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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

November 6, 2020

Ms. Kimberly A. Campbell, Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
430 North Salisbury Street
Dobbs Building
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

Re: Docket No. E-22, Sub 588
Dominion Energy North Carolina 2020 REPS Cost Recovery Rider

Dear Ms. Campbell:

Enclosed is an Affidavit of Publication which will serve as proof of publication of the Public Notice as required in ordering paragraph 5 of the Commission's September 14, 2020 *Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice* ("Order") in the above-referenced docket.

Pursuant to the instructions in ordering paragraph 5 of the Order, notices were published in newspapers having general circulation in Dominion Energy North Carolina's service area once a week for two successive weeks beginning with the week of October 6, 2019 (at least 35 days prior to the hearing). Copies of tear sheets from each of the newspapers in which the public notice ran are also enclosed.

Due to a scheduling errors at the newspapers, the ad placement in the Hertford Perquimans Weekly originally planned to run October 8, 2020 and October 15, 2020 ran on October 22, 2020 and October 29, 2020, nine days past the 35 days deadline and the ad placement in the Edenton Chowan Herald originally planned to run October 8, 2020 and October 15, 2020 ran on October 13, 2020 and October 22, 2020, two days past the 35 days deadline. Copies of the letters explaining the errors are enclosed.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Lauren W. Biskie

Lauren W. Biskie
Senior Counsel

Enclosures

cc: Tim Dodge, Esq.
Nadia Luhr, Esq.
Dianna W. Downey, Esq.

ADAMS PUBLISHING
EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA
PO BOX 1967
GREENVILLE, NC 27835

To Whom It May Concern,,

Adams Publishing received an order from Dominion Energy North Carolina to place a legal notice to be published in the Perquimans Weekly for the dates October 8th, 2020 and October 15th, 2020. However, due to a technical error with our computer system, this notice did not publish on either date.

The notice has been rescheduled to publish October 22nd, 2020 and again on October 29th, 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Patterson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Richard Patterson
Customer Service Representative
Adams Publishing Group



Virginia Press
Services

November 15, 2020

Tracey Huang
Paralegal II, Legal Operations
Dominion Energy Services, Inc.

Dear Tracey,

We scheduled and confirmed a notice for Dominion Energy North Carolina in the Edenton Chowan Herald to be published on October 8 and 15, 2020. Due to an error at the newspaper's production department, the notice did not publish on October 8th. The notice published on October 15th and 22nd, 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Wineland-li'.

Susan Wineland-li
Advertising Sales Director
Virginia Press Services



Virginia Press Services

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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

(Order #20103DD0)

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 588 was published in the following North Carolina and Virginia newspapers on the dates listed in the year 2020.

Bertie Ledger Advance 10/8/20, 10/15/20
Coastland Times 10/7/20, 10/14/20
Elizabeth City Daily Advance 10/6/20, 10/13/20
Hertford Perquimans Weekly 10/22/20, 10/29/20
Martin Co Enterprise (changed name from Williamston Enterprise) 10/8/20, 10/15/20
Pamlico News 10/7/20, 10/14/20
Roanoke Chowan News Herald 10/7/20, 10/14/20
Rocky Mt Telegram 10/6/20, 10/13/20
Tarboro Weekly 10/7/20, 10/14/20
Virginian Pilot 10/4/20, 10/11/20

Butner Creedmoor News 10/8/20, 10/15/20
Edenton, The Chowan Herald 10/15/20, 10/22/20
Gates County Index 10/8/20, 10/15/20
Plymouth Roanoke Beacon 10/7/20, 10/14/20
Roanoke Rapids Daily Herald 10/6/20, 10/13/20
Roxboro, The Courier Times 10/8/20, 10/15/20
The Daily Reflector 10/7/20, 10/14/20

Julia Wigginton

Signature

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 29th day of October 2020.

My commission expires: 9/30/2024

[Handwritten Signature]

[Notary Public]



2020 BERTIE COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE

In Honor...

The following people were honored by luminaries or torches of hope at Bertie Relay For Life

- Alice Taylor, All Cancer families, All the people affected by Cancer, Amanda Hoggard, Amy Bartley, Barbara Matthews, Barbara Owens, Barry Willoughby, Becky Farmer, Bethany Church Cancer, Survivors, Betty Dozler, Bill Swank, Carole Pendleton, Catherine Clark, Catherine Hoggard, Cindi Jernigan, Daphne Foster McCain, Deborah Thomas, Dorrie Goss, Edith Willford, Emily B. Hall, Emily Jenkins, Ernestine H. Jackson, Faye Askew, Gaye Tyson, Gloria Charles, Heidi Bozard, Inez Simons, Janet Mintern, Jennifer Cherry, Jennifer Jones, Joan Cobb, Kaye Hughson, Keith Hughson, Kim Liverman, Krystal Washington, Lynn Pettyjohn, Marie Elmore, Marjorie Harper, Martha Price, Mary Alice Harrell, Nancy Jernigan, Pansy White, Patsy Bryant, Penny Clough, Ressie Ray, Ricky Tugwell, Ryan Alligood, Sheila Bradley, Sheila Kiker, Sherri Lassiter, Susan Rudell, Teresa Allen, Terri Bannon, Terry Adams, Yvette Williams

In Memory...

The following people were remembered by luminaries or torches of hope at Relay For Life

- Aaron L. White, Adolph Harrell, Al Sallee, All Test, Aline Sawyer, Another Albert, Becky Neumann, Berkeley Pierce, Beth Clayton, Bethany Baptist Church, Betsy Beach, Billie Harrell, Billy Tucker, Bo Miller, Carl Wilson, Carol Joan Hewitt McFatter, CDR Robert Sherwood Rawls, USN, Cecil & Mildred Naron, Cella W. Griffin, Charles Cullipher (Popple), Charles Savage, Cheryl A Scozzari, Clara Motley, Clarence Thompson, Clementine Moore, David Brinkley, Dennis Jordan, Deanne Williams, Edna Matthews, Edward Lassiter, Elder Witter, Elmo Mitchell, Fiske Caddy, Ernest Jackson, Ethel Helms, Eunice Hoggard Dilday, Foy Askew, Frances "Marie" Harrell, Frances Baker, George D. Hewitt, George Davis, Georgia Thompson, Gerald & Peggy Tripp, Geraldine Bryant, Geraldine Davonport, Gilbert Cherry, Gilean Hoggard, Guy Jordan, Harry Lewis Thompson, Holland Cayton, Hunter Wayland "Scooke", Spruill, Jackie Jenkins, James Earl Thompson Jr, Jesse Beathall, Joe Alexander, Joe Dickerson, John Christopher Jordan, John T. Wilson, John Wheeler "Jack", Cooper, Julian Payne, Kathy Cobb, Larry Wayne Williams, Lawrence Ricks, Leoni Holley, Lettisha Griswell, Linda Meeks, Lisa Wheeler, Lloyd Byrum, Lorean Dale Griffin, Louise Mitchell, Lucille Wilson, Lucy Parham, Marie Elmore, Margaret Brinkley, Margaret H Hale, Marie Harrell, Marilyn Beaumont, Marion Dilday, Mary Alice Ferry (Pug), Mary Lou Feher, Mary Parker, Mary Reid, Maude Dilday, Micky Hoggard, Nancy Peele, Nimrod Cherry Sr, Nola Naron, Patsy Beach, Reginald Asbell, Richard W. (Dickie) Feher Sr, Ronald Jernigan, Rountie Cherry, Roy Pierce, Rudolph Clark, Ruth Bowden, Shirley Fairless, Sonia Villalta, Stacey Priest, T W Jordan, Tempress Ann Williams, Tom Pruden, Traynham Mitchell, Verna G. Perry, Walter B. Perry, Washington Hoggard, Wayne White, Whitfield Jordan, Whitney Langley, William & Sue Pritchett, Williams Swank Jr

Sponsors...

- PLATINUM LEVEL: PERDUE FARMS, INC. & LEWISTON COMPLEX ASSOCIATES; DIAMOND LEVEL: COASTAL MEDICAL TRANSPORT

- GOLD LEVEL: BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF GOVERNMENT, MERRY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, REPUBLIC SERVICES - AULANDER, TOWN OF WINDSOR, DR. & MRS. HORACE WARD, JR., ROANOKE ELECTRIC CARE TRUST, SANDY BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH, WINDAM BERTIE HOSPITAL, IN MEMORY OF COR SHERWOOD RAWLS, USN AND EUNICE DILDAY

- SILVER LEVEL: AULANDER FIRST BAPTIST, AULANDER MEDICAL PRACTICE, B & E DJ SERVICES, BERTIE AMBULANCE SERVICE, BERTIE LEDGER-ADVANCE, BERTIE RURAL HEALTH, BOBBIE PARKER, CAROLINA PINE & HARDWOOD, CAROL MIZELLE, CONNANTS BAPTIST CHURCH, DR. NETTIE COLLINS-BART, HOLLY GROVE BAPT. CHURCH, Mt. Olive BAPT. Church, NARROW LAKE FARM, PINEWOOD CHAPEL BAPTIST, SOLID FOUNDATION, SOUTHERN BANK, TOWN OF AULANDER, W.R. WHITE, INC.

- BRONZE LEVEL: A-1 UNLIMITED BATH BONDING, ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY A, ANDERSON, SMITH, & HWKE, BRADDOCK FOSTER, COMMERCIAL READY MK, EDEN HOUSE GRAPHICS, GLENWOOD, MITCHELL, HILL, LLC-VIRGINIA BEACH, INDIAN WOODS BAPTIST, JACQUELINE RUFFIN, LLOYD PARKER, MARS HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, MARTHA THOMPSON, MCKEY'S GMBH, INC., NETTA LIPSOMB, NUCON STEEL, OLD NORTH STATE GAME PRESERVE, OCELETTA T. JACKSON, PERRYTOWN ASSEMBLY OF GOD, PHYLLIS SEXTON, POWELLSVILLE BAPTIST, PRITCHETT & BURCH, ROANOKE-CITIZEN NEWS-HERALD, ROBERTSON EQUIPMENT CO., ROTARY CLUB - WINDSOR, SELF-HELP CREDIT UNION, SHARON TANN, ST. ELMO BAPTIST CHURCH, THE WOODEN COMPANY, TOWN OF KELFORD, TOWN OF LEWISTON-WOODVILLE, TOWN OF ROXBORO, WOODVILLE PLAINS BAPTIST, DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY - AHOISKE ALUMINA, GEORGE W. LEE ELK'S LODGE #755/EXCELSON, TENNESSEE, NIMROD & LOHNE CHERRY FAMILY, GATHERING, WINDSOR-BERTIE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, IN HONOR OF ANNIE STANCL, IN MEMORY OF AGNES V. BELCH, IN MEMORY OF JOE, GRACIE, & WENDELL LEE, IN MEMORY OF FREDDIE JOHNSON, IN MEMORY OF GODWIN & EVA MITCHELL, IN MEMORY OF TED SESSOMS, IN MEMORY OF TEMPRESS ANN WILLIAMS, IN MEMORY OF BUD & MILDRED HOGGARD/IN HONOR OF CAMDEN STROUD, POWELLSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES, AUXILIARY, CHERRY'S FUNERAL HOME, CONOCANARY BAPTIST CHURCH, TEAM POPPIE IN MEMORY OF CHARLES CULLIPHER

SHOP AT HOME - USE THE CLASSIFIED PAGES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH. DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 588. BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION. PUBLIC NOTICE. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS) cost recovery application and compliance report filed by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC), in the above-captioned docket. The public hearing is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 590, which is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncncu.com. Members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff via email at DENC@publichearing@ncncu.com or by calling 866-382-5816. When registering, provide your name, docket number (E-22, Sub 588), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony. Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing. This proceeding is being held pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67 to consider DENC's application for approval of REPS cost recovery and compliance with the REPS requirements during the 2019 calendar year. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-71(g). On August 11, 2020, DENC filed direct testimony and exhibits in support of its application for REPS cost recovery and 2019 REPS compliance report. By its application, DENC proposes to implement the following total REPS rates, including regulatory fee, effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2021: a \$0.14 charge per month for residential customers; a \$0.82 charge per month for commercial customers; and a \$5.35 charge per month for industrial customers. Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available on the Commission's website at www.ncncu.com. The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff (1326 Mail Services 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 Services Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-5001. Written statements may be emailed to utilityAGC@ncd.us.gov. Written statements are not evidence unless 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 Monday, October 26, 2020. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk at the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 1325 Mail Services 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 Monday, October 26, 2020. ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION. This is the 14th day of September, 2020. NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION. Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

Windsor

From 1

- * avoid direct contact with trick-or-treaters;
- * give out treats outdoors if possible;
- * set up a station with individually bagged treats for children to take to;
- * wash hands before handling treats; and
- * wear a mask.

Chief Jackson said bagging treats to be taken or given out individually was not required, but something he would strongly suggest.

"If it is possible to individually bag the treats, that would be beneficial to everyone," he said. "Certainly it may not be possible in every situation."

For trick-or-treaters, the CDC recommends:

- * make a cloth mask part of the costume;
- * do not wear a costume mask over a cloth mask as it makes breathing more difficult; and
- * do not use masks on children under the age of two or anyone who has trouble breathing.

The CDC also recom-

Askewville

From 1

Bryant said, "We would have been online to communicate our situation had we known."

Bryant said an unusual set of circumstances led to the failure to submit timely audits, including several that were out of the town's hands.

Last week, the Local Government Commission passed a resolution compelling the town of Askewville to hire an outside entity to bring all bank reconciliations current and prepare its books for audit.

A late addition to the motion was to give

Askewville 12 months to comply and submit all the back audits. The commission passed the resolution without objection.

Bryant said she has reached out to the Local Government Commission to get a copy of the resolution and some understanding of why there was a need to have it passed, but hasn't heard back as of press time.

The mayor did say she and the members of the town board were happy to speak with residents of Askewville who have any concerns. She said emphatically there was no money missing or misappropriated and that the LGC has confirmed that.

"There is no money missing, no concerns of wrongdoing," Bryant stressed. "We are simply behind on submitting the audits."

"Any of our citizens who have questions, should contact me or any member of the town board," she added. "We will be happy to talk about it and explain the situation."

Thadd White can be reached via email at twhite@ncwebsites.com.

Murder

From 1

several angles in the case," Sheriff Holley reported.

He also asked anyone with information about the shooting contact the Bertie County Sheriff's Office at 252-794-5330.

"We are working

Spooktacular

From 1

There will not be prize money or place awards this year.

Monetary donations are still being sought and can be mailed to Bertie Spooktacular 5K, Attn: Virg Steiker, PO Box 895, Windsor, NC 27983.

The Bertie Spooktacular 5K Presented by Perdue Farms is a

charity event to benefit the Good Shepherd Food Pantry of Bertie County. Food security remains a problem in Bertie County. The Good Shepherd Food Pantry works to relieve hunger, increase self-reliance and improve the quality of life for individuals, families and children in Bertie County.

All proceeds from the Bertie Spooktacular 5K and 1-Mile Family Run/Walk stay in Bertie County and support The Good Shepherd Food Pantry.

For more information about the virtual 5K race or 1-Mile Fun Run visit site.spooktacular5k.com or visit the Spooktacular Facebook page.

Vote

From 1

7:30 p.m.; and

- * Oct. 31: 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Any registered voter who does not vote by One-Stop prior to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31 will have to vote at his

or her polling place on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

The three polling places include the Bertie County Board of Elections Office (210 West Watson St. in Windsor), the Lewiston Fire Department (103 West Church St. in Lewiston Woodville) and the Powellsville Town Hall (105 East Main St. in Powellsville).

One-Stop Voting is open to all registered voters in Bertie County. A voter may choose to vote One-Stop at any of the three locations offered by the Bertie County Board of Elections.

To check registration status or to learn more about the 2020 General Elections, go to the N.C. Board of Elections website by visiting <http://www.ncsbe.gov/>.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 588

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standards Cost Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule RR-67

PUBLIC NOTICE

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

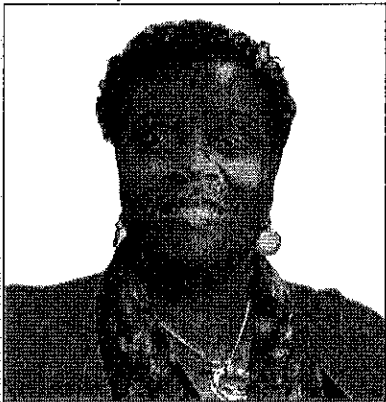
This the 14th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

Elect Reba Cooper Carlton

Bertie County Board of Education - District 1



I am running for a seat on the Bertie County School Board of Education - District 1. While serving and advocating for the educational needs of the children in Bertie County for thirty years as a teacher at C.E. White Middle School, Colman Elementary School, Southwestern Middle School and Irene Kinada Bohler, I know the needs of our children, teachers, parents and community.

As a former Bertie County Schools teacher, I created an atmosphere where all students could learn in a caring and nurturing environment through hard work and dedication. I treated my students as if they were my own children and an investing, positive relationship with my students and their families. I also provided relevant content and provided feedback and strategies to help students become life long learners. Additionally, I established a positive support with coworkers, staff members and all stakeholders in Bertie County Schools, as well as the community.

After retiring from Bertie County Schools, I continued by helping teachers and talented students in mathematics for Bertie County Schools and at the Summer Enrichment Program at Indian Wood Missionary Baptist Church, where I serve as a committed and faithful member. I have also served as teacher of the Year, where I was selected by my coworkers to represent Bertie County Schools.

I would like to continue positively impacting the children of Bertie County by becoming a member of the Bertie County Board of Education. In this role, I can help students, staff and parents by working collaboratively with other board members to ensure we continue to move our schools in a positive direction by establishing policies that will best serve everyone and contribute to serving as a voice for all students, staff and parents. By working together, we can establish a vision that is needed for all children to reach their full potential. A vote for me will be a crucial step change, if you are looking for positive change, vote for me on November 3rd.

Paid For By Committee To Elect Reba Carlton

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALPHI

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 588

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule RS-69

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Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

This proceeding is being held pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule RS-69 to consider DENC's application for approval of REPS cost recovery and compliance with the REPS requirements during the 2019 calendar year. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 14th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALPHI

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 589

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 RS-69

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual Demand-Side Management (DSM) and energy efficiency (EE) cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC), as the above-captioned docket. The public hearing is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing on Docket No. E-22, Sub 590 and 588, which are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.net. Members of the public may wish to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff via email at UHNCPublicStaff@ncuc.net or by calling 866-300-2816. When registering, provide your name, docket number (E-22, Sub 589), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule RS-69 for the purpose of determining whether an increment of depreciation rate is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for adoption and implementation of DSM and EE measures and appropriate incentives. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

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Compared to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.0199 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by 20 cents. Small general service and public authority customers would see a DSM/EE rate decrease of 0.0962 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rate decrease of 0.0158 cents per kWh.

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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

GRANVILLE BRIEFS

Boot Drive

The Butner Firefighter's Association is holding a Boot Drive from 4-6 p.m. on Oct. 8 at the intersection of C Street and Central Avenue. The fundraiser will support the local fire department.

Turkey Shoot

Stem fire and EMS will hold a turkey shoot from 7-10 p.m. every Friday and Saturday in October. The event is on Hester Road near Brogden Road and will use Winchester No. 8s at 60 feet. The closest pallet to the center wins. The max barrel length is 36 inches, scopes aren't allowed (red dots and shooting slits are OK), \$5 per shot.

Concessions will be available. For more information, visit http://stemfiredepartment.com.

Trail building

The River Land Conservancy will build 1.6 miles of hiking trails at the Roberts Chapel Conservation Area, a 56-acre property at 792 Roberts Chapel Road, Stem. TRLC is seeking volunteers to help build trails.

Trail-building workdays will be held 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays through December. Saturday workdays will also be held Oct. 10, Oct. 31, Nov. 21 and Dec. 12.

