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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

October 11, 2023

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

Re: Application for Approval of Demand-Side Management and Energy
Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider
Docket No. E-22, Sub 676

Dear Ms. Dunston:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Lauren W. Biskie

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Enclosures



AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION
(Order #23095DD0)

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

I, Julia Wigginton, Tearsheet Coordinator, hereby certify that a Legal Notice for Dominion Energy Services, Inc, State of NC Utilities Commission Raleigh...Docket No. E-22 SUB 676 was published in the following North Carolina and Virginia newspapers on the dates listed in the year 2023.

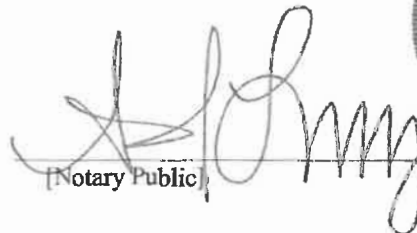
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| Elizabeth City Daily Advance 09/19/23, 09/26/23 | Gates County Index 09/21/23, 09/28/23 |
| Hertford Perquimans Weekly 09/23/23, 09/30/23 | |
| Martin Co Enterprise (changed name from Williamston Enterprise) 09/21/23, 09/28/23 | |
| Nashville Graphic 09/21/23, 09/28/23 | Pamlico News 09/20/23, 09/27/23 |
| Plymouth Roanoke Beacon 09/20/23, 09/27/23 | Roanoke Chowan News Herald 09/20/23, 09/27/23 |
| Roanoke Rapids Daily Herald 09/19/23, 09/26/23 | Rocky Mt Telegram 09/19/23, 09/27/23 |
| Roxboro, The Courier Times 09/21/23, 09/28/23 | Spring Hope Enterprise 09/20/23, 09/27/23 |
| The Daily Reflector 09/19/23, 09/26/23 | Virginian Pilot 09/19/23, 09/26/23 |

Julia Wigginton

Signature

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 3rd day of October 2023.

My commission expires: 9/30/2024


[Notary Public]



Former Rosenwald School to be transformed

DEBORAH GRIFFIN
For the Bertie Ledger-Advance

This story is the third in a series about the Roanoke River being named the 12th State Trail in North Carolina and what that means for the river, the counties the river connects, and the people who care about preserving and experiencing wild, untamed places.

A 100-year-old school rests near the banks of the Roanoke River in Hamilton: a silent memorial to the thousands of African American children it served in its prime.

Abandoned in 1960 when the bigger, integrated, Edna Andrews Elementary was built, the older school served as a warehouse for a local mercantile until its historic significance was unearthed, years later, hidden beneath its decaying facade.

An original Rosenwald School, it is one of about 5,000 schools built in the southern United States, between 1910 and 1932, to serve rural black children during segregation. Over 800 were built in North Carolina, more than any other state.

The schools were created as the result of a partnership between Jewish businessmen and philanthropist Julius Rosenwald, president of Sears, Roebuck and Co., and African American educator, leader and former slave, Booker T. Washington — to improve the lack of quality education available to black communities during that time.

"Attending a Rosenwald School put a student at the vanguard of education for southern African American children," according to the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP).

According to Preserving Rosenwald Schools by Mary S. Hoffschwelle for the NTHP, the Rosenwald school in Hamilton, "cost \$4,500 when it was built in 1920: \$3,000 came from the public school district, \$1,000 from the Rosenwald Fund and \$500 came from the local African American community."

Few of these historic schools are left — only 10-12 percent of the original structures are still standing, according to Smithsonian Magazine. This makes the school, formerly known as the Hamilton Colored School, a rare, regional gem.



A look on the inside of the soon-to-be-transformed Rosenwald School in Hamilton.



The blueprints of what will become of the Hamilton Rosenwald School property as it transforms to the office for the newest State Trail in North Carolina.

Nearly forgotten, the building is now set to play a starring role in the newly authorized Roanoke River State Trail as a museum and river center.

A few strokes of the historical pen helped save the edifice from ruin:

■ In 1980, the Hamilton school was placed on the National Register of Historic Places, but little to no preservation was done;

■ In 1999, Preservation North Carolina, a statewide non-profit acquired the school;

■ In 2002, The National Trust for Historic Places put the remaining Rosenwald schools on its 11 Most Endangered Historic Places list; and

■ In 2007, Roanoke River Partners, Inc. (RRP, Inc.), a nonprofit, economic development organization (formed in 1996) recognized the implications of this historic relic and raised the money to purchase the Hamilton school with help from the Conservation Fund,

the Mid-EAST Resource Conservation and Development Council, along with private donors.

Once purchased, they promptly set about obtaining grants and other monies to preserve this homegrown treasure.

They obtained major grants from the Marion Stedman Covington Foundation, Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation, in partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Conservation Fund's Creating New

Economies Fund. (CNEF). With these grants they put a new roof on the facility and enclosed the building from outside elements.

Since acquiring the school, RRP, Inc. has continued to seek national, state and local grants to restore the school as closely as possible to its original Rosenwald roots.

In 2021, RRP, Inc., was authorized as the official partner organization of the Roanoke River

State Trail — a 140-mile paddle trail extending from Weldon to the Albemarle Sound, which flows nearby the 100-year-old school.

Plans are for the site to serve as a river center for the Roanoke River State Trail as The Hamilton Rosenwald River Center and as an interpretive site to tell the Rosenwald story. It will also be a gathering place for community and be a permanent home for RRP, Inc. according to Financial and Trail Coordinator Anne Lunsford.

"This historic renovation is a cornerstone in the fulfillment of our mission, which is to preserve, enhance and promote the natural, cultural and historic identity and integrity of the Roanoke River Region through natural and cultural resource-based tourism and other environmentally sustainable economic activities — designed to build cultural infrastructure, spur creative enterprise and encourage economic growth," she said.

Lunsford continued, "It will function as a depository for Roanoke River history and river science exhibits, Roanoke River Underground Railroad history and artifacts exhibits — which feature the river as a part of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom — in an authentic Rosenwald School setting with associated historic artifacts, printed materials and oral histories, "much of which was collected by former RRP Director Carol Shields."

The facility will be an economic stimulus for the Town of Hamilton, as well as the entire Roanoke River Region.

The center will also serve as a local community center and a facility for regional events and activities.

"Our vision for this critical piece of cultural infrastructure is for it to be a place where locals and visitors learn more about North Carolina's Amazon — its storied history, its vast natural resources, and its continuing scientific and economic impact," Lunsford continued.

The site will be linked to a host of compatible statewide and regional initiatives including: the N.C. Binding Trail, the Civil War Trail, the Roanoke River UGRR Trail, regional African-American Heritage sites, N.C. Freedom Roads and

National Underground Network to Freedom projects, the Quilt Trails of the Tar and Roanoke Rivers and two major biking trails.

Renovations to bring the school to this pinnacle are currently estimated at \$1.2 million.

RRP, Inc. recently received a Cannon Foundation grant and, through the efforts of RRP Past President Charlotte Griffin, a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources/N.C. Dept. of Commerce.

RRP, Inc. will continue to apply for other grants as they become available.

In the past, RRP, Inc. has also received grants for this project from the National Trust Fund for Historic Preservation, The Francis M. Barnes Trust, the town of Hamilton, Martin County Historical Society and Arts Council, East Carolina University for Sustainable Tourism, the Roanoke River Mayors Association, as well as significant private donations.

Additional partners include representatives from other Rosenwald school projects, alumni of the school and a multitude of volunteers.

"We know that this project can be a key contributor in promoting and highlighting our region's unparalleled natural resources and its diverse history and culture," according to RRP, Inc.

Restoration to the school is contingent on a historical and environmental review, with renovations to begin in late fall.

As a non-profit, RRP, Inc. is supported by members in the six counties that make up the Roanoke River region, and members throughout the United States. They operate on private donations, grants, and support from regional towns and counties.

Over the years, one of the crowning achievements of RRP, Inc. has been creating a system of raised camping platforms along the Roanoke for outdoor enthusiasts to spend a night or several, on the water — as they explore the untamed region by canoe or kayak. Go to <https://roanokeriverpartners.org> for more information.

Deborah Griffin can be contacted at enterprisecw@eetimes.com

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Thus the 7th day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

Chowan County Regional Fair

Tuesday, September 26 through Saturday, September 30, 2023

AMERICAN LEGION FAIRGROUNDS
US 17 Business (1317 West Queen Street), Edenton, North Carolina
Take exit 224 off US 17 and North about two miles to the Fairgrounds.

OPENING TIMES: TUES - FRI: 4PM, SAT: 11AM
CLOSING TIMES: TUES - FRI: 11 PM, SAT: MIDNIGHT

OLD FAVORITES Car Load Night Dreamland Amusements Mechanical Bull (extra charge) LED Ballroom Senior Citizen Fun Day Gospel Night Wee & Little Miss Pageant Miss Pageant High Flying Pages	NEW FOR 2023 Giant Pumpkin Contest Magician T.J. Hill Triple C Farm Party	Junior Fair Board Program Farm Day Rodeo Day Agriculture Day Farm Knock Over Pig Day Farmer For A Day FREE Fun Games & Activities
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TUESDAY
CAR LOAD NIGHT
Gone & Back Parties for up to 4 people for \$75 per car

WEDNESDAY
8th grade School Students & 15th grade FREE with paying adult

THURSDAY
SENIORS age 40 or older admitted FREE

SATURDAY
MILITARY DISCOUNT - Active Duty Only \$2 Price for all Family Members 34" and taller, \$18 umbrellas - must show ID

FRIDAY - No Discounts

ADVANCE TICKETS
2023 ADVANCE PRICE \$6.00 (per 36" tall rider)
(Advance price does not include midway rides)
Advance umbrella tickets for individual rides for \$22
Advance umbrella does not include entrance

GATE TICKET PRICES
2023 GATE PRICE \$8.00 (per 36" tall rider)
(Gate price does not include midway rides)
Gate price umbrella tickets for individual rides for \$22
Gate umbrella does not include entrance

Chowan County Regional Fair
Check out our web site at www.ChowanFair.com
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Get Your TICKETS ONLINE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buy your tickets ONLINE at www.ChowanFair.com Early and Reserve Purchase Advance Tickets and Regular Price Tickets Show your confirmation QR Code at the Fair Entrance Enjoy the EXPRESS LINE at the Entrance Gate! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For more information Phone: 252-482-4087 Purchase advance tickets at select Duck Town stores (starting Aug. 1).
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The BEST entertainment value in Northeastern North Carolina!

Playtime ideas for creative kids

(StatePoint) Playtime is more than just a way to pass the time. For creative kids, it's an opportunity to build things, express themselves and imagine new worlds and ideas.

Here are some fun playtime ideas you can try at home:

Make Board Games

Break out the poster board and craft supplies and encourage kids to design their own board games, complete with tokens, pieces, cards and whatever other elements their game calls for. Whether they construct a game of skill, chance or both, they'll have fun drafting the rules for their very own game concept. Don't forget to name and then play the finished creation!

Build a Race Track

For kids who love racing vehicles and building things, a unique new line of track sets lets them make a

fun stunt track set right out of the box. They can then add to the fun by upcycling household items to create even more awesome courses.

With the Turbo Edge Riders Raptor Racers Track Set from VTech, kids can put an off-road jungle course together with more than 18 feet of starter track. If they need more track for ferocious stunts and daredevil skills, they can recycle and repurpose shipping boxes and everyday objects to build out epic, prehistoric courses.

Using the included ruler to measure, they can cut and design the raceway using the building guide or invent their own designs. Plus, the track set can be combined with others in the line, such as the Turbo Edge Riders Rally Track Set and the Turbo Edge Riders Stunt Flight Track Set, for an extreme playset. To find building ideas, visit the VTech Kids website at vtchekids.com.

Build a Fort

On rainy days, there's nothing cozier than building a fort using chairs, blankets and pillows. Once the fort is complete, use the space to play pretend, craft, draw, paint or simply bring in a stack of books and use it as a reading nook.

Stage a Talent Show

All the world's a stage, including the living room or backyard! Transform the space into a theater by setting out chairs and creating a backdrop for the stage using a curtain or mural created by the kids on repurposed fabric or butcher paper. Pick an emcee and encourage everyone to demonstrate a special skill or talent for the audience. Be it yo-yoing, juggling or dancing, make sure everyone who wants one gets a turn.

By infusing creativity into playtime, you can make these experiences more engaging, while having a whole lot of fun.



EDENTON EPICUREAN

Prepare a nice bowl of soup

It's becoming sweater weather. A cool nip in the breeze has finally arrived. I welcome all of Fall's coziness with a cup of hot tea, soft flannels and soups.

Although many people enjoy soup year round, it's time for soup with a little more substance, with heartier ingredients such as beans and meats. Chili is always popular in the fall whether with white beans, chicken and green chilis or a traditional red chili with pinto beans and beef.

I also enjoy a sausage, white bean and spinach soup and a pasta e Fagioli when the temperatures begin to drop — all recipes I have shared in the past.

Another nice soup for fall is a Lentil Soup. This soup is filled with vegetables and, although I make it with pancetta and chicken stock, you could easily replace the pancetta with an earthy mushroom and substitute vegetable stock for chicken to make this a vegetarian dish.

I like to top each bowl of lentil soup with a pistou to enrich the flavors. A pistou is the french version of pesto, but this herbaceous and pungent sauce omits nuts. Some recipes also omit cheese, but I like the body and complexity a grated hard cheese adds.

Any fresh herbs can be blended into good olive oil to make this sauce but be sure to balance the mixture with a little acid from lemon juice or zest which also helps to keep the herbs a bright green color, and of course some salt to enhance the flavor.

This week I have included my recipe for Lentil Soup with Pistou.

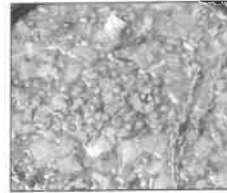
Enjoy!

French Lentil Soup with Pistou

Serves 8

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 slices bacon, or pancetta, diced
- 1 large onion, diced
- 3 carrots, diced
- 2 ribs celery, diced
- ½ bulb fennel, diced
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon herbes de Provence
- 1 tablespoon garlic, minced
- 3 tablespoons tomato paste
- ½ cup white wine
- 6 cups chicken stock, plus more if needed
- 2 tablespoons chicken demi-glace
- 1 15-ounce can diced tomatoes with juice



- 2 bay leaves
 - 1 cup French Lentils
 - Salt and pepper to taste
 - Pinch red pepper flakes, optional
 - 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
 - 1 teaspoon honey
 - 2 cups fresh spinach, julienned
- #### Pistou
- 2 cups fresh herbs
 - ¼ cup olive oil
 - 1 clove garlic
 - 1 cup grated parmesan
 - ½ teaspoon lemon zest
 - ½ teaspoon salt
- #### PREPARATION

• In a large pot heat oil over low heat. Sauté bacon or pancetta until fat is rendered. Add onions, carrots, fennel, and celery with thyme and herbes de Provence until vegetables are tender, stirring frequently. Add garlic and red pepper flakes and stir to combine. Stir in tomato paste and cook a few minutes until blended. Stir in wine.

• Add chicken stock, lemon juice, bay, demi-glace, honey and tomatoes with juice and bring to a simmer.

• Stir in lentils, season with salt and pepper, and cook until tender.

• Meanwhile, blend Pistou with a mortar and pestle or a food processor. Adjust seasoning to taste. Set aside.

• Add spinach to soup. Heat through, seasoning with salt and pepper to taste. Serve with a dollop of pistou and extra grated cheese. Garnish with fresh herbs.

If you have a cooking question contact me at cher.orr@gmail.com and I'll 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.

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MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD

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

Be sure to check your Annual Notice of Change for 2024 (ANOC).

REMEMBER!

October 16, 2023 through December 07, 2023

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

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

SHIP: 1-855-408-1212

Call the office for an appointment.

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

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

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

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

OBITUARIES

William Kenneth Keith

Jun 20, 1947 — Sep 18, 2023

William Kenneth Keith, 76, of Creedmoor passed away Monday, September 18, 2023, at Hock Family Pavilion in Durham.



William Kenneth Keith

He was also a member of the American Legion in Creedmoor. Kenneth was an avid supporter of North Carolina Baptists on Mission.

The family will receive friends Friday, September 22, 2023, in the Fellowship Hall, at Olive Grove Baptist Church, from 11:00-12:00 p.m. Funeral services will be at 12:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary followed by a full military honors burial in the church cemetery. Chaplain Doug Vaughn will officiate.

Survivors include his wife of fifty-two years, Rebekeh Watson Keith; one daughter, Robin Keith (Donna May); one son, William Kenneth Keith Jr. (Miu Ito); one granddaughter, Hanoa Ito-Keith and extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and several other close family members.

The family requests that you share a story or memory about Kenneth Keith on the funeral home website, or kindly email your story to his daughter at robinrene33@gmail.com.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation can be made to Olive Grove Baptist Church, 3024 Olive Grove Church Rd. Creedmoor, NC 27522, in remembrance of Kenneth. Olive Grove Baptist Church will take these and will donate it to the NC Baptists on Mission, an organization which Kenneth was very passionate about.

pallbearers for the service will include Bryan Inscow, David Locklear, Clint Jones, Eddie Wayne Emory, Trey Keith, and Michael Brinkley. Arrangements are by Sossamon Funeral Home of Creedmoor. Online condolences may be made at sossamonfuneralhome.com



Dr. Natalie Hobdy joins GHS primary care practice

From staff reports OXFORD — Granville Health System welcomes Dr. Natalie Hobdy to the Granville Primary Care practice. She will join the team at the primary care practice on the GHS campus, a news release says.



Granville Health System welcomes Dr. Natalie Hobdy to the Granville Primary Care practice. Contributed photo

Adam McConnell, interim CEO of Granville Health System, said, "Granville Health System consistently draws top-tier professionals like Dr. Hobdy. Her dedication to patient-centered care mirrors our ethos. We aspire to be the go-to primary care provider for Granville County, ever-committed to promoting well-being, accelerating healing, and inspiring hope in our communities."

A board-certified family physician, Hobdy gained significant medical expertise at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas.

Reflecting on her approach to patient care, she said, "I'm thrilled to be part of a system with robust support, enabling the thorough, patient-centered care I stand by. My training at John Peter Smith in Texas and at Essentia Health in Minne-

sota has prepared me well for rural practices catering to all ages and stages of life. I'm confident in leveraging my skills for the benefit of this community and deeply value the opportunity to care for patients and their families comprehensively."

"Over the years, Granville Health System has steadfastly committed to improving its physician services and facilities, with ongoing expansion efforts," the release says. "GHS has welcomed numerous accomplished providers across diverse specialties, such as primary care, OB/GYN, ENT, and gastroenterology."

Granville Primary Care is at 110 Professional Park Drive, Oxford.

For appointments, call 919.693.4541 or visit online at ghshealth.org/location/granville-primary-care-ob-gyn/.

First Baptist Church celebrates 75th anniversary in Butner

From staff reports

BUTNER — First Baptist Church in Butner on 200 West D Street is gearing up for its 75th Anniversary Celebration, which will be "filled with joy, fellowship and nostalgia," a news release says.

"The church, founded as Butner Baptist Church on Sept. 24, 1948, and then later renamed as First Baptist Church in 1973, has

been an integral part of the Butner community for over seven decades, and this milestone marks a significant moment in its history," the release says.

The festivities start with Scavenger Hunt on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center.

"It will be a fun-filled activity that brings together church members and their families to work as teams and explore various clues and challenges scattered throughout the center."

The celebration continues Saturday, Sept. 30, with an evening of music and singing, starting at 6 pm.

"The church has arranged for talented musicians and singers to perform, creating a harmonious atmosphere that celebrates the importance of music in the church's worship and traditions."

On Sunday, Oct. 1, in the culminating event, the day starts with a celebration service in the sanctuary at 10:30 am, where members, both old and new, will gather to express gratitude for the church's rich history and its impact on the



First Baptist Church in Butner on 200 West D Street is gearing up for its 75th Anniversary Celebration. Contributed photo

hopes of people and the community.

After the service a covered dish lunch will be held. Everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite dishes to share in a communal meal. "The 75th Anniversary Celebration of First Baptist Church in Butner holds deep significance, not only as a milestone of the past but also as a beacon of

hope for the future," the release says. "The church's commitment to faith, love, and service will continue to guide its path as it embarks on the next chapter of its journey."

Interim Pastor the Rev. James Shelley and all members of the congregation invite all to join in the festivities and be part of the special occasion.

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Abounding in love

From Grace Ministries

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment.

Philippians 1:9 In this introduction to the church of Philippi, Paul is writing to the members about growing in love as they also grow in knowledge. Knowing how to love is a basic foundation of Christianity. If we do not know the proper way of doing so to others, how can we point out actions back to Jesus Christ?

Knowledge and discernment help you realize the difference between right and wrong and how to be blameless. We must be filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, in order to give

God all the glory and praise. God is the source of love. Therefore, we do not know how to love unless it's through the Lord in how he shows us and discernment.

We can also never love too much. Paul said in this verse that our love can abound more and more and there's no limit to how much we can give to someone. Just like God continually forgives us of our sins over and over again, so should we continue to reciprocate that forgiveness to those around us in the same way.

Love is caring for someone deeply. Sometimes that means telling someone what they need to hear rather than what they want to hear. It should be selfless and done with wisdom and acknowledges what is good, but also what is

evil. Our love should reflect what the Lord has shown us, which is the kind to care a Father would have for his child.

Our love needs to be sincere, genuine, and unconditional. That's the way Jesus loves us. He gave us wisdom through his Word and in that, he showed his compassion for us. He gives us commands to follow because he knows what's best for us. He knows what is right and holy as well as what is unrighteous and unholly. As we abide in him, he will also abide in us, giving us what we need to love others around us effectively.

This week, pray about opportunities to demonstrate God's love to those in your life. Let your love resemble Christ's love for his church.

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history of the Granville Street Colored Library, not just as an educational resource but also as a community gathering place.

"I began my political career by meeting with Granville residents right here in this building," Butterfield said. "I was working on Howard Lee's congressional campaign while I was a student at N.C. Central University, and our goal was to increase African American voter registration in this district. I would meet with local community leaders to organize and register voters in Granville County, where only 10% of African American voters were registered to vote at that time."

"Now, we have voter rolls that truly reflect Granville County's diver-

sity, and this is reflected in the elected officials that you see on the board of county commissioners, board of education and cities and towns throughout this county."

The Granville Street Colored Library opened to the African American community June 12, 1942. Maude Warren Lassiter served as the library's director for many years, and she and the library hold a special place in the history of Oxford and Granville County, a news release says.

The Granville Street Colored Library received visits from numerous African American leaders throughout its history, including poet and social activist Langston Hughes, educator and President of Howard University Mordecai Johnson and longtime Duke University professor John Hope Franklin.

In 1985, the Granville County Library

System integrated and added the Granville Street Library as a new branch. Helen Currin Amis served as branch manager until 1975, when the Granville Street branch closed and merged with the Richard H. Thornton Library.

The historical marker was made possible by a partnership between the Granville County Library System board of trustees and First Baptist Church of Oxford. Funding for the marker came from the Granville County Library System Memorial Fund. The marker can be viewed at the site of the former Granville Street Library at 314 Granville St. in Oxford.

A video of the event can be viewed on the Granville County YouTube page by visiting www.granvillecounty.org/youtube or the Granville County Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GranvilleCountyGov



Leading global aerospace firm Ontic donated much-needed school supplies to Granville County students. Contributed photo

Ontic donates much-needed school supplies

From staff reports

CREEDMOOR — Leading global aerospace firm Ontic donated much-needed school supplies to local students. The donation will help to improve the lives of young people in Granville County, a news release says.

Ontic's Creedmoor site is home to brands Firstmark, Aircraft Belts Inc. and Twin Commander.

"Arriving just in time for the start of the school year, the Granville County Public Schools team have already set about distributing Ontic's donations — consisting of backpacks, stationery and other school supplies — directly into the arms of students who will benefit from them," the release says.

"We were so impressed

by the amount and quality of items and supplies donated to our students," Superintendent Stan Winborne, said. "It was an amazing gesture of support for our students, our schools and our community. It brings me pride to see our local business and industry partners joining the effort to make our community a better place for all."

The GCPS are working to support their students' social, emotional, physical, and general health and wellness, and the Ontic Creedmoor workforce is eager support however they can. In addition to donating the school supplies, employees are collaborating with the GCPS Career and Technical Education programs to support education and routes into em-

ployment through internships and trainee schemes.

Javier Hernandez is general manager of Ontic's Creedmoor facility. "At Ontic," he said, "we're always looking to create the opportunity for the next generation, whether that's by supporting them through initiatives like this or through helping develop skills for the future through our internship programs. It's great to be able to support these young people and wish them best of luck with the school year ahead."

Ontic, says the release, is a leading global aerospace OEM, providing complex engineered parts and repair services for established aircraft in the defense and commercial market.

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Oxford-Granville announces King scholarship recipients

From staff reports

OXFORD — The Oxford-Granville Martin Luther King Celebration Committee announces its scholarship recipients as Aaliyah Dixon, Jamari J. Williams, Jayden Allen Sanford and Savannah Watson.

Dixon is a 2023 graduate of Granville Central High School. She was enrolled in honors courses and also completed her certification for veterinarian assistant.

Dixon was a member of the FFA for four years. She graduated with a 3.6 GPA and in the top 50 of her class and earned the Principal Award. Dixon will be attending N.C. A and T and majoring in Animal Science.

She is the daughter of Larry and Amber Dixon. She had three siblings, Mal'Alkhi, Wynter and Makyla. She attends Roxboro Baptist Church.

Jamari J. Williams is a 2023 graduate of J.F. Webb High School and is the son of Nicole Bullock. He was ranked in the top five of his graduating class with a GPA of 4.3 and was on the A honor roll. Williams was a student of Merit, National Honor Society member, served on the Student Council and Superintendent Leadership Committee and held perfect attendance for K-12.

Williams participated in marching band, varsity basketball and was

crowned Mr. Webb at homecoming.

He is also an active member of the Knight of Pythagoras. He works at McDonald's.

Williams is attending UNC Charlotte, majoring in Nursing, and has already completed summer school on the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA.

Williams plans to become a travel nurse so he can explore the world and give back by helping as many people as possible.

Jayden Allen Sanford is the son of Terry and Candice Sanford and has a sister, Terri. He is the grandson of the late Richard and Laura Sanford. Sanford graduated from J.F. Webb High School and is attending N.C. Central University, where he is majoring in Information Technology, and also plays alto saxophone with the NCCU Sound Machine Band.

Sanford has received several band awards while in the J.F. Webb Marching Band and was inducted into the National Honor Society his freshman year.

Williams is a Faith member of Faith Temple Deliverance Baptist Church.

Savannah Watson is a graduate of Granville Central High School with honors. She was in the top 18 in her class and was presented a Cum Laude Medal.

She will attend Central Carolina Community College and then move on to N.C. State University to earn doctorate in Veterinary Medicine.

She attends Revolve Church and serves in the Kid's Ministry.

Watson is the daughter of Amy Clough. She has a sister, Cheyenne Watson, and brother, Kyle Clough.

"I just want to take a moment to thank God, my family, and the few true friends I had in high school who helped me get through it all," Watson said. "I want to thank my father in heaven for watching over me and standing by my side through thick and thin."

Members of the Oxford-Granville Martin Luther King Celebration Scholarship Committee are: Evangelist Retina P. Timberlake, the Rev. Faye Elaine Thorpe, Candice Sanford, Linda Downey, Larry Downey (chair) and Pastor Walter K. Thorpe (treasurer).

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2A Budget, from 1A

In 2022, the North Carolina General Assembly passed the budget bill with a section titled "Dare County Affordable Housing."

