over.

Beets

My favorite thing about beets is that one plant provides two sides dishes – the tuberous root and the tasty greens. Although you can't regrow a beetroot indoors from a cutting, you can certainly generate more leafy greens. Cut off the top 1 ½ inches from a beetroot and place it outside down in a dish that contains just enough water to keep the sliced end submerged. New leaves will sprout from the top within a few days, and you can start harvesting them in a couple of weeks. (This method also works with parsnips and turnips).

Celery

Cut 3 inches off the bottom of a head of celery, then slice a sliver off the very bottom of the 3-inch segment. Place it right-side up in a shallow container and pour in 2 inches of water. New growth will sprout from the center in just a few days.

Scallions and leeks

Trim the entire white portion off the bottom of a leek or scallion stalk, then place it root-side-down in a jar or glass holding an inch of water. If the stalk outgrows the jar, move it to a larger one. New growth will be harvestable in a couple of weeks.

Romain lettuce

Cut 3 inches off the bottom of a head of romaine lettuce, then remove its outermost leaves. Place the 3-inch "heart" in a shallow container to which you've added one-half inch of water. Within a week, a sprout will emerge from its center. As it grows, it's normal for some of the heart's outer leaves to turn brown. Remove them. When the center growth is large enough for a salad (or sandwich), trim it off and enjoy – then wait for more to grow.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 644

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual fuel charge adjustment cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 643, which is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55 for the purpose of determining whether an increase or decrease rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudently incurred fuel and fuel related costs. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

On August 9, 2022, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55. By its application, DENC requests a change in its fuel charges effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2023. Due to the significance of the under recovery of its fuel costs during the Test Period and recognizing the impact of such a proposed increase in fuel rates upon customers during the Rate Year, DENC proposes two rate adjustments for the Commission's consideration: a Full Recovery rate and a Stepped Mitigation rate.

DENC's Full Recovery request, if approved and inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 1.8761 cents per kilowatt- hour (kWh) for residential customers; 1.8794 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 1.8615 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 1.8039 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; 1.8298 cents per kWh for rate schedule 6VP customers; and 1.8763 cents per kWh for outdoor lighting and traffic customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by $18.76 – an increase of approximately 17%.

DENC's Stepped Mitigation request, if approved and inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers for the period of February 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023: 0.9382 cents per kilowatt- hour (kWh) for residential customers; 0.9367 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.9308 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.9020 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; 0.9149 cents per kWh for rate schedule 6VP customers; and 0.9382 cents per kWh for outdoor lighting and traffic customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity during this period by $9.38 – an increase of approximately 8%. The Stepped Mitigation approach would then increase to the same per kWh rates for the period of August 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, as those listed above for DENC's Full Recovery request. In its next fuel proceeding (which will be filed next year) the Company intends to propose rates to recover the balance resulting from the use of the Stepped Mitigation approach.

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

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

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

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

Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under 20 with Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Wednesday, October 19, 2022. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Wednesday, October 19, 2022.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

This the 16th day of September, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk

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SPORTS

TV Listings

AUTO RACING

10:55 p.m.
ESPNEWS — Formula 1: Practice, Suzuka International Racing Course, Suzuka, Japan

1:55 a.m. (Friday)
ESPN2 — Formula 1: Practice, Suzuka International Racing Course, Suzuka, Japan

COLLEGE SOCCER (MEN'S)

10:30 p.m.
PAC-12N — Stanford at Washington

COLLEGE SOCCER (WOMEN'S)

6 p.m.
ACCN — Virginia Tech at Miami

6:30 p.m.
PAC-12N — Arizona at Southern Cal

7 p.m.
SECN — LSU at Texas A&M

8 p.m.
ACCN — Florida St. at Virginia

8:30 p.m.
PAC-12N — Oregon at Utah

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)

8 p.m.
BTN — Nebraska at Michigan St.

GOLF

8 a.m.
GOLF — DP World Tour: The Open de España, First Round, Club de Campo Villa de Madrid, Madrid

5 p.m.
GOLF — PGA Tour: The Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, First Round, TPC Summerlin, Las Vegas

9 p.m.
GOLF — LPGA Tour: The Mediheal Championship, First Round, The Saticoy Club, Somis, Calif. (Taped)

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

8 p.m.
ESPNU — Zachary (La.) at Woodlawn (La.)

HORSE RACING

12:30 p.m.
FS2 — [illegible], America's Day at the Races

NBA BASKETBALL

12 p.m.
NBATV — Preseason: Milwaukee vs. Atlanta, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

7:30 p.m.
ESPN — Preseason: Miami at Brooklyn

10 p.m.
ESPN — Preseason: Minnesota vs. LA Lakers, Las Vegas

NBA G LEAGUE BASKETBALL

3 p.m.
ESPN2 — Preseason: Metropolitans 92 at G League Ignite

NFL FOOTBALL

8:15 p.m.
PRIME VIDEO — Indianapolis at Denver

NHL HOCKEY

7 p.m.
NHLN — Preseason: New Jersey at NY Islanders

SOCCER (MEN'S)

10 a.m.
CBSSN — UEFA Champions League: [illegible] (Taped)

TENNIS

6 a.m.
TENNIS — Tokyo-ATP, Nur-Sultan-ATP, Ostrava-WTA, Monastir-WTA Early Rounds

10 p.m.
TENNIS — Tokyo-ATP, Nur-Sultan-ATP, Ostrava-WTA, Monastir-WTA Quarterfinals

6 a.m. (Friday)
TENNIS — Tokyo-ATP, Nur-Sultan-ATP, Ostrava-WTA, Monastir-WTA Quarterfinals

Auto Racing

NASCAR Points Leaders

Through Oct. 2

1. Chase Elliott, 3100
2. Ryan Blaney, 3101
3. Ross Chastain, 3087
4. Denny Hamlin, 3090
5. Kyle Larson, 3087
6. Joey Logano, 3087
7. Daniel Suárez, 3061
8. Austin Cindric, 3069
9. Chase Briscoe, 3003
10. William Byron, 3058
11. Christopher Bell, 3036
12. Alex Bowman, 2015
13. Tyler Reddick, 2133
14. Austin Dillon, 2100
15. Kyle Busch, 2089
16. Kevin Harvick, 2071
17. Martin Truex Jr., 880
18. Erik Jones, 727
19. Bubba Wallace, 678
20. Aric Almirola, 663
21. Chris Buescher, 631
22. Justin Haley, 615
23. Michael McDowell, 582
24. Brad Keselowski, 541
25. Cole Custer, 537
26. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., 506
27. Kurt Busch, 486
28. Harrison Burton, 483
29. Todd Gilliland, 474
30. Ty Dillon, 414
31. Corey LaJoie, 379
32. Cody Ware, 276
33. David Ragan, 38
34. Noah Gragson, 53
35. Greg Biffle, 24
36. Jacques Villeneuve, 15
37. Boris Said, 11
38. Kyle Tilley, 8
39. Mike Rockenfeller, 7
40. Daniel Suárez, 2
41. Kimi Räikkönen, 1

Baseball

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	99	62	.615	–
y-Toronto	91	70	.565	8
y-Tampa Bay	86	75	.534	13
Baltimore	83	78	.516	16
Boston	77	84	.478	22

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	91	70	.565	–
Chicago	81	80	.503	10
Minnesota	77	84	.478	14
Detroit	66	95	.410	25
Kansas City	65	96	.404	26

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Houston	105	56	.652	–
y-Seattle	89	72	.553	16
Los Angeles	73	88	.453	32
Texas	67	94	.416	38
Oakland	59	102	.366	46

x-clinched division
y-clinched wild card

Tuesday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 5, Texas 4, 1st game
Cleveland 5, Kansas City 3
Boston 6, Tampa Bay 0, 1 innings
Seattle 7, Detroit 6, 10 innings, 1st game
Texas 3, N.Y. Yankees 2, 2nd game
Chicago White Sox 8, Minnesota 3
Houston 10, Philadelphia 0
Oakland 2, L.A. Angels 1, 10 innings
Seattle 9, Detroit 6, 2nd game
Toronto at Baltimore, ppd.

Wednesday's Games
Baltimore 5, Toronto 4, 1st game
L.A. Angels at Oakland, (n)
N.Y. Yankees at Texas, (n)
Toronto at Baltimore, 2nd game, (n)
Detroit at Seattle, (n)
Kansas City at Cleveland (n)
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, (n)
Philadelphia at Houston, (n)
Tampa Bay at Boston, (n)

Thursday's Games
No games scheduled

Friday's Games
Tampa Bay at Cleveland, 12:07 p.m.
Seattle at Toronto, 4:07 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Atlanta	101	60	.627	–
y-New York	100	61	.621	1
y-Philadelphia	87	74	.540	14
Miami	68	93	.422	33
Washington	55	106	.342	46

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-St. Louis	93	68	.578	–
Milwaukee	86	75	.534	7
Chicago	73	88	.453	20
Cincinnati	62	99	.385	31
Pittsburgh	61	100	.379	32

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	110	51	.683	–
y-San Diego	89	72	.553	21
San Francisco	80	81	.497	30
Arizona	73	88	.453	37
Colorado	68	93	.422	42

x-clinched division
y-clinched wild card

Tuesday's Games
N.Y. Mets 4, Washington 2, 1st game
Cincinnati 3, Chicago Cubs 7
Atlanta 2, Miami 1
St. Louis 8, Pittsburgh 7, 10 innings
Milwaukee 3, Arizona 0
Houston 10, Philadelphia 0
N.Y. Mets 8, Washington 0, 2nd game
San Diego 6, San Francisco 2
Colorado 5, L.A. Dodgers 2

Wednesday's Games
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, (n)
Arizona at Milwaukee, (n)
Atlanta at Miami, (n)
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, (n)
Philadelphia at Houston, (n)
San Francisco at San Diego, (n)
Washington at N.Y. Mets, (n)
Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, (n)

Thursday's Games
No games scheduled

Friday's Games
Philadelphia at St. Louis, 2:07 p.m.
San Diego at N.Y. Mets, 8:07 p.m.

Football

Top 25 Schedule

Saturday
No. 1 Alabama vs. Texas A&M, 8 p.m.
No. 2 Georgia vs. Auburn, 3:30 p.m.
No. 3 Ohio St. at Michigan St., 4 p.m.
No. 4 Michigan at Indiana, Noon
No. 5 Clemson at Boston Col., 7:30 p.m.
No. 6 Southern Cal vs. Washington St., 7:30 p.m.
No. 7 Ohio St. vs. Texas Tech, 3:30 p.m.
No. 8 Tennessee at No. 25 LSU, Noon
No. 9 Mississippi at Vanderbilt, 4 p.m.
No. 11 Utah at No. 18 UCLA, 3:30 p.m.
No. 12 Oregon at Arizona, 9 p.m.
No. 13 Kentucky vs. S. Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
No. 14 NC State vs. Florida St., 8 p.m.
No. 15 Wake Forest vs. Army, 7:30 p.m.
No. 16 BYU at Notre Dame, 7:30 p.m.
No. 17 TCU at No. 19 Kansas, Noon
No. 20 Kansas St. at Iowa St., 7:30 p.m.
No. 21 Washington at Arizona St., 4 p.m.
No. 23 Mississippi St. vs. Arkansas, Noon
No. 24 Cincinnati vs. South Fla., 7:30 p.m.

Golf

PGA Tour Stats

Through Oct. 2

FedExCup Season Points
1. Mackenzie Hughes, 535. 2. Max Homa, 500. 3 (tie), Denny McCarthy and Sepp Straka, 388. 5. Taylor Montgomery, 363. 6. Dench Hopp, 180. 7, Mark Hubbard, 136. 8. Dean Burmester, 135. 9. Nick Taylor, 135. 10. Justin Lower, 133.

Scoring Average
1. Max Homa, 68.548. 2. Sepp Straka, 68.714. 3. Denny McCarthy, 68.798. 4. Dean Burmester, 69.274. 5. Taylor Montgomery, 69.661. 6. Keegan Bradley, 69.714. 7. Mackenzie Hughes, 69.786. 8. Rickie Fowler, 69.798. 9. 3 tied with 70.103.

Driving Distance
1. Brandon Matthews, 331.6. 2. Brandon Hagy, 323.5. 3. Taylor Pendrith, 322.4. [illegible], 321.8. 5. Kyle Westmoreland, 320.1. 6. Augusto Núñez, 320.1. 7. Byeong Hun An, 319.1. 8. Joey Vrzich, 318.8. 9. Will Gordon, 318.2. 10. 2 tied with 317.3.

Driving Accuracy Percentage
1. Vaughn Taylor, 71.43%. 2 (tie), Ryan Armour, Alex Lee and Sepp Straka, 67.86%. 5. William McGirt, 66.07%. 6 (tie), Aaron Rai and Webb Simpson, 64.29%. 8. Joel Dahmen, 63.10%. 9. 2 tied with 62.50%.

Greens In Regulation Percentage
1. Rickie Fowler, 77.78%. 2. Lanto Griffin, 77.08%. 3 (tie), Jason Day, James Hahn, Matt Kuchar and Sepp Straka, 75.00%. 7 (tie), Adam Hadwin, Russell Henley and Emery Wendt, 73.61%. 10. 5 tied with 72.22%.

Total Driving
1. Min Woo Lee, 21. 2. Dean Burmester, 22. 3. [illegible], 37. 4. [illegible], 58. 5. David Thompson, 60. 6. Taylor Pendrith, 67. 7. Seung-Yul Noh, 72. 8 (tie), Corey Conners and Kevin Yu, 74. 10. Sam Burns, 77.

SG-Putting
1. Harry Hall, 2.133. 2. Taylor Montgomery, 2.128. 3. Adam Long, 1.931. 4. Keegan Bradley, 1.595. 5. Dean Burmester, 1.572. 6. Kelly Kraft, 1.515. 7. Brandon Hagy, 1.334. 8. S.H. Kim, 1.308. 9. Danny Willett, 1.238. 10. Sepp Straka, 1.215.

Birdie Average
1 (tie), Keegan Bradley and Sepp Straka, 5.75. 3 (tie), Justin Power and Aaron Rai, 5.25. 5. Mackenzie Hughes, 5.13. 6 (tie), Dean Burmester, Justin Lower, Nick Taylor and Danny Willett, 5.10. 10. 3 tied with 4.88.

Eagles (Holes per)
1. Alejandro Tosti, 24. 2 (tie), Hayden Buckley, Stewart Cink, Rickie Fowler, Sung Kang and Martin Trainer, 36. 7 (tie), Luke List, Scott Piercy and [illegible] [illegible], 54. 10. 11 tied with 72.

Sand Save Percentage
1. 10 tied with .00%.

All-Around Ranking
1. Dean Burmester, 126. 2. Sepp Straka, 259. 3. Max Homa, 272. 4. Emiliano Grillo, 282. 5. Thomas Detry, 288. 6. [illegible] Thompson, 303. 7. Nick Taylor, 307. 8. Justin Lower, 318. 9. Kevin Yu, 320. 10. Taylor Montgomery, 334.

Soccer

MLS

Eastern Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	19	5	10	67	72	26
CF Montréal	20	9	5	65	63	50
New York City FC	16	11	7	55	57	41
New York	15	11	8	53	50	41
Cincinnati	12	9	13	49	64	56
Orlando City	14	14	6	48	44	52
Inter Miami CF	14	14	6	48	47	56
Columbus	10	8	16	46	46	41
Charlotte FC	13	18	3	42	44	52
New England	10	12	12	42	47	50
Atlanta	10	14	10	40	48	54
Chicago	10	16	8	38	38	47
Toronto FC	9	18	7	34	49	66
D.C. United	7	21	6	27	36	69

Western Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	21	9	4	67	66	38
Austin FC	16	10	8	56	64	49
FC Dallas	14	9	11	53	48	37
LA Galaxy	14	12	8	50	58	51
Nashville	13	10	11	50	52	41
Portland	11	9	14	47	54	50
Minnesota United	14	14	6	48	48	51
Real Salt Lake	12	11	11	47	43	44
Vancouver	12	15	7	43	40	55
Colorado	11	13	10	43	46	57
Seattle	12	18	4	40	46	44
Sporting Kansas City	11	16	7	40	42	54
Houston	10	18	6	36	43	59
San Jose	8	15	11	35	51	68

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Tuesday, September 27
Cincinnati 1, Seattle 1, tie

Friday, September 30
Miami 1, Toronto FC 0

Saturday, October 1
New England 2, Atlanta 1
Colorado 1, FC Dallas 0
Charlotte FC 4, Philadelphia 0
Chicago 3, Cincinnati 2
Columbus 2, New York 1
CF Montréal 1, D.C. United 0
San Jose 2, Minnesota 0
Vancouver 2, Austin FC 0
Real Salt Lake 1, LA Galaxy 1, tie

Sunday, October 2
New York City FC 2, Orlando City 1
Los Angeles FC 2, Portland 1
Sporting Kansas City 1, Seattle 0
Houston 2, Nashville 1

Wednesday, October 5
Orlando City at Miami, (n)

Sunday, October 9
New York City FC at Atlanta, 2:30 p.m.
New England at Chicago, 2:30 p.m.
Cincinnati at D.C. United, 2:30 p.m.
CF Montréal at Miami, 2:30 p.m.
Charlotte FC at New York, 2:30 p.m.
Columbus at Orlando City, 2:30 p.m.
Toronto FC at Philadelphia, 2:30 p.m.
Colorado at Austin FC, 5 p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at FC Dallas, 5 p.m.
LA Galaxy at Houston, 5 p.m.
Nashville at Los Angeles FC, 5 p.m.
Vancouver at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Portland at Real Salt Lake, 5 p.m.
San Jose at Seattle, 5 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned RHP [illegible] to Toledo (IL).
BOSTON RED SOX — Claimed RHP [illegible] off waivers from [illegible].
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with field manager Phil Nevin on a one-year contract.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Recalled RHP Cole Sands from St. Paul (IL). Optioned RHP Ronny Henriquez to St. Paul.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned RHP Greg Weissert to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Sent RHP Chi Chi Gonzalez outright to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Recalled OF Taylor Trammell from Tacoma (CL). Placed OF Jesse Winker on the 10-day IL, retroactive to Oct. 3.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Placed LHP Colin Poche on the 15-day IL. Recalled LHP Josh Fleming from Durham (IL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Optioned LHP Kolby Allard to Round Rock (PCL).
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Recalled RHPs Casey Lawrence and Trent Thornton from Buffalo (IL).

PLAYOFFS

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NL East ended when they were beaten out by the defending World Series champion Atlanta Braves, so New York wound up as the top NL wild-card team.

"We have to go on the road and play against a tough team and beat some of the best pitchers in the game," Machado said. "It is about going out there and enjoying the moment."

At Busch Stadium, soon-to-be retired St. Louis stars Yadier Molina and Pujols host Harper and Philadelphia. The Cardinals won the NL Central, but as the No. 3 seed don't get the benefit of an early bye.

A two-time champion with the Cardinals, the 42-year-old Pujols has looked like a 24-year-old version of himself down the stretch, topping 700 career home runs and passing Babe Ruth for second place on the all-time RBIs list.

A two-time MVP, Harper makes his first playoff appearance since 2017 with Washington. He missed two months in the middle of the season because of a broken thumb but is ready to swing away for the Phillies.

In Cleveland, Ramírez leads a young team that includes rookie sparkplug Steven Kwan and hard-throwing closer Emmanuel Clase as the AL Central champs host Tampa Bay.

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The Cardinals' Albert Pujols warms up before stepping up to the plate on Monday at a baseball game against the Pittsburgh Pirates in Pittsburgh.

This will be Cleveland's first postseason appearance as the Guardians. The team hasn't won the World Series since 1948. Randy Arozarena, already established as a playoff star, will try to boost the Rays to the first championship in franchise history.

The Guardians went 4-2 against the Rays this year, winning two of three last week at Progressive Field. All three games in the series were decided by one run, with two going to extra innings.

"It will be a good environment," Tampa Bay second baseman Taylor Walls. "It's a good thing that we just went there. ... I know the guys are amped up. We're ready to be there."

In Toronto, Vladimir Guerrero Jr. and the top AL wild-card Blue Jays take on Seattle and its rookie sensation, Rodríguez. The series also matches Robbie Ray, who won the Cy Young Award with Toronto last year, against his former team.