For more information or to register, contact TRLC at 919-498-6902 or volunteer@trriver.org. Contact Amy at amy@trriver.org to organize a service event for your business team, faith-based group, school club, or Scout troop.

Firemen's Day

The Creedmoor Fire Department's annual fundraiser will be 1-5 p.m. on Oct. 10 at 108 S. Main St., Creedmoor. Brunswick Stew is \$8 a quart and a "I Support CYPFD" T-shirt is \$20. Donations are also accepted. There is no parade this year because of COVID-19. The fundraiser will be drive-thru with orders available for takeout.

Quilt raffle

The Franklin County Arts Council will raffie a quilt made by the Quilting Ladies of Lake Roanoke and Clear Creek Quilting in Burnsville. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six. Buy tickets at http://www.fcarts.org or email fc.arts@fcarts.org.

The raffle will be Oct. 17 at 4 p.m. during the annual Quilt Show at Historic Person Place in Louisburg. The handmade "A Journey Through the Tar and Roanoke Rivers Quilt" trails "is 60 inches by 78 inches and features 20 blocks from the Franklin County part of the Quilt Trails of the Tar & Roanoke Rivers.

Operation Medicine Drop

On Saturday, Oct. 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., The Creedmoor Police Department, CVS Pharmacy and the Vance Granville Community Pharmacy Technician Program is offering a free, contactless way to dispose of unwanted, expired or dangerous prescription drugs.

The medicine drop will be on Doug-

Submit your event

The Butner-Creedmoor News publishes community briefs each week as a free public service. Send calendar items, event listings and other news items to butnercreedmoornews.com.

Ins Drive behind CVS on Main Street.

Family day shoot

The Stem Fire Department will hold a family day shoot at the old race track on Hester Road from 2-4 p.m. on Oct. 31. Ages 8 and up can shoot. Hot dogs, drinks and chips will be for sale.

Trunk or Treat

Faith Harvest Church, 4737 Willow Drive, Wake Forest, will have a trunk or treat event from 3-5 p.m. on Oct. 31. There will be food trucks, live music and candy. For more information, visit http://faithharvest.com.

Thanksgiving food drive

The city of Oxford's second annual Thanksgiving Food Drive will run through Nov. 20. The drive will help families in need. Donations of non-perishable food items can be brought to any city department drop-off location.

For questions, call 919-603-1102 or email alyssa.blair@oxfordnc.org.

Crisis hotline

The Families Living Violence Free 24/7 domestic violence crisis hotline is operating during the pandemic. Call 919-603-6700 for English or 919-600-0888 for Spanish. The center encourages people to call if they love or live with someone hurting or threatening them, putting them down or controlling their every move.

Families Living Violence Free also offers individual counseling, safety planning and case management for survivors of domestic violence of sexual assault.

Trained advocates provide confidential one-on-one counseling, which allows clients who are (or have been) victims of domestic violence and sexual assault an opportunity to begin the healing process.

Domestic violence order help

Families Living Violence Free can help Granville County residents with help filing a domestic violence protective order. Call 919-603-3579 to speak with an advocate who can help with planning and completing the order. Callers can also apply for free legal representation.

Community Treasure Chest

Mount Vernon Missionary Baptist Church in Creedmoor welcomes all to its Community Treasure Chest facility filled with new to used clothes and shoes of all sizes and household goods. Coats, dresses, pants, suits, tops, blankets and other items are available in men's and women's sizes. All items are free.

Due to the pandemic, call the church at 919-528-2715 for an appointment.

Maps of free Wi-Fi sites available

For The Butner-Creedmoor News

OXFORD — Granville County is providing maps that show free Wi-Fi hotspots students and residents can use.

With input from the public and through a collaboration with Granville County Public Schools, a county map has been made available to help find hot spots where free Internet access is available.

A complete map is available at http://www.granvillecounty.org. Updates will be made as new information is provided.

Locations are: • Butner-Stem Elementary, 201 E. D St.

(Granville County Public Schools bus). • Butner Gazebo, Gazebo Park, Butner. • South Branch Library, 1660 S. Campus Drive, Creedmoor.

• Creedmoor City Hall, 111 Masonic St., Creedmoor (Granville County Public Schools bus). • Arby's, 1547 N.C. Highway 56, Creedmoor. • Bojangles, 1667 N.C. Highway 56, Creedmoor. • El Corral, 406 N. Main St., Creedmoor. • El Rio, 2631 E. Lyon Station Road, Suite B, Creedmoor. • Hardee's, 2568 W. Lyon Station Road, Creedmoor. • McDonald's, 1943 N.C. Highway 56, Creed-

moor. • Old South Restaurant, 1613 N.C. Highway 56, Creedmoor. • Pizza Hut, 1672 N.C. Highway 56, Creedmoor. • Wilton Grill, 3585 N.C. Highway 56, Wilton.

• Wilton Pizzeria, 3586 N.C. Highway 56, Wilton. • Stem Town Hall, 102 W. Tally Ho Road, Stem. Although Wi-Fi service at all of these sites is free, a password may be required. Contact the business or agency if asked to provide this information when logging in. To have a site added, contact Assistant County Manager Korinn Weichelt at 919-603-1366 or korinna.weichelt@granvillecounty.org.

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Altec wins Million Hour safety award

For the Butner-Creedmoor News

CREEDMOOR — Altec Industries' facility in Creedmoor was among dozens of local industrial businesses recognized by the N.C. Department of Labor at its annual safety awards banquet on Sept. 24.

"We didn't want COVID-19 to prevent us from recognizing these employers in the Henderson and Oxford area and surrounding communities who are making a commitment to their employees' safety and health," Labor Commissioner Cherie Berry said. "Over the years, North Carolina has experienced a declining injury and illness rate, which remains at a historic low 2.4 per 100 full-time workers for private industry. These employers continue to

make North Carolina workplaces some of the safest in the country and deserve this recognition."

The awards honor outstanding on-the-job safety achievements of each recipient during 2019. Recipients recognized are in Henderson and Oxford areas and surrounding counties.

Berry provided keynote remarks at the virtual meeting, which was her final safety awards presentation as labor commissioner. The banquet was co-sponsored by Henderson-Vance Chamber of Commerce and the Granville County Chamber of Commerce.

The local recipients have met the stringent requirements necessary to receive a safety award. Under program rules, companies must have been free of fatal ac-

cidents at the site for which the award is given to be eligible.

The gold award criteria are based on a DART rate (Days Away, Restricted or Transferred) that is at least 50% below the statewide rate for its industry. The rate includes cases of days away from work, restricted activity or job transfer.

The silver award is based only on cases with days away from work. They are recorded when the worker misses at least one full day of work, not including the day of the injury. The applicant must attain an incidence rate for cases with days away from work that is at least 60% below the rate for its industry.

The million hour award is for 1 million hours, or multiples thereof, without lost-time accidents.

Police: Grass clippings in roads pose hazard

From staff reports

CREEDMOOR — The city's police department is asking mowers not to blow grass clippings onto streets and sidewalks, because they can be dangerous to cyclists.

The Creedmoor Police Department said recently it gets complaints about grass clippings every year.

It is against a city ordinance to rake, sweep, blow, wash or place yard waste, grass clippings, leaves and other trash or debris into a storm drainage system, street, ditch or other area that may impede water drainage.

But police say grass clippings can harm more than waterways. "Grass clippings in the roadway can act like a sheet of ice for motorcyclists and bicyclists," Police Chief Keith King said.

Both City of Creedmoor Public Works Director Steve Edwards and Planning Director Mike Frangos agree that not only does blowing the grass clippings into the street detract from Creedmoor's aesthetic quality, but the clippings can also block the road's stormwater drainage, causing backups.

City officials are asking residents to blow their grass clippings back into their yards and use them for compost or load them away and properly dispose of them. Maintaining grass clippings within a yard can offer some benefits to your lawn health, the city said.

"Grass clippings carry fertilizer into the storm sewer to the river and the chemicals encourage algae growth deteriorating the health of our streams and ultimately our water sources," Frangos said.

MLK essay contest to move forward

By Amanda Dixon

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OXFORD — The Granville County Human Relations Commission announced it will go ahead with the Martin Luther King Jr. essay contest for middle and high school students in January.

Beth Anderson, HRC member, said the information about the essay contest will be sent to Granville County schools in a few weeks. The essays may have to be back a little earlier because of uncertainty of how the judges will meet to score the essays.

The commission continues to work toward a virtual Martin Luther King Celebration in January. Typically, winning essays are presented at the annual breakfast. Next year, the essays may be read virtually for all to hear.

Commission member William Batts said he continues to work on finding a guest speaker for the event.

The commission agreed Linda Jordan's virtual training session last month was insightful and thought provoking. The commission said it will look into having additional virtual training in the upcoming months.

Commissioners spoke briefly about the role of the HRC in Granville County. The HRC was established to encourage

understanding and good will between all citizens regardless of race, sex, religion, creed, nationality, or economic status, and thus promote the general welfare of the community.

The HRC was organized to promote, develop, and implement proactive human relations programs in partnership with schools, corporations, cities, foundations and individuals.

The commission focuses on the welfare of the community and promotes better communication, peace understanding, respect, harmony and good will among all citizens. It makes recommendations to the county commissioners about the needs and welfare of residents.

The commission began laying groundwork for plans in 2021. Commission members said they have to remain vigilant and aware of situations within the county.

"We are working on the behalf of all of the people in Granville County and they are our focus," member Ron Bullock said.

Mary Corney, another member, said she is thankful to be serving on a commission that embraces people and their concerns and that prayer can be very uplifting in times of need.

The HRC will meet at 6 p.m. on Nov. 9. The meeting may be virtual.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 589

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, Duke Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Approval of Domestic Rate Management and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule RE-69

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS) cost recovery application and compliance report filed by Virginia Electric and Power Company, Duke Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC), in the above-captioned docket. The public hearing is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 590 and SEB, scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held virtually via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.net. Members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff via email at DENCpublichearing@ncuc.net or by calling 866-380-9816. When registering, provide your name, docket number (E-22, Sub 589), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

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On August 11, 2020, DENC filed its application for approval of DSM/DER cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule RE-69. By its application, DENC requests revisions to its DSM/DER cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2021. DENC's request, including the North Carolina regulatory fee, would result in the following short-term (QW) charges: 6.19¢ per kWh for residential customers; 4.19¢ per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; and 0.95¢ per kWh for large general service customers. No DSM/DER rider would be applicable to rate schedules GVI, PS, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers. In addition, residential 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 DER programs are not subject to the rider.

Compared to the current DSM/DER rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.419¢ per kWh for residential customers, which would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by 20 cents. Small general service and public authority customers would see a DSM/DER rider decrease of 0.95¢ per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/DER rider decrease of 0.915¢ per kWh.

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 588

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, Duke Dominion Energy North Carolina for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule RE-67

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This proceeding is being held pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule RE-67 to consider DENC's application for approval of REPS cost recovery and compliance with the REPS requirements during the 2019 calendar year. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule RE-21(g).

On August 11, 2020, DENC filed direct testimony and exhibits in support of its application for REPS cost recovery and 2019 REPS compliance report. By its application, DENC proposes to implement the following total REPS rates, including regulatory fee, effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2021: a \$0.14 charge per month for residential customers; a \$0.32 charge per month for commercial customers; and a \$3.35 charge per month for industrial customers.

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TRAVEL

From 1A

will be advertised with two versions.

As recommended by the Planning Board, a maximum of 60% of a travel trailer park can contain camping cabins. This cap was passed on a 4-3 vote by the Planning Board. A second version will be advertised without the limitation.

The ordinance states that camping cabins and

other such structures shall be used as temporary quarters or shelter during periods of recreation, vacation, leisure time or travel and shall not be used for permanent living quarters. A 90-day occupancy limit is established.

Travel trailers can still remain year-round provided such trailers are highway ready. Park owners are required to develop a storm response plan and notify guests of an evacuation.

In the new ordinance,

parks are considered commercial land uses with maximum overall lot coverage of 60% of the total parcel acreage excluding freshwater and coastal wetland areas unless a different lot coverage is spelled out in the applicable zoning district. Minimum parcel size is two acres excluding freshwater and coastal wetlands.

Unlike the old ordinance, the rewritten Travel Trailer and Campground Ordinance follows the same approval procedures as a subdivision

with preliminary approval by the Planning Board and final approval by the planning director, unless the zoning district labels such development as a conditional use.

Two site configurations are offered: one is fixed with 1,500 square-foot spaces; the other is called "flexform" based on a density of 10 spaces per acre. An engineer's stormwater plan is required.

Camping sites cannot be sold. Recreational amenities are to be retained by park owners

and clearly identified for preliminary and final site plans. Individual pools at camping cabins are not permitted.

A new section allows zoning spaces in conjunction with other commercial uses in zoning districts C-3, I-1, S-1 and I-W-3, but not in other districts where camping is not permitted or in R-2 or R-2B, which are mostly residential districts.

The ordinance permits emergency use of travel trailers as housing after

a storm. The current travel trailer park ordinance with standards and procedures was first adopted in 1988.

A text amendment to the C-3 zoning district is also proposed and establishes travel trailer parks and campgrounds in that zone as a permitted use.

For the public hearing, public comments must be submitted by email to doc@coastland.com prior to and during the meeting at the appropriate time on the agenda.

OUTBREAK

From 1A

offender needs advanced medical care.

All housing units at the prison are kept in groups to prevent mixing of

persons from one housing unit and another, a precautionary virus-mitigation strategy.

The outbreak status for Cross Creek Correctional Institute, a Hyde County nursing home, is nearing completion. The nursing home will soon reach 28 days

of no COVID-19 cases. In Dare County, the total COVID-19 positive case count is 568.

In Dare, among residents, 17 were active cases. Of the total cases, 290 are residents and 259 are non-residents. Currently, one resident remains hospitalized due to COVID-19 complications.

Since the last Dare County Department of Health and Human Services update issued Friday, Oct. 2, 2020, eight new positive cases have been registered. Of these eight cases, six are residents and two are

non-residents.

Contact tracing has been completed on all of the cases and direct contacts provided by these individuals have been identified, notified and directed to quarantine for 14 days from the last date of exposure with the positive case.

For Dare County, the percent of new positive cases to total cases for this past week increased to 5.16%, the highest percent positive rate since the week of July 20. The percent of positive tests to overall tests in Dare County since testing

began in early March remained stable this week at 4.4%.

On Oct. 5, Albemarle Regional Health Services reported the following COVID-19 case information for several of the counties it serves:

Fasquotank County: 746 lab-confirmed cases of which 101 are active. Some 23 deaths have been recorded in this county.

Camden County: 121 lab-confirmed cases of which 15 are active, an increase of three in both figures. Three deaths have been recorded in this county.

Curellack County: 194 lab-confirmed cases of which 13 are active. Three deaths have been recorded in this county.

According to Martin County Health Department, Tyrrell County Health has one active case as of Oct. 5. Three deaths have been recorded.

At the state level, 221,263 cases are lab-confirmed, an increase of 1,054 cases.

Some 1,013 North Carolinians are hospitalized with coronavirus and 3,670 deaths have been recorded in this county.

VOTE (Nov. 3rd)

for a respected community leader!

Robert L. "Bob" Woodward, Sr.
for Dare County Commissioner

"Our citizens are the true backbone of what makes our County Special!"

With your vote I will continue to serve the people of Dare County as your advocate for:

- HIGH QUALITY COUNTY SERVICES
- RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
- PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT
- PRACTICAL INVESTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
- HIGH EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS
- ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC COUNTY SCHOOLS
- PROMOTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE
- EFFECTIVE AND PROGRESSIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT
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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 588

REOPEN THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina for Approval of Rate Schedule Change and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R1-07

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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Jessie R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

KITTY HAWK

From 1A

approval.

During public comments, three speakers offered their views on an investigation into the July 29 death of Amanda Leann Fletcher Harbison in Kitty Hawk.

A local resident led off the session saying she was curious about the investigation and, while not anti-police, she feels in this specific case, there seem many things that were wrong.

In response, Perry pointed out that while he does not know how other areas operate, Kitty Hawk Council does not involve itself in an active investigation.

"Kitty Hawk incorporated as a council-manager system," Perry explained. "By statute, council sets policy, law rates and enacts town codes. The manager controls the staff. The manager hires, he fires, he sets the stage, he controls that sort of thing. So council does not involve itself with that at all and has no legal jurisdiction to become involved in police investigations active or passive."

Perry went on to say that while speakers are limited to three minutes, council will listen to all that wish to speak and asked if any others in attendance wanted to speak.

"To let you know coming into this," Perry continued, "Kitty Hawk council fully supports the Kitty Hawk Police Department and I expect that support to continue. Kitty Hawk council also supports town management and staff who have done a good job for several years and there is no

reason yet not to support that. If it changes here to night, then so be it. That's the way going into this, what you are talking to."

After it was voted from the audience that speaking would be a waste of time because council does not care, Perry advised that if speakers were not going to come up to the podium and speak properly, council would move on.

His last chance all prompted two other speakers.

One said she was not happy about what she considered a police suspect in a murder case running around Buxton for the past two months and another said that she did not understand why so little was done by officers at the scene or how so much was missed and not processed.

When asked about the case, Kitty Hawk Police Chief Joel Johnson said that it would be inappropriate for him to comment on an active investigation and referred all questions to the District Attorney's office. Calls to the DA to confirm the status of the investigation were unsuccessful at press time.

Moving to the consent

agenda, council approved the September 8 council meeting minutes, several budget amendments and a bill's tree service bid to remove vegetative debris from streams and ditches caused by Hurricane Florence with \$50,700.40 to be paid from the Hurricane Florence Disaster Response Act money.

The next council vote was to schedule a public hearing for November 2 for a conditional use permit request by Sheepdog Ministries for a church to be located at 3834 North Croatan Highway.

As the meeting drew to a close, during his comments, town manager Andy Stewart advised that fall chipping is set to begin Monday, October 19 and that any debris to be collected should be in the right of way by October 18 with additional information on the town website.

Stewart also reminded everyone that with the election next month, the November 2 meeting would begin at 5 p.m. With the evening's business completed the meeting was recessed until 9 a.m. Friday, October 9, to review a revised FY 2020-21 budget.

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COURTESY BOBBY HARRELL Adult largest fish winner Mikoy Sabanie.



COURTESY BOBBY HARRELL Youth largest fish winner Owen Stephens.

SLAM

From 1A

"The event was held at the OUX Marina; thanks goes to Wayne Umphlett and Jarrod Umphlett who donated the use of the facility," Harrell said. "It worked out really well; it was an open-air pavilion." "The open-air pavilion allowed for an outside venue where participants could maintain their social distance while participating in the tournament, Harrell explained that the Manteo Rotary Club decided not to have their normal dinner and awards banquet, but rather hold the presentation of awards right after weigh-in. Participation was another big concern of the

club. Harrell said they "didn't know what to expect" at first. But as it turns out, the club at their highest numbers in pre-registration this year. "We have more pre-registration this year than we have had in the past six or seven years," Morgan mentioned. "We are pretty excited," Harrell had said prior to the tournament. "In spite of COVID, this may be our greatest tournament we've had in years. It looks like people are really stepping up to participate." "This year, the club wanted to dedicate their tournament to a very special angler, one who had passed away on July 23 of this year at age 18. Jefferson "Sonny" Lee Albarty V. Albarty left a lasting

impression on those he met. "He was an inspiration to anyone who met him," Harrell said. "Sonny was a regular participant and winner in our tournament," added Morgan. "He would fish hard and hunt hard, and always had a smile on his face," said Harrell. To honor Albarty, Harrell said the proceeds from this year's tournament will go towards a scholarship awarded each year to a student with a passion for the outdoors, pursuing a degree in wildlife management, marine science or another career path similar in nature. As for the tournament itself, Grand Slam winner Hunter Brown reeled in 13.6 pounds worth of striped, trout and red drum, taking home the \$2500 and the

tournament trophy. Largest fish winners in the adult category included Hunter Brown, Mikey Sabanie, John Woolard and Chip Phillips, who brought in the largest trout, red drum, bluefish and striper, respectively. For the adults, the prize for those who caught the largest fish in their category was \$500. In the youth category, Hannah Hogan, Owen Stephens and Crew Basnight pulled through for the win. Hogan caught the largest trout at 4.79 pounds, and Basnight reeled in a 4.09-pound striper. Stephens caught both the largest red drum and bluefish, weighing in at 5.68 pounds and 4.10 pounds, respectively. Meredith Stephens was crowned Lady Angler of

the tournament, catching 4.95 pounds worth of fish over the weekend. Harrell reported after the tournament that 14 Grand Slams weighed in, which was by far the "most ever, both adults and youth." In addition, many donations to the Sonny Albarty Scholarship were

made. "Some anglers even donating their winnings back to be added to the fund," said Harrell. Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund can send donations to the Manteo Rotary Club, PO Box 4621 Manteo, NC 27954 with "Sonny Albarty Scholarship" in the subject line.