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\$35 million in non-recurring funds to build affordable housing. The county was charged with making a forgivable loan to a qualified private partner to purchase land and build affordable housing.

The North Carolina General Assembly is now in the process of adopting the long overdue state budget. A draft of the budget was leaked to the Raleigh News and Observer, which posted it online Monday afternoon.

Inserted in the budget was Section 24.8 titled Dare County Affordable Housing.

The section eliminates Dare County local government provisions to approve affordable housing projects using the \$35 million.

Building permits from the state or local government must be expedited.

The section kicks aside Article 6 of the Chapter 160D of the General Statutes. This article is about development regulations and sets out published notice, hearing on zoning map amendments, citizen comments, planning board review and plan consistency.

Article 7 "shall not apply to the new construction ..." This article is about zoning regulation. In the second section, the General Assembly grants this power: "A local government may adopt zoning regulations."

Article 8 is about subdivision regulation. Under the budget section, approval under this article is not required.

Finally, "with respect to utilities, and provided that the local government has sufficient capacity, any local government within a 1-mile radius of the new construction under the agreement or series of

agreements shall provide all utilities in the same manner as that local government provides utilities to all other new construction in that jurisdiction."

Who is responsible for this section appearing in the 613-page budget? It's not Dare County.

Dare County Board of Commissioners Vice Chairman Wally Overman said "we didn't ask for this thing."

Commissioner Rob Ross said "we did not participate in any way."

County manager Robert L. Outten said "we didn't push it. We didn't propose it. We were not involved."

At least three of the six Dare County municipalities have responded to this section.

Manteo's commissioners heard a presentation by town manager Melissa Dickerson and then met in closed session Wednesday night. The board returned to open meeting to adopt a resolution opposing the budget section and asking Dickerson and town attorney Ben Gallop to make a few changes to a draft. The resolution was sent at 8:56 p.m. on Wednesday night, Sept. 20, 2023 to legislative leaders and representatives and a senator

to serve Dare and other counties.

The three-page resolution states "Sec. 24.8 (a) and (b) were included with HB 259 outside of the public view and upon enactment will usurp the authority of the Town to manage development and its utilities in a manner detrimental to the citizens of the Town of Manteo."

Nags Head Mayor Ben Cahoon, who attended the Manteo commissioners meeting, sent a letter to the same state officials.

Cahoon writes on behalf of the Nags Head Board of Commissioners and the town's citizens: "Articles 6 and 7 of Chapter 160D of the General Statutes are those which give towns and cities the authority to regulate development and enforce zoning. In effect, this would mean that Duch, Southern Shores, Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil Hills, Nags Head and Manteo could not enforce their zoning regulations on any affordable housing project funded by Dare County using the \$35 million ..."

"To be very clear," writes Cahoon, "our objection is not to essential or workforce housing. Our objection to this bill is the usurpation of local authority."

Kill Devil Hills sent out a notice to its citizens summarizing the legislation. "This means that for ON-LY towns in Dare County, there would be no control of the height, size, density, setbacks, etc. of affordable housing projects, even if they are developed in the town's city limits." The message urges Kill Devil Hills' citizens to join the town's commissioners in asking for the removal or repeal of Section 24.8 of the budget bill.

About the budget, WRAL wrote Thursday morning, "the final budget document was only made public Wednesday afternoon, about 18 hours before the vote, causing Democrats to sharply criticize the process and lack of public input. The budget was negotiated in secret for months by top GOP leaders and is being passed using a procedural move that doesn't allow anyone to suggest changes or amendments now that it has become public."

The North Carolina House began debate Thursday morning. In the first of several votes, the House passed the \$30 billion budget on a 69-40 vote.



Attendees at the Manteo Board of Commissioners meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023 wait outside Town Hall while the commissioners meet in closed session with the town attorney Ben Gallop. As a result of the closed session, the commissioners approved a resolution opposing Section 24.8 in the state's budget bill.

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Manteo, from 1A

address the issue. Manteo's commissioners continued to hear public concern.

On July 20, 2022, the town board set up a Healthcare Task Force with 11 members with Malcolm Fearing chairing.

Nine days short of a year later, a federally qualified health center like the ones in Engelhard and Ocracoke opened in a refurbished building on Bulleigh Street in Manteo. The opening date was July 11, 2023.

Two months later, Joe Rockenstein, CEO of the two existing federally qualified health centers, said the newest health center in Manteo is "very busy." He said "it's amazing the demand for health care services." He expressed his gratitude to

the community. During public comments on Sept. 6, Amy Phillips told the commissioners she was eternally grateful for the new medical center and extremely pleased with the service.

At that same meeting, the Healthcare Task Force, as required by its charter from Manteo's commissioners, delivered a report with recommendations to that board.

The report provides a summary of the work of task force and points ahead to tackle unfinished business. The task force suggests the following initiatives: - Establish "a formal partnerships with the North Carolina State Medical Society's Foundation to build an active program of recruitment and retention ... of physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants." The

program has already been successful in Dare County. Additionally, a new model has been developed for mental health providers, which the task force will pursue.

As part of that partnership, the task force "will identify issues that make healthcare recruitment and retention difficult." The document lists salary scales, housing and lack of specialty care.

Work with "ECU Health to explore and initiate programs that will expand the availability of the services of various needed medical and surgical specialists." At the end of the meeting, the Manteo commissioners unanimously voted for the town's Healthcare Task Force to continue through December 2024 and address the three suggested recommendations.



The Town of Manteo Lifesaving Award is presented to Manteo Police Officer W.R. Land "in recognition of your courageous and life-saving actions of CPR and First Aid administered to Commissioner Darrell Collins on November 3, 2022. Your quick and decisive actions saved his life. We honor you today for your dedication and resolve. This 6th day of September 2023." Standing with Land, center, are Manteo Police Chief Vance Haskett and town manager Melissa Dickerson.

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Librarian, from 1A

career change from the private sector to public service," said Leenaarts Beasley, who was formerly employed by Island Bookstore. "After almost two decades of book-selling, the Dare County Library was a natural fit. It was hard coming in during COVID - we were curbside pickup only at the time - but the

appreciation of our patrons for us to continue to provide access to materials was like a waterfall of gratitude. I knew right away I'd found a home where I could commit to finding more and more ways to make our patron's lives better."

A North Carolina Certified Public Librarian, Leenaarts Beasley holds a master's degree in library science, which she earned from North Carolina Central University in 2021. In addition, Leenaarts Beasley earned a bachelor's degree in business management from North Carolina State University in 1999 and a bachelor's degree in art history from Old Dominion University in 2002.

In her new role as Dare County Librarian, Leenaarts Beasley will serve as the administrative head of the county's three-branch library system, which includes the Kill Devil Hills Library, Manteo Library and Hatteras Library. In addition to managing the library

system's employees, budget and day-to-day operations, she will also be tasked with performing strategic planning and providing important information, technology and literacy resources to Dare County residents, visitors and property owners.

"I love talking to people, not necessarily about books, but getting to know them, who they are, what they love, and in doing so, I hope to find ways to help meet their needs," said Leenaarts Beasley. "That's one of the great things about working at the Dare County Library. We help people, sometimes in very unusual ways - maybe to apply for a job, or help them grow a garden, or find an ancestor. There's no greater satisfaction than closing the gap between a person's need and the solution they're looking for."

Because the Dare County Library is a member of the East Albemarle Regional Library System, Leenaarts Beasley will

also work closely with the county librarians for Camden, Currituck and Pasquotank counties to ensure that these libraries' collaborative efforts continue to serve the needs of northeastern North Carolina communities by providing internet access, innovative technologies and online resources, among many others.

"In the past couple of years, we've grown many of the Dare County Library's Adult Programs to include our Speakers Series, Book Clubs and very successful Seed Library, all while maintaining our commitment to children's programming and literacy and building connections with many community organizations," said Leenaarts Beasley. "My hope is to keep this momentum going by growing our services, curating our materials collections to better address the wants and needs of our patrons, and finding ways to make our library an essential part of

every Dare County resident's daily life. We are here to serve and we want to help."



Meaghan Leenaarts Beasley

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

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

Table with 3 columns: Time, Day, Date. Meetings include October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2023; November 6, 2023 (Pre-Election); November 7, 2023 (Election Day); November 15, 2023 (Supplemental/Provisional); and November 17, 2023 (CANVASS).

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 676

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION
This the 7th day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Shores Dunston, Chief Clerk

Buxton, from 1A

strong smell of fuel. The testing of the samples indicated the soil contained weathered light fuel oil, a small amount of lubricating oil, petroleum hydrocarbons, and non-petroleum contamination.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Coast Guard have been actively studying and remediating historic petroleum contamination at the site.

"We are aware of the situation along the shorelines of Buxton, N.C., and our technical team has made this a priority as they look into the matter," stated Chris Pritchard with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. "The Department of Defense (DoD) is committed to protecting human health and the

environment and improving public safety by cleaning up environmental contamination of former military properties. If it is determined the petroleum contaminated soil is related to a Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers does respond to DoD generated contamination that occurred before the property was transferred to private owners or to federal, state, tribal or local government entities.

"Active communication, coordination, consultation and collaboration with those entities critical in planning and carrying out cleanups," Pritchard continued. "Our Corps works hard to keep all interested parties informed and offers opportunities for dialogue throughout the cleanup phases."

Until the petroleum contaminated soils are mitigated, and the area is declared safe, environmental and public health officials recommend people:

- Avoid swimming, wading or fishing in this area in Buxton at Cape Hatteras National Seashore from approximately 4/2085 Old Lighthouse Road to and including the first jetty until further notice.

• If skin comes in contact with contaminated sediment or water, thoroughly wash the affected area with soap and water.

In addition to the potential health risks related to petroleum contamination, there are a number of remnants of previous U.S. Coast Guard and naval installations, including concrete bunkers and steel infrastructure that may pose hazards to swimmers,

surfers and beach goers, noted the release.

Additionally, for those who live in or near the impacted area and have a private drinking well, it is recommended to have the well water sampled to ensure it does not contain contaminants. If the well is a drinking water well, contact the Dare County Department of Health & Human Services at 252-475-5088 to schedule sampling.

Those who notice any plumes, sheens or fish kills in this area should avoid coming into contact with these waters and report the conditions by calling 800-924-8802.

For general information about the Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS), contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, at 912-652-5673.

Winners, from 1A

Hatteras United Methodist Church.

"What a day it was in Hatteras Village... The sun was shining, the ocean breeze was refreshing, and our community came together to celebrate health, happiness, and a whole lot of fun. We couldn't be more thrilled with the turnout and the incredible spirit you all brought to the event," wrote organizer Brian Van Druten.

He continues: "To our Fishy 5k winners, you swam through the competition with determination and finesse! Your achievements are truly remarkable, and we commend your dedication to excellence."

"But let's not forget everyone who laced up their running shoes and joined in on the fun. Each step you took and each mile you conquered was a testament to your commitment to a healthier lifestyle and the camaraderie of our

community.

"To all the participants, whether you crossed the finish line first or savored every moment of the journey, you are all winners in our eyes! Your presence and enthusiasm made this day unforgettable."

"Thank you to our incredible volunteers, sponsors, and organizers who made this event possible. Without your hard work and support, our Fishy 5k wouldn't have been such a success."

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BULK WASTE COLLECTION, SEMI-ANNUAL
The Town of Southern Shores schedules two (2) bulk waste collections each year. One in April and one in October.
THE NEXT SCHEDULED BULK WASTE COLLECTION WILL BE: October 13TH, 2023.
APPROVED ITEMS SHOULD BE PLACED OUT FOR PICK-UP NO LATER THAN THE DAY BEFORE BULK WASTE COLLECTION DAY.
ITEMS ALLOWED ON STREET SIDE NOT EARLIER THAN Friday Oct. 6TH.
Approved Bulk Waste CAN include large items such as:
• Mattresses, Sofas, Chairs, Dressers, Furniture, etc.
• Large Appliances
• Hot Tub Covers (no Hot Tubs)
• Refrigerators, freezers or any other appliances that may contain refrigerant must be marked with a 'P' (Propane) has been removed (if not marked it will not be collected) (please remove doors from refrigerators/freezers for safety)
• Yard waste/wedgetite debris bagged in clear or brown paper bags - otherwise it will be rejected and not picked up. Yard waste/wedgetite debris OUTSIDE OF COLLECTION DAY must be taken to the Dare County Public Works Facility in Manteo, 1018 Driftwood Dr., 77954. Phone 252-475-5880.
These materials NOT accepted for collection:
REJECTED ITEMS will have a visible X marked on them.
• Televisions may be taken at no charge to Kitty Hawk/Dare County Recycling Center or Dare County CAD Landfill
• Hot Tubs may be taken at no charge to Dare County CAD Landfill
• Water Heaters may be taken at no charge to Kitty Hawk/Dare County Recycling Center or Dare County CAD Landfill
• Basketball Goal Posts may be taken, with a \$50 permit, to Kitty Hawk/Dare County Recycling Center or at no charge to Dare County CAD Landfill
• Unusable refrigerators or any appliances containing a refrigerant, may be taken at no charge to Kitty Hawk/Dare County Recycling Center or Dare County CAD Landfill
• Hazardous materials such as Flammable Solvents, Chemicals, etc. follow manufacturers label recommendations. Recycle Batteries & Compact Fluorescent Bulbs at any Local
• NO Building materials, NO Lumber, Scrap Lumber, Roofing, Doors, Screens, Windows, Stairs, Carpet, Rugs, Cabinets, Toilet, Pallets or Demolition debris may be taken, with a \$50 permit.
• Soil, Rocks, Concrete, and Stumps may be taken at no charge to Dare County CAD Landfill
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• Maximum 4 tires per visit - may be taken at no charge to Kitty Hawk/Dare County Recycling Center
• NO items produced as a result of a contracted service or business
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Mizz Lorna's wisdom good guide inside, outside hollow

In the War of 1812, two soldiers deserted from the command of Lt. Col. George Washington, soon after the defeat he suffered at Fort Mifflin (near present-day Uniontown, Pennsylvania).

They cleared some land, built a log cabin or two, somehow managed to find wives from an undisclosed location (just like Cain), and established a modest settlement.

Eventually, that settlement erected the Guernsey Hollow Baptist Church, the oldest church structure in Laurel County and that whole corner of Pennsylvania.

Seeing as the two men were deserters, and their descendants are now fine upstanding families in my old county, I've changed all the names in this report to protect the innocent and not-so-innocent. And something else about "Guernsey Hollow"—it's



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not pronounced "hollow," but "hol-ler." A few days ago I drove up from the Youghiogheny River on the impossibly bumpy, twisty glorified cow path otherwise known as Guernsey Hollow Road. The word "road" here is meant to be taken in its most liberal interpretation. If it isn't haunted, well, it should be.

I took it up to that old Baptist Church to inspect the paint job my brother-in-law had done last month. I pulled into the pocket gravel driveway up to the old bethel.

And there it stood, sparkling white, its ageless steeple towering deep into the vault of the cloudless cerulean sky, the sun at silver

zenith beaming down a timeless noon. The oldest cemetery in Laurel County, even at high noon, still carried in its faded marble arms a mournful gaze. Most names have faded from centuries of rain, snow and wind. At night, will-o'-the-wisps make frequent appearances, and on summer evenings, a bluish mist meanders through the stoneyard in long shrouded strands.

I wasn't sticking around long enough to see that again. Once — years ago — was enough. I turned to get in my car, and breathed in a wisp of hickory smoke. Across the street, an old man was tending a smoker in his front lawn.

Again, "lawn" needs to be taken in its widest latitude, as it seemed to be carpeted by a flea sale that had opened up several years ago and had just never closed. The porch was an old-fashioned affair that fronted the

house, but for some arcane reason had been furnished with a couch, an easy chair, a TV in unknown working order, a washing machine, and — I think — a chest freezer.

I waved. He waved back, though obviously didn't wish to shoot any breeze.

I saw my brother-in-law Jim later that evening and congratulated him on his fine work; Jim had spent a week painting the church. I told him about the old guy. "Oh, that's Uncle Charlie," he said.

It went without saying that Charlie was not Jim's real uncle. Jim also said that Charlie was actually my age. It had been a hard life. Driving up with his bucket truck one day, Jim was stopped in his tracks by a young man sitting in the middle of the road, between the church and the ramshackle house. Clad only in overalls, shirtless, shoeless, sitting crosslegged on

macadam, his mind clearly somewhere else, looking perfectly content, chewing a long stalk of grass.

"That was Uncle Charlie's grandson," Jim said. "The mother up and left a few years ago, seen' as her boy wasn't right. She's run off to the city."

Hardest of all was Uncle Charlie's loss of his wife, Mizz Lorna. Not "Mrs" or "Miss." She had gone by that moniker to everyone, even and especially Uncle Charlie.

The hardness of it all was obvious. Now it was just the old man and Burly, the boy-man. The house, under the ministry of Mizz Lorna, had been spic and span. Now it was clad in mourning.

My brother-in-law, as is his gregarious wont, invited Uncle Charlie to church and to bring Burly with him.

"I got no truck with that church stuff," Charlie had said, with no trace of irony in the shadow of the tall steeple

just across the hollow road. He launched into a well-rehearsed sermon. "My church is these hills, the woods an' the creek down below. I told Mizz Lorna this every Sunday mornin' when she nagged me to go with her and Burly."

He softened, though, when he thought of Mizz Lorna. "She told me there was a lot of God in her hospital room. An' in the room down the hall where a baby was settin' out for the world. An' in all the rooms."

Mizz Lorna, Jim told me, was famous up and down Guernsey Hollow for her proverbs. "Live in such a way that when you're alive, people don't have to say 'anyways' too much when they say 'I love you anyways'. And live in such a way that your children don't have to apologize for you at the funeral home."

And this: "If you're a
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Autumnal salads great transition from summer foods to fall favorites

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

I always say cooking seasonally is best and it's time to slowly transition to fall favorites. The sun is still intense, and days are warm so I'm not quite ready for heavy and heavy cold-weather meals, but rather something still light that brings fall flavors.

An autumnal salad I've made for many years highlights butternut squash roasted with shallots and cranberries served on a bed of greens in a honey citrus vinaigrette and sprinkled with crumbled goat or blue cheese and toasted pecans. To make it a meal you can always increase the amount of squash and even add a little roasted chicken or bacon.



CHERYL ORR

I also serve a wedge of crisp iceberg lettuce with the same toppings except I substitute honey roasted pumpkin seeds for the pecans. A bed of greens is really just an empty palate waiting for artistic license so be creative and experiment with flavors and textures.

Another nice accompaniment for greens when the season changes to cool temperatures is a warm panko-crusted goat cheese salad. The goat cheese medallions can easily be prepared with gluten-free panko. This salad is a throwback dish from the '80s that has recently become popular again. My recipes for two autumnal salads, roasted butternut squash and cranberry, as well as warm panko-crusted goat cheese with pear.

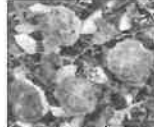


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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
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Confessions of spaghetti nerd in Hurricane Chicken Party

Hello, my name is Jonathan. And I'm a spaghetti nerd. That would be my opening line at a support group for weather worry-warts.

Yes, this is a real thing. You know us. We're the folk who rush around with their hair on fire like Chicken Little, wailing, "the sky is falling!" to their friends Henry Penny, Goosey Loosey, Turkey Lurkey and Foxy Woxy. We're the ones who believe weather warnings and tell you to turn your porch rocking chairs upside down.

Just to substantiate my card-carrying membership in the Hurricane Chicken Party, you should know that every morning from late July until November, I look at my iPhone app from NOAA. If I see the barest hint of a tropical depression, I open up the Cyclone site on the Google machine.

Cyclone is great for "spaghetti models." Each strand is a hurricane course projection from a super-computer that takes into account air pressure, isobars, air and sea temperature levels, weather fronts, heat domes, jet streams and a host of other factors.

On the Cyclone screen, there are about 15 different colored

strands. Put together, they look like a rainbow mound of spaghetti, hence the name.

These spaghetti models vary in quality. Some are way off. One sent Ophelia to the Pacific. I can only imagine a tropical storm patiently waiting its turn at the locks of the Panama Canal.

Others are devilishly accurate. Two models had Ophelia dead to rights.

This is the case of meteorology in general. As time goes by, the weatherman's predictions grow more dependable. It simply is not true that weather forecasts are unreliable. They are spot-on more times than not.

This is performance that should be applauded. Why do we need weather reports in general and spaghetti models in particular?

They save lives. They help prevent property damage and other losses.

About 24 hours before Mad Ophelia (aptly named after the tragic figure in Hamlet) paid her nasty visit, a friend of mine sniffed at my Chicken Little routine. It's



JONATHAN TOBIAS

just the weatherman crying wolf again. You'll see."

Well, I did see. The raging lass came and went moaning into the night, sweeping her tattered gown over land and sea. Looking at my leaf-strewn and limb-studded lawn, detritus ripped off my oaks and hickories, my tulip tree and magnolia, I have seen indeed.

I wish that my spaghetti-model naysaying friend had been right. I wish it would have been a false alarm.

When hurricanes and tornadoes do not come, after all the preparations and evacuations are made out of an abundance of caution, why is it that we stomp our feet and accuse the weather people of raising a hue and cry for naught?

Wouldn't thanksgiving be the right thing? Like, "Thank heaven we dodged that bullet." Any storm that fails to show up for its appointment is a tragedy avoided, not a waste of time and effort.

How nice it would have been had Katrina never happened, or, for that matter, Isabel 20 years ago.

A false alarm then would have been most welcome. I sympathize with my friend's wish to live in a romantic world free of scientific prediction. There is something appealing about independence from the cogs of the modern world, and all that science that seems to cancel mystery and legend, that makes obsolete homespun wisdom and old wives' tales.

I've got quite a few friends, nationwide, who are like this, pinning away for a world that wasn't so technological. They wish for a world where all homeopathic remedies are more effective than vaccines and pharmacology, where tarot cards and horoscopes accurately predict the future, where farmers plant by astrological signs after sitting down butt naked in the field to see if the soil was warm enough (yes, that did happen), where smug conspiracy theories know what's really going on.

One of these friends is a Ph.D. in Renaissance Literature, who told me that Nazis are living on the dark side of the moon. He hung up when I asked, politely, whether they listen to Pink Floyd.

The benefits of such a fantastic

world are clear. There would be no climate change in such a world, no pandemics, no difficult history and complicated politics.

"Just give me," my friend said on Friday, "the Farmers' Almanac."

I wanted to tell him that on one hand, real science is discovering greater and even scarier mysteries, from the vast expanse of unthinkably far galaxies to the fundamentals of quantum space. On the other hand, all the old ways—like beginning the harvest on Lamas Day—were in their day at the forefront of contemporary science. And on the third hand, it is indisputable that modern science and medicine have saved countless lives. I wouldn't want to live in a world without the Salk vaccine.

Discretion is the better part of valor. I didn't argue with my friend. Frankly, I didn't want to hear, again, his views on the fake lunar landing.

Even so, I would not want to live in a world without modern science. For all the Ophelias of the real world, I'll pass on the Farmer's Almanac and, Chicken Little need that I am, take spaghetti instead.

Jonathan Tobias is a resident of Edenton.

Lentil soup with pistou hearty meal for sweater weather

It's becoming sweeter weather. A cool nip in the breeze has finally arrived. I welcome all of fall's coziness with a cup of hot tea, soft flannels and soups.

Although many people enjoy soup year round it's time for soup with a little more substance, with heartier ingredients such as beans and meats. Chili is always popular in the fall whether with white beans, chicken and green chilis or a traditional red chili with pintos and beef. I also enjoy a sausage, white bean, and spinach soup and a pasta e fagioli when the temperatures begin to drop—all recipes I have shared in the past.

Another nice soup for fall is a lentil soup. This soup is filled with vegetables and although I



CHERYL ORR

make it with pancetta and chicken stock, you could easily replace the pancetta with an earthy mushroom and substitute vegetable stock for chicken to make this a vegetarian dish.

I like to top each bowl of lentil soup with a pistou to enrich the flavors. A pistou is the French

version of pesto, but this herbaceous and pungent sauce omits nuts. Some recipes also omit cheese, but I like the body and complexity a grated hard cheese adds.

Any fresh herbs can be blended into good olive oil to make this sauce but be sure to balance the mixture with a little acid from lemon juice or zest which also helps to keep the herbs a bright green color. And of course blend in

some salt to enhance the flavor. This week I have included my recipe for lentil soup with pistou. Enjoy!

French lentil soup with pistou
Serves 8

- Ingredients**
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
 - 3 slices bacon, or pancetta, diced
 - 1 large onion, diced
 - 3 carrots, diced
 - 2 ribs celery, diced
 - ½ bulb fennel, diced
 - 1 teaspoon dried thyme
 - 1 teaspoon herbes de Provence
 - 1 tablespoon garlic, minced
 - 3 tablespoons tomato paste
 - ½ cup white wine
 - 6 cups chicken stock, plus more if needed
 - 2 tablespoons chicken demi-glace
 - 1 15-ounce can diced tomatoes

- with juice
- 2 bay leaves
 - 1 cup French Lentils
 - Salt and pepper to taste
 - Pinch red pepper flakes, optional
 - 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
 - 1 teaspoon honey
 - 2 cups fresh spinach, julienned
- pistou**
- 2 cups fresh herbs
 - ¼ cup olive oil
 - 1 clove garlic
 - 1 cup grated parmesan
 - ½ teaspoon lemon zest
 - ½ teaspoon salt

Preparation

1. In a large pot heat oil over low heat. Sauté bacon or pancetta until fat is rendered. Add onions, carrots, fennel, and celery with thyme and herbes de Provence until vegetables are tender, stirring frequently. Add garlic and red pepper flakes and stir to combine. Stir in

tomato paste and cook a few minutes until blended. Stir in wine.

2. Add chicken stock, lemon juice, bay, demi-glace, honey, and tomatoes with juice and bring to a simmer.
3. Stir in lentils, season with salt and pepper, and cook until tender.
4. Meanwhile, blend pistou with a mortar and pestle or a food processor. Adjust seasoning to taste. Set aside.
5. Add spinach to soup. Heat through, seasoning with salt and pepper to taste. Serve with a dollop of pistou and extra grated cheese. Garnish with fresh herbs.

If you have a cooking question contact me at ch.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.

NOTICE OF NON-PARTISAN MUNICIPAL ELECTION CHOWAN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

The Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 in Chowan County to vote in the following contest: Edenton Municipalities WARDS 1, 2, 3 & 4. Voter ID is required in this election.

Absentee voting by mail is available. Requests for an absentee ballot must be made on an absentee request form (available on the State Board of Elections website and at the county board of elections office). The last day to request an Absentee Ballot by mail is Tuesday October 31, 2023 by 5:00 p.m. Absentee voting requires the voter to complete an application on the return envelope that must be witnessed by two qualified persons or a notary public. Completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Chowan County Board of Elections by 5:00 p.m. on November 7, 2023 (Election Day) (ballots received by mail after this time will be timely if received within three business days and postmarked by Election Day). Voters may receive assistance voting a mail-in absentee ballot from a qualified person of their choice. If the voter lives in a facility such as a nursing home, and the voter's near relative or legal guardian is not available, the voter or the facility can arrange to have the county board of elections schedule a visit by a Multi-Partisan Assistance Team to provide assistance and witnesses.

Voters voting in person are entitled to assistance by an election official. If assistance is needed due to disability or illiteracy, by a qualified person of their choice. Voting sites are accessible to all voters. Curbside voting is available for voters who are not able to enter voting sites.

Only persons who are registered to vote in the Edenton Municipality with the Chowan Board of Elections may vote in this election. Voter registration closes on Friday, October 13, 2023 at 5pm. Voters who are not registered in the county by October 13, 2023 may still register and vote during the one stop early voting period. Persons who register during one-stop will be required to provide documentation of their identity and residence. Voters who fail to make a change in name or address by that time must update the information when presenting to vote, and may be asked to vote a provisional ballot.

One-stop early voting will be held at the Chowan County Board of Elections office. One-stop early voting will be open from Thursday, October 19, 2023 until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday November 4, 2023.

Chowan County Board of Elections Office 730 N. Granville Street, Suite D, Edenton, NC

Hours of Operation:
Thursday, October 19 - Friday, October 20 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday, October 23 - Friday, October 27 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday, October 30 - Friday, November 3 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 4 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Election day polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

East Edenton Precinct National Guard Armory 702 N Broad Street, Edenton
West Edenton Precinct Chowan County Agricultural Center 730 N Granville Street, Edenton

Cavvass will be held in the Chowan County Board of Elections office at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 17, 2023.

Persons with questions about registration, polling places, early voting, absentee ballots, a Multi-Partisan Assistance Team visit to a facility or other election matters may call the Chowan Board of Elections Office at 252-482-4010

Terrence S. Meyers, Director
Chowan County Board of Elections

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 676

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) PUBLIC NOTICE
Management and Energy Efficiency Cost)
Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9)
and Commission Rule R8-69)

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Compared to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.0646 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$0.65. Small general service and public authority customers would see a DSM/EE rate increase of 0.0083 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rate increase of 0.0141 cents per kWh.

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

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 7th day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

Marshes/ from A1

Robbie Fearn, director of the Pine Island Sanctuary, recently described Currituck Sound for Coastal Review, noting how different it is from other estuarine systems.

because every question is still ready to be answered." The environment, however, is not the only complex system to navigate in addressing how restore Currituck Sound's restoration.

Carolina Attorney General's office awarded Audubon North Carolina a \$98,000 Environmental Enhancement Grant, or EEG.

The Currituck Sound Coalition Marsh Conservation Plan is a working publication that outlines how the group will work together to restore the waters of the sound.

to affect Currituck Sound marshes. "The beauty of the EEG funding was that it allowed us all to work together to share the knowledge we're all developing separately and come together," Fearn said.

on the surface of the marsh to help it accrete with sea level rise over time." Those research projects may prove to be critical in how much funding Currituck Sound restoration and resilience projects will be able to access.

Oak Grove/ from A1

ground-penetrating radar, also found that there are likely 2,331 unmarked graves in the cemetery. Lowery told city leaders that some of those unmarked graves lie under existing dirt roads in the cemetery.

like possible because we don't know 100 percent if we have a grave until it's (physically) uncovered, essentially." Oak Grove Cemetery was established in 1886 as a burial ground for African Americans in the city.

survey to mark and record the boundaries of the cemetery. The second phase included the use of ground-penetrating radar to identify marked and unmarked graves and the mapping of grave markers.

"With the cemetery's inclusion on the Study List, and now this grant award, the city and (State Historic Preservation Office) staff see strong potential for our nomination to ultimately be accepted," Freeman said.

by a \$3,000 consultancy, will pay to hire a consultant who specializes in that type of work. Freeman said applicants for HPF grants typically have to put up a 40% match to receive the grant.

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Lewin/ from A1

its aviation program. ECSU offers its only four-year degree in aviation science in North Carolina. An unannounced aircraft systems conference on the campus is still in the planning stages. More information about that will be available later.

explained Provost Farrah J. Ward. In addition to being introduced to Lewin in his new role at ECSU, the trustees also heard a report about upgrades underway at Johnson Hall.

female enrollment, which bucks the general trend nationwide. There was some discussion among the trustees regarding Fayetteville State University being added to the NC Promise program that offers \$500 a semester tuition for in-state students.

promise is good for the University of North Carolina System. Answering a question from trustees about whether FSU's addition to NC Promise was affecting ECSU, Dixon noted that ECSU's enrollment continues to rise.

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Youth/ from A1

the advisory states. "We are actively working to foster community pride and a family-friendly atmosphere for all." The advisory, which was posted on the Edenton Police Department's Facebook page, said that the department hopes to

foster a relationship that will "better our students and encourage their success." The advisory cited the department's ongoing cooperation with Edenton-Chowan Schools.

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CRIMEWATCH

Currituck Sheriff Holly Elizabeth Triplett, 36, of the 300 block of Hospital Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia, was arrested Aug. 23 and charged with possession of a stolen vehicle, possession of cocaine, possession of schedule I of a controlled substance, maintaining a place for the possession of a controlled substance, simple possession of Schedule IV of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, two counts of being a fugitive from law enforcement in another state and driving a vehicle with fictitious registration. She was confined at Currituck Detention Center in lieu of a \$400,000 secured bond.

criminal summons Aug. 27 for a charge of unauthorized use of a motor-propelled conveyance.

enrolled in the eighth grade or below must be supervised by parents, a rule set by Edenton-Chowan Schools in cooperation with the police and Chowan County Sheriff's Office.

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Strikes targeting Big 3 spread to 20 states

Workers strike at 38 GM, Stellantis parts distributors

DAVID KOENIG
Associated Press

The United Auto Workers expanded its strike against major automakers Friday, walking out of 38 General Motors and Stellantis parts distribution centers in 20 states.

Another 5,600 additional workers joined the strike on top of the 13,000 of the 146,000 members that began the strike one week ago.

Ford was spared additional strikes because the company has met some of the union's demands during negotiations over the past week, said UAW President Shawn Fain.

"We've made some real progress at Ford," Fain said during an online presentation to union members. "We still have serious issues to work through, but we do want to recognize that Ford is showing that they are serious about reaching a deal."

"At GM and Stellantis, it's a different story," he said. Those companies, he said, have rejected the union's proposals for cost-of-living increases, profit sharing and job security.



ASSOCIATED PRESS

United Auto Workers members and supporters picket outside a General Motors facility in Langhorne, Pa., Friday. The United Auto Workers expanded its strike against major automakers Friday, walking out of 38 General Motors and Stellantis parts distribution centers in 20 states.

The union is pointing to the companies' huge recent profits as it seeks wage increases of 36% over four years. The companies have offered a little over half that amount. The UAW has other demands, including a 32-hour work week for 40 hours of pay and a restoration of traditional pension plans for newer workers.

The companies say they can't afford to meet the union's demands because they need to invest profits in a costly transition from gas-powered cars to electric vehicles.

The UAW's contract with the automakers expired at midnight on Sept. 14, and workers walked out of a Ford assembly plant near Detroit, a GM factory in Wentzville, Missouri, and a Jeep plant run by Stellantis in Toledo, Ohio.

Fain said earlier this week he would call on workers at more plants to strike unless there was significant progress in contract negotiations with the carmakers. Bargaining continued Thursday, although neither side reported any

breakthroughs, and they remained far apart on wage increases.

The companies have laid off a thousands of workers, saying some factories are running short on parts because of the strike.

Still, the impact is not yet being felt on car lots around the country — it will probably take a few weeks before the strike causes a significant shortage of new vehicles, according to analysts. Prices could rise even sooner, however, if the prospect of a prolonged strike triggers panic buying.

Sen. Menendez, his wife indicted

Couple charged with taking bribes to benefit Egypt

JAKE OFFENHARTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. Sen. Bob Menendez of New Jersey and his wife were indicted Friday on charges that they took bribes of cash, gold bars and a luxury car for a range of corrupt acts, including having the Democrat use his influence over foreign affairs to benefit the authoritarian government of Egypt.

The sweeping indictment alleges that Menendez, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, provided sensitive and non-public U.S. government information to Egyptian government officials and took other steps to secretly help Egypt, including ghost-writing a letter on behalf of Egypt pushing other senators to lift a hold on \$300 million in aid to the country. And prosecutors also allege the senator sought to derail a criminal investigation into an associate by pushing for a U.S. attorney nominee he believed could be influenced.

A search of the couple's home turned up \$100,000 in gold bars and \$480,000 in hidden cash, said prosecutors, who announced the charges against the 69-year-old Democrat nearly six years after an earlier criminal case against him ended with a deadlocked jury.



Menendez

The latest indictment is unrelated to the earlier charges that alleged Menendez accepted lavish gifts to pressure government officials on behalf of a Florida doctor.

Menendez said he had been falsely accused of accepting bribes but "will not be distracted" from work in the Senate. In an emailed statement, he accused prosecutors of misrepresenting "the normal work of a Congressional office" and writing "these charges as they wanted."

"For years, forces behind the scenes have repeatedly attempted to silence my voice and dig my political grave," Menendez said.

Gov't shutdown risk spikes as House GOP exits DC

Congress must pass CR by Saturday to avoid gov't shutdown

LISA MASCARO AND STEPHEN GROVES
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With House Speaker Kevin McCarthy's latest funding plan in ruins and lawmakers' decision to leave town for the weekend, there's no endgame in sight as hard-right Republicans push dangerously closer to a disruptive federal shutdown.

The White House will tell federal agencies on Friday to prepare for a shutdown, according to an official with the Office of Management and Budget who insisted on anonymity to discuss the upcoming instructions. That's standard seven days out from a federal disruption.

The Republican McCarthy has repeatedly tried to appease his hard-right flank by agreeing to the steep spending cuts they are demanding to keep government open. But chided on by Donald Trump, the Republican front-runner for president in 2024, the conservatives have all but seized control in dramatic fashion.

In a crushing defeat Thursday, a handful of Republican hardliners blocked a typically popular defense bill from advancing — the second time this week it was set back, an unheard-of loss for a House speaker.

Even a stopgap bill to keep government funding past the Sept. 30 deadline, called a continuing resolution or CR, is a non-starter for some on the right flank who have essentially seized control of the House.

"This is a whole new concept of individuals who just want to burn the whole place down," McCarthy said after Thursday's vote, acknowledging he was frustrated. "It doesn't work."

The open revolt was further evidence that McCarthy's strategy of repeatedly giving in to the conservatives is seemingly only emboldening them, allowing them to run roughshod over their own House majority. Their conservative bills have almost no chances in the Senate.

Trump urged the conservatives to hold the line against the higher funding

levels McCarthy had agreed to with President Joe Biden earlier this year and to end the federal criminal indictments against him.

"This is also the last chance to defund these political prosecutions against me and other Patriots," Trump wrote on social media.

"They failed on the debt limit, but they must not fail now. Use the power of the purse and defend the Country!" the former president wrote.

The White House and Democrats, along with some Republicans, warn that a shutdown would be devastating for people who rely on their government for everyday services and would

undermine America's standing in the world.

"We need the extreme MAGA Republicans to get their act together," said House Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries of New York, referring to Trump's "Make America Great Again" slogan.

"End the civil war," Jeffries urged the Republicans. "Get your act together."

But one of Trump's top allies, Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fla., who is leading the hard-right flank, said the House Republicans now have almost no choices left but to spend the time it takes to pass each of the 12 spending bills needed to fund the government — typically a laborious

process — even if it means going into a shutdown.

Or they can join with Democrats to pass a CR, which is sure to put McCarthy's job at risk.

What Gaetz said he, and several others, would not do is vote for a continuing resolution that fails to slash spending.

"I'm giving a eulogy for the CR right now," Gaetz told reporters after a late

afternoon meeting at the Capitol.

"I represent Florida's first congressional district, where during the shutdown tens of thousands of people will go without a paycheck, and I know the impact of a shutdown," Gaetz said. "So it may get worse before it gets better, and I have little to offer but blood, sweat, toil and tears, but that may be what it takes."

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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A Sheila Dunston, Chief Clerk

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REGIONAL NEWS

Winton Triangle Exhibit on display at two locations

This weekend, the exhibit, "Building a Mixed Race Community - People, Buildings and Sites of the Winton Triangle" will be on display at two locations.

The first showing is from 10 a.m. until 12 noon on Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Winton Baptist Church fellowship hall at 208 N. Main Street in Winton, and is hosted by the Winton Historical Association.

The second showing is from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 24 at the Pleasant Plains Baptist Church fellowship hall (rear entrance), 801 US 13, Ahoskie, and is hosted by the church. Pleasant Plains, its school and several of its members are featured.

Among the people featured in the exhibit are Katie M. Hart, Dr. Joseph D. Weaver, Howard Hunter Sr., Saluda Hall, Georgia Hall Weaver, Reverend John L. Scott, Dr. Calvin Scott Brown, Charles S. Yeates, Robert L. Vann, and Hobson R. Reynolds. Marvin Tupper Jones of the Chowan Discovery Group is the producer of



Marvin Tupper Jones is shown with three of the 16 exhibit panels that will be on display this weekend, Saturday and Sunday (Sept. 23 and 24) at two locations in Hertford County.

the exhibit. "The exhibit is for those who want to remember and learn the best of our Winton Triangle community," Jones said. "We have buildings - some worn or in ruins - that tell stories of a

successful community of color that rose through the Civil War, Reconstruction, Jim Crow and supported the Civil Rights movement that provided so many freedoms and opportunities." Jones said the subjects

of family, war, education, business, religion, farming, Civil Rights and politics are all part of the Winton Triangle's 437-year-old history. "Our research brings out the importance of the people connected to

these buildings and sites. Our storytelling and photography present research to the viewer. We hope that people will find new value in the world that immediately surrounds them," Jones noted.

"Before much of our community's past is forgotten, this extensive, 75-foot-long exhibit allows us to present significant people of the past who contributed much to enrich our community. I hope this exhibit will reveal new paths of accomplishment that are also important to our futures," he added.

Each 20"x30" panel features a main photograph of a building or site, along with text and another image about a significant person or persons associated with the panel.

"Elders in our community still remember some of the featured people such as Dr. Joseph D. Weaver and Howard Hunter, Sr., but stories of the local founders of C.S. Brown School, the community's greatest institution, are forgotten," Jones stated.

North Carolina Humanities and the Chowan Discovery Group are the exhibit's funders.

For more information, call (202) 236-2030 or visit www.chowandiscovery.org.

SECU Board of Directors election contested

RALEIGH - In a highly unusual move, 50 retired members of senior management of State Employees' Credit Union (SECU) have voiced public support for three member-nominated candidates — Barbara Perkins, Michael Clements and Chuck Stone — to counter what they believe are disturbing trends in the direction of SECU and to return the benefits of membership to all mem-

bers. The large group of retired executives include Jim Blaine and Mike Lord, past SECU Presidents and CEOs. The nominees seek to unseat three incumbent Board members. The fiercely contested election is extraordinary for the \$50 billion credit union — the second largest credit union in the nation which has 2.7 million members and branches in all 100 coun-

ties of North Carolina. The challengers disagree with recent Board decisions on the direction of the credit union and want to raise interest rates on the Money Market savings account from the current rate of 1% to 3-4%. They contend the low interest rate offerings resulted in a \$4 billion drop in deposit and asset balances over the past year, the first declines in the 86-year history of the fi-

nanial cooperative. They also want to remove the controversial tiered interest rate scheme for vehicle loans put in place by the Board in which thousands of borrowers are charged up to 4.5% higher interest rates on loans. This rate-setting convention discriminates against and financially punishes black, young and other borrowers with slight marks on their credit histories. Histori-

cally all SECU members received the same rates on the same loan products as a benefit of membership. "We can, and should, better support our members," said Lord. "I encourage SECU members to vote for Barbara Perkins, Michael Clements and Chuck Stone to help make this possible." SECU members, ages 16 and older, can vote online on the SECU website SECU Voting

Portal - Disclaimer Page (ey.com) Online voting ends on October 3.

In person voting can also be done at the SECU annual meeting on October 10 at the Koury Center in Greensboro.

Attendees must register in advance on the SECU website (www.ncescu.org) to obtain an admission ticket. Additional information about other contested issues can be found at www.SECU-justasking.com

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Youth 6-12 Categories, Boys & Girls
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LOCAL NEWS

Golden Achiever Award



STAFF PHOTO BY CAL BRYANT

Whalyn Jordan of Gatesville was recently honored with a Golden Achievers Award by the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World. The award is for dedicating 50 or more years of service to the organization. In part, the certificate reads: "Your contributions are most appreciated and we are grateful to have members such as yourself paving the way for others."

Roanoke-Chowan Shrine Club golf tourney set for October 6

LASKER - The Roanoke-Chowan Shrine Club golf tournament is scheduled for Oct. 6 at Valley Pine Country Club in Lasker.

The four-person Superball format event starts at 1 p.m. The entry fee is \$300 per team. Mulligans are available for \$10 per player.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the first (\$300), second (\$200), and third (\$100) place teams. There are also prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 each.

To enter, remit a check or money order to the Roanoke-Chowan Shrine Club, in care of Dick Collier, 101 East First Street, Lasker, NC 27845.

For more information, contact Donnie Harrell at 252-332-9095 or Valley Pine Country Club at 252-539-4124.

Gates County Community Partnership supports Navy National Defense Cadet Corps

GATESVILLE - Gates County Community Partnership has stepped up to offer unwavering support to Gates County High School's Navy National Defense Cadet Corps (NNDCC) with a donation of \$1,000.

This contribution will play a crucial role in assisting the cadets by covering expenses for various activities that enhance their overall experience.

Unlike many similar programs across the nation, the NNDCC receives no financial assistance from the US Navy. As a result, it must actively engage in fundraising efforts and rely on the support of the local community to provide the resources necessary for the success and development of the program.

When asked about the donation, Benjamin C. Saunders, Jr., President of the Gates County Community Partnership, emphasized the organization's commitment to supporting local educational initiatives.

"We firmly believe in investing in our youth and providing them with opportunities to explore the Armed Forces. The Navy National Defense Cadet Corps is an exceptional program, and we are proud to assist them in achieving their goals," Saunders said.

The NNDCC program aims to cultivate leadership skills while fostering a sense of discipline among its cadets, all within the context of national defense. Students who



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Pictured from left are Benjamin Saunders, Jr., Sandra Jordan Branch, Chante Jordan, Chief John Howard, and Brian Rountree.

participate in the program learn teamwork, responsibility, and citizenship skills. By exposing cadets to diverse aspects of the military, the program provides them with valuable experiences that will significantly impact their future.

The Navy National Defense Cadet Corps expresses its deep gratitude to Gates County Community Partnership for their dedication to the program's mission. The NNDCC encourages more organizations and community members to follow the example, ensuring the long-term success and stability of the program for years to come.

Together, Gates County can empower and inspire future leaders. For those interested in supporting the Navy National Defense Cadet Corps, donations can be made by contacting Gates County High School directly at 252-357-0720. Every con-

tribution, regardless of its size, will be of great value to the growth initiative.



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77th Chowan County Regional Fair kicks off Tuesday

Admission, ride specials offered throughout week

VERNON FUESTON
Staff Writer

EDENTON — The 77th annual Chowan County Regional Fair, one of only 25 small county fairs still operating in North Carolina, will open at the American Legion Fairgrounds in Edenton on Tuesday and run through Saturday, Sept. 30.

If anybody knows about the Chowan County Regional Fair, it has to be its manager, E.C. Toppin. Toppin, a member

of Edenton's American Legion, has been involved in organizing the annual fair for 52 years.

Of course, the fair will have rides, food, and games, but Toppin said many fairgoers miss one of the fair's best-kept secrets: the exhibits and entertainment that local people contribute to the fair exhibition hall and bandstand.

"They bring exhibits, and there's some very talented people. There's plenty for people to look at and see," Toppin said, adding that many fairgoers aren't interested in the rides, but they often miss the exhibit hall and entertainment, which

starts at 6 p.m. and runs till closing time.

"I'm just envious of people with so much talent, it's unreal," he said. "There are exhibits for young children right on up to adults. There are some beautiful exhibits. I've heard a lot of people say, 'I didn't know she could do that!'"

This year, a full slate of music, local acts, gospel music, and even a comedian will be on hand. For animal lovers and agriculture buffs, there are animal exhibits and a petting zoo for the kids. There are contests in which the county's cooks compete for prizes, and there are exhibits for arts and crafts by local

artisans. Tickets are available online from the American Legion at chowanfair.com/ tickets or the Duck Thru convenience store in Edenton. Advance tickets are \$6 for admission and \$22 for ride access. Daily general admission at the gate is \$8 and another \$25 for the rides.

For those who want the fair experience without the rides, Toppin said patrons can purchase a no-ride ticket at a fraction of the cost of full admission. Seniors over 60 can get into the fair free of charge on Thursday.

Other day specials include the "Car Load

Night" on Tuesday, when carloads of up to six people can get both gate admission and ride passes for a total of \$75 per car. Then on Wednesday eighth-grade students can get in free with a paying adult. And on Saturday, Sept. 30, active duty military personnel can get half off the price of admission for all family members, plus \$15 ride armbands. Military personnel must show their ID at the gate.

Toppin said there is something for everyone, even an auction for a chicken coop, should you need one. But the main attractions remain the rides and games put on by

Dreamland Amusements, who offer enough rides and thrills to keep a fairgoer occupied for a whole night.

Proceeds from the fair help the American Legion's youth and veterans programs, provide scholarship money, and contributions the Legion makes to other civic groups throughout the year.

The Chowan County Fair opens at 4 a.m. each weekday and 11 a.m. on the weekend. The fair will run until around 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.

And bring some cash. The chicken coop will go fast.

Voters group to host 'Civics 101' classes

Weekly classes start Sept. 25 in both EC, Hertford

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The nonpartisan League of Women Voters of North-eastern North Carolina will host "Civics 101," a five-week series of two-hour courses focused on local government, starting Wednesday.

The courses will be held simultaneously at the Pasquotank County Library on Colonial Avenue in Elizabeth City and the American Legion Post 126 at 111 West Academy Street in Hertford on five consecutive Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The classes will include discussions by local elected officials, school leaders, attorneys and others and the topics will include the function of municipal government in Elizabeth City and Hertford, county government, the local courts, election boards and the public schools. The courses are designed to help local residents better understand the functioning of their local government.

Among those scheduled to speak during the Hertford sessions are Mayor Earnest Brown, Hertford Town Councilor Sandy Anderson, Hertford Manager Janice Cole, Perquimans County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Tanya Turner and school board

member Dr. Anne White, Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Blant and Elizabeth County Judge Meader Harris. Also scheduled to speak are Perquimans County Commissioner Charles Woodard and Sheriff Shelly White, Perquimans County Board of Elections Director Jackie Green and Reggie Ponder of The Perquimans Weekly.

Among those scheduled to speak at the Pasquotank sessions are Tony Strimatz, a former city councilman in Elizabeth City; Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Keith Parker and ECPPS Board of Education member Angela Cobb; Pasquotank County Commissioner Lloyd Griffin;

Pasquotank Sheriff Tommy Wooten; Pasquotank Board of Elections Director Emma Tate; and Julian Euse of The Daily Advance.

According to League of Women Voters of North-eastern North Carolina President Sue Engelhardt, the organization last offered the Civics 101 classes in 2020 and received "positive feedback from attendees."

The cost of the course is \$25, which covers all five sessions. Students can attend for free. Register by Sept. 24 by emailing lwvncnc@gmail.com. Payment by check or cash can be made at the door. Water and snacks will be provided. For more information, call or text 703-303-6682.

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Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by Winfall Town Council at the Winfall Town Hall on the 2nd day of October 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Center, located at 100 Parkway Lane, Hertford, NC 27944 for the purpose of considering a Special Use Land Permit.

This public hearing is to hear questions, comments, or concerns regarding the purchasing of 80 acres of land located on Winfall Blvd. Parcel 5-0032-0130 W & S-1040-0235A-W, (property of Dora P. Jessup). The property is to be used to build a New Intermediate School.

The public is urged to be present for this important meeting. Property owners, residents and other interested parties are urged to attend. For information, please call Winfall Town Hall at 252-426-5015.

Friends of Library set for Silver Tea

Fundraiser for county library set for Oct. 4

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This year's free event will feature an afternoon filled with tea, sweet treats, raffle baskets and music, all

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The Silver Tea will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, at the Perquimans Library, located at 514 S. Church Street in Hertford.

The traditional Silver Tea fundraiser embodies the spirit of community and camaraderie by bringing

together library patrons, supporters and residents to celebrate the Perquimans Library.

One of this year's highlights will be the presentation of the "Special Friend of the County Award," which recognizes the individual whose contributions have enriched the community. The funds raised from this year's event will go toward the library's continued growth and community

service. Raffle tickets may be purchased at the event.

OUT AND ABOUT IN PERQUIMANS

Hertford Jollification

The Perquimans County Restoration Association will host the annual Jollification today from noon to 4 p.m. The event will feature a tour of belvedere historic sites and homes and a dinner on the lawn at the Newbold White House in Hertford. The band Uphill will perform. Tickets to the tour and dinner are \$25 for each event or \$40 for both. Tickets available at PerquimansRestoration.org. Red Cross blood drive

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Arts on the Perquimans

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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shontia Dauter, Chief Clerk

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Confessions of spaghetti nerd in Hurricane Chicken Party

Hello, my name is Jonathan. And I'm a spaghetti nerd. That would be my opening line at a support group for weather worry-warts.

Yes, this is a real thing. You know us. We're the folk who rush around with their hair on fire like Chicken Little, wailing "the sky is falling!" to their friends Henny Penny, Goosey Looney, Turkey Lurkey and Fogy Wogy. We're the ones who believe weather warnings and tell you to turn your porch rocking chairs upside down.

Just to substantiate my card-carrying membership in the Hurricane Chicken Party, you should know that every morning from late July until November, I look at my iPhone app from NOAA. If see the barest hint of a tropical depression, I open up the Cyclocone site on the Google machine.

Cyclocone is great for "spaghetti models." Each strand is a hurricane course projection from a super-computer that takes into account air pressure isobars, air and sea temperature levels, weather fronts, heat domes, jet streams and a host of other factors.

On the Cyclocone screen, there are about 15 different colored

strands. Put together, they look like a rainbow mound of spaghetti, hence the name.

These spaghetti models vary in quality. Some are way off. One sent Ophelia to the Pacific. I can only imagine a tropical storm patiently waiting its turn at the locks of the Panama Canal.

Others are devilishly accurate. Two models had Ophelia dead to rights.

This is the case of meteorology in general. As time goes by, the weatherman's predictions grow more dependable. It simply is not true that weather forecasts are unreliable. They are spot-on more times than not.

This is performance that should be applauded. Why do we need weather reports in general and spaghetti models in particular?

They save lives. They help prevent property damage and other losses.

About 24 hours before Mad Ophelia (aptly named after the tragic figure in Hamlet) paid her nasty visit, a friend of mine sniffed at my Chicken Little routine. "It's



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just the weatherman crying wolf again. You'll see."

Well, I did see. The went mooing into the night, sweeping her tattered gown over land and sea. Looking at my leaf-strewn and limb-studded lawn, detritus ripped off my oaks and hickories, my tulip tree and magnolia, I have been indeed.

I wish that my spaghetti-model naysaying friend had been right. I wish it would have been a false alarm.

When hurricanes and tornadoes do not come, after all the preparations and evacuations are made out of an abundance of caution, why is it that we stomp our feet and accuse the weather people of raising a hue and cry for naught?

Wouldn't thanksgiving be the right thing? Like, "Thank heaven we dodged that bullet." Any storm that fails to show up for its appointment is a tragedy avoided, not a waste of time and effort.

How nice it would have been had Katrina never happened, or, for that matter, Isabel 20 years ago.

A false alarm then would have been most welcome.

I sympathize with my friend's wish to live in a romantic world free of scientific prediction. There is something appealing about independence from the cogs of the modern world, and all that science that seems to cancel mystery and legend, that makes obsolete homespun wisdom and old wives' tales.

I've got quite a few friends, nationwide, who are like this, pinning away for a world that wasn't so technological. They wish for a world where all homeopathic remedies are more effective than vaccines and pharmacology, where tarot cards and horoscopes accurately predict the future, where farmers plant by astrological signs after sitting down butt naked in the field to see if the soil was warm enough (yes, that did happen), where smug conspiracy theories know what's really going on.

One of these friends is a Ph.D. in Renaissance Literature, who told me that Nazis are living on the dark side of the moon. He hung up when I asked, politely, whether they listen to Pink Floyd.

The benefits of such a fantastic

world are clear. There would be no climate change in such a world, no pandemics, no difficult history and complicated politics.

"Just give me," my friend said on Friday, "the Farmers' Almanac."

I wanted to tell him that on one hand, real science is discovering greater and even scarier mysteries, from the vast expanse of unthinkable far galaxies to the fundamentals of quantum space. On the other hand, all the old ways — like beginning the harvest on Lamas Day — were in their day at the forefront of contemporary science. And on the third hand, it is indisputable that modern science and medicine have saved countless lives. I wouldn't want to live in a world without the Salk vaccine.

Discretion is the better part of valor. I didn't argue with my friend. Frankly, I didn't want to hear, again, his views on the fake lunar landing.

Even so, I wouldn't want to live in a world without modern science. For all the Ophelias of the real world, I'll pass on the Farmer's Almanac and, Chicken Little, nerd that I am, take spaghetti instead.

Jonathan Tobias is a resident of Edenton.

Lentil soup with pistou hearty meal for sweater weather

It's becoming sweater weather. A cool nip in the breeze has finally arrived. I welcome all of fall's coziness with a cup of hot tea, soft flannels and soups.

Although many people enjoy soup year round it's time for soup with a little more substance, with heartier ingredients such as beans and meats. Chili is always popular in the fall whether with white beans, chicken and green chilis or a traditional red chili with pinto and beef. I also enjoy a sausage, white bean, and spinach soup and a pasta e fagioli when the temperatures begin to drop — all recipes I have shared in the past.

Another nice soup for fall is a lentil soup. This soup is filled with vegetables and although I



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make it with pancetta and chicken stock, you could easily replace the pancetta with an earthy mushroom and substitute vegetable stock for chicken to make this a vegetarian dish.

I like to top each bowl of lentil soup with a pistou to enrich the flavors.

A pistou is the French version of pesto, but this herbaceous and pungent sauce omits nuts. Some recipes also omit cheese, but I like the body and complexity a grated hard cheese adds.

Any fresh herbs can be blended into good olive oil to make this sauce but be sure to balance the mixture with a little acid from lemon juice or zest which also helps to keep the herbs a bright green color. And of course blend in

some salt to enhance the flavor. This week I have included my recipe for lentil soup with pistou.

Enjoy! **French lentil soup with pistou**

Serves 8
Ingredients
• 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

- 3 slices bacon, or pancetta, diced
- 1 large onion, diced
- 3 carrots, diced
- 2 ribs celery, diced
- ½ bulb fennel, diced
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon herbes de Provence
- 1 tablespoon garlic, minced
- 3 tablespoons tomato paste
- ½ cup white wine
- 6 cups chicken stock, plus more if needed
- 2 tablespoons chicken demi-glace
- 1 15-ounce can diced tomatoes

with juice

- 2 bay leaves
- 1 cup French Lentils
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Pinch red pepper flakes, optional

- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 2 cups fresh spinach, julienned

pistou

- 2 cups fresh herbs
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 cup grated parmesan
- ½ teaspoon lemon zest
- ½ teaspoon salt

Preparation

1. In a large pot heat oil over low heat. Sauté bacon or pancetta until fat is rendered. Add onions, carrots, fennel, and celery with thyme and herbes de Provence until vegetables are tender, stirring frequently. Add garlic and red pepper flakes and stir to combine. Stir in

tomato paste and cook a few minutes until blended. Stir in wine.

2. Add chicken stock, lemon juice, bay, demi-glace, honey, and tomatoes with juice and bring to a simmer.

3. Stir in lentils, season with salt and pepper, and cook until tender.

4. Meanwhile, blend pistou with a mortar and pestle or a food processor. Adjust seasoning to taste. Set aside.

5. Add spinach to soup. Heat through, seasoning with salt and pepper to taste. Serve with a dollop of pistou and extra grated cheese. Garnish with fresh herbs.

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

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

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22 SUB 676

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
Application by Virginia Electric and Power)
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North) PUBLIC NOTICE
Carolina, for Approval of Demand-Side)
Management and Energy Efficiency Cost)
Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9)
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On August 15, 2023, DENC filed its application for approval of DSM/EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69. By its application, DENC requests revisions to its DSM/EE cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2024. DENC's request, exclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following kilowatt-hour (kWh) charges: 0.1317 cents per kWh for residential customers; 0.1787 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; and 0.1616 cents per kWh for large general service customers. No DSM/EE rate rider would be applicable to rate schedules 6V7P, NS, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers. In addition, industrial and large commercial customers that have, under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9, opted out of and never participated in DENC's DSM and EE programs are not subject to the rider.

Compared to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.0646 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$0.65. Small general service and public authority customers would see a DSM/EE rider increase of 0.0083 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rider increase of 0.0141 cents per kWh.

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MARTIN COUNTY CRIME BLOTTER

Man arrested for resisting arrest

The Williamston Police Department made a stop at East Boulevard near Jamesville Road in Williamston. That led to a report of an assault on a government official/employee as well as resist, delay and obstruct, no operator's license and reckless driving to endanger.

An arrest was made of Francisco Javier Lopez on September 14.

MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE Incidents

- Sept. 11 Obtain property by false pretense and possession of stolen goods/property was reported at 305 East Main St. in Williamston. Sept. 12 Two vehicle wreck was reported at Walmart parking lot. Sept. 13 Aggravated assault was reported at 400 South Front St. in Hamilton. Sept. 14 Theft from motor vehicle was reported at 9275 Hwy 17 in Williamston. Sept. 15 Littering was reported at Dymond City Rd. in Jamesville.

Sept. 16 Larceny was reported at 304 South Broad St. in Robersonville. Damage to personal property was reported at 204 Fourth St. in Robersonville. Sept. 17 Suicide was reported at 1737 Prison Camp Rd. 17 in Williamston. Aggravated assault, arson, destruction/damage/vandalism of property was reported at 1679 Green Acres Rd. 117 in Williamston. Arrests Arrests do not indicate guilt or innocence, which is



determined through judicial proceedings. The Martin County Sheriff's Office reports of arrests include: Sept. 11 Repeated telephone calls to harass was reported at 152 West Main St. in Williamston. Uttering forged paper or instrument containing a forged endorsement was reported at 114 West Blvd. in Williamston. Possession of marijuana less than 1/2 ounce and possession of marijuana paraphernalia was reported at East Main St. near River Rd. in Williamston. Sept. 12 Call for service was reported at 118 West Blvd.

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Notice of Public Hearing Parmele 2020 CDBG Program Amendment On October 3, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Parmele Community Center, the Parmele Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on a proposed program amendment for the 2020 CDBG-NR program. The amendment will remove 1125 Church Street, Parmele, NC from the program. The public is welcome to attend, and the town will respond to any written comments within 10 calendar days. This program is funded with \$750,000 of CDBG funds which represents 100% of the total program funding. Persons with disabilities or who otherwise need assistance should contact the person listed below at least one day in advance of the hearing. Accommodations will be made for all who request assistance with participating in the public hearing. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact the individual listed below to accommodate this request. Esta informacion esta disponible en espanol o en cualquier otro idioma a peticon. Pongase en contacto con el individuo enumerado a continuacion para dar cabida a esta solicitud. Jerry M. McCrary, Mayor PO Box 398/1065 James Street Parmele, NC 27861 (252)-795-4660

Notice of Nonpartisan Municipal Election Town of Williamston, North Carolina A Nonpartisan Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday - November 7, 2023, in the Town of Williamston, North Carolina, for the purpose of electing one Mayor and five Town Commissioners for a term of 4 years. Polls will be open from 6:30 AM until 7:30 PM. The assigned polling places are: Williamston 1 Precinct - NC TitleCenter, 415 East Boulevard, Williamston; Williamston 2 Precinct - Williamston Lion's Club, 117 S Smithwick Street, Williamston. PHOTO ID will be required for voting. Please visit www.nc.gov for more details. Absentee ballots are allowed. Requests for an absentee ballot must be made on the State Absentee Ballot Request Form and received in the Martin County Board of Elections office by 5:00 PM on Tuesday - October 31, 2023. The Board of Elections will meet on October 3, October 10, October 17, October 24, and October 31 at 8:30 AM, November 6 at 5:00 PM; and other times as may be necessary for the purpose of approving absentee ballot applications. One-stop absentee voting will be held at the Martin County Governmental Center in the Commissioners' Boardroom (Room #121), located at 305 East Main Street, Williamston, NC. One-stop voting begins Thursday - October 19, 2023, and ends Saturday - November 4, 2023. One-stop voting hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, and Saturday - November 4 from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Canvass will be held at 11:00 AM in the Martin County Board of Elections Office in Williamston on Tuesday - November 17, 2023. All residents of the Town of Williamston who are registered to vote with the Martin County Board of Elections may vote in this election. Voters who are previously registered need not re-register for the election. Those residents of the Town of Williamston who are not registered by that deadline may register and vote during one stop early voting only, and will be required to provide documentation of their residence. Voters who fail to timely make a change in name or address in the county must update their information when presenting to vote, and may be required to vote a provisional ballot. Voters voting in person are entitled to assistance by an election official, or if assistance is needed due to disability or illiteracy, by a qualified person of their choice. Registrars' offices and voting sites are accessible to all voters. Curbside voting is available for voters who are not physically able to enter voting sites. Questions? Call the Martin Board of Elections Office at (252) 788-4317. Martin County Board of Elections William E. Newsome - Chair

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Williamston duo arrested on drug, weapon charges

THADD WHITE
Group Editor

A monthlong investigation has led to a pair of Williamston residents being charged with multiple drug-related counts.

Det. Lt. Gene Bullock of the Williamston Police Department said multiple agencies had worked on a narcotics investigation which led to a search warrant being executed at 107 Plymouth St. in Williamston Thursday.

That search led to the seizure of 470 grams of cocaine, 402 grams of marijuana and a firearm. A total of \$2,727 in U.S. currency was also seized.

That led to the arrest of Trent Demond Bellamy and Dieratha Deshanna Rodgers, both of whom were charged in the



Bellamy Rodgers

incident.

Bellamy was charged with trafficking cocaine, possession with intent to manufacture, sell and deliver cocaine and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Rodgers was confined to the Bertie-Martin Regional Jail under a \$350,000 secured bond.

Rodgers faces the same charges and was also confined under a \$350,000 secured bond.

The investigation was conducted jointly by the Martin

County Narcotics Unit and the Greenville Regional Drug Task Force.

The Martin County Narcotics Unit is comprised of investigators with the Martin County Sheriff's Office and detectives with the Williamston Police Department.

The Greenville Regional Drug Task Force is comprised of officers from the Greenville Police Department, N.C. State Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration, Ayden Police Department, Williamston Police Department, Easter Carolina University Police Department and the Winterville Police Department.

Thadd White can be contacted at twhite@epgnc.com



A joint operation of the Martin County Narcotics Unit and the Greenville Regional Drug Task Force resulted in the seizure of drugs and weapons at 107 Plymouth St. in Williamston.

COMMITTED PHOTO

Annie/ from A1

The production is a community undertaking. Parents and grandparents tending to their children's costumes, make up and microphone testing become stage hands nightly. Martin County Sheriff Tim Manning and Williamston Town Commissioner Deon McCall assist with sound and lighting.

This year's production includes 45 cast members

carting buckets, mops and bedclothes as the famous orphans take the stage.

Based on the popular comic strip, and adapted from the Tony Award-winning Best Musical, with a book and score by Tony Award winners, Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse and Martin Charnin, Annie Jr. features the little redhead in her very first adventure.

According to original reviews of the 1976 play, the production offers equal

measures of pluck and positivity, little orphan Annie charms everyone's hearts despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City. Annie is determined to find the parents who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of an orphanage run by the cruel Miss Hannigan.

Annie eventually foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations, finding a new home and family in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his

personal secretary, Grace Farrell, and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

Weaver looks forward to the children's annual production. While this year's cast is one of the largest, the Lion King production was the largest Weaver has directed with 63 kids.

Parents are part of the act and work backstage one night out of the three performances to keep the cast members quiet and focused. "We've got to keep the

kids quiet backstage during the performance," Weaver mused.

The rehearsals for the production — a monumental undertaking — have been going on for over a month. Weaver and his team have worked diligently to prepare for opening night. Rehearsals are a scene out of Off Broadway as cast members recite their lines, take their positions on stage while stage hands scurry to make

sure the set is perfect and the curtain opens.

Many of the cast members have appeared in other MCP productions and the director mainly has older youth in the lead roles.

Annie Jr. is a community must see.

The musical runs Friday and Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. with a 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Oct. 1.

Tickets are \$5 and are only available at the door.

John Foley can be contacted at jfoley@epgnc.com

Suit/ from A1

"The only way Martin County has a chance to right the course on our hospital is to have leaders

who conduct themselves ethically, transparently and with the best interest of citizens at heart," the statement continues. "This lawsuit is designed to shine a

light on the misconduct of some of our elected officials to bring about immediate leadership changes that would better position our county to restore critical health care services."

The key points of the lawsuit include nine different violations of the Open Meeting Law. The suit alleges that the defendants conducted a series of meetings since February 2021 in which public business was transacted without proper notice, without opportunity for public access and without the

creation of required minutes — in violation of both the Open Meetings and Public Records laws.

As a result, the plaintiffs requested the court nullify the results and/or consequences of all illegal meetings or approvals by the Martin County Defendants regarding the hiring, compensation and increased compensation of County Manager James Bennett which resulted in nearly \$60,000 in raises over two and a half years to \$186,179 annually. The plaintiffs also

requested reasonable attorneys' fees and that the court order all or a portion of any fees paid personally by any or all defendants.

The plaintiffs said they are attempting to avoid the commissioners from paying for the suit out of county coffers.

"To summarize, it is the plaintiffs' position that County Manager Bennett's hiring, compensation and subsequent raises were in violation of Open Meetings Law and the policies of the Martin County Board of Commissioners,"

the statement adds.

"While the lawsuit focuses on these matters, the mishandling of the hospital closure was an extension of this pattern of recklessness and mismanagement. The goal of the lawsuit is to bring about immediate leadership changes to better position the county in its efforts to reopen the hospital," according to the statement.

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Nashville Fire Department hosts Regional Training

BY NANCY WEST-BRAKE
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A connection between aging, falls and fire fatalities led the Nashville Fire Department to host fire-statewide training Sept. 13 from the National Fire Protection Association and the North Carolina Office of the State Fire Marshall. Approximately forty fire-fighters, some from as far away as Charlotte, attended the event, only the second one of its kind to be held in North Carolina.

Held at 901 Birchwood, at the Elks Lodge, which partnered with the NFD for the event, the training ran from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and was entitled "Steps To Safety, Prevent Fire & Falls at Home."

"There are more fire fatalities for older folks than any other age, both in North Carolina and nationally," said Kelly Ransdell, Regional Director for the South-Central Region at NFPA. "At 65, you are two times more likely to fall during a fire, and the number only goes up from there."

Also partnering with the

Nashville Fire Department to present the training was the Nashville Senior Center, Nash County Area Agency on Aging, the NC Baptist Aging Ministry, the NC Falls Coalition, State Farm Insurance Agent Sandy Frazier and Nashville Parks & Rec.

Two agenda items were "Hoarding 101: Behavior & Resources," and "Conducting Home Visits: Tools and tips to get resident buy-in."

"Hoarding is a condition where a person has persistent difficulty discarding personal possessions. The large amount of possessions fills the home and prevent normal use of the space," said one part of a NFPA handout used in the training.

Hoarding increases fire risks because flammable items may be too close to the stove or oven, heating units too close to piles, and blocked pathways and exits may hinder escape from a fire, the handout said.

First responders are also put at increased risk from hoarding because clutter impedes their movements. They can be trapped in a home when exits are blocked or injured by falling objects. The weight

of stored items can lead to building collapse, especially if water is added to put out a fire. Excess clutter also impedes search and rescue for people and pets.

Part of the training addressed how to talk to people who hoard, with the goal of helping them make a home safety and escape plan. Firemen and first responders were encouraged to focus on safety, rather than the clutter, and to stress the importance of clear pathways and exits.

Similar goals were expressed in the case of dealing with elderly who have mobility issues. Role-play scenarios were performed, such as firemen speaking with a woman in a wheelchair who would get dizzy and fall. The woman was unaware of fire safety risks in her home and potential risks for first responders.

A portion of the conversation covered the woman's usual path to the bathroom and door and how to safely navigate stairs. She was asked questions about if she carried her phone with her or wore her medic-alert.

"I leave the phone by my bed. I don't take it with me to the bathroom. And I take



Alan Buchanan, from the Office of the State Fire Marshall, center, role-plays with Jan Parker, right, a retired Wake County firefighter, as a volunteer plays the part of a wheelchair-bound homeowner. Graphic photo by Nancy West-Brake

the medic-alert off at night," an actress said, playing the part of the homeowner.

"The EMTs were a bit alarmed when they went to your room and you didn't hear them," an actor said, playing the part of a fireman.

"Oh, I take my hearing aids out at night too," responded the actress.

"And they said you had a gun on your bed," the actor

continued.

"Oh, yes, that was Daddy's gun," the actress continued. "I don't keep it loaded. Except for one bullet."

The firemen talked with the woman about keeping the gun locked up in a safe.

The woman was initially resistant to changing any part of her routine, but when the fireman asked about practicing different routes

through the home with her, she agreed to try.

The National Fire Protection Association is a global self-funded nonprofit organization, established in 1896, devoted to eliminating death, injury, property and economic loss due to fire, electrical and related hazards," according to its website, nfpa.org.

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Two counts of larceny after breaking and entering; felony breaking and/or entering reported at 10525 Liles Rd., Bailey on 9/11/23

Two counts felony possession of marijuana; possession with intent to sell/deliver marijuana was reported at 1101 Instrument Dr., Rocky Mount on 9/15/23

Assault on female, serious injury reported at 2778 Tom George Rd., Nashville on 9/14/23

Larceny, felony reported at 2932 Sandy Cross Rd., Nashville on 9/11/23

Larceny, felony reported at 302 N. White St., Whitakers on 9/14/23

Two counts damage to personal property; domestic disturbance reported at 3749 Strickland Rd., Bailey on 9/10/23

Five counts possession of drug paraphernalia; possession marijuana less than 1/2 ounce; common law robbery; motor vehicle theft reported at 4218 Batchelor Rd., Nashville on 9/15/23

Missing persons reported at 4632 Boseman Rd., Rocky Mount on 9/16/23

Two counts damage to personal property; simple assault reported at 5102 Dortches Blvd., Rocky Mount on 9/16/23

Cyberstalking reported at 5301 S. NC 581, Spring Hope on 9/14/23

Breaking and entering auto, larceny from auto reported at 7066 Southern Nash High Rd., Bailey on 9/11/23

Assault inf. serious injury

reported at 7121 Lancaster Store Rd., Spring Hope on 9/12/23

Seven counts warrant service; possession drug paraphernalia (not marijuana) maintain vehicle/dwelling/place controlled substance felony; possession was reported at N. Wesleyan Blvd./Tiffany Blvd., Rocky Mount on 9/16/23

NASHVILLE POLICE REPORTS

Arrest
Montague Barnes was charged with second degree trespassing; misdemeanor larceny; possession of stolen goods; conspiracy to commit a felony; breaking and entering auto, larceny from auto.

Incidents
Trespass, second degree at 248 Ragancy Drive on 9/15/23
Larceny misdemeanor; possession of stolen

goods; conspiracy to commit a felony; breaking and entering auto, larceny from auto at 237 Macon Drive, Nashville on 9/10/23

Bomb threat by phone at 1205 Eastam Ave., Nashville on 9/10/23

Hit and run, misd. fall to stop at 800 E. Washington St., Nashville on 9/12/23

Missing persons at 100 Laurel Spring Rd., Nashville on 9/13/23

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Nashville Town Council will hold a public hearing on closing and vacating the 10-foot wide alley between Vale Street and Elm Street in the 100 Block of the Cobb Hill Subdivision October 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Nashville Town Council Chambers, 114 West Church Street, Nashville, NC. At this public hearing the public is invited and encouraged to give oral and/or written comments on the closing and vacation of the alley.

Randy Lansing
Nashville Town Manager
498 S. Barnes Street
Nashville, NC 27856

TOWN OF SPRING HOPE PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing of the Town of Spring Hope Board of Commissioners, Pursuant to NCGS § 160A-31; Annexation by petition.

The Board of Commissioners will consider the annexation of Walnut Cove Phase 2 on October 2nd at 7:00 p.m. (entirely of Parcel ID 008039, and northwestern portions of Parcel IDs 347291, 347292, 347293, 347294).

Board Room
118 W Railroad Street
Spring Hope, NC

Publication date: 9/21/23

Applications for Home Repair 2023 Community Development Block Grant - Neighborhood Revitalization

Nash County is actively seeking applicants for home repairs in the upcoming 2023 cycle of the Community Development Block Grant - Neighborhood Revitalization (CDBG-NR) program. Program goals are to rehabilitate deteriorated housing or replace dilapidated housing with new homes with the primary focus on benefiting low- and moderate income persons. Eligible houses must be owner occupied and total household income cannot exceed 80% of the county's median income. The Nash County low income (80%) threshold for a house of four is \$56,650 according to the U.S. Department of HUD's Fiscal Year 2023 Income Limits Summary. The application phase will start on August 27, 2023, and will end on September 29, 2023. Nash County will be taking applications at 120 W. Washington St, Suite 3040, Nashville, NC 27856. Contact Jacob Ferry at Nash County at (252) 462-2680 to apply for the program.

Language Access Requirements:
This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact the individual below to secure this information. Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma a petición. Póngase en contacto con el individuo más abajo para asegurar esta información.

Patley McGhee, Asst. to the County Manager
Nash County
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ELECTION

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The following candidates are running for local elections:

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Town of Bailey Board of Commissioners: Cecil J. Hawley, Ervin Powell (Incumbent), Thomas Richards, Walter Wells (Incumbent, Appointed May 2002 to fill Kilian seat)
Town of Castalia Board of Commissioners: Jessica Bradshaw (Incumbent, Appointed June 2002 to fill Costen seat), Lynn Hale, Sylvia Mann (Incumbent)
Town of Dorches Board of Commissioners: Bob Brown (Incumbent), George W. Griffin (Incumbent)
Town of Middlesex Board of Commissioners: Danny Alford (Incumbent), Cheryle High Davis (Incumbent), J.W. McClenny (Incumbent)
Town of Momery Mayor: Wil Funderburg
Town of Momery Town Council: George Alma Edwards (Incumbent), Edward Jackson (Incumbent), Roger Warren
Town of Nashville Mayor: Brenda Brown (Incumbent), Donald Street
Town of Nashville Town Council: Mary Grace Daughtridge, Xavien Hamilton, Louise W. Hinton (Incumbent), Bill Lump
Town of Red Oak Board of Commissioners: Tony R. Bennett (Incumbent), Scott Briley (Incumbent), Todd Mallory, Patsy K. McGhee
Town of Sharpburg Board of Commissioners: Wilbur Etheridge (Incumbent, Appointed February 2023 to fill Patel seat), Linda Virgil (Incumbent), David Pride (Incumbent)
Town of Spring Hope Board of Commissioners: Stephen Brumfield, Tim Garsand, Jason Himmelmright, Brenda Lucas (Incumbent), Garrett Oulm, William T. Toney, Jr.
Town of Whitakers Mayor: Sammy Lee Hopkins, Sr. (Incumbent, Appointed January 2022)
Town of Whitakers Board of Commissioners: Doris Ann Howington (Incumbent), Nancy Jones Taylor (Incumbent)
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Rocky Mount City Council Ward 4 Council Member: Everett Silver Sr., T.J. Walker, Jr. (Incumbent)
Rocky Mount City Council Ward 5 Council Member: Elijah (Lige) Daughtridge (Incumbent), Joshua Robinson

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of town was vandalized with "the wires ripped out," according to Town Clerk Sheila Alford. "We sent it out to get it repaired but have had a time getting it back," Alford said, adding that a protective plate designed to protect wiring had not been returned with the unit. Until the missing plate is received, the sign will not be re-installed. Repair costs for the sign were over \$1200. Town council members also approved the transfer of \$55,000 of federal ARP (American Rescue Plan) monies into an operational account so that they money could be used for town needs. According to a website for the Council of State Governments, the ARP Act of 2021 provided direct funding for infrastructure, allowing eligible local governments to use the money granted for transportation, water, sewer or broadband infrastructure.

Call toll-free 1-800-FED-INFO to find out about government programs, benefits, and services.

SRO

Police J.T. Winstead II, "We both care about this community," Winstead said that he and Sheriff Keith Stone, who he described as a mentor, had no animosity towards each other but that both felt their departments would provide the best services of the school. Dr. Farrow said the current arrangement is that off-duty deputies are used as paid part-time SRO's, shared by elementary schools and signing up for either a morning or afternoon time slot, at which time they change to another school. The grant application asked for eight SROs, Farrow said, with four in county schools and four in the city of Rocky Mount, with each officer serving two schools. Nashville and Coopers share an SRO, he said, as do Middlesex and Red Oak. Spring Hope's officer rotates half time between two schools. Stone said that the school board needed to work with county commissioners "to get (full-time) law enforcement in every one of these schools," both for safety and companionship, which Stone said not all kids get at home. He also said that statistically, it takes 12 minutes for an active shooter situation to occur, from start to finish. Stone also

said school officials should not have to call different police agencies when just one communications center could contact 60 officers. "SRO's need to be prepared and have the ability to respond when something happens," Stone said. "I'm against an SRO directing traffic. The SRO should be in the school," Stone said he had Deputy Chris Jones already picked for the job and could start in mid-October. He said that the ripple effect would be that every other school would want the same thing and that full-time officer placement at schools should be part of county negotiations. Board member Bill Sharpe, speaking remotely, asked Stone about more county funding for resource officers. Stone said they were "in negotiations" and would appreciate the Board's assistance. Winstead, who said he is a certified police instructor about how to respond to active shooters, said that while his department assists with traffic concerns and speeding daily at Nashville Elementary, they also provide security. He said has an SRO-certified officer available to place at the school now, all day. Winstead told The Graphic that his department has a long history with the

school, from officers walking the halls to interact with children to yearly participation in "Shop With A Cop" at Christmas. Winstead told The Graphic that the Nashville Town Council had voted and approved to pay the balance left from grant funding in order to have a Nashville police officer at the school, and that he had been before the Nash County School Board five times. Board member Evelyn Bulluck said the board has had "the same conversation" several times over the past year, with the board already having voted to use the Nash County Sheriff's office and questioned how many times it would reoccur. "My goal for all our children is safety," Bulluck said, "but I don't think we need to continue revisiting the same issue every couple months. My vote is not going to change, y'all." Board member Dean Edwards said that school officials did end up having to call Rocky Mount police for a recent situation and had no issues with their response. "We are getting more and more calls dealing with crisis situations at schools nationwide," Edwards said, who proposed that the Sheriff use the funds he acquired

to place Deputy Jones at a different school while Chief Winstead use one of his officers at Nashville Elementary. "We'll get more bang for our buck," Edwards said, adding that the opportunity was there now to put two officers full time at schools. Bulluck repeated that the county had an MOU agreement with the Sheriff's Office and questioned the decision to change it or add an additional MOU with Nashville Police. "If you're not willing to do that for the children, then that's on you," Edwards said. "I don't like personal attacks," Bulluck responded angrily. "I didn't attack you. Don't ever say to me again that I am not thinking about the safety of the children. The children have always been my first priority." "It's a piece of paper versus a child's life," Edwards responded. Farrow said the MOU was a legal agreement, and the board would have to address it in order to effect a change and that if an officer would be placed full time at just one school, it would create an inequity. Sharpe said the situation should be revisited at the end of the school year, when the current MOU concludes June 30.

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Domestic disturbance at 10528 Circle Nine Rd., Middlesex on 9/17/23
Motor vehicle theft/all other vehicles; domestic disturbance at 10950 W. Old Spring Hope Rd. on 9/18/23 and 9/17/23
Motor vehicle theft at 1177 Thompson Chapel Rd., Wilson on 9/21/23
Two counts forgery-notes, checks, securities; attempt to obtain property by false pretenses at 120 W. Washington St., Nashville
Assault-point gun; communicate threats; suicide attempted at 3458 Colie Rd., Nashville on 9/23/23
Financial transaction card fraud reported at 4043 Shearlin Rd., Whitakers on 9/22/23
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Misdemeanor larceny reported at 501 Barnes St. on 9/18/23
Misdemeanor larceny reported at 100 East Evans Drive on 9/22/23
Exploitation disabled/elder adult lacking capacity reported at 1300 Birchwood Dr. on 9/21/23

NASH COUNTY BLOOD OCTOBER DRIVES

- Middlesex
10/17/2023: 1:30 p.m. - 6 p.m., Stony Hill Free Will Baptist Church, 9649 Stony Hill church Road
Nashville
10/10/2023: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Momery Baptist Church, 4967 Momery Way
10/17/2023: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Nashville Baptist Church, 512 E Washington St
Red Oak
10/4/2023: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Red Oak Volunteer Fire Department, 7951 Red Oak Boulevard
Rocky Mount
10/2/2023: 1:30 p.m. - 6 p.m., Bethlehem Baptist Church, 305 South Halifax Road
10/9/2023: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., First Baptist - Rocky Mount, 200 South Church Street
10/18/2023: 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Honeywell Corporation, 3475 Wesleyan Blvd
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On Sunday, we were invited to a soup and salad lunch at Alliance United Methodist Church where the Reverend John Farmer is the pastor. The food was delicious, especially the crab salad. The fellowship was wonderful, but we missed Penny \$ Farmer who was unable to attend. Alliance UMC has had fund-raising suppers, and I have been blessed to share some of those meals with them as well.

On Tuesday September 12, area women clergy reinstated their monthly clergy breakfast in New Bern. This was the first meeting since Covid-19 in 2020 shut things down. Ten women met at the Country Biscuit for a fellowship breakfast and five of those women represented Pamlico County: Minister Carnell Barrow, West Branch Missionary Baptist Church; Reverend Mary Ann Koffenberger, Bethany Christian Church; Masters Duggs, Holts Chapel AME Zion Church; Reverend Betty Joe Rodgers, Stonewall Methodist Church (GMC); and Reverend Ann Sims, Oriental UMC.

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Have a blessed week. Memory failing? Take Spiritual Vitamin M. "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Whortonsville Reba Tiller, Correspondent



Last week my news did not go so what was in the last paper was a week late. Technology can play tricks on you sometimes. I usually check that it has been sent but failed to do that. Played at Bethel today and had five for lunch. Greg is working on his boat at Kevin's dock, Kevin and a friend Barry, Bill and Sylvia all had lunch with me and while they were eating Kevin told the story about he and Suzi's trip to New York for the Tennis Matches and it took over 29 hours to get there although they were supposedly flying. It was funny to us but not to them but they did get to see the men's tennis match. Neighbors Myldia and Maura and Ferdinand went camping last week over at the base. Their doggie loves camping! Alex Adams said the oyster business is doing well so if you want some really good oysters call 252-617-9080. The Pamlico Chorale began rehearsals for the fall on Monday, 5:00p.m. in the Oriental U. Methodist Church. I was pleased that 25 came since we had

changed the time. Marsha was absent from chorale because she was in Virginia on a buying trip. The two little chicks are doing great and cheeping away. I know that folks love their dogs, but I wish they would keep a closer watch on them so they are not roaming all over the neighborhood. Joe and Colleen who live on their boat came by for a visit this week. Also my niece spent Monday with me to tell me that my sister and brother-in-law are moving into an Assisted Living Facility. Hopefully they will be in one that is close to their home. I am still trying to get "Thank You's" out to everyone for remembering my big birthday bash that Russ and Ken gave for me, and to Berkeley for cooking the best barbecue and for being such a great friend! Prayers for Jeanna and Rita.

Thought for the week— Put cotton in your ears and pebbles in your shoes. Pull on rubber gloves. Smear gasoline on your glasses, and there you have it: instant old age! (Malcolm Cowley, U.S. literary critic and social historian)

Aurora Joy McCracken, Correspondent



My favorite color is green and the deciduous trees are beginning to show their fatigue with the hint of starting to turn. This and the change of light brings me a sense of melancholy and is probably a mild form of Seasonal Affective Disorder that happens to me each year. The sun on the water is bunching up and beginning to do its sundial effect. The sun will be coming up directly over Main Street in Aurora on the Equinox.

The dock is the place to be. There's been a rise of Seagulls each day to the point where they now cover the dock and boathouse. I need to get an owl. Saw a pod of four Dolphins the other day, the first I've seen in a month.

It has occurred to me that I've not seen any bats in about two years. The Barn Swallows have been gone for several weeks. Hoards of Finches and Cowbirds have been raiding the table feeder. The only things blooming in the yard are Crinum and early fall Azeleas.

While out recently I discovered 'Old Alliance.' I guess Highway 55 bypassed it like 33 did Edward. We got some good food at Little Italy and the pizza and fixings are ever the same and smells enticing on the way home.

COVID is apparently rearing its ugly head again with a surge in cases. I've noticed a small increase in mask wearing. I'm getting my booster soon.



Now I'm livin' out here on the beach, but those seagulls are still out of reach. -Neil Young

DO YOU REMEMBER

Submitted by: Jerry Casey

Thursday, September 20, 1984

Littlest producer grows the biggest pumpkin

By JERRY CASEY
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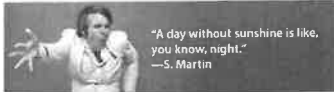
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Tropical Storm Ophelia flooded parts of Pamlico this week. Our pier was under water again and water also beat in under our kitchen door. Some limbs fell down plus a lot of debris, but overall, we were blessed once again. When we first moved into our house in 2005, another storm named Ophelia also flooded Pamlico, but that was a hurricane. I pray none of our neighbors received damage from this recent Tropical Storm.

On Sunday, I fellowshiped with Warren Chapel Methodist Church in Blount's Creek as they were celebrating their homecoming. This was the first time they had celebrated their homecoming since 2020 when Covid-19 was rampant, and I was their pastor.

This is my fourth year at Stonewall Methodist Church, and it is a member of the Global Methodist Church. Stonewall is in the Beaufort District now and our Lead Presiding Elder, the Reverend Ken Hall preached the homecoming message at Warren Chapel. I was blessed to share a meal with him and his wife and the congregation.

On Wednesday evening, Stonewall Methodist Church had Bible Study at 6:30 pm followed by choir practice at 7:30 pm. You do not have to be a member to participate in Bible study. All are welcome. On Thursday evening, Stonewall will have a fellowship meal at 6:30 followed by some good fun and fellowship time.

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Have a blessed week. Nervous? Take Spiritual Vitamin N. "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." (Hebrews 13:5)



AMERICAN CHEESE is a recipe staple

With its silky texture, ability to melt and mild flavor, American cheese can do wonders for burgers and grilled cheese. American cheese can make quesadillas really sing, and it long has been a school lunch staple.

Although American cheese may not be part of high class charcuterie platters or coveted by French fromagerias, it has its own unique place in the culinary landscape. According to the online cheese purveyor Cheese.com, American cheese is a semi-soft, processed product made from pasteurized cow's milk and has a creamy, mild flavor.

American cheese can come in yellow or white varieties. American cheese is made from a mixture of cheeses, including colby and cheddar. Each slice of American cheese factory contains less than 51 percent of curds, which means it doesn't exactly meet the definition of cheese as defined by the Food and Drug Administration. To be a true "cheese," a product has to be more than 50 percent cheese. American cheese is made from a base of cheese and combined with whey, milk proteins and emulsifying salts. This blend of ingredients helps American cheese melt without breaking or turning greasy the way a traditional cheese does.

According to the resource Serious Eats, the process for making American cheese was invented in Switzerland. In an effort to reduce cheese waste, scraps from various batches of cheese were melted together and formed into a new product. In 1916, Canadian-American cheese salesman James Kraft perfected and patented the technique. He produced and sold the first American cheese.

While American cheese has cheese in it, labels on the American cheese typically sold at the deli counter typically say pasteurized processed cheese. Those individually plastic-wrapped slices sold in the dairy case often go by pasteurized cheese food. The latter has a higher percentage of added ingredients that affect texture and meltability.

While true cheese connoisseurs may scoff at American cheese, the product certainly has had staying power and stands up in many recipes.



Whortonsville Reba Tiller, Correspondent



There's always beauty after the storm and today proved that to be true because it was a perfect Sunday. The storm brought into our yards, limbs and debris, our electricity never went off and the water did not get high enough for us to move our vehicles out. Brown Creek looked like the ocean at one point in the storm with whitecaps as the wind was gusting. A bird was trying to fly as the wind was gusting, and he wasn't making much progress. There were twelve folks at church today with lunch in the Fellowship Hall afterwards. Jeanna Tiller is still spending time with doctors and I hope soon they can find her problem. Just spoke to Amanda Godwin who is in Carteret Hospital with health problems. I took a tumble at

Food Lion in the parking lot today but before I could say "Help, I've fallen and I can't get up" two lovely young ladies came to my rescue. Unfortunately I did not get their names but hope you read this so I can give you an extra "thank you" Russ and I got 43 pounds of fresh shrimp at the dock in Bayboro on Wednesday. Russ was 14th in line and he worried the shrimp would sell out before he got ours. Elizabeth Cuthrell is usually here to help de-head them and she is so fast! Pamlico Chorale is rehearsing for Thanksgiving and Christmas and we are getting new members so if you sing come and join us.

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CarolinaEast Foundation Grants More Than \$145,000 to Sixteen Local Nonprofit Organizations and Programs

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"The CarolinaEast Foundation is incredibly excited to support the tremendous work that these organizations are doing in our community," said Katie Giles, Chair of the CarolinaEast Foundation Allocations and Disbursement Committee.

The CarolinaEast Foundation Board of Directors approved these grants given to sixteen local nonprofit organizations and programs that share CarolinaEast Health System's vision for health and wellness. The following non-profits were served with these grant dollars:

- Ainsley's Angels - Race chair for inclusive access to endurance events for individuals with disabilities
- Coastal Women's Shelter - Therapeutic services for domestic and sexual violence victims and survivors
- Craven Arts Council and Gallery - Providing arts accessibility to Craven County citizens through an AED machine and wheelchair
- Craven County Senior Services: The Sunshine Center - Scholarships to families for respite services
- Craven Literacy Council - Health literacy program
- Crystal Coast Cancer Rehab Center - Scholarships for cancer survivors for rehabilitative exercise therapy
- Eight Way Center - The Eight Way Health Fitness Program
- Habitat for Humanity of Craven County - AED machines for Habitat ReStore, construction sites, and administrative office

Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Services



- Hope Clinic - Indigent medical care, mobile outreach, and integration of electronic medical record system
- Hope Recovery Homes - Scholarships for recovery program
- Mile of Hope - "Get-away" weekend to the North Carolina Crystal Coast for children who are suffering from cancer and their families
- One Place - Providing mental health services for children who have been maltreated
- Pamlico County Community for the Aged - Ramp construction project
- True Justice - Outreach, assistance, and resources for survivors of human trafficking
- Voices Together - Pre-employment transition services preparation initiative for: Jones and Pamlico Counties and a Crystal Coast autism community group in Craven County
- YMCA of the Triangle: Camp Sea Gull & Seafarer - Anchoring the Family program

The CarolinaEast Foundation offers two grant cycles each year. Organizations can make one request per year for a health care initiative, but must first submit a Letter of Intent before completing a full grant proposal. The next Letter of Intent deadline for the 2024 fiscal year is October 13, 2023. More information about the CarolinaEast Foundation's grant process can be found on their website at www.carolinaeastfoundation.com.

About The CarolinaEast Foundation
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ECU and BCCC partner on business transfer

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The ECU College of Business will grant BCCC graduates in the transfer pathway 60 hours of credit toward a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) at the university.

The agreement helps open access to a four-year degree for students who can take advantage of BCCC's Beaufort Promise Scholarship, offering free tuition and fees for qualifying residents of Beaufort, Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington counties.

Through the agreement, ECU provides graduates, who complete the transfer pathway, guaranteed admission and acceptance of appropriate transfer hours, up to 60 credits from the AAS in Business Administration program with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. Students must have at least a "C" in eight specific classes. These credit hours will include a combination of hours of general education credit, hours of

elective credit, or hours of credit toward the major.

Under the agreement, five BCCC courses will now transfer to the university's BSBA. This can save students a full semester of credits during their time at ECU.

Earning a bachelor's degree can open new opportunities for graduates and set them apart from other candidates.

"We appreciate ECU's efforts on this very important articulation agreement with us," said Dr. Dave Loope, BCCC President. "As one of the college's largest degree programs, it is crucial that we help those

students who want to pursue four-year degrees to do so seamlessly."

"With such an agreement, AAS in Business Administration students are more likely to make better course choices, and it can save students both time to degree and money," said Cynthia King, Lead Professor for Business Administration. "It shows a clear pathway for continued advancement."

"We are thrilled to partner with Beaufort County Community College," said Kevin Williams, Director of Undergraduate Programs for the College of Business at ECU. "This agreement is

a huge win for our students. It will allow them to complete their first two years at BCCC and earn their associate degree. Upon completion, students will enter the College of Business as declared majors, allowing them to take full advantage of the programs, services, and leadership opportunities offered by the college."

Qualifying students from Beaufort, Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington counties can use the Beaufort Promise Scholarship to cover any tuition and fees not covered by financial aid, making those two years effectively free in terms of tuition and fees. Summer

semesters and textbooks are not covered by the program. Students must fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to help the college match them with appropriate funding.

Once students transfer to ECU, they may still be eligible for federal financial aid along with private scholarships.

ECU will help prepare students to react to the dynamic nature of the business world.

Students interested in the transfer program should contact Cynthia King at cynthia.king@beaufort-ecu.edu or 252-940-6331.

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Curtis James McNair, misdemeanor probation violation; three continuances.

Lamonte Zykil Norman, misdemeanor probation violation; three continuances.

Brandy Lynn Pedreira, felony probation violation; two continuances.

Jan Oliver Spruill Jr., probation violation; one continuance.

Dernica Taylor, misdemeanor probation violation; eight continuances.

David Waylon Withrow, misdemeanor probation violation; one continuance.

FINE PRINT: News from Washington County's public records

Communications log

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

- September 8
 - 11:11 a.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
 - 12:37 p.m. Threats communicated in Roper.
 - 12:56 p.m. Vehicle stolen in Roper.
 - 1:22 p.m. Breaking and entering in Plymouth.
 - 4:07 p.m. Traffic lights out in Plymouth.
 - 5:51 p.m. Tree down in Plymouth.
 - 6:43 p.m. Railroad crossing issues in Plymouth.
 - 8:26 p.m. Suspicious activity in Roper.
 - 8:50 p.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
 - 11:47 p.m. Domestic situation in Plymouth.
- September 9
 - 12:32 a.m. Domestic situation in Plymouth.
 - 3:34 a.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
 - 9:14 a.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
 - 12:19 p.m. Domestic situation in Plymouth.
 - 1:16 p.m. Diabetic problems in Roper.
 - 3 p.m. Domestic situation in Plymouth.
 - 3:05 p.m. Careless and reckless driving in Columbia.
 - 3:12 p.m. Careless and reckless driving in Creswell.
 - 3:46 p.m. Careless and reckless driving in Plymouth.
 - 8:12 p.m. Vehicle accident in Roper.
- September 10
 - 5:02 a.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
 - 5:25 a.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
 - 10:11 a.m. Officer requested to unlock vehicle in Roper.
 - 1:37 p.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.
 - 9:16 p.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
 - 10:39 p.m. Assault in Plymouth.
- September 11
 - 2:26 a.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
 - 5:37 a.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.
 - 5:56 a.m. Vehicle stolen in Roper.
 - 7:24 a.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
 - 2:16 p.m. Breaking and entering in Creswell.
- September 12
 - 1:24 p.m. Eviction in Plymouth.
 - 1:37 p.m. Vehicle accident in Roper.
 - 1:41 p.m. Fire or smoke alarm in Plymouth.
 - 2:58 p.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.
 - 3:23 p.m. Fire or smoke alarm in Plymouth.
 - 3:27 p.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
 - 6:04 p.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.
 - 7:04 p.m. Domestic situation in Plymouth.
 - 7:36 p.m. Panhandling in Plymouth.
 - 8:32 p.m. Vehicle accident in Roper.
 - 8:55 p.m. Controlled burn in Roper.
 - 9:11 p.m. Vehicle stolen in Plymouth.
 - 9:47 p.m. Intoxicated pedestrian in Plymouth.
- September 13
 - 2:37 a.m. Domestic situation in Plymouth.
 - 7:16 a.m. Fire or smoke alarm in Plymouth.
 - 8:18 a.m. Fire or smoke alarm in Plymouth.
 - 10:57 a.m. Property damage in Plymouth.
 - 11:08 a.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
- September 14
 - 12:21 a.m. Business alarm in Plymouth.
 - 2:18 a.m. Ambulance needed in Creswell.
 - 1:35 p.m. Fraud, scam or counterfeit money in Creswell.
 - 1:40 p.m. Animal bite in Plymouth.
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Jail bookings

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

September 9
Henry Lee Gordon, 34, Jefferson Street, Plymouth, intoxicated and disruptive. Being held. (Plymouth Police)

September 9
Alicia Trivetti, 38, Country Club Drive, Plymouth, simple assault. Released September 11. (Washington County)

Antoinette Derraren Purvis, 38,

Washington Street, Plymouth, no charge listed. Released September 11.

September 10
Robert Lee Chesson, 60, Folly Road, Roper, breaking and entering. Being held. (Washington County)

September 12
Tonya Hyman, 44, Plymouth, conspire to assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill - accessory after the fact. Released September 12. (Washington County)

Jose Guadalupe Lopez, 35, Highway 94, Creswell, probation violation. Released September 12. (Washington County)

September 12
Brandy Pedreira, 28, Wineset Circle, Plymouth, probation violation. Being held. (Washington County)

Civil Court

The Honorable Wayland J. Sermos will preside over Superior Civil Court, hearing the following cases:

September 18
Washington County Drainage District versus (unknown persons), objection to drainage assessment.

Joseph Lucas versus Plymouth Police Department and District Attorney Seth Edwards, petition for release of custodial records.

Jakobe Lucas versus Plymouth Police Department and District Attorney Seth Edwards, petition for release of custodial records.

Pending Charges

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Court date: September 13
Cody Matthew Ambrose, probation violation; first appearance.

Jah'baric Rayquan Ford, felony probation violation; one continuance.

William Scott Hassell, felony out-of-county probation violation; first appearance.

Joseph Gray Hoggard, felony probation violation; two continuances.

Plymouth police reports

The following incidents were reported to Plymouth Police Department:

September 9
Country Club Drive resident reports simple assault.

Consentance store reports simple assault.

September 13
Wineset Circle resident reports damage to road property.

Department store reports shoplifting.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH
DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 676

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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Compared to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.0646 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$0.65. Small general service and public authority customers would see a DSM/EE rider increase of 0.0083 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rider increase of 0.0141 cents per kWh.

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

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

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

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

Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 7th day of September, 2023

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonia Dunston, Chief Clerk

UPDATED NOTICE

SMOKE TESTING OF SANITARY SEWERS IN THE TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

Starting the week of September 11th, the Town of Plymouth will be smoke testing all sanitary sewer lines north of Highway 84 in the following manner: They will start on the east end of Town at Creekside Drive, and work their way west throughout the Town, including all businesses, to locate defects in the sewer system. The "smoke" (white in color) that you see coming from the vent stacks on houses or holes in the ground or streets is non-toxic, harmless and creates no fire hazard. Smoke should not enter your house unless you have defective plumbing or dried up drain traps. Should smoke enter your home, you may contact a member of the smoke testing crew working in the area.

The information gathered from this testing will be used to evaluate improvements to the Town's sanitary sewer system which may help to reduce costs to operate the system.

Depending on weather conditions, all work should be completed within two (2) weeks. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mike Wright
Public Works Director
252-799-1865

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Communications log

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- September 15
 - 3:42 a.m. Animal control requested in Plymouth.
 - 9:07 a.m. Littering in Plymouth.
 - 12:08 p.m. Hit and run in Plymouth.
 - 12:29 p.m. Allergic reaction in Creswell.
 - 3:04 p.m. Debris in the road in Roper:4:44 p.m. Careless and reckless driving in Plymouth.
 - 5:06 p.m. Debris in the road in Plymouth.
 - 8:06 p.m. Drug activity in Plymouth.
- September 16
 - 12:40 a.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
 - 6:43 a.m. Electrical fire in Plymouth.
 - 9:29 a.m. Abandoned vehicle in Creswell.
 - 12:30 p.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.
 - 1:58 p.m. Domestic situation in Plymouth.
 - 3:25 p.m. Careless and reckless driving in Creswell.
 - 5:18 p.m. Person in Plymouth.
 - 8:25 p.m. Person down in Creswell.
 - 8:03 p.m. Power outage in Plymouth.
 - 8:05 p.m. Shots fired in Plymouth.
 - 11:39 p.m. Shots fired in Creswell.
- September 17
 - 2:36 a.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.
 - 10:09 a.m. Four wheelers in the road in Creswell.
 - 4:43 p.m. Complaint on an officer in Plymouth.
 - 8:58 p.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
 - 9:42 p.m. Threat communicated in Creswell.
- September 18
 - 9:14 a.m. Traffic issues in Pantego.
 - 6:21 p.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.
 - 6:48 p.m. Trespassing in Plymouth.
 - 7:13 p.m. Four wheelers in the road in Roper.
 - 7:49 p.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
 - 9:05 p.m. Fraud, scam or counterfeit money in Plymouth.
 - 11:18 p.m. Officer requested to unlock vehicle in Plymouth.
- September 19
 - 1:58 a.m. Disturbance in Plymouth.
 - 8:38 a.m. Breaking and entering in Plymouth.
 - 7:48 p.m. Vehicle stolen in Plymouth.
- September 20
 - 8 a.m. Suspicious activity in Creswell.
 - 12:31 p.m. Fire in Creswell.
 - 1:24 p.m. Trespassing in Plymouth.
 - 4:18 p.m. Assault in Creswell.
 - 9:35 p.m. Intoxicated driver in Roper.
 - 11:24 p.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.
- September 21
 - 12:00 a.m. Prowler in Plymouth.
 - 12:28 a.m. Traffic stop in Plymouth.
 - 2:02 a.m. Civil matter in Plymouth.
 - 5:02 a.m. Breaking and entering in Plymouth.
 - 7:12 a.m. Vehicle stolen in Plymouth.
 - 8:57 a.m. Breaking and entering in Plymouth.
 - 9:56 a.m. Animal bite in Pantego.
 - 10:13 a.m. Property damage in Plymouth.
 - 10:28 a.m. Vandalism in Plymouth.
 - 11:53 a.m. Larceny in Plymouth.
 - 5:59 p.m. Property damage in Plymouth.
 - 7:55 p.m. Brush or woods fire in Pantego.
 - 8:35 p.m. Careless and reckless driving in Creswell.
 - 11:07 p.m. Lost or stolen item in Plymouth.

Jail bookings

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

- September 15
 - Curtis James McNair, 72, Bowers Court, Plymouth, probation violation. Being held. (Washington County)

William Travis Rea Jr., 26, Windsor, driving while impaired. Released September 17. (Washington County)

September 16

Antoine Deraven Paris, 38, Washington Street, Plymouth, possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine. Being held. (Washington County)

September 18

Miranda Rose Ditomasso, 30, Wilson Street, Plymouth, probation violation, false report to police station, and out-of-county probation violation. Released September 21. (Washington County)

Demetrius Antonio Price, 46, Biggs Road, Plymouth, assault on a female. Released September 20. (Washington County)

Charles Rickick Jr., 36, Popular Neck Road, Edenton, two counts driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation and accessory after the fact. Being held. (Washington County)

September 19

Deitserre Shanice Clark, 31, Lewiston, misdemeanor child abuse, and obtain property by false pretense. Being held. (Washington County)

Pending Charges

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

Court date: September 26

Iaiah Y. Abdul-Wahhab, seatbelt violation.

Andrew Stephen Barham, no operator's license, and fictitious or altered title registration card tag.

Darrel Undell Collins, speeding 108/55, reckless driving to endanger, and no motorcycle endorsement.

Lindsey M. Continelli, speeding 70/50.

Katelyn M. Davis, speeding 64/50.

Kabern Maleek Dunbar, speeding 89/70.

Kia Farice Foreman, operate a vehicle with no insurance, window tinting violation, an canceled, revoked or suspended certificate tag.

Dwayne Tray Helton, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation.

Shanice M. Holley, speeding 72/55.

Yahcem Saquan Jones, no operator's license.

Vontroy Malik Keuse, expired registration card tag.

Jasmine P. Kitchings, speeding 93/70, reckless driving with wanton disregard, and failure to secure passenger under 16.

Matthew J. Landvoigt, speeding 88/70, exceeding safe speed.

Trenain Ramon Leary, unsafe tires.

Christian Bryce Lee, financial card theft.

Melissa Wade Mack, speeding 70/55.

Carolina Medina Maras, no operator's license, speeding 60/45.

Brittany N. McDowell, simple assault, and communicating threats.

Robert Men, speeding 87/70.

Rose Miller, speeding 69/55.

Stevic Del Morris, speeding 93/70, and reckless driving to endanger.

Sidha Quan Q Norman, failure to yield.

Sommer Michel Pledger, speeding 75/55.

Demetrius Anton Price, assault on a female.

Zekiah Camille Pugh, drive left of center.

Matthew Quintana, no liability insurance, and canceled, revoked or suspended certificate tag.

Charles Rickick Jr., assessor after the fact.

Melvin Glen Sawyer, exceeding safe speed, failure to maintain lane control.

Jennifer E. Strui, seatbelt violation.

Kevin Michael Terry, speeding 69/55.

Jacorna Joy Thomas, misdemeanor out-of-county probation violation.

Germond T. Tuggles, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation, and speeding 70/55.

Brenda Lynn Wright, communicating threats.

William Curtis Wright, speeding 69/55.

Superior Court

Honorable Hayland J. Sermosa Jr. presided over the July 10 session, disposing of cases as follows:

Daron Terrance Howell Jr., robbery with a dangerous weapon reduced to common-law robbery and possession of firearm by felon: 13-25 months jail. Habitual felon; voluntary dismissal.

Montreal Ranaad Hunt, communicating threats; voluntary dismissal.

Kyle Ross Barton Jr., go armed to the terror of people; eight days jail with credit for time served.

Xavier Moore, fine to elude arrest with a motor vehicle and possession of drug paraphernalia; dismissed by the court.

Reraldo Nicholas Webb, felony probation violation; probation modified.

District Court

Honorable Regina R. Parker presided over the July 18 session, disposing of cases as follows:

Mark Faron Bartley, harassing phone call; voluntary dismissal.

Quenton Cheson, communicating threats and second-degree trespass; voluntary dismissal.

Jeremie Jerrod Davis, assault on a female; voluntary dismissal.

Joseph Gray Hoggard, assault on a female; voluntary dismissal.

Rahleek Tyron Hooks, discharge firearm in city, and communicating threat; voluntary dismissal.

Mary Elizabeth Mizelle, injury to real property; voluntary dismissal.

Terrance L. Whitley, assault on a female; voluntary dismissal.

Shakede E. Spencer, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation: 15 days jail, 12 months probation, \$100 fine, costs, not drive until properly licensed.

District Court

Honorable Regina R. Parker presided over the July 25 session, disposing of cases as follows:

David Tod Birdo, speeding, and fictitious or altered title registration card tag, 30 days to pay fine and costs.

John Henry Blount Jr., failure to maintain lane control, and improper loading or covering vehicle; voluntary dismissal.

Castily P. Boone, expired registration card tag, and expired or no inspection; voluntary dismissal.

Je'Vonne E. Brabble, speeding 58/45; waived.

Christine F. Burias, speeding 66/50; waived.

Lilian Jean Byrum, failure to maintain lane control; waived.

Russell Thomas Byrum, no operator's license; voluntary dismissal.

Crystal L. Carter, expired registration card tag, and window tinting violation; voluntary dismissal.

Tari Felice Coleman, speeding 99/70 reduced to 79/70; \$100 fine and costs. No operator's license, expired registration card tag, and reckless driving to endanger; voluntary dismissal.

Jalzel Raiquan Coston, speeding 64/45; waived.

Jeremy Paul Davis, speeding 58/45; waived.

Robert Jacob Draper, speeding 79/55, and window tinting violation; waived.

Jonathan Ray Dunn, drive left of center; voluntary dismissal.

Semaj Ly'za Eason, seatbelt violation: 20 days to pay fine and costs.

Ashley Guernero Verdin, speeding 78/55; 20 days to pay fine and costs.

Ched Edward Holding, speeding 69/55; voluntary dismissal.

Oshun Maurice Houston, possess open container or consume alcohol in the passenger area, and possess up to 1/2 ounce of marijuana: 20 days to pay fine and costs.

Kim Renee Humphries, misdemeanor probation violation; extend probation for 12 months, 90 days to complete DWI assessment and any treatment.

Michaela Ann Kelly, speeding 86/70; waived.

Davon Keyone Keyes, failure to maintain lane control; voluntary dismissal.

Dorecia Dyerba Land, speeding 68/55; waived.

David Smart Lawrence, speeding 69/55; waived.

Patrick Layne Leap, drive or allow a motor vehicle to be driven with no registration, no liability insurance, and expired or no inspection; voluntary dismissal. Seatbelt violation; waived.

R. Varaharaju M-raman, speeding 66/50, and failure to secure passenger under 16; waived.

Stephen Lavon Merrick, speeding 73/55; waived.

Alic Trevon Moore, federal safety inspection violation: 20 days to pay fine and costs.

Krishanna N. Norman, speeding 76/55; voluntary dismissal.

Shalisha J. Overton, seatbelt violation, and failure to secure passenger under 16; 20 days to pay fine and costs.

Carey Yates Parrish, speeding 63/45; waived.

Wilson Mora Quinterrez, no operator's license, fictitious information to officer, and speeding 70/55; waived.

Cleancea V. Rhodes, speeding 70/55; 20 days to pay fine and costs.

Ethan Rodney Ray, speeding 67/50; waived.

James Anthony Robinson, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation, window tinting violation, and expired registration card tag; waived.

Nancy Ruth Sawyer, expired registration card tag, and no inspection; voluntary dismissal.

Nancy Arnett Shaw, expired registration card tag; 20 days to pay fine and costs.

Anthony L. Speight, expired registration card tag, expired or no inspection, and seatbelt violation; waived.

Stephan June Best III, speeding 75/55, and possess or display an altered, fictitious or revoked driver's license; voluntary dismissal. Driving while license revoked - impaired revocation: 90 days jail, 12 months probation, \$200 fine, costs, not drive until properly licensed.

Daelan Brown-Sanders, failure to yield; 20 days jail and costs.

Henry Jeremi Carnegie, first-degree kidnapping; no probable cause. Assault inflicting serious injury; not guilty.

Tiffany Chapman, exceeding posted speed, unsafe passing on yellow line, unsafe movement, and unsafe tires: 20 days to pay fine and costs.

Jah'Barie R. Ford, simple assault, and injury to personal property; voluntary dismissal.

Lanorn A. Golithighy, assault on a female, and domestic violence protective order violation: 60 days jail with 15 days active time and credit for time served, 12 months probation, not assault, threaten or harass witness, attorney and court costs indexed as civil judgment. Domestic violence protective order violation with a deadly weapon, possess marijuana paraphernalia, domestic violence protective order violation and simple possession of a Schedule VI controlled substance; voluntary dismissal.

Johannah Zimmory Hall, simple assault; voluntary dismissal.

Torey Lamont Hudson, two counts disorderly conduct: 30 days jail. This matter has been appealed.

Lashita T. Jackson, domestic criminal trespass, and injury to personal property; voluntary dismissal.

Michael Lovan Johnson, discharge firearm in city limit; \$25 fine and costs.

Plymouth police reports

The following incidents were reported to Plymouth Police Department:

September 16

Washington Street resident reports misdemeanor larceny.

September 21

Wincrest Circle resident reports breaking or entering a motor vehicle and misdemeanor larceny.

Damage to personal property reported on Dely Court.

District Court

Honorable Keith B. Mason presided over the August 1 session, disposing of cases as follows:

Chelsea Lee Ashley, no liability insurance, and allow unlicensed to drive; voluntary dismissal.

Scott June Best III, speeding 75/55, and possess or display an altered, fictitious or revoked driver's license; voluntary dismissal. Driving while license revoked - impaired revocation: 90 days jail, 12 months probation, \$200 fine, costs, not drive until properly licensed.

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DOCKET NO. E 22, SUB 676

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SCHOOL NEWS

NAACP donates money to Hertford County schools



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Hertford County Branch of the NAACP #5403 recently donated \$1,600 to four of the Hertford County Public Schools during its annual Freedom Fund Banquet held Sept. 9 at Roanoke-Chowan Community College. The schools receiving donations included Hertford County Middle School, Hertford County High School, Hertford County Early College High School, and C.S. Brown STEM High School. Each school was given a \$400 check to be used at the principal's discretion to benefit students. The organization usually awards three scholarships annually to high students attending a college or university. Unfortunately, there were no applicants this year so the organization voted to donate the allocated funds to the public schools. Donors were thanked for their continued generosity. Pictured from left are Dr. Viola Vaughan, Hertford County NAACP President, Dr. Jesse Pratt, Superintendent of Hertford County Public Schools, Dr. Mary Ruffin-Harrell, NAACP Education and Scholarship Chairperson, Terrell Deloach, Principal of Hertford County Middle School, Dr. Lyndsay Britz, Principal of Hertford County Early College, and Patricia Watford, Assistant Principal of Hertford County High School.

Roanoke-Chowan Community College News & Notes

Greetings from the Office of the President at Roanoke-Chowan Community College.

We were pleased to welcome Fall 2023 students to campus in August with a lively 'Welcome Back Week'. Activities included a new 'meet and greet' opportunity called 'Popping with the President', a chance for students to learn about our college through conversation and refreshments of popicles, soda pop, and popcorn. I am looking forward to our students' many accomplishments this coming year.

I am also excited about R-CCC joining in a partnership with Hertford County Public Schools called the Power of 15. This initiative will give high school students the opportunity to complete

at least 15 hours of college credits before they finish high school. We held a Commitment Day ceremony recently and over 20 students signed commitments to attend R-CCC to obtain college credits in programs such as Early Childhood Education, Heat and Air Conditioning (HVAC) skills training, Welding, and other associate degree curricula.

We are planning a major Kickoff Event for the Power of 15 initiative on Friday, September 29 on the R-CCC campus.

This will be a chance for high school students to explore our programs, meet faculty and staff, and sign commitments to R-CCC.

We appreciate Hertford County Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. Jesse Pratt, and the Hertford County High School faculty and staff for partnering with our college in the Power of 15 initiative.

Another successful partnership with Hertford County Government is allowing us to purchase a tractor/trailer truck for Class

A Truck Driver (CDL) training on campus. With a certified truck driving training pad at our renovated Universal Technical Training Center, students will no longer need to travel out of town to achieve certification as licensed truck drivers.

R-CCC is truly changing lives through education and preparing students through short-term job training to enter lucrative careers.

For more information about short-term job training including CDL, Weld to

Work, Nurse Aide, Emergency Medical Technology, Advanced Manufacturing, or any of our adult continuing education classes contact the Office of Continuing Education at 252.862.1307.

Visit our website at www.roanokechowan.edu to learn about associate degrees, diplomas, or certificates in short-term job training available at R-CCC. R-CCC Where Community and Careers Connect #DiscoverRCCC



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Confessions of spaghetti nerd in Hurricane Chicken Party

Hello, my name is Jonathan. And I'm a spaghetti nerd. That would be my opening line at a support group for weather worry-warts.

Yes, this is a real thing. You know us. We're the folk who rush around with their hair on fire like Chicken Little, wailing "the sky is falling!" to their friends. Henry Penny, Gooey Looney, Turkey Larkey and Foky Woky. We're the ones who believe weather warnings and tell you to turn your porch rocking chairs upside down.

Just to substantiate my card-carrying membership in the Hurricane Chicken Party, you should know that every morning from late July until November, I look at my iPhone app from NOAA. If I see the barest hint of a tropical depression, I open up the Cyclone site on the Google machine.

Cyclone is great for "spaghetti models." Each strand is a hurricane course projection from a super-computer that takes into account air pressure isobars, air and sea temperature levels, weather fronts, heat domes, jet streams and a host of other factors.

On the Cyclone screen, there are about 15 different colored

strands. Put together, they look like a rainbow mound of spaghetti, hence the name.

These spaghetti models vary in quality. Some are way off. One sent Ophelia to the Pacific. I can only imagine a tropical storm patiently waiting its turn at the locks of the Panama Canal.

Others are devilishly accurate. Two models had Ophelia dead to rights.

This is the case of meteorology in general. As time goes by, the weatherman's predictions grow more dependable. It simply is not true that weather forecasts are unreliable. They are spot-on more times than not.

This is performance that should be applauded. Why do we need weather reports in general and spaghetti models in particular?

They save lives. They help prevent property damage and other losses.

About 24 hours before Mad Ophelia (aptly named after the tragic figure in Hamlet) paid her nasty visit, a friend of mine sniffed at my Chicken Little routine. "It's



JONATHAN TOBIAS

just the weatherman crying wolf again. You'll see."

Well, I did see. The raging lass came and went moaning into the night, sweeping her tented gown over land and sea. Looking at my leaf-strewn and limb-studded lawn, detritus ripped off my oaks and hickories, my tulip tree and magnolia, I have seen indeed.

I wish that my spaghetti-model naysaying friend had been right. I wish it would have been a false alarm.

When hurricanes and tornadoes do not come, after all the preparations and evacuations are made out of an abundance of caution, why is it that we stomp our feet and accuse the weather people of raising a hue and cry for naught?

Wouldn't thanksgiving be the right thing? Like, "Thank heaven we dodged that bullet." Any storm that fails to show up for its appointment is a tragedy avoided, not a waste of time and effort.

How nice it would have been had Katrina never happened, or, for that matter, Isabel 20 years ago.

A false alarm then would have been most welcome.

I sympathize with my friend's wish to live in a romantic world free of scientific prediction. There is something appealing about independence from the coqs of the modern world, and all that science that seems to cancel mystery and legend, that makes obsolete homespun wisdom and old wives' tales.

I've got quite a few friends, nationwide, who are like this, pinning away for a world that wasn't so technological. They wish for a world where all homeopathic remedies are more effective than vaccines and pharmacology, where astro cards and horoscopes accurately predict the future, where farmers plant by astrological signs after sitting down but naked in the field to see if the soil was warm enough (yes, that did happen), where smug conspiracy theories know what's really going on.

One of these friends is a Ph.D. in Renaissance Literature, who told me that Nazis are living on the dark side of the moon. He hung up when I asked, politely, whether they listen to Pink Floyd.

The benefits of such a fantastic

world are clear. There would be no climate change in such a world, no pandemics, no difficult history and complicated politics.

"Just give me," my friend said on Friday, "the Farmers' Almanac."

I wanted to tell him that on one hand, real science is discovering greater and even scarier mysteries, from the vast expanse of unthinkable far galaxies to the fundamentals of quantum space. On the other hand, all the old ways — like beginning the harvest on Lamas Day — were in their day at the forefront of contemporary science. And on the third hand, it is indisputable that modern science and medicine have saved countless lives. I wouldn't want to live in a world without the Salk vaccine.

Discretion is the better part of valor. I didn't argue with my friend. Frankly, I didn't want to hear, again, his views on the fake lunar landing.

Even so, I wouldn't want to live in a world without modern science. For all the Ophelias of the real world, I'll pass on the Farmer's Almanac and, Chicken Little need that I am, take spaghetti instead.

Jonathan Tobias is a resident of Edenton.

Lentil soup with pistou hearty meal for sweater weather

It's becoming sweeter weather. A cool nip in the breeze has finally arrived. I welcome all of fall's coziness with a cup of hot tea, soft flannels and soups.

Although many people enjoy soup year round it's time for soup with a little more substance, with heartier ingredients such as beans and meats. Chili is always popular in the fall whether with white beans, chicken and green chilis or a traditional red chili with pintos and beef. I also enjoy a sausage, white bean, and spinach soup and a pasta e fagioli when the temperatures begin to drop — all recipes I have shared in the past.

Another nice soup for fall is a lentil soup. This soup is filled with vegetables and although I



CHERYL ORR

make it with pancetta and chicken stock, you could easily replace the pancetta with an earthy mushroom and substitute vegetable stock for chicken to make this a vegetarian dish.

I like to top each bowl of lentil soup with a pistou to enrich the flavors.

A pistou is the French cousin of pesto, but this herbaceous and pungent sauce omits nuts. Some recipes also omit cheese, but I like the body and complexity a grated hard cheese adds.

Any fresh herbs can be blended into good olive oil to make this sauce but be sure to balance the mixture with a little acid from lemon juice or zest which also helps to keep the herbs a bright green color. And of course blend in

some salt to enhance the flavor. This week I have included my recipe for lentil soup with pistou.

Enjoy!

French lentil soup with pistou
Serves 8

- Ingredients**
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
 - 3 slices bacon, or pancetta, diced
 - 1 large onion, diced
 - 3 carrots, diced
 - 2 ribs celery, diced
 - ½ bulb fennel, diced
 - 1 teaspoon dried thyme
 - 1 teaspoon herbes de Provence
 - 1 tablespoon garlic, minced
 - 3 tablespoons tomato paste
 - ½ cup white wine
 - 6 cups chicken stock, plus more if needed
 - 2 tablespoons chicken demi-glance
 - 1 15-ounce can diced tomatoes

- with juice
- 2 bay leaves
 - 1 cup French Lentils
 - Salt and pepper to taste
 - Pinch red pepper flakes,
- optional**
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
 - 1 teaspoon honey
 - 2 cups fresh spinach, julienned

- pistou**
- 2 cups fresh herbs
 - ¼ cup olive oil
 - 1 clove garlic
 - 1 cup grated parmesan
 - ½ teaspoon lemon zest
 - ½ teaspoon salt

Preparation
1. In a large pot heat oil over low heat. Sauté bacon or pancetta until fat is rendered. Add onions, carrots, fennel, and celery with thyme and herbes de Provence until vegetables are tender, stirring frequently. Add garlic and red pepper flakes and stir to combine. Stir in

tomato paste and cook a few minutes until blended. Stir in wine.

2. Add chicken stock, lemon juice, bay, demi-glance, honey, and tomatoes with juice and bring to a simmer.

3. Stir in lentils, season with salt and pepper, and cook until tender.

4. Meanwhile, blend pistou with a mortar and pestle or a food processor. Adjust seasoning to taste. Set aside.

5. Add spinach to soup. Heat through, seasoning with salt and pepper to taste. Serve with a dollop of pistou and extra grated cheese. Garnish with fresh herbs.

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

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

NOTICE OF NON-PARTISAN MUNICIPAL ELECTION CHOWAN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

The Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 in Chowan County to vote in the following contest: Edenton Municipalities WARDS 1, 2, 3 & 4. Voter ID is required in this election.

Absentee voting by mail is available. Requests for an absentee ballot must be made on an absentee request form (available on the State Board of Elections website and at the county board of elections office). The last day to request an Absentee Ballot by mail is Tuesday October 31, 2023 by 5:00 p.m. Absentee voting requires the voter to complete an application on the return envelope that must be witnessed by two qualified persons or a notary public. Completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Chowan County Board of Elections by 5:00 p.m. on November 7, 2023 (Election Day) (ballots received by mail after this time will be timely if received within three business days and postmarked by Election Day). Voters may receive assistance voting a mail-in absentee ballot from a qualified person of their choice. If the voter lives in a facility such as a nursing home, and the voter's near relative or legal guardian is not available, the voter or the facility can arrange to have the county board of elections schedule a visit by a Multi-Partisan Assistance Team to provide assistance and witnesses.

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

Only persons who are registered to vote in the Edenton Municipality with the Chowan Board of Elections may vote in this election. Voter registration closes on Friday, October 13, 2023 at 5pm. Voters who are not registered in the county by October 13, 2023 may still register and vote during the one stop early voting period. Persons who register during one-stop will be required to provide documentation of their identity and residence. Voters who fail to make a change in name or address by that time must update the information when presenting to vote, and may be asked to vote a provisional ballot.

One-stop early voting will be held at the Chowan County Board of Elections office. One-stop early voting will be open from Thursday, October 19, 2023 until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday November 4, 2023.

Chowan County Board of Elections Office 730 N. Granville Street, Suite D, Edenton, NC
Hours of Operation:
Thursday, October 19 – Friday, October 20 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, October 23 – Friday, October 27 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, October 30 – Friday, November 3 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 4 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Election day polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 7, 2023.
East Edenton Precinct
National Guard Armory
702 N Broad Street, Edenton
West Edenton Precinct
Chowan County Agricultural Center
730 N Granville Street, Edenton

Canvass will be held in the Chowan County Board of Elections office at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 17, 2023.

Persons with questions about registration, polling places, early voting, absentee ballots, a Multi-Partisan Assistance Team visit to a facility or other election matters may call the Chowan Board of Elections Office at 252-482-4010

Terrence S. Meyers, Director
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DEEDS

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SEPT. 11
- Celestia Long to 360 Forest Products Inc., 1453 Weavers Chapel Road, Littleton, \$34,000.

to Rayfield Hyman Sr. et al., 500 S Roanoke St., Scotland Neck, \$20,000.
- Steven Ward et al. to Mas Pura Vida LLC, 2189 Lupine Lane, Roanoke Rapids, \$38,000.

-ARC CAFEUSA001 LLC et al. to OSHO Realty LLC, 701 Main St., Scotland Neck, \$148,000.
SEPT. 13
- Gerald Lynch Living Trust et al. to Juanita Peebles, Thelma Road, Roanoke Rapids, \$27,000.

SEPT. 15
- Capital Properties of Raleigh LLC to Carida Capital Group LLC, three parcels, 108 Brandy Creek Drive, Weldon, \$150,000.
- Rebecca Brake to Tonya Carter, 90 Allendale Drive, Roanoke Rapids, tax value n/a.

Roanoke Rapids, \$27,500.
- Angela Isles to Deborah and Richard Carter, 324 W 11th St., Scotland Neck, \$117,000.
- Wilbur Crawley Jr. to Jared and Barbara Harsha, 73 Drumgold Road, Littleton, \$1,300,000.

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A Supreme Court redistricting ruling gave hope to Black voters

BY GARY FIELDS AND ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON ASSOCIATED PRESS
WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court's decision siding with Black voters in an Alabama redistricting case gave Democrats and voting rights activists a surprising opportunity before the 2024 elections.
New congressional maps would have to include more districts in Alabama and potentially other states where Black voters would have a better chance of electing someone of their choice, a decision widely seen as benefiting Democrats.

ple our rights," she said.
A similar dynamic is playing out in Florida, where Republicans are appealing a ruling favorable to Black voters to the Republican-majority state Supreme Court.
Lawsuits over racially gerrymandered congressional maps in several other states, including Georgia, South Carolina and Texas, quickly followed the Supreme Court's landmark Voting Rights Act decision in June. But the continued pushback from Republican legislators in control of redistricting means there is great uncertainty about whether — or how soon — new maps offering equal representation for Black voters will be drawn.

Black residents comprise 27% of the population.
"You could have some of (the justices) just kind of say — 'You know what, I didn't agree, but that's what the ruling was,'" Donahue said.
The Supreme Court also could agree to hear Alabama's challenge, bringing the state's redistricting plans back to the court less than a year after it rendered its opinion in the previous case.
Republicans want to keep their map in place as the state continues to fight the lower court ruling ordering them to create a second district where Black voters constitute a majority or close to it. The state contends the Supreme Court set no such remedy and that the new map complies with the court's decision by fixing the problems it identified — such as how the state's Black Belt region was split into multiple districts.
"A stay is warranted before voters are sorted into racially gerrymandered districts that are by their very nature odious," the state attorney general's office wrote in the stay request.
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Blast in Nagorno-Karabakh injures more than 200

BY AVET DEMOURIAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

YEREVAN, Armenia — A powerful blast rocked the mountainous Nagorno-Karabakh region Monday evening as ethnic Armenians streamed out of the breakaway territory after the Azerbaijani military reclaimed full control of it in a lightning offensive last week.

The explosion at fuel storage facility near the regional capital of Stepanakert wounded more than 200 people, Nagorno-Karabakh human rights ombudsman Gegham Stepanyan said on X, formerly known as Twitter. It was not immediately clear what caused the blast, which happened as residents were lining up to get fuel for their cars in order to leave the region.

The majority of the victims were in "severe or extremely severe" condition, Stepanyan said, adding that the victims would need to be airlifted out of the region for medical treatment to save their lives. It was not immediately clear if there were any deaths.

The Azerbaijani military routed Armenian forces in a 24-hour blitz last week, forcing the separatist authorities to agree to lay down weapons and start talks on Nagorno-Karabakh's "reintegration" into Azerbaijan after three decades of separatist rule.

While Azerbaijan has pledged to respect the rights of ethnic Armenians in the region and restore supplies after a 10-month blockade, many local residents feared reprisals and decided to leave for Armenia.

The Armenian government said that more than 6,500 Nagorno-Karabakh residents had fled to Armenia as of Monday evening. Moscow said that Russian peacekeepers

in Nagorno-Karabakh were assisting with the evacuation. Some 700 people remained in the peacekeepers' camp there by Monday night.

Dozens of people were lining up at the fuel facility where the blast occurred because they had been promised fuel — a scarcity during the blockade — for their cars in order to move to Armenia, according to Nagorno-Karabakh's separatist authorities.

The explosion took place hours after the second round of talks between Azerbaijani officials and separatist representatives was held Monday in the town of Khojaly, just north of the Nagorno-Karabakh capital. The first round was held last week. Azerbaijan's presidential office said in a statement that the talks were held "in a constructive atmosphere" and that discussion focused on humanitarian aid to the region and medical services.

Azerbaijan's Defense Ministry said Monday that two of its soldiers were killed a day earlier when a military truck hit a land mine. It didn't name the area where the explosion occurred.

In an address to the nation Sunday, Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said his government was working with international partners to protect the rights and security of Armenians in Nagorno-Karabakh.

"If these efforts do not produce concrete results, the government will welcome our sisters and brothers from Nagorno-Karabakh in the Republic of Armenia with every care," he said.

Demonstrators demanding Pashinyan's resignation over what they call his failure to protect Armenians in Nagorno-Karabakh continued blocking the Armenian capital's main avenues Monday, clashing occasionally with police.

Russian peacekeepers have been in the region since 2020, when a Russian-brokered armistice ended a six-week war between Azerbaijan and ethnic Armenian forces in Nagorno-Karabakh.

Pashinyan and many others in Armenia accused the peacekeepers of failing to prevent the hostilities and protect the Armenian population. Moscow rejected the accusations, arguing that its forces had no legal grounds to intervene, particularly after Pashinyan's recognition of Nagorno-Karabakh as part of Azerbaijan.

"We are categorically against attempts to put the blame on the Russian side, especially the Russian peacekeepers, who have shown a true heroism," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said in a conference call with reporters.

He demurred when asked whether the Russian peacekeepers would remain in the region, saying that "no one can really say anything for now."

Nagorno-Karabakh came under the control of ethnic Armenian forces, backed by the Armenian military, in separatist fighting that ended in 1994. During the war in 2020, Azerbaijan took back parts of Nagorno-Karabakh along with surrounding territory that Armenian forces had claimed during the earlier conflict.

In December, Azerbaijan imposed a blockade of the only road connecting Nagorno-Karabakh with Armenia, alleging that the Armenian government was using the road for mineral extraction and illicit weapons shipments to the region's separatist forces.

Armenia charged that the closure denied basic food and fuel supplies to Nagorno-Karabakh's approximately 120,000 people. Azerbaijan rejected the accusation, arguing the region could receive supplies through the Azerbaijani city of Aghdam — a solution long resisted by Nagorno-Karabakh authorities, who called it a strategy for Azerbaijan to gain control of the region.

On Sunday, French President Emmanuel Macron pledged support for Armenia and Armenians, saying that France will mobilize food and medical aid for the population of Nagorno-Karabakh, and keep working toward a "sustainable peace" in the region.

France, which has a big Armenian diaspora, has for decades played a mediating role in Nagorno-Karabakh. A few hundred people rallied outside the French Foreign Ministry over the weekend, demanding sanctions against Azerbaijan and accusing Paris of not doing enough to protect Armenian interests in the region.

"France is very vigilant about Armenia's territorial integrity because that is what is at stake," Macron said in an interview with France-2 and TF1 television, accusing Russia of complicity with Azerbaijan and charging that Turkey threatens Armenia's borders. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, in the meantime, visited Azerbaijan on Monday in a show of support to its ally.

Russia has been the main ally and sponsor of Armenia and has a military base there, but it also has sought to maintain friendly ties with Azerbaijan. But Moscow's clout in the region has waned quickly amid the Russian war in Ukraine while the influence

of Azerbaijan's top ally Turkey has increased.

Erdogan arrived in Azerbaijan's Nakhchivan exclave on Monday for talks with Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev to discuss Turkey-Azerbaijan ties and regional and global issues. Nakhchivan is cut off from the rest of Azerbaijan by Armenian territory but forms a slim border with Turkey.

Erdogan and Aliyev signed a deal for a gas pipeline and the Turkish leader said "I'm very pleased to be with all of you as we connect Nakhchivan with the Turkish world."

Asked about Erdogan's visit, Peskov, the Kremlin spokesman, voiced hope that it will "contribute to the regional security and help normalize life in Karabakh."

Aliyev, at a news conference with Erdogan, said "It is crystal clear that, independent of their ethnicity, the people living in the Karabakh region are Azerbaijani people so their safety and security is ensured by the Azerbaijan state."

Meanwhile, the head of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Samantha Power, visited Armenia Monday to "affirm U.S. support for Armenia's sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity, and democracy and to help address humanitarian needs stemming from the recent violence in Nagorno-Karabakh," her office said in a statement. She was joined by U.S. Department of State Acting Assistant Secretary for Europe and Eurasian Affairs Yuri Kim.

"The United States is deeply concerned about reports on the humanitarian conditions in Nagorno-Karabakh and calls for unimpeded access for international humanitarian organizations and commercial traffic," USAID said.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 676

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)
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Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9)
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SCHOOL NEWS

C.S. Brown grads earn scholarships



Mr. Ellie Howard, a 1965 graduate of C.S. Brown High School who currently resides in Charlotte, presented three 2023 graduates of C.S. Brown STEM High School with \$400 scholarships to assist them in their higher education pursuits.

Davison returns to Chowan

By Harri Lovett University Relations

MURFREESBORO - Kyle Davison, who graduated from Chowan University with the class of 2018, is returning to serve as the Student Wellness Coordinator within the Student Life Department.

Having furthered his education and professional career at West Virginia University, Davison will contribute towards the wellness of students while promoting positive and healthy initiatives across campus.

On his return to Murfreesboro, Davison said, "I hope to help the

wellbeing of all students and promote a positive, healthy environment on campus. I am available to meet in the Hawks Nest for anyone who wishes to stop by and chat or see the scarfs and flags I collected while a student here."

Davison graduated from Chowan in May 2018 with a degree in Sports Management before being hired as the Jenkins Center Coordinator and Parker Hall Residence Director.

To further his education, Davison attended West Virginia University where he earned two master's degrees in Coaching and Sports Education and Sports Management.

Director of Student Life at the University.

Northeastern NC Career Pathways holds annual Career Guidance Retreat

WINTERTVILLE - Partners and stakeholders from across 20 counties in Northeastern North Carolina gathered at the Goess Student Center on the campus of Pitt Community College here Sept. 18 for the 8th Annual Career Guidance Retreat/Career Pathways Experience 2023.

Partners include three Workforce Development Boards, nine community colleges, four Universities, 27 public and charter school districts, area NCWorks Career Centers, more than 100 local employers and countless community agencies.

with students or job seekers to develop and implement individual career pathway planning. This includes Guidance Counselors, Career Development Coordinators, Career Advisors, Career Coaches and many others across the region. This day-long event included networking and activities designed to help education and workforce professionals apply the tools and resources when working with individuals.

This network enjoys a common vocabulary and a broad understanding of the high-demand careers available throughout the region.

This event was sponsored by Northeastern Workforce Development Board, Rivers East Workforce Development Board, Turning Point Workforce Development Board and NENC Career Pathways Partnership.

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The Nash County Department of Social Services is located in the Claude Mayo Jr. Administration Building in Nashville.

EVENTS LEADING TO STATE TAKEOVER OF NASH COUNTY DSS, EXPLAINED

On Sept. 12, the Child Protective Services division of the Nash County Department of Social Services was taken over by the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services. State officials have deemed that leadership at the county office was unable to correct the problems of negligence and lack of supervisory oversight on their own.

The trouble began with the beating death of 8-year-old Christal Lane of Nashville on Feb. 7, allegedly at the hands of her grandmother, Patricia Ricks. It was revealed that, called to Coopers Elementary School to investigate injuries to Lane that were the result of a brutal beating. Despite the recommendation by a Nash County Sheriff's Office deputy that the child be removed from the home, DSS allowed Lane to return to the home she shared with her siblings and Ricks.

Following the revelation that DSS could have intervened and prevented Lane's death months before it happened, Nash County Board of Commissioners heard the public's cry for justice for Lane, as numerous individuals appeared at the commissioners' meetings seeking action to prevent further tragedy.

They found an ally on the board in Commissioner Gwen Wilkins, who demanded the resignations of the top officials at the county DSS office, including Director Amy Pridgen-Hamlett, Deputy Director Shea Neal and Supervisor Kimberly Nicholson. Those officials are still employed there.

In March, the state issued a report showing an ongoing problem with case workers not adequately investigating incidents of child abuse and a lack of oversight by their supervisors. In a review of 23 other child protective services cases, the state health department found supervisory oversight was conducted in just 39 percent of the cases.

In May, the state approved a corrective action plan proposed by the county DSS office. In its explanation of the lack of supervisory oversight in Lane's death, DSS cited a lack of staffing and high case load as reasons for failing to meet the state's expectations. The agency listed its failures to comply with the law were due to "case load size, the complexity of cases and the number of children in each case."

Although there were eight unfilled vacancies at DSS in April, the Nash County Board of Commissioners, ahead of the 2023-24 fiscal year budget, authorized the creation of six new positions at DSS.

In July, it was revealed that another DSS client, 23-month-old Chase Hilliard of Rocky Mount, was allegedly killed by his mother, Yonquetta Hilliard, in 2020. The cause of death was non-accidental head trauma.

Sources close to the case told WRAL News that it was well-documented that Yonquetta Hilliard was mentally disabled and unable to care for herself, let alone an infant. A former social worker said that Hilliard's intellectual disabilities were evident and that the social worker handling the case had recommended that the infant be removed from the home. The social worker's supervisor did not follow up on that recommendation.

In August, more calls for the resignations of the top three leaders at DSS were heard by county commissioners. Laura Bartholomew of Castalia told the Nash County Board of Commissioners at its Aug. 15 meeting that she was circulating a petition calling for the firing of the county's top DSS officials who, she said, failed to take appropriate action to protect two children who were allegedly murdered by their caregivers in two separate incidents.

"Their lives were in danger and by not removing these children, led to their untimely deaths," Bartholomew said. "As of today, no accountability and no disciplinary actions have been taken to these leaders."

On Sept. 9, two consulting firms began their work at Nash County DSS. Nash County Manager Stacie Shatzer said both firms will assist DSS in implementing a corrective action plan called for by state health officials.

"Nash County is committed to delivering excellence across all our departments," Shatzer said in a press release. "These new partnerships will help ensure that we provide quality services to clients of Nash County DSS while supporting our hard-working staff with resources and development opportunities."

Last week, the state health department took control of DSS's Child Protective Services. The necessity of this move was explained by Kody Kinsey, the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services secretary, in a prepared statement.

"Nash County DSS was placed on a Corrective Action Plan due to inadequate safety planning and supervision to assure the protection of children," Kinsey said in the prepared statement.

The message further stated that the state health department in August followed up with an enhanced plan "due to a near fatality and several serious abuse cases" where a lack of thorough safety planning and strong decision-making at Nash County DSS "continued to leave children unprotected." It has been a week since the state took control of the county's Child Protective Services division, and already local officials are optimistic about the progress that has been made.

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attending numerous meetings amongst the various groups involved, including the upper management of DSS, state officials and social workers.

"The state is in there working every day, along with the consultants and staff from the child services group," Hill said. "They're working on training opportunities for the staff."

Hill noted that some current employees in the Child Protective Services division are relatively inexperienced.

"What we want to do is get through this process as effectively and efficiently as possible," Hill said. "We want to leave the staff much better trained than they were before."

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Man convicted of bomb threat outside Library of Congress sentenced to probation after year in jail

LINDSAY WHITEHURST
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A man whose bomb threat near the U.S. Capitol forced evacuations and sparked an hourslong standoff with police in 2021 was sentenced to five years of probation Friday.

Floyd Ray Roseberry was experiencing a mental-health crisis at the time of the threat, and during the year that he served in jail after his arrest he stopped a violent assault on a guard, U.S. District Judge Rudolph Contreras said.

"I'm very optimistic that this was the worst day of your life and nothing like this will ever happen again," Contreras said.

In August 2021, Roseberry, of Grover, N.C., drove a black pickup truck onto a sidewalk near the Library of Congress and began shouting to people in the street that he had a bomb, authorities said.

It came as Washington was still on edge months after the attack on the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, and his threat forced many of the same workers to again flee from their offices.

Roseberry, 52, professed a litany of antigovernment grievances and demanded that President Joe Biden step down as



FILE PHOTO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
A man is apprehended after being in a pickup truck parked on the sidewalk in front of the Library of Congress' Thomas Jefferson Building, as seen Aug. 19, 2021, from a window of the U.S. Capitol in Washington.

part of a bizarre episode he livestreamed for a Facebook audience, authorities said.

He surrendered after about four hours. Police said they did not find a bomb but did collect possible bomb-making materials.

Defense attorney Mary Petras said Roseberry briefly "glimped onto" political events in the news, but was primarily affected by his mental-health crisis. With few treatment options in his hometown, he had been put on improper medication that likely contributed to his episode, she said. Prosecutors did not dispute that finding.

He got court-ordered treatment for his bipolar disorder after his arrest that was found to be effective

before he was declared mentally competent to proceed with the case.

"I've watched all the videos and I take full responsibility for what happened," Roseberry said. "If I had been on the correct medication it would not have happened."

After his arrest, Roseberry was held in jail in Washington for about a year, and at one point he stepped in to help a guard who had been attacked from behind and beaten, Contreras said. Roseberry grabbed the man and stopped the attack as he was about to hit the guard again, though his actions later made him a target for fellow inmates, he said.

Contreras cited Roseberry's "relapse act" as he handed down the sentence.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 676

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In the Matter of)	
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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 7th day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

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WORLD

Ukraine is building an advanced army of drones. For now, pilots improvise with duct tape, bombs

SAMYA KULLAB
The Associated Press

LUHANSK REGION, Ukraine — Flying above enemy lines, a Ukrainian reconnaissance drone sends a clear image back to soldiers hiding in a basement a few kilometers away. A Russian armored vehicle is idling along a key logistics route, looking like easy prey in the artillery-scarred green landscape.

Then, in a flash, the image disappears, and the drone operator's screen is replaced by a jumble of black and white pixels.

"Snow," says a calm commander known by the battlefield name Giocondo, who allowed The Associated Press to follow him and his unit of drone pilots on condition of anonymity to protect their identities. High-tech warfare cuts two ways, and the Russians use electronic beams to disable the drone's signals.

Seconds later, the drone pilot switches to a frequency the Russians cannot easily exploit. The bird's-eye image of the armored vehicle reappears, and a second drone



BRAM JANISSEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
A Ukrainian drone pilot reaches for a reconnaissance drone Saturday in the Luhansk Region, Ukraine.

— this one laden with explosives — is quickly launched. It zips toward the target.

Nineteen months into the Russian invasion, and as a grueling counteroffensive grinds on, the Ukrainian government wants to spend more than \$1 billion to upgrade its drone-fighting capabilities. Whether used for reconnaissance, dropping bombs or self-exploding on impact, drones save money, and soldiers' lives. They are also more precise than traditional artillery — which is in short supply — and can deliver outsized impacts,

such as real-time mapping of the battlefield, destroying tanks and ships, and bringing Russian advances to a halt.

The advantages of drones can be fleeting, however. The Russian army, which relies on Iranian expertise for its own horde of deadly drones, quickly catches up each time Giocondo's unit gains an edge. Success, he says, lies in constant battlefield iteration and innovation.

Ukraine's minister for digital transformation, Mykhailo Fedorov, says the government is committed to building a state-of-the-art

"army of drones" and that its value to the war effort will be evident by the end of this year. The country has already trained more than 10,000 new drone pilots this year.

"A new stage of the war will soon begin," Fedorov promises.

PERFECT TARGET

Giocondo's unit operates near the occupied town of Svatove, in northeastern Ukraine. It has spent months modifying drones to enable them to fly deeper behind enemy lines and to better evade Russian detection and sabotage.

His drone pilots are all volunteers, and many of them had no military experience prior to Russia's invasion.

Hiding in a barn house haloed in morning light, a pilot who goes by the battlefield name Bakkenko pops on a head-mounted display and is instantly transported, soaring above verdant fields bustling with Russian combat vehicles and infantrymen. He is flying a drone loaded with explosives toward a Soviet-made tank spotted moments earlier by a reconnaissance drone.

Bakkenko listens in one ear to the German heavy metal hand Powerful, explaining that he "can't fly in silence."

A few feet away, another soldier — a sales manager before the war — prepares exploding bombs. Using plastic flex cuffs and duct tape, he secures artillery shells and bulky batteries, turning an inexpensive commercial drone into a killing machine.

As the sun rises, Russian troops to the east have the advantage of good light, peering into Ukrainian positions with their own drones. But that advantage flips in the afternoon, when Ukrainian drone pilots can sometimes spot the moving shadows of Russian infantrymen.

Combing through the vast landscape to find a target takes hours. Russian troops have gotten better at hiding and camouflaging themselves in the foliage.

When Bakkenko's target is within view, he gives the remote control a jolt, and the drone plunges. His headset shows the bucolic countryside rushing at him, and then it goes blank.

"Super, we got it," says

Giocondo, who is watching on a separate screen, which shows a plume of smoke coming from the tank.

TRIAL AND ERROR

The growing reliance on short-range exploding drones on the front line has prompted the Russians to deploy more handheld jamming devices, Ukrainian officials say. That has forced Giocondo's unit, and others, to devise creative countermeasures.

After three months of trial and error, Ukrainian soldiers operating in the eastern village of Andriivka, south of Bakhmut, figured out how to evade Russian jamming devices that had long stymied their drones.

The fix led to the village being recaptured in early September. A spokesman for the battalion that retook the village said exploding drones were key because they forced the Russians to pull back heavy weaponry by roughly 15 kilometers to stay out of range.

But Ukrainian drone pilots say the Russians will learn from what happened, and adapt again.

At least 20 dead in gas station explosion as Nagorno-Karabakh residents flee to Armenia

AVET DEMOURIAN
The Associated Press

YEREVAN, Armenia — At least 20 people were killed and nearly 300 others were injured in an explosion at a crowded gas station in Azerbaijan's Nagorno-Karabakh region as thousands of ethnic Armenians rushed to flee into neighboring Armenia, the separatist territory's authorities said Tuesday.

Some 19,000 people — about 16% of the region's population — have fled across the border since Azerbaijan defeated separatists who have governed the breakaway region for about 30 years in a swift military operation last week, according to Armenian's Deputy Prime Minister Tigran Khachatryan.

Residents of Nagorno-Karabakh scrambled to flee as soon as Azerbaijan lifted a 10-month blockade on the region's only road to Armenia. That blockade had caused severe shortages of food, medicine and fuel. While Azerbaijan has pledged to respect the rights of Armenians, many residents feared reprisals.

"I think we're going to see the vast majority of people in Karabakh leaving for Armenia," said Thomas de Waal, a senior fellow at the Carnegie Europe think tank. "They are being told to integrate into Azerbaijan, a country that they've never been part of, and most of them don't even speak the language and are being told to dismantle their local institutions. That's an offer that most people in Karabakh will not accept."

The explosion took place

as people lined up to fill their cars at a gas station outside Stepanakert, the region's capital, late on Monday. The separatist government's health department said that 13 bodies have been found and seven people have died of injuries from the blast. An additional 290 people have been hospitalized and scores of others remain in grave condition.

The cause of the blast remains unclear, but Nagorno-Karabakh presidential aide David Babayan said initial information suggested that it resulted from

negligence, adding that sabotage was unlikely.

Armenia's health ministry said a helicopter brought some blast victims to Armenia on Tuesday morning, and more flights were expected. The Russian peacekeeping force in Nagorno-Karabakh also provided helicopters to carry victims to Armenia.

Azerbaijani presidential aide Hikmet Hajiyev said on X, formerly Twitter, that hospitals in Azerbaijan were ready to treat victims, but did not say if any had been taken there.

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Copies of the proposed zoning map amendment are available for public inspection during business hours (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) in the County Planning Office, Room 205, County Administrative Building, 201 St. Andrew Street, Tarboro, North Carolina.

All parties in interest and all interested residents are invited and urged to be present and make their views known.

This the 20th day of September, 2023.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF EDGECOMBE COUNTY,

SFRANCIS MUNGO
CLERK TO THE BOARD

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Yard of the Month

The Roxboro Garden Club selected the home at 412 Gordon Street in Roxboro as its Yard of the Month for September.

CHURCH

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Vernon Hill Missionary Baptist to hold King and Queen Rally

The Vernon Hill Missionary Baptist Church Pastor's Aide Ministry, located at 86 Vernon Hill Church Road, Oxford, is sponsoring a "King and Queen Rally" in celebration of its 14th Anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 24 at 3p.m. Each participating couple will be representing a book from the Bible. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments to follow.

Homecoming set at Olive Branch Baptist

Olive Branch Baptist Church is having Homecoming on Sunday, Sept. 24. Rev. Tommy Puryear will be the speaker. There will be lunch following the worship service in the fellowship hall. Worship service starts at 10 a.m.

Allen Chapel A.M.E. to host revival, church anniversary and Homecoming

The Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church will be having Revival Service on Thursday, Sept. 28 and Friday, Sept. 29 starting nightly at 7 p.m. The guest revivalist will be Rev. A. D. Magg, Pastor, Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Raeford. Services will be in person and streamed live via Facebook. On Sunday, Oct. 1, Allen Chapel A.M.E. will be celebrating its 151st

Church Anniversary and Homecoming Service at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The Pastor, Rev. Anthony M. Taylor, Jr., will deliver the morning message, music by the Senior Choir. Guests for the 2 p.m. service will be Rev. Larry McDonald, Sr., along with his choir and congregation from St. Paul AME Church, Raleigh. Both services in person and streamed live via Facebook.

Old Lea Bethel Baptist to hold stew, Homecoming in October

Old Lea Bethel Baptist Church will have a Fall Stew Sale on Oct. 28. Stew will be ready by 11 a.m. and will be \$7 per quart. There will hot or mild options and guests can eat in or take out. Cakes, pies, and other items will be for purchase. The stew will be cooked with wood. Pre-orders are being taken until Oct. 23 by calling Phillip Wade at 336-562-5408 and leave a message. Old Lea Baptist will observe its 84th annual Homecoming Oct. 15. Services begin at 11 a.m. Special speaker will be Rev. Bobby Tate, Pastor of Friendly Hills Baptist Church Hillsborough. A covered dish meal will follow the worship service. The church is located at 6035 Ridgeville Road in Leasburg.

Antioch Baptist to host a blood drive

Antioch Baptist Church is hosting a blood drive Sunday, Sept. 24 from 12 p.m. All donors will receive a \$20 eGift Card, OneBlood T-shirt, wellness checkup that includes blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.



New officers

The Roxboro Garden Club recently inducted its officers for 2023-24. The new officers are: front row (left-to-right) Billie Oakley (Recording Secretary), Martha Butler (2nd Vice President), Judy Elliott (Treasurer), Brenda Perkins (Corresponding Secretary). Back row: Karen Kerrick (President), Liz Duncan (1st Vice President), Ann Wrenn (Parliamentarian).

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Tristan Masterson receives award

Tristan Masterson, a member of Civil Air Patrol Delta Squadron TX-334 in Spring, Texas, received the prestigious Gen. William "Billy" Mitchell Award on Sept. 19 promoting him from NCO to the rank of Second Lieutenant.

Masterson, 15, is an accomplished ninth-grade student and is the grandson of Timberlake resident July A. Baker and the late Charles N. Baker.

Earning the "Billy" Mitchell Award is an honored achievement for Civil Air Patrol (CAP) cadets, as only 15% of cadets



Masterson
To earn the award, cadets must pass several skills-based tests in leadership, physical training and knowledge of aerospace dimensions. They must also have graduated from an encampment (similar to basic training) and assumed progres-

sive leadership responsibilities throughout their CAP participation. In addition, he has completed courses over the past two summers in advanced emergency medical training as a cadet student and cadet staff member, specializing in ropes training for search and rescue extractions. His goals for the future include obtaining a pilot's license and potentially pursuing a service academy appointment and a career in military or commercial aviation.

Make it like a pro

Why does the food from a restaurant taste so much better than the food at our own home? Sometimes it is simply because we are happy that we don't have to cook or clean up. It would also make things taste better just because someone is serving us. However, here are some tips to help you make your foods taste a little better, whether it is from a salad to an entrée. Sometimes it can simply have to do with the ingredients. Are they fresh and are you using a variety of them? We often pull ingredients out of our refrigerator that have deteriorated because we have forgotten about them. You are going to get out of it whatever you put into it from the beginning. If it is something simple like a salad, you need to jazz it up by adding in some extra color to the bowl. It is easier to eat and enjoy if the ingredients are also bite-size and user-friendly such as smaller pieces of onions or tomatoes cut into smaller pieces. One of the things you can also do is to add extra toppings that are healthier for you and give you a different type of texture such as sliced almonds on our salad or parsley on top of a steak.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT
Jennifer Brown

Stretching Is Important

By Annalise Hafner
with Eat Smart Move More
Weigh Less N.C.

Do you stretch on a regular basis? Stretching is often an overlooked component of our physical activity routines. Stretching prepares our muscles for movement, aids in muscle recovery, releases tension, and improves flexibility, all of which promote proper movement patterns. Performing stretches on a regular basis, even if not before or after physical activity, is beneficial and might just help you feel a little bit better. Consider adding dynamic and static stretching to your routine as a stand-alone practice or along with your current physical activity.

Dynamic stretching, or you may call these warm-ups, can be done prior to a low-intensity aerobic warmup. These stretches involve movement and examples include bodyweight lunges, bodyweight squats, leg swings, push-ups, and inchworms. You want to perform movements that work the same muscle groups you will utilize in your physical activity session. Carry out these movements lightly and at a slow tempo. Do not force yourself past your range of motion. Dynamic stretches are a great way to break up the time you spend seated. Perform a few for every 30 minutes of sitting or during TV commercial breaks to add extra movement throughout your day.

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Make your life falls free

There's so much about life to enjoy as we age. We need to stay healthy and take steps to prevent falls so we can enjoy our family, friends, and the things we love. Falls are the number one cause of injury in adults aged 65 and older and can lead to serious health problems. Falls can happen to anyone and, for older adults (65+), are more likely to lead to a serious injury, like a hip fracture. You can help prevent falls by regularly checking your risk and then discussing it with your doctor or other healthcare provider. Take the Falls Free CheckUp at <https://go.ncsu.edu/fallsfreecheck> to learn your risk and discuss results with your doctor. The Falls Free CheckUp is a quick and easy screening tool that takes only minutes to complete. After answering 13 questions you'll receive either a "normal" or "high risk" result with steps for what to do next. The results page

provides fall prevention education resources and gives you the option to get a reminder to follow up with your doctor and print or save your results to share with others. There are actions you can take to reduce your fall risk as you age, even if you receive a "normal" result: (1) Stay active to maintain your strength and balance; (2) Ask your doctor or pharmacist to review all the medicines you take, even over-the-counter medications; (3) Make sure your home is well lit and remove items you can trip over, like throw rugs and clutter; (4) Have your eyes checked once a year and wear corrective lenses as needed; (5) Have your feet checked by a doctor at least once a year and discuss proper footwear; (6) Discuss any chronic conditions with your doctor, such as osteoporosis, arthritis, and diabetes.

Garden Salad with Vinaigrette serves 8

- 6 cups dark salad greens
- 1/2 cup chopped carrots
- 1/2 cup garbanzo beans
- 1/2 cup frozen green peas
- 1 tomato or half a cucumber, sliced
- 1 Tbsp red wine vinegar or lemon juice
- 4 Tbsp olive or other vegetable oil
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper

Wash salad greens, pat dry or use salad spinner. Tear into pieces, and place in large bowl. Wash and chop vegetables and add, along with garbanzo beans and peas. Pour the vinegar, salt, pepper, and oil into a jar. Put the lid on lightly and shake well. Pour dressing over salad.

Nutritional Information: 100 calories, 7g fat, 105mg sodium, 0mg cholesterol, 7g carbohydrates, 2g sugar, 2g protein

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Rides, exhibits await at Wilson County Fair

By Lisa Boykin Barbs
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WILSON—The Wilson County Fair promises plenty of fun this week, with both old favorites and new additions that attendees won't want to miss.

"There's no time like fair time," said Tonya Pridden, fair manager.

The fair opened Tuesday and continues through Sunday, with a bustling, colorful midway supplied by Big Rock Amusements for the ninth year.

With Nash and Edgecombe counties no longer holding fairs, Wilson's harvest celebration typically draws large crowds from southern Nash County. The Pitt County American Legion Agricultural Fair (Sept. 19-24), Wayne Regional Agricultural Fair (Sept. 28 to Oct. 7) and Lenoir County Agricultural Fair (Oct. 3-7) are the next nearest in proximity to Nash.

Pridden said Big Rock will bring traditional rides and a few new ones to the Wilson County American Legion Fairgrounds.

New for 2023 is Cliff Hanger for riders at least 46 inches tall. Riders get a hang-glider experience on this new "moderate intensity" attraction. Hurricane is a high-intensity ride that accelerates to high speeds.

Pridden said Big Rock will once again have heifers throughout the midway, so grandmas, grandpas, aunts and uncles can sit down and watch the kids have fun.

Visitors will have plenty of food options, from traditional fair foods including hot dogs, cotton candy, ice cream, candy apples, funnel cakes and turkey legs to some new tastes such as boba tea and Jamaican and Mexican crowd favorites.

This year's entertainment



Carnival rides, deep-fried favorites and agricultural, art and craft exhibits will fill the Wilson County American Legion Fairgrounds on U.S. 301 through Sunday. Drew C. Wilson | Restoration NewsMedia

includes the High-Flying Pages Thrill Show, which is free with admission.

Lew-E's Comedy Circus is returning to the fair. The popular clown show includes juggling, tricks and plenty of laughs. The show is also free with admission.

Other attractions include helicopter rides, a truck and tractor pull at 7 p.m. Wednesday and an FFA tractor-driving competition at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Following the 4-H swine show on Tuesday, youth livestock showmanship competitions are scheduled Thursday for goats, Friday for lambs and

Saturday for heifers and feeder steers.

Take a walk through the main exhibit hall as well as the 4-H and youth area to see who won blue ribbons for items from chocolate cakes and quilts to tobacco leaves, flowers and antiques. And don't forget to check out the wall of photos featuring local veterans.

Vendors will be set up in the main exhibit hall as well.

"I just think it's good family fun," Pridden said. "I just want people to come out and support the agriculture of Wilson County."

I just want people to come out and have a great time."

The fair opens at 4 p.m. today through Friday, noon on Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday at the fairgrounds located at 2331 U.S. 301 in Wilson.

Tickets are \$10 per person per day at the gate, with kids 5 and under in free. On Thursday, visitors can donate three or more cans of nonperishable food to receive a \$2 admission discount.

On Sunday, attendees who bring a church bulletin to the gate can earn a \$2 donation for their church.

Daily ride wristbands are

\$30 on Friday and Saturday and \$25 on remaining days, plus a \$2 wristband activation fee. Rides can be purchased individually, with costs ranging from 10 to 25 credits. Ride credits are 25 cents each with the following quantity discounts: 40 credits for \$10, 72 credits for \$18, 192 credits for \$48 and 392 credits for \$98.

Ride credits also can be used for select food and game concessions on the Big Rock Amusements midway.

For more details and a full schedule of events, visit <https://wilsoncountyfair.org/>.

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Franklin County opens emergency communications building



Officials held a ceremonial ribbon-cutting last week to open Franklin County Emergency Communications' Public Safety Answering Point building. Contributed photo

The Wake Weekly

LOUISBURG — Franklin County leaders celebrated completion of the new Public Safety Answering Point building with a Sept. 12 ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house.

"This building today represents a significant event in the history of Franklin County," said County Manager Kim Denton. "Franklin County's leadership has made a commitment to ensure that modern infrastructure is in place to serve our county's public safety needs, and this building is a critical component in that infrastructure."

The 5,200-square-foot building at 287 T. Kemp Road includes a hardened facility to withstand severe storms

and ensure 911 communications can continue during weather emergencies, a news release says.

"Office spaces, meeting spaces, a kitchen and employee spaces are all part of the building design to anticipate and meet the needs of communications staff while on shift," according to the release. "The facility includes new communications technology and equipment as well as increases the current capacity for communicators on shift with room for future expansion."

Franklin County Board of Commissioners Chairman Michael Schriver and N.C. 911 Board Executive Director Pokey Harris discussed the county's growth and future needs

the new building will help meet.

Emergency Communications Director Christy Shearin recognized staff members — including the telecommunicators currently on shift providing emergency communications response — for their dedication to their work.

Through Shearin's efforts, the N.C. 911 Board awarded Franklin County a \$3.9 million grant in July 2019 to build a freestanding emergency communications center. County commissioners approved the grant agreement and additional county funding to complete the project in October 2019.

Planning and design work began in 2020, and construction started in April 2022.

Bailey chamber seeks teams, volunteers for golf tourney

By Hannah Whitley Camarena
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Registration is open for the Bailey Chamber of Commerce Superball Golf Tournament, scheduled for Oct. 20 at The River Golf & Country Club in Louisburg. Entry fee is \$300 for each four-person team, which includes meal vouchers.

Teams will compete for first, second and third-place honors, with additional prizes awarded for the longest drive and the closest to the pin.

Chamber President Dillon Bissette said six teams are currently signed up. Golfers can register in advance or join the field on the day of the event. Registration starts at 8 a.m. Oct. 20 at the country club, 170

Clear Water Road in Louisburg. The tournament, a fundraiser whose proceeds will support the Bailey Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, call 252-290-2297 or email bcevents8@gmail.com.

Fire

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damage and loss. Office of State Fire Marshal inspectors grade fire departments for proper staffing levels, sufficient equipment, proper maintenance, communications capabilities and water source availability. The Spring Hope Fire Department is staffed by paid part-time employees

from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and has about 20 volunteer members who serve as a force multiplier, according to the town website. Firefighters respond to an average of 800 calls per year.

While Green applauded his staff's efforts, he also expressed concerns about the future due to a shortage of volunteers, an issue affecting departments across the state. "We need more volun-

teers, as do the departments around us, and I hope with the new growth coming to our area, we will get new applicants," he said.

Green said the department offers a junior firefighter program that provides 14-17-year-olds with training and experience in the fire service. He encourages teens interested in the program to visit the 415 W. Nash St. fire station and complete an application.

Decade of proclamations: Family, town raise PANDAS awareness

By Laura Browne
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WAKE FOREST — Jay Jay Wilson was all smiles, surrounded by family and friends on Sept. 19. Jay Jay and the group were outside Town Hall ahead of the 10th proclamation marking October as PANDAS month, promoting awareness of the disorder.

"That's really our goal in doing the proclamation every year with (the mayor's) help is to get the word out — help everybody," said Jay Jay's mother, Melissa Wilson.

PANDAS, or pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections, is associated with pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, or PANS. Jay Jay Wilson was diagnosed at 6 years old after years searching for answers as he lived with the symptoms.

PANDAS affects children who develop obsessive compulsive disorder, tic disorders or both after a childhood streptococcal infection, which in Jay Jay Wilson's case developed after a case of strep throat.

Mayor Vivian Jones, who calls Jay Jay Wilson a friend, has issued PANDAS proclamations for a decade to improve discussion and awareness of the disease, which affects around 1 in 200 children.

PANDAS often goes undiagnosed, Jones said in her proclamation, and many children go without the needed help, a problem made worse as insurance companies often fail to cover the expensive treatments, forcing families to pay out of pocket.

Melissa Wilson told The



Jay Jay Wilson is surrounded by family, friends and supporters while holding a candle with Wake Forest Mayor Vivian Jones ahead of the 10th proclamation of PANDAS Month. Laura Browne | Restoration NewsMedia

Wake Weekly in 2022 that her son was like a prisoner in his own body before receiving treatments, but he's finally seeing his quality of life improve after almost four years of treatment.

"He has made such huge improvements, and he's doing really well," Melissa Wilson said.

Jay Jay Wilson receives intravenous immunoglobulin, a therapy giving him healthy blood plasma. "Because he was undiagnosed and untreated for so long, it's going to take a long time for him with the IV treatments," Melissa Wilson said.

A huge mark of Jay Jay Wilson's improvement was his ability to attend the proclamation ceremony, his family members and friends holding his hands. Jay Jay was unable to attend the first couple of proclamation events, his mother said.

Melissa Wilson said her family's mission is bolstering awareness and ensuring other children can get the treatment they need.

"With awareness, we're trying to help other kids get diagnosed early so that they don't have to go through all the years of suffering that he did," Melissa Wilson said.

The Wilsons continue

to share Jay Jay Wilson's life and progress on the Facebook page "Jay Jay's Journey," which they also use as a form of advocacy for people who live with PANDAS.

The family also helps raise money for the cause by selling T-shirts.

Jay Jay was honored for his accomplishments of raising awareness and money for PANDAS with the 2023 Youth Wake Forest Good Neighbor of the Year Award.

Jones encouraged the public to speak to medical officials and insurance providers about the disease and urged others to donate to support people with PANDAS.

"If there's anything you can do for this family to help them out, do it, because they are absolutely fantastic," Jones said.

Jones said she has a lot of love for Jay Jay Wilson and his family. Melissa Wilson said her son feels the same way, referring to the mayor with the special nickname "I love mayor."

"That's her name, I love mayor," Melissa Wilson said. "It's not 'mayor,' it's 'I love mayor.'"

"When he meets somebody and he loves you, he loves you for life. He will never forget you," Melissa Wilson said.

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Budget

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Assembly with approval votes on Thursday and Friday. Gov. Roy Cooper said he will allow the budget to become law without his signature to facilitate expansion of North Carolina's Medicaid program to an estimated 600,000 eligible adults.

N.C. Senate leader Phil Berger and House Speaker Tim Moore announced a Sept. 19 deal to leave casino gambling out of the spending plan, breaking a budget impasse that left lawmakers deadlocked for weeks over a proposal to authorize three casinos in rural areas of the state, including one in Nash County.

"The casino and gaming folks were the sticking point with the corner offices, and we weren't getting any closer to a resolution," Chesser said before last week's budget votes. "Having that removed, I believe, will really streamline the process and give us a chance to bring something back to the district. One of the dangers is people get in the 'this or that' mentality, and it doesn't have to be that way." Chesser hasn't taken

a position for or against the casino and said state gambling policy would benefit from further study.

He said appropriations for Nash County's local government and nonprofits was a top priority for him because the money will make a tangible difference in people's lives.

"It's just learning what the rules to the game are so you can play the game and play it to the benefit of the people who sent us up here," he said.

Chesser worked with Sen. Lisa Barnes, R-Nash, and Rep. Ken Fontenot, R-Wilson, to advocate for the local budget allocations.

Each of the N.C. House's 120 members was limited to 10 budget requests, requiring collaboration, compromise and some legislative "horse trading" to produce the final product.

"We had to get creative," Chesser said. "As the process went on, we had dozens of requests that came in. We had to get a little bit creative and group some requests together and piggyback some other requests."

The jail improvement project will convert a 40-man cell into one- and two-man units. As a former law enforcement officer, Chesser agreed with

Sheriff Keith Stone that the work is essential for inmate and detention officer safety.

"He had safety concerns about it — there were blind spots in that cell," Chesser said.

Other budget highlights include \$2 million for Nash County Public Schools, \$900,000 for the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department, \$685,000 for VIEPR emergency radio equipment and \$420,000 for new Nash County Sheriff's Office patrol vehicles.

Directed grants to the town of Nashville will provide \$500,000 for street and sidewalk improvements and \$350,000 to build a community recreation center. Southern Nash High School is slated to receive \$100,000 for new lighting around the soccer field.

Chesser said he was proud to support a \$500,000 grant for Peacemakers of Rocky Mount and steer appropriations to worthy nonprofits in addition to government agencies.

"I wanted to make sure that constituent services are at the forefront of what we're doing," he said. "We're up here to serve the people, so their concerns are our concerns."

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Republicans seek control over future state, local election boards

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RALEIGH — Republicans who control the North Carolina legislature with veto-proof majorities are close to wresting supervision of elections from the governor and the governor's party — almost always the Democrats for over a century.

A bill that could reach Gov. Roy Cooper's desk this week would, among other changes, take away from him and future governors the power to appoint members of the State Board of Elections. It would give that authority to legislative leaders instead.

The legislation also could lead to the ouster of the top elections administrator ahead of the next presidential election in a state where former President Donald Trump squeezed out a razor-thin win over Democrat Joe Biden in 2020. North Carolina was Trump's narrowest victory that year, raising hopes among Democrats that Biden could win there in 2024.

GOP attempts since 2016 to erode Cooper's election board

power have been struck down by courts or defeated by voters in a statewide referendum.

Cooper plans to veto the bill. But Republican majorities are large enough to override his veto, and Republican justices now have a majority on the state Supreme Court. Here is what the Republican legislation would do:

What is current law?

The State Board of Elections has five members appointed by the governor, a practice dating to 1901. While no more than three members can be from the same party, Democrats have held the majority during Cooper's term as governor.

The board picks a chair and hires an executive director. Each of North Carolina's 100 counties also has five-member election boards, which also follow the 3-2 split favoring Democrats. The state board and Cooper pick county members.

What would the bill do?

Starting next July, the state board would grow to eight

members, but all seats would be appointed through the General Assembly. The House speaker, Senate leader and the minority leaders in each chamber would get two picks each. The county boards next year would drop to four members, with each top lawmaker picking one seat.

Although unaffiliated voters could be appointed, it's likely that the reconstituted boards would be evenly split between Democrats and Republicans. The new state board would pick a chair and an executive director, but one of the legislative leaders — both currently Republicans — would make the choice if the board can't quickly agree on who should fill those positions.

Why even-numbered boards?

Republicans say the current makeup of the state and local boards means decisions on contentious election matters fall to what the governor's party wants, fueling public suspicions that results can't be trusted. Under the GOP proposal, bill sponsors say the boards

will be forced to find bipartisan consensus, increasing voter confidence.

"All we can do is design a board that is intended to take folks who are on it, who have partisanship leanings, and try to remove partisanship from the equation by requiring at least some bipartisan buy-in to do anything," Republican Rep. Destin Hall said during a House committee meeting. An earlier version of the bill already cleared the Senate in June.

But Cooper, who is barred by term limits from running again in 2024, said in a recent op-ed that the bill has "deceptive packaging" that would constitute a "backdoor attempt to limit early voting and consolidate the legislature's quest for the power to decide contested elections."

Voting rights advocates point out that if boards are deadlocked on how many early in-person voting sites should be opened in a county, state law says the county can only offer one site, potentially leading to long lines in the larger cities.

A deadlock on most other issues would produce a standstill with no resolution.

Could election results be overturned?

State and county boards accumulate ballot results after elections and vote to certify the results so winning candidates can be seated. But what happens if a board is deadlocked on certifying a race?

Bill opponents worry that with evenly divided state and local election boards, some members might refuse to certify credible results, sending those matters to appellate courts or the General Assembly to settle. The legislation also could open the door for state lawmakers to determine the winner of the state's 16 presidential electoral votes if a divided state board can't agree to certify the winner.

The state constitution already gives the legislature the authority to determine the outcomes of what it calls a "contested election" for statewide positions such as governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general.

Fair/ from A1

Coming for the first time to the fair are Mark Madden, who will perform rope tricks outside his antique stagecoach, and Kindred, an uncle-niece musical duo from Whiteville. Both Dustin Chapman and Ryleigh Madison have been contestants on "American Idol," and together they were recognized as "Duo of the Year" and "Emerging New Artist of the Year" at the 2023 Carolina Country Music Awards. In addition, newcomer Emily Muse, a North Carolina artist, will offer theatrical face painting.

This year's fair will again feature three dozen carnival rides from Powers Great American Midways, which also operates the midway and amusements at the North Carolina State Fair.

Returning performers include Aquatic Acrobatic Show, which will be seen for



A carousel is among some three dozen rides at the Pitt County Fair.

the first time in Greenville since 2019, and Ember Fire Arts, which made its Pitt County Fair debut in 2022.

Since last season, Ember's Amber Komegay has made a full-time profession of showcasing her ability to handle fire, spin fire, eat and breathe fire. Over the next two months, the Core City native is scheduled to perform more than 100 shows in three states.

"Amber does a fantastic job," Phyllis Ross said of the 28-year-old, whose daring act tends to ignite excitement among fairgoers. "I don't know how she does it."

Also back this year are popular features including Pitt County Rock Stars (karaoke), helicopter rides and the mechanical bull, as well as local performers Cyrus Taylor, Marye McDaniel and the Gospel group Right Turn, along with Buddy Farman, who has been bringing his High Rollers antique bicycle

display and his sleight-of-hand magic tricks to the county fair for years.

The first of a half dozen livestock shows scheduled this week will begin at 6:30 p.m. today with the youth heifer show. Exhibit halls, which had something of a makeover in preparation for this year's fair, will open at 5:30 p.m. to showcase entries in dozens of categories.

The annual senior citizens day will be held from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, with free admission for ages 55 and older.

Here are some other highlights of this week's fair:

- Aquatic Acrobatic Show, daily
- Ember Fire Arts show, daily
- Marye McDaniel in concert, 6 p.m. Wednesday
- Open Youth Market: Lamb Show, 6:30 p.m. Thursday
- Right Turn in concert,

5 p.m. Friday

- Sofina Dance Productions, 6 p.m. Friday
- Open Youth Rabbit Show, 8 a.m. Saturday
- Open Youth Poultry Show, 10 a.m. Saturday
- Pitt County 4-H Livestock Show, 1 p.m. Saturday
- Kindred in concert, 7 p.m. Saturday
- Open Youth Market Goat Show, 2 p.m. Sunday

The 103rd Pitt County American Legion Agricultural Fair will be held today through Sept. 24 at 3910 Martin Luther King Jr. Highway. Gates and exhibit hall open at 5:30 p.m. today. The gates will open at 4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 1 p.m. Sept. 23-24. The fair will close at 10:45 p.m. daily, except for the final day, when closing time is 7:45 p.m. Admission is \$10 at the gate. Parking is free. Visit pitfair.com.



Council/ from A1

"We've done our budget, our budget has been approved, so it would have to be amended in some way," to budget the request in the current budget, Councilwoman Monica Daniels said.

Under council questioning, Finance Director Byron Hayes said the city has \$40,000 in its contingency fund, which is money set aside for unexpected expenses.

"It sounds like a program that is very popular. In the last several years there has been \$50,000 granted and that has incentivized well over \$200,000 in renovations. It seems like someplace where we get a lot of bang for our buck. We spend a little money, they spend a lot of money," Smiley said.

Councilwoman Marion Blackburn recommended using \$20,000 out of contingency to increase available facade grant funding. Connelly said he would be reluctant to spend that much money when the city hasn't completed its first financial quarter. Blackburn then suggested budgeting \$10,000, which Connelly again opposed.

The motion died for a lack of a second.

The council also:

- Annexed 1.24 acres owned by Johnny A. and Sandra R. Jones and located along the western right-of-way of Frog Level Road, about 800 feet south of U.S. 13.
- Annexed 10.34 acres along the northern right-of-way of MacGregor Downs Road about 1,800 feet east of B's Barbeque Road.
- Approved the draft 2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report on the city's use of housing funding from the federal government.
- Adopted two resolutions authorizing the application of Federal Transit Administration funding for fiscal years 2021 and 2022. Public Works Director Kevin Mulligan said the city used COVID related federal funds to operate the city's transit services, the GREAT bus system, during those fiscal years and now wanted to allow for other federal dollars available from that time. If the application is received, the city would use part of the money to replace four city buses and upgrade the camera system in all the buses.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 676

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.G.S. § 62-133.9)
and Commission Rule R8 69)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Compared to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.0646 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$0.65. Small general service and public authority customers would see a DSM/EE rider increase of 0.0083 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rider increase of 0.0141 cents per kWh.

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 7th day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Shonia Dunston, Chief Clerk

Benefits/ from A1

Graybill said Cigna also is offering Pathwell Bone and Joint in the coming year. It's a program where the city and GUC only pay when an employee uses it.

It helps employees with spine, hip, knee or shoulder pain get the right treatment in an effort to reduce unnecessary surgeries.

"If you think about back surgery, 50 percent of the time it works, the other 50 percent of the time you see no functional improvement and no real relief in pain," Graybill said.

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Candidates/ from A1

"Our city website says we provide opportunities for people and experiences that open minds and open doors," Willis said. "I believe we should be an inclusive community and a community that advocates for the rights and safety of all citizens."

Daniels said it's important to accept people as they are. "We have to treat people with respect. There was a time we were fighting for rights so we need to know someone else is fighting for their rights and we need to help them," Daniels said.

The LGBTQ+ community contributes to the city and its members shouldn't face discrimination, Glover said. "They are not different people," she said. "They are human beings and that's how they should be treated."

Mitchell said she would advocate and make the LGBTQ+ community feel welcome but she does not agree with their sexual preferences.

"They are equal people, we are no different as far as that. They just have a different sexual preference. And as a minister I can not agree with their sexual preference," Mitchell said. "But they are human and they will be taken care of. No one has a right to beat up on people

for no reason at all." Foreman said recently passed laws attacking drag performances and LGBTQ+ rights demonstrate that all injustice is rooted in legislation. Citizens should vote on the work based on what the candidates are doing, Foreman said. It's important to vote for candidates who are active and involved on the local, state and national level. She said she mirrored the responses of previous candidates.

CAR co-chairman Den Cavellini asked which candidates would support the creation of an elected civilian police review board that would have subpoena power to monitor law enforcement. Most candidates were supportive but several said they needed to know more about how it would operate.

Gaskins, the mayoral candidate, said she is 100 percent in favor of a civilian oversight board.

"I do understand we have good police. But there are specifically three (officers) right now that I can name who are actually harassing our individuals on the west and the southside," Gaskins said.

Glover said she would tirelessly on issues involving law enforcement and she believes in a review board.

"I have fought all the way to the

North Carolina Center for Justice and to Richmond, Va., in court there. It's hard to do when people don't understand the plight of the people being abused, which is basically African-American people," Glover said.

She urges the city's police chiefs to screen officers to ensure they don't bring prejudices or excessive machismo to the force. "I have a son. I don't want them to be harassed; I don't want anyone's son to be harassed," Glover said.

Jones, who works at a nursing home, said nurses suspected of diverting medication are reported to a state board for investigation and can be placed on a no-hire list if the board finds the accusations are true. A similar review board should be put in place for police because too many are able to leave one job for another.

Mitchell also favors an oversight board and it shouldn't have any law enforcement members.

"I have been under police scrutiny and, yes, I think we need oversight of police and everything else. We are quick to penalize civilians, everyone needs that same treatment. Everyone needs to be held accountable and responsible for their actions," Mitchell said.

The City of Durham has a civilian review board but the state has limited its authority, Blackburn said. The community should ensure the police use proper resources when responding to calls involving people with mental issues or a domestic violence situation.

Willis, a former probation officer, said greater diversity is needed among organizations such as the police community relations board so police can hear community concerns. Willis said she was happy when Police Chief Ted Sauls said he had an open door policy and wanted people to discuss issues with him, Willis said.

"I believe we have awesome law enforcement here in our community but that does not mean there isn't a need for accountability," Willis said. Foreman said people might find that open policy only applies to members of the public who agree with current law enforcement policy.

She said she has witnessed situations where officers did not adhere to their code of conduct. Community involvement is needed in addressing accountability issues.

Daniels said all city departments need oversight, not just the police department. As a social worker,

Daniels said she's worked with law enforcement for nearly 20 years and doesn't think people should paint all officers as bad.

Forum participant Yoshi Newman said many of the issues discussed during Saturday's event have been talked about for decades but little progress has been made. She asked the incumbent candidates why that has occurred.

"My experience on this particular council is that it is not all receptive to some of the issues we've talked about today," Blackburn said. "You've got to count six, you've got to have the votes."

Daniels said residents should pay more attention to the work of the council's advisory boards and commissions. They need more diversity, she said, and people should make themselves available.

"We have to keep in mind that there's only three seats that African-Americans can possibly get on Greenville City Council, that's the at-large seat, Districts 1 and 2," Glover said. There are inequalities in the city, she said, but they are outnumbered when it comes to votes on the city council.

Glover encouraged more African-Americans to run for city council.

Dance/ from A1

Dixon said collaborations between dance faculty members and design and production staff began months ago.

"We are excited about the fact that this show gets to highlight their work in the dance context in a way that we haven't been able to before," he said.

For "Les Animaux," which Dixon choreographed, the stage will be cushioned with couches, mattresses and a giant powder puff. After a period of making more serious work, he was looking to celebrate life with this piece, which includes clowns, acrobatics and slapstick action.

"I'm looking at the absurdity and humor of how I bumble my way through life. We try so hard to do good and be good and then end up tripping over ourselves and each other," Dixon, an associate professor of dance, said. "The piece kind of does this back and forth where we bumble and fumble and hopefully laugh, and then there's all that stuff inside that's churning and trying to work itself out. I feel like, at least in my life, I go back and forth between those spaces."

Following an application process last spring, ECU senior Kyleigh Burton is the only student to be invited to choreograph a work for the concert. Her modern/contemporary work, titled "if something is happening to me, I want to be there," drew some of its inspiration from



Dancers rehearse Sunday at McGinnis Theatre for ECU's Fall Dance. The ballet segment will include excerpts from Tchaikovsky's "Sleeping Beauty."

IF YOU GO

Fall Dance performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday with a matinee at 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$20 for the general public, \$15 for senior-adults and ECU faculty and \$10 for students and youth. Streaming is available for select performances. Visit theadredance.ecu.edu. Upcoming School of Theatre and Dance performances

- planned for the 2023-24 ECU/Loessin Playhouse season include:
- Shakespeare's "The Winter's Tale," Oct. 18-22.
- The Olivier and Tony Award-winning one-act staged musical, "Once on This Island," Nov. 15-19.
- Stephen Sondheim's iconic musical "Company," Feb. 21-25.
- Spring dance concert, Dance@Wright, March 1-2.
- "The Play That Goes Wrong," April 17-21.

the novel "The Midnight Library," by Matt Haig. "(The dance) kind of regains and wishes for second chances," said Burton, a dance performance and choreography major who serves as president of the East Carolina Dance Association. "I feel that everybody goes through this at some point in their life whether it's a small, minuscule decision or it's something big. You're

always going to wonder how your life would be different or if the outcome would be different if you had done something else... It's really about the internal battle you have with yourself." Burton, a Roxboro native, has been dancing since age 3, but this is her first choreography for a main-stage show at ECU. In addition to creating her own work for Fall Dance, she is featured in "The Sleeping Beauty" as

Delay/ from A1

The N.C. Department of Transportation awarded JSmith Civil LLC a \$15.7 million contract in early 2022 to upgrade a 1.3-mile section of Dickinson between South Memorial Drive and Reade Circle. The project, which was going to be completed in phases, involved the installation of new drainage pipes and relocation of municipal utilities to improve drainage on the road.

The first phase, which closed a portion of the road between Skinner and 14th streets, started September 2022 with a plan to complete the first phase of the

work in March. However, the work stalled in March. A transportation department spokeswoman said at the time JSmith paused the work to resolve "internal performance issues related to their ability to perform work."

The spokeswoman said NCDOT worked with JSmith and its bonding company to complete the first phase of the project in April. No work has since taken place.

NCDOT finalized JSmith Civil's default in June. The bond company will be responsible for completing the Dickinson Avenue project and selecting the contractor who will do the

work, NCDOT spokesman Andrew C. Barksdale said.

"This is a complicated project because work will be done in sections while also maintaining access to businesses and their drive ways along the road. It's also a tight labor market. So, the bonding company is still working to find a suitable replacement contractor that is able to do this kind of project," Barksdale said.

"We are optimistic the bonding company will find a replacement contractor. However, we don't have a new construction timeline yet. We are eager, however, to have this project resume construction."

the evil fairy Carabosse and also performs in "The's contemplative work. All three are vastly different works. "It will feel like each work fully embodies a world," Dixon said. "Definitely the audience, I think, will feel like they've gone through six completely different worlds and come out the other side with a really incredible experience of what dance can be and do."

"It's one of the things I love about our shows," he said. "You can have this range, and I think that range can be a powerful thing for people to experience."

Fall Dance is the first of half dozen School of Theatre and Dance performances planned for the 2023-24 ECU/Loessin Playhouse season.

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STORY STOCKS

U.S. stocks edged higher as Wall Street made low big moves in advance of the Federal Reserve's next meeting on interest rates. The S&P 500 closed virtually unchanged Monday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average inched up 8 points, and the Nasdaq composite was also little changed. Stocks have been seen-sawing since early August on uncertainty about whether the Fed is finally done with its drastic hikes to interest rates.

Table with columns: Stock Name, Price, Change, % Change. Includes stocks like Stellantis, Nike, Nike, etc.

High: 34,725.06 Low: 34,545.35 Previous: 34,618.24



Table with columns: Stock Name, Price, Change, % Change. Includes Dow Jones Industrials, Nasdaq, S&P 500, Russell 2000.

Table with columns: Stock Name, Price, Change, % Change. Includes various market indices like 10-yr T-note, Gold futures, etc.

Table with columns: Index Name, 5-day % change, 30-day % change, 1-year % change. Includes Dow, Nasdaq, S&P, etc.

LOCAL STOCKS

Table with columns: Stock Name, Price, Change, % Change. Includes local stocks like Albemarle, Albemarle, etc.

Most Active Stocks, Largest Companies, Largest Mutual Funds

Table with columns: Stock Name, Price, Change, % Change. Includes Most Active Stocks.

Table with columns: Fund Name, Assets, Change, % Change. Includes Largest Mutual Funds.

Table with columns: Stock Name, Price, Change, % Change. Includes Treasury Yields.

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A sluggish day for stocks kept September on track to be the worst month of the year for Wall Street. The S&P 500 rose 0.4% on Monday, coming off its worst week in six months. The Dow edged up 43 points and the Nasdaq added 0.5%.

Treasury yields rose to near their highest levels in more than a decade. Stocks have struggled recently as the realization sinks in that the Federal Reserve will likely keep interest rates high well into next year.



Dow Jones Industrials Close: 34,008.88 Change: 43.04 (0.1%)

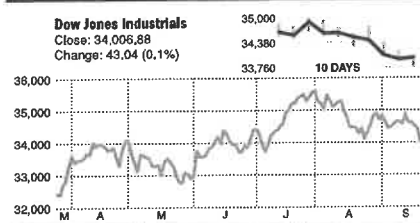


Table of market indices: Nasdaq (+59.51), S&P 500 (+17.38), Russell 2000 (+7.76). Includes 10-year T-note, Gold futures, Yen, Euro, and Crude Oil data.

Table of major market growth and decline: 5-day % change, 30-day % change, 1-year % change for Dow, Nasdaq, and S&P.

LOCAL STOCKS

Table of local stocks with columns for Stock, XCHG, Close, Chg, and Stock. Includes companies like Dominion Energy, Albemarle, and others.

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

Table of most active stocks with columns for Stock, Close, Chg, and Stock. Includes companies like Albemarle, Amazon, and others.

LARGEST COMPANIES

Table of largest companies with columns for Stock, Close, Chg, and Stock. Includes companies like Albemarle, Amazon, and others.

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of largest mutual funds with columns for Fund, Close, Chg, and Fund. Includes funds like Vanguard and others.

TREASURY YIELDS

Table of Treasury yields for various maturities: 3-month, 6-month, 1-year, 2-year, 3-year, 5-year, 10-year.

SPOT METALS

Table of spot metals prices for Gold, Silver, and Platinum.

INTEREST RATES

Table of interest rates for various financial products and services.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Table of foreign exchange rates for various currencies including the Euro, Yen, and others.

COMMODITIES

Table of commodity prices for various goods like oil, natural gas, and wheat.

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