All four matchups are scheduled to end Sunday. The best-of-five Division Series in both leagues begin Oct. 11.

Judge, fresh off hitting his 62nd home run to set the AL record, and the Yankees will host the Tampa Bay-Cleveland winner in Game 1. Justin Verlander and the Houston Astros start at home against the Seattle-Toronto winner.

In the NL, Freddie Freeman, Betts and the Los Angeles Dodgers, who have set a franchise record for wins, host the Mets-San Diego winner in the opener. Ronald Acuña Jr., injured last fall when the Braves won the World Series, will start at home against the St. Louis-Philadelphia winner.

JUDGE

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"He should be revered for being the actual single-season home run champ," Roger Maris Jr. said Wednesday night after his father's mark was matched by Judge. "I think baseball needs to look at the records and I think baseball should do something."

Judge had homered only once in the past 13 games, and that was when he hit No. 61 last Wednesday in Toronto. The doubleheader nightcap in Texas was his 55th game in row played since Aug. 5.

Judge was 3 for 17 with five walks and a hit by pitch since moving past the 60 home runs Babe Ruth hit in 1927, which had stood as the major league record for 34 years. Maris hit his 61st off Boston's Tracy Stallard at old Yankee Stadium on Oct. 1, 1961.

Judge has a chance to become the first AL Triple Crown winner since Detroit's Miguel Cabrera in 2012. He leads the AL with 131 RBIs and began the day trailing Minnesota's Luis Arraez, who was hitting .315.

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New York Yankees' Aaron Judge (99) approaches home plate as teammates come out to congratulate him after hitting his 62nd home run of the season.

The home run in his first at-bat put him back to .311, where he had started the day before dropping a point in the opener.

Judge's accomplishment will cause endless debate.

"To me, the holder of the record for home runs in a season is Roger Maris," author George Will said earlier this month. "There's no hint of suspicion that we're seeing better baseball than better chemistry in the case of Judge. He's clean. He's not doing something that forces other players to jeopardize their health."

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DRONE:

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allows students from grades three through twelve the opportunity to research, operate and deploy Tello Drones developed by STEM learning company Pitsco Education.

After months of practice, participating students then showcase their technical skills in STEM by flying the Tello Drones through various obstacles in teams. Students are also required to create a presentation board to showcase the information and skills they learned throughout their experience with the drones. At the end of the expo, students are awarded medals for their work.

Amanda Hobbs, Gates County District Academically or Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Coordinator, said applications for the 2023 expo were sent out to parents and students the week of Sept. 19 to all five county public schools. She said "Gates on the Go!" has also made various recruitment efforts at the middle and high schools to garner interest from students.

Each school will be represented by two to three teams, Hobbs said, composed of an estimated 10 to 12 students. Teams and acceptance letters will be finalized on Sept. 30, she said, and all teams will begin meeting the first week of October.

Currently, Hobbs said the "Sea to Air" drone expo is set to occur on Feb. 2 at Central Middle School. All community members are invited to attend the expo, she said, including teachers, staff, parents, fellow peers and Gates County Public School board members.

"We are going to have our elementary kids show their flight skills first, then we'll have a complete expo of the 'show-me' boards for everybody, and then after that we'll have middle and high school flight skills," Hobbs said. "And then a presentation of awards at the end."

Those who participated in the drone expo in April of 2022 became more interested in STEM learning and activities, Hobbs said, generating more student interest in local schools. She said students also learned to problem solve, collaborate with their peers and how to make individual contributions to a team effort.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Two Gates County elementary-level students operate Tello Drones in front of spectators earlier this year.

Hobbs said the "Sea to Air" drone expo also exposes participants to a number of career paths and skills that students might not experience in rural areas of eastern North Carolina.

"There's also the technology component, they explore various career connections throughout the program," Hobbs said. "So they're learning about all sorts of careers that are focused around drones, which living in such a rural area, it's so important to provide that kind of information to our kids."

Ann McClung, science coordinator for ECU's Center for Stem Education and one of the coordinators for "Gates on the Go!" planning, said students and parents can expect a few changes to the 2023 "Sea to Air" drone expo.

This year's event will require each team to design a field element or obstacle for the drones to fly through, McClung said, while middle and high school teams will be invited to participate in an additional drone runway competition.

Students gain a number of skills when participating in the drone expo, McClung said, including through public speaking, peer communication, interaction with technology, and research. She said the impact "Gates on the Go!" has had on Gates County students has furthered ECU's university mission of regional transformation and service.

"Part of the mission of the Center for STEM (Education) is to provide resources and information, STEM education and content, to the general public or to the school systems," McClung said. "To me, it's a win-win situation because it shows the collaboration and the connection with the community in order to grow a stronger relationship."

Those interested in learning more information about "Gates on the Go!" and the "Sea to Air" drone expo should contact Amanda Hobbs.

VEHICLES:

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on a regular basis, only two are relatively newer models (purchased in 2021). The remainder consists of one 2010 model, one 2014 model, five 2016 models, one 2017 model, three 2018 models, and two 2019 models.

With the exception of one 2016 Dodge, all of the vehicles manufactured in 2016 and earlier have in excess of 108,000 miles of wear. For the 2010 model, the Sheriff noted that the cost of repairs is more than the actual value of the vehicle.

"We do everything we can [regular maintenance] to keep these cars on the road as long as we can," Campbell remarked. "These are patrol vehicles...they are driven hard, they idle long; they're not your family style car.

"I can't protect the citizens of this county without vehicles," the Sheriff stressed. "Half of our cars have over 100,000 miles. Two cars are damaged, one with a blown head gasket and the other was rammed and totaled during a chase."

The insurance claim on the wrecked vehicle will only pay $13,261.

As for the vehicles purchased last year for the Sheriff's Office, two were new (2021 models) and two were used, to include a 2017 Ford Explorer used by the Sheriff. Campbell said that money ($153,000) was moved out of the inmate housing line item within his annual budget. There was no capital outlay in last year's budget for the purchase of vehicles.

"When I started out as the Sheriff, my capital outlay for vehicles was $75,000," Campbell recalled. "The second year was cut to $35,000. The third year was $35,000 and that was the year there was a mistake made in the [overall] county budget and I gave that $35,000 back to help balance the budget."

There was discussion about an $84,000 grant the Sheriff's Office received last year from the state. However, it was learned that money was applied to supplement purchases of office furniture, make office repairs, and for specialized law enforcement equipment and weapons.

"I think we've talked enough about this; we know what we need and we know what we need to do," stated Commissioner Jonathan Craddock, who then made a motion to approve $135,000 to purchase three new vehicles.

Commissioner Ray Freeman offered a second and the motion was approved without objection.

In another matter at last week's commissioners meeting involving the Sheriff's Office, Campbell's proposal to assume authority of E911 Dispatch will be voted on at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the commissioners (Oct. 19). That delay will give County Attorney Pitt Godwin time to draw up a resolution regarding that proposed transfer of a county-operated department.

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NCDHHS delays Medicaid Managed Care Tailored Plans

RALEIGH — To ensure beneficiaries can seamlessly receive care on day one, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services will delay the implementation of the NC Medicaid Managed Care Behavioral Health and Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Tailored Plans until April 1, 2023.

Tailored Plans, originally scheduled to launch Dec. 1, 2022, will provide the same services as Standard Plans in Medicaid Managed Care and will also provide additional specialized services for individuals with significant behavioral health conditions, Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities and traumatic brain injury.

The delayed start of Tailored Plans allows Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organizations, which will operate the Tailored Plans, more time to contract with additional providers to support member choice and to validate that data systems are working appropriately. The decision is supported by the leadership of the state's six LME/MCOs.

While the start of Tailored Plans will be delayed, specific new services will still go live Dec. 1, 2022.

NCDHHS and LME/MCOs will support providers of Tailored Care Management to launch their services on Dec. 1. Eligible beneficiaries will have a single designated care manager supported by a multidisciplinary team to provide integrated care management that addresses the beneficiary's whole-person health needs.

In addition, pending approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, NCDHHS will implement the 1915(i) option on Dec. 1. This program provides services to help beneficiaries remain in their homes and community-based settings through services such as Respite, Individual and Transitional Supports, Community Living and Supports, Community Transition and Supported Employment.

Beneficiaries set to receive care through the Tailored Plans will continue to receive behavioral health services and I/DD and TBI supports through their LME/MCO and physical health and pharmacy services through NC Medicaid Direct, just as they do today.

More information regarding the beneficiary choice period and other key dates leading up to the April 1, 2023, launch will be shared by NCDHHS in the coming weeks.

For more information about Tailored Plans visit NC Medicaid's Tailored Plan website.

NCDHHS announces first West Nile virus death of 2022

State health officials urge caution after heavy rains caused by Hurricane Ian

RALEIGH — Health officials from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services on Friday (Sept. 30) announced the state's first death this year associated with West Nile virus. To protect the family's privacy, no other information regarding the deceased will be provided.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to take precautions to prevent mosquito-borne illness, especially with heavy rainfall that was associated with Hurricane Ian last week.

North Carolina has identified nine cases of WNV this year, with more being investigated. Since 2012 the number of cases reported per year ranged from zero to 10.

"This is a tragic reminder that these infections, though relatively rare, can be fatal," said Michael Doyle, State Public Health Entomologist. "We see most cases of mosquito-borne illness in the months from August through October, so we urge residents to protect themselves from mosquito bites."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention most people who become infected with WNV experience either no symptoms or a mild, flu-like illness, which is partly why for every verified WNV case, there are approximately 150-150 more infections that are undetected.

About 20% of people who are infected will develop a fever with other symptoms such as headache, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, diarrhea or rash. In about 1% of cases, West Nile virus can cause more serious conditions, including encephalitis, meningitis, meningoencephalitis and possibly death.

NCDHHS recommends individuals take the following precautions:

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

Use caution when applying to children. See www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/find-repellent-right-you for repellants that will work for you and your family.

Install or repair and use window and door screens.

Close doors, including garage doors. Do not leave doors propped open.

Use air conditioning when possible.

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

With the remnants of Hurricane Ian hitting the state this weekend, residents should clear standing water from their homes safely and quickly after the storm passes.

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

The state now also has a contract available that allows cities and counties to reduce the populations of WNV-infected mosquitoes and to reduce high mosquito populations after a hurricane. This contract, through the NC Department of Public Safety, can be used by governmental entities for a range of Integrated Pest Management services, from mosquito trapping to aerial mosquito spraying.

Counties can visit www.ncdps.gov/our-organization/emergency-management/disaster-recovery/public-assistance/mosquito-abatement-contract for details.

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

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SPORTS

In 1965, Lions' winning tradition became championship one

PW Moore blanked Carver, 36-0, to win 4-A Division title

Editor's note: This is the third of a four-part series on the history of the football program at the former P.W. Moore High School.

At the start of the 1960 season, there were few indications that the P.W. Moore High School Lions were soon going to be enjoying their best seasons ever. The team lost five of its first six games, yet there were some bright spots among the freshmen. One of the young Lions was lineman McKinley Boston Jr.

Nineteen-sixty-one was a year of great change at P.W. Moore. First, former head coach and current teacher and athletic director Andrew Williams was now principal at Annie Jones School.

In addition, the Lions had a new head coach — Walter A. "Ivory Joe" Hunter. A former All-American at the Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina (now North Carolina A&T State University) in Greensboro, Hunter had been drafted by the National Football League's New York Giants before becoming coach at Edenton, where he had engineered a remarkable turnaround.

In Hunter's first game for the Lions, however, they were shut out 28-0 by Booker T. Washington of Rocky Mount. After that disappointing start, Hunter's coaching skills became quickly apparent, as P.W. Moore started to put together a winning streak. After defeating Carver 20-14 under the leadership of quarterback Nathan Walton, the first of three Walton brothers to play at that position for the Lions, the team was 7-1.

After the season, former Lion great Paul Wiggins returned to town. Now a member of the NFL expansion Minnesota Vikings, he was honored by the city during halftime of a basketball game between Elizabeth City State and Winston Salem State. The program included praise from both Mayor Levin Culpepper and the manager of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce.

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The P.W. Moore High School Lions were the Eastern Division Champions in North Carolina in 1963. Two years later, the Lions won the 4-A Division state championship.

After a successful one-loss season in 1961, P.W. Moore looked poised to contend in 1962. A new addition was Calvin Webster, a speedy 235-pound tackle. The Lions started strongly with four wins and a tie. Undefeated in its last 12 games, the Lions hosted Suffolk, Virginia's Booker T. Washington, handing the visitors a 13-6 defeat.

Offensively, the Lions lacked spark, but the imposing defense more than made up for it. After beating Ligon High 26-12, the Lions made several mental errors and lost at home to Eppe High 12-6.

Fortunately, the Lions snapped back with a 31-0 win over Williamston's E.J. Hayes High School. That meant a showdown for P.W. Moore with Fayetteville's E.E. Smith for the Eastern championship and a chance to play Carver School of Winston-Salem for the state's 4-A championship.

After dispatching Smith, the Lions were in the state championship game, but it was delayed two days by rain. When the game was finally played, the Lions' hopes for a title were washed away with the weather, as Carver prevailed 34-2 in what was for the Yellow Jackets a home game. P.W. Moore finished the season 10-2.

The Lions had gone from two straight poor seasons to two straight outstanding ones. Coach Hunter was voted North Carolina's Black high school coach of the year. In honor of the team's achievements, the Linton J. Sutton chapter of the American Legion presented jackets and a plaque to the Eastern champs.

Expectations were high for 1963, and after the first month of the season, there was no good reason to lower them. The Lions started 4-0 — all by shutout. The fifth game, a road game against Booker T. Washington, ended with a gritty 20-19 Lions' victory.

P.W. Moore then took to the road again to face a familiar powerhouse, the undefeated Little Blues of Raleigh's Ligon High School. In front of a crowd of 6,000, the Lions lost 34-8.

With no time to lick their wounds, the Lions had to prepare for a grueling contest against New Bern's J.T. Barber High School. They snapped back from their loss and pulled off the 20-16 upset, followed by a 38-0 shutout of Eppe High School. Although 1963 did not end with a championship game, a dominant shutout against their rivals from Greenville was a positive end to the season.

BOSTON

HUNTER

The 1964 team had lost some key players to graduation, including Boston, who was to become a star for the Golden Gophers of the University of Minnesota and then a New York Giant, before embarking on a long career as an athletic director for several universities.

The 1964 team started with a tie, but after losing star quarterback Johnny Walton — another future NFL player — to injury, the Lions lost to Barber High School. A touchdown that would have at least tied the game was called back due to clipping, which made the 12-6 road loss even more painful.

Winless after two games, the 0-1-1 Lions then hosted the Little Blues from undefeated powerhouse J.W. Ligon in a game played a few blocks away at Elizabeth City State College field. Perhaps energized from the loss to Barber, the Lions routed the Little Blues 34-0.

The P.W. Moore coaching staff's emphasis on defense and fundamentals paid off with a series of big wins. The Lions' season finale was against Jacksonville's Georgetown High School. The visiting Panthers played valiantly but even at 4-1-1 they were no match for the Lions, who prevailed 42-8. P.W. Moore finished the 1964 season 8-1-1.

The 1965 Lions started out with two emphatic victories, including a 40-14 win over the Warriors of New Bern's Barber High. That alone was reason for optimism, but close observers knew the season was going to be special as soon as the Lions put the finishing touches on Raleigh's Ligon High School 24-7.

The defense was deep, led by Leo "Fuzz" Spencer and Marvin "Rough House" Riddick. With a relentless ground attack, the Lions kept winning all along the way to the championship game.

The title game promised to be a tough contest, though, since the Lions' opponent was George Washington Carver, the team that had beaten them in 1962 for the state crown. For the Yellow Jackets, the championship rematch would essentially be a home game, since it would be held at Bowman-Gray Stadium, which like Carver was located in Winston-Salem.

The Lions came into town, however, as if the stadium were theirs and dismantled the Jackets 36-0 to win the 4-A Division state championship. Riding an 18-game winning streak, the Lions finished 10-0.

After a successful fundraiser by the P.W. Moore Boosters Club, a celebratory banquet was held in the school gymnasium that included not only players, trainers, coaches and their families, but also the mayor of Elizabeth City and Elizabeth City State College President Walter Ridley. This was by all measures a remarkable season. The winners received blazers and commemorative booklets emblazoned with the words "That Wonderful Year — 1965."

A winning tradition — indeed, a championship tradition — at P.W. Moore High School was seemingly being constructed. But as we will see next week, within five years, the high school situation in Pasquotank would be completely transformed, and Lions football would come to an end.

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Clemente 'Great One' on, off the field

I remember as a boy riding my J.C. Higgins bicycle down to the drugstore to get the Boston Record American newspaper.

The Record was a tabloid-type paper, but it had the best sports page section of all the Boston daily papers, including all the box scores from the Major League games of the previous day.

MIKE WOOD

It was in one of those box scores that I first discovered Roberto Clemente. The box score is the shorthand catechism of baseball, surrendering the truth of a full game to the knowing baseball eye. I saw that Clemente, playing right field for the Pittsburgh Pirates, had batted five times with three base hits, a double and two triples. In addition, he had an outfield assist, meaning he had thrown out a baserunner in the Pirate win. The statistics jumped off the page for me. Nobody gets two triples in a game. I had to learn more about this player.

I began to follow Clemente, but as there was no interleague play back then, I didn't get to see him in person until 1961 when one of the Major League All-Star Games was played in Boston. Sitting in the right field bleachers at Fenway Park, I saw something I will never forget. Before the game during fielding practice, Roberto was having the coach hit balls down into the right field corner. He would field the balls, spin, and throw to all the bases. I had never seen an arm so strong and accurate. His throws to home plate, almost 350 feet away, were always on line, deadly accurate. He still holds the all-time major league record for a right fielder with 254 assists to go with his 12 consecutive Gold Glove Awards.

As a hitter, he was just as exciting. He stood far away from the plate, and it appeared that the pitcher could get him out working the outside corner. But he hit with a swage huge that was somehow in balance. They didn't make a pitch that he couldn't hit. Throw a pitch down around his ankles and he would hit it screaming down the right field line.

They stopped throwing him fastballs, but that didn't matter on his way to four batting titles and an MVP award in 1966. Maybe he was overshadowed by the grace of Henry Aaron and the flash of Willie Mays, but he had his ultimate moment, his coronation of sorts when he led the Pirates to the World Championship in 1971. Against the favored Baltimore Orioles, he hit .414 in the series which included two home runs, the second of which put the Pirates in the lead in the deciding seventh game.

He made only one throw to home plate which caused the players in the Baltimore dugout to gasp. "It's got to be the greatest throw I ever saw," remembered Oriole second baseman Davey Johnson. "One second he's got his back to the field at the 300 mark, the next instant here comes the throw, on the chalk line."

At age 37, a self-described old man, the world finally knew how Roberto Clemente played the game of baseball. Unfortunately, we only had him for one more year. A proud native of Puerto Rico, he was always working for his people, and for all Latin causes. On Dec. 31, 1972, a DC-7 cargo plane filled with supplies for the victims of a devastating earthquake in Managua, Nicaragua, crashed into the Atlantic just off the coast of Puerto Rico just minutes after takeoff, killing all five on board including Clemente.

Roberto's interest in Nicaragua stemmed from a visit that November when he took a Puerto Rican amateur baseball team there for a tournament. He befriended a young boy who had lost his legs in an accident. Through Clemente's efforts, funds were raised to supply his newfound friend with artificial limbs.

Clemente, who headed a relief program, was dismayed to learn that after the earthquake, National Guardsmen had stolen many of the supplies intended for the afflicted. He decided to accompany the Dec. 31 relief flight to assure that all goods reached their proper destinations.

Family, friends, fans and teammates were shocked to hear the news. Perhaps Pirate pitcher Steve Blass put it best when he said, "He was so much more than a great baseball player." Baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn said he saw in Clemente "the touch of royalty."

Last Thursday, at Citi Field in New York, Major League Baseball celebrated the 21st Roberto Clemente Day before the Mets hosted a game with the Pittsburgh Pirates. Clemente's son and grandson were there to throw out the first pitch as were many of the recipients of the annual Roberto Clemente Award, given annually for playing excellence, philanthropy, and community efforts. The fallen hero is still an inspiration.

He was called "The Great One," and I believe he deserves that title. Not just for what he accomplished in baseball, but for what he did in the entirety of his life. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." — John 15:13.

Mike Wood is a sports columnist for The Daily Advance.

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RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 644

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

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Ian's remnants cross region, damage cotton crop

No other wind, flooding damage reported from storm

BY JOHN FOLEY
Staff Writer

The remnants of Hurricane Ian had minimal impact on Perquimans County during the storm's passing over the region Friday night.

The storm's strong winds — wind gusts reached 35 mph — did spur power outages and block roadways with downed tree limbs. Ian's heavy rainfall — between 3.9 inches and 5.6 inches fell in Perquimans, according to the National Weather Service — also flooded multiple roadways, causing standing water.

First responders also responded to two motor vehicle accidents on Friday.

But the quick response by utility crews, first responders and the N.C. Department of Transportation minimized the storm's impact, said Perquimans Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Solesbee.

"We were very blessed," she said. "On Friday evening, power outages were reported but utility crews worked quickly to get it restored. The Perquimans County Sheriff's Office and NCDOT worked that evening and into the night to ensure that all debris was removed."

JOHN FOLEY/THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

One Perquimans County cotton farmer said he could lose as much as 20% of his cotton crop because of damages caused by the torrential rains and pummeling winds from the remnants of Hurricane Ian's passing over the region Friday.

On Saturday, the roads that were reported to have standing water were clear, she said. There also were no reports of structural damage throughout the weekend, she said.

Area cotton growers were not as fortunate, however.

The storm's torrential rain and pummeling winds damaged the open bolls on cotton plants. Farmers could feel the impact for some time as the cotton harvest is just a few weeks off.

"We could lose as high as 20 percent of the crop," said Perquimans farmer Shae Nixon, adding. "The wind and rain today is not helping any. The wind could really cause problems with quality and grade."

Guy Collins, a cotton specialist with NC Cooperative Extension, advised growers to document their losses from the storm.

"The first action we should take is to document losses," he said. "Storm losses are difficult to estimate, but depending on crop insurance and other programs, it is usually worth the effort to document losses."

He urged growers to contact their crop insurance agent or adjuster for assistance.

Collins said certain farm programs may have particular instructions for documenting and reporting losses. He also advises documentation should be done before harvest, as some adjusters may want to see a damaged field prior to harvest.

A cell phone camera is a good tool for documenting crop losses, Collins said. He suggested making sure the photos include a point of reference to document particular fields.

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to the Outer Banks but not too close. So we did our research on surrounding areas and fell in love with the Edenton-Hertford area and decided this is where we wanted to be."

Like so many other Hertford residents, Cangemi would like to see the new S-bridge opened to vehicle traffic to help downtown businesses. A spokesman for the N.C. Department of Transportation said recently the bridge's opening to vehicle traffic is now scheduled for mid-October.

In the meantime, Cangemi is busy working with other local tourism, town and business officials to help promote the local area.

"I will also be working with Stacey Layden, tourism and (history) museum director of Perquimans County, to develop a Perquimans County calendar of events, so all events are in one place for all residents and businesses to see," Cangemi said.

The Chamber is already planning for the town's Christmas Parade on Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. and its annual Membership Meeting and Dinner on Dec. 8. According to Cangemi, the Chamber also has plans to host a spring auction and possibly a dog show.

One of Cangemi's other big focuses is on Chamber members and promoting the group to potential members.

"We assist, advocate, educate, support and build relationships with the community and members to help all prosper," Cangemi said. "We help with charitable events that help our community, and we publish monthly newsletters that go out to over 1,200 contacts that promote businesses and events."

Cangemi highlighted several discounts Chamber members are entitled to as part of their membership.

"We offer a first benefits workers comp insurance discount for our members, member to member discounts, a direct bulk mail permit that saves our members on each mailed piece (of mail) if sending 200 or more letters at one time, along with discounts for advertising in Albemarle Tradewinds and The Perquimans Weekly," she said.

The Chamber also provides brochures and business cards of local businesses at the Chamber office.

The Chamber's annual dues vary from $70 for an individual membership to $600 for larger organizations.

"The Chamber is a nonprofit and we depend on membership dues and fundraising to keep our doors open so we can help our community businesses," Cangemi said.

The Chamber is still seeking a few volunteers to donate an hour or two to the group a week. The Chamber needs someone available in the office at 118 Market St., Hertford, to answer questions from walk-in visitors and to answer phones.

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LIFE & STYLE

Cool breezes and pumpkin waffles...

Fall's cool breezes have shifted our focus away from summer as we welcome the new season. I love autumn and all of its splendor from the mums, pumpkins and gourds to wonderful fall foods.

CHERYL ORR

EDENTON EPICUREAN

I always say cooking seasonally is best and it's time to shift gears to fall favorites. Edenton Coffee House offers many seasonal hot and cold beverages, DQ has its Pumpkin Pie Blizzard and Edenton Bay Trading Company offers a wide array of seasonal beers.

Surf, Wind and Fire, Sugared Fig and other local businesses even kicked off our first Octoberfest here in Edenton.

I've also shifted my menu from summer to fall highlighting apples, pears, butternut squash and pumpkin. Recently, I offered pumpkin waffles as a sweeter option on my menu, and a few customers have requested the recipe.

I use canned pumpkin for convenience, but taking the time to roast a pumpkin for that tasty flesh is best. Canned pumpkin is a great substitute with just a little sacrifice to taste and none to nutrients. Pumpkin is high in fiber, vitamin K, C and potassium and even contains protein.

I also use a heavy Belgian waffle maker, but any waffle maker will do. Just be sure to heat it well ahead and to spray the grids liberally with nonstick spray once it's heated before adding any batter.

A secret to making them tender inside and crisp outside is to cook them a second time in the waffle iron for one or two minutes more. And of course with all pancake, crepe or waffle batters it is important to make them at least an hour ahead or even the night before using and warm to room temperature.

This week I have included my recipe for pumpkin waffles. Enjoy!

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

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

PUMPKIN WAFFLES

INGREDIENTS

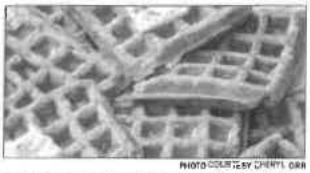
- 2 cups all-purpose white or white whole wheat flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- Pinch of salt
- ½ cup light brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- ½ teaspoons ground ginger
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon ground allspice
- 3 large eggs
- 4 tablespoons melted butter, cooled
- 1 ¼ cup buttermilk
- 1 cup pure pumpkin puree
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla

PREPARATION

1. Whisk together flour, baking powder and soda, salt, brown sugar, and spices. Set aside.

2. In a large bowl whisk together the eggs, buttermilk, butter, pumpkin, and vanilla. Gently fold in dry ingredients with a spatula, not over mixing. Let rest one hour. Batter can be made the night before, but bring to room temperature before baking.

3. Meanwhile heat waffle iron to medium. When hot and batter has rested, coat the waffle iron plates with nonstick cooking spray. Add batter and close lid to bake. When signal shows that waffle is ready open lid, and then close and bake for another two minutes or until crisp. Serve immediately or place on a rack on a baking sheet in a preheated oven at 200 degrees until served.



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EXTENSION NOTES

Northeast NC Niche Agriculture Conference 2022...

CYNDI KNUDSON
Columnist

A new event is happening in Northeast North Carolina.

On Nov. 18, the Northeast North Carolina Niche Agriculture Conference will be held at the Currituck County Extension Center in Barco. This is the inaugural year of the event focusing on niche crops and livestock topics for small farmers and aspiring farmers in this part of the state.

The conference will begin at 9 a.m. and includes a full day of speakers and exhibitors. Livestock and horticulture educational sessions will run concurrently during the conference. Livestock topics will include pork production, poultry, small ruminants (sheep and goats), beef cattle and the NC Choices program.

Horticulture presentations will include growing ginger in field and high tunnel, cut flowers, microgreens and food safety for small farms. Extension specialists and successful local farmers will present research-based information and experiences.

A sponsored lunch is included, complete with an entertaining and enlightening speaker on the subject of small farm marketing.

Registration is required, but there is no cost. You can register by going to https://currituck.ces.ncsu.edu/2022/09/northeast-nc-niche-agriculture-conference-2022/ or by contacting your local NC Cooperative Extension office.

Exhibitors representing state and federal agricultural agencies, small farm groups, farm suppliers and N.C. Cooperative Extension will be available during breaks and designated exhibitor times for one-on-one visits.

The Northeast NC Niche Agriculture Conference is a response from North Carolina Cooperative Extension to the large demand for information from small and beginning farmers. Renewed interest in local foods and healthy eating is providing opportunities for small farmers to fill niches with high quality food products.

Local food production matters since freshness, the time from harvest to when fruits and vegetables are consumed, has a big impact on the taste and nutrient content. Savvy consumers are aware of these benefits.

Farming can be unpredictable. And small farms have big challenges. Growing a dependable supply of product to sell and developing markets for sales are two critical pieces of the puzzle. Knowing what can be grown cost effectively and sold at a profitable price on a small scale requires some research.

Come join us on Nov. 18 to soak up some knowledge and enjoy networking with other small and beginning farmers! You can register by going to https://currituck.ces.ncsu.edu/2022/09/northeast-nc-niche-agriculture-conference-2022/ or by contacting your local NC Cooperative Extension office.

Cyndi Knudson is an Area Small Farms Specialist with the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service.

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BUSINESS

UScellular donates $30,000 to Boys & Girls Clubs

WILLIAMSTON - UScellular has announced a $30,000 investment in Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coastal Plain (BGCCP) in Martin County to provide educational opportunities and experiences to local youth.

The company has invested in BGCCP to support K-12 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and academic enrichment programs.

The STEM learning and experience provided is designed to prepare students for the careers of tomorrow, and according to Boys & Girls Clubs of America's National Youth Outcomes survey, the youth at Clubs display far greater interest in pursuing STEM careers than their peers nationally (52 percent vs. 27 percent).

This year the funding will support the Clubs in Martin County by expanding STEM programming in areas of computer science, robotics and literacy essentials while providing enhanced opportunities for deserving youth.

"We've heard from parents and students that they think STEM is good for their future careers but 48 percent of students and 41 percent of parents don't know enough about the opportunities a STEM education would afford," said Jeremy Taylor, director of sales for UScellular in eastern North Carolina. "Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coastal Plain here in Martin County provides this critical access so that we can build a future of bright and enthusiastic tech leaders."

"We are thrilled to continue this work with UScellular to support STEM education for deserving youth in eastern North Carolina," said Kimberly Reaves, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coastal Plain Chief Operating Officer and Interim President & CEO. "UScellular has been a loyal supporter of Boys & Girls Clubs for many years. We are grateful for their generosity and investing in great futures for youth who need us now, more than ever."

Last year, UScellular also donated 2,845 hotspots and services — a value of nearly $2.6 million — to 35 Boys & Girls Clubs as a part of the After School Access Project, a program that provides free mobile hotspots and service to nonprofits that support youth after the school day has ended.

Since 2009, UScellular has donated nearly $21.4 million along with countless experiences and technology items to nonprofit organizations across the country. For more information about the company's corporate social responsibility initiatives, please go to https://newsroom.uscellular.com/community/.

About UScellular

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About Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coastal Plain

The mission of Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coastal Plain is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. There are five Clubs located throughout Pitt County, two in Beaufort County, one in Lenoir County, one in Greene County, two in Martin County, three in Craven County and three in Carteret County. Club programs focus on academic success, healthy lifestyles, and character and citizenship with an over-arching goal of building strong youth and communities.

Academic institutions can get help from UScellular

WILLIAMSTON - As Martin County began to welcome students back into the classrooms, academic and athletic groups are looking for ways to earn funds.

UScellular's Community Connections program allows K-12 youth organizations to earn money for equipment, travel and resources completely online by doing simple, digital activities. Organizers can register their group at communityconnections.uscellular.com to start earning up to $1,000 in sponsorship support.

"We are excited to support local K-12 youth organizations in Martin County with a tech-forward and simple platform, making it easy for them to earn funds," said Jeremy Taylor, director of sales for UScellular in eastern North Carolina. "We hope that through initiatives like Community Connections, we're able to support the goals our children and students set for themselves and sponsor opportunities that positively affect their programs and personal growth."

Once registered, local K-12 non-profit academic and athletic groups can then rally their friends, family and social networks to perform up to five digital activities within 14 days to earn sponsorship dollars. Activities include watching a short video, visiting UScellular's website and answering a short survey, and each completed activity earns money directly for the organization – up to $1,000 – and the website makes it easy to spread the word on social media.

Since launching the Community Connections program in 2015, UScellular has awarded $1.5 million to over 8,200 K-12 groups nationwide.

UScellular is proud to assist local groups that focus on sports, academics, arts, after-school programs, dance, band, robotics and more. Join the thousands of organizations across the country who've rallied to earn critical funds through Community Connections year after year.

For more information and to view the official rules, please go to communityconnections.uscellular.com.

3G networks are going away and what it means

Similar to how the ways we listen to music and watch movies have changed, cellular networks are evolving too. In fact, all major wireless providers plan to shutter their 3G cellular networks this year.

3G networks are the wireless equivalent of being on dial-up internet access years ago. Built in the early 2000s, 3G networks are slower, less efficient, and not equipped to support the way we use smartphones today. Americans increasingly depend on their ability to connect to the Internet for just about everything and the latest generation of wireless, 5G, is capable of delivering massively faster speeds, enabling and improving everything we rely on our smartphones to do.

As wireless companies continue to invest in building out their 5G networks, 3G networks will be shut down to make room for this new technology and, ultimately, deliver a vastly superior wireless experience. That's because there's a limited supply of available spectrum — the airwaves that wireless signals use. Wireless companies can take the airwaves once used for 3G and start using them to add more bandwidth to 5G. And more spectrum means better coverage and faster speeds for consumers.

If you have a phone that still relies on 3G, your wireless provider will contact you before their planned shutdown, and you're most likely eligible for a free device upgrade.

Even if your phone isn't from the 3G era, if you aren't yet one of the millions who've upgraded to 5G, the end of 3G means it's time to trade up for a new device that can take full advantage of faster 5G networks, according to industry experts. Keeping affordability and connectivity in mind, wireless providers are always offering deals.

Research 5G coverage and speeds from the providers where you live and like to travel. The wireless industry has changed significantly since the 3G era, so you may be surprised to learn which network is delivering the fastest and most reliable coverage today. T-Mobile was the first wireless provider in the United States to launch nationwide 5G and, thanks to its merger with Sprint in 2020, it now has the largest, fastest and most reliable 5G network, covering nearly everyone in the country.

It's also a good time to take a look at your phone plan, especially if you're on a limited data plan and want to stream music and videos – or just stop hunting for Wi-Fi.

Along with great coverage, find a plan with built-in benefits, such as free international data roaming, gas savings, and discounts on everyday items to make the most out of your mobile phone.

For more information on the future of 5G, visit t-mobile.com/5G.

Connectivity is more essential today than ever, underscoring the importance of the evolution to 5G. From entertainment and gaming to education, the latest wireless technology can connect you to everything that matters, faster than ever before.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

Nashville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources will accept entries for its Pumpkin Decorating Contest October 10-27. Free entry for participants ages 5 years and up. Pumpkins can be decorated or painted, but not carved. Three entry categories: Mini Monsters (ages 5-12 yrs.), Ghastly Ghouls (14 yrs. and up), Business. Decorated pumpkins can be dropped off at the Nashville Recreation Center at 108 S. Boddie Street, Nashville, Monday-Friday from Oct. 10-27. Judging will take place on Friday, October 28. Prizes awarded to first place in each category. For more information call 252-459-9796 or email ashley.hamlet@townofnashvillenc.gov.

SEEKING VENDORS

VFW Auxiliary Post 2057 in Rocky Mount is seeking vendors for its October 7-8 Arts & Craft Fair. The event is from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Vendor fee is $25 per table. Call or text Cheryl-Ann (252) 969-3333 or email starsinuniforms@yahoo.com. The VFW is located at 11270 NC 97, Rocky Mount.

SEPTEMBER 29

Harold D. Cooley Library will host Teacher Appreciation for all teachers, including home school, on Thursday, September 29 from 5-5:45 p.m. Light refreshments and a bag of goodies! The library is located at 114 W. Church St., Nashville. For more information call 252-459-2106.

OCTOBER 1

Nashville Lion's Club will hold a pancake breakfast on October 1 at Hwy 95 restaurant in Nashville from 8-10 a.m. Plates are $6 each.

NC Wesleyan University will hold its Homecoming on Oct. 1, 2022 including a day of football, food and fellowship to celebrate the annual homecoming game in the NEW Vernon T. Bradley Sports Stadium. Tailgating begins at 9 a.m. the alumni football game begins at 9:30 a.m. Alumni and kid zone opens at 10 a.m. The 4th Annual Battling Bishop Homecoming Chili Bash is from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Homecoming golf cart parade begins at 11:30 a.m. Football game begins at 12 noon. A celebration will be held in downtown Rocky Mount from 7 p.m. - 2 a.m. Homecoming worship service is Sunday, Oct. 2 in the chapel at NCWU at 11 a.m. For more information visit https://ncwc.edu/alumni-relations/homecoming/

OCTOBER 3-8

Harold D. Cooley Library will host Fall Rocks rock painting kit from October 3 - October 8. Paint a fall design on your rock and return it to the library to be displayed in the flower bed in front of the library. The library is located at 114 W. Church St., Nashville. For more information call 252-459-2106.

OCTOBER 7

Philadelphia Baptist Church will hold its BBQ Chicken Plate Sale on Friday, October 7 from 11 a.m. - until. Eat-in or take-out. Green beans, potatoes & dessert. Plates are $10. The church is located at 6701 Taylor Store Rd., Nashville.

OCTOBER 8

Manning's 2nd annual toy drive will be held from 5-9 p.m. on October 8. Admission is $10 plus a new unwrapped toy. Entertainment at the event features East Coast Rhythm & Blue, Ronnie Ezzell and Amy Kornegay. Food trucks and vendors will be on site. Manning's is located at 2738 S. Old Franklin Rd., Nashville.

Harold D. Cooley Library presents The Class of '54 Murder Mystery for ages 18 and older on October 8 from 2-4:30 p.m. An afternoon of crime solving and fun. Eight people will become suspect in a murder. Clues will be exchanged, accusations will fly and a murderer apprehended. The event is free, but registration is required. For more information or to register call 252-459-2106.

The Rocky Mount Railroad Museum opens October 8 in the Helen P. Gay History Rocky Mount Train Station, 101 Crossline Street, in downtown Rocky Mount. Music by Milton Bullock formerly of The Platters is 1-4 p.m. Activities include face painting, washable tattoos, magnets, fans, coloring books, safety information, gifts, games, raffle tickets, and key chains.

Nashville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources will offer Yoga Night, Fitness Friday on October 8 from 6-7p.m. at the Nashville Farmers Market at 723 S. Barnes Street in Nashville. Free to participate- registration encouraged via Eventbrite

OCTOBER 12

Nashville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources will host a Pumpkin Sitting Art Class on October 12 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Nashville Recreation Center, 108 S. Boddie Street. The class is recommended for adults, but children ages 12 yrs. and up are welcome with an adult. $10 residents, $15 nonresidents. Show off your inner artist and learn to make string art with this step-by-step class to make some adorable fall decor for your home or the perfect gift for a loved one. All supplies and instruction are included with your registration fee. Registration via Eventbrite or email Ashley Hamlet at ashley.hamlet@townofnashvillenc.gov

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 644

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Award-winning actress to serve as Actor in Residence at NCWU

Earlier this month, North Carolina Wesleyan University announced its new Practical Skills Academy (PSA) that will offer life and professional skills to students in areas not typically covered in traditional coursework. Through the PSA, NC Wesleyan University is also offering its newly-developed Resident Expert Program (WES-R.E.P.). To kick off this program, NCWU will be hosting award-winning actress Sharon Lawrence as its first Actor in Residence.

Sharon Lawrence

The WES-R.E.P. program provides students with an opportunity to work directly with industry leaders through mentoring and workshops. Through on-site and virtual opportunities, these professionals will connect with students to share their industry knowledge. Experts are chosen in a variety of fields including the fine arts, business, education, healthcare, the sciences and specific professional fields. This experiential learning program emphasizes the understanding of real-world applications of students' chosen major(s), as well as more enhanced discovery and exploration of an industry.

"Based on her ties to North Carolina and her success in the entertainment industry, I'm proud to have Sharon back on campus as our first resident expert. Over the years, she has shown tremendous support to the University and I look forward to having her share her expertise and talent with our Entertainment Arts students," stated President Dr. Evan D. Duff.

Lawrence will visit the University's Acting 1 class on Tuesday, November 15 to provide a workshop on auditioning or an acting technique. This is not the first time that Lawrence has been to NC Wesleyan. After the COVID pandemic delayed her speaking at the University's Spring 2020 Commencement, she returned to address the class of 2020 during Winter 2020 Commencement.

Lawrence is an award-winning stage and screen actor who can most recently be seen in the Paramount+ and Spectrum drama series, JOE PICKETT, where she is completing Season 2 in Alberta, Canada. She also recently wrapped the final season of the DYNASTY remake as Laura Van Kirk. Her previous work includes NYPD Blue, ONE TREE HILL, RIZZOLI and ISLES, SHAMLESS, GREY'S ANATOMY and ABC's REBEL.

"One of the great advantages in my early experience as a student-performer was the opportunity to work alongside and learn from professionals in industry. Whether at UNC Playmakers, summer stock, theme parks, outdoor dramas, regional theaters or the North Carolina Theater, Theater Raleigh and the countless film and TV productions shot here, our state has invested in its people by investing in the arts and entertainment business," stated Lawrence.

A native of North Carolina, she was born in Charlotte and later moved to Raleigh where she graduated from Broughton High School. Lawrence attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, graduating in 1983 with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism.

While at UNC, Lawrence was active onstage with the university's Playmakers Repertory Company. She is a proud founding, and prior leading actress, at the North Carolina Theatre and the daughter of Tom Lawrence, former news reporter for WRAL News in Raleigh.

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Pamlico County Schools Receive Construction Grant

by: Hiram Lupton

After a lot of hard work and perseverance, it was announced last week that the Pamlico County School System would receive $50 million to aid for the construction of a new school. Pamlico County was one of nine school districts to be awarded funding, and one of four to receive at least $50 million in new state lottery-funded grant awards for school construction, renovation projects and other capital improvements.

"We could not be happier to receive this grant that will enable us to give our students a new school", said Pamlico County Schools Superintendent Lisa Jackson. "Not only will it bring a state-of-the-art school to Pamlico County, it will also allow us to move Pamlico County Middle School out of the danger of flooding during a Hurricane. Having been through two hurricanes that flooded the school, this is very important to all of us! We look forward to our NEXT STEPS!"

Among the projects to be funded by the grants, aimed at districts in economically distressed counties, are seven new or replacement school buildings, including three high schools, two schools combining middle and high school grades, an intermediate school for upper elementary and middle school grades and a Career and Technical Education Center. Some of these districts receiving the grants were hardest hit by natural disasters like flooding and an earthquake. Several of the new schools will replace at least two existing schools with combined facilities. As mentioned by Jackson, Pamlico Middle School was flooded in 2011 by Hurricane Irene and again in 2018 by Hurricane Florence and has much of the school property lying within the FEMA designated 100-year flood plain. The hope is to construct a new facility combining the middle school with the high school which has now been open for 72 years. This grant provides a big step in that direction. Although $50 million seems huge, capital construction costs these days are massive and additional funding sources will no doubt be needed to fully fund the project.

In all, the Department of Public Instruction received 164 grant applications from 72 districts across the state totaling more than $2.4 billion.

The grants, awarded under the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund, are in addition to the state's two other lottery-supported capital funds - the Public School Building Capital Fund and the Public School Building Repair and Renovation Fund - from which all 115 districts in North Carolina receive allocations each year.

Officials representing Pamlico County Schools receive recognition from the N. C. State Department of Public Instruction on Monday for being awarded a School Construction Grant. (L to R) Chairman of the Pamlico County School Board John Prescott, Pamlico County Schools Superintendent Lisa Jackson, N. C. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Catherine Truitt, Pamlico County Schools Director of Administrative Services Henry Rice.

Eighteen other school districts that were awarded grants last year from the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund are receiving directed grants from the program totaling $134.8 million approved by the General Assembly as part of the 2022-23 state budget. These 18 districts had received 80% of their initial request, and the additional funds represent the 20% difference.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Catherine Truitt said the needs-based grants are helping districts across North Carolina with fewer local resources ensure that all students benefit from the best possible learning environments.

"Many students in North Carolina attend schools built decades ago," Truitt said. "These grants are paying for schools designed and built for the 21st century. Today's students, regardless of where they live and attend school, deserve nothing less."

Robert Taylor, deputy state superintendent for School and Student Advancement, said that with the nearly $400 million awarded this past spring to 28 school districts, and the more than $300 million to an additional nine districts today, the state has surpassed a billion dollars in funding for improvements to school facilities in recent years.

"As a former superintendent of a rural school district, I know how important these dollars are to the communities receiving them," Taylor said. "It's an investment by the state that will pay dividends into the future for many thousands of students and educators."

Awards are capped at maximums of $30 million for an elementary school project, $40 million for a middle school project and $50 million for a high school project.

Grant applications were reviewed by the Department of Public Instruction in accordance with priorities provided in the law, including ability to generate revenue, high debt-to-tax reverme ratio, consolidation and replacement of multiple existing facilities, and the extent to which a project will address critical deficiencies in adequately serving the current and future student population.

Mark Michalko, executive director of the N.C. Education Lottery, said a substantial portion of the money raised by the lottery this year will help build new schools and repair older ones.

"It's great that our state lottery proceeds make this $300 million investment in new schools possible," said Michalko. "These new schools will serve families and their children for years to come and we look forward to seeing them opening soon."

Over the last six years, the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund has awarded a total of nearly $1.2 billion dollars to local school districts, providing funding for 69 new K-12 construction projects, including 39 new schools, 10 new buildings, and the replacement of 55 existing schools.

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Pamlico Musical Society Presents Free Informance

Join us for a magical Monday morning of music with an Informance by the Price Hill Duo, presented by the Pamlico Musical Society! Free and open to the public, the Informance – music, stories and Q&A – will be hosted by Prime Time and will take place on Monday, October 17, at 11am at the Oriental United Methodist Church, 404 Freemason Street. Stay for a reception following the Informance and meet the artists!

The Price Hill Duo, a violin-cello ensemble that plays original arrangements of classical works as well as their own compositions, is passionate, distinct, progressive and authentic. Named for a neighborhood on the west side of Cincinnati, the Price Hill Duo is dedicated to the vibrant arts scene through performance, education, and community-building. Violinist Jordana Greenberg is a musician of rare versatility. She is as at home on a classical concert stage as she is at a bluegrass jam, improv session, or folk festival. A graduate of the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, Greenberg went on to study at the New England Conservatory of Music before starting her own ensemble, a 3-piece chamberfolk supergroup that toured internationally for 10 years, including as musical ambassadors for the State Department. Greenberg resides in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she freelances with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra while continuing her own creative endeavors. Cellist Samantha Powell received a Bachelor's Degree in Cello Performance from The Cleveland Institute of Music in 2021. There, she studied with the associate principal cellist of The Cleveland Orchestra Richard Weiss. Since graduating, Samantha is now a Diversity Fellow with the Cincinnati Symphony studying with Alan Rafferty. Samantha was a finalist in the 2022 Sphinx Orchestral Partners Audition and has been awarded a one year contract with the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra. Along with her orchestral accolades, she will be featured in concert with the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra in October.

For helping to make this free Informance possible, Pamlico Musical Society wishes to thank our business sponsors Beth Frazer & Associates, Inc. and Red Rickshaw. We are also grateful for a grant from the North Carolina Arts Council, a Division of the Department of Cultural Resources, and South Arts, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, in support of this season.

Celebrating 25 years of presenting great music for our community, Pamlico Musical Society is a non-profit organization bringing quality musical entertainment, enrichment, and education to Pamlico County. We welcome your support! To learn more about the benefits of joining our group, including advance discounted ticket sales and artist receptions, call 252-617-2125 or visit www.pamlicomusic.org, and like us on Facebook @pamlicomusic.

NORTH CAROLINA
Environmental Quality

State officials advise against swimming in coastal waters impacted by Hurricane Ian

MOREHEAD CITY – State recreational water quality officials are advising the public to avoid swimming in North Carolina coastal waters affected by Hurricane Ian.

Heavy winds and rain have negatively impacted all coastal waters. Waters affected by floodwaters can contain elevated levels of harmful bacteria. The excess rain has caused flooding of streets, yards and housing that have resulted in beach communities having to pump floodwaters into the ocean. These areas, including the wet sand where the floodwater is pumped, should also be avoided, even if no sign is posted.

"Severe weather events like hurricanes and tropical storms bring excessive amounts of rain, storm surge and cause extreme flooding. These conditions increase levels of harmful bacteria in our coastal waters that can cause illness," said Erin Bryan-Millush, manager of the N.C. Recreational Water Quality Program. "The sources of bacteria can vary and include failing septic systems, sewer line breaks, overflowing manholes and wildlife."

While state officials do not have immediate laboratory confirmation that disease-causing organisms are in the water, storm impacts increase the chance that contamination is present thus increasing the risk of adverse health effects from swimming in these waters.

Residents and visitors should avoid swimming in these waters until bacteriological testing indicates sample results within the state's and Environmental Protection Agency's standards. Testing will begin as soon as conditions are safe to do so and areas are accessible. The advisory will be lifted in part or in whole as test results become available.

Since the impacts are widespread, it is not possible to post signs in all areas.

Recreational water quality officials sample 215 sites throughout the coastal region, most of them on a weekly basis, from April to October. Testing continues on a reduced schedule during the rest of the year, when fewer people are in the water.

For more information on the N.C. Recreational Water Quality Program or to view a map of testing sites, visit the program's website, and follow the program's Twitter feed.

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Hurricane Ian expected to bring heavy rainfall

By Dale Herbelig
Staff Writer

Tropical Storm Ian developed into a hurricane Monday morning and poses, at minimum, a threat of widespread heavy rainfall over Eastern North Carolina, according to a September 26 update from the National Weather Service (NWS) in Wilmington.

The release cautions that Ian is expected to increase in strength as it heads into the Gulf of Mexico and makes landfall on the Florida peninsula late in the week.

Although Ian will weaken after landfall and track to the west of Washington County and the region, impacts to eastern NC are expected beginning Friday and lasting through much of this weekend.

The extent of these impacts will be highly dependent on the eventual track, which is likely to change over the next few days.

The most probable local threats are predicted to be widespread heavy rain with the potential for flash flooding and coastal flooding.

As of Monday morning, the heaviest rainfall amounts are expected along the coast, but that could shift, as it is highly dependent on the eventual track and speed of Ian as he tracks over the Southeast US.

There is potential for minor flooding of local main stem rivers, as well as smaller tributaries and creeks.

Washington County Emergency Manager says if the hurricane impacts develop into greater threats, he will be on local radio to advise.

Hyper-Reach notices will provide major emergency alerts — such as evacuation orders, state of emergency declarations or emergency shelter announcements — to residents enrolled in the program.

To sign up for Hyper-Reach go to *www.washconc.org*, click on emergency management under departments and click on register your cell phone.

Early College High School students and administrators joined Roanoke River Lighthouse and Maritime Museum curator Ted Howington, center from, to celebrate the 150th birthday of the Bodie Island Lighthouse. With Howington are, from the left, Melissa Price, Michael Love, E'Naysia Lucas, Derian Chance, and Donna Whitfield. The photo will be posted on the National Park Service website with others wishing Happy Birthday to the Bodie Lighthouse. (Photo courtesy Willie Drye)

Farmers vote in Nickels referendum

By Dale Herbelig
Staff Writer

Washington County farmers who use or produce feed or fertilizer will vote in a Nickels for Know-How Referendum Thursday, November 17, as part of the statewide initiative to help support agricultural research and education.

The referendum is done every six years, when a two-thirds vote in support of the initiative statewide dictates that a per ton assessment is charged for feed and fertilizer produced in North Carolina.

The assessment amounts to 15 cents per ton and results in about $1.4 million to support agricultural research and extension projects at North Carolina State University that benefit agriculture in North Carolina.

The funds are collected by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and then allocated by the NC Carolina Agricultural Foundation's 148-member volunteer Board of Directors.

The poll in Washington County is at the agriculture extension office at 128 East Water Street. The poll is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Extension agent Jalynne Ward says there are about 80-100 eligible voters in the county.

Nickels for Know-How was established by the state legislature in the 1950s to support scientific research to improve crop production and farming methods. The measure enabled farmers to cooperate in encouraging agricultural research and the dissemination of research findings.

For more information on the November 17 referendum, contact the Washington County Extension Office at (252) 793-2163.

JROTC

(Continued from front page)

gram operates in more than 1,700 public and private high schools, military institutions and correctional centers throughout the United States and overseas.

About 40 percent of JROTC programs are in inner city schools, serving a student population of 50 percent minorities.

As JROTC students (Cadets) progress through the program, they experience opportunities to lead other Cadets. A major component of the JROTC leadership and citizenship program is female Cadets. Female Cadets make up 40 percent of the Cadet population. The JROTC faculty is led by nearly 4,000 instructors who are retired from active duty, reserve duty or National Guard Army service. Instructors are trained and qualified in accordance with the National Defense Authorization Act 2007 to teach and mentor approximately 314,000 JROTC Cadets annually.

It was another job well done for Sgt. Major Curtis Arnold's young corps — but corralling the litter of others is by no means the battalion's greatest achievement.

Arnold, who has 32 years of active US Army duty under his belt, says preparing his young charges for the real world is his primary mission. He's dedicated 10 years to the JROTC program since retiring from active duty — and says he remains bound by the standards of the military while in the role.

Arnold's serious about his role — and it shows in the local battalion's Cadet leaders.

Arnold says he concentrates on some instruction that is not a classroom focus today.

One emphasis is building and writing a resume.

"We want Cadets to be ready for jobs when they're done here," he says. "We want to make sure they can get a job, so we teach them how to build a resume and how to write a resume."

Arnold says citizenship and leadership are qualities that can be built into resumes and are strengths that help Cadets develop life skills and prepare better for the future.

Cadet leaders in the Washington County JROTC project confidence when they assess the impact of the corps.

Battalion Commander Ximena Hernandez says her participation has boosted her confidence, made her a better communicator and taught about real life.

"I decided to try it (JROTC) just to see how it would go," she says. "I was kind of scared at first. I thought if I joined (JROTC) that I'd have to go into the Army."

She's been with the program ever since.

Janaiah Webb is Washington County's XO (Executive Officer).

A member since 9th grade, Webb says JROTC shaped her personality.

"I was always shy and unwilling to talk," she relates. "The program got me over that shyness. It got me out of my comfort zone. I can get loud now," she chuckles.

Webb points to the annual JROTC Cadet Challenge — the twice-a-year physical fitness test — as her favorite event.

Sgt. Major Demetria Price says her participation in JROTC has strengthened her connections with others — especially younger Cadets.

"I used to keep pretty much to myself, but I've connected more with others, especially younger Cadets, because I see myself in them. We're really just like one big family."

Currently, the Washington County "family" numbers about 40 Cadets in grades 9-12, Arnold says, and is visible and active at numerous events. Cadet leaders — all seniors — are chosen by outgoing seniors based on a military-style scoring system.

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Man charged for interfering with ambulance

By Dale Heberlig
Staff Writer

Charges are pending against a Plymouth man who used his vehicle to obstruct an ambulance crew that was transporting his father to the hospital September 23.

Police report Jeremy Davis, 41, greeted paramedics with a confusing story when they responded to Davis' call to a Gurkin Street residence about 3 a.m. According to police, Davis' mother was awakened by the EMS response and said she had already spoken to the doctor earlier and was told her husband did not need an ambulance transport.

Responders chose to transport the man, and the younger Davis was told he could not ride in the ambulance. As the ambulance drove on Wilson Street, Davis used his vehicle to cut-off the unit and force it to stop. Following a verbal exchange, with Davis insisting the ambulance was going the wrong way, the ambulance continued to Washington Regional Medical Center, where Davis again approached responders and was restrained by police.

Forty-one-year-old Sonya Shelton, of Plymouth, was charged with trespassing after several incidents at Duck Thru, culminating in her arrest about 3:50 p.m., September 29.

Upon their arrival, responding officers recognized Shelton from earlier calls in which she was ordered not to return the store.

However, Shelton told police "she wanted two hot dogs" from the Duck Thru.

She was jailed on $10,000 secured bond.

A traffic stop for faulty equipment resulted in a driving under the influence charge for Warren Ronald Pettiford September 25.

According to police reports, a Plymouth officer noticed a malfunctioning headlight on Pettiford's vehicle on US Hwy 64 and initiated a traffic stop after the vehicle turned onto Washington Street. A strong odor of alcohol emanated from the vehicle and Pettiford reportedly told police he had consumed one beer.

When Pettiford stumbled exiting his vehicle, police administered field tests and alerted NC Highway Patrol, who performed further tests, resulting in the DUI charge against Pettiford.

A reported theft from a vehicle is under investigation after a Duck Thru employee reported the theft of $346 in cash from her vehicle, while she worked at the store September 28.

The victim told police she left her purse and the cash in her locked vehicle when she parked on the east side of the store. She said a vehicle window was held in place by screws and could be pushed down from the outside, permitting a thief to take her purse from the floor behind the driver's seat.

Steve Morgan, right, and Parks Boyd make up Boyd and Morgan, an acoustic duo that will be featured at this month's First Friday event, October 7, in downtown Plymouth. (Courtesy photo)

Music and more on tap for October's First Friday

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Plymouth's First Friday event returns this week, with cooler weather in store for the music, food, classic cars, cornhole and pontoon boat rides that are a staple.

Boyd and Morgan, an intriguing acoustic duo, that replicates the sound of a larger band, provide the live music under the pergolas at Bear Towne Market downtown.

Steve Morgan says his "sophisticated acoustic percussion set" combines with Parks Boyd's guitars to generate sounds — and a visual element — "that most have never seen or heard until they hear us."

Morgan's principal instrument is the *cajon*, a box-shaped instrument that originated in Peru and produces a variety of rhythmic sounds. But, he augments the hand or brush strokes on the face of the instrument with unique use of other tools attached to his feet.

He blends his baritone vocals with the tenor notes of Boyd as they sing a wide range of class rock and pop numbers dating back as far as the 1960s.

The duo is slated to perform from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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STATE NEWS

State to receive $109 million in federal funds for electric vehicle charging stations

RALEIGH – North Carolina will receive an estimated $109 million over five years from the Federal Highway Administration for the development of electric vehicle charging stations as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, federal officials confirmed on Sept. 27.

"Electric vehicles are growing in popularity and demand, and we need to make sure the state is ready for this shift," said state Transportation Secretary Eric Boyette. "Our federal partners recognize this, and these funds will be invaluable in making sure North Carolina is ready for the future."

These funds are being delivered through the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure, or NEVI, program. As a part of the program, each state department of transportation submitted a plan outlining how the funds will advance equitable deployment of electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The N.C. Department of Transportation's plan was approved the week of Sept. 26.

A large portion of these funds will be used for the installation of Level 3 charging infrastructure along the state's Alternative Fuel Corridors. These major highways and interstates will have electric charging stations installed every 50 miles.

Funding in future years will be focused on community-based public electric vehicle charging and other critical infrastructure needs.

The NEVI Program supports Executive Order 246, signed in January 2022 by Governor Cooper, which aims to increase the amount of registered zero-emission vehicles in North Carolina to at least 1.25 million by 2030. The order also tasks NCDOT with the creation of the Clean Transportation Plan to prepare the state for a shift to more electric vehicles and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Clean Transportation Plan is expected to be complete by April 2023.

NCDHHS delays Medicaid Managed Care Tailored Plans

RALEIGH — To ensure beneficiaries can seamlessly receive care on day one, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services will delay the implementation of the NC Medicaid Managed Care Behavioral Health and Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Tailored Plans until April 1, 2023.

Tailored Plans, originally scheduled to launch Dec. 1, 2022, will provide the same services as Standard Plans in Medicaid Managed Care and will also provide additional specialized services for individuals with significant behavioral health conditions, Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities and traumatic brain injury.

The delayed start of Tailored Plans allows Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organizations, which will operate the Tailored Plans, more time to contract with additional providers to support member choice and to validate that data systems are working appropriately. The decision is supported by the leadership of the state's six LME/MCOs.

While the start of Tailored Plans will be delayed, specific new services will still go live Dec. 1, 2022.

NCDHHS and LME/MCOs will support providers of Tailored Care Management to launch their services on Dec. 1. Eligible beneficiaries will have a single designated care manager supported by a multidisciplinary team to provide integrated care management that addresses the beneficiary's whole-person health needs.

In addition, pending approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, NCDHHS will implement the 1915(i) option on Dec. 1. This program provides services to help beneficiaries remain in their homes and community-based settings through services such as Respite, Individual and Transitional Supports, Community Living and Supports, Community Transition and Supported Employment.

Beneficiaries set to receive care through the Tailored Plans will continue to receive behavioral health services and I/DD and TBI supports through their LME/MCO and physical health and pharmacy services through NC Medicaid Direct, just as they do today.

More information regarding the beneficiary choice period and other key dates leading up to the April 1, 2023, launch will be shared by NCDHHS in the coming weeks.

For more information about Tailored Plans visit NC Medicaid's Tailored Plan website.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Sea to Air drone expo returns in February 2023

By BREANNA SAPP
For the R-C News-Herald

GATESVILLE - Following a successful launch in April of 2022, Gates County Public Schools' "Sea to Air" drone expo will return to K-12 schools in February of 2023 in a continued effort to promote student interaction with science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education.

The "Sea to Air" drone expo was developed in 2021 by the comprehensive science and technology program, "Gates on the Go!", a partnership between East Carolina University (ECU), Gates County Public Schools, and the Ray and Judy Felton Family Foundation.

The program's mission is to serve Gates County students and teachers through professional development, educational resources, the utilization of technology and overall support in STEM education.

The "Sea to Air" drone expo allows students from grades three through twelve the opportunity to research, operate and deploy Tello Drones developed by STEM learning company Pitsco Education.

After months of practice, participating students then showcase their technical skills in STEM by flying the Tello Drones through various obstacles in teams. Students are also required to create a presentation board to showcase the information and skills they learned throughout their experience with the drones. At the end of the expo, students are awarded medals for their work.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Ray Felton, one of the expo's collaborators and chairman of the Gates County Board of Education, takes a photo of a Gates County High School team's presentation board at the "Sea to Air" drone expo held in April of this year.

Two Gates County elementary-level students operate Tello Drones in front of spectators earlier this year.

Amanda Hobbs, Gates County District Academically or Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Coordinator, said applications for the 2023 expo were sent out to parents and students the week of Sept. 19 to all five county public schools. She said "Gates on the Go!" has also made various recruitment efforts at the middle and high schools to garner interest from students.

Each school will be represented by two to three teams, Hobbs said, composed of an estimated 10 to 12 students. Teams and acceptance letters will be finalized on Sept. 30, she said, and all teams will begin meeting the first week of October.

Currently, Hobbs said the "Sea to Air" drone expo is set to occur on Feb. 2 at Central Middle School. All community members are invited to attend the expo, she said, including teachers, staff, parents, fellow peers and Gates County Public School board members.

"We are going to have our elementary kids show their flight skills first, then we'll have a complete expo of the 'show-me' boards for everybody, and then after that we'll have middle and high school flight skills," Hobbs said. "And then a presentation of awards at the end."

Those who participated in the drone expo in April of 2022 became more interested in STEM learning and activities, Hobbs said, generating more student interest in local schools. She said students also learned to problem solve, collaborate with their peers and how to make individual contributions to a team effort.

Hobbs said the "Sea to Air" drone expo also exposes participants to a number of career paths and skills that students might not experience in rural areas of eastern North Carolina.

"There's also the technology component, they explore various career connections throughout the program," Hobbs said. "So they're learning about all sorts of careers that are focused around drones, which living in such a rural area, it's so important to provide that kind of information to our kids."

Ann McClung, science coordinator for ECU's Center for Stem Education and one of the coordinators for "Gates on the Go!" planning, said students and parents can expect a few changes to the 2023 "Sea to Air" drone expo.

This year's event will require each team to design a field element or obstacle for the drones to fly through, McClung said, while middle and high school teams will be invited to participate in an additional drone runway competition.

Students gain a number of skills when participating in the drone expo, McClung said, including through public speaking, peer communication, interaction with technology, and research. She said the impact "Gates on the Go!" has had on Gates County students has furthered ECU's university mission of regional transformation and service.

"Part of the mission of the Center for STEM (Education) is to provide resources and information, STEM education and content, to the general public or to the school systems," McClung said. "To me, it's a win-win situation because it shows the collaboration and the connection with the community in order to grow a stronger relationship."

Those interested in learning more information about "Gates on the Go!" and the "Sea to Air" drone expo should contact Amanda Hobbs.

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CHALLENGE

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Davis said the reason he started the challenge was to engage the public and improve the relationship between law enforcement and the community.

"We're human too, and we enjoy good challenges," he said. "There's a disconnect with law enforcement and the community all over the country, and especially with kids in the community I fought hard in Enfield to bring that connection together when I was the police chief and the town administrator, and it worked out pretty well. As the sheriff, I wanted to start developing that same relationship and opportunity to also include another county, and so they can continue to build a relationship with their community as well."

Sheriff Davis said he felt fine wearing a Jaguars jersey and proud of it.

"I mean, those guys won, and they've done a good job," he said. "I actually went around the county, and I went out to some of our schools in the county and walked the halls at school, and I went to different businesses. And, of course, I went over to the Register of Deeds office here in the county and walked it. And it was only fair to pay respect to Northampton County, and I went out to their school and asked to speak to their principal and their coach. We took pictures with their athletic director, and they told me I could walk the halls, and they allowed their football players to come out of the classroom and talk to me and and I congratulated them as well."

With a good football game challenge out of the way, Sheriff Smith said it has not been decided yet where Sheriff Davis will buy him lunch but suggested possibly a nice place like Sycamore 51.

"I'm just so proud of the North Atlanta County high school football team, the Jaguars," he said. The sheriff's office supports them 100% — the coaches, the staff and Board of Education members, the superintendent — we are so proud. There was no issue between the two teams after the game. I'm so proud that they acted mature."

As for future challenges, Smith said they will do it again next year and may even do it for basketball season.

Sheriff Davis responded to the basketball challenge, "Absolutely, but we're going to win this time. As a matter of fact, I spoke with their coach, athletic director and principal, and they were saying how excited they were about it. And we're saying that next year maybe we can look at the thought of wearing the mascot uniform and everything. So, I said, 'Hey. I'm a good sport.' Whatever we can come up with — me and Sheriff Smith can agree with, is fine by me."

Submitted

Pictured is Halifax County Sheriff Tyree Davis wearing a Jaguars jersey.

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Halifax County Sheriff Tyree Davis, center, stood with Northampton County High School staff.

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Halifax County Sheriff Tyree Davis stood with a Northampton County Schools employee.

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Pictured is Halifax County Sheriff Tyree Davis.

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Pictured is Anzelle Harris, left, with the Northampton County Sheriff's Office next to Halifax County Sheriff Tyree Davis.

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OPEC+ makes big cut to boost prices; pump costs may go up

BY DAVID MCHUGH
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FRANKFURT, Germany — The OPEC+ alliance of oil-exporting countries decided Wednesday to sharply cut production to support sagging oil prices, a move that could deal the struggling global economy another blow and raise politically sensitive pump prices for U.S. drivers just ahead of key national elections.

Energy ministers cut production by a larger-than-expected 2 million barrels per day starting in November after gathering for their first face-to-face meeting at the Vienna headquarters of the OPEC oil cartel since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The group said the decision was based on the "uncertainty that surrounds the global economic and oil market outlooks." Saudi Energy Minister Abdulaziz bin Salman stressed the group's stated role as a guardian of stable energy markets.

"We are here to stay as a moderating force, to bring about stability," he told reporters.

Oil is trading well below its summer peaks because of fears that major global economies such as the U.S. or Europe will sink into recession due to high inflation, rising interest rates and energy uncertainty over Russia's war in Ukraine. The OPEC+ decision could help member Russia weather a looming European ban on most of Moscow's oil, but its impact will have some limitations because countries in the alliance already can't meet their quotas.

U.S. President Joe Biden considered the OPEC+ decision "short-sighted while the global economy is dealing with the continued negative impact of (Russian President Vladimir) Putin's invasion of Ukraine," White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters aboard Air Force One.

"It's clear that OPEC+ is aligning with Russia with today's announcement," she said.

Bin Salman rejected questions referencing the reaction in Washington or implying that OPEC was assisting Russia, saying the discussion was in a nonpolitical "silo" where the focus was prudent management of oil markets.

Following a token trim last month, Wednesday's decision is an abrupt turnaround from months of restoring deep cuts made during the depths of the pandemic. As demand rebounded, global energy prices have swung wildly since Russia invaded Ukraine, helping fuel inflation that is squeezing economies worldwide.

Part of the OPEC+ cut is "on paper" because members already can't supply enough oil to hit their allotments, said Gary Peach, oil markets analyst at energy information firm Energy Intelligence. "Only about half of that is real barrels," he said.

A cut with oil near $90, which is "a comfortable price for all producers," might not sit well with customers, but the oil ministers are "looking into the tunnel of recession " that could lower demand in coming months, Peach said. "They decided to pre-empt that."

The recent fall in oil prices has been a boon to U.S. drivers, who saw lower gasoline prices at the pump before costs recently started ticking up, and for Biden as his Democratic Party gears up for congressional elections next month.

Biden has tried to receive credit for gasoline prices falling from their average June peak of $5.02 — with administration officials highlighting a late March announcement that a million barrels a day would be released from the strategic reserve for six months. High inflation is a fundamental drag on Biden's approval and has dampened Democrats' chances in the midterm elections.

Oil supply could face further cutbacks in coming months when a European ban on most Russian imports takes effect in December. A separate move by the U.S. and other members of the Group of Seven wealthy democracies to impose a price cap on Russian oil could reduce supply if Russia retaliates by refusing to ship to countries and companies that observe the cap.

The EU agreed Wednesday on new sanctions that are expected to include a price cap on Russian oil, meant to starve Putin's country of money for its war machine. It comes amid an energy crisis created by Russian reductions in natural gas supplies to Europe, whose leaders accuse Moscow of retaliation for their support for Ukraine and imposing of sanctions.

Russia "will need to find new buyers for its oil when the EU embargo comes into force in early December and will presumably have to make further price concessions to do so," analysts at Commerzbank said. "Higher prices beforehand — boosted by production cuts elsewhere — would therefore doubtless be very welcome."

Putin signs annexation of Ukrainian regions as losses increase

BY ADAM SCHRECK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KYIV, Ukraine — Russian President Vladimir Putin signed the final papers Wednesday to annex four regions of Ukraine while his military struggled to control the new territory that was added in violation of international laws.

Ukrainian law enforcement officials, meanwhile, reported discovering more evidence of torture and killings in areas retaken from Russian forces.

The documents finalizing the annexation were published on a Russian government website. In a defiant move, the Kremlin held the door open for further land grabs in Ukraine.

Speaking in a conference call with reporters, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that "certain territories will be reclaimed, and we will keep consulting residents who would be eager to embrace Russia."

Peskov did not specify which additional Ukrainian territories Moscow is eyeing, and he wouldn't say if the Kremlin planned to organize more such "referendums."

Putin last week signed treaties that purported to absorb Ukraine's Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions into Russia. The annexation followed Kremlin-orchestrated "referendums" in Ukraine that the Ukrainian government and the West have dismissed as illegitimate.

The Russian president defended the validity of the vote, saying it's "more than convincing" and "absolutely transparent and not subject to any doubt."

"This is objective data on people's mood," Putin said Wednesday at an event dedicated to teachers, adding that he was pleasantly "surprised" by the results.

Putin also signed a decree Wednesday declaring that Russia was taking over the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant, the largest in Europe. Ukraine's Foreign Ministry called it a criminal act and said it considered Putin's decree "null and void." The state nuclear operator said it would continue to operate the plant, which was occupied by Russian forces early in the war.

On the ground, Russia faced mounting setbacks, with Ukrainian forces retaking more and more land in the eastern and southern regions that Moscow now insists are its own.

The precise borders of the areas Moscow is claiming remain unclear, but Putin has vowed to defend Russia's territory — including the annexed regions — with any means at his military's disposal, including nuclear weapons.

Shortly after Putin signed the annexation legislation, the head of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's office, Andriy Yermak, wrote on his Telegram channel that "the worthless decisions of the terrorist country are not worth the paper they are signed on."

"A collective insane asylum can continue to live in a fictional world," Yermak added.

Zelenskyy responded to the annexation by announcing Ukraine's fast-track application to join NATO. In a decree released Tuesday, he also ruled out negotiations with Russia, declaring that Putin's actions made talking to the Russian leader impossible.

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5:55 a.m. (Friday)
ESPN2 — Formula 1: Practice, Marina Bay Street Circuit, Marina Bay, Singapore

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

7 p.m.
ESPN — South Carolina St. at South Carolina

8 p.m.
ESPN — Utah St. at BYU

COLLEGE SOCCER (MEN'S)

9 p.m.
PAC-12N — Oregon St. at UCLA

11 p.m.
PAC-12N — California at Stanford

COLLEGE SOCCER (WOMEN'S)

6 p.m.
ACCN — Notre Dame at Boston College
BTN — Nebraska at Purdue

7 p.m.
ESPNU — Texas A&M at Arkansas
FS1 — Butler at Providence

8 p.m.
ACCN — NC State at Clemson
BTN — Michigan at Minnesota

FIBA BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

3 a.m. (Friday)
ESPN2 — World Cup: TBD, Semifinal, Sydney

GOLF

7 a.m.
GOLF — DP World Tour: The Alfred Dunhill Links Championship, First Round, Old Course, St Andrews, Scotland

12:30 p.m.
GOLF — LPGA Tour: The Ascendant LPGA Of America Classic, First Round, Old American Golf Club, The Colony, Texas

3:30 p.m.
GOLF — PGA Tour: The Sanderson Farms Championship, First Round, Country Club of Jackson, Jackson, Miss.

HORSE RACING

1 p.m.
FS2 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races

MLB BASEBALL

2 p.m.
MLBN — Regional Coverage: Philadelphia at Chicago Cubs OR Kansas City at Detroit (1:10 p.m.)

6 p.m.
MLBN — Regional Coverage: Tampa Bay at Cleveland OR Miami at Milwaukee (7:40 p.m.)

9:30 p.m.
MLBN — Regional Coverage: LA Dodgers at San Diego OR Texas at Seattle

NBA BASKETBALL

6 a.m. (Friday)
NBATV — Preseason: Golden State vs. Washington, Saitama, Japan

NFL FOOTBALL

8:15 p.m.
PRIME VIDEO — Miami at Cincinnati

NHL HOCKEY

7 p.m.
NHLN — Preseason: New Jersey at NY Rangers

9:30 p.m.
NHLN — Preseason: Seattle at Vancouver

TENNIS

6 a.m.
TENNIS — Seoul-ATP, Tel Aviv-ATP, Sofia-ATP, Tallinn-WTA, Early Rounds; Parma-WTA Quarterfinals

8:30 p.m.
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Auto Racing

NASCAR Points Leaders

Through Sept. 25

1. Joey Logano, 3071
2. Ross Chastain, 3059
3. William Byron, 3058
4. Kyle Larson, 3057
5. Ryan Blaney, 3056
6. Denny Hamlin, 3049
7. Chase Elliott, 3045
8. Daniel Suárez, 3045
9. Chase Briscoe, 3041
10. Austin Cindric, 3034
11. Christopher Bell, 3016
12. Alex Bowman, 3015
13. Tyler Reddick, 2107
14. Austin Dillon, 2083
15. Kyle Busch, 2068
16. Kevin Harvick, 2063
17. Martin Truex Jr, 869
18. Erik Jones, 686
19. Bubba Wallace, 657
20. Aric Almirola, 640
21. Chris Buescher, 606
22. Justin Haley, 584
23. Michael McDowell, 548
24. Brad Keselowski, 528
25. Cole Custer, 521
26. Ricky Stenhouse Jr, 484
27. Kurt Busch, 480
28. Harrison Burton, 482
29. Ty Dillon, 480
30. Todd Gilliland, 444
31. Corey Lajoie, 377
32. Cody Ware, 371
33. David Ragan, 80
34. Joey Hand, 63
35. Greg Biffle, 24
36. Jacques Villeneuve, 15
37. Boris Said, 21
38. Kyle Tilley, 8
39. Mike Rockenfeller, 7
40. Daniil Kvyat, 2
41. Kimi Raikkonen, 1

Baseball

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	95	59	.617	—
Toronto	87	68	.561	8½
Tampa Bay	85	69	.552	10
Baltimore	80	74	.519	15
Boston	73	81	.474	22

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	86	68	.558	—
Chicago	76	78	.494	10
Minnesota	75	79	.487	11
Kansas City	63	91	.409	23
Detroit	61	92	.399	24½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Houston	102	53	.658	—
Seattle	83	70	.542	18
Los Angeles	68	86	.442	33½
Texas	66	87	.431	35
Oakland	56	98	.364	45½

x-clinched division

Tuesday's Games
Detroit 4, Kansas City 3, 10 innings
N.Y. Yankees 5, Toronto 2
Tampa Bay 6, Cleveland 3, 11 innings
Minnesota 4, Chicago White Sox 0
Boston 13, Baltimore 9
Houston 10, Arizona 2
L.A. Angels 4, Oakland 3
Texas 5, Seattle 0

Wednesday's Games
Tampa Bay at Cleveland, (n)
Kansas City at Detroit, (n)
N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, (n)
Baltimore at Boston, (n)
Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, (n)
Arizona at Houston, (n)
Oakland at L.A. Angels, (n)
Texas at Seattle, (n)

Thursday's Games
Chicago White Sox (Giolito 10-9) at Minnesota (Mahle 0-2), 1:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Heasley 4-8) at Detroit (Rodriguez 4-5), 1:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Baumann 1-3) at Boston (Lopez 5-3), 1:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Springs 9-4) at Cleveland (Quantrill 14-5), 6:10 p.m.
Oakland (Irvin 9-12) at LA Angels (Ohtani 14-8), 9:38 p.m.
Texas (Gray 7-7) at Seattle (Gonzales 10-15), 9:40 p.m.

Friday's Games
Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Kansas City at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 7:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
Texas at L.A. Angels, 9:38 p.m.
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National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Atlanta	97	58	.626	—
z-New York	97	58	.626	—
Philadelphia	83	70	.542	13
Miami	64	90	.416	32½
Washington	53	101	.344	43½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-St. Louis	90	65	.581	—
Milwaukee	82	72	.532	7½
Chicago	68	86	.442	21½
Cincinnati	60	96	.385	30½
Pittsburgh	59	97	.378	31½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	106	48	.688	—
San Diego	86	68	.558	20
San Francisco	76	78	.494	30
Arizona	71	84	.458	35½
Colorado	65	89	.422	41

x-clinched division
z-clinched playoff berth

Tuesday's Games
Pittsburgh 4, Cincinnati 1
Atlanta 8, Washington 2
Chicago Cubs 2, Philadelphia 1
Miami 6, N.Y. Mets 4
St. Louis 6, Milwaukee 2
Houston 10, Arizona 2
San Francisco 5, Colorado 2
San Diego 4, L.A. Dodgers 3, 10 innings

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Philadelphia at Chicago Cubs, (n)
St. Louis at Milwaukee, (n)
Arizona at Houston, (n)
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, (n)
Colorado at San Francisco, (n)

Thursday's Games
Philadelphia (Suárez 10-5) at Chicago Cubs (Assad 1-2), 2:20 p.m.
Miami (Garrett 3-6) at Milwaukee (Lauer 10-7), 7:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Heaney 3-3) at San Diego (Manaea 7-8), 9:40 p.m.
Colorado (Feltner 3-8) at San Francisco (Rodón 13-8), 9:45 p.m.

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Panthers RB McCaffrey dealing with quad injury

BY STEVE REED
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — Just when it appeared Christian McCaffrey was looking healthy and rounding into form, the Carolina Panthers star running back is dealing with another setback.

Panthers coach Matt Rhule said McCaffrey has a quadriceps injury.

McCaffrey doesn't normally practice on Wednesdays because the team is taking measures to limit his workload given his history of injuries, but this week is a little different than normal as his absence is considered injury-related.

Rhule said McCaffrey's injury is something that "popped up" on Monday after the team's 22-14 win against the New Orleans Saints on Sunday.

Rhule said he hopes to know more about McCaffrey's status for Sunday's game against the Arizona Cardinals after Thursday's practice, calling his status "day to day."

McCaffrey did not attend practice on Wednesday, instead remaining inside the stadium to focus on his rehab.

"He's taking care of himself and getting his body ready," Rhule said.

The 26-year-old McCaffrey was hoping for an injury-free season after missing 23 of 33 games the previous two seasons with various injuries.

McCaffrey ran for 102 yards against the New York Giants and 108 yards against the Saints — his first two 100-yard rushing games since 2019 — the past two weeks, averaging 5.2 yards per carry. He was limited to 33 yards rushing in the season opener against Cleveland.

He is currently tied for fifth in the league in rushing with 243 yards.

"He's incredible," Panthers guard Brady Christensen said. "I can't say much about (his injury status), but he's incredible and when he's on the field he's a game-changer. And so our run game is hugely important and whatever happens we are going to keep that ball rolling. No matter who is running the ball we have to open the lanes for those guys."

McCaffrey was not available for comment on Wednesday.

The Panthers (1-2) are more prepared this season to handle a McCaffrey injury after signing unrestricted free agent D'Onta Foreman from the Tennessee Titans and with Chuba Hubbard now in his second year in the league.

Hubbard has four carries for 28 yards this season and Foreman four carries for 14 yards.

ROUNDUP

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while Methodist emerged 7-6 overall.

Bijou Patel led Wesleyan with 13 kills while Ludmila Borges and Katie Fulton provided 11 each.

Sloan Martin and Barrett Davis led the Bishops in digs with 20 each. Kira Kristjanson had 14 while Fulton provided 10.

A block by Emily Foraker followed by kills from Patel and Fulton gave Wesleyan a 23-20 lead in the second set. Patel's kill off an assist from Martin, followed by Borges kill off an assist by Desiree Walker, evened the match at a set each before Methodist won the last two sets.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Wesleyan adjusts schedule

Inclement weather expected due to the arrival of Hurricane Ian has prompted North Carolina Wesleyan University's football team to make changes to their schedule.

The Bishops' game at home against LaGrange, originally slated for Saturday as part of homecoming activities, has been moved up to 1 p.m. on Friday at Stallings Field at Vernon T. Bradley Stadium. It is no longer the homecoming game, however.

Wesleyan has moved its homecoming game to Nov. 5 against Huntingdon College. Kickoff is set for noon.

FOOTBALL

Continued from B1

make it three straight with a victory at Northwest Halifax (0-3, 1-4).

North Edgecombe (2-1 TRC, 2-3 overall) averages nearly 26 points per game on offense and the defense allows 31.2 per outing, but the Warriors have only allowed 13 points in their last two contests.

Northwest Halifax comes into the game averaging 7.2 points while the defense is giving up 42 points per contest.

RMP AT SEH

Rocky Mount Prep has not won (0-4, 0-5) and hasn't scored this season, and it doesn't appear to get any easier this week when the Jaguars continue Tar Roanoke 1A Conference play at Southeast Halifax (3-1, 3-2).

Southeast Halifax averages almost 40 points per game and the defense gives up 28.5. RMP's defense is allowing 54.4 points a game.

NORTH PITT AT SWE

This Eastern Plains 2A Conference battle features teams looking for their first league victories as the Panthers (0-1, 2-3) visit Pinetops to tackle the Cougars (0-2, 1-5).

SouthWest's offense has struggled overall, as the Cougars average just 10 points per game while the defense is giving up almost 28 points per outing.

North Pitt averages 21.2 points per game on offense, and the Panthers give up 31.8 points per game.

SouthWest has lost four straight games since beating North Edgecombe.

CARY CHRISTIAN AT FCS

Faith Christian School (0-1 in NCISAA Big 8, 4-1 overall) will play host to Cary Christian (1-1, 3-1) in a key league game this week.

The Patriots average 32.8 points per game and the defense allows 22.

Cary Christian brings averages of 40.5 points per game offensively and 24.75 points per game allowed defensively into the contest.

WAYNE CHRISTIAN AT RMA

Wayne Christian takes it 3-1 overall record (0-1 conference) into Rocky Mount on Friday to battle the Eagles, who are 0-2 in the Big 8 and 3-2 overall.

RMA is the third-highest scoring team in the conference (43 points per game) and the defense gives up 20.8 points per contest.

In contrast, Wayne Christian averages 36.25 points on offense and the defense surrenders 31.5 points per contest.

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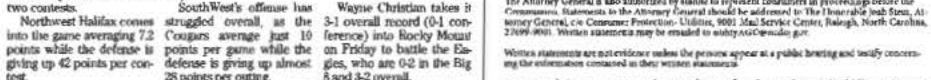

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PAC-12N — Stanford at Washington

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6 p.m.
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6:30 p.m.
PAC-12N — Arizona at Southern Cal

7 p.m.
SECN — LSU at Texas A&M

8 p.m.
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8:30 p.m.
PAC-12N — Oregon at Utah

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)

8 p.m.
BTN — Nebraska at Michigan St.

GOLF

8 a.m.
GOLF — DP World Tour: The Open de Espana, First Round, Club de Campo Villa de Madrid, Madrid

5 p.m.
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9 p.m.
GOLF — LPGA Tour: The Mediheal Championship, First Round, The Saticoy Club, Somis, Calif. (Taped)

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

8 p.m.
ESPNU — Zachary (La.) at Woodlawn (La.)

HORSE RACING

12:30 p.m.
FS2 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races

NBA BASKETBALL

12 p.m.
NBATV — Preseason: Milwaukee vs. Atlanta, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

7:30 p.m.
ESPN — Preseason: Miami at Brooklyn

10 p.m.
ESPN — Preseason: Minnesota vs. LA Lakers, Las Vegas

NBA G LEAGUE BASKETBALL

3 p.m.
ESPN2 — Preseason: Metropolitans 92 at G League Ignite

NFL FOOTBALL

8:15 p.m.
PRIME VIDEO — Indianapolis at Denver

NHL HOCKEY

7 p.m.
NHLN — Preseason: New Jersey at NY Islanders

SOCCER (MEN'S)

10 a.m.
CBSSN — UEFA Champions League (Taped)

TENNIS

6 a.m.
TENNIS — Tokyo-ATP, Nur-Sultan-ATP, Ostrava-WTA, Monastir-WTA Early Rounds

10 p.m.
TENNIS — Tokyo-ATP, Nur-Sultan-ATP, Ostrava-WTA, Monastir-WTA Quarterfinals

6 a.m. (Friday)
TENNIS — Tokyo-ATP, Nur-Sultan-ATP, Ostrava-WTA, Monastir-WTA Quarterfinals

Auto Racing

NASCAR Points Leaders

Through Oct. 2

1. Chase Elliott, 3033.
2. Ryan Blaney, 3101.
3. Ross Chastain, 3087.
4. Denny Hamlin, 3090.
5. Kyle Larson, 3087.
6. Joey Logano, 3083.
7. Daniel Suarez, 3082.
8. Austin Cindric, 3069.
9. Chase Briscoe, 3069.
10. William Byron, 3058.
11. Christopher Bell, 3036.
12. Alex Bowman, 3019.
13. Tyler Reddick, 2116.
14. Austin Dillon, 2107.
15. Kyle Busch, 2080.
16. Kevin Harvick, 2071.
17. Martin Truex Jr, 880.
18. Erik Jones, 727.
19. Bubba Wallace, 678.
20. Aric Almirola, 663.
21. Chris Buescher, 621.
22. Justin Haley, 615.
23. Michael McDowell, 582.
24. Brad Keselowski, 541.
25. Cole Custer, 537.
26. Ricky Stenhouse Jr, 506.
27. Kurt Busch, 485.
28. Harrison Burton, 483.
29. Todd Gilliland, 474.
30. Ty Dillon, 474.
31. Corey Lajoie, 379.
32. Cody Ware, 376.
33. David Ragan, 89.
34. Joey Hand, 63.
35. Greg Biffle, 24.
36. Jacques Villeneuve, 15.
37. Boris Said, 11.
38. Kyle Tilley, 8.
39. Mike Rockenfeller, 7.
40. [illegible], 2.
41. [illegible], 1.

Baseball

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	99	62	.615	—
y-Toronto	91	70	.565	8
y-Tampa Bay	86	75	.534	13
Baltimore	83	78	.516	16
Boston	77	84	.478	22

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	91	70	.565	—
Chicago	81	80	.503	10
Minnesota	77	84	.478	14
Detroit	66	95	.410	25
Kansas City	65	96	.404	26

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Houston	106	56	.654	—
y-Seattle	89	72	.553	16
Los Angeles	73	88	.453	32
Texas	67	94	.416	38
Oakland	59	102	.366	46

x-clinched division
y-clinched wild card

Tuesday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 5, Texas 4, 1st game
Cleveland 5, Kansas City 3
Boston 6, Tampa Bay 0, 5 innings
Seattle 7, Detroit 6, 10 innings, 1st game
Texas 3, N.Y. Yankees 2, 2nd game
Chicago White Sox 8, Minnesota 3
Houston 10, Philadelphia 0
Oakland 2, L.A. Angels 1, 10 innings
Seattle 9, Detroit 6, 2nd game
Toronto at Baltimore, ppd

Wednesday's Games
Baltimore 5, Toronto 4, 1st game
L.A. Angels at Oakland, (n)
N.Y. Yankees at Texas, (n)
Toronto at Baltimore, 2nd game, (n)
Detroit at Seattle, (n)
Kansas City at Cleveland, (n)
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, (n)
Philadelphia at Houston, (n)
Tampa Bay at Boston (n)

Thursday's Games
No games scheduled

Friday's Games
Tampa Bay at Cleveland, 12:07 p.m.
Seattle at Toronto, 4:07 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Atlanta	101	60	.627	—
y-New York	100	61	.621	1
y-Philadelphia	87	74	.540	14
Miami	68	93	.422	33
Washington	55	106	.342	46

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-St. Louis	93	68	.578	—
Milwaukee	86	75	.534	7
Chicago	73	88	.453	20
Cincinnati	62	99	.385	31
Pittsburgh	61	100	.379	32

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	110	51	.683	—
y-San Diego	89	72	.553	21
San Francisco	80	81	.497	30
Arizona	73	88	.453	37
Colorado	68	93	.422	42

x-clinched division
y-clinched wild card

Tuesday's Games
N.Y. Mets 4, Washington 2, 1st game
Cincinnati 3, Chicago Cubs 2
Atlanta 2, Miami 1
St. Louis 8, Pittsburgh 7, 10 innings
Milwaukee 3, Arizona 0
Houston 10, Philadelphia 0
N.Y. Mets 8, Washington 0, 2nd game
San Diego 6, San Francisco 2
Colorado 5, LA Dodgers 2

Wednesday's Games
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, (n)
Arizona at Milwaukee, (n)
Atlanta at Miami, (n)
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, (n)
Philadelphia at Houston, (n)
San Francisco at San Diego, (n)
Washington at N.Y. Mets, (n)
Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, (n)

Thursday's Games
No games scheduled

Friday's Games
Philadelphia at St. Louis, 2:07 p.m.
San Diego at N.Y. Mets, 8:07 p.m.

Football

Top 25 Schedule

Saturday
No. 1 Alabama vs. Texas A&M, 8 p.m.
No. 2 Georgia vs. Auburn, 3:30 p.m.
No. 3 Ohio St. at Michigan St., 4 p.m.
No. 4 Michigan at Indiana, Noon
No. 5 Clemson at Boston Coll., 7:30 p.m.
No. 6 Southern Cal vs. Washington St., 7:30 p.m.
No. 7 Okla. St. vs. Texas Tech, 3:30 p.m.
No. 8 Tennessee at No. 25 LSU, Noon
No. 9 Mississippi at Vanderbilt, 4 p.m.
No. 11 Utah at No. 18 UCLA, 3:30 p.m.
No. 12 Oregon at Arizona, 9 p.m.
No. 13 Kentucky vs. S. Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
No. 14 NC State vs. Florida St., 8 p.m.
No. 15 Wake Forest vs. Army, 7:30 p.m.
No. 16 BYU at Notre Dame, 7:30 p.m.
No. 17 TCU at No. 19 Kansas, Noon
No. 20 Kansas St. at Iowa St., 7:30 p.m.
No. 21 Washington at Arizona St., 4 p.m.
No. 23 Mississippi St. vs. Arkansas, Noon
No. 24 Cincinnati vs. South Fla., 2:30 p.m.

Golf

PGA Tour Stats

Through Oct. 2

FedExCup Season Points
1, Mackenzie Hughes, 526. 2, Max Homa, 500. 3 (tie), Danny Willett and Sepp Straka, 300. 5, Taylor Montgomery, 263. 6, Garrick Higgo, 190. 7, Mark Hubbard, 138. 8, Dean Burmester, 135. 9, Nick Taylor, 135. 10, Justin Lower, 132.

Scoring Average
1, Max Homa, 68.548. 2, Sepp Straka, 68.774. 3, Danny Willett, 68.798. 4, Dean Burmester, 69.274. 5, Taylor Montgomery, 69.661. 6, Keegan Bradley, 69.774. 7, Mackenzie Hughes, 69.786. 8, Rickie Fowler, 69.798. 9, 3 tied with 70.163.

Driving Distance
1, Brandon Matthews, 327.8. 2, Brandon Hagy, 323.5. 3, Taylor Pendrith, 322.4. 4, Luke List, 321.8. 5, Kyle Westmoreland, 320.6. 6, Augusto Nunez, 320.5. 7, Byeong Hun An, 319.5. 8, Trey Mullinax, 318.6. 9, [illegible], 318.3. 10, 2 tied with 317.3.

Driving Accuracy Percentage
1, Vaughn Taylor, 71.43%. 2 (tie), Ryan Armour, [illegible] and Sepp Straka, 67.86%. 5, William McGirt, 66.07%. 6 (tie), Aaron Rai and Webb Simpson, 64.29%. 8, Joel Dahmen, 63.10%. 9, 2 tied with 62.50%.

Greens in Regulation Percentage
1, Rickie Fowler, 77.78%. 2, Emiliano Grillo, 77.08%. 3 (tie), Jason Day, James Hahn, Matt Kuchar and Sepp Straka, 75.00%. 7 (tie), Adam Hadwin, Beau Hossler and Danny Willett, 73.61%. 10, 5 tied with 72.22%.

Total Driving
1, [illegible], 31. 2, Dean Burmester, 33. 3, Webb Simpson, 37. 4, Matti Schmid, 56. 5, Davis Thompson, 60. 6, Taylor Pendrith, 67. 7, Seung-Yul Noh, 72. 8 (tie), Callum Tarren and Kevin Yu, 74. 10, Sam Burns, 77.

SG-Putting
1, Harry Hall, 2.133. 2, Taylor Montgomery, 2.128. 3, Adam Long, 1.831. 4, Keegan Bradley, 1.535. 5, Dean Burmester, 1.522. 6, Kelly Kraft, 1.319. 7, Brandon Hagy, 1.314. 8, S.H. Kim, 1.309. 9, Danny Willett, 1.238. 10, Sepp Straka, 1.215.

Birdie Average
1 (tie), Keegan Bradley and Sepp Straka, 6.75. 3 (tie), Seamus Power and Aaron Rai, 5.25. 5, Mackenzie Hughes, 5.13. 6 (tie), Dean Burmester, Justin Lower, Nick Taylor and Danny Willett, 5. 10, 3 tied with 4.88.

Eagles (Holes per)
1, Alejandro Tosti, 24. 2 (tie), Hayden Buckley, Stewart Cink, Rickie Fowler, Sung Kang and Martin Trainer, 36. 7 (tie), Luke List, Scott Piercy and Kyle Westmoreland, 54. 10, 11 tied with 72.

Sand Save Percentage
1, 10 tied with 100%.

All-Around Ranking
1, Dean Burmester, 170. 2, Sepp Straka, 255. 3, Max Homa, 272. 4, Emiliano Grillo, 283. 5, Thomas Detry, 289. 6, Davis Thompson, 303. 7, Nick Taylor, 307. 8, Justin Lower, 318. 9, Kevin Yu, 329. 10, Taylor Montgomery, 334.

Panthers' Rhule struggles to find success as pressure mounts

BY STEVE REED
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — Matt Rhule remains confident he can turn around the Carolina Panthers even as pressure mounts on the team's third-year coach to win.

Rhule is 11-26 so far in three seasons with the Panthers, and the team is off to another rocky start (1-3) with their offense ranked last in the league despite the offseason addition of 2018 No. 1 pick Baker Mayfield.

The Panthers have lost 10 of their past 11 games going back to last season and are just 5-14 at home overall under Rhule.

Panthers owner David Tepper preached patience in April giving Rhule his "full support" despite back-to-back five-win seasons. But Tepper hasn't addressed reporters since the start of the season regarding Rhule's future.

Rhule is three years into a seven-year, $62 million contract, meaning Tepper would have to eat more than half of that contract if he decided to fire the former Baylor coach — although money likely isn't much of an issue for the NFL's second-wealthiest owner.

The fan base's attitude has bordered on anger and apathy with more chants of "fire Rhule" cascading through half-empty Bank of America Stadium on Sunday after the Panthers allowed 23 straight points to the Arizona Cardinals after surrendering a 10-3 halftime lead.

Still, Rhule believes he can beat the odds.

"We have good players and I trust our players," Rhule said. "I think we need to make more plays on offense. Our defense is playing well, our special teams is playing well and our offensive line is playing well."

Panthers running back Christian McCaffrey said players are "absolutely" behind Rhule.

"Each player on this team, we have high accountability," McCaffrey said. "The matter of fact is we haven't been good enough. I'm in the meetings, and I know what's being coached. Bad football is not being coached.

When asked if he's seen that accountability across the locker room, McCaffrey responded, "We're getting it fixed."

McCaffrey, one of the team's captains, said it's up to the players to turn things around and change the losing mentality.

FILE PHOTO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Carolina Panthers head coach Matt Rhule watches during the second half of an NFL game against the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday in Charlotte.

"We have to make the plays when our numbers are called," McCaffrey said. "And that's not happening right now. We have extreme urgency to get it done."

Mayfield, in particular, has struggled this season.

Mayfield had three turnovers in Carolina's loss to Arizona and was booed in the fourth quarter by the fans that did stick around to see the finish.

"Nobody is happy with where we're at, plain and simple," Mayfield said. "You can harp on it or look at the tape and get better and fix it. We have to do our job better and at a higher level. It's time for our offense to play well instead of relying on our defense and special teams to bail us out."

Things likely won't get much easier in Week 5 against the San Francisco 49ers, who have allowed just 37 points on defense — tied for the second-fewest points allowed through four games by any NFL team since 2010. Only the 2019 Patriots allowed fewer (14).

Tepper has had more patience with Rhule than he had with former head coach Ron Rivera, who was fired midway through his second season of Tepper's tenure.

Rivera, Carolina's all-time winningest coach, was 14-19 at the time when he was let go.

Rhule said he meets with Tepper every week, but the two have not discussed his future.

"I'm not going to talk a lot about my conversations with Dave," Rhule said. "He wants to win like everybody wants to win. He's a good owner and a good man and I'm going to keep doing the best I can for him."

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 644

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual fuel charge adjustment cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 643, which is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55 for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudently incurred fuel and fuel related costs. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

On August 9, 2022, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55. By its application, DENC requests a change to its fuel charges effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2023. Due to the significance of the under recovery of its fuel costs during the Test Period and recognizing the impact of such a proposed increase in fuel rates upon customers during the Rate Year, DENC proposes two rate adjustments for the Commission's consideration: a Full Recovery rate and a Stepped Mitigation rate.

DENC's Full Recovery request, if approved and inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 1.8763 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential customers, 1.8734 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers, 1.8615 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 1.8039 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; 1.8298 cents per kWh for rate schedule 6VP customers; and 1.8763 cents per kWh for outdoor lighting and traffic customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by $18.76 – an increase of approximately 17%.

DENC's Stepped Mitigation request, if approved and inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers for the period of February 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023: 0.9382 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential customers; 0.9367 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.9308 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.9020 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; 0.9149 cents per kWh for rate schedule 6VP customers; and 0.9382 cents per kWh for outdoor lighting and traffic customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity during this period by $9.38 – an increase of approximately 8%. The Stepped Mitigation approach would then increase to the same per kWh rates for the period of August 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, as those listed above for DENC's Full Recovery request. In its next fuel proceeding (which will be filed next year) the Company intends to propose rates to recover the balance resulting from the use of the Stepped Mitigation approach.

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

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

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

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

Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Wednesday, October 19, 2022. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Wednesday, October 19, 2022.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 16th day of September, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk

Crunch with us

This October, join the Cooperative Extension offices across North Carolina by celebrating National Farm to School Month and National Apple Month by crunching into locally grown produce. The 2022 NC Crunch Day will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 19.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT
Jennifer Brown

This day promotes healthy eating and supports farm to school and other local food purchasing initiatives throughout the state. In 2016, Congress declared October National Farm to School Month, recognizing the important role farm to school plays in promoting well-being among children and strong local economies. From school gardens and farm field trips to local food on cafeteria trays, farm to school practices help children learn about where food comes from and make healthier choices while also creating new markets for local and regional farmers. "Farm to school is an important tool in the fight against childhood obesity and food insecurity," said Helen Dombalis, Executive Director of the National Farm to School Network. "There are important economic benefits, as well. In the most recent USDA Farm to School Census, schools reported purchasing nearly $800 million in local food from farmers, ranchers, fishermen and food processors in their communities." Learn more about the farm to school movement at farmtoschool.org.

Try the following recipe courtesy of the Colorado State University Extension website at growgive.extension.colostate.edu or for more information, follow us on a variety of social media sites: Facebook, Instagram and YouTube @ persongranvillefcs

Peanut Butter Breakfast Cookies
makes 16 cookies

2 over ripe bananas
1/2 cup peanut butter
2 tsps vanilla extract
3 Tbsp honey or maple syrup
2 cups oat (quick cooking or old-fashioned)
1 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp cardamom (optional)
1/2 large carrot, grated
1/4 cup chopped walnuts or pecans (optional)

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, mash the bananas. Mix in the peanut butter and vanilla extract. Add all the other ingredients to the bowl, except the carrots and nuts. Mix well; it will be a thick batter. Mix in the carrots and chopped nuts, using your hands if necessary. Shape the batter into balls and place on a baking sheet, spacing evenly. Flatten the balls to form a cookie shape. Bake for 10-13 minutes. Cookies are done when the outside turns slightly golden-brown.

HISTORY

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students were inside, and the police evacuated them out of fear for their safety. That evening, President Eisenhower issued a special proclamation calling for opponents of the federal court order to "cease and desist." On Sept. 24, Little Rock's mayor sent a telegram to the president asking him to send troops to maintain order and complete the integration process. Eisenhower immediately federalized the Arkansas National Guard and approved the deployment of U.S. troops to Little Rock. That evening, from the White House, the president delivered a nationally televised address in which he explained that he had taken the action to defend the rule of law and prevent "mob rule" and "anarchy." On Sept. 25, the Little Rock Nine entered the school under heavily armed guard.

Troops remained at Central High School throughout the school year, but still the Black students were subjected to verbal and physical assaults from a faction of white students. Melba Pattillo one of the nine, had acid thrown in her eyes, and Elizabeth Eckford was pushed down a flight of stairs. The three male students in the group were subjected to more conventional beatings. Minniejean Brown was suspended after dumping a bowl of chili over the head of a taunting white student. She was later suspended for the rest of the year after continuing to fight back. The other eight students consistently turned the other cheek. On May 27, 1958, Ernest Green, the only senior in the group, became the first Black person to graduate from Central High School.

Governor Faubus continued to fight the school board's integration plan, and in September 1958 he ordered Little Rock's three high schools closed rather than permit integration. Many Little Rock students lost a year of education as the legal fight over desegregation continued. In 1958, a federal court struck down Faubus' school-closing law, and in August 1959 Little Rock's white high schools opened a month early with Black students in attendance. All grades in Little Rock public schools were finally integrated in 1972.

Sept. 25, 1789

Bill of Rights passes Congress

The first Congress of the United States approves 12 amendments to the U.S. Constitution, and sends them to the states for ratification. The amendments, known as the Bill of Rights, were designed to protect the basic rights of U.S. citizens, guaranteeing the freedom of speech, press, assembly, and exercise of religion; the right to fair legal procedure and to bear arms; and that powers not delegated to the federal government were reserved for the states and the people.

Influenced by the English Bill of Rights of 1689, the Bill of Rights was also drawn from Virginia's Declaration of Rights, drafted by George Mason in 1776. Mason, a native Virginian, was a lifelong champion of individual liberties, and in 1787 he attended the Constitutional Convention and criticized the final document for lacking constitutional protection of basic political rights. In the ratification process that followed, Mason and other critics agreed to approve the Constitution in exchange for the assurance that amendments would immediately be adopted.

In December 1791, Virginia became the 10th of 14 states to approve 10 of the 12 amendments, thus giving the Bill of Rights the two-thirds majority of state ratification necessary to make it legal. Of the two amendments not ratified, the first concerned the population system of representation, while the second prohibited laws varying the payment of congressional members from taking effect until an election intervened. The first of these two amendments was never ratified, while the second was finally ratified more than 200 years later, in 1992.

Sept. 29, 2008

Dow suffers largest single-day drop

On Sept. 29, 2008, after Congress failed to pass a $700 billion bank bailout plan, the Dow Jones Industrial Average falls 777.68 points—at the time, the largest single-day point loss in its history.

Down 7 percent, a greater loss than the 624.81 skid on September 17, 2001 (the first trading day post-9/11), the S&P 500 also suffered its biggest one-day loss since the 1987 crash, dropping 8.8 percent, and the NASDAQ fell 9.1 percent, its biggest single-day point loss in eight years.

The huge decline followed the bankruptcies of Wall Street brokerage firm Lehman Brothers, Savings and Loan bank Washington Mutual, as well as the Fed's announcement that it would provide an $85 billion bailout for insurance provider American International Group (better known as AIG) to keep it from going under.

Also playing into things was a housing slowdown that triggered homeowners to suffer subprime mortgage defaults, widespread job losses and the Fed's intervention to bail out investment bank Bear Stearns, as well as government-sponsored Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Congress's inability to pass the Bush administration's bill led to fears that the nearly frozen credit markets wouldn't be able to rebound quickly, causing sellers to shed their stocks. The Dow drop equaled a whopping $1.2 trillion loss in market value, contributing to the 18-month-long Great Recession.

Congress eventually did pass a bailout bill, with Bush signing the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008. The Dow drop remained the largest single-day point loss until 2018. On March 16, 2020, the Dow suffered its largest single-day drop yet.

Extension notes

Make Your Life Falls Free

There's so much about life to enjoy as we age. We need to stay healthy and take steps to prevent falls so we can enjoy our family, friends, and the things we love. Falls are the number one cause of injury in adults aged 65 and older and can lead to serious health problems. Falls can happen to anyone and, for older adults (65+), are more likely to lead to a serious injury, like a hip fracture. You can help prevent falls by regularly checking your risk and then discussing it with your doctor or other healthcare provider.

Take the Falls Free CheckUp at https://go.nesu.edu/fallsfreecheck to learn your risk and discuss results with your doctor. The Falls Free CheckUp is a quick and easy screening tool that takes only minutes to complete. After answering 15 questions, you'll receive either a "normal" or "high risk" result with steps for what to do next. The results page provides fall prevention education resources and gives you the option to set a reminder to follow up with your doctor and print or save your results to share with others. There are actions you can take to reduce your fall risk as you age, even if you receive a "normal" result: (1) Stay active to maintain your strength and balance; (2) Ask your doctor or pharmacist to review all the medicines you take, even over the counter medications; (3) Make sure your home is well lit and remove items you can trip over, like throw rugs and clutter; (4) Have your eyes checked once a year and wear corrective lenses as needed; (5) Have your feet checked by a doctor at least once a year and discuss proper footwear; (6) Discuss any chronic conditions with your doctor, such as osteoporosis, arthritis, and diabetes.

Calendar Of Events

Oct. 6 At Home with ECA; Oct. 18 Dining Out Lunch N' Learn; Oct. 25 Dining Out Virtual Lunch N' Learn

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I would appreciate your vote November 8th, 2022.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 646

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This week in history

Oct. 2, 1967

Thurgood Marshall sworn in as first Black Supreme Court justice

Chief Justice Earl Warren swears in Thurgood Marshall, the first Black justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. As chief counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in the 1940s and '50s, Marshall was the architect and executor of the legal strategy that ended the era of official racial segregation.

The great-grandson of an enslaved person, Marshall was born in Baltimore, Md., in 1908. After being rejected from the University of Maryland Law School on account of his race, he was accepted at all-Black Howard University in Washington, D.C. At Howard, he studied under the tutelage of civil liberties lawyer Charles H. Houston and in 1933 graduated first in his class. In 1936, he joined the legal division of the NAACP, of which Houston was director, and two years later succeeded his mentor in the organization's top legal post.

As the NAACP's chief counsel from 1938 to 1961, he argued more than a dozen cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, successfully challenging racial segregation, most notably in public education. He won nearly all of these cases, including a groundbreaking victory in 1954's Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, in which the Supreme Court ruled that segregation violated the equal rights clause of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution and was thus illegal. The decision served as a great impetus for the civil rights movement and ultimately led to the abolishment of segregation in all public facilities and accommodations.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy appointed Marshall to the U.S. Court of Appeals, but his nomination was opposed by many Southern senators, and he was not confirmed until the following year. In 1965, President Lyndon Johnson appointed Marshall to be solicitor general of the United States. In this position, he again successfully argued cases before the Supreme Court, this time on behalf of the U.S. government.

On June 13, 1967, Johnson nominated Marshall to fill the seat of retiring Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark. Of his decision to appoint Marshall, Johnson said it was "the right thing to do, the right time to do it, the right man, and the right place." After a heated debate, the Senate confirmed Marshall's nomination by a vote of 69-11 on Aug. 30. Marshall was officially sworn in to the nation's highest court at the opening ceremony of the Supreme Court term on Oct. 2.

During his 24 years on the high court, Associate Justice Marshall consistently challenged discrimination based on race or sex, opposed the death penalty and vehemently defended affirmative action. He supported the rights of criminal defendants and defended the right to privacy. As appointments by a largely Republican White House changed the ideology of the Supreme Court, Marshall found his liberal views increasingly in the minority. He retired in 1991 because of declining health and died in 1993.

Oct. 2, 1965

Gatorade invented at University of Florida

On Oct. 2, 1965, a team of scientists invent Gatorade, a sports drink to quench thirst, in a University of Florida lab. The name "Gatorade" is derived from the nickname of the university's sports teams. Eventually, the drink becomes a phenomenon and makes its inventors wealthy.

Early in the summer of 1965, University of Florida assistant football coach Dewayne Douglas met a group of scientists on campus to determine why many of Florida's players were so negatively affected by heat. To replace bodily fluids lost during physical exertion, Dr. James Robert Cade and his team of researchers—doctors H. James Free, Dana Shires and Alex de Quesada—created the now-ubiquitous sports drink.

"They developed a drink that contained salts and sugars that could be absorbed more quickly," according to a University of Florida history of medicine, "and the basis for Gatorade was formed."

In its early days, Gatorade wasn't a hit with players. The drink reportedly tasted so awful that some athletes vomited after consuming it.

By 2015, however, royalties for the group that invented Gatorade, as well as some of their family members and friends, had eclipsed $1 billion.

"I think we'd all be living well without it," Free told ESPN in 2015. "But it has enabled us to do things like establish a family foundation and a family office. It also has its challenges in that we cannot let what we have spoil us."

Oct. 4, 2011

Man who served 25 years for murder exonerated by DNA

On Oct. 4, 2011, Michael Morton, who spent 25 years in prison for his wife's murder, is released after DNA evidence implicates another man in the crime. The prosecutor in the case later was accused of withholding evidence indicating that Morton was innocent.

On the afternoon of August 13, 1986, a neighbor found 31-year-old Christine Morton beaten to death in her bed in the Williamson County, Texas, home (near Austin) she shared with Michael, a grocery store manager, and their 3-year-old son. Six weeks later, Morton, who had no criminal record or history of violence, was arrested for Christine's murder. At trial, the prosecution contended Morton had slain his wife of seven years after she refused to have sex with him on the night of Aug. 12, his 32nd birthday. Morton maintained he had nothing to do with his wife's death and said an intruder must have killed her after he left for work early on the morning of August 13. No witnesses or physical evidence linked Morton to the crime; nevertheless, he was convicted on Feb.17, 1987, and sentenced to life behind bars.

In 2005, Morton's defense team asked the state to test DNA on a variety of items, including a blood-stained bandanna found by police the day after the murder at an abandoned construction site close to the Morton home. The Williamson County district attorney successfully blocked all requests for testing until 2010, when a Texas appeals court ordered that testing on the bandana take place. In the summer of 2011, the test results revealed the bandana contained Christine Morton's blood and hair, along with the DNA of another man, Mark Alan Norwood, a felon with a long criminal record who worked in the Austin area as a carpet layer at the time of the murder.

Michael Morton was released from prison on Oct. 4, 2011, and officially exonerated in December of that year. A month after Morton was freed, Norwood, 57, was arrested for Christine Morton's killing. In March 2013, he was found guilty of her murder and sentenced to life in prison. Based on DNA evidence, Norwood also was indicted for killing a second woman, Debra Baker, whose 1988 murder in Austin had remained unsolved. Like Morton, Baker was bludgeoned to death in her bed. She lived just blocks from Norwood at the time of her murder.

In October 2012, after a nearly yearlong investigation, the State Bar of Texas filed a disciplinary petition against Ken Anderson, the prosecutor in the Morton case (who became a Texas district judge in 2002), alleging he withheld various pieces of evidence from Morton's attorneys, including a transcript of an August 1986 taped interview between the case's lead investigator and Morton's mother-in-law, in which she stated that Morton's 3-year-old son had told her in detail about witnessing his mother's murder and said his father was not home at the time. In a November 2013 deal to settle the charges against him, Anderson agreed to serve 10 days in jail, perform 500 hours of community service, give up his law license and pay a $500 fine.

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SCOREBOARD

TV Listings

AUTO RACING

5:55 a.m. (Friday)
ESPN2 — Formula 1: Practice, Marina Bay Street Circuit, Marina Bay, Singapore

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

7 p.m.
SECN — South Carolina St. at South Carolina

8 p.m.
ESPN — [illegible]

COLLEGE SOCCER (MEN'S)

9 p.m.
PAC-12N — [illegible] at UCLA

11 p.m.
PAC-12N — California at Stanford

COLLEGE SOCCER (WOMEN'S)

6 p.m.
ACCN — Notre Dame at Boston College
BTN — [illegible] at Purdue

7 p.m.
ESPNU — [illegible]
FS1 — [illegible] at Providence

8 p.m.
ACCN — NC State at Clemson
BTN — Michigan at Minnesota

FIBA BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

3 a.m. (Friday)
ESPN2 — World Cup: TBD Semifinal, Sydney

GOLF

7 a.m. [illegible]

12:30 p.m. [illegible]

3:30 p.m. [illegible]

HORSE RACING

1 p.m.
FS2 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races

MLB BASEBALL

2 p.m.
MLBN — Regional Coverage: Philadelphia at Chicago Cubs OR Kansas City at Detroit (1:10 p.m.)

6 p.m.
MLBN — Regional Coverage: Tampa Bay at Cleveland OR Miami at Milwaukee (7:40 p.m.)

9:30 p.m.
MLBN — Regional Coverage: LA Dodgers at San Diego OR Texas at Seattle

NBA BASKETBALL

6 a.m. (Friday)
NBATV — Preseason: Golden State vs. Washington, Saitama, Japan

NFL FOOTBALL

8:15 p.m.
PRIME VIDEO — Miami at Cincinnati

NHL HOCKEY

7 p.m.
NHLN — Preseason: New Jersey at NY Rangers

9:30 p.m.
NHLN — Preseason: Seattle at Vancouver

TENNIS

6 a.m.
TENNIS — [illegible]

8:30 p.m.
TENNIS — [illegible]

6 a.m. (Friday)
TENNIS — [illegible]

Auto Racing

NASCAR Points Leaders

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Baseball

American League

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National League

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Football

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

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Golf

PGA Tour Stats

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Transactions

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LOCAL GOLF

Guidry claims TYGA Tournament of Champions title

Winterville's Will Guidry had a great day Sunday in the Tar Heel Youth Gold Association's Tournament of Champions held at Keith Hills in Buies Creek.

Guidrey shot a 138 over the 36-hole event, six under par, to earn the 16-18 flight win. Then to top it off, he found himself tied with Cary's Jake Ellis, the 14-15 champ, for the overall championship.

WOODY PEELE

That sent them into a playoff, where Guidry hit the ball into the cup for an eagle on the first hole, clinching the overall crown.

Ford Amerson, in the same flight, finished tied for 17th, shooting 150. He tried for 23rd in the overall. In the 14-15 flight, Jackson West finished eight at 145, tied for 31st in the overall. Nathan Heath of Winterville took sixth place in the 12-13 group at 168.

In the girls' 16-18 age group, Winterville placed three spots. Taylor Black finished at 163 in fourth place. She was 12th in the overall. Haley Paramore was fifth in her flight with a 164, 13th overall. Peyton Nichols tied for seventh with a 170, placing her in a tie for 16th overall.

A hearty congratulations to these locals for their performances in the championship battle.

Six area players competed in the North State High School Challenge held at Keith Hills Golf Club in Buies Creek last week. As a team, South Central finished in ninth place with a team score of plus 66. D.H. Conley finished in 12th place, carding a plus 68.

As individuals, Paramore tied for 24th with an 81. Nichols tied for 28th, shooting an 82.

Trinity Splawn tied for 31st, carding an 86. Black tied for 34th, coming in with an 87. Savanna Hall was tied for 67th with a 106 and Mia Jordan tied for 76th, shooting 112.

All except Splawn are from Winterville.

Farmville

Farmville Golf and Country Club will play host to the Farmville Benevolent Ministries Tournament on Friday, Oct. 7. The event is four-man superball with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

The entry fee is $60 per player and may be made by calling the pro shop at 252-753-3660. The entry fee includes golf cart and lunch.

Farmville will hold its one-man superball tournament on Nov. 5. In this, a single player hits two balls and picks the best shot, all the way around the course. In addition, each green will have three holes and the player may choose the one to which he plays.

Further information will be added later.

Greenville

Greenville Golf and Country Club's Men's Night used a "Make a Birdie, Move Back A Tee" format.

First place went to the team of T.J. O'Neal, Torosite O'Neal, Rob McCormick and Chris Lange. Second were Mike Brothers, Stephen McDonald, Will Carter and Daniel Miller.

In an earlier Men's Night, the format was a three-person Red Tee Superball. First place went to the team of Lange, Todd Nifong and Dave CameMale with a 25. Second were T.J. O'Neal, Torosite O'Neal and Trevor Dunn with a 27.

Roanoke

Roanoke Country Club will hold a Jack and Jill Superball on Oct. 15 and 16. The event is open to all golfers. A two-person team goes for $200.

For the Saturday round, a shotgun start will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday's round will begin at 9 a.m.

Sign-ups may be made by calling the pro shop at 252-792-2502.

To report golf news, tournament information, or other information contact Woody Peele at wpeele@reflector.com.

ECU

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team in recent memory.

On the other side of the ball, the Pirates' offense left points on the field and failed to find much of a rhythm until the final quarter. ECU had a 99-yard drive end in a field goal in the first half, then a lost fumble led to a Navy touchdown, and an interception in the final minute of the game with the score tied ended any chance at points.

Offensive coordinator Donnie Kirkpatrick pointed to those as being factors in what he described as a tough loss.

"I do think there were some times we didn't play as good as I wish we would have played," Kirkpatrick said. "So yeah, we beat ourselves up hard on that. That was a hard loss. That's a tough loss. That'll sting for a long time, probably forever. But we've had to just kind of put that behind us. Because you know what? South Florida doesn't care. They're not going to make it easy on us either."

ECU will look to get its offense back on track against a Bulls defense that plays a lot of man coverage, different from the numerous zone looks that Navy deployed. Kirkpatrick likes the way his receivers match up against man defenses, as it allows them to make plays in one-on-one situations more often.

But that also brings a more physical game, and winning battles at the line of scrimmage is critical for creating space and passing lanes.

"They've got some nice corners. They're big, they're tall. They've got long arms and they'll press you and they'll get up in your face a little bit," Kirkpatrick said. "But I'm very confident in our wide receivers. They'll enjoy that. Now we don't get to see that much out of our defense either, because they play more like Navy does, but I think our guys are probably excited about seeing some man coverage and I hope we get it."

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Biden tours storm-ravaged Florida

President Joe Biden and Gov. Ron DeSantis view Hurricane Ian's aftermath.

The Associated Press

PORT MYERS, Florida — President Joe Biden surveyed the devastation of hurricane-ravaged Florida on Wednesday, promising to marshal the power of the federal government to help rebuild as he comforted local residents alongside Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis, a potential 2024 foe.

Both men declared they were putting politics aside for now.

"Today we have one job and only one job, and that's to make sure the people in Florida get everything they need to fully, thoroughly recover," Biden said in this southwestern Florida community that bore the brunt of Ian's assault.

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President Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden talk to people impacted by Hurricane Ian during a tour of the area on Wednesday in Fort Myers Beach, Fla.

"It's going to take a hell of a long time, hopefully without any snags in the way," he said. "Later, after the television cameras have moved on, we're still going to be here with you."

Earlier, DeSantis and his wife Casey greeted the president and first lady Jill Biden as they arrived at Fisherman's Wharf, where homes and business lay in ruins amid debris and muck after Hurricane Ian tore through last week.

Biden and DeSantis spoke by themselves next to a boat the storm had lifted into a cafe, then moved separately among local residents hit hard by the hurricane. Biden embraced one woman.

The scope of the devastation was immense. Biden's motorcade drove by windshorn trees, some uprooted, others with branches pulled backwards by the storm. Fields off the highway were still flooded, forming stagnant lagoons.

Signs for stores and restaurants were blown out; ruined mattresses were piled in neighborhood streets, a building was tipped to the side like a chess piece. An armada of workers and repair trucks struggled with recovery.

Hurricane Ian has resulted in at least 84 people confirmed dead, including 76 in Florida, and many people still wait for power to be restored. Ian's 150 mph winds and punishing storm surge last week took out power for 2.6 million in Florida. Many people still are unable to get food and water.

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AT&T Inc	T	15.34	26.22	15.83	-.16	-1.0%
Alphabet Inc C	GOOG	96.03	152.10	102.22	-.19	-0.2%
Alphabet Inc A	GOOGL	95.56	151.55	101.43	-.21	-0.2%
Amazon.com Inc	AMZN	101.26	188.11	120.96	-.14	-0.1%
Apple Inc	AAPL	129.04	182.94	146.40	-.36	-0.2%
Bank of America	BAC	29.67	50.11	31.92	-.46	-1.4%
Berkshire Hath B	BRK/B	261.55	362.10	273.26	-1.13	-0.4%
Deere Co	DE	263.81	448.75	356.77	-4.53	-1.2%
DuPont de Nemours	DD	49.52	85.16	54.46	-.26	-0.5%
Duke Energy	DUK	92.60	116.33	94.02	-3.10	-3.2%
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	57.96	106.57	98.12	+3.86	+4.0%
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Ford Motor	F	10.61	25.87	12.51	+.15	+1.2%
Highwoods Prop	HIW	26.11	47.55	26.09	+.68	+6.0%
Hyster Yale Material	HY	21.27	51.41	23.19	-.65	-2.7%
JPMorgan Chase	JPM	104.40	172.96	110.39	-1.38	-1.2%
Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	156.72	186.69	166.11	-.51	-0.3%
Lowes Cos	LOW	170.12	263.31	199.03	+1.61	+0.8%
Lumen Technologies	LUMN	7.27	14.50	7.28	-.76	-9.5%
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	232.73	349.67	249.20	+.32	+0.1%
Mohawk Inds	MHK	83.85	186.37	98.89	-1.68	-1.7%
NACCO Inds	NC	28.32	63.19	51.74	+1.76	+3.5%
Newell Brands Inc	NWL	13.73	26.45	14.49	-.18	-1.2%
Nike Inc B	NKE	82.22	179.10	91.19	+2.46	+2.8%
Northrop Grumman	NOC	345.90	515.49	484.46	-6.33	-1.2%
Nvidia Corporation	NVDA	108.45	346.47	132.09	+.42	+0.3%
Philip Morris Intl	PM	82.86	112.48	86.87	-.03	...%
Procter & Gamble	PG	126.21	165.35	129.20	-.90	-0.7%
Royal Bk Cda	RY	89.18	119.41	94.16	-1.06	-1.1%
Stanley Black & Deck	SWK	75.13	199.20	82.30	-.92	-1.1%
Tesla Inc	TSLA	206.86	414.50	340.81	-8.63	-2.5%
Truist Financial Cp	TFC	42.56	68.95	45.86	-.79	-1.5%
Tyson Foods	TSN	65.52	100.72	86.84	-.92	-1.2%
US Cellular	USM	25.44	33.67	28.11	-.71	-2.5%
UnitedHealth Group	UNH	384.76	553.29	523.27	+3.90	+0.7%
Walmart Stre	WMT	119.27	166.73	132.82	-1.33	-1.0%
Wells Fargo & Co	WFC	38.54	60.30	43.21	-.23	-0.5%

GOP optimistic despite Walker turmoil

Dems' momentum slowing down in multiple states as Election Day approaches.

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Leading Republicans are entering the final month of the midterm campaign increasingly optimistic that a Senate majority is within reach even as a dramatic family fight in Georgia clouds one of the party's biggest pick-up opportunities.

And as some Democrats crow on social media about apparent Republican setbacks, party strategists privately concede that their own shortcomings may not be outweighed by the GOP's mounting challenges.

The evolving outlook is tied to a blunt reality: Democrats have virtually no margin for error as they confront the weight of history, widespread economic concerns and President Joe Biden's weak standing. There is broad agreement among both parties that the Democrats' summertime momentum across states like Nevada, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin has eroded just weeks before Election Day.

"There's reason to be apprehensive, not reason to be gloomy," veteran Democratic strategist James Carville said. "It looked like at the end of August we had a little momentum. I don't know if we've regressed any, but we're not progressing in many places."

That tepid outlook comes even as Republicans confront a series of self-imposed setbacks in the states that matter most in the 2022 midterms, which will decide the balance of power in Congress and statehouses across the nation.

None has been more glaring than Herschel Walker's struggles in Georgia, where the Republican Senate candidate's own son accused him of lying about his personal challenges — including a report from The Daily Beast alleging that the anti-abortion Walker paid for a girlfriend's abortion in 2009. Walker called the accusation a "flat-out lie" and said he would sue.

Walker had not taken legal action as of late Tuesday, but he repeated his denials Wednesday morning during a Fox News interview, even as he talked generally of a difficult past as a husband and father.

The Republican establishment, including the Sen. Mitch McConnell-aligned Senate Leadership Fund, and former President Donald Trump himself remained staunchly behind Walker on Tuesday in his bid to oust first-term Democratic Sen. Raphael Warnock. A Walker campaign adviser said the candidate has raised at least $600,000 since he first responded publicly to The Daily Beast report.

"If you're in a fight, people will come to your aid," said Steven Law, head of the Senate Leadership Fund.

Putin signs annexation

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Russian President Vladimir Putin signed the final papers Wednesday to annex four regions of Ukraine while his military struggled to control the new territory that was added in violation of international laws.

Ukrainian law enforcement officials, meanwhile, reported discovering more evidence of torture and killings in areas retaken from Russian forces.

The documents finalizing the annexation were published on a Russian government website. In a defiant move, the Kremlin held the door open for further land grabs in Ukraine.

Speaking in a conference call with reporters, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that "certain territories will be reclaimed, and we will keep consulting residents who would be eager to embrace Russia."

Peskov did not specify which additional Ukrainian territories Moscow is eyeing, and he wouldn't say if the Kremlin planned to organize more such "referendums."

Putin last week signed treaties that purported to absorb Ukraine's Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions into Russia. The annexation followed Kremlin-orchestrated "referendums" in Ukraine that the Ukrainian government and the West have dismissed as illegitimate.

The Russian president defended the validity of the vote, saying it's "more than convincing" and "absolutely transparent and not subject to any doubt."

'Forever chemicals' found in wildlife

Toxins prompt some states to issue 'do not eat' advisories for deer, fish.

BY PATRICK WHITTLE
The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — Wildlife agencies in the U.S. are finding elevated levels of a class of toxic chemicals in game animals such as deer — and that's prompting health advisories in some places where hunting and fishing are ways of life and key pieces of the economy.

Authorities have detected the high levels of PFAS, or per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, in deer in several states, including Michigan and Maine, where legions of hunters seek to bag a buck every fall. Sometimes called "forever chemicals" for their persistence in the environment, PFAS are industrial compounds used in numerous products, such as nonstick cookware and clothing.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency launched an effort last year to limit pollution from the chemicals, which are linked to health problems including cancer and low birth weight.

But discovery of the chemicals in wild animals hunted for sport and food represents a new challenge that some states have started to confront by issuing "do not eat" advisories for deer and fish and expanding testing for PFAS in them.

PFAS chemicals are an increasing focus of public health and environmental agencies, in part because they don't degrade or do so slowly in the environment and can remain in a person's bloodstream for life.

The chemicals get into the environment through production of consumer goods and waste. They also have been used in firefighting foam and in agriculture. PFAS-tainted sewage sludge has long been applied to fields as fertilizer and compost.

In Maine, where the chemicals were detected in well water at hundreds of times the federal health advisory level, legislators passed a law in 2021 requiring manufacturers to report their use of the chemicals and to phase them out by 2030. Environmental health advocates have said Maine's law could be a model for other states, some working on their own PFAS legislation.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 644

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

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DENC's Full Recovery request, if approved and inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 1.9763 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) for residential customers, 1.8734 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 1.8615 cents per kWh for large general service customers, 1.8059 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; 1.8298 cents per kWh for rate schedule 6VP customers; and 1.9763 cents per kWh for outdoor lighting and traffic customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by $18.76 – an increase of approximately 17%.

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§ 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67. By its application, DENC requests revisions to its REPS cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2023. DENC's request, inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following monthly charges: $0.16 per residential customer account; $0.82 per commercial customer account; and $5.73 per industrial customer account.

Compared to the current REPS rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of $0.09 per month per residential customer account, a decrease of $0.55 per month per commercial customer account, and a decrease of $3.59 per month per industrial customer account.

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LORETTA LYNN 1932-2022

Ky. 'Coal Miner's Daughter' became country music icon

By Kristin M. Hall
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Loretta Lynn, the Kentucky coal miner's daughter whose frank songs about life and love as a woman in Appalachia pulled her out of poverty and made her a pillar of country music, died Tuesday. She was 90.

Lynn's family said she died at her home in Hurricane Mills, Tennessee, 70 miles west of Nashville.

"Our precious mom, Loretta Lynn, passed away peacefully this morning, October 4th, in her sleep at home in her beloved ranch in Hurricane Mills," the family said in a statement. Family members asked for privacy and said a memorial will be announced later.

Lynn had four children before launching her career in the early 1960s, and her songs reflected her pride in her rural Kentucky background.

As a songwriter, she crafted a persona of a defiantly tough woman, a contrast to the stereotypical image of most female country singers. The Country Music Hall of Famer wrote fearlessly about sex and love, cheating husbands, divorce and birth control, and sometimes got in trouble with radio programmers for material from which even rock performers once shied away.

Her biggest hits came in the 1960s and '70s, including "Coal Miner's Daughter," "You Ain't Woman Enough," "The Pill," "Don't Come Home a Drinkin' (With Lovin' on Your Mind)," "Rated X" and "You're Looking at Country."

She was known for appearing in floor-length, wide gowns with elaborate embroidery or rhinestones, many created by her longtime personal assistant and designer Tim Cobb.

Loretta Lynn's biggest hits came in the 1960s and '70s.
DONN JONES/DIVISION 2015

Her honesty and unique place in country music was rewarded. She was the first woman ever named entertainer of the year at the genre's two major awards shows, first by the Country Music Association in 1972 and then by the Academy of Country Music three years later.

"It was what I wanted to hear and what I knew other women wanted to hear, too," Lynn said in 2016. "I didn't write for the men; I wrote for us women. And the men loved it, too."

In 1969, she released her autobiographical "Coal Miner's Daughter."

"We were poor but we had love/That's the one thing Daddy made sure of/ He shoveled coal to make a poor man's dollar," she sang.

"Coal Miner's Daughter," also the title of her 1976 book, was made into a 1980 movie of the same name. Sissy Spacek's portrayal of Lynn won her an Academy Award and the film was also nominated for best picture.

Long after her commercial peak, Lynn won two Grammys in 2005 for her album "Van Lear Rose," which featured 13 songs she wrote, including "Portland, Oregon" about a drunken one-night stand.

Born Loretta Webb on June 14, 1932, she was the second of eight children and claimed her birthplace was Butcher Holler, near the coal mining company town of Van Lear in the mountains of east Kentucky. But there really wasn't a Butcher Holler. She later told a reporter that she made up the name for the purposes of the song based on the names of the families that lived there.

Her father played the banjo, her mother played the guitar and she grew up on the songs of the Carter Family.

She wrote in her autobiography that she was 13 when she got married to Oliver "Mooney" Lynn, but the AP later discovered state records that showed she was 15. Tommy Lee Jones played Mooney Lynn in the biopic.

Her husband, whom she called "Doo" or "Doolittle," urged her to sing professionally and helped promote her early career. With his help, she earned a recording contract with Decca Records, later MCA, and performed on the Grand Ole Opry stage.

Lynn wrote her first hit single, "I'm a Honky Tonk Girl," released in 1960.

She also teamed up with singer Conway Twitty to form one of the most popular duos in country music with hits such as "Louisiana Woman, Mississippi Man" and "After the Fire is Gone," which earned them a Grammy Award.

The Academy of Country Music chose her as the artist of the decade for the 1970s, and she was elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1988.

She and her husband were married nearly 50 years before he died in 1996. They had six children: Betty, Jack, Ernest and Clara, and then twins Patsy and Peggy. She had 17 grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

CHARLES FULLER 1939-2022

'A Soldier's Play' playwright won Pulitzer Prize in 1982

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Charles Fuller, the Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright of the searing and acclaimed "A Soldier's Play" who often explored and exposed how social institutions can perpetuate racism, died Monday. He was 83.

Fuller died of natural causes in Toronto, said his wife, Claire Prieto-Fuller.

Fuller's plays were filled with complex characters and an undercutting of conventions.

"The best way to dispel stereotypes and massive lies is telling something as close to the truth as you can," Fuller told Newsday. In one review of his work, The New York Times said "cliches of form, plot and character shatter like skeets at a shooting range."

Fuller's most famous work, "A Soldier's Play," used a military setting in its tale of the search for the murderer of a Black sergeant on an Army base in Louisiana during World War II. It dissected entrenched racism as well as internal divisions in the Black military community, wrapping it in a murder mystery.

The play won the Pulitzer Prize for drama in 1982 and two years later was made into the Oscar-nominated best picture "A Soldier's Story," for which Fuller wrote the screenplay and earned an Oscar nomination.

"I'd just like to be considered a playwright fortunate enough to have written a 'hit,' and who wants to keep on writing plays that break through the wall," he told The New York Times in 1982.

The work has attracted a who's who of Black acting talent.

The film version starred Denzel Washington, who

Playwright Charles Fuller often used the military in his works. Fuller died Monday.
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had appeared in its first stage incarnation in New York alongside Samuel L. Jackson. A 2005 revival off-Broadway lured Taye Diggs, Anthony Mackie and Steven Pasquale.

It made its Broadway debut in the pandemic shortened season of 2020-21 with David Alan Grier and Blair Underwood and earned seven Tony nominations, including best play revival.

Grier won the Tony for a featured actor and the play won best revival.

"It has been my greatest honor to perform his words on both stage and screen, his genius will be missed," Grier tweeted in mourning.

Born March 5, 1939, in Philadelphia, Fuller attended Villanova University and then joined the Army in 1959, serving in Japan and South Korea. He later studied at La Salle University.

He was working as a housing inspector in Philadelphia when the McCarter Theater in Princeton, New Jersey, mounted his drama "The Perfect Party," which moved off-Broadway in 1969. The theme was intermarriage, but Fuller joked "It was one of the world's worst interracial plays."

Fuller wrote plays for the Negro Ensemble Company, and his works were mounted at New Federal Theater and Henry Street Settlement. His breakthrough came with "The Brownsville Raid," which told the true story of Black soldiers who were dishonorably discharged in 1906 after they were wrongly accused of murder. Only decades later did the Army exonerate them.

Five years after "The Brownsville Raid," Fuller used similar themes and settings in "A Soldier's Play," for which he was influenced by Herman Melville's "Billy Budd."

Both works were set in the military during wartime, but Fuller used the structure to discuss race in modern America.

Fuller said he was drawn to the military in his plays because, "historically, it's the only place where Black men have risen equal to white men," he told Newsday in 1988.

Another of his more successful plays was the 1980 drama "Zooman and the Sign," which is about an ex-prizefighter whose 12-year-old daughter is killed while playing. None of his neighbors will come forward to identify the killers. When the father puts up a sign asking for help, it attracts the media. But that makes him — not the killers — a neighborhood pariah.

The New York Daily News called the play in a 2009 revival as "powerfully plain-spoken, if less than subtle."

Chadwick Boseman played Zooman in 2000 at age 23 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Fuller wrote a made-for-TV movie of the play in 1995.

In addition to his wife, Fuller is survived by a son, David; a daughter-in-law; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 643

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS) cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled to begin on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat.

§ 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67 for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred related to DENC's REPS compliance. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

On August 9, 2022, DENC filed its application for approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS) cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S.

§ 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67. By its application, DENC requests revisions to its REPS cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2023. DENC's request, inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following monthly charges: $0.16 per residential customer account; $0.82 per commercial customer account; and $5.73 per industrial customer account.

Compared to the current REPS rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of $0.09 per month per residential customer account, a decrease of $0.55 per month per commercial customer account, and a decrease of $3.30 per month per industrial customer account.

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

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

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

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

Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Wednesday, October 19, 2022. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Wednesday, October 19, 2022.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

This the 16th day of September, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 644

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual fuel charge adjustment cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 643, which is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55 for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudently incurred fuel and fuel related costs. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

On August 9, 2022, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55. By its application, DENC requests a change in its fuel charges effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2023. Due to the significance of the under recovery of its fuel costs during the Test Period and recognizing the impact of such a proposed increase in fuel rates upon customers during the Rate Year, DENC proposes two rate adjustments for the Commission's consideration: a Full Recovery rate and a Stepped Mitigation rate.

DENC's Full Recovery request, if approved and inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 1.8793 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential customers; 1.8734 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 1.8635 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 1.8039 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; 1.8298 cents per kWh for rate schedule 6VP customers; and 1.8703 cents per kWh for outdoor lighting and traffic customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by $18.76 — an increase of approximately 17%.

DENC's Stepped Mitigation request, if approved and inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers for the period of February 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023: 0.9592 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential customers; 0.9567 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.9508 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.9020 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; 0.9149 cents per kWh for rate schedule 6VP customers; and 0.9382 cents per kWh for outdoor lighting and traffic customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity during this period by $9.39 — an increase of approximately 8%. The Stepped Mitigation approach would then increase by the same per kWh rates for the period of August 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, as those listed above for DENC's Full Recovery request. In its next fuel proceeding (which will be filed next year) the Company intends to propose rates to recover the balance resulting from the use of the Stepped Mitigation approach.

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