COVID-19 update shows trends 'moving in the wrong direction'

"This has been a long and challenging year," said Mandy Cohen, secretary of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. "We have the ability to slow the spread." Cohen was speaking at an afternoon news conference on Oct. 13, 2020. "Our trends are moving in the wrong direction," intoned Cohen. Case numbers are increasing as are hospitalizations. On Tuesday, Oct. 13, North Carolina's cumulative case total is 234,484, a 1,734 increase from Monday's total. Hospitalizations are 1,102, a decrease of seven from Monday, but the seven-day rolling average shows an uptick. On Oct. 6, the number of people hospitalized jumped up to 1,023. In one week, the number increased by 99 patients. Lynn Minges, president and CEO of the NC Restaurant & Lodging Association, who joined Cohen at the news conference, said "we can't afford to go backward." She said over 190,000 hospitality workers are sidelined because of the coronavirus. The association set up a program, now nationally recognized, titled "Count on Me NC." Participating employers and owners of restaurants and hospitality locations are following guidelines and restrictions and have taken additional training and implemented new procedures in light of COVID-19. "We can find that balance between protecting public health and igniting our economy," said Cohen. Her message says the same, practice the three

We wear face covering, wait six feet apart and wash hands. Jurisdictions in the region are reporting case increases. Dare County On Oct. 13, Dare County had a cumulative positive case total of 599, of which 327 are county residents. The total cases increased by 1 since Sunday, Oct. 11. Active positive cases total 19, with one person in a hospital and 18 in home isolation. Dare County's Health Department reports that Peak Resources, nursing home in Nags Head, has had a total of five cases associated with the current outbreak. Four of those cases were reported on Sept. 17 and an additional case, tested on Sept. 22, was reported on Sept. 24. If no additional cases occur, Peak Resources in Nags Head will no longer be considered in outbreak status as of Oct. 20, 2020 reports the state. Incurable case numbers were posted for Nags Head Peak Resources. The state was

expected to correct the inaccurate numbers by Oct. 13. A testing clinic will be held Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2020, at Cape Hatteras Elementary School located at 47500 Middle Ridge Rd., Huxton. To schedule an appointment for the Oct. 20 testing event, call 252-475-5008. The call center is open Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hyde County As of Oct. 13, 2020, Hyde County reported a total COVID-19 case count of 190. Of this total, four are now active cases, 141 have recovered, and five people have died. The county is reporting an outbreak in the County Correctional Institute. As of Oct. 13, 466 people were tested at the facility. Of that total, 22 prisoners tested positive with the virus. Currently, 17 of those cases are active. Tyrrell County On Oct. 8, the Martin-Tyrrell-Washington District Health reported Tyrrell with 119 lab-confirmed cases with 115

recovered. Three deaths have been recorded in See COVID, 6A

Mount Zion United Methodist Church Patrick Sinclair, Pastor 16932 Hwy. 64, P.O. Box 95 East Lake, N.C. 27953 All Are Welcome!

Dear Friends, Another year has passed and it's time to celebrate Mount Zion's 6th Homecoming on October 18, 2020. Morning worship will begin at 11:00 AM with Pastor Patrick Sinclair. Wearing a mask and social distancing will be required.

Lunch will be entered and served on the grounds after the service. Special music will be provided by The Captains Crew and Rocky Creek.

Plan to come and help make this a blessed day! With thank yous to our friends of East Lake United Methodist Church

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 588

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standards and Rate Parameters N.C. U.C. # 62-133-R and Commission Rule R8-67 PUBLIC NOTICE

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Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

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VOTE (Nov. 3rd) for a respected community leader! Robert L. "Bob" Woodard, Sr. for Dare County Commissioner! Our citizens are the true backbone of what makes our County strong! With your vote I will continue to serve the people of Dare County as your advocate for: FISH HARVEST COUNTY SERVICES, RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, PROTECTING OUR FISHERY INDUSTRY, PROACTIVE ZONING FOR HUNTERS & OREGON INLETS, HIGH EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS, REGIONAL FUNDING FOR OUR COUNTY SCHOOLS, PROACTIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INVESTMENT, EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE, SAFEGUARDING OUR TOURISM ECONOMY WITH BEACH NOURISHMENT, PROMOTE COUNTY TOURISM & CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT, ACCESSIBILITY

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Commissioners approve bids

STAFF REPORT

Chowan County Commissioners recently approved several bids for repair work at their buildings.

The board met Monday, Oct. 6, at the Public Safety Building, in Eden.

One of the approved bids included a budget amendment. Perry Fiberglass will replace the salt tank at the Yallahia Water Treatment Plant in Rock Hook.

The board also approved a bid of \$1,353,301.03 by the Whitehurst Steel Company

for paving the parking lot extension at the College of the Advocate - Education-Chowan Campus.

The board also awarded bids for roof replacement and HVAC repair at the Chowan County Agriculture Building, in Eden.

They were awarded to Central Heating and Air Conditioning for \$54,400 and Owens Roofing for \$248,931. A contingency of 10% was added, making it a total of \$378,241.

In other matters, the commissioners rescheduled a public hearing on

a proposed text amendment to the Chowan County Zoning Ordinance in Nov. 2.

The amendment will be on "Requirements for Wireless Telecommunications Sites, New Wireless Support Structures or Substantial Modification of Wireless Support Services."

The hearing was tabled on Sept. 21 to allow staff the opportunity to revise the presentation of the text to highlight current text and proposed amendments.

The board also approved allowing County Manager Kevin Brown to review and award grants to qualifying applicants to the GARESS Act Relief Fund.

Also during the meeting, the board approved reappointing Gaillette Piretti and Marie Perry to the Shepard-Priddy Memorial Library Board of Trustees.

In other matters, the board received an annual report from Connie Parker, director of the Chowan County Senior Center.

Federal agency to monitor wells at D.F. Walker

STAFF REPORTS

North Carolina Division of Water Resources will monitor wells at the D.F. Walker Elementary School to collect data for water supply planning and other purposes.

The Education-Chowan Schools Board of Education approved a memorandum of understanding with the state agency during its October 6 meeting.

According to the memorandum, the division will

place ground-water monitoring wells on the campus and collect data to inform water supply planning and many other purposes. Data from the wells will become part of the United States Geological Survey National Ground-Water Monitoring Network.

In other matters, the board considered two employee assistance programs and the services that would be provided to staff and teachers.

The Board also approved a 2020-21 local budget resolution.

5,000 voters in region already cast ballots in District 1

BY PAUL NICHOLSON For the Chowan Herald

Been with us since one stop voting for the Nov. election set to begin on Thursday, the number of votes in the region deciding to avoid the polling booth and instead mail in their ballot continues to grow.

One-stop early voting starts today (Thursday) and ends Oct. 31 at the old D.F. Walker School gymnasium, on North Oakum Street and the North-Chowan Rec Center, in Eden. More details scheduled to see Chowan County Board of

Elections website at <https://www.chowancounty-nc.gov/index.asp?SID=C697B-6406636-6-640-697A-0311-433DA2768EA067D>.

Worth noting, voters will not be required to show photo ID for elections held in 2020. Federal and state courts have temporarily blocked North Carolina's voter photo ID requirement from taking effect until further order of the courts.

So far more than 5,000 voters in the 11 counties that make up N.C. State Senate District 1 have already cast a

ballot for the general election. The 11 counties in the district - Perquimans, Currituck, Chowan, Camden, Pamlico, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington — saw a 24-percent overall increase in absentee ballot requests in the last two weeks. As of Oct. 8, 15,194 requests have been received in the 11 counties and 5,380 voters have already cast a ballot.

Statewide, 483,100 voters, or 6 percent of all registered voters, have already cast a ballot in the Nov. 3 election. Nine

percent of registered Democrats (228,740) in the state have already voted compared to 8.55 percent of registered Republicans (77,422). Almost six percent of voters who are unaffiliated (136,633) have cast a ballot.

At this point in 2016, only 36,000 voters had already voted absentee.

Steinburg faces Dare Democrat Tress Judge for the 1st Senate District in the Nov. 3 general election.

Also, NC House Representative Ed Grovum, R-Chowan, is running for re-election against Emily

Bunch Nicholson, D-Chowan. For more about that, see page A4.

Local Chowan news of note, albeit unexciting:

Chowan County Board of Commissioners at-large: Christ Evans, Republican.

Chowan County Board of Commissioners District 1, Seat 1: Ron Cummings, Republican.

Chowan County Board of Commissioners, District 2, Seat 1: Alexander Kehryns, Republican.

Chowan County Board of Commissioners, District 3, Seat 1: Troy Taylor, Democrat.

Chowan County Registrar of Deeds: Lynn C. Gillard, Democrat.

Education-Chowan School Board of Education, District 1, Seat 1: Gene Jordan.

Education-Chowan School Board of Education District 2, Seat 1: Paul Gillon.

Education-Chowan School Board of Education District 3, seat 2: Jean Hogstad White.

Chowan Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor: Gary Yates Parish IV.

Paul Nichols is a staff writer for the Daily Advance.

TOBIAS

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penology system is that there was always an "it" — an "identified patient," who without exception had become a Christian scapegoat. The scapegoat ("la zoccol") in Hebrew, from Leviticus 16:21-22, was a goat sent into the desert to carry away the sins of the ancient Israelite community.

How many scapegoats I've seen, brought in to my child psychiatric unit. How many youths I met in the 31st District Behavioral Boarding units of Edenton, self-combustion. Children warbling in the psychic wilderness, who should have been too young to have known such despair.

There was always a mir-

ginalized, unattractive member elected to be positioned as the lightning rod for the system's overabundance of anger and anxiety. The wife or the child (or a marginalized group) was conventionally repressitized (as "just a diagnosis") and made to serve as a functional object, no longer a real person in a family.

The sacred thing was to be a prophet, from the outside world, descending into these little psychic wells. The captives imprisoned there were rarely glad of the light, and they usually fought hard against liberation. They had grown so accustomed to the abusive system that they thought this was just reality ("it is what it is"). Any suggestion of light and peace and reason was dismissed as

sheer fantasy.

More times than not, it was much like dealing with a drowning swimmer who fights against the lifeguard trying to save him.

But once in a while, the scapegoat was brought in from the cold, from the desert outside the wall.

I will always remember the heroic families who spared an expense of time and treasure, effort and spirit, to combat the suffering loved ones. Repeated hospitalizations, long long therapeutic treasuries sometimes brought families to exhaustion, bankruptcy, and even despair, even loss of faith. I remember how I pray for them to this day. Prayers are they, because they remain.

I am not speaking of these families. "Mercy" and "co-dependency" are not the same.

Not am I speaking of only co-dependent families. I've seen the same patterns of interpersonal dysfunctionality in offices, businesses, clubs and organizations... even nations.

This is all what psychotherapists call "family systems theory," and it seems to work very well in not only family dynamics, but politics in general. One of the "fathers" of systems theory, Salvador Minuchin, said it best: "I describe family values as responsibility toward illness, increase of tolerance, compassion, support, flexibility. And essentially the things

I call the silent song of life — the continuous process of mutual accommodation without which life is impossible. Continuity is the essence of change."

That quote is not only a deeply intuitive perspective about family dynamics, it is also a powerfully apt outlook on national politics. Especially these days.

The "Silent Song of Life," the mutual exchange of gifts, the practice of patience, the willingness to grow and forgive many times, to see people shut their ears to the song and slam shut their dysfunctional doors.

But there were other times when a new song was sung. Truths what I wanted for, and could never get enough of.

At every crisis there was the possibility that the system could change. There was a "crisis of possibility" where hope glimmered, love was revealed, and the horizon of personhood was extended to liberation.

It was always worth it.

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EDITORIAL

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You can see most of McNaughton's work on his web site. Still, the title of one, "Channanation," will give you a good idea of where his mind is politically. The comparison to Thomas Kincaid is misleading. Kincaid set the bar low, but McNaughton's

technical skill doesn't measure up even to that.

Look closely at the rendering of Trump's hands in "Legacy of Hope." McNaughton's work can best be described as political diatribe on steroids, and is little more than extreme right-wing propaganda.

I am certain that many Americans are praying for Trump, indeed, but praying for him to just leave. Please.

Just Leave.

Much as I myself would like to see Trump out of the White House, I'd like it to be in handcuffs (or a straitjacket), or via a resounding defeat in November, but not as a faint victim of COVID.

Vote. We can make it happen.

Rod Phillips is a resident of Edenton.

COVID-19

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populations.

His ravine marks an effort to gather the data from individuals who are first-degree witnesses to deaths were clearly, as a result of non-COVID risks, having been balanced on COVID?

I have heard multiple anecdotes specifically referencing automobile deaths, people already dying from cancer and other diseases being documented as COVID deaths.

I think a group in Facebook asking for first-degree anecdotes, mentioning the hospital, county and death certificates would be a very

effective way to document increased cancers, or less, on the behalf of our health and state administrative personnel.

If no folks put up their anecdotes (well, if we could meet Facebook for exposure to our friends and family), we would know that the death numbers have not been inflated.

From the high number of anecdotes that I alone can familiar with, I would estimate an inflation of multiples... perhaps as high as 10x. Deaths attributed to COVID when COVID was only a minor or perhaps a non-factor in the risk of death. As you may have seen, the CDC also referenced a number of 196 for people dying of COVID

only.

Another very specific approach that would be easy to manage is to survey the death books of perhaps just 10-20 counties to complete an estimate of the real risk from COVID.

I would need some help, but if someone could help me connect with the right resources, I would be happy to try and coordinate a data gathering effort. This would be a true journalistic effort, but we have the time to get it done.

Funny that the local yelping and gushing of teeth is so dramatic.

Julien Abancenci is a resident of Edenton.

HOUSE

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Nicholson received the Kay Yow Spirit of Community Award in 2016 and the Walter Doney Workforce Development Excellence Award in 2018.

While Nicholson identifies as a Democrat, her politics suggest she is an independent thinker who can work well with both political parties while serving as a voice for northeast NC.

She said the legislature could have built a stronger

unemployment system rather than "one of the worst in the nation in terms of the maximum weekly amount and the range of eligible workers" benefits best.

Nicholson said the state's unemployment system was "shipped to hazy homes" by the legislature in 2013 and "our workforces fell that impact when the pandemic forced many layoffs in our state this spring and summer."

Nicholson supports expanding Medicaid in North Carolina.

"We need affordable,

available health care because everyone should be able to see a doctor when they're sick," she said. "Expanding Medicaid would give over half a million more North Carolinians access to health insurance and the care they need, including working parents, veterans, children, and those with pre-existing conditions who fall through the cracks."

So there you have it — Grovum and Nicholson are good people — now go out and vote for the candidate you feel will serve the people before the party.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA | UTILITIES COMMISSION | RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 588

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, Aps4 Dominion Energy North Carolina for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Costs and Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule 18-67

PUBLIC NOTICE

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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

John R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

JUNEVE

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Clayton said the current owner acquired her a few years back and brought her south. Clayton said he saw pictures of the boat ap-

sized at Coajock, and was informed that the boat was hauled onto a face dock and righted.

Most folks have heard stories about how the Coast Guard rescued the boat and it was towed to the current owner towed her off down the ICW and up the Albemarle in Edenton Marina. Sometime in the night, shortly before Florence hit, Juneve sank to the bottom and laid over its starboard.

Awards that are front and center are:

■ 2020 "John A. Mitchem, Jr." Business Person of the Year Award

■ 2020 "William J. 'Spec' Jones" Volunteer of the Year Award

■ 2020 "Marvin S. Barham" Humanitarian of the Year Award

■ 2020 "Chowan Education Officials" Organization of the Year Award

■ 2020 "Edenton-Chowan Chamber" Small Business of the Year Award

Wards will be presented at the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet will be held at the American Legion Building in early 2021. Tickets will be available the first week of January 2021.

"These awards are designed to recognize outstanding contributions of our citizens, businesses, and organizations each year," Dab

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During the past year, Edenton-Town Hall Inc. has been exploring its options and researching laws that define what abandoned means with regard to these mystery wrecks that afflict places from the Washington to New Bern.

Information may also be emailed to: wj@edentown.gov. The deadline for all nominations is Friday, December 18, 2020.

You may submit photographs in person to the Edenton-Chowan Chamber at 101 W. Water Street, or by mail to P.O. Box 245 Edenton, NC 27832.

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CHAMBER

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In other matters, the chamber is accepting nominations for the awards for 2020.

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\$15M

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Sasser and Wood did not know the reason for his visit.

The announcement was made in the school gymnasium, where the basketball facility was spread out across the classroom for social distancing. Johnson addressed the audience from behind a podium at the opposite side of the gym.

"I think I have probably kept the administration on the edge of their seats for a number of days now," Johnson

said, before turning to Wood. "Principal Wood, how old is this school?"

Wood replied that Holmes is 70 years old. "There's a lot of history in this school," Johnson said. "But the bones of this school, this community, deserve something state of the art, something new."

Johnson, reaching for the check inside his suit jacket pocket, then called Sasser and Wood to the podium.

"I am very excited to be able to present to you all \$16 million," he said, pausing while the audience cheered

and applauded. "To build your brand new high school."

Sasser and Wood pumped their fists as they approached Johnson.

"It is truly just an honor and a privilege I have as state superintendent to do this for you, but I am so thrilled that you will be the ones who get to enjoy this, hopefully as soon as just four years from now," Johnson said.

Sasser, after accepting the check, thanked Johnson and looked to the family.

"This is yours. This is our John A. Holmes," Sasser said. "To have this opportunity

right here, right now to design something that will certainly impact generations to come."

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TRICK-OR-TREAT

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How to have fun and remain safe — that's the challenge that Halloween presents to all of us.

To help with protecting our residents in these challenging times, we strongly encourage parents to consider alternative ways to celebrate Halloween other than the traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating," she said.

Some of these might include the following:

1. Carving or decorating pumpkins with members of your household and displaying them.
2. Carving or decorating pumpkins outside, at a safe distance (more than 6 feet apart) with neighbors and friends.
3. Carving pumpkins and delivering them to special neighbors or shut-in members of your church.
4. Decorating your house, apartment or living space with Halloween-themed items much like Christmas decorations.

wrapped bags for children to receive individually practicing social distancing.

4. Try not to hand treats to children or have them taken from a parent's hand. Consider placing bags on a tray for individual pick-up.

Knighton said some of you may think that the Mayor and Town Council are being over the top, but they are not.

"Your safety is our primary concern. There is no greater joy than the sounds of excited children having fun with parents and friends," she

said. "We want everyone to stay healthy and safe."

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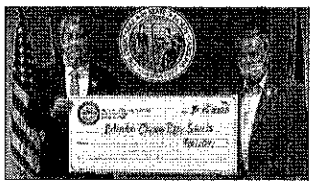
The allocations were based on each district's or schools average daily enrollment.

"This money is a significant appropriation for our schools and the students," Goodwin said. "Essential for nutrition, technology and transportation. This funding will be a significant impact for all of us. I am very grateful to have been a part of this. It's \$200,000 that you didn't have before that is being spread out among you — I think it's fantastic."

Byrrell County Schools Superintendent Oliver Hardy also discussed his district's challenges providing students with internet access.

"Once you get right outside — not even half a mile out-

sider Columbus — cell phone service is horrible," he said. "One of the things we have been fighting is looking at WiFi hotspots. The state, by the way, did a wonderful job of providing hotspots and computers have stepped up, but WiFi hotspots run an cellular service. Where religious services are not going to work, we're actually looking at being able to look at satellite options as well. That is one of the things we've definitely been talking about as well for a long time — how can we expand broadband into



State Rep. Ed Goodwin, R-Chowan, (left) presents Edenton-Chowan County Schools Superintendent Michael Sasser a check for CARES Act funding in Edenton, Oct. 15.

MURPHY

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said. "We've seen a lot of metropolitan areas in predominantly Democratic cities that have been burned, and voters have produced an environment that is not safe. People just want to have a safe existence."

He said he supports working toward racial unity.

"We need to have a sense of equality and a sense of understanding," he said. "We don't need people attacking someone on either side because of their race. We need greater understanding. We need to see the world as Americans, rather than a particular race, or particular creed or color."

Publicly comments came before a Twitter post made during the Oct. 7 vice presidential debate that critics said was racially insensitive. He invoked US Sen. Kamala Harris was chosen as the vice-presidential nominee only "for her color and her race."

The congressman said during his September interview that he had led as a House member, a physician and "as a person" to reach across racial barriers.

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DOCKET NO. B-22, SUB 588

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION In the Matter of Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Costs and Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule B-67

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS) cost recovery application and compliance report filed by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC), in the above-captioned docket. The public hearing is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. B-22, Sub 596, which is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.net. Members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff via email at DENCPublicHearings@ncuc.net or by calling 866-390-5816. When registering, provide your name, docket number (B-22, Sub 588), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

This proceeding is being held pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule B-67 to consider DENC's application for approval of REPS cost recovery and compliance with the REPS requirements during the 2019 calendar year. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(f).

On August 11, 2020, DENC filed direct testimony and exhibits in support of its application for REPS cost recovery and 2019 REPS compliance report. By its application, DENC proposes to implement the following total REPS rates, including regulatory fee, effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2021: a \$9.14 charge per month for residential customers; a \$2.82 charge per month for commercial customers; and a \$5.35 charge per month for industrial customers.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

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

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION. This the 14th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
 Joan R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

HEALTH/DIVERSIONS

3 win medicine Nobel for discovering hepatitis C virus

Alter, Rice, Houghton share prize for helping find cure

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE, MARIA CHENG AND DAVID KEYTON
The Associated Press

STOCKHOLM — Three scientists won the Nobel Prize in medicine Monday for discovering the liver-eating hepatitis C virus, a breakthrough that led to cures for the deadly disease and less to keep the scourge out of the blood supply.

Americans Harvey J. Alter and Charles M. Rice and British-born scientist Michael Houghton were honored for their work over several decades on an illness that still plagues more than 70 million worldwide and kills over 400,000 each year.

"For the first time in history, the disease can now be cured, raising hopes of eradicating hepatitis C virus from the world," the Nobel Committee said in announcing the prize in Stockholm.

The challenge now is to make these still-expensive drugs more widely available and to stem the spread of the disease among drug users, whose sharing of needles has led to spikes in cases.

"What we need is the political will to eradicate

it" and to make the drugs affordable enough to do it, Alter said.

Scientists had long known of the hepatitis A and B viruses, spread largely through contaminated food or water and blood, respectively, but were "failing in the wilderness" to try to explain many of her cases of liver disease until the blood-borne hepatitis C virus was identified in 1989, said Dr. Raymond Chung, liver disease chief at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Now, it's the only chronic viral infection that can be cured in almost all cases within a few months, using one of roughly half a dozen drugs, Chung said. Without such treatment, the virus can lead to permanent scarring of the liver, liver cancer or the need for a transplant.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Rice said he is most proud that the groups' work quickly led to a test to screen donors and make the blood supply safer.

"We take it for granted that if you get a transfusion, you're not going to get sick from that transfusion. That was not the case before but is certainly the case now," Rice said.

Dr. Jesse Goodman, a former blood safety expert at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration now at Georgetown University, said that before testing was available,



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This combination of photos shows, from left, Harvey J. Alter, Charles M. Rice, and Michael Houghton who jointly won the Nobel Prize for medicine for their discovery of the hepatitis C virus.

about 1 in 10 blood transfusions carried the risk of passing the virus.

"Now it's 1 in a million," Goodman said.

Rice, 68, worked on hepatitis at Washington University in St. Louis and now is at Rockefeller University in New York. Alter, 85, worked for decades at the U.S. National Institutes of Health and remains active there. Houghton, 53, was born in Britain and worked on hepatitis at the Chiron Corp. in California before moving to the University of Alberta in Canada.

Alter first discovered that blood from patients who did not have hepatitis B could still cause liver inflammation and disease, but for years the cause was unknown. A breakthrough came in 1989, when Houghton and others at Chiron

cloned the virus, making its genetic identity known and allowing further research on it, said Nobel Committee member Emilia Kravstov-Lindeman.

Later, Rice developed lab tools and methods that confirmed the hepatitis C virus could cause liver disease in chimpanzees and humans, directly corroborating knowledge that led to tests and treatments.

"We have not seen any more cases since 1997" of hepatitis from a transfusion,

Alter said. "Currently we can cure virtually anybody who's identified. With that, it's possible to maybe even eradicate this disease over the next decade," as the World Health Organization hopes to do.

Nobel Committee member Patrik Banfors drew a parallel between this year's prize and the rush by millions of scientists around the world to find a vaccine to combat the coronavirus pandemic.

"The first thing you need to do is to identify the causing virus," he said. "And once that has been done, that is, in itself, the starting point for development of drugs to treat the disease and also to develop vaccines against the disease."

Alter and Rice are now working on coronavirus research, while Houghton is trying to develop a hepatitis C vaccine. Houghton said manufacturing delays have been a problem but he expects clinical trials to begin

next year in many countries, including the U.S., Germany and Italy.

"To control an epidemic, you need to have a vaccine," Houghton said. For "diseases like gonorrhea, syphilis, chlamydia, we've had cheap drugs available for decades, and yet we still have big epidemics of those diseases."

John McLauchlan, a professor of viral hepatitis at the University of Glasgow, said the three laureates' discovery has made the global elimination of the disease possible — "the first time we might possibly control a viral infection using only drugs."

Hepatitis C drugs were around \$40,000 when they first came out less than a decade ago. They have come down to roughly a quarter of that but are still out of reach for much of the world.

India, Eastern Europe, Egypt and parts of Asia, including Mongolia, remain the areas hardest hit.

Friendship ends after 30 years

Dear Abby: I need help moving past the end of a long-time friendship. I don't know what happened. My friend, my former college roommate, just drifted away.

After school we continued to be friends — not besties, but we would meet for coffee or dinner a few times a year. Post-forward 26 years. She called me the day she left her husband, 10 years ago, to tell me the news. I was her emotional lifeline for a few days, and it was intense. We continued to be in touch a few times a year.

Then, a few years ago, I sent a message suggesting we meet soon. She replied that she was busy but would get back to me about a date, but she never did. I waited six months and again suggested we meet. She replied that she had a conflict but that would work. She didn't do it. I didn't reach out again and haven't heard from her since. It has been three years, and I know through other sources she is doing well.

I'm having difficulty dealing with being dropped after a 30-year friendship. I can't think of anything I did to cause it, and I don't understand how a friendship like that can just be kaput. What do you think? — Disappointed in Washington

Dear Disappointed: I find it interesting that when this woman was in turmoil, she reached out to you. However, after her marriage and the emotional dust-up that surrounded it, I suspect she may have decided to close that chapter of her life.

You stated that the two of you didn't stay in contact other than "a few times a year." Think back. Did she contact you only when she needed emotional support? If that's the case, recognizing the relationship for what it was. Now that she is doing well, she may be firmly focused on the present rather than the past, and frankly, although it may sting, I think you should do the same.

Dear Abby: Have a family friend who at one time I considered to be like

a sister. The issue is, my fiancée has been her family every Thanksgiving. They are never involved.

They just say they are coming over. They bring drinks, more for themselves than for us. Their kids run around, break things and behave disrespectfully, while the parents screen to regard the behavior as amusing. They also bring along Tupperware for leftovers but don't bother staying around to help clean up.

When my family told them we weren't cooking for Thanksgiving last year, her response was that they'd do something just for their immediate family. I was shocked, because my

family has hosted them for more than 15 years. I have kept my distance since, but I'm still upset about it. How do I bring up the subject without anyone getting their feelings hurt? — Returning the Favor

Dear Returning the Favor: Why are you worried about bringing the feelings of these self-centered people? They haven't shown they are concerned about your family's feelings. Be glad to be rid of them. If the subject comes up, tell her that your family has again made "other plans" for Thanksgiving — just YOUR immediate family.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as *Jeanne Phillips*, and was furnished by her writing, *Phyllis Phillips*. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 588

REOPEN THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

To the Matter of)
Virginia Electric and Power)
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North) PUBLIC NOTICE
Carolina for Approval of Renewable Energy)
and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost)
Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and)
Commission Rule R-67)

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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

DIVERSIONS

Man mulls adopting his stepdaughter

Dear Abby I am thinking about asking my stepdaughter Gwen (27 years old with a husband and three kids) if she would like me to adopt her. I married her mother when Gwen was 2. We divorced when she was 8 or 9, so we were out of contact for about 25 years. Gwen, really dislikes her father. Her mother and I have patched things up, so much so that we've been on a couple of vacations together. Gwen has been along on both.

I have a special bond that goes back to the first time I met her. She was a terror, and her mother, grandmother and the rest of the family had basically given up on her. But we clicked. I was patient with her, and we became close. When we were together a few weeks ago on vacation, she asked if I wanted to come to Colorado, which is halfway across the country from where I live, for her daughter's birthday party. I'm going.

I love her dearly and always have. I missed her terribly during the years her mother and I barely communicated. I was able to see my kids, but not her. Now I feel that closeness again, and I want to officially adopt her as I should have back when she was 2. What do you think, Abby? — Loving Her in Louisiana

Dear Loving Her: Do not make such an important decision on impulse. Be prudent and let this renewed relationship with your ex and her daughter play out a while longer before making any decisions. Then, if you still feel the same, talk to

your ex about what you have in mind. If she reacts positively, discuss it with Gwen. But I urge you to use caution because your ex may consider herself and her daughter to be a package deal and expect you to "adopt" her, too. It goes without saying that this should be discussed with your lawyer because the fact that Gwen still has a father may complicate matters.

Dear Abby: The sisters in my family are very close. They live independently and alone in different cities. After we retire, three of the four of us plan to live together in a new location. Our dilemma: The fourth sister marches to a different drummer.

Our lifestyles are very different — completely opposite, in fact. We love her and enjoy being with her at family gatherings and doing things together. Yet we feel strongly that because she has little initiative and a "dependent" personality, she shouldn't live with us, so we haven't included her in our plans.

We know the news will upset her, and we don't want to cause hurt feelings, but we feel strongly about this. We have tried to figure out how we could make it work, but always end up knowing it won't. The only option we can think of would be that she could move to wherever we are and find a place of her own.

but we're not sure she has the time to make it happen. Can you help us figure out the most compassionate way to share the news with her? — Forward Thinking

Dear Forward Thinking: The most compassionate way to venture into this minefield would be to ask your sister what her plans are once she retires. If she says she plans to live with you, she shouldn't be told it won't happen and why, so she can make other arrangements for herself. While the conversation may not be pleasant, it is necessary, and it should take place sooner rather than later.

Dear Abby I am 25 and live with my parents. My 28-year-old sister lives in a condo about 10 minutes away. She just graduated from school and moved back here, which means she doesn't have many friends in the city.

For the last five months, she has been coming over for dinner like clockwork every day and every weekend. I'm still finding ways to be secretive about quarantine, but my sister doesn't seem able to find other means to meet people. Seeing this much of her is, well, too much.

She demands attention, practically forces us to entertain her and gets upset when the dinner my parents are cooking doesn't meet her specifications. At her

age, spending this much time with your parents seems, quite frankly, unhealthy. I'm scared to bring it up because she's hypersensitive. How do I avoid another several months of lockdown with a person who doesn't even live with me? — Overwhelmed in Oregon

Dear Overwhelmed: This isn't a subject you should address with your sister, but is something to discuss privately with your parents. Whether to draw the line and encourage your sister to become less dependent is something they might want to consider.

When her company becomes more than you can handle, excuse yourself, go to your room and avoid yourself of your other ways to be social by firing up your computer and visiting with friends. It would also be a kindness for you to suggest ways she, too, can network with people in her field or who have some common interests.

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- Support families and communities through technical support and other public services.
- Provide the most vulnerable and high-risk populations.
- Assist small businesses with economic recovery.

Funding priorities for eligible activities include:

- Public Services: Food distribution and employment training for health care workers or the individuals that are not currently being met by other funding sources will be prioritized.
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STATE NEWS

Cooper moves state to Phase 3

Safety precautions set for large outdoor and some indoor venues

RALEIGH - North Carolina will ease cautiously some restrictions while continuing safety measures to combat the spread of COVID-19 as the state's metrics remained stable in September, Governor Roy Cooper announced.

As the metrics and capacity remain stable, the state will ease some restrictions starting Friday. Executive Order 168 begins Oct. 2 at 5 p.m. and continues for three weeks through Oct. 23. Its new provisions include:

Large outdoor venues with seating greater than 10,000 may operate with 7% occupancy for spectators; Smaller outdoor entertainment venues, like arenas or amphitheatres, may operate outdoors at 30% of outdoor capacity, or 100 guests, whichever is less;

Movie theaters and conference centers may open indoor spaces to 30% of capacity, or 100 guests, whichever is less;

Bars may operate outdoors at 30% of outdoor capacity, or 100 guests, whichever is less; and Amusement parks may open at 30% occupancy, outdoor attractions only.

The limits on mass gatherings will remain at 25 people indoors and 50 people outdoors.

The 11 p.m. curfew on alcohol sales for in-person consumption in locations such as restaurants and outdoor bars will be extended to Oct. 23.

Face coverings remain mandatory. North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Mandy K. Cohen reviewed the state's key metrics and released the

most recent findings: The syndromic surveillance trend for COVID-like illness has a slight increase.

The trajectory of lab-confirmed cases is level. The trajectory in percent of tests returning positive is level.

The trajectory of hospitalizations is level.

In addition to those metrics, the state continues building capacity to adequately respond to an increase in virus spread in testing, tracing and prevention.

No-cost testing events are being deployed across the state and testing turnaround times are improving.

New contact tracers are bolstering the efforts of local health departments. A new NCDHHS app, SlowCOVIDNC, is notifying users of exposure to the virus.

Personal protective

equipment (PPE) supplies are stable.

State and public health officials will con-

tinue watching the key COVID-19 trends over the next several weeks to determine if any fur-

ther restrictions can be eased when the current Executive Order expires Oct. 23.

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 588

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In the Matter of:
Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Rider Pursuant to N.C.A.S. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R-16-07

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Nursing home visitation restrictions ease

RALEIGH — As North Carolina's key metrics continue to remain stable and strong infection prevention and control requirements remain in place, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has issued a Secretarial Order updating visitation guidelines for nursing homes to allow indoor visitation.

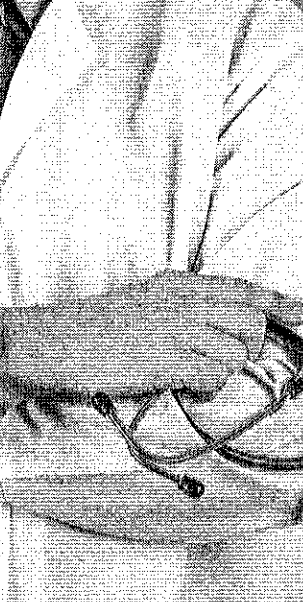
Indoor visitation will only be permitted in nursing homes with no COVID-19 cases in the last 14 days and in counties with a percent positive testing rate of less than 10%, reflecting guidance from the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

The updated order reflects the state's dimmer switch approach to responsibly ease restrictions, while maintaining strong prevention measures. North Carolina continues to build on the early and ag-

gressive actions it took to protect nursing home residents and staff. In addition to restricting visitation at the start of the pandemic, the state has provided personal protective equipment, helped fill staffing shortages, provided infection prevention and control training, support teams and targeted funding; mandated testing; and completed on-site infection control inspections of North Carolina's more than 400 nursing homes.

Local community transmission levels are the key factor for nursing home outbreaks, emphasizing the importance of community-wide adoption of proven prevention practices (the 3 Ws). Facilities allowing in-person visitation will be required to follow strict infection prevention guidelines.

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OBITUARIES

DEBORAH J. HOWARD

"Lord, when Thou seest that my work is done, let me not linger on, with fainting powers, adous the weary hours, worthless worker in a world of work. But with a word, just bid me home, and I will come, right gladly, yea, right gladly with I come."

MURFREESBORO, NC - Deborah Jean Howard was the first child born to Bernice Rosenthal and James Whelby Howard on August 30, 1961 in Hertford County, NC.

At an early age, she joined Nebo Baptist Church in Murfreesboro, NC. She enjoyed working in the church and in the community.

After graduating from Northampton County High School in Conway, NC, she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from North Carolina Agricultural & Technical University in Greensboro, NC, and a Master's in Family Relations and Human Development from Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

In August 1979, Deborah began her career as an Assistant Home Economics Agent for Hertford County Cooperative Extension Services. There, she found a tremendous passion for public service.

She was recognized by Hertford County Commissioners for her expertise and devotion, which extended throughout Hertford County, the state, and beyond.

In 1997, Deborah was

named North Carolina's Outstanding Young Woman of the Year. In 1988, she was promoted to Director of the Hertford County Cooperative Extension Services and continued in that role until 2020. During her career she served on many boards and councils throughout eastern North Carolina.

All her life, she was a faithful member of Nebo Baptist Church, where she sang in the choir and taught the kindergarten class. Because education was extremely important to her, she supported the education programs of the church. At Nebo, she also supported the Merry Helpers Club.

She delighted in traveling for her job and visiting her family. She absolutely loved her family! She also enjoyed her bi-weekly trips to Just Hair Salon, where Connie Boyce styled her hair, and where the women in the shop diplomatically solved the world's problems.

On October 8, 2020, Deborah's work was done; her song was sung. Without ado, she flew away to where she belongs. She transitioned into eternity at Vidant Medical Center in Greenville, NC, where she has joined her beloved parents James and Bernice.

Those who will celebrate her memory are James Dwight (Yvonne), Carson "Stan" Meyer (Jackie), Sheila, and Regina; aunt, Clarice Hawkins (William); five nieces and nephews, four great-nephews and one great-niece; her extended family: Vernon Kea, Evelyn Kea, and Dominick, LaDora and Levernon Kea; and many cousins, and friends.

Visitation will be held from 3-7 pm. on Wednesday, October 14 at Reynolds Funeral Home in Ahoskie, who is handling the arrangements.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, October 15, beginning with visitation at 11 am followed by the service at 12 noon, at Nebo Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, NC.

"One glad morning, when this life is o'er, I'll fly away To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away, I'll fly away, When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away."

SHEILA T. BRADLEY

MILLENNIUM - Sheila Dolores Terry Bradley age 60, of Silo Barn, passed away on Sunday, October 11, 2020 at the Vidant Medical Center of Greenville, NC after a courageous battle with breast cancer.

Sheila was born on April 1, 1961 to Robert James Terry and Linda Lassiter Terry in Ahoskie, NC. Sheila started her career in banking right out of high school. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. Sheila married her best friend in 88' which formed what we know as the "Bradley Bunch". She loved her five children unconditionally and being called mom, but nothing gave her more pleasure than being called grandma, "Bawkins", Mike and Sheila started a career in real estate where they have developed many long-lasting friendships. She looked forward to traveling the world with one of her favorites vacation spots being St. Thomas. Sheila was always up for an adventure,

new scenery, and could usually be found on a cruise ship. She could light up any room with her vibrant smile. She was always trying to fix or do anything for everyone, always there when someone needed her. She was loved by many and will be deeply missed by all that knew her.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Nicholas Cayden Brown.

Left to cherish Sheila's memory is the love of her life, Mike, two daughters, Melanie Stephenson White and friend, Kyle Hedges, and Lindsay Stephenson Brown and friend, Stormy Butts, both of Ahoskie; three sons, George Michael Bradley and wife Patricia, John Bradley and wife Stacy, Matt Bradley and wife Joann, all of Ahoskie; two sisters, Sharon, Towell and husband Chris, and Michelle Klaysh, both of Ahoskie; her sister from another mother, Bonnie Langdale and husband Larry of Kill Devil Hills; two brothers, Coy Terry of Kill Devil Hills, and Allen Moody and wife Norma of Kinston; nine grandchildren, Taylor White, Lisa Grace Dray, Caydence Brown, Georgia Bradley, Kelsey Bradley, Myah Bradley, Bryleigh Bradley, Ellie Bradley, and Presley Butts; nine grandsons, Kevin Shaver, Fletcher White, Edward Bradley and friend, Katelyn Bradley, Cole Bradley, Eli Thomas, and Owen Jenkins; great-grandson, Noah Bradley; grandmother, Myrtle Terry of Ahoskie; two brothers-in-law, Marshall Bradley and wife Lynn of Franklin, VA, Kenny Bradley and wife Andrea of Ahoskie; sister-in-law, Gayle

Deanes and husband Tommy of Ahoskie; along with a host of nieces and nephews. #noonefishalone

A celebration of her funeral services will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at Garrett-Sykes Funeral Service, Ahoskie, NC, with Rev. Taylor Latham officiating. Burial followed at Job Cemetery, Ahoskie, NC.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hertford/Gates Relay for Life, 930 Wellness Drive, Greenville, NC 27603 or online by visiting includinc.com/search/find_type:Sheila+Bradley

Garrett-Sykes Funeral Service - Ahoskie Chapel handled the arrangements for the Bradley family and online condolences can be directed to the family by visiting www.garrettsykes.com.

ADOLPH EURE

GATESVILLE - Adolph Eure, 82, of Gatesville, died Friday, October 9, 2020. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2020 in the cemetery at Lebanon Grove Baptist Church, Gatesville. Community of Hope Funeral Service, Hobbsville, is handling the arrangements.

CHARLES RASCOE

GATESVILLE - Charles Rascoe, 87, of Gatesville died Monday, October 6, 2020 at his residence. A graveside service was held on Saturday, October 10, 2020 at Lebanon Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Gatesville. Hunter's Funeral Home, Gates, handled the arrangements.

CHURCH NEWS

NOTE: Due to the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19), it is possible that some of the listings below may cancel. Some of the listings below contain info regarding canceled/pending events. For all others, it is advised that you check with the church or group conducting the event to gain information on whether or not it remains scheduled.

OUTDOOR SERVICES

EURE - Euro Christian Church invites the public to outdoor worship services each Sunday at 10 am. Euro Christian Church is located at 872 NC 137 in Eure, 465-0420.

DRIVE-IN WORSHIP

CORAPEAKE - The public is invited to drive-in worship service at 9 AM, on Sunday, Oct. 25 at Union Branch Baptist Church. For more information, call (252) 465-0420.

NOON PRAYER

SUNBURY - St. John A.M.E. Zion Church conducts prayer service at 12 noon each Tuesday. These are weekly faith-filled sessions on prayer, the best-filled of prayer, and how to pray. Rev. Bert Davis leads the service.

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 589

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of: Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, UVA Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Approval of Domestic-Style Management and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 } PUBLIC NOTICE

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This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule RR-69. By its application, DENC requests approval of a domestic-style management rider to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for adoption and implementation of new DSM and energy efficiency programs. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-2(H).

On August 11, 2020, DENC filed its application for approval of DSM/EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule RR-69. By its application, DENC requests approval of the DSM/EE cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2021. DENC's request, including the North Carolina regulatory fee, would result in the following schedule-hour (kWh) charges: \$0.01 cents per kWh for residential customers; 0.1108 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; and 0.8923 cents per kWh for large general service customers. No DSM/EE rate rider would be applied to rate schedules 37P, 37N, outdoor lighting, and traffic lighting customers. In addition, industrial and large commercial customers that have meter N.C.G.S. § 62-133.7, 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 0.0199 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by 20 cents. Small general service and public authority customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.0652 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.0158 cents per kWh.

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State Seeks Comment on Chowan River Basin Plan

FROM SUBMITTED REPORTS

RALEIGH — The N.C. Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Division of Water Resources is requesting public review and input of the draft 2020 Chowan River Basinwide Water Resources Plan (Basin Plan).

The Basin Plan provides a comprehensive examination and explanation of the planning process for water quality and quantity issues in the basin. It's used to

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The draft of the 2020 Chowan River Basinwide Water Resources Plan can be viewed online at <https://files.nc.gov/files/2020/08/WaterResources/2020-Chowan-River-Basin-Fact-Sheet-Final.pdf>

identify areas that need additional protection, restoration, or preservation to ensure waters of the state are meeting their designated use.

The Chowan River basin is located in Virginia and North Carolina. The Chowan River itself begins where the Blackwater, Nottoway and Meherrin rivers merge near

the state line. It then flows to the Albemarle Sound and eventually the Atlantic Ocean. An estimated 95,000 people live in the North Carolina portion of the river basin and Bertie, Chowan, Gates, Hertford and Northampton counties are either fully or partially located in the basin.

Based on 2015 land

use data, nearly 36 percent of land in the North Carolina portion of the basin is identified as forest; 29 percent is identified as agriculture; and 20 percent is comprised of wetlands. Algal blooms have re-emerged as a major water quality concern in the basin over the past several years. Some of the blooms have been identified as potentially harmful algal blooms (pHAB) capable of producing toxins. The Basin Plan includes recommendations to address

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Rotarians Seek to Rid World of Polio

Stop by Woodard's Saturday to Contribute to the Cause

BY ROTARY CLUB OF HERTFORD

October 24 every year is designated as World Polio Day!

The Rotary Club of Hertford has traditionally set up a table outside Woodard's Pharmacy with information about work being done to rid the world of Polio.

Baby Boomers certainly remember standing in line for sugar cubes with the new polio vaccine during their youth, but today's young people in our country may have no idea how devastating this disease was to millions of people.

They may have never met someone who contracted polio and now suffers from post-polio syndrome. They may have never seen a photo of a polio victim in an iron lung that allowed them to breathe. They may never know someone with a distinctive limp or even paralysis from this horrible disease.

The good news is that August 26, 2020, was a truly historic day! The World Health Organization declared that the entire continent of Africa is now free of the wild polio virus!

This day came four years after Nigeria, the last polio-endemic country in Africa, recorded its last case of wild polio.

Now that the African region is certified as wild Polio-free, FIVE of the six WHO regions — representing over 80% of the world's popula-



Rotary and its members have contributed nearly US\$680 million to eliminate polio in the African region.

Rotarians worldwide feel proud of the work they have been doing since 1987 working alongside WHO, CDC, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and governments around the world to immunize children.

Individual Rotarians may have contributed a few dollars to PolioPlus, talked about it to their friends and neighbors and coworkers, or encouraged others to contribute to the campaign.

That's what Rotary is all about—helping others in line of need, making life better by helping to conquer a dreaded disease, doing good in the world, keeping our promise to the mothers and children of the world.

So what's next? We've got two more endemic countries to go—Afghanistan and Pakistan. Covid 19 had put a dent in our ability to continue our work this year, but once a viable Covid vaccine is available volunteers will be on the ground to give both the Covid vaccine and the Polio vaccine.

We can't afford to stop now. We need everyone's help and you can stop by Woodard's on Saturday October 24 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. and drop some change or folding money in our Pennies or Polio Containers.

We will have some small gifts for children and purple nail polish to paint their pinkies purple—because that

is what is done in third world countries to encourage children to be immunized and the purple pinkie lets volunteers know that child has been immunized.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA | UTILITIES COMMISSION | RAILHIGH
DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 588

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cases and Ruler Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule 88-67

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS), cost recovery application and compliance report filed by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC), in the above-captioned docket. The public hearing is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 590, which is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.wvax.net. Members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff via email at DNCPublicHearings@ncnc.gov or by calling 666-380-9816. When registering, provide your name, docket number (E-22, Sub 588), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

This proceeding is being held pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule 88-67 to consider DENC's application for approval of REPS cost recovery and compliance with the REPS requirements during the 2019 calendar year. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule 81-21(3).

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This the 14th day of September, 2020.

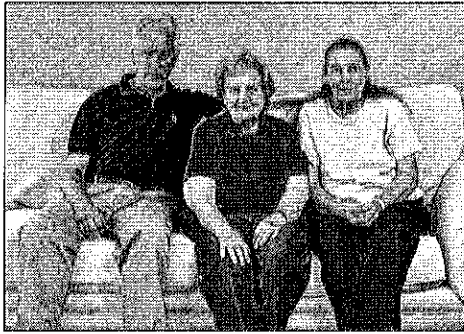
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Robersonville Furniture Company (from left, Glenn Forbes, the author of Magnolia and sister Gail) and one of the third-generation business owners featured in the latest Eastern North Carolina Living magazine.

Places everyone knows

Latest Eastern Living Magazine features multigenerational businesses

THADD WHITE
Enterprise & Weekly Herald

They are places everyone knows. Places that have been in place for generations — run by the same families and visited by the same customers generation after generation.

The newest edition of Eastern North Carolina Living focuses on 12 multi-generation businesses in the magazine's coverage region, including Martin County's own Robersonville Furniture Co.

More than six decades old, Robersonville Furniture Co. has been open continuously since that time. The business was purchased by Magnolia and Guy Forbes moved from Williamston to Robersonville and bought the business from the family of the late Doc Chandler.

"There were a lot of people downtown walking the streets," recalls the son, Glenn, who runs the business now with his mother. "We had restaurants, a hardware store, a clothing store, a shoe store, banks, a drug store and a jewelry store."

Robersonville Furniture Co. is known for its higher-quality furniture and draws customers from as far away as Raleigh. Jim Green tells the story of how the business began, and what makes it continue to thrive all these years later.

Martin County residents will be familiar with Powell & Stokes, an agricultural icon — that was founded more than a century ago in Bertie County.

"Our world is our bond, and our handshake is still good," said current Powell & Stokes President Jack Powell Jr. "We treat folks like we want to be treated. If it weren't for our customers, we wouldn't still be here."

The businesses cur-



able around Craven County.

Eastern North Carolina Living is available throughout Martin County, including places such as Martin County Tourism Development Authority, Shelton's Veterinary Clinic, Romano's Orthopedics, Manna's Pizzeria and the Cellular Warehouse.

They are also available in a box outside the office of the Martin County Enterprise & Weekly Herald office in Williamston.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA | UTILITIES COMMISSION | RALEIGH
DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 583
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In the Matter of)
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and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost)
Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and)
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This is the 14th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Josann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

Notice of General Election Martin County, North Carolina

A General Election will be held on Tuesday — November 3, 2020, in Martin County, North Carolina, to vote on Federal, State, County, and Judicial Offices; Nonpartisan Board of Education; and Nonpartisan Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor.

Voters will not be required to show photo ID for elections held in 2020. Federal and state courts have temporarily blocked North Carolina's voter photo ID requirement from taking effect until further order of the courts.

Polls will be open from 6:30 AM until 7:30 PM on Election Day. The polling places will be located at:

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| Dear Grass Precinct
Bear Grass Fire Department
505 Bear Grass Road, Williamston | Griffins Precinct
Griffin Fire Department
6120 Fox Dept. Road, Williamston | Jonesville Precinct
Jonesville Town Hall
1215 Union Street, Jonesville | Williams Precinct
County House Building
2134 US Highway 1, Williamston |
| Cross Roads Precinct
Everette Athletic Club Building
206 Myers Street, Evansville | Burkhead & Poplar Precinct
Maris Lynch Recreational Building
201 S. Park Street, Huntboro | Robersonville 1 Precinct (RELOCATED)
East End School
1151 Third Street Extension, Robersonville | Williamston 1 Precinct
NC Tea Center
415 East Downtown, Williamston |
| Owens Road Precinct
Oak City Fire Department
101 E Commerce Street, Oak City | Bassett Precinct
Oak City Fire Department
101 E Commerce Street, Oak City | Robersonville 2 Precinct (RELOCATED)
East End School
1151 Third Street Extension, Robersonville | Williamston 2 Precinct
Williamston Book Mall
117 S. Scotland Street, Williamston |

One-stop early voting will be held in the Martin County Governmental Center (Commissioners' Boardroom - Room #111), located at 305 Post Main Street, Williamston, and at the former East End School (relocated), located at 1121 Third Street Extension, Robersonville (see schedule below).

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), and must be received in the Martin County Board of Elections office or any one-stop early voting site by 5:00 PM on Tuesday — October 27, 2020. Completed request forms may only be returned in-person to the Martin County Board of Elections office by the voter, the voter's non-relative or verifiable legal guardian, or by a Mailbox Assistance Team, or delivered by the U.S. Postal Service or designated delivery service (DHL, FedEx, or UPS). Absentee voting requires the voter to complete an application on the return envelope that must be witnessed by one qualified person. Completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Martin County Board of Elections by 5:00 p.m. on Election Day (ballots received by mail after this time will be considered timely if they are received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 6, and postmarked on or before Election Day).

The Martin County Board of Elections will meet on September 29, October 6, October 13, October 20, and October 27 at 8:30 AM, and November 2 at 5:00 PM; and at other times as may be necessary for the purpose of approving absentee ballot applications. Canvass will be conducted at the Martin County Board of Elections office at 11:00 AM on Friday — November 13, 2020.

Day	Time	Open	Closes
Thursday	October 15, 2020	8:00 AM	7:30 PM
Friday	October 16, 2020	8:00 AM	7:30 PM
Saturday	October 17, 2020	8:00 AM	1:00 PM
Sunday	October 18, 2020	12:00 PM	6:00 PM
Monday	October 19, 2020	8:00 AM	7:30 PM
Tuesday	October 20, 2020	8:00 AM	7:30 PM
Wednesday	October 21, 2020	8:00 AM	7:30 PM
Thursday	October 22, 2020	8:00 AM	7:30 PM
Friday	October 23, 2020	8:00 AM	7:30 PM
Saturday	October 24, 2020	8:00 AM	1:00 PM
Sunday	October 25, 2020	12:00 PM	6:00 PM
Monday	October 26, 2020	8:00 AM	7:30 PM
Tuesday	October 27, 2020	8:00 AM	7:30 PM
Wednesday	October 28, 2020	8:00 AM	7:30 PM
Thursday	October 29, 2020	8:00 AM	7:30 PM
Friday	October 30, 2020	8:00 AM	7:30 PM
Saturday	October 31, 2020	8:00 AM	3:00 PM

All persons who are registered to vote with the Martin County Board of Elections may vote in this election. Persons who are not already registered to vote in the county must register by Friday — October 9, 2020, to be eligible to vote in this election. Voters who are not registered in the county by that deadline may register and vote during one-stop early voting only, and will be required to provide documentation of their identity and residence. Voters who fail to timely make a change in name or address in the county must update the information when presenting to vote, and may be required to vote a provisional ballot.

Voters willing to provide non-emitted to assistance by an election official, or, if assistance is needed due to disability or illness, by a qualified person of their choice. Voting sites are accessible to all voters. Curbside voting is available for voters who are not physically able enter to voting sites.

Persons with questions may call the Martin County Board of Elections Office at 252-789-4317.

Martin County Board of Elections
William E. Newcome - Chair
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Dorinda G. Kavanagh, Jr. - Member
Elizabeth S. Smith - Member
Yvette H. Robinson - Member

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offered by the Martin County Board of Elections.

To check registration status or to learn more about the 2020 General Elections, go to the N.C. Board of Elections website by visiting <https://www.ncsb.gov/>.

The Martin County ballot is printed on two sides and includes the following:

* President of the United States: Donald J. Trump/Michael R. Pence (Republican).

Joseph R. Biden/Kamala D. Harris (Democratic), Don Blankenship/William Mohr (Constitution), Howie Hawkins/Angela Walker (Green), Jo Jorgensen/ Jeremy "Spilke" Cohen (Libertarian), Written;

U.S. Senate - Thom Tillis (Republican), Shannon W. Bray (Libertarian), Cal Cunningham (Democrat), Kevin E. Hayes (Constitution);

U.S. House of Representatives (District 1) - Sandy Smith (Republican), G.K. Butterfield (Democrat);

N.C. Governor - Ai Plesano (Constitution), Roy Cooper (Democrat), Steven J. Dillone

(Libertarian), Dan Forest (Republican);

N.C. Lieutenant Governor - Mark Robinson (Republican), Yvonne Lewis Holley (Democrat);

N.C. Attorney General - Jim O'Neill (R), Josh Stein (D);

N.C. Auditor - Anthony Wayne "Tony" Sireel (R), Beth A. Wood (D);

N.C. Commissioner of Agriculture - Steve Troxler (R), Jemma Wadsworth (D);

N.C. Commissioner of Insurance - Mike Causey (R), Wayne Goodwin (D);

N.C. Commissioner of Labor - Josh Dolson (R), Jessica Holmes (D);

N.C. Secretary of State - E.C. Sykes (R), Elaine Marshall (D);

N.C. Superintendent of Public Instruction - Catherine Truitt (R), Jen Mangrum (D);

N.C. Treasurer - Ronnie Chatterji (D), Dale Fulwell (R);

N.C. Supreme Court Chief Justice - Cheri Beasley (D), Paul Newby (R);

N.C. Supreme Court Associate Justice (Seat 2) - Phil Berger Jr. (R), Lucy Luman (D);

N.C. Supreme Court Associate Justice (Seat

4) - Tanara Barringer (R), Mark Davis (D);

N.C. Court of Appeals (Seat 4) - Tricia Shields (D), April C. Wood (R);

N.C. Court of Appeals (Seat 5) - Lora Christine Cabbage (D), Fred Gore (R);

N.C. Court of Appeals (Seat 6) - Gray Styers (D), Chris Dillon (R);

N.C. Court of Appeals (Seat 7) - Reuben R. Young (D), Jeff Carpenter (R);

N.C. Court of Appeals (Seat 13) - Chris Brook (D), Jefferson G. Griffin (R);

N.C. Senate (District 3) - Ernestine Byrd Bazemore (D), Thomas S. Hester Jr. (R);

N.C. House of Representatives (District 1) - Shelly Willingham (D), Clalhorne Heltzman (R), Abbie "Bud" Lane (G);

N.C. District Court Judge (Seat 3) - Chris McLendon (D);

N.C. District Court Judge (Seat 4) - Keith B. Mason (D);

Martin County Commissioner Eastern District (Choose 2): Emily Riggs (D), Dempsey Bond Jr. (D), Tommy Bowen (D), David "Ship" Gurganus (R), Jason Lewis (R), Elmer "Butch" Lilley (Unaffiliated),

Dean McCall (Unaffiliated);

Martin County Registrar of Deeds - Kimberly J. Griffin (D);

Martin County Board of Education (District 3) - Kenneth Harrell; Martin County Board of Education (District 5) - Renee Purvis; Martin County Board of Education (District 7) - Van Heath; and

Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor - Ricky Cannon.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA | UTILITIES COMMISSION | RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB B 98

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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

Forty Years Ago...

(As printed from The Enterprise, Oct. 14, 1980)

Man Loses Way During Fishing Trip

A weekend fishing expedition in the Conoko Creek area by three local residents, initially feared to have resulted in tragedy when one of the men became lost, ended "happily" Monday morning when Ben Warren emerged from the area in which he had wandered overnight.

Warren, who had gone fishing Sunday with two companions, was said to have been fishing separately from them and did not return to his truck. The pair reported him lost and a search in the area north of Williamston was begun about midnight Sunday by authorities. The hunt by the rescue squad and sheriff's deputies was conducted until shortly before noon Monday when Warren emerged from the area.

Decorated in Japan With Second Award Chief Master Sergeant

Clifton S. Corey, son of Mrs. M.D. Corey of Williamston, has been decorated with a second award of the Meritorious Service Medal at Yokota Air Base, Japan.

The Meritorious Service Medal is awarded specifically for outstanding non-combat meritorious achievement of service to the United States.

Small Grains On Increase In County

"Wheat acreage has been on the increase for the past several years due to better prices, herbicides, varieties, and equipment, etc. Presently, future prices look strong as well with wheat prices bring around \$4.30 per bushel; stated Morris Dunn, assistant agricultural extension agent.

ON THE SHELF

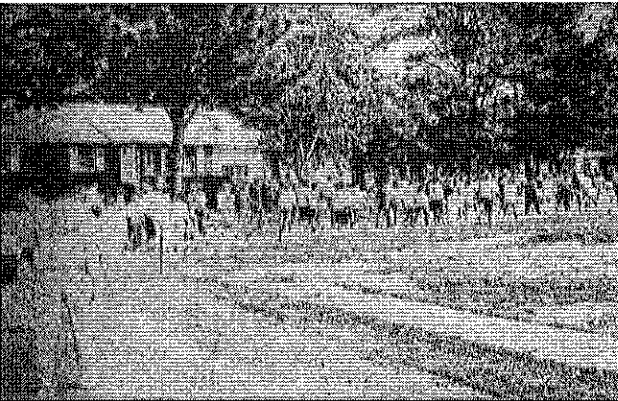
Be Lo Markeln, Robersonville Williamston
• Triple "T" Fresh Pure Lean Ground Beef, \$1.29/lb.
• U.S. Govt. Insp.

Whole Fryers; 49 cents/lb.
• Red or Golden Delicious Apples; 3 lb. bag 69 cents

Rose's Martin Plaza Shopping Center, Williamston 65th Anniversary Sale

• Dowgard Anti-Freeze; \$3.99 (Reg. \$4.66)
• Lawn Rake; \$1.47 (Reg. \$1.77)
• Spiderman or Powderpuff Little Hot Cycle; \$11.97 (Reg. \$14.97)

Looking Back at Martin County



May 2, 1981; WALKING FOR THE MARCH OF DIMES - Martin County residents turned out in force for Saturday's Walk/Run to benefit the March of Dimes. Coordinator Greg Shallock said in excess of \$9,000 was raised by the more than 300 participants. Wachovia received the first-place team trophy for most money raised and for most dollars raised per team member, Judy Miller of Wachovia earned the first-place individual trophy, with second place going to Linda Hoggard of Robersonville Products and third place going to Penny Bryant of Wachovia.

GARAGE/WAREHOUSE SALE
310 S. Pearl St. Williamston
Thursday & Friday Oct. 15th & 16th
9 am to 5 pm,
Saturday 9 am to 2 pm
Rain or Shine
Comics of Coke Collectibles, some Christmas items, antique tools, older toys & a large piece of furniture.
D&D Auctions & Treasures located

MEETING NOTICE

The Martin County Board of Education will hold a special called Board meeting on Monday, October 19, 2020 starting at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held virtually via google meets due to COVID-19 regulations. The virtual meeting link will be posted on the Martin County Schools Website.

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By Randy Evans

There is one week set aside each year to salute newspapers for the important role they have played in our nation, a role that goes back to the beginning of these United States.

This year, however, waiting until October 4-10 and National Newspaper Week has been difficult, because the coronavirus pandemic and a variety of major news events across our land have tested newspapers, and our communities, in ways we might never have fathomed.

Taking stock of the contributions by newspapers, large and small, serves as an important reminder of why our Founding Fathers wrote freedom of the press into the Constitution's Bill of Rights -- and why the theme for this year's National Newspaper Week, "America Needs Journalists," is so appropriate.

We have seen our lives and our communities change in dramatic ways because of coronavirus.

In the early weeks, businesses closed their doors and government offices were darkened in response to directives that all but the most essential workers should remain at home to guard against spreading the disease.

Newspapers scrambled to protect their employees, too. But newspapers still needed to be produced to serve their readers and communities and to fulfill that vital information function the Founding Fathers envisioned.

Journalists quickly educated themselves on the coronavirus and shared that knowledge with readers. They kept their communities informed -- telling readers where tests were available, reporting on

local test results, sharing the heartbreaking news of deaths, and alerting people about employment changes at local businesses.

Journalists turned to their kitchen tables, spare bedrooms and basement offices to take the place of the newsrooms where they had gathered with colleagues a few weeks earlier. While the locations changed, the core mission of newspapers did not.

Newspapers have long served as "watchdogs" over government. The pandemic magnified the significance of this role because the virus closed most government offices, and meetings of school boards, city councils and county officials moved onto Zoom.

Reporters have always tried to be vigilant over the way state and local governments use tax money and make decisions. But in 2020, journalists also have worked to keep up with the dynamic nature of the coronavirus testing data. They have tried to make sense of the metrics government leaders have relied upon in making decisions on mask wearing, social distancing, and back-to-school directives.

The most potent tool of newspapers continues to be the spotlight. They shine it on problems that need to be addressed and on solutions that ought to be considered. They shine it on stories that are heartwarming and uplifting. At other times, they shine it on topics that might raise the blood pressure of readers.

There has been a long tradition of newspapers advocating for the public's access to government meetings and records so citizens know what their government is

doing, or not doing. This is hugely important now and long term, because government should conduct its business -- really, it's the public's business -- in open, not in secret, so citizens have the opportunity to share their views on forthcoming decisions.

The important work of newspapers stretches far beyond government buildings, however. Newspapers are there to introduce readers to interesting people. They tell their communities about events that are coming up. They provide the stuff that finds its way into families' scrapbooks and onto the doors of refrigerators -- news items about awards received, honors bestowed, touchdowns scored, prize-winning pigs shown at local fairs, and on and on.

And in times of great distress -- during killer hurricanes and tornadoes, horrendous floods and wildfires -- newspapers step up in ways that truly can make the difference between life and death. Newspapers have done that this year, once again being the go-to source for vital details the public needs -- the lists of places where people can charge their cell-phones, laptops and medical equipment, the locations of shelters and meal distribution sites, and places where people can get drinking water or provide a helping hand to those in need.

The immense challenges we all have dealt with this year clearly underscore the fact that America needs journalists.

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Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

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

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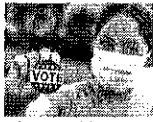
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Preparing for Election Day 2020

Make sure you're registered to vote. The deadline to register in North Carolina is October 9. However, NC allows registration in person during early voting October 15-31. But remember, you must vote at the same time that you register during early voting. You cannot register at early voting and then vote on Election Day.

- Who can register to vote in North Carolina?**
- Be a U.S. citizen. Citizenship documents are NOT required to register.
 - Live in the county where you are registering, and have resided there for at least 30 days prior to the date of the election.
 - Be at least 18 years old or will be by the date of the general election.
 - Not be serving a sentence for a felony conviction, including probation, parole, or post-release supervision. However, individuals serving an extended term of probation, parole, or post-release supervision solely because of outstanding monetary obligations (fines, fees, or restitution) will be permitted to register to vote, or register for the first time to vote, if all the following criteria apply: 1) The voter is serving a term of extended probation, parole, or post-release supervision; 2) The voter has outstanding fines, fees, or restitution as a result of their felony conviction; and 3) The voter does not know of another reason that their probation, parole, or post-release supervision was extended.

Note: An inactive voter is still a registered voter. A voter who has an inactive status will be asked to confirm their address when they appear to vote. No special document is required.

How do I register to vote?
There are two primary methods available to apply for voter registration in North Carolina: Filing out the North Carolina Voter Registration Application and submitting by mail or in person at the Board of Elections, 202 Main St., P.O. Box 464, Bayboro, NC 28515
Using N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles (NCDMV) services. 1) Selecting the option to register to vote while applying for a vehicle license or ID. 2) Existing NCDMV customers may submit their voter registration application online through the DMV.

Get what you need to bring to the polls.
No photo ID is required in NC.
NC does require you to show a NC Driver's license/ID or last 4 digits of social security if you are voting for the first time.

For early voters or "same-day registration" you must provide proof of residence with a NC driver's license, other government issued photo ID, or a document showing the voter's current name and address issued within 3 months of the date.

Consider early voting or vote by mail.
This is a good way to avoid lines on Election Day. Early voting in North Carolina is October 15-31. The deadline to request an absentee vote by mail is October 27.

Find your polling place.
Be sure you know where you are headed on Election Day.
Polling places in Pamlico County: You can only vote in the county in which you are registered.

Polling Place	Address	Precinct
Alliance Town Hall	934 Main St, Alliance	11AA
Arapahoe Fire Department	8233 NC Hwy 306, Arapahoe	31AP
Confluence Annex	202 Main St, Bayboro	31BY
Grantsboro Town Hall	10628 NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro	1GB
Hobucken Community Center	145 Hobucken School Rd, Hobucken	41HB
Mesk Town Hall	2275 NC Hwy 304, Mesk	4MSIC
Oriental Fire Department	6398 Straight Rd, Oriental	2OT
Rochboro Fire Department	105 Holland Rd, New Burn	1RB
Sonewall Town Hall	74 Spain Farm Rd, Sonewall	2SW
Vandenberg Town Hall	1378 Pennsylvania Ave, Vandenberg	4VMA

If you need a ride to the polls, try Carpool Vote at www.carpoolvote.com. Rideshare services Uber and Lyft also offer free or discounted trips for voters who need them.
Know what kind of voting machine you'll encounter.
Voting machines can vary a lot, but they are generally very easy to use. It does not hurt to familiarize yourself with the mechanics before the big day. Pamlico County uses paper ballots that voters scan in a Jubulator.

Get a sample ballot.
Before you head to the polls, it is a good idea to get a sample ballot so you know in advance all the races you'll be voting on. There are often lots of smaller races for local offices, judges, or propositions that could have an immediate impact on your life but don't get as much news coverage. If you have a sample ballot in advance, you can do research on all these races, even marking down how you want to vote, and then show up at the polls prepared to make your decisions.

SAMPLE BALLOT

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<p>November 3, 2020</p> <p>1) Mark Ballou for NC Governor (R-1/2/3/4)</p> <p>2) Donald J. Trump for US President (R)</p> <p>3) Joseph R. Biden for US Vice President (D)</p> <p>4) Dan Claitor for NC State Treasurer (R)</p> <p>5) Steve Holcomb for NC State Comptroller (R)</p> <p>6) Mark Robinson for NC State Senator (R)</p> <p>7) James Lewis Hester for NC State Senator (R)</p> <p>8) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>9) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>10) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>11) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>12) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p>	<p>13) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>14) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>15) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>16) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>17) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>18) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>19) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>20) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>21) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>22) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>23) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>24) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>25) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>26) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>27) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>28) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>29) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>30) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p>	<p>31) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>32) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>33) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>34) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>35) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>36) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>37) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>38) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>39) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>40) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>41) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>42) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>43) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>44) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>45) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>46) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>47) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>48) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>49) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p> <p>50) Steve Clark for NC State Representative (R)</p>

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Short-term workforce training is now free at BCCC

Due to a combination of existing scholarships and new economic relief funding, all workforce training classes through the Division of Continuing Education that are 96-plus hours and lead to an industry-recognized credential are now free.

These newly free classes are in addition to the already free small business counseling and seminars, as well as the free high school equivalency/GED classes.

BCCC now aims to help every student who earns a high school equivalency diploma also earn an industry-recognized credential such as nurse aide, pharmacy technician, EMT, NC Firefighter, or CDL truck driver.

Two upcoming classes, the Advanced Manufacturing Institute starting on October 26 and Truck

Driving starting on October 11, are free to qualifying students, with the next round of classes starting in January 2021.

The new funding comes from the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund. These funds are only available until September 30, 2022. Students who have been impacted by COVID-19 qualify for the scholarships, up to a maximum of either \$750 per course or the cost of course fees if it exceeds \$750.

Scholarships help cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, supplies, credentialing tests, transportation, childcare and other components as deemed necessary.

Continuing Education staff will work with students to use

this new funding in combination with existing scholarships from Blue Cross Blue Shield, State Employees Credit Union, Golden LEAF Foundation, and the BCCC Foundation along with funding assistance from NCWorks to make sure that all credentialing programs are free.

High school juniors and seniors are already eligible to take free classes that lead to a certification through Career & College Promise Workforce Pathways.

These include Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) Technician, Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Truck Driver, Phlebotomy Technician, Nurse Aide and Small Engine Repair. High School Equivalency or GED, as

well as English Language Acquisition classes are free as well.

The college also offers free small business counseling and free seminars through its Small Business Center.

"We understand that a lot of people who worked in food service and other front-facing positions are having a hard time," said Stacey Gerard, VP of Continuing Education.

"In the past, we've worked with students to help them access financial assistance to cover registration and course fees, but some have had to pay out of pocket for uniforms or textbooks, which has been a deal-breaker for a lot of our students."

"Now with GEER funding, we can confidently say that if you want to earn a credential as

a healthcare tech, HVAC tech, CDL driver, income maintenance worker, EMT, firefighter, or work in manufacturing, you can do it for free. Additionally, we will make sure that all of our high school equivalency (GED) students leave with one of these credentials."

Workforce Training classes that are less than 96 contact hours or do not lead to an industry-recognized credential, as well as personal enrichment classes, are not covered under scholarships.

For more information or to get assistance with questions about our scholarship opportunities, please visit our website at www.beaforccc.edu/continuing-education or call the Division of Continuing Education office at 252-940-6325.

Plymouth clears path for new mental health facility

By Dale Hershler
Staff Writer

A Roanoke Rapids clinic, in tandem with Trillium Health Care, secured approval from Plymouth's Board of Adjustment

(BOA) last week to open a mental health facility on US Hwy 64 West.

The BOA heard no opposition to the plan of Spring Life Behavioral Care and the application met

guidelines for a conditional use permit in a C2 zoning district. Plymouth's zoning ordinance lists psychiatric and mental health services as a conditional use in the C2 zone. The permit was

granted by a unanimous 4-0 vote in the hearing Monday, September 28.

Dr. Florence Kuchukwu of Spring Life Behavioral Services says her goal is to open the center by the end

of October.

The application indicates the facility operates under state oversight and is contracted by Trillium, the entity entrusted by state authorities to provide behavioral services.

The application notes that Trillium identifies Washington County as "an area that has great need for mental healthcare and substance abuse services."

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 25

7:04 a.m. Power line down in Plymouth.

9:18 a.m. Water problem in Plymouth.

2:27 p.m. Ambulance needed in Plymouth.

11:45 p.m. Ambulance needed in Plymouth.

September 26

8:48 a.m. Traffic stop in Plymouth.

3:27 p.m. Water problem in

Reper.

3:27 p.m. Prowler in Creswell.

9:18 p.m. Officer requested in Plymouth.

September 27

12:04 a.m. Ambulance needed in Plymouth.

9:58 a.m. Dog complaint in Plymouth.

12:05 p.m. Vehicle fire in Reper.

5:08 p.m. Breaking, entering, and larceny in Plymouth.

7:23 p.m. Fire in Creswell.

September 28

7:38 a.m. Ambulance needed in Creswell.

12:51 p.m. Larceny in Reper.

2:13 p.m. Breaking and entering in Plymouth.

5:08 p.m. Ambulance needed in Creswell.

in Creswell.

September 29

7:36 a.m. Vehicle accident in Reper.

8:58 a.m. Tree down in Creswell.

12:12 p.m. Ambulances needed in Plymouth.

5:12 p.m. Dog complaint in Plymouth.

September 30

11:18 a.m. Dog complaint in Plymouth.

11:46 a.m. Officer requested in Plymouth.

3:08 p.m. Vehicle accident in Plymouth.

5:45 p.m. Ambulance needed in Plymouth.

September 1

9:58 a.m. Ambulance needed in Creswell.

11:29 a.m. Hit and run in Plymouth.

8:33 p.m. Ambulance needed in Reper.

8:42 p.m. Larceny 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 28

Edward Lee Sanders, 35, Nixon Road, Plymouth, assault

on a child under the age of 12, sexual injury with a minor present. Released September 29, (Washington County)

Mario Rashad Small, 34, Gum Tree Trail, Plymouth, speeding, driving while license revoked - not imposed suspension. Released September 28, (Washington County)

Plymouth police reports

The following incidents were reported to Plymouth Police Department:

September 25

Misses of 9-1-1 system and entering public officer on Anne Street.

September 27

Field Drive resident reports burglary of dwelling. (Washington County)

Damage to personal property reported on Anne Street.

September 28

Report of person communicating threats on Jackson Street.

Ridgeway Drive resident reports breaking and entering, larceny and damage to personal property.

September 30

Pendleton Circle resident reports damage to personal property.

Arms reported on Anna Street.

October 1

Restaurant reports breaking and entering and larceny of vehicle.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 590

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 Renewable Energy)
and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard)
Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and)
Commission Rule R-22-016.)
Utilities)

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Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

DENC filed an application and testimony related to the subject matter of this proceeding on August 11, 2020. According to its application, DENC is requesting a total annual fuel revenue decrease of approximately \$15.4 million from the fuel and fuel-related costs currently in effect. Public, DENC proposes to make the fuel revenue decrease effective for services on and after February 1, 2021.

DENC's proposed fuel revenue decrease, including regulatory fee, would result in the following decreases for DENC's customers: 0.305 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential, outdoor lighting and leisure lighting customers; 0.294 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.290 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.355 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; and 0.402 cents per kWh for rate schedule 6V customers. The net effect of this request would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$3.35.

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Nash Co. to serve as back-up for emergency dispatch

By DALE HERRING
Staff Writer

Washington County has a new deal with a different county to provide emergency 911 communications in the event the county's 911 system is disrupted.

Commissioners approved a memorandum of understanding (MOU) last week with Nash County officials that provides the backup PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) for at least two years.

A 2014 state mandate called for North Carolina's 100 counties to put backup PSAP plans in place by July 2016, and commissioners considered, then rejected,

a handful of differing options.

With no strategy in place, commissioners opted a few years ago for an agreement with beautiful County to provide the backup PSAP.

That strategy came after an assessment of earlier initiatives.

Early on, commissioners considered pursuit of partnerships with Martin County officials and then Chatham, but abandoned that approach, intending to establish an independent backup 911 site somewhere in Washington County.

A former restaurant location in Roper was then considered, but rejected after then-manager Wil-

lie Mack Caravan touted construction of an all-exclusive public safety department building at an estimated cost of \$1.6 million. When a \$1.3 million grant application for the project yielded just \$344,000, that concept lost its momentum.

Commissioners also considered a center in the beautiful County Community College Washington County Center, formerly known as Windows on the World.

That concept, too, died on the vine.

County Manager Curtis Potter says the selection of Nash County to provide backup 911 services

is the product of work by the North Carolina State 911 Board and Martin County advisor Jason Steward, who worked with local staff to identify the best solution "for the benefit of our citizens in the unlikely, but possible, circumstance in which we lose the ability to run 911 calls from our primary PSAP."

Potter says the type of 911 equipment in use played a part in the selection.

"The rationale was based on matching up available resources, which will sync with the kind of system we currently use. Not all systems used for 911 across the state are the same or interchangeable,

so it is necessary to try to identify a backup solution that is as close to your current system as possible to streamline any actual backup services if they are ever required."

The new MOU provides for Nash County dispatchers to accept and process Washington County 911 calls in the event of any "unexpected failure" of service.

If Washington County's service is interrupted for more than 24 hours, Washington County dispatchers will deploy to Nash County to assist with added burden in the Nash County 911 center.



Phlebotomist Selsha Conway draws vials of blood from donor Tamara Rodgers during a blood drive hosted by Washington County Middle School Monday, October 12. The district also hosted a drive at Washington County High School Gym Friday, October 9, with the goal of obtaining 30 pints of blood. (Staff photo by Arthur Howell)

County agrees to pay half for third SRO

By DALE HERRING
Staff Writer

Washington County Commissioners will cover half of the salary for a third school resource officer (SRO) to provide security at the county's five school sites. Commissioners approved the expenditure by a 4-0 vote October 5 after school officials and the sheriff's office agreed on the need for a third SRO last month.

School Superintendent Linda Jewell Carr told commissioners she is confident that the county can secure a state grant to cover half of the SRO salary if there is a local match in place for the position.

"I'm not eligible to apply for the state match without a local match," she said.

Neither Carr or County Manager Curtis Potter could provide an exact figure on what the 50 percent match would amount to, but Potter suggested it would be about \$27,500.

4-0 to provide conditional approval for the funding. County staff is to provide precise numbers later in the month.

School and sheriff department officials agreed last month on a plan for three SROs, rather than two.

Carr said school board members considered it important to have an SRO in each of the three geographic areas — Creswell, Plymouth and Roper — to insure short response times in the event of an emergency.

School locations include the high school and Pines Elementary School in Plymouth, Creswell Elementary in Creswell and the middle and early college high school in Roper.

Sheriff Johnny Barnes says he advocated for four SROs — one each at WCHS, Pines and Creswell and one split between the middle school and early college high school in Roper — but could accept the compromise in consideration of budget restraints.

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RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 588

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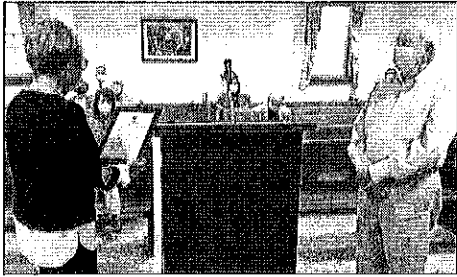
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By Carolyn Hammon | The Daily Herald
Halifax County Commissioner Linda Brewer reads a resolution honoring James R. Frazier Jr. during the Halifax County Board of Commissioners meeting on Monday.

HALIFAX

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vaccination, Robistow said they remain optimistic that vaccinating essential personnel will begin as soon as November. "We have sent our plan for mass testing to the state," he said. "We will be testing the plan on Oct. 30 with a drive-thru flu vaccine event. It is not too early to get your flu vaccine. We encourage everyone to get it to prevent double infection."

He also reminded everyone to continue the three W's. "These masks need to be worn," he emphasized. "You wearing a mask does not make you safe, everybody else has to wear their masks for people to be protected. It shows your commitment to your fellow man and prevents you from spreading the virus. If you go into a store and people aren't wearing masks, you are at a very high risk."

Commissioner Patrick Qualls said he is very thankful of the job the Health Department is doing.

Also, special recognitions came in the form of approved resolutions honoring two folks. The first went to James R. Frazier Jr. by Halifax County Commissioner Linda Brewer, for his dedication in serving 14 years on the Roanoke Canal Commission as treasurer. He also served on numerous boards and committees, according to the resolution.

Frazier said he would also like to recognize his wife, Lela. "Without her support I couldn't have ever done these things," he said. "There are a lot of people sitting in this room who helped me achieve these goals we set out to accomplish. Without friends, associates and colleagues, this would never happen. From the bottom of my heart, I love this county, I love the people I work with and it has been a real pleasure. We have been here a long time and we are really going to miss you."

The second honored was Elle the Pit Bull, who began volunteering in 2019 at the age of 2. She retires this year to enjoy a slower pace with friends and family. "She has inspired and created therapy, reading and dog safety programs," the resolution reads in part.

"She was also honored at the awards show in Hollywood and named the top dog winner, and Elle the American Hero Dog was announced in New York City Times Square." Board of Commissioners Chairman Vernon Bryant presented

Elle the resolution and he received a high-five from the dog, and Elle's owner Leah Brewer read a statement.

Almost 13 years ago she had a plan to have a good dog, a well-mannered dog, a dog that would be the best example — especially because she is a pit bull, Brewer said, choking back tears. "When I look back it seems this path was already planned for Elle," Brewer said. "Her adventures have touched lives all around the world."

Bryant said, Elle and the other animals should be treated just like people.

"All the work Elle has done over the years should not go unrecognized," he said, "just like when pastors get old they serve the church and sometimes they are kicked to the curb. Elle has done a lot; you don't just kick folks out because they are old."

A public hearing look place led by Chris Rountree, Planning and Development Services director. His proposal for a zoning map amendment request was approved. The one person who spoke at the hearing was Keith Sandeford, one of the applicants. One letter in opposition was also considered.

The applicants, Keith and Donna Sandeford, requested to rezone tax parcels #07-01518, #07-01517, #07-09152, #07-06256 and a portion of #07-01514 — 33+ acres — from a Lakeside Residential to Residential/Agricultural zoning district. The properties have approximately 2,500 feet of road frontage along Eastern Shores Road.

The applicants are requesting this rezoning to RA in an attempt to preserve the property as open farmland, Rountree said. A zoning designation of RA would allow for residential development and agricultural uses. The Planning Board met on Aug. 19 and recommended approval of the proposed zoning map amendment changes with a 4-1 vote.

Qualls said, "I am a firm believer in property rights and someone having the rights to do on the property what they wish."

Lori Medlin, Halifax County Convention and Visitors Bureau president/CFO, presented an annual report during the meeting, with high-

lights of 2019. She also spoke about 2020, and the reality of the impacts of COVID-19.

"We continued to beat the drum we were open with videos," she said. "We also partnered with the North Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association, who gave a grant program to folks who had lost their jobs. We got word out to our partners to help them get anything that would help them survive. We have had a difficult year, and we are not back to recovery yet."

The CVB staff has revamped its website, and a new endeavor is in the works in the form of a marketing campaign for folks to plan their vacations close to home, she said. Research is showing folks want to come to a rural area and be safe outside, she said.

"We are positioned nicely," she said, naming such local resources as the Sylvan Heights Bird Park, Medoc Mountain State Park, the Roanoke River and the Roanoke Canal Trail.

In other news, the board approved a resolution demitting some of the circumstances surrounding the memorial tablet mounted on a boulder on the courthouse lawn, in honor of Confederate General Junius Daniel, and directing its relocation to an undisclosed place until a private entity willing to take ownership of the memorial can be found.

The memorial was erected on the front lawn of the Historic Courthouse by the Halifax Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, on Nov. 15, 1928, according to the meeting notes.

In addition, the board approved a request from the Town of Halifax to adopt a resolution providing that the county animal control ordinance be applicable and enforceable within the corporate limits of the town.

According to M. Glynn Rollins Jr., county attorney, the town has requested that the county enforce the Animal Control ordinance within town limits. Given that the town does not have law enforcement or other code enforcement personnel, and given that the county Health Department, which oversees animal control, is located in the town, staff believe that the request is warranted and will be beneficial to both the town and the



By Carolyn Hammon | The Daily Herald
Halifax County Board of Commissioners Chairman Vernon Bryant gets a high-five from Elle the Pit Bull, after reading a resolution honoring the dog. Elle's owner Leah Brewer is also pictured.



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county, he said.

The county will retain all costs, fines, penalties and other revenue

resulting from enforcement of the ordinance in the town limits. A copy are available at bit.ly/3g5zqzP.

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UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 583

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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OBITUARIES

GREENVILLE — Mr. Benjamin Sanborn Shepard departed this life and entered his heavenly home on his 86th birthday in Greenville, North Carolina at Brookdale Senior Living after several years of declining health.

Born in Pinehurst, North Carolina on Oct. 16, 1934, Ben was the youngest of four children born to Dr. Robert Parker Shepard and Mona McCollier Sanborn of Southern Pines. He was the grandson of Thomas Jay Shepard and Mattie Beall Gannell Shepard of Fort Valley, Georgia, and Benjamin Hyde Sanborn and Ida Ditty Sanborn of Wellesley, Massachusetts.

Ben's early years were spent in Southern Pines during the Second World War where he enjoyed playing army and seeing the military aircraft overhead with his friends in the adjoining woods of Fort Dragg.

While a student at East Carolina College, Ben helped pay for college by living over the old Wilkerson Funeral Home where he was dispatched at night to attend to



emergencies where one might either need a hospital transport — in the incense in those days before ambulances — or back to the funeral home.

During this time, he met the lovely Anne Watson Butler and following a courtship, they married on March 30, 1956. After earning a degree in English and history, Ben went to work with the Halifax County Health

Department as a health inspector and the young couple left Greenville for Halifax where they resided for 55 years.

During this time, Ben was quite involved in the civic, cultural and religious endeavors of the area. In the early Halifax Day celebrations, he could be counted on to dress in his authentic colonial costume that he himself sewed using Anne's machine, and presiding over the colonial schoolhouse tableaux as the schoolmaster. Ben was quite artistic and designed and made at least one other gentleman's costume for Halifax Day.

He was active in the Boy Scouts as a leader, president of the Enfield Rotary Club, member of the Weldon City School board, member of the Democratic party, and a very active member of the Halifax United Methodist Church, serving on the administrative board in various capacities over the years, as well as taking his turn as Sunday School superintendent and lay leader. Ben was a devoted choir member all of his time in Halifax, many times sharing

his fine tenor voice as a soloist when Anne as the choir director/organist needed special music.

The girls fondly recall their parents practicing the Sunday anthem on Saturdays at home since Ben was unable to be at choir practice during the week, as he had in 1988 taken a job in Raleigh with the state Board of Health, interestingly as Director of Emergency Medical Services, where he inspected all of the ambulances in the state, remembering his old days driving the hearse, we are sure.

After retiring in 1986, he once again joined Anne full-time in activities including church and community; as a member of the Halifax Town Board, a cast member of the outdoor drama, "First for Freedom" as well as the other productions by Eastern Stage, a member of Royal White Hart Masonic Lodge, and member/registrant of Cape Fear Binnicus Community. In 2012, Ben and Anne moved to Wilson to be closer to family, and then later to Greenville where they first began their life together. While saddened

at Ben's passing, the family rejoices that he is now in the presence of the Lord, and with his beloved family who preceded him: his infant daughter Kathryn Jane Haley Shepard; his infant grandson Benjamin Walter Swartz; his parents; his in-laws, who treated him as a son, James Watson Butler and Gloria Halley Butler; his sisters, Marjorie Anne Shepard Bnshy and Mona Beall Shepard Helgeson; his Aunt Emily Shepard; and his uncles John and Jack Shepard, who were like parents to him.

Ben is survived by his wife Anne, of Greenville; his daughters, Emily Anne Shepard Scott and husband Gene, of Keady; Sarah Bonnell Shepard Swartz and husband Jeff, of Clinton; his granddaughters, Sarah Elizabeth Scott of Clayton, Anne Catherine Scott Barnes and husband Travels, of Bailey, Bennett Ross Scott Mundy and husband Matthew, of Wilson; his grandson Lucas Alexander Swartz of Greenville; and his great-grandsons William Martin Barnes and Walter Scott Barnes of Bailey. He is also survived by his brother

Robert Parker Shepard Jr. of Chattanooga; his cousins, Key and Mike Lynch, Ann Shepard White, Margaret Shepard Jackson, Emily Jean McAfee; one niece; and seven nephews.

Special thanks for the attentive care at East Brookdale Senior Living on Arlington, as well as to Community Home Care and Hospice of Greenville.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 18, at the Halifax United Methodist Cemetery on Granville Street, officiated by the Rev. Stanley A. Lewis Jr. and the Rev. Avery Lall.

During this time of COVID-19, masks and social distancing are requested. Memorial contributions may be made to Halifax United Methodist Church or The Methodist Home for Children as well as the Halifax County Animal Shelter or The Halifax County Library. Arrangements are by Wilkerson Funeral Home and Crematory, Greenville and Asheville. Funeral Home in Roanoke Rapids. Online condolences can be made at www.wilkersonfuneralhome.com.

Betty Price Newell

GASTON — Minister Betty Price Newell, 87, of Gaston died on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020, in the comfort of her home.

A VIEWING for "Jeanie," as she was affectionally called, will take place from 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, October 13, at Calfield Mortuary. A graveside Homegoing Service will be held at noon, Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2020 in the Sicarini's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery in Roanoke Rapids, with Bishop Russell Harris giving words of comfort.



The Calfield family and staff of Calfield Mortuary are honored to provide comfort, assistance and service to Mr. Raymond Newell and the Newell and Price family.

Daniel Everette

AHOSKIE — Daniel Everette, 70, of Ahoskie, died on Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020, at his residence.

A funeral service will take place at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 14, at Wilder's Funeral Home Chapel in Rich Square, with the Rev. Bobby Warren officiating. Burial will be in Highland Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Ahoskie. Wilder's Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Willie McArthur Manley

ROANOKE RAPIDS — Funeral arrangements are incomplete for Willie McArthur Manley, 66, who passed away on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020, at Vidant North Hospital in Roanoke Rapids. Robinson Funeral Home in Litleton, will handle the services.

Almorris Lynch

HOLLISTER — The Rev. Almorris Lynch, 88, died on Monday, Oct. 12, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Lockwood Funeral Home in Litleton.

Dick Neil

LAKELAND, Fla. — Elton "Dick" Neil, 87, of Lakeland, Florida, died on Feb. 17 at his home surrounded by his family. A memorial service will be held at Calvary United Methodist Church in Litleton, North Carolina, at 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 17. Prior to the service, visitation will be held and lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the church fellowship hall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Calvary United Methodist Church, 135 Calvary Church Road, Litleton, NC 27850, or a charity of one's choice. Online condolences may be left at hickadyls.com, select "Obituaries." Arrangements for Mr. Neil are under the care of Hickaday Funeral and Cremation Service.

Carrie Marie Rawls Johnson

ROANOKE RAPIDS — Carrie Marie Rawls Johnson, 60, of Roanoke Rapids, formerly of Northampton County, died on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2020, at Vidant Hospital in Greenville.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete. Coleman-McGee Funeral Home in Garysburg is handling the arrangements.

VALLEY BRIEF

PLAY READING SCHEDULES

LITTLETON — Lakeland Cultural Arts Center will present a reading of "Art" by Yasmina Reza at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Oct. 22-23 and at 2:30 p.m. (doors open at 2 p.m.) Oct. 25 at Artists of Elements, 370 Lizard Creek Road. The show is directed by LaVonne McClain and stars David Lasky, John DuVall and Mark Nielsen. This show contains mature language; a cash bar and discussion will follow. How much would you pay for a white painting? Would it matter who the

painter was? Would it be art? Through laughter and anger, this reading explores how we evaluate art and friendship. Admission is \$12. To purchase tickets, go to artistsofelements.com. There is limited seating due to CDC guidelines.

ANNUAL MISSION DAY SEABOARD

Annual Mission Day will be Oct. 24 at Galatia Baptist Church, 1219 Galatia Road. The yard sale, ham biscuit sale and gift shop will begin at 8 a.m. Hot dogs will be served at 11 a.m.; a barbecue supper at

4:30 p.m., with desserts for sale, eat in or take out; and an auction at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 252-585-1174.

BARBECUE FUNDRAISER OCT. 26

Hannah's Place will hold a barbecue fundraiser (turkey and pork) on Oct. 26. Cost is \$9 per pint, with all proceeds to benefit Hannah's Place Inc. in its fight to end domestic violence. Pre-paid orders only. For more information and to place orders, contact 252-541-2637 or hannahsplace1392@gmail.com.

Alton Clark

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ — Alton Clark, 68, of Atlantic City, New Jersey, formerly of Weldon, North Carolina, died on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020.

A Graveside Service will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 14, at Chapel Grove Memorial Gardens in Garysburg. A viewing will be held from 5 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 14, in the chapel of Shawna Lea Funeral Home, Highway 158 in Litleton. Please send condolences to www.shawnaleafuneralhome.com.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 588

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule RS-67

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS) cost recovery application and compliance report filed by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC), in the above-captioned docket. The public hearing is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 590, which is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuec.net. Members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing may file their notice of intent to testify with the Commission no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff via email at DENCpublichearing@ncuec.net or by calling 866-386-9816. When registering, provide your name, docket number (E-22, Sub 588), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

This proceeding is being held pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule RS-67 to consider DENC's application for approval of REPS cost recovery and compliance with the REPS requirements during the 2019 calendar year. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

On August 11, 2020, DENC filed direct testimony and exhibits in support of its application for REPS cost recovery and 2019 REPS compliance report. By its application, DENC proposes to implement the following total REPS rates, including regulatory fee, effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2021: a \$0.14 charge per month for residential customers; a \$0.82 charge per month for commercial customers; and a \$5.35 charge per month for industrial customers.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available on the Commission's website at www.ncuec.net.

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

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection-Utilities, 900 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to utility@OG.ncdaj.gov.

Written statements are not evidence unless 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 Monday, October 26, 2020. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Monday, October 26, 2020.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 14th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

STATE NEWS

NC Rural Center announces new Executive Director of recently launched national nonprofit

RALEIGH - Armeer Kenchen, appointed member of the Durham Planning Commission, has joined the NC Rural Center as the executive director of the new nonprofit subsidiary CornerSquare Community Capital (CSCC) and as the director of the organization's long-running Small Business Credit Initiative (SBICI).

In these roles, Kenchen will lead the Rural Center's small-business lending support programs, including the established Loan Participation Program (LPP) and the recently launched, CornerSquare Community Capital, a \$40-million partnership with Truist to support Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) in the bank's 17-state operating region.

Kenchen joins the Rural Center with more than twenty years of experience in community and small-business development, and has previously served in executive staff positions, including executive vice president at the Durham-based CDFI Self-Help Credit Union. Kenchen has also previously served as the economic development director at the Northeastern Community Development Corporation in Camden, North Carolina, as president and CEO of Generations Credit Union in Durham, and as a management consultant for Sekem Trust National Bank in Accra, Ghana.

Prior to his career in financial services, Kenchen was a public school teacher in Bertie County.

"Armeer brings with him a wealth of experience from a long and distinguished career in financial services," said NC Rural Center President Patrick Woodle. "We are excited for him to take over our

existing lending support programs, as well as play an integral role in shaping and leading our newest program, CornerSquare Community Capital."

CornerSquare Community Capital, which launched last week in partnership with Truist, the resulting bank from the B&E and SunTrust merger, is a first-of-its-kind program that will help CDFIs generate more small-business loans to underserved entrepreneurs, including women, people of color, and individuals of low-to-moderate income. "This is an exciting time to be joining the Rural Center," said Kenchen. "As our state and nation's small-business sector is struggling right now, this work takes on an even more critical and timely importance. Our nation's economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic will depend upon the grit and dedication of our nation's small-business owners."

The NC Rural Center's suite of lending support programs includes the Loan Participation Program (LPP), which was initially funded by the U.S. Department of the Treasury through the States' Small Business Credit Initiative. The Loan Participation Program is a small-business lending program that helps reduce the risk exposure for lenders in all 100 North Carolina counties, allowing them to make more loans in their communities and regions. Since launching in 2012, LPP has supported loans to more than 600 businesses, leveraging \$500 million in private capital and creating or retaining more than 11,000 jobs.

While LPP serves primarily community banks, federally insured credit unions, and a handful of CDFIs, CornerSquare will focus more exclusively on building a stronger, more vibrant CDFI sector.

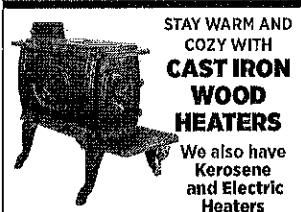
Former SBICI director, Thomas Wall, is retiring from his role after nine years of service. Wall initially

planned to retire earlier in the spring, but delayed his retirement and stayed on to help the NC Rural Center launch and manage the NC COVID-19 Rapid Recovery Loan Program.

"Truist's dedication to our state's rural and small-business communities is unmatched. We are grateful for all that has been done to build and expand our lending support and small-business development programs, and to help more North Carolina small-business owners get access to the commercial capital they need," said Woodle. "Most people wouldn't delay their retirement to take on a challenging new project in the middle of a global pandemic, but Truist isn't most people. We wish him a happy retirement and thank him for his service to North Carolina."

For 30 years, the NC Rural Center has worked to develop, promote, and implement sound economic strategies to improve the quality of life of rural North Carolinians. The Rural Center serves the state's 80 rural counties, with a special focus on individuals with low-to-moderate incomes and communities with limited resources.

CornerSquare Community Capital, a nonprofit subsidiary of the NC Rural Center, works to strengthen the lending infrastructure of Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) by providing more equitable access to commercial capital for individuals who may face additional barriers, which includes women, people of color, and individuals of low-to-moderate incomes. Established from a founding contribution of \$40 million by Truist, the bank that emerged from the SunTrust and B&E merger, CornerSquare Community Capital purchases a portion of loans made by participating CDFIs to eligible businesses, which decreases lending risk and allows CDFIs to make more loans to entrepreneurs.



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RALEIGH
DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 588
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
PUBLIC NOTICE
Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, db/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
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REES), cost recovery application submitted by Virginia Electric and Power Company, db/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC), in the above-captioned docket. The public hearing is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 529, which is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncnc.com. Members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff by email at PUBLICSTAFF@ncnc.com or by calling 866-380-9816. When registering, provide your name, docket number (E-22, Sub 588), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.
Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.
This proceeding is being held pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67 in consider DENC's application for approval of REES cost recovery and compliance with the REES requirements during the 2019 calendar year. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).
On August 11, 2020, DENC filed direct testimony and exhibits in support of its application for REES cost recovery and 2019 REES compliance report. By its application, DENC proposes to implement the following total REES rates, including regulatory fee: effective for services rendered on and after February 1, 2021: a \$0.14 charge per month for residential customers, a \$0.82 charge per month for commercial customers; and a \$5.35 charge per month for industrial customers.
Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available on the Commission's website at www.ncnc.net.
The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to: Commissioner J. Ayres, Executive Director, Public Staff, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-3300.
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, 5901 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-5001. Written statements may be emailed to utilityATOC@ncdoj.gov.
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Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Monday, October 26, 2020. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-3300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses is to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Monday, October 26, 2020.
ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.
This the 14th day of September, 2020.
NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH
DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 589
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
PUBLIC NOTICE
Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, db/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
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual demand-side management (DSM) and energy efficiency (EE) cost recovery proceeding by Virginia Electric and Power Company, db/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket Nos. E-22, Sub 529 and 588, which is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncnc.com. Members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff by email at PUBLICSTAFF@ncnc.com or by calling 866-380-9816. When registering, provide your name, docket number (E-22, Sub 589), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.
Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.
This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69 for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rate is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for adoption and implementation of new DSM and new EE measures and appropriate incentives. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).
On August 11, 2020, 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 services rendered on and after February 1, 2021. DENC's request, including the North Carolina regulatory fee, would result in the following kilowatt-hour (kWh) charges: 0.1651 cents per kWh for residential customers; 0.1196 cents per kWh for small general service and public utility customers; and 0.9212 cents per kWh for large general service customers. No DSM/EE rate rider would be applicable to rate schedules GVD, NS, outdoor lighting and utility and C&I-100-150.
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 0.0199 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer consuming 1,000 kWh of electricity by 20 cents. Small general service and public utility customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.0562 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.0158 cents per kWh.
Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available on the Commission's website at www.ncnc.net.
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STATE NEWS

Be cautious, take action to prevent wildfires during fall wildfire season in North Carolina

RALEIGH — As we head into fall wildfire season in North Carolina, the N.C. Forest Service and the USDA Forest Service urge visitors and North Carolinians to be cautious with campfires and when burning yard debris.

In North Carolina, the fall wildfire season typically lasts from mid-October until mid-December, the time of year when people do yard work that may include burning leaves and yard debris. The leading cause of wildfires in North Carolina is debris burning. When left unattended, debris fires can escape and start wildfires.

"As leaves begin to fall and vegetation starts to dry out, it's important for all North Carolina citizens to use extreme caution when burning debris of any kind," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "As wildfires continue to rage in Western states and the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be a challenge, let's remember that we're not powerless. Our best defense against wildfires starts at home. Following simple prevention tips and taking action around your home can reduce the risk that a wildfire affects you, your loved ones, your neighbors and your communities."

"There are many factors to consider before burning debris. The N.C. Forest Service encourages residents to contact their local county forest ranger before burning debris. The ranger can offer technical advice and explain the best options to help ensure the safety of people, property and the forest. To find contact information for your local county ranger, visit https://www.ncforestservice.gov/contacts.

For people who choose to burn debris, the N.C. Forest Service offers the following tips to protect property and prevent wildfires:

Consider alternatives to burning. Some types of debris, such as leaves, grasses and stubble, may be of more value if they are not burned, but used for mulch instead.

Check local burning laws. Some communities allow burning only during specified hours. Others forbid it entirely.

Make sure you have a valid permit. You can obtain a burn permit at any authorized permitting agent open for business or online at https://www.ncforestservice.gov/burnpermit.

Local fire officials can recommend a safe way to burn debris. Don't pile vegetation on the ground. Instead, place it in a cleared area and contain it in a screened receptacle away from overhead branches and wires. Keep your pile small, not tall.

Stay informed about the weather and possible weather changes. Postpone outdoor burning during high winds or gusts, or periods of low relative humidity. Even if you have a valid permit, stop burning if strong winds develop.

Household trash should be hauled away to a trash or recycling station. It is illegal to burn anything other than yard debris.

Be sure you are fully prepared before burning. To control the fire, you will need a hose, bucket, steel rake and a shovel for tossing dirt on the fire. Keep a phone nearby, too.

Never use kerosene, gasoline, diesel fuel or other flammable liquids to speed up debris burning.

Stay with your fire until it is completely out.

Burning agricultural residue and forestland litter: In addition to the rules above, a fire line should be plowed around the area to be burned. Large fields should be separated into small plots for burning one at a time. Before doing any burning in a wooded area, contact your county ranger, who will weigh all factors, explain them and offer technical advice.

Defensible space around your home is important. Clear debris from your roof and gutters. Store firewood and other combustible items at least 30 feet from your home and upwind if possible. For

more information and tips to help create a defensible space around your home and protect your property from wildfire, visit www.ncwildfire.org.

The USDA Forest Service also reminds campers to be cautious when burning campfires. Use existing fire rings if possible and clear a safe area around them of at least 15 feet. Never leave campfires unattended, and ensure they are completely out before leaving.

The USDA Forest Service offers the following guidelines for safely extinguishing campfires and helping to prevent wildfires:

Allow the wood to burn completely to ash, if possible.

Pour lots of water on the fire, drown ALL embers, not just the red ones.

Pour milk the hissing sound stops. Stir campfire ashes and embers with a shovel.

Scrape the sticks and logs to remove any embers.

Stir and make sure everything is wet and that embers are cold to the touch.

If you do not have water, use dirt. Pour dirt or sand on the fire, mixing enough dirt or sand with the embers to extinguish the fire.

Continue adding or stirring until all remaining material is cool.

Do NOT bury the fire as the fire will continue to smolder and could catch roots on fire that will eventually get to the surface and start a wildfire.

Always exercise caution with any outdoor burning. Even when burn bans are not in effect, weather conditions may not be favorable for outdoor fires, Troxler said. Outdoor burning is discouraged during periods of low humidity or high winds.

Studies have shown that taking these and other measures can reduce the possibility of wildfires. To learn more about fire safety and preventing wildfires around your property, visit www.ncforestservice.gov and www.smokeyclear.com.

BFM logo and advertisement for BFM services including Management Plans, NC/VA Stewardship Plans, NRCS TSP Plans-CAP Plans, County Use Value Tax Program Plans, NC Tree Farm Plans, Forest Management Plans, and Reforestation Plans. Contact info for Boone's Forest Management, LLC.

Advertisement for Morris Auto Service and Parts, featuring 'See Us For Front End Alignment and Expert Auto Repair', 'NC SAFETY INSPECTIONS', and 'ALL MAJOR BRANDS OF TIRES'. Includes address and phone number.

Public Notice from the State of North Carolina Utilities Commission regarding DENEC's application for approval of DSM/EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69. Includes details on the hearing, application, and regulatory requirements.

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WORLD

KIGALI, RWANDA

'Hotel' here to be tried with rebels

Rwanda's prosecution on Monday said it intends to hold a joint trial of Paul Rusesabagina, whose story inspired the film "Hotel Rwanda," together with 16 prisoners alleged to be rebel fighters.

Rusesabagina, 66, is a founder of the Rwanda Movement for Democratic Change, a coalition of opposition groups, which has an armed wing known as the National Liberation Front. The government accuses the rebel group of killing Rwandans in the country's north.

In court last month, Rusesabagina admitted his ties to the rebels but said the group was never meant to kill Rwandans.

"Prosecution intends to submit a joint indictment of these 16 defendants together with Paul Rusesabagina. A full list of 16 fighters will be provided," Prosecutor General Aimable Havugiyemwe told a press conference in the capital, Kigali.

LONDON

UK finds almost 16,000 extra cases

The British government has launched an investigation into how nearly 16,000 new coronavirus infections went unreported as a result of a technical glitch, a finding that could have given fresh impetus to an outbreak that critics say could easily get out of control.

Health Secretary Matt Hancock told lawmakers Monday that the problem related to the "automated transfer of files." The problem widely is thought to be connected to the file size limitations on Excel spreadsheets used in the test-and-trace program.

"This is a serious issue which is being investigated fully," Hancock said. "Now it is critical we work together to put it right and make sure it doesn't happen again."

Hancock's appearance at the House of Commons came after the weekend disclosure that 16,811 virus cases were not tabulated from Sept. 25 to Oct. 2. Through those testing positive had been told of their status, their contacts — potentially about 60,000 people — were not traced, a finding that



PA VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
A worker peels away chairs Oct. 2 outside a bar in Soho, London, ahead of the 10 p.m. curfew pubs and restaurants are subject to in order to combat the rise in coronavirus cases in England.

could have allowed the virus to flourish. He said 64% of those testing positive were contacted again and that their contacts were reached immediately after that.

Despite the addition of so many new cases, he said the government's chief medical officer "has not substantially changed" his opinion about the epidemic's path in the U.K., which like other countries in Europe is witnessing a second spike of the virus.

PARIS

Deadly floods hit France, Italy

Three more bodies were discovered Monday on the French side of the border with Italy after seven mountain flooding ravaged parts of both countries, leaving at least 12 dead. Hundreds of rescue workers were searching for up to 20 other people still missing.

Spanning devastated mountainous areas in France's southeastern Alpes-Maritimes region and Italy's northwestern regions of Liguria and Piedmont after a storm swept through on Friday and Saturday.

Many of the identities of the dead were as murky as the churning waters that swept them away.

The prefect of France's Alpes-Maritimes region told the Nice Matin newspaper that some bodies found in Italy apparently were corpses from coffins that had been swept across the border by the raging floodwaters.

From Associated Press reports

Armenia and Azerbaijan clash as Iran works on peace plan

BY AVET DEMOURIAN
The Associated Press

YEREVAN, Armenia — Armenia accused Azerbaijan of firing missiles into the capital of the separatist territory of Nagorno-Karabakh on Monday, while Azerbaijan said several of its towns and its second-largest city were attacked.

Iran, which borders both countries, said it was working on a peace plan for the decades-old conflict, which reignited last month and has killed scores of people on both sides.

The region of Nagorno-Karabakh lies inside Azerbaijan but has been under the control of ethnic Armenian forces backed by Armenia since the end of a separatist war in 1994.

Azerbaijan military officials reported missile strikes in the territorial capital of Stepanakert, which

came under intense attacks all weekend. Residents told the Russian state RIA Novosti news agency that parts of the city were suffering shortages of electricity and gas after the strikes.

"The Azerbaijani Defense Ministry, in turn, accused Armenian forces of shelling the towns of Yartli, Barin and Boylagan. Gratia, the country's second-largest city far outside the conflict zone, also was "under fire," officials said.

Ilkhet Hajyev, aide to Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev, tweeted that Armenian forces attacked "densely populated civilian areas" in Ganja, Barin, Boylagan and other towns "with missiles and rockets."

Armenia's Foreign Ministry dismissed allegations of attacks being launched from Armenia's territory as a "disinformation campaign."

The fighting erupted Sept. 27 and has killed doz-



DIA VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
People remove the debris from destroyed buildings Sunday in a residential area in Ganja, Azerbaijan, near the border with Armenia, after shelling by Armenian forces that killed two people and wounded several others.

ens, marking the biggest escalation in the conflict. Both sides have accused each other of expanding the hostilities beyond Nagorno-Karabakh.

According to Nagorno-Karabakh officials, about 220 servicemen on their side have died in the

clashes since then. The state-run Armenian Conflict Information Center said that 21 civilians have been killed in the region and 82 others wounded.

Azerbaijani authorities have not given details about military casualties, but said 25 civilians were killed and 127 wounded.

Both sides reportedly have accused each other of targeting civilians and have reported damage to nonmilitary infrastructure.

Azerbaijani President Aliyev said his troops "liberated" several more villages in the Jabrayil region. A similar report about the town of Jabrayil and its surrounding villages on Sunday was denied by Nagorno-Karabakh officials.

Nagorno-Karabakh was a designated autonomous region within Azerbaijan during the Soviet era, it claimed independence from Azerbaijan in 1991, about three months

before the Soviet Union's collapse. A full-scale war that broke out in 1992 killed an estimated 30,000 people.

By the time the war ended in 1994, Armenian forces not only held Nagorno-Karabakh itself but also substantial areas outside the territory borders, like the Jabrayil region where Azerbaijan claimed to have taken a town and several villages.

Aliyev reportedly has said Armenia's withdrawal from Nagorno-Karabakh is the sole condition to end the fighting.

Armenian officials allege Turkey is involved in the conflict on the side of Azerbaijan and is sending fighters from Syria to the region. Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said "a cease-fire can be established only if Turkey is removed from the South Caucasus."

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA | UTILITIES COMMISSION | RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 518

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 Renewable Energy)
and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cos)
Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and)
Commission Rule R8-67)

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Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 14th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Jocann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

TO COMMEMORATE VETERANS DAY ON NOV. 11TH, THE TELEGRAM WILL HONOR OUR LOCAL VETERANS IN A SPECIAL SECTION THAT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSPAPER.

WE'D LIKE YOUR HELP. PLEASE SUBMIT PHOTOS OF FAMILY MEMBERS YOU HAVE SERVED. Please fill out the information below. Photo submission deadline is October 16th.

Name: _____
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 Years of Service: _____
 Current or Former: _____
 Phone Number: _____

If you have any questions please call Kelly at 252-336-6144 or kelly@telegram.com. You can email your submission to kelly@telegram.com or your postcard form to PO Box 1082 Rocky Mount, NC 27854 - Veterans Day Page. If mailing, please make sure to include RECEIPT your submission by October 16th - no mail than early to ensure we get them before the deadline.

SPORTS

The time is right for Chase to race to title round

BY JENNA FRYER
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — Chase Elliott again has a chance to take the next step in his young but quite celebrated career. He's back in the round of eight for a fourth consecutive year, once again trying to drive through to his first championship finale.

Is he a true contender? The time has come for him to prove it.

Kyle Busch is out of the way, eliminated Sunday after Elliott won on The Roval at Charlotte Motor Speedway. Busch won't race in the final four for the first time since 2014, and there will be a new Cup champion this year.

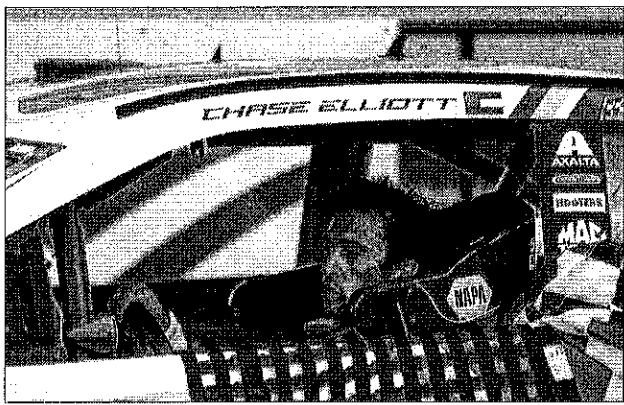
Kevin Harvick and Denny Hamlin, winners of a combined 16 of the 32 races so far this season, are heavily favored to advance to the Nov. 8 finale at Phoenix.

That would leave just two remaining slots for the rest of the field, six drivers hoping to join Harvick and Hamlin in the winner-take-all desert showdown.

"We tend to see the same guys make the final four every year, the same group fighting for three spots," Elliott said. "We're very capable of asserting ourselves amongst them."

Busch has cleared out after five straight appearances — two were life-winning years — so there's room for a wild-card winner this November.

Elliott, who three times before has stalled his sea-



Driver Chase Elliott sits in Victory Lane after winning Sunday's NASCAR Roval at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord.

son in the round of eight, is a credible candidate. He's won three races for the first year in a row and is statistically on pace for the best season of his career.

The Hendrick Motorsports No. 14 team has been solid before but always stumbled in this critical three-race round.

That's unacceptable for such a high-level team. Elliott is considered the centerpiece at Hendrick Motorsports, particularly with seven-time champion Jimmie Johnson's retirement just one month away, and

he gives Chevrolet its best shot at ending a three-year title drought.

Chevy has not advanced a driver to the final four since Johnson won his last title in 2016.

The favorite brand watched as Ford and Toyota went head-to-head for the title the last three years. Chevrolet and competitors Hendrick and Elliott, were shut out of the crowning race.

The burden falls to Elliott, NASCAR's two-time defending most popular driver, to get Chevy a ticket to the

final show. He's long been spotlighted as the future of NASCAR and the time has come for him to answer the expectations on the track.

Elliott at The Roval won his fourth straight road course race, proving he's the best active driver in the series at that discipline. There are no road courses in this next round that begins Sunday at Kansas Speedway.

Elliott is good enough at Kansas and even won there in 2015, but the No. 14 team struggled for 12th-place finish there in July.

He also finished 12th a

week earlier at Texas Motor Speedway, the second stop in this round.

If this is the year Elliott is to race for a title, he'll need significant improvement at those two tracks the next two weeks.

"Both races were disappointing for us," acknowledged crew chief Alan Gustafson. "We've got to find a way to get through. Running at the sharp end of the spear is going to be what it takes. I think we can do it."

There's been attention on Elliott since before he reached the national level.

His father is "Awesome Bill from Dawsonville," the Hall of Fame 1998 champion and record 16-time most popular driver. Chase has followed those footsteps the last 24 years.

When he was 13, Elliott was featured alongside golfer Justin Spivey and tennis player Madison Keys in a 2009 Sports Illustrated "Where Will They Be" feature of 14 athletes. He signed a driver development deal with Hendrick Motorsports when he was 15 and was racing in the Truck Series two years later.

Elliott won the Xfinity Series championship as an 18-year-old rookie in 2014 and his career was fast-tracked for a storm.

Now in his fifth full Cup season, the three-race winner needs to reach that next performance goal. Gustafson said his team was better the last few years than his final results showed and the No. 14 could have gone to the final four.

Elliott also believes he's been very close and through consistency and mistake-free races his team can run with whoever when we're at our best. I really believe it."

He's got to find advancement to the finale, then find a way to beat Harvick and Hamlin.

"That's why we go race, to find out who wins and who loses," Elliott said. "We made the round of eight, the last couple years, that's a great thing. That's a great achievement. But we always want more. I think we're very capable of it."

NBA

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the NBA, putting this thing together and us using our voices, us being together ... we know we all want to see better days," James said.

The priority for the first seven months was getting through the pandemic safely and salvaging the season. That happened, a champion was crowned, a bubble was built and nobody tested positive for three months inside that NBA campus in huge part because of extremely tight regulations surrounding conduct and safety. Now comes a quick pivot toward figuring out all things related to money for next season such as the salary cap and luxury tax lines, as well as when teams can resume play — and where.

"These issues are a bit complicated and difficult in many cases," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said.

"But there's no reason to believe that with our counterparts at the (National Basketball) Players Associ-

ation that we won't be able to work through them."

Not everