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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 643

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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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

(Order #22102DD0)

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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 643 was published in the following North Carolina and Virginia newspapers on the dates listed in the year 2022.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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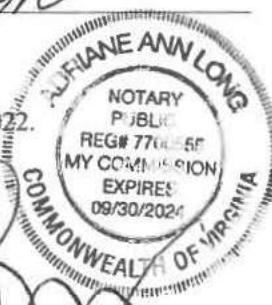
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Julia Wigginton
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Subscribed to and sworn before me this _____ day of November 2022.

My commission expires: 9/30/2024

[Notary Public]



RESTORATION

NEWSMEDIA

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

SPORTS

ECU loses American opener in double OT

PATRICK MASON
The Daily Reflector

The sound of crickets chirping filled the East Carolina football team's meeting room while reporters waited for players to show up for their postgame comments.

One could only imagine the same sounds could be heard in the ECU locker room following the Pirates' 23-20 loss to Navy in double overtime that was sealed by a missed field goal.

"Quiet," ECU receiver Isaiah Winstead said of the locker room. "You know you're supposed to win and you don't."

For months the Pirates had been preparing their defense for the Midshipmen offense based on deception and physicality, trickery and speed. Yet it was the Navy defense that gave the Pirates fits throughout Saturday's American Athletic Conference opener in Greenville.

The Midshipmen (1-2, 1-1 AAC) held the Pirates to their fewest yards all season and forced ECU into committing two costly turnovers in the second half.

"It's like I said before we started the game," Pirates coach Mike Houston said. "Turnovers and penalties were going to be paramount in this ballgame because I did very much feel like this game was going to come down exactly the way it did."

ECU committed six penalties for 46 yards, while Navy had one (intentional) delay of game. An ECU fumble led to Navy taking its first lead in the fourth quarter, and an interception in the final seconds of regulation ended any chances for the Pirates to avoid overtime.

All of that led to Navy backup kicker Daniel Davies — who hadn't attempted a field goal all season



East Carolina defensive back Juan Powell upends Navy quarterback Tai Lavettal Saturday at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

— making the eventual game-winner in double overtime. ECU took over in the second extra period looking to match the score or win with a touchdown, only to have Owen Daffer miss a potential tying 37-yard field goal on the game's final play.

It was the second time this season that the Pirates lost a game following a missed kick after losing to N.C. State in Week 1 in a similar fashion.

ECU was without star running back Reshan Mitchell

for much of the game after he suffered an injury on the first series of the second half and did not return. The Pirates were also without defensive lineman Elijah Morris, who was ejected following a targeting penalty with 6:28 left in the second quarter.

Navy controlled the ball for 14 more minutes than ECU, nearly an entire quarter longer, though the Pirates still managed to allow just 3.7 yards per rush. That the Pirates found themselves in double overtime

battling a Navy team coming off a bye week was a testament to the host of missed opportunities throughout the game.

ECU quarterback Hobson Ahlers found tight end Ryan Jones on a 14-yard pass to the corner of the end zone for the game's first touchdown with 13:38 remaining in the game. Navy tied the score at 10-10 on a 65-yard passing play to Vincent Teller Jr. with 11:56 to play in

the fourth quarter, one of many chunk plays quarterback Tai Lavettal created during his 74-of-140 passing night for 152 yards.

"I thought we played pretty well, but it's a loss so you always feel like we could play better," said linebacker Jeremy Lewis who made 10 tackles. "We had some busts, gave up big plays. Unfortunately, we're not going to play the triple-option anymore so we can't real-

ly correct it, but if we take some of those plays back it's a whole different ballgame."

On the first play of the next series, ECU running back Rajai Harris fumbled and the Midshipmen took over at the Pirates' 25-yard line. Navy needed five plays to earn its first lead of the game at 17-10 when running back Anton Hall bulldozed seven yards into the end zone.

The sequence was just the beginning of what would be a wild finish to the game in which the score was tied at 3-3 at the start of the fourth quarter.

Ahlers, who finished 22-of-34 with two touchdowns and an interception, later found Winstead on the sideline and the receiver wide receiver raced 67 yards for his first touchdown for ECU that tied the score at 17-17.

After forcing a punt, ECU had its best chance to end it. The Pirates took over at their own 14-yard line and drove all the way to the Navy 46. Facing a second-and-1 with fewer than 30 seconds on the clock, Ahlers rolled out to his left and threw a pass over the middle that was intercepted.

The turnover sent the game into overtime. "Second-and-1, you got two timeouts, got first down, you easily have the first down," Houston said.

"Just a poor decision. He's got to make a better decision right there. ECU scored first when Daffer connected on a 26-yard field goal. Navy answered with a 43-yarder. Then Davies hit his third field goal of the night, the eventual game-winner from 20 yards out, and the Pirates failed to match.

ECU (2-2, 0-1) will play its first road game next week on Oct. 1 at South Florida.

Saturday's game moved

PATRICK MASON
The Daily Reflector

The East Carolina football team will play its scheduled road game on Saturday against South Florida in a new location as Hurricane Ian is expected to reach Florida's west coast sometime later this week.

American Athletic Conference officials announced on Tuesday that the ECU-USF football game set for Saturday has been moved to Boca Raton, Fla., at FAU Stadium.

The conference matchup was originally scheduled to be played in Ray-

mond James Stadium in Tampa, but the game was moved due to the potential impact of Ian in the area. The game will now be played at 2:30 p.m. at Howard Schnellenberger Field on FAU's campus.

The game will be televised on ESPN. "The hurricane is going to probably impact the whole entire Southeast at some point over the next week," ECU coach Mike Houston said on Tuesday. "Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are going to be impacted from the storm, and you pray for safety for everyone and you hope the damage is minimal."

ECU (2-2, 0-1 AAC) enters the game coming off a conference-opening loss to Navy in double overtime. South Florida (1-3, 0-0) will be playing its first conference game after suffering a pair of recent losses to Florida and Louisville.

Houston said the plan is for the team to travel to Florida on Friday, and he is hopeful for a promising weather forecast by opening kick as the storm moves inland.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 643

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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 Rules under N.C. Gen. Stat.
§ 62-133.8 and Commission Rule 88-47

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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 88-47. By its application, DENC requests permits to its REPS cost recovery rules effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2023. DENC's request, including the regulatory rules, would result in the following monthly charges: \$0.16 per residential customer account; \$0.82 per commercial customer account; and \$5.75 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 \$3.39 per month per industrial customer account.

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This the 16th day of September, 2022

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BOOK

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one who checked out the title from Greenville High School before Rose opened on Elm Street in 1957 (at what was C.M. Eppes Middle School).

What happened after that? Very much like the book, those details have been lost to time. Forbes has no idea why his sister wouldn't have returned it on time. ("She was early to everything. She was very precise and punctual.") He also isn't certain how the book came to be found among his belongings.

"Maybe I saw this and I thought, 'Boy, I'd bet-

ter keep this secret for a while," he theorized. "I was a big reader."

Cynthia, who died a year ago at age 80, had taught her brother to read when he was four. Thirteen years later, Forbes' sister, Cynthia had gone on to attend East Carolina College, marry her high school sweetheart, Dick Harr, and become a teacher.

Had she possibly purchased the book at an end-of-year sale at her old high school? Mills doesn't think so because affixed inside the back cover are the date slip and book pocket, things that she, as a 30-year-old educator, has never seen in use.

Though Laitzky's book

was originally published in 1933, the Greenville High School library didn't acquire the book until July 1963, according to a stamp found inside, meaning the book was only circulated for about three years.

"Do you want to run up how much the fine would be?" Forbes asked Mills as she looked over the volume.

That would be challenging, Mills cannot say for certain what daily rate school libraries might have charged for overdue books in 1956, and media centers in Pitt County Schools have not charged such fines in decades.

"I have not been to any school libraries in the last

10 years that still had fines," said Mills, a South Central High School graduate and a former media coordinator for Martin County Schools. "That's kind of like the new norm."

"We never want kids' owing money to be a reason they can't access material," she said. "We only charge if we don't get the materials back and that's just so we can replace them."

Hearing that did not stop Forbes, a retired environmental engineer, from doing some quick calculations in his head. If the fee had been, for example, 10 cents a day, the fine for a book that was overdue for nearly 66 years would be about \$2,000, he said.

That's almost right on the money. At 10 cents a day, about \$36.50 a year, the fine over 66 years would be \$2,400. But there are 16 leap years to factor in at \$1.60.

In addition, the book was turned in 38 days before the 66th year it was overdue, so \$3.80 would need to be subtracted from the total. This would leave a hypothetical fine of \$2,406.80 for a book that was 24,068 days overdue.

"We'll take a check," Mills said, laughing.

While she was kidding about the fine, she was quite serious when she asked Forbes if he would be interested in returning to see it in his library to share his knowledge of school

history with students. Mills accepted the return of the book, which she says will not be placed in circulation but will be kept with some of the library's other historical artifacts, such as yearbooks.

Forbes, who serves as a member of the board of directors for the Pitt County Historical Society, is glad to have the book returned and believes his sister would have felt the same way. "She would want me to make this right," he said. "I'm returning it back where it belongs."

Contact Kim Orizant at klorizant@ledger.com or call 329-0578.

PERRY

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Nickens. "Perry now helps African-American families and landowners in a seven-county service area manage their woodlands to enhance quality of life and build family legacies."

Notwithstanding material for the houses left an impression on Nickens.

"In some of the nominating materials for Perry, a colleague wrote of his love for his upbringing on a North Carolina farm. It seems he

has carried that enthusiasm with him throughout his career," the nominator wrote, and leveraged it for the common good—protecting natural resources and aiding families with being good stewards of their natural resources just like his family was," Nickens said. "Perry represents and advocates for North Carolina families with natural resources locally ... across the state through board leadership at Conservation Trust for North Carolina and as part of the North Carolina Heirs Property Coalition ... nationally in

the Forest Climate Working Group ... and even internationally through his role in the U.S. Council of a Trillion Trees."

"Alton Perry has never forgotten how a piece of farmland molded and shaped who he is and what kind of legacy he wants to leave," he added.

The Aulander resident, who has spent a lifetime advocating for others was humbled as he began to speak.

"This is truly an honor, and I'm very humbled by it. When I first got the email saying I would receive this award, I

thought it must be a phishing email. We take cyber security seriously, and they tell us, 'If you get an email you're not expecting or don't recognize, it's probably phishing,'" said Perry. "But they confirmed it was real."

"Thanks to my wife, daughter, cousin and everyone who has been with me on this journey as I've moved through this process and space. And thanks to all my folks at Roanoke Electric and my partners who I've learned from," Perry said. "It's so rewarding to work with folks — who, in many

cases, have been denied access — and bring them into the conservation space. We all must ensure North Carolina stays green and produc-

tive, so we don't leave anyone behind."

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

TGOW

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beach. Plans also include meadow restoration.

"Bertie's greatest assets, besides its people, are a pristine natural landscape, history and world-class waterways. The Board of Commissioners understood this and moved forward to preserve and protect those invaluable resources that can also create new paths towards diversifying the lo-

cal economy, small business development, new career opportunities, and downtown revitalization efforts," according to the county's website.

One of the sites main attractions is the 2,300 linear feet of sand beach and shallow calm waters overlooked by impressive high cliffs on the Albemarle Sound where the Chowan River begins.

The county's investment in the TGOW 147-acre property is the first public beach access to recreation-

al waters, unlike anywhere else in Northeastern North Carolina. The project has been dubbed locally as "Tall Glass of Water" (TGOW) until a name and logo have been selected.

"Eroding bluff" provides sand for the narrow sandy strand plain beach and therefore letting nature take its course is an option to maintain a sandy swimming beach. However, the protection of Roanoke Colono-era artifacts along the bluff and the need to retain


acreage for public activities require that erosion control be addressed, according to county reports. The county is focused on nature-based solutions for reducing the eroding bluff, while maintaining the sandy beach.

For more information and project updates, go to: <http://www.co.bertie.nc.us/projects/2019/tgow/tgow.htm>

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Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk

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As crisp, bright autumn day is a joy. As the heat and humidity fade and a chill fills the air, vibrant fall colors begin to spatter throughout the trees and course across the sunset. And, as crisp as the autumn air is the apple. This tart autumn fruit can be enjoyed in so many sweet and savory dishes, and they are in season and at their peak right now. Apples are available in many unique varieties in an array of names from Pazzaz to a Pink Lady.

each with unique qualities best suited for poaching, baking or just enjoying a big juicy bite. While once "forbidden," the apple is now beloved.

I add apples to my butternut squash soup, and many fall pork dishes, as well as in breakfast sweets and desserts. But I was a little stumped about how to incorporate apples into my side dish selections when the last of the melons from Rocky Hook were depleted until next year. So I dusted off my old recipes and revisited one I created in the '90s for my kids. It's a play on the Waldorf Salad, and perfect for fall. A few customers have requested this recipe that I've added to the menu.

In place of a mayonnaise-based dressing, I toss crisp apples in Greek

yogurt spiked with warm autumn flavors.

For interest, I add macadamia nuts or pistachios, red grapes, cubes of cheddar cheese, and golden raisins for a play on sweet and savory. Another nice addition is a handful of pomegranate seeds since I had a few home-grown ones on hand graciously given to me by Lynn and Kevin later who recently moved to Edenton from Charleston.

This week I have included my recipe for Autumn Apple Salad. Enjoy! If you have a cooking question contact me at cheryl.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.

AUTUMN APPLE SALAD

INGREDIENTS

- 3 honey crisp or gala apples, diced
- 1 lemon, juiced
- 1 cup pistachio meats, or macadamia nuts
- 1 1/2 cups red grapes, halved
- 1 cup golden raisins
- 1/2 cup pomegranate seeds
- 1 1/2 cups cheddar cheese, diced
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- 1 cup vanilla Greek yogurt
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon honey

PREPARATION
1. Zest lemon and set aside. Dice apples into 1/2-inch cubes and place in a large bowl. Toss apples with lemon juice. Cut the cheddar into cubes the same size as the apples and



add to the bowl, along with raisins, grapes, and nuts. 2. In a small bowl stir together the yogurt, zest, cinnamon, nutmeg, and honey. Pour yogurt mixture over the apple mixture and gently toss to combine. Sprinkle with pomegranate seeds. Serve immediately. Can be stored in refrigerator for a day.

Expansion of our collections...

As many regular patrons have noticed in the past few weeks, there is a lot of activity in the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library Genealogical Collection. Ms. Desjardine is doing excellent work by inventorying and reorganizing the collections.

Our volunteers, Ms. Cynthia and Ms. Mary, are organizing our vertical files and providing additional assistance on genealogical questions. You might have even noticed the updated catalog and genealogical computers now available for patron use.

As you may have suspected, this is much more than just the simple maintenance of our genealogical collection.

With the help of the Friends of the Library, we are pleased to announce an upcoming expansion of our genealogical collection! The Family Research Society of Northeast North Carolina (FRSNC), led by Sharon Gable, has decided to dissolve its volunteer-based organization and donate its collection to non-profit organizations in the area. Working with Cynthia Herlong and John Collins (both Friends of the Library), the Friends of the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library and the Edenton Historical Commission have agreed to inherit the FRSNC's genealogical library and inventory of historical books.

Specifically, the Friends of the Library will inherit and bring to the library's collection books that contain information about Northeast North Carolina. The documents added to the collection include complete family histories, will abstracts, birth records, death records, marriage banns, funeral home records, local histories and much more. Alongside this donation will come resources that

will assist in integrating these items into the library's collection.



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JACOVONE

CHECK IT OUT

The Friends of the Library president, Peter Small, and treasurer, Pam Wagner, met last week with Sharon Gable to finalize the agreement and begin the transition process.

The collection will double the size of our genealogical department, and the integration of these resources into the collection will start in late November.

I am excited to be a part of this historical event, and, thanks to the tireless efforts of the Friends of the Library,

we will have a genealogical collection that will better connect visitors and residents to their past while being the leading genealogical resource in this region of the State of North Carolina.

As a librarian, I am excited and cannot wait to bring these resources to the public. In the history of American libraries, most local libraries were initially founded as the primary repository for local history and municipal records.

This donation to our Friends group reminds me of this core mission of a library and how a library is a place that serves a wide variety of purposes to the community.

On behalf of the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library, I would like to thank Sharon Gable and the Family Research Society

of Northeast North Carolina for donating these valuable resources. I would also like to thank Peter Small, Cynthia Herlong, Pam Wagner, John Collins and the rest of the Friends of the Library for making this donation possible and helping expand the library's resources.

Come late November or early December, expect some exciting changes to take place, and I invite you to swing by the Library to sneak a peek! Have a wonderful weekend, and we hope to see you at the library.

Jared Jacovone is Librarian at the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library.

Notice of Discharge of Untreated Wastewater

General Statute 143-215.1C requires that the owner or operator of any wastewater collection or treatment works to issue a press release when an untreated wastewater discharge of 1,000 gallons or more reaches surface waters. In accordance with the regulation, the following news release has been prepared and issued to media in the affected county (ies):

The Town of Edenton had a discharge of untreated wastewater from our collection system on September 30, 2022 of an estimated 117,250 gallons due to the rain fall from remnants of hurricane Ian. The locations were 1000 Block of North Broad, 800 Block of Badham road, 700 Block of North Granville, 200 Block East Water Street and the 300 Block West Queen. The untreated wastewater was discharged into Filbert's Creek tributaries to Edenton Bay. Division of Environmental Quality was notified on September 30, 2022 and is reviewing the matter. Please contact David Myers (Director) or Matt Pierce (Collection Supervisor) at the Town of Edenton Public Works (252)-482-4111 for more information.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 643

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Compared to the current REPS rider, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of \$0.49 per month per residential customer account, a decrease of \$0.55 per month per commercial customer account, and a decrease of \$5.59 per month per industrial customer account.

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This the 19th day of September, 2022.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, UTILITIES COMMISSION

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4-wheel rally in Tyrrell County raises \$4400 for fire department

The 17th annual JR Simmons Memorial 4 Wheelin' Rally was a success this year with 128 ATVs, UTVs and dirtbikes, totaling 227 riders.

The event is held every year on the last Saturday of September in Columbia. The motto of the rally is "Come Feeling Clean, Leave Feeling Dirty."

Riders lined up at 10 a.m. and rode about 50 miles through Tyrrell County. This family-friendly rally was open to adults and kids, though children under 16 were required to be accompanied by an adult.

Registration was \$25, which included lunch at the end of the course. This year a total of \$4400 was raised. All proceeds go to the Tyrrell Volunteer Fire Department to help with the purchase of new equipment.



The course started in Columbia on Frying Pan Road and wound its way about 50 miles through Tyrrell County.



A great time was had by all at the fundraiser.

PHOTOS COURTESY TYRRELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

KDH awarded for excellence in financial reporting for 34th consecutive year



Shown standing, from left, are assistant finance director Angeli Doughtie, administrative specialist Ron Farley, accounts payable specialist Margaret Clark, accountant Scott Nickens, and sitting, from left, are payroll and benefits administrator Cheryl Woods, customer service representative Michelle Nichols, and finance director Beverly Kissinger.

The Kill Devil Hills Finance Department has been honored for excellence in financial reporting for the 34th consecutive year.

The department is responsible for maintaining the financial integrity of the town and providing a wide range of financial support services. One of those responsibilities requires the department to prepare and present a complete set of financial statements annually, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and governmental

accounting standards to the North Carolina Local Government Commission. The statements must be audited by an independent licensed certified public accountant to assure that the town's financial statements are free from material misstatement.

The compiled statements resulted in the town's finance department producing an annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR), for which Kill Devil Hills was

recently awarded the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 34th consecutive year for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2022.

The award was issued by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. The ACFR was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

"The achievement of this award was largely supported by the Town's Mayor and Board of Commissioners, who have held high standards of professionalism in the management of the Town's finances," stated the announcement of the award. "The Kill Devil Hills Finance Department continues to maintain a high priority on both the delivery of

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Cost Recovery Rider under N.C. Gen. Stat.
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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 \$3.39 per month per industrial customer account.

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Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-3 and R1-17 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 interveners should also be filed with the Commission on or before Wednesday, October 19, 2022.

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This 16th day of September, 2022.

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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.
§ 62-133.8 and Commission Rule 88-69

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 hearing 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. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule 88-69 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 81-21(g).

On August 9, 2022, DENC filed its application for approval of DSM/EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule 88-69. 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; 0.1754 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 rider would be applicable to non-schedule EVR, NS, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers. In addition, industrial and large commercial customers that have, under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8, 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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NC Education
Lottery

Jacqueline Leigh celebrating her big win.

Roper woman scores \$200,000
win on Hot 5's scratch-off ticket

The North Carolina Education Lottery has announced a big scratch-off ticket win for an eastern North Carolina woman.

After nearly tossing her \$5 scratch-off ticket in the trash, Jacqueline Leigh, 60, of Roper decided to check her ticket one more time and found a \$200,000 prize waiting for her.

"I really was about to throw it away," she said. "But I went back and looked at it again and that's when I discovered

it." Leigh bought her lucky Hot 5's ticket from Roper Food Mart on N.C. 52 in Roper.

"I was so excited," she said. "I think I shouted." Leigh said she wanted to tell her family the good news right away. "I told my daughter and she said, 'Mom are you for real,'" Leigh laughed.

Leigh stopped by lottery headquarters Wednesday to claim her prize and, after required state and federal tax withholdings,

took home \$142,021.

"I've never won anything like this before," Leigh said. "It's a blessing."

She said she will use her winnings to pay off her car and pay some bills.

The Hot 5's game debuted in July with five top prizes of \$200,000. Three \$200,000 prizes remain to be claimed.

For details on statewide impacts from from lottery funds, visit www.nc lottery.com and click on the "Impact" section.

NC12, from 1A

Wildlife Refuge, per NCDOT's original easement agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Crews will be able to complete the removal work without disrupting traffic on NC 12. NCDOT has until Nov. 30, 2022 to remove pavement and sandbags. Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative is ready to test the new cable that is installed under the Rodanthe Bridge. That new cable will be tested Monday, Oct. 10, 2022. The cooperative will



A sign on the Old N.C. 12 "S-Curves" as seen Sept. 21 after Hurricane Earl passed offshore.

need two consecutive days of good weather to cut over the new cable to the existing lines.

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
DARE COUNTY,
NORTH CAROLINA

The statewide general election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

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

One-stop early voting will be held at the following locations from

Thursday, October 20, 2022, to Saturday, November 5, 2022:

Dare County Administration Building
954 Marshall C. Collins Drive
Manteo, NC 27954

Kill Devil Hills Town Hall
102 Town Hall Drive
Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

Fessenden Center
47017 Buxton Back Road
Buxton, NC 27920

Monday through Friday, October 20, 2022 – November 4, 2022
(8:00 AM – 7:30 PM) Saturday, November 5, 2022 – (8:00 AM – 3:00 PM)

Absentee ballots will be mailed to voters who have requested them beginning September 9, 2022. A voter can fill out an absentee ballot request at votebymail.ncsbe.gov, or by filling out a request form provided by the board of elections. The request must be received through the website or by the Dare County Board of Elections by 5 p.m. November 1, 2022.

In the general election, voters will select candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, N.C. General Assembly, state and local judges, district attorney, and county offices.

The voter registration deadline for this election is 5 p.m. Friday, October 14, 2022. Eligible individuals who are not registered by that deadline may register and vote at any early voting site during the early voting period. New registrants will be required to provide documentation of their residence. Questions? Call the Dare County Board of Elections Office at 252-475-5630 or 252-475-5631 or send an email to elections@darenc.com.

Kirk Y. (Skip) Saunders, Chairman
Dare County Board of Elections

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BOOK

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senior, Cynthia had gone on to attend East Carolina College, marry her high school sweetheart, Dirk Hart, and become a teacher.

Had she possibly purchased the book at an end-of-year sale at her old high school? Mills doesn't think so because affixed inside the back cover are the date slip and book pocket, things that she, as a 30-year-old educator, has never seen in use. Though Lasitzky's book was originally published in 1933, the Greenville High School library didn't acquire the book until July 1953, according to a stamp found inside, meaning the book was only circulated for about three years.

"Do you want to run up how much the fine would be?" Forbes asked Mills as she looked over the volume.

That would be challenging. Mills cannot say for certain what daily rate school libraries might have charged for overdue books in 1986, and media centers

in Pitt County Schools have not charged such fines in decades.

"I have not been to any school libraries in the last 10 years that still had fines," said Mills, a South Central High School graduate and a former media coordinator for Martin County Schools. "That's kind of like the new norm."

"We never want kids owing money to be a reason they can't access material," she said. "We only charge if we don't get the materials back and that's just so we can replace them."

Hearing that did not stop Forbes, a retired environmental engineer, from doing some quick calculations in his head. If he had been, for example, 10 cents a day, the fine for a book that was overdue for nearly 65 years would be about \$2,000, he said.

That's almost right on the nose. The 10 cents a day, about \$38.00 a year, the fine over 65 years would be \$2,465. But there are 16 leap years to factor in at \$1.60. In addition, the book was turned in 38 days before the 66th year it was

overdue, so \$3.80 would need to be subtracted from the total. This would leave a hypothetical fine of \$2,466.80 for a book that was 24,068 days overdue.

"We'll take a check," Mills said, laughing. While she was kidding about the fine, she was quite serious when she asked Forbes if he would be interested in returning to Rose in the spring to share his knowledge of school history with students. Mills accepted the return of the book, which she says will not be placed in circulation but will be kept with some of the library's other historical artifacts, such as yearbooks.

Forbes, who serves as a member of the board of directors for the Pitt County Historical Society, is glad to have the book returned and believes his sister would have felt the same way.

"She would want me to make sure, so I'm making it right," he said. "I'm returning it back where it belongs."

Contact Kim Grizzard at kgrizzard@reflector.com or call 329-8578.

CLUB

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Dickinson Ave., which once housed Trolingwood Tavern and Brewery, had surrendered its special-use permit to operate a public/private club at that location.

Under the city's current rules, new public/private clubs cannot operate within 500 feet of an existing bar or nightclub or a building that has a public/private club special-use permit attached to it.

Glen, who previously served on the Greenville Board of Adjustment, said he plans to renovate the existing structure.

Glen was asked what was his plan for the existing parking that is located on the property.

He wants to have a food truck on site with a picnic area. "I would rather folks use the city lots (for parking), there is a new city lot on Clark Street ... I think there is enough parking in the vicinity to handle the need without putting parking in that space," he said.

The board unanimously approved the special-use permit with the conditions that a site plan be submitted prior to the city issuing a building permit and the building meet all state building and fire codes before opening.

In other business the board:

■ Approved a special-use request to operate a medical, dental or physical rehabilitation day treatment facility at 105 E. Victoria Court, Unit B, with the condition that the facility comply with all state and federal requirements, including, rules, health, certifications, background checks and other requirements imposed or directed



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Developer Michael Glen received a special-use permit to operate 622 S. Pitt Street as a public/private club.

by the N.C. Division of Health and Human Services, Code of Federal Regulations for opioid treatment programs and any other regulatory organizations. Another condition requires states that clients must be accompanied by staff when there are outside the facility.

■ Approved a special-use permit to allow A&B Tobacco to operate a Class 1 shop at 2120 Fire Tower Road, Suite 117. The store will be located in the south corner unit of Bells Fork Square shopping center, adjacent to Bells Fork Road, that formerly housed a dry cleaner. The shop is prohibited from operating as a Class 2 shop or hookah café. No retail sales of smoking apparatus including water pipes, hookah pipes, bowls, water bags or similar products. No drive through windows shall be permitted. No LED or flashing letters, light strips or signs shall be permitted on the glass nor the outside of the building. Advertisement shall not cover more than 25% of the windows nor doors. No loitering permitted outside of the business. No smoking shall be allowed on the premise.

Contact Ginger Livingston at glivingston@reflector.com or 329-9570.

PREP

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flooding possible, according to the update.

"Crews are checking and positioning equipment and supplies to most efficiently be available to help restore power in case of any outages," the Greenville Utilities Commission said in a Wednesday news release. "As is the case every day and night, crews are on standby, ready to respond if needed."

GUC said customers should call the toll-free Emergency Hotline, 1-866-767-2482, to report an electric outage or other system damage. Outages also can be reported at guc.com/storm-central.

Social media shouldn't be used for reporting outages because it is not monitored around the clock, the release said, and it could be hours before the message is seen.

"We're on alert but it's business as usual for us," said Mark Suggs, general manager of Pitt-Greene Electric Membership Corporation, which provides electric service to portions of Pitt, Greene, Lenoir, Wayne, Edgecombe and Wilson counties.

A contractor that trims trees for Pitt-Greene has already sent two crews to Florida to assist with recovery, Suggs said. Depending on the weather's effects here, the contractor may send two more crews of two-three people, he said.

It all depends on how much wind and rain the area received, Suggs said.

"I think the unknown is will it gather strength when it gets back in the Atlantic," he said. "How far out in the Atlantic will it go, will it gain strength when it comes back in (will it go) to South Carolina or Georgia or will it be further north. We really don't know."

Since Monday, the City

of Greenville's public works department has urged residents to clear storm drains near their homes of debris that may be accumulating.

The city has more than 17,000 storm drains and while public works and building and grounds crews have been sweeping main thoroughfares and various neighborhoods that have histories of flooding, they can't clear every drain, said Jordan Anders, communications specialist.

"The city does what it can to the extent that it can," Anders said. "Obviously we've had a good amount of prep time and we've been about to contribute the entirety of this week to streets and building and grounds guys going out and trying to stay as far ahead of it as possible."

"That is really the greatest weapon we have: going out and making sure as many waterways that can be tended to are clear," Anders said. "That includes catch basins ... and making sure they are as clean as they can."

While Greenville experienced remnants of Hurricane Elsa in July 2021, this is the first major weather event since the completion of the Town Creek Culvert in October 2020.

Along with cleaning storm drains, catch basins and streets, public works crews have been checking large ditches and creeks such as Green Mill Run to make sure there are no obstructions that would hinder water flow and create overruns.

"It's about trying to hit as many points as possible in this time period right before," he said. "Unfortunately there is nothing we can do about the rain. All you can do is just need to make sure it has somewhere to go."

The Town of Winterville is performing similar checks of its stormwater system and electric utilities,

said Town Clerk Don Harvey.

"You just don't know what may happen as far as electrical but they give everything a special look as soon as we know something is headed our way," Harvey said.

Gov. Roy Cooper declared a State of Emergency on Wednesday, waiving transportation rules to ease the transport of fuel and critical supplies, help first responders and the agriculture industry and protect consumers from price gouging.

"A State of Emergency is needed now so that farmers and those preparing for the storm can more quickly get ready for the heavy rain that is likely to fall in much of our state," Cooper said. "North Carolinians should stay aware, keep a close eye on the forecast and prepare their emergency supplies."

The governor also authorized the activation of about 80 members of the North Carolina National Guard to assist as needed. The Greenville Noon Rotary Club announced Wednesday that its Field of Heroes event scheduled for Saturday at the Town Commons has been postponed until Oct. 8.

GUC is urging customers to link their cellphones to their accounts so they can receive text messages if they are impacted by an outage.

They can do it by visiting www.guc.com, logging in to their account, and updating their User Profile. Customers can 762-7166 during regular business hours for assistance.

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 643

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Applications by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard
Case Recovery Rules under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-137.8 and Commission Rule 62-67
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The Greenville City Council unanimously voted to create the districts in August with the goal of promoting business activity in the two areas. Social districts allow people to buy drinks from licensed businesses and carry and drink them while walking on sidewalks or into businesses without ABC permits that are program participants, according to the city.

"I strongly support the creation of social districts," said Jim Blount, chairman of Uptown Greenville, an organization that promotes businesses and development in the city's central business district. "We feel it allows our downtown to create more engaging events while creating more foot traffic. Our goal obviously is to increase foot traffic in our downtown area."

The two social districts operate independently and alcoholic drinks cannot be taken from one district to the other, according to the city rules.

Alcoholic drinks cannot be possessed or consumed on property owned, occupied or controlled by the city, including parking lots and the Fourth Street Parking garage, unless the city has designated it as an eligible space under that law.

Businesses that want to participate must submit a form stating whether they will opt into program. The form is available on the city's website at greenville.gov/business-social-districts. Participating businesses must display a sign indicating their participation. The signs also are available on the website.

As of Wednesday, seven bars/restaurants had signed up to sell take-

RULES FOR PATRONS

The City of Greenville requires people drinking alcoholic beverages in the social districts to follow these rules:

■ Only alcohol purchased from permitted businesses located in the social district may be possessed and consumed.

■ Alcoholic beverages must be in designated social district containers and can only be possessed and consumed from 5-10 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.

■ A single person cannot buy or carry more than two malt beverages, unfortified wine or fortified wine at one time.

■ A single person cannot buy or carry more than one alcoholic beverage at one time if it is a mixed beverage or contains a spirituous liquor.

■ A person must dispose of any alcoholic beverage before exiting the social district unless entering a business within the social district that allows alcoholic beverages to be brought inside the business.

out alcohol in the districts, said Brock Leitchworth, the city's communications manager. The participants include Mpsourium, Pitt Street Brewing, Side Bar and Dickinson Avenue Public House, which are located in the Dickinson Avenue District, and Chocoi, Uptown Brewing and 5th Street Handwerks Restaurant and Taproom, which are located in the Uptown District.

Two locations that don't have ABC permits, Emmerge Gallery and Art Center and the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences, have signed up to allow alcoholic drinks on their property, Leitchworth said.

The N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences is typically closed during the

social district hours so there won't be people with drinks walking around during museum activities, said Emily Jarvis, executive director.

"We do have a really nice patio area right here on the corner, and we wanted to give people an opportunity during that timeframe to walk over and enjoy the outdoor area in front of the museum," Jarvis said. "It just gives another area for people to socialize and it's a great space, why not open it up for people to use it."

The museum may hold adult-focused events in the future and allow people to bring in their drinks, she said. "Emmerge is excited to support the economic growth of our center city through cultural and social activities by being a participant in the social district," said Holly Carrier, executive director of the Pitt County Arts Council at Emmerge.

People who don't follow the rules when they leave participating businesses, "will be addressed the same way they are during hours in which the social district is not active," Leitchworth said.

"We anticipate primarily playing an educational role as patrons and businesses adjust to the changes," said Kristian Hunter, Greenville Police Department spokeswoman. N.C. Alcohol Law Enforcement agents also will be patrolling the area.

"Businesses that allow alcohol to leave their establishment if they have not registered to participate in the social district could face the same ALE consequences as they would if allowing alcohol to leave during any other time," Leitchworth said.

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HOUSING

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The housing authority will continue to seek other funding, Williams said. It previously received HUD funding from the Foster Youth to Independence initiative, which provides rent vouchers for youth under the age of 25 with a history of child welfare involvement.

Williams said that while FVI provides the vouchers, young struggle to find housing that will accept them.

"It is one thing to have a voucher or have housing assistance and it is another thing to have housing," Williams said. "Sometimes they cannot find that housing or sometimes that housing is not available for them for various reasons. This project allows us to not only build the housing but to eliminate some of the barriers they are going to face."

"We want to help them also have successful outcomes." Each year 10,000 youth discontinue from foster care according to Sharon M. Moye, deputy executive director and COO of the housing authority. She said those young people enter adulthood alone and without economic support from family or extended family. She said 25 percent of that group experience homelessness upon emancipation.

Monica Daniels, city councilwoman of Greenville's District 1, said that as a social worker she is excited to have a program serving "those who some have thrown away."

Janis Gallagher, Pitt County manager, said that Pitt County's Department of Social Services will be collaborating with the housing authority on the project. DSS swore in its new director, Sharon Rochelle, on Wednesday.

Gallagher called housing a core need for Pitt County and said the ARISE project will be a "hand up" for people transitioning out of foster care.

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about stability," he said.

(H) is trading well below its summer peak 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 more 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 ahead of the OPEC+.

"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 appeasing Russia, saying the discussion was in a non-political "sitio" where the focus

was prudent management of oil markets.

Following a taken into 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 soared, with oil prices rising to a record high in early September, 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 fit their allocations, 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 400, which is "a comfortable price for all investors," might not sit well with investors, but the oil markets 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 \$3.02 — 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 Democratic 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 caused by Russian reductions in natural gas supplies to Europe, whose leaders accuse Moscow of retaliation for their support for Ukraine and imposing 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 CommodityWeek said. "Higher prices beforehand — boosted by production cuts elsewhere — would therefore doubtless be very welcome."

International benchmark Brent has sagged as low as \$84 in recent days after spending most of the summer months over \$100 per barrel. U.S. crude rose to \$87.64, and international benchmark Brent went up to \$88.21 after the decision.

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Hurricane forces changes in local football games

With Hurricane Ian currently bearing down on the Gulf Coast of Florida and its possible impact on northeastern North Carolina with rain and wind later this week, local athletic officials have made changes to

their respective football schedules. Gates County's game at Tarboro, scheduled for Friday, will be played at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29.

Hertford County High School's home game

vs. rival Northeastern, scheduled for Friday night, has been moved to Thursday, Sept. 29. Kick-off at Bears Stadium is 7 p.m.

Bertie High School athletic officials have re-

scheduled Friday's home game vs. South Creek to Thursday. That game lists a 7 p.m. kickoff inside Roy Bond Stadium. Northeast Academy officials said they will make a decision on Wednesday as to keeping their home game vs.

Lawrence Academy as scheduled on Friday or moving it to Thursday. Mother Nature has forced a change with the Chowan University's scheduled trip on Saturday to Fayetteville State University for a CIAA

football game. With Hurricane Ian approaching, both schools have agreed to move the contest to Thursday, Sept. 29. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. and the contest can be viewed on the CIAA Sports Network.

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Full renovation of the science labs/classrooms, and

Other needed up-

grades. The new addition will enhance the entrance and front view of the high school and will include multiple classrooms, including regular classrooms, music/ band classroom, art classroom, and NBPSC suite and restrooms.

The new addition will also allow for the removal of the mobile

classrooms, according to Johnny Greene, Director of Maintenance.

"We continue to pursue grants to enhance and upgrade the schools in Gates County," stated Dr. Williams. "I am excited to begin the process of making the much needed improvements and adding a new addition to the high school."

In regard to the funding, Dr. Williams stated, "I am also very pleased that we are a school district that is not required to provide matching funds. Some counties awarded funds through

NBPSCF grants must provide a 5% or 10% match, so we are fortunate in that aspect as this grant comes to us at no expense to the county and our citizens."

Dr. Williams stressed there are two other NBPSCF grants that he will continue to seek.

"We will be vigilant in continuing to submit grant applications to acquire the funding needed for improvements to T.S. Cooper Elementary and Buckland Elementary," he said. "I am truly appreciative of the award made to Gates County Schools and am

hopeful that we will see more awards such as this in the near future."

"Many students in North Carolina attend schools built decades ago," said State Superintendent Catherine Truitt. "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 on Monday of this week, 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."

In May of last year, Gates County Schools was awarded a \$1.78 million NBPSCF grant for the Gatesville Elementary School Renovations Project.

In June of 2018, Dr. Williams applied for NBPSCF grant funding for the renovation of Central Middle School. That effort scored \$2.5 million in state funding that was combined with an \$8.2 million loan that the county commissioners approved to broaden the scope of a \$10.7 million project that totally transformed that historic school.

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maintenance and in some years there was no maintenance [on those systems]." Riddick stressed, adding that approximately 1,000 of the county's 4,658 water meters are not functioning properly.

She said the cost to replace all water meters is roughly \$2 million. Brad Arnold, the county's Public Utilities Director, spoke about the accuracy of the older meters.

"Generally the rule of thumb is that the older the meter, the slower it reads, it's underreport-

ing usage," he suggested.

Arnold added that he estimates current water loss at 37.5 percent, mostly due to leaks and old meters not registering accurate usage. That translates into losing 950,000 to one million gallons per day. That's roughly 26 million gallons per month compared to billing for about 15 million gallons.

"We're going to do more than patch our water system; we need to fix it and stop kicking the can down the road," Riddick stressed. "We are losing revenue because of what was not done previously; we're

spending more money because of what was not done. The state is driving this; this board is being directed by the state. We can't allow our current [water and wastewater] staff to be vilified because of doing what needs to be done. The state is offering grants to help us fix our problems, but we need to have the proper documentation accompanying our grant application in order to have it scored properly."

Riddick added that if the county's grant application is only partially funded or not funded at all, there will be another opportunity in the spring of 2023 to

apply for the next round of state funding.

In a matter related to the current effort to secure one of those grants, County Manager Tim Wilson suggested the need for a local match that he felt would assist the county in the process.

"Unfortunately, some of the needs that water and wastewater systems have aren't necessarily seen as priority," Wilson stated. "In other words they score low for the application."

He added that it was originally stated there would be no local dollars needed, but the consultant believes that in an effort to bolster

the application's competitiveness, matching funds were needed.

That recommendation is \$250,000. That money, Wilson said, would come from the county's Enterprise Fund Balance, not the General Fund Balance. That account currently has a little over \$800,000 in its coffers.

"This would show that we are willing to put some skin in the game," stated Commissioner Vice Chair Linda Hodder.

"We're not scoring well because of what was earlier said to be a lack of some documentation," Riddick remarked. "So, hopefully,

by putting some money in it would make our application look better."

"We need to get \$4 million through the grant; if we don't it will be all on us [to make repairs] and we would be spending far more than \$250,000," said Commissioner Jack Owens. "This money has been set aside over the years to make water/wastewater repairs."

Owens motioned to approve using \$250,000 from the Enterprise Fund as matching funds for the grant application. Commissioner Ray Freeman offered a second and the motion was approved without objection.

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DOCKET NO. E-21, 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.
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Compared to the current REPS rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of \$0.06 per month per residential customer account, a decrease of \$0.25 per month per commercial customer account, and a decrease of \$2.39 per month per industrial customer account.

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day working hard to grow the food, fiber and fuel that we need. We are excited to recognize eleven more of these farm families this year at the N.C. State Fair.

The farm families were nominated either by family or community members for their hard work and dedication to the state's No. 1 industry, as well as their overall love for the N.C. State Fair. The lucky

winner was chosen at random.

Each farm family is assigned a specific day of the 2022 N.C. State Fair, taking place Oct. 13-23, where they will be honored through public address announcements and on-grounds signage, as well as being featured on both the N.C. State Fair and the NCDA&CS blogs and social media platforms. Follow along on those outlets to learn about each farm and what made them stand out candidates for this year's Farm Family of the Day program. Each

family also received an N.C. State Fair prize pack, including fair tickets to use on any day of their choosing and plenty of swag from Tractor Supply Company.

The 2022 N.C. State Fair is slated for Oct. 13-23 at the N.C. state fairgrounds in Raleigh. The fair offers an experience unique to North Carolina and is a great value with free entertainment, thrilling rides and games, thousands of animals, endless family activities, competitions, vendors and creative

deep-fried delights. For more information, visit www.ncstatefair.org or connect on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram at [@ncstatefair](https://www.instagram.com/ncstatefair).

Fairgoers can save money on admission and rides by purchasing tickets online in advance now.

Advance tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth ages six to 12 and \$5 for senior adults ages 65 and over. Ride wristbands are \$30 per wristband or a sheet of 16 ride tickets is \$10. Discounted advance tickets are available

through Oct. 13.

Also available in advance are online ticket packages designed for every type of fairgoer.

The "Dizzy Day" includes one FastTrack gate admission ticket and one unlimited ride wristband for \$38. (Unlimited ride wristbands do not include State Fair Flyer or SkyGazer.)

The "Kegs & Corks Pass" includes one FastTrack gate admission ticket and one N.C. Public House admission ticket with your choice of two, eight-

ounce N.C. craft beer or cider samples or two, three-ounce N.C. wine samples for \$17.

The "State Fair Flyer Package" includes two FastTrack gate admission tickets and two round-trip State Fair Flyer tickets for \$32.

The "State Fair SkyGazer Package" includes one FastTrack gate admission ticket and one State Fair SkyGazer ticket for \$14.

More information about advanced ticket sales can be found online (www.ncstatefair.org).

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we are lucky to have him on board," Jones added in the letter.

Jones requested that the raise, if approved by the commissioners, be retroactive to Sept. 1 of this year.

Commissioner Jack Owens, who also served on the DSS Board, said that board, during their meeting on Aug. 22, unanimously voted to approve the increase in Smith's annual salary.

"He [Smith] needed to be here for some time for us to officially perform his evaluation, which wasn't in synch with the timing of the county new [FY 2022-23] budget," Owens noted. "We made it a point to have an evaluation on him so he wouldn't miss out on a cost-of-living increase. We needed to bring him up to scale with [DSS Director] salaries in surrounding counties."

The commissioners, on a motion from Jonathan Craddock and a second by Ray Freeman, approved the pay raise.

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late Don Upchurch, a longtime local radio broadcaster who also had a passion for history research. The story of the "Dis-mal Swamp Schooner" by Roy Johnson caught Upchurch's attention, and he spent years afterwards researching more about the mystery ship.

"Don started collecting books. Anything that said eastern North Carolina or Chowan River or Roanoke Island," Daniels explained.

The results of all that research were comprehensive audio recordings by Upchurch that Daniels later transcribed after his passing in 2015. A few years later, she was able to publish all that research into

book form.

As Daniels explained to the group of ladies gathered for the Women's Club meeting, the namesake of the book - the ship christened Dorothea - was a 40-foot vessel that sailed from England to Roanoke Island in some of the earliest exploratory expeditions to the North Carolina coast.

During her talk, Daniels set a vivid picture of the scene, sharing details of several early expeditions to Roanoke Island. Explorers met with the local Native American tribes, mapped out the area, and even set up a small military base on the island for a time. But the real mystery comes from the famed "Lost Colony" who settled on the island in 1587, but were gone with no explanation when ships returned

three years later.

The book lays out the case for why the sunken ship in Bennett's Creek, an offshoot of the Chowan River, could have been the Dorothea which the colonists had at their disposal. It's possible, for example, that the colonists may have been trying to make their way to the Chesapeake Bay - their original destination before they got to Roanoke Island - through an inland route instead of by open ocean.

High post-hurricane waters and faulty navigation may have been factors that sent them down the wrong route.

The full speculative story is available within the pages of Upchurch and Daniels' book, which is available for purchase on Amazon.

Daniels wrapped up her

presentation by sharing her own theory that perhaps the colonists split themselves up amongst the Dorothea and a few smaller boats. Those boats could have traveled to different destinations, including "Site X", located on Salmon Creek, another offshoot of the Chowan River in Bertie County.

"I don't know this [explanation] to be a fact, but there is a ship in Bennett's Creek," Daniels concluded. "It's history right here in our backyard, whatever the source of the ship is. What mysteries does it hold?"

The answers to that question may never be fully uncovered, but the extensive research conducted by Upchurch for decades will continue to live on.

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college degree to graduates themselves. The benefits to society are just as significant. Through volunteer work, leadership, and philanthropic contributions, university graduates improve the civic and economic life of their communities.

"We want all of our students to be confident and under-

stand that a postsecondary education is generally now a requirement for a place in the middle class of America," emphasized Shirley Jones, Jr., Director, Gates County Community Partnership. "We also expect them to achieve at the highest level so they can offer their best to others, thus initiating an endless cycle of service and uplift."

In 2020, Gates County Community Partnership assisted Gates County Schools with

their successful grant application for GEAR UP NC. This national program is a college access initiative that directly engages students in partner schools with academic readiness and college admission support. GEAR UP NC funds college tours. Gates County Community Partnership's donation expands access.

"We are again thankful that Gates County Schools allows us to participate in programming that supports

the edification of our youth," said Sandra Jordan Branch, Director, Gates County Community Partnership. "Thank you, Gates County, for your continued support. Without you, none of this is possible."

Gates County Community Partnership is a 501(c)(3) public charity whose mission is to inspire and increase community engagement by the citizens of Gates County for the educational and social development of its youth.

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OPINION

Common sense, not college degree, makes a good leader

What is common sense? Common sense is sound practical judgment that's independent of specialized knowledge, training, and average native intelligence.

Can common sense be taught? No, common sense is a trait that everyone needs. However, it is different for each person. There are various degrees of common sense in each person's personality.

A degree of common sense is unique when dealing with the responsibilities associated with the law enforcement profession.

I began my law enforcement career in the mid-1960s. At the time, most of us had only a high school education and had served in the military. While serving in the military, we were exposed to and learned from real leaders. Our academics were strenuous, involving



KEITH THROCKMORTON

many subjects. Most important were the laws that we were to enforce. One of the most significant topics was the application of common sense. Common sense is a part of a person's character and overall personality makeup. Unfortunately, the traits of common sense and natural leadership skills cannot be taught then or today at any police academy or college.

Personality and strengths are who a person is. Not everyone can be a leader or function in professions that are not consistent with who they are. That is true today because college degrees cannot replace basic common sense and the ability

to reason and make quick decisions which are a must to succeed in law enforcement.

Law enforcement is a career that requires a person to be assertive while relying on common sense when dealing with the many challenges of the profession. Much is at stake in every issue that a law enforcement officer or supervisor faces. New officers assigned to patrol are the first to arrive at crime scenes. Domestic disputes, and all other forms of violence. They must take charge and display leadership skills and common sense to restore peace and protect life, limb and property.

As a lifelong law enforcement professional, I look at the leadership qualities of the candidates being hired as law enforcement officers or promoted into leadership positions, including chief

of police. Today, people are being hired based on college degrees. They have been placed into specialty positions only for these reasons.

One example is criminal polygraph examiner. There was a time when only proven criminal investigators with successful careers in investigations were assigned to the job of polygraph examiner. Now you have to have a college degree to be an examiner.

A polygraph examiner once told me that an inconclusive polygraph examination was a failure on the examiner's part. The polygraph is only a tool for the examiner, and their examinations should either clear a suspect or result in their confession.

The reliance on a college degree when hiring polygraph examiners has resulted in more inconclusive polygraph exam-

inations and a failure to accomplish the purpose of the polygraph.

Leadership is a personal strength and it requires common sense. Having formal education does not automatically make someone a leader.

There are numerous courses one can take to learn leadership skills, but either someone has the natural abilities for it or they do not. Not everyone, despite their formal educational training, is suited to be a leader. They do not have the personal strength of common sense or leadership skills to be successful.

One example I remember so well was someone I served with in the Navy. He was a chief warrant's mate (E-7). Chief Ross was known to have taken high school classes and never graduated. Yet, his sailors would follow him to the moon and back.

Recently, I have queried retirees from the Fairfax County Police Department, where I retired

after 35 years, as to why officers are leaving, and no one is applying to replace them. Others have told me the same is happening at other departments. They say the lack of leadership, common sense and decision-making are some of the causes. Unfortunately, college degrees do not answer these recognized problems in law enforcement today.

Abraham Lincoln once said: "I can promote a colonel to the rank of general, but that won't make him a leader. Leaders create themselves." That all starts with basic common sense.

Keith Throckmorton retired from the Fairfax (Virginia) Police Department. He is a resident of Perquimans County.

Little Blue Engine That Could pulls load of help, hope

Remember "The Little Engine That Could," by Watty Piper? The staple of 1950s bookshelves tells the tale of a train carrying "toys and good food" to boys and girls on the other side of the mountain. The train breaks down, passing engines are too busy or too important to help, until the Little Blue Engine chugs by. "I think I can, I think I can, I think I can," the engine says.

The Little Blue Engine of Ukraine is gathering steam. In 2014, when the Russians first invaded Crimea, a woman called

POSTCARDS FROM UKRAINE



CHERI SHERIDANA

Elena founded Nika, a non-profit organization serving women and children. When Russian soldiers stormed Ukraine's southern peninsula in February 2014, they took over administrative buildings, ousted the Council of Ministers, appointed a

Russian prime minister, held a referendum and claimed the region the Republic of Crimea as part of the Federation of Russia. It was orchestrated and staged by Vladimir Putin himself.

Residents of Crimea were issued Russian passports and those that resisted were expelled.

And that's when Little Blue Nika started chugging. And made a difference. Executive Director Elena founded housing, clothing, food and supplies for displaced Crimean families. As Russia simultaneously infiltrated

eastern Ukraine in the Donbas, more mothers sought safety in western Ukraine. And, this February, when the Russian bombs rained down, Nika never faltered.

When Kyiv got too dangerous, the organization moved to a small community outside of the capital city called Bila Cerkva, or "White Church," and gathered "toys and good food for the boys and girls on the other side of the mountain." Nika added more cars to her train, adding shelter, clothing, medicine and diapers to her

daily runs while helping families find safety in neighboring Poland.

As the line of boxes lengthened, Bulava partnered with Nika to help pull the load. When Bulava shipments arrive in Ukraine, they go to Nika's warehouse as a distribution point. Volunteers then deliver the goods to agencies throughout Ukraine.

Olena's reputation is one of no-nonsense. She is a dynamo, now working with local officials to re-open kindergartens to restore some sense of normalcy to children's lives. In Ukraine, Olena

makes sure the children have black "I am perchyvo" to provide them comfort and a routine.

Like the Little Blue Engine who said "I think I can," and is heard to say "I thought I could" as she clears the mountain, Nika thought she could, and she did.

Bulava.org is an all-volunteer, tax-exempt organization established to support the citizens of Ukraine. Visit bulava.org to climb aboard the Nika/Bulava Express.

Cheri Sheridan is a resident of Hertford.

At ECU, Spalding molded minds

Dr. Nancy Spalding, 65, died last week due to complications from a recent surgery, according to the East Carolina University political science department's post to social media.

Like many of her former students, I was shocked when I heard the news of Dr. Spalding's death. Dr. Spalding was a big influence on my life. I considered her a mentor because she taught me how to think critically about the issues, not just to accept things at face value. The lessons I learned from her have made me a better person and journalist.

A longtime tenured associate political science professor, Spalding had taught at ECU since 1967. Spalding served as assistant dean for the College of Arts and Sciences between 1990-99 before she was hired in 1999 as undergraduate director of the Department of Political Science. She taught six classes per semester year and in the summer. She was also academic adviser for about 50 majors.

"Dr. Spalding's passing has dealt a significant blow to the Political Science Department, our students and alumni, and others who worked with her on campus," said Aletha Cook, chairperson for the Political Science Department. "Few people have been such a steadfast advocate for our students and the interests of the department. She was compassionate, kind, and committed. In the short time since she passed, many students and alumni have commented in conversation or on social media about the profound impact Dr. Spalding has had on their lives. They've said she is the reason they decided to study political science,



MILES LAYTON

that she gave her time freely to students in crisis or those who just wanted to talk, and that they have continued to keep in touch with her decades after their graduation. She will be sorely missed."

Many years after I earned my diploma, Dr. Spalding invited me to one of her lectures. Using the Socratic method, Spalding was fearless in her questioning of self-assured students who came away as I did long ago learning that there is more than one side to an issue and that the beginning of wisdom is evaluating all views so as to come to an informed and intelligent conclusion.

Spalding also was passionate and inspiring in her faith as a Catholic. She also spent a year as a Fulbright Scholar teaching in Nigeria, and had published in several journals, including *Polity*, *Third World Quarterly*, and *Studies in Comparative Internationalism*.

Spalding's dissertation was "The Poverty of Wealth: Developmental Policies and Their Relationship to Quality of Life Indicators in Less Developed Countries."

Spalding opened my eyes to how government aid to developing nations may not necessarily be the best way of helping people. Having lived in the hills of Appalachia and rural eastern North Carolina, I've seen firsthand how federal and state policies have made a noise of things.

Spalding engaged in touch with many of her students who valued her friendship and keen mind.

A career high school teacher, Steven Hill taught at JH Ross between 2000 and 2019, and now teaches in the Wake County public schools. Hill said in the early 1990s, students would invite speakers to discuss topics related to the U.S. Constitution. Through the Constitutional Issues Forum, Spalding befriended Hill and many of his history major friends.

"We kept in touch over the decades and often had pleasant conversations that were always politically centered," said Hill, who taught part-time for the ECU Department of History as an adjunct lecturer from around 2008 to 2016. "In the eyes of many, including myself, professors like Dr. Spalding made ECU great: not the sports teams or the new buildings. Students could always count on Dr. Spalding to be there with sage advice. This is a great loss for the students of ECU. Respite at Pace, Dr. Spalding!"

When the Political Science Department posted the news to its Facebook page, nearly 70 people left comments in tribute to Spalding's legacy.

Drew Dale wrote: "Dr. Spalding was so kind and inspiring to me. I often thought of her words during my time in law school as a source of encouragement and inspiration. I still display her oh-so-carefully chosen books from her class on my shelves as gentle reminders of her expansive thoughts. May she rest in peace and her family have the strength to endure. Thank you ECU for gracing us with her presence."

Miles Layton is Ohio Region Editor for APG Ohio and the former editor of *The Perquimans Weekly*.

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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 84-67. By its application, DENC requests permission to file REPS cost recovery rules effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2022. DENC's request, outline of the regulatory fees, would result in the following monthly charges: \$0.14 per residential customer account, \$0.81 per commercial customer account, and \$5.75 per industrial customer account.

Compared to the current REPS rules, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of \$0.19 per month per residential customer account, a decrease of \$0.55 per month per commercial customer account, and a decrease of \$1.32 per month per industrial customer account.

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Eric N. Green, Deputy Clerk

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

MONUMENT

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any other monuments.

"On the raised issue of the monument being on the courthouse lawn while the others aren't, I believe we as a community should decide on a central location where all monuments can be honored. I believe if we try to ease history nothing can be learned from it, but we also must be equal in our representation of our history."

Nowell: "I know the commissioners worked hard on this issue and that it has



CORPEW JACKSON LEIGH NELSON NOWELL WARD

been resolved and put to bed. These questions asked have all been handled by the present commissioners. Again, I want to focus on new business, to improve our tax base, good paying jobs, high-speed Internet and fighting illegal drugs.

Lastly, I want to look to the future." Nelson: "The county handled the issue in a measured and responsible way. Several public entities called for the commissioners to examine the possible removal of the monument. The Board of

Commissioners appointed a study committee that ultimately recommended that the board leave the monument in place and add signage adjacent to the monument that describes the history of the time in which the monument was erected.

"We worked to assure that citizens were represented and had an opportunity to express their viewpoints. The Board of Commissioners agreed with the recommendation of the study group."

Leigh: "The county's handling of issues relating to the Confederate monument was a very delicate and sensitive issue. It was handled, from my perspective, in a professional manner. A diverse group was chosen to have open, honest discussions and to come

to a consensus. There were various thoughts and/or opinions — to remove it, relocate it, or take no action at all. Of course, not all citizens agreed, nor were all citizens happy with the end result. Now an opportunity has been presented to share history and hopefully bring communities together and not be divided."

Corpew: "Which monument? There are actually two Confederate monuments in Perquimans County. One is located on the grounds of the courthouse and one is located on the corner of Hyde Park and King Street."

TRUITT

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shows North Carolina's eighth-graders are starting ninth-grade despite not being able to read proficiently. She believes the reason is the state curriculum being used to teach reading.

"How many of you remember learning how to read? Do you remember how you learned to read?" Pharois, she said, referring to the instructional method that teaches reading by getting students to recognize the relationships between the letters of written language and the sounds of spoken language.

"We don't teach phonics anymore," Truitt said. "The number one program to teach reading with is not phonics-based. We are hardwired to learn how to speak, we are not hardwired to learn how to read."

"Claiming poor reading scores are a problem across the United States, not just in North Carolina," Truitt said. Mississippi provides an example of a counter trend.

"Mississippi went to a phonics-based reading system in 2014, making the decision they were going to put forth an effort around the science of reading — a



JOHN FOLEY/PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

Dr. Tanya Turner, superintendent of the Perquimans County Schools, talks about the accomplishments of the school district during an event sponsored by the Perquimans County Republican Party for N.C. Superintendent of Public Instruction Catherine Truitt, Tuesday, Sept. 27.

phonics-based approach to phonics-based reading," Truitt said. "They were going to retain all of their teachers. Five years later, the entire state has shown significant gains in reading."

Truitt, who also believes North Carolina should have a phonics-based system to teach students to read, said she pushed to have legislation drawn up after taking office to ensure teachers get "professional development in the science of reading." She

says that far, 44,000 teachers have received that training.

According to Truitt, North Carolina students are now showing more improvement on state testing than their peers in many other states. She also said the Perquimans County Schools are "outpacing the state" when it comes to improving test scores.

"In Perquimans County 31 percent of eighth-graders were at or above proficiency (in subject matter) at the beginning of the school year," Truitt said. "Currently that number has increased to 61 percent above proficiency."

She noted that second-graders in the Perquimans district also went from 31 percent proficiency in reading and math at the beginning of the year to 61 percent now. And first-graders increased from 20 percent proficient to 60 percent proficient in the same subjects.

"Slendergarden students made the largest increases (in math and reading), going from 22 percent to 64 percent statewide," Truitt said.

"Perquimans County is outpacing the state. I want to thank you for your district's commitment to this."

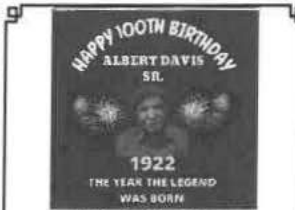
Perquimans County School Superintendent Dr. Tanya Turner, who introduced Truitt, also highlight-

ed the district's accomplishments during the 2021-22 school year. She also said a big announcement for the event's attendees.

"For the past two years school districts across the state have had the opportunity to apply for a lottery-funded grant award for new school construction, renovation projects and other capital improvements," Turner said. "Approximately \$700 million has been awarded to about 35 school districts across the state. The Perquimans County school district has become



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Williamston's Brooks visits Edenton Tea Party

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Edenton Tea Party Chapter,
NSDAR

There are two levels of membership in the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution—Regular and Junior. A Junior is a DAR member 18 years of age through 35 years of age.

The National Junior Membership Committee was established in 1937 and is celebrating 85 years in 2022. The goals of the committee are to gain new Junior members, build a well-informed Junior membership, encourage active participation in all phases of DAR service and to support the National Junior Membership Committee's official fund-raising fund—the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund and Projects.

In addition, the Juniors also sponsor the Junior Membership Classroom Grant, Junior Sales, National Junior Doll and the Outstanding Junior Contest. The Junior theme for the National DAR Wright Administration is "Junior Hearts Sparkle in Service."

At the September meeting, Edenton Tea Party Chapter members were introduced to Elizabeth Browning Brooks, State Chair NC 2024 Junior Doll Committee and National Vice Chair Junior Membership and Junior Doll.

Brooks has been a DAR member for over 16 years and is currently serving as the chapter regent of the Farmville-based Major Benjamin May, NSDAR Chapter. She has also previously served DAR as State Chair Historic Preservation, State Chair of Pages and various other chapter offices.

Elizabeth Browning Brooks is a resident of Williamston, is married and the mother of two adorable girls, Cora and Celia. She has a B.A. degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an MBA from East Carolina University in Greenville.

For the Edenton Tea Party Chapter meeting, she gave us information on the history of the Junior Doll, the current doll sponsored by the state of Michigan, and the National Junior Doll Project.

The National Junior Doll Project began over 80 years ago to benefit the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund, which was named in memory of Helen Pouch (1901-1919). Helen was the daughter of Helena R. Pouch, who became the first national chair of the Junior Membership Committee in 1937 and later served as NSDAR President General from 1941-1944.

Authorized in 1938, the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund (HPMF) finances projects chosen by the Junior Membership Committee; funding includes contributions to the DAR Schools, the National Junior Committee Project and the Junior Membership Classroom Grants Program.

Since the establishment of the National Junior Membership Committee in 1937, dolls have been used for philanthropic and fundraising purposes. Even before the National Junior Doll was officially recognized, many states had Junior projects that involved dolls.

The first mention of dolls within the Junior Membership Committee was in 1937 when the Ursula Wilcott Chapter of Toledo, Ohio, had a Junior project dressing dolls and distributing toys for boys and girls at a local mission.



Sandra Sperry, Regent, Edenton Tea Party Chapter (left) and Elizabeth Browning Brooks, NC Junior Doll Chair, and American Girl DAR Doll.

In the early 1940s, dolls were dressed for community Christmas trees, and by the late 1940s, many dolls were donated to the DAR-approved schools.

It was not until 1958 that the John Young Chapter in Charleston, West Virginia, donated the first Junior Doll for fundraising purposes. The doll was named "Merle Annie" in honor of Mary

Anne McClaugherty. "Merle" were \$1 each and the proceeds went toward the retiring of the debt on the Administration Building.

McClagherty won the doll and took it home to West Virginia. She then gave it to the West Virginia Juniors, who added more clothes and a wardrobe. The doll returned to Continental Congress the follow-

ing year as a donation by the West Virginia State Society. The West Virginia Juniors then sponsored the Junior Doll for the next two years until 1966.

In 1937, the District of Columbia Juniors' project was a dress for a doll, complete with wardrobe, was featured. In 1968, the state organizations of the District of Columbia,

Florida, and Michigan featured dolls within their states, and in 1950 Florida Juniors presented a doll in their state. The funds raised were sent to the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund.

In 1960, Alabama Juniors donated Miss Junior Member I to the National Junior Bazaar. It was so successful that they donated Miss Junior Member II the following year.

Florida raised money with its state doll, "Cecile Pemberton" in 1962, and West Virginia sponsored two centennial dolls in 1983. It appeared at this time that state organizations were catching on to the trend by donating state-sponsored dolls to raise funds for the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund.

The current Junior Doll is sponsored by the state of Michigan.

About DAR

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, founded in 1890 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children.

Since its founding, DAR has admitted more than 1,000,000 members. As one of the most inclusive genealogical societies in the country, NSDAR currently boasts over 130,000 members in 3,000 chapters across the United States and internationally. Any woman 18 years or older—regardless of race, religion or ethnic background—who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution, is eligible for membership.



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Calendar events must be submitted by 10 a.m. Monday for publication. Items accepted are events sponsored by not-for-profit organizations or free events. Mail to: Community Calendar, c/o The Nashville Graphic, 200 N. Washington St., Nashville, TN 37203 or fax (615) 450-3352 or email to news@nashvillegraphic.com. Please include a contact name and phone number.

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 5-13 yrs.), Ghastly Ghouls (ages 14 yrs. and up), Business. Decorated pumpkins can be dropped off at the Nashville Recreation Center at 1108 S. Bosque Street, Nashville, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 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.hamilton@nashville.gov.

SEEDING VENDORS

NYW Auxiliary Post 2057 in Rocky Mount is seeking vendors for its October 8 Arts & Craft fair. The event is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendor fee is \$25 per table. Call or text: Cheryl Ann 252-869-3333 or email cherylann@nywnc.org. The NYW 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 N. Church St., Nashville. For more information call 252-459-2106.

OCTOBER 1

Nashville Little's Club will hold a pancake breakfast on October 1 at Hwy 55 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 be-

gins at 9:30 a.m. Alumni and kid zone opens at 10 a.m. The 4th Annual Barley Bites Homecoming Chili Bash is from 11 a.m. to 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. to 2 a.m. Homecoming worship service is Sunday, Oct. 2 in the chapel at NCWU at 11 a.m. For more information visit <https://new.edu/alumni-releases/homecoming/>

OCTOBER 3-8

Harold D. Cooley Library will host fall fairs 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 N. Church St., Nashville. For more information call 252-459-2106.

OCTOBER 7

Philadelphia Baptist Church will hold its 980 Church Plate Sale on Friday, October 7 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the church. All items are new, including a variety of food items, clothing, and household items. The church is located at 5701 Taylor Street Rd., Nashville.

OCTOBER 8

Manning's 2nd annual fly drive will be held from 5-8 p.m. on October 8. Admission is \$10 plus a new unwrapped toy. Entertainment at the event features East Coast Rhythms & Blue, Ronnie Ezell and Amy Norrington. Food trucks and vendors will be on site. Manning's is located at 2739 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 be accused, six will be exonerated, and one will be a murderer. 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 Coquette Street, in downtown Rocky Mount. Music by Milton Bullock harmony of The Platters is 1-4 p.m. Activities include face painting, coloring, hot air balloons, magnets, face, coloring books, safety information, gifts, games, raffle tickets and key chains.

Nashville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources will host Yoga Night, Fitness Friday on October

8 from 6-7 p.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 String Art Class on October 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Nashville Recreation Center, 108 S. Bosque 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 play-by-step class to make some adorable fall decor for your home or the perfect gift for a loved one. All supplies and instructions are included with your registration fee. Registration via Eventbrite or email Ashley Hamilton at ashley.hamilton@nashville.gov

Harold D. Cooley Library presents Reads and Reads for ages 18 and older on October 12 at 11 a.m. Make a head-on garden for the fall and enjoy a cup of coffee with new friends. Free, but registration is necessary. The library is located at 114 N. Church St., Nashville. For more information or to register call 252-459-2106.

OCTOBER 15

Nashville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources will host its Fall Nature Hike on October 15 from 10-11 a.m. at the Nash Community Center. Learn about native plants and animals in the area, learning how to use the Nationalist app to identify unknown living things, and the ecology of the trail. Free to participate - registration is encouraged via the Facebook event. For more information call 252-459-9796 or email ashley.hamilton@nashville.gov.

OCTOBER 18

Harold D. Cooley Library will host READ - Read, Eat, and Discuss adult book club on October 18 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Bring a snack. Read a book of your choice. The library is located at 114 N. Church St., Nashville. For more information call 252-459-2106.

OCTOBER 19

Nashville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources will host Paper Making on October 19 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Nashville Recreation Center, 108 S. Bosque Street. For more information call 252-459-9796 or email ashley.hamilton@nashville.gov.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 644

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
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Carolina, for Approval of Demand-Side
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Recovery Rider under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.9
and Commission Rule 88-69

PUBLIC NOTICE

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On August 9, 2022, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule 88-69. By its application, DENC requests a change in its fuel charge effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2023. Due to the significance of the fuel recovery of its fuel costs during the Test Period and incorporating the impact of such a proposed increase in fuel rates upon customers during the Base Year, DENC proposes two rate adjustments for the Commission's consideration: a Full Recovery rate and a Stopped 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 for the period of February 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023: 0.9382 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential customers; 0.9867 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.9408 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 1.8615 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 1.8615 cents per kWh for rate schedule 83 customers; 1.8289 cents per kWh for rate schedule 83P customers; and 1.8748 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 Stopped 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; 0.9867 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.9408 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 1.8615 cents per kWh for rate schedule 83 customers; 1.8289 cents per kWh for rate schedule 83P customers; and 1.8748 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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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 88-69. 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 \$2.73 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 \$3.39 per month per industrial customer account.

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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 88-69. 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; 0.794 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 schedule 83P, 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 0.0398 cents per kWh.

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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), a program 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-REP). To kick off this program, NCWU will be hosting award-winning actress Sharon Lawrence as its first Actor in Residence.



Sharon Lawrence

The WES-REP 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 majors, as well as more enhanced discovery and exploration of an industry.

"Based on her ties in 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 I 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," "SHAMELESS," "GREY'S ANATOMY" and "ABC'S REBEL." "One of the great advantages in my early experience 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 that 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 anchor for WRAL News in Raleigh.

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Compared to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENC's request would be an increase of 0.0085 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$0.85. Small general service and public authority customers would see a DSM/EE rider increase of 0.0078 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rider increase of 0.0058 cents per kWh.

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"New Leash on Life" dog training program

Through the "New Leash on Life" prison dog training program, offenders train dogs from local animal shelters and animal welfare agencies facing possible euthanasia to make them more adoptable.



Sept. 23, 2022 the New Leash on Life dog training program started up again at the Pamlico Correctional Facility. Due to Covid all dog training programs were closed in North Carolina Correctional Institutions until just recently. Pamlico Animal Welfare Society, Austin Veterinary Outreach, Craven-Pamlico Animal Services Center, Lenoir County SPCA, Pamlico Correctional Institute, and Downward Dog Canine Transformation all partner to prepare, care, train, and place shelter dogs. The Pamlico NLOL program has saved 267 dogs and this Sept. 23, 2022 graduation another 3 dogs found their forever homes.

— Frederic Bastiat, Justice and Fraternity

I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them.

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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 in 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.

Eighteen other school districts that were awarded grants last year from the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund are receiving direct 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 \$200 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 revenue 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.



Commercial flounder season closing statewide for mobile gears; trip limit established for pound nets in Northern Management Area

MOREHEAD CITY — The commercial flounder season is closing for mobile gears in lateral coastal waters statewide. Additionally, a flounder trip limit is established for the Pound Net Northern Management Area.

The mobile gear season is closing statewide because the quota is nearly caught in both management areas. Mobile gears is defined as all commercial gears except pound nets and includes gill nets and gigs.

The commercial flounder season for mobile gears in the Southern Management Area closes at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21. The Southern Management Area encompasses the lower portion of Core Sound and waters south to the South Carolina state line.

The commercial flounder season for mobile gears in the Northern Management Area closes at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22. The Northern Management Area includes the upper portion of Core Sound and waters north to the Virginia state line.

The Division of Marine Fisheries will evaluate landings once all daily dealer reports are submitted. If the division determines quota is available for additional harvest days further proclamations will be issued.

Also, beginning at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, pound net harvest in the Pound Net Northern Management Area is limited to 1,000 pounds per day. The Pound Net Northern Management Area includes Albemarle, Currituck, Roanoke, and Croatan sounds and their tributaries. The trip limit is needed to ensure this fishery does not exceed its harvest quota.

The commercial flounder seasons for pound nets in the Central Management Area and in the Southern Management Area do not open until Oct. 1.

For more specifics on the commercial flounder season for lateral coastal waters, see Proclamation FF-46-2022 and Proclamation M-20-2022, and Proclamation M-21-2022.

The recreational flounder season will close as scheduled at 11:59 p.m. Sept. 30. For more specifics on the recreational flounder season, see Proclamation FF-44-2022.

North Carolina's southern flounder fisheries are managed under the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 3. For more information on the management measures, see the Southern Flounder Information Page under Hot Topics.



HALLOWEEN FUN

Is Your Neighbor a Vampire, and What to do if they are?

by: Hiram Lupton

It is now October, when the air gets crisp, the tide is often high, and the daylight starts becoming shorter and shorter. October is also considered by many to be the spookiest month most likely due to its culmination with the spookiest day of the year, Halloween on the 31st. It is a month associated with ghosts, ghouls, and vampires. Could there be a vampire living in your neighborhood? As a public service, the crack team of reporters here at the Pamlico News (i.e., me) did a little research to give you some tips to determine if you may be living near a bloodsucker, and we don't mean mosquitoes. I'm lazy, so most of my research involves eating snacks and watching old movies about vampires but here are a few things I have determined.

Your neighbor is rumored to have moved down here from "up there," but you really aren't sure. They aren't a member of the book club or garden club yet, so you haven't had a chance to interrogate them. They could be from Transylvania, and we mean the area in Rumania near the Carpathian Mountains, not the County in western North Carolina. If they are, this could be an early sign. Another possible giveaway is their teeth. Do they have fangs? I mean real fangs, not the teeth of a former hockey player, or your Uncle Cletus, who didn't exactly have good dental habits. If they are dripping with blood, most likely yes, they are a vampire. When your new neighbor moved in, did the moving truck deliver a coffin like wooden box to their new home? Were there also boxes of earth included in the delivery? This should ring an alarm bell. Vampires sleep in coffins on soil from their homeland. Speaking of sleep, what are their sleep habits. Assuming they aren't a teenager, if they sleep all day and are up all night, they might be out on the hunt for some O-negative. When you do see them out, usually at dusk or just before dawn, perhaps walking their dog, what kind of dog is it? Vampires usually don't gravitate toward labradoodles, dachshunds, or Pomeranians. They would probably be walking an English Mastiff or a Belgian Malinois and it would most likely be jet black. They may also be out walking something that really resembles a wolf. If they tell you the dog's name is Lucifer or Satan, I would think twice before petting it. Has bat activity increased in your neighborhood? Yep, there's a sign. Do they have a lot of wolfsbane growing in their flower beds? When they finally do join the book club, did they insist on evening meetings and continually talk about how their favorite authors are Bram Stoker and Anne Rice? I'd probably start wearing turtlenecks to the meetings. No reflection in the mirror, pale skin tone even in summer and complimenting you about your nice veins are dead giveaways. No heartbeat is another, they are dead after all. Any one of these signs could just be a bit of quirkiness, but several could mean you have a Vampire in your neighborhood. If you have determined beyond a reasonable doubt that you have a vampire living nearby, what should you do. Keep garlic on hand. In addition to warding off vampires, consuming it helps your blood pressure and cholesterol. Putting up a few extra crucifixes around the house couldn't hurt either. Also buy yourself a nice water gun and fill it with holy water just in case. Taking a few simple steps should keep you safe, but if other neighbors start to go missing, it might be wise to invest in a good hammer and some wooden stakes.



Homecoming Courts

by: Hiram Lupton

Hurricane Ian proved to be quite a nuisance for the Pamlico County High School Homecoming festivities. The football game was first moved from Friday to Thursday, and then the start time was advanced to a 5:30 kickoff to try and beat the predicted torrential rain. The traditional parade of the Homecoming royal court was affected. It was decided to relocate it to the High School Auditorium and have it immediately following the conclusion of the game. It may not have been the ideal solution, but it was the dry solution. Mr. Joe Gorton and his team always do a great job planning and executing this event, and despite the relocation and resignment, it still came out beautifully. The band did a superb job with the music and in the end a homecoming King and Queen were crowned. Dale Dickinson was crowned King, and Mya Smith was crowned as the 2022 Homecoming Queen.



Homecoming Queen Mya Smith and her Royal Court



Homecoming King Dale Dickinson and his Court Jesters

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PCHS NJROTC Inspection and Pass In Review

by: Hiram Lupton

Cadets performed the always impressive Pass In Review. The NJROTC Cadets of PCHS should be commended for their hard work and praised for always being willing to serve their community. They are led by Senior Naval Science Instructor, Commander Michael D. Robinson and Naval Science Instructor, Master Chief Petty Officer Dave Matthews. The cadet Commanding Officer is Cadet Lt. Commander Abby Harwick and she is assisted by Executive Officer Cadet Lieutenant Kody Bell and Chief Operations Specialist Cadet Lieutenant JG Bonnie Frazer.



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Hurricane Ian expected to bring heavy rainfall

By DALE HERRING
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.wahconet.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 Tad Howington, center from, to celebrate the 150th birthday of the Bodie Island Lighthouse. With Howington are, from the left, Malissa Price, Michael Love, E'Noyia 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)

JROTC

program 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 facility 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 to teach and mentor approximately 314,000 JROTC Cadets annually.

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.

Isaiah 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.

Farmers vote in Nickels referendum

By DALE HERRING
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 Jalyne 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.

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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 for the period of February 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023: 0.981 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential customers; 0.974 cents per kWh for small general service customers; 1.841 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 1.839 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; 1.839 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; 1.876 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 that period by \$9.34 — an increase of approximately 8%.

DENC's Stopped 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: 0.981 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential customers; 0.974 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.938 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.938 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; 0.934 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; 0.934 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 that period by \$9.34 — an increase of approximately 8%.

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Man charged for interfering with ambulance

By DALE HERNIMAN
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 to 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 \$146 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

By DALE HERNIMAN
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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 poncho 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 River Towers 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 cojon, a box-shaped instrument that originated in Peru and produces a variety of rhythmic sounds. But, he suggests the hand or brush strokes on the face of the instrument with unique use of other tools attached to his

fret.

He blends his baritone vocals with the tenor notes of Boyd as they sing a wide range of classic 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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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 88-47. By its application, DENC requests revision 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; \$0.02 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 \$3.29 per month per industrial customer account.

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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: 0.0382 cents per kWh for residential customers; 0.0427 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.9908 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.9622 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; 0.9149 cents per kWh for rate schedule DVP customers; and 0.9587 cents per kWh for industrial lighting and textile 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 \$9.58 — 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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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 be-

ing 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.

Punding 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-emis-

sion 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.

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 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 Entities/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(d) 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



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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 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 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.

After months of practice, participating students learn 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



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.

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. 15 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 inter-

est 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 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 it, is fine by me."



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



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Pictured is Halifax County Sheriff Tyree Davis.



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



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

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Pictured are Amanda Isbell, left, and Kimberly Lodato as she took a phone call from the hospital on Tuesday.

Richard Holm | The Herald

NURSES

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Lodato said she has been a registered nurse for 22 years and spent those years at ECU North on the same floor.

"It actually was a big surprise — it was a good feeling," she said about her reaction to finding out she was selected. "I came home from a bad day at work to having an envelope in the mail, saying that I was selected as one of the Great 100 Nurses. So, it actually made a really bad day to ending up being an awesome day."

Isbell said she was an RN at the hospital but left ECU Health North six weeks ago to work as a certified nurse midwife at ECU Health Duplin Hospital

in Kenansville.

Betsy Morris, manager of marketing and development at ECU North, said someone at the hospital nominated Isbell.

Isbell said she has worked 18 years as a nurse and 13 of those years at ECU Health North.

"I was shocked, humbled and honored," she said about her reaction was to being selected.

Lodato and Isbell said the role of a nurse can be demanding.

Lodato said she does three 12-hour shifts a week and is also one of the charge nurses.

"So I get tasked of making sure that the whole unit is running smoothly," she said. "I'm making sure all the other team members I work with are getting their work done and having time to take their breaks

along with taking care of the patients and all the other ends and outs of having to tend to patients, sending staff home or calling staff in if needed, making different bed assignments, taking care of a group of patients and myself. It is a lot in a 12-hour period."

Isbell said there is a lot more to being a nurse and the tasks handled daily than most people think.

"Because there's so much multitasking that we have to do," she said. "Not only are we just taking care of patients, but of course, the documentation — getting orders from doctors. The nurses who are charge nurses, they're also in charge of all of the other nurses and their patients, along with their own. So it's definitely a lot behind

nursing — we wear many, many hats."

Even with the long working hours and task managing, Isbell and Lodato also have a family life.

Lodato said she has three children.

"We do have families too — we do have lives outside of work," she said. "But while we're at work, we do take care of not just the patients, but also we have to take care of the families as well, making sure they're getting everything that they need."

Isbell said she has three children, and true and compassionate nurses dedicate their whole lives to their patients and the patients' families.

"I feel so guilty at

times because I feel like I put my job, my patients and their families above my own family," she said. "Because if the unit is short, and they need help, and they're sending out messages, there's a lot of times that I'll offer to go in on my days off to help my team members and the patients and families and leaving my family behind."

Isbell said her oldest son is 15 years old and plays football and she has yet to make it to one of his games this year.

"I've missed every single one," she said. "And it's a lot of sacrifices that we have to make for ourselves and our own family and for our job."

When asked why they think they were nominated, Lodato said, "Being a nurse for 22 years and the dedication that I have shown, one of my colleagues that I work with, I guess she took the time to get to know me a little bit more and felt that that would have been a great honor for me to have."

Isbell said, "I think it's because of my compassion. I honestly feel like I was placed on this earth to do what I do. And, yes, it's a job, but for me, I feel like it's not really a job. It's part of who I am. It's what I'm supposed to do. I think that that shows, you know, with my compassion and the care that I give to my patients and their families."

COURT

FROM PAGE A1

legislature last year unfairly favored Republicans. The three Republican justices said the majority had gone on a power trip and usurped the legislature's responsibility to draw maps.

But the plaintiffs' attorneys said Tuesday the state House and Senate district maps that the legislature redrew based on that ruling — and the justices said could be used for this year's election — still fall short.

The legislative seat boundaries also keep discriminating against Black voters, said Hillary Klein, a lawyer representing Common Cause.

Klein and another attorney said legislative maps remained skewed toward Republicans and fail to give Democrats the same chance as the GOP to win governing majorities should they receive similar statewide voter support as Republicans — a standard set by the state Supreme Court in February.

"The trial court just didn't address that standard. And that's a legal error," Elisabeth Theodore, an attorney representing Democratic and unaffiliated voters, said during arguments livestreamed from the old Chowan County Courthouse in Edenton, where the justices held proceedings this week.

GOP legislators are aiming this fall to win veto-proof majorities in

the House and Senate. The plaintiffs want the court to reverse the decision of a panel of trial judges that upheld those boundaries and order that their own maps be implemented for the 2024 elections.

The Republicans argue the same trial judges got it wrong when they rejected the replacement map for U.S. House districts and drew their own temporary plan for this year.

Phil Strach, a lawyer for the GOP leaders, said they had followed the Supreme Court's suggestions for legislative and congressional maps on what mathematical calculations and political standards could be followed to rein in partisan gerrymandering.

But while the judges accepted the measurements for the General Assembly maps, they rejected calculations originating from the same modeling for the congressional maps and accepted other calculations instead, Strach said.

Strach said the plaintiffs want to use the state Supreme Court's partisan gerrymandering ruling to "transform redistricting into a game of gotcha by litigants and the courts" without giving legislators a clear

method to draw lawful maps.

"Respectfully, your honor, what we would submit is this is no way to conduct constitutional maps," he told the justices earlier.

North Carolina Republicans currently hold eight of the state's 13 U.S. House seats. The state gained a 14th seat following the census. Under the temporary plan the judges approved, Democrats could win as many as seven next month.

The congressional map appeal has a twist: Republican legislative leaders attempted in July to withdraw its appeal, because they say it's not worth spending time and taxpayer dollars on the matter when state law already requires them to redraw a U.S. House map in 2024.

The state Supreme Court still hasn't yet ruled on that withdrawal. The plaintiffs want the justices to force GOP lawmakers to see through the appeal, saying a dismissal would strengthen Republicans in an upcoming U.S. Supreme Court case involving North Carolina legislators that challenges the power of state courts to scrutinize congressional maps.

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Putin signs annexation of Ukrainian regions as losses mount

BY ADAM SCHRECK
The 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 kidnapping in areas taken 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 considering 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 unrepeatable 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 constituted 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,



KRIMLIM POOL PHOTO VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russian President Vladimir Putin attends a meeting with the winners and finalists of the School Teacher of the Year national contest via videoconference Wednesday at the Novo-Ogaryovo residence outside Moscow, Russia.

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 Presi-

dent Volodymyr Zelenskyy's office, Andriy Yermak, wrote on his Telegram channel that "the worst 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.

In the eastern Kharkiv region, more disturbing images emerged from areas recently reclaimed from Russia.

Serhiy Baidachuk, who heads the investigative department of the national police in the region, said authorities are investigating an alleged Russian torture chamber in the village of Pshyshchiv.

He posted an image of a box of what appeared to be precious metal teeth and dentures presumably extracted from those held at the site. The authenticity of the photo could not be confirmed.

Ukraine's prosecutor general also spoke of new evidence of torture and killings found Wednesday in the Kharkiv region.

Andriy Kostin told The Associated Press on the sidelines of a security conference in Warsaw that he had just been notified of four bodies found with signs of possible torture. He said they were believed to be civilians but an investigation was still needed.

Two bodies were found in

a factory in Kupiansk with their hands bound behind their backs, while two other bodies were found in Novoplatonivka, their hands linked by handcuffs.

During his public speech, Kostin said officials found the bodies of 24 civilians, including 13 children and one pregnant woman, who had been killed in six cars near Kupiansk. It was not clear when the discovery was made.

On the battlefield, Russia and Ukraine gave conflicting assessments of a Ukrainian counter-offensive in the Russian-occupied southern Kherson region. A Moscow-installed regional official insisted that Ukrainian advances had been halted.

"As of this morning, there are no movements" by Kyiv's forces, Kirill Stremousov said Wednesday in comments to state-run Russian news agency RIA Novosti.

However, the Ukrainian military said the Ukrainian flag had been raised above seven Kherson-region villages previously occupied by the Russians. The closest of the liberated villages to the city of Kherson is Daryivka, some 60 miles away.

Senators call for stronger rules on off-the-books suspension

BY ANNIE MA
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two Democratic senators urged the Education Department on Wednesday to strengthen regulations against quickly excluding kids from class because of behaviors related to a disability — a practice known as informal removal.

Since the pandemic began, parents of kids with disabilities say the practice is on the rise, denying their kids the legal right to an education. Disability rights

advocates and legal experts say the removals likely circumvent protections for these children.

The Education Department in May said it intended to strengthen protections for students with disabilities. It's considering regulatory amendments to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which protects people from being discriminated against based on their disability.

The department also issued guidance to schools in July advising against discrim-

inatory practices in discipline for students with disabilities. That guidance defined informal removals as an action taken by school staff in response to a child's behavior that removes the child for part or all of the school day, or even indefinitely.

In a letter to the Education Department, U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth, both from Illinois, urged that practice be formally defined in regulation and included as a form of prohibited, discriminatory action.

NC Litigation & Jury Research is looking for 8-10 individuals to participate in a jury decision-making project (Focus Group) in NASH COUNTY, NC.

The focus group will take place in Rocky Mount, NC on Monday, October 10, 2022, and will begin at 6 PM. The focus group will be held at a local hotel in the downtown area of Rocky Mount and will be confirmed only to those who are selected for this focus group. Participants will be paid \$75 in cash at the end of the focus group. To participate you must be able to attend in person and show an NC I.D., showing you live in NASH COUNTY, NC.

Participants will listen to and evaluate brief presentations of a real lawsuit that has been filed in Nash County. Our intention is for you to decide the outcome of the case. You do not need any qualifications or expertise to participate, only the ability to listen to both sides of a dispute and discuss your opinions on the case. To participate, you must be a resident of NASH COUNTY, NC. You must be able to speak, hear, read, and write English without assistance. Candidates cannot be currently on-call or selected for jury duty in NASH COUNTY, NC.

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There will be additional questions asked during the selection process for this focus group. We hope you can join us for this project. If you are interested, please email us at ndjuryresearch@gmail.com or call (704) 989-5314.

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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
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Cost Recovery Rules under N.C. Gen. Stat.
§ 42-173.8 and Commission Rule 28-67

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On August 8, 2022, DENC filed an application for approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standards (REPS) cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 42-173.8 and Commission Rule 28-67. By its application, DENC requests recovery for its REPS cost recovery rules 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 \$7.34 per month per industrial customer account.

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Roxboro Savings Centennial Park dedicated

By GEORGE WILLOUGHBY
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The pocket park in Uptown Roxboro is finally complete and dedicated five years after the city initially took the project on.

The official dedication as the Roxboro Savings Centennial Park was held Tuesday morning.

The park sits directly across from the Kirby Theater and was once the location of a hotel and the Person Furniture Co. storefront that burned in 1999 as a result of a short circuit.

The city took the property over in 2017 and used a \$100,000 Department of Commerce grant to design the project and cover the first phase of construction.

The city's \$150,000 was initially budgeted to finish the project, but supply chain problems caused increased bid prices that could not be met, even with the \$5,500 pledged by Uptown Roxboro Group.

Last November, the city entered into a partnership with a then-unnamed private donor to complete the park.

Under the parties' agreement, the donor, now known to be Roxboro Savings Bank, would donate \$166,100 and receive naming rights. The city would allocate \$150,000 and Uptown Roxboro Group would contribute \$5,500 to get a total of \$321,600.

"Last January, we assembled here on a really cold day to launch the partnership formed between the City of Roxboro, Roxboro Uptown Group and Roxboro Savings Bank for the completion of this space in our Uptown area for public use," Mayor Marilyn Newell said. "We especially want to thank Legacy Building Company, Olive Hill Welding, Brooch Custom Signs and B&S Sporting Goods for their work in getting the space and signage prepared

for today's dedication."

Along with the dedication, the bank and city were able to unveil the signs for the front and back entrances of the park and a plaque commemorating Roxboro Savings' donation and founding Feb. 14, 1923 at the corner of Main and Depot streets.

Due to supply chain issues, the official bronze plaque will be installed at a later date.

City Planning Director Lauren Johnson explained some of the features of the new park.

The park features four levels with planned seating areas for public use, Johnson said.

A living wall has begun to grow and a green screen is planned to be installed.

The park also features an industrial-styled fountain and festoon lights overhead.

Roxboro Savings Executive Vice President and CEO Keith Epstein closed Tuesday's dedication by thanking the bank's customers for making such a project possible.

"This beautiful space was done in collaboration between private and public community stakeholders — each playing a different part and each sharing a passion for our city," Epstein said. "We were able to play our role as donor because of the trust of our depositors and the character of our borrowers since 1923. We hope this park will provide a memorable experience for visitors and continual enjoyment for everyone who lives and works in this community. The park symbolizes our gratitude for the century of your support and our commitment to investing in the future of the city for whom we are named. On behalf of the all of the customers, loaners, depositors, employees and directors of our bank, welcome to Roxboro Savings Centennial Park."

"We hope this park will provide a memorable experience for visitors and continual enjoyment for everyone who lives and works in this community."

Keith Epstein



KELLY SNOW / THE COURIER-TIMES

Workers from Olive Hill Welding hang the sign at the Main Street entrance of the Roxboro Savings Centennial Park before Tuesday's park dedication ceremony.



GEORGE WILLOUGHBY / THE COURIER-TIMES

Guests gather at the dedication of the new Roxboro Savings Centennial Park in Uptown Roxboro Tuesday morning.

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County residents and \$94 for non-residents.

The registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 7 to avoid the \$5 late fee. Those interested can come by the Recreation Department, located at 383 South Morgan St., between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Monday through Friday or you can register online at <https://personcountylife.com/yogadesk>.

There is no refund after the registration deadline. There is minimum of four participants and a maximum of 12 for this class. You can need to bring your own yoga mat if you have it, if not one will be provided.

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§ 42-135.8 and Commission Rule 88-67. By its application, DENC requests revisions to its REPS cost recovery plan effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2023. DENC's request, inclusion of the regulatory fee, would result in the following monthly charges: \$0.16 per residential customer account, \$0.42 per commercial customer account and \$5.73 per industrial customer account.

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Thomas Person DAR celebrates Constitution Week

The Thomas Person Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution held a "Ring of the Bells" ceremony on Sept. 17. The event was held at Merritt Commons with the reading of a Proclamation from the City of Roxboro designating Sept. 17-23 as Constitution Week by Mayor Pro-tem, Cynthia Perry. Remarks were given by Person County Commissioner, Chairperson Gordon Powell, American Legion Post 136 Commander Don Nowell and Ronald Eggs, Commander of the Disabled Veterans of Person County Chapter 72. To commemorate the 235th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution attendees rang bells along with uptown churches as part of the nationwide observance. The chapter also featured a Constitution Week display in the Person County Library to promote this important time in our nation's history. Additionally, at the September chapter meeting DAR members and guests enjoyed a program on John Penn, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, portrayed by Mark Penn, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, portrayed by Mark Penn, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, portrayed by Mark Penn. DAR is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting the objectives of Historic Preservation, Education and Patriotism. The local Thomas Person Chapter may be contacted at thomaspersondar@gmail.com.



Optimist Golf Classic set for next weekend

The Optimist Club will be hosting the 28th Annual Optimist Golf Classic Saturday, Oct. 15 at Quaker Creek Golf Course in Mebane.

The format will be a four-person captain's choice with A, B, C and D golfers. The first place team will win \$400, while the second place team will take home \$200.

There will be special prizes for closest to the pin on all par threes, men's

and women's longest drive and longest putt. Free biscuits will be provided by McDonald's and free drinks and snacks will be available.

The entry fee is \$20 and includes cart and green fee. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Optimist Programs for Youth and Scholarship. Entry deadline is Oct. 10.

For more information or to sign up, contact Carl Bowes at 336-563-6174.

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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 88-67. By its application, DENC requests evidence to its REPS cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2023. DENC's request, in substance of the regulatory fee, would result in the following monthly charges: \$0.16 per residential customer account, \$0.82 per commercial customer account, and \$1.73 per industrial customer account.

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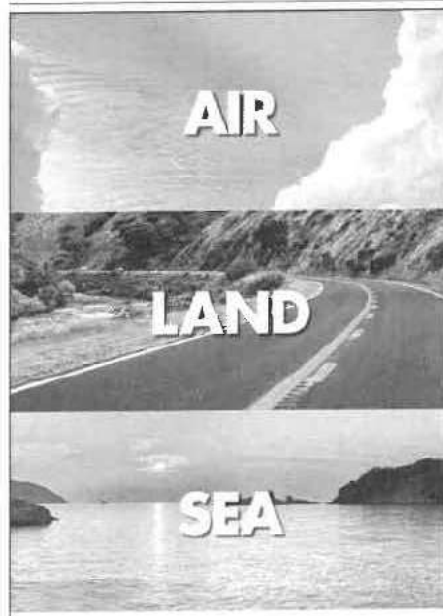
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 BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of:
 Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric Rates and Charges and Review its Fuel Rider 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 R8-21(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 services rendered on and after February 1, 2023. Due to the significance of the order recovery of its fuel costs during the Fuel 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 Fuel Recovery rate and a Stepped Mitigation rate. DENC's Fuel Recovery request, if approved and inclusion of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 1.8734 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential customers; 1.8734 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 1.8415 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 1.8579 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; 1.8256 cents per kWh for rate schedule SVP 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 inclusion 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: 0.0362 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential customers; 0.0407 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.0368 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.0367 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; 0.0449 cents per kWh for rate schedule SVP customers; and 0.0382 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 \$3.50 – an increase of approximately 3%. The Stepped Mitigation approach would then increase to the same per kWh rate for the period of August 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, as those listed above for DENC's Fuel Recovery request. It is not a 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 deliberations 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. 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 Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard and 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 R8-21(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 \$5.75 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 \$5.30 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 deliberations 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. Written 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@ncuc.net. Written statements are not evidence unless the person appears at a public hearing and testifies 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 R15-4 and R15-9 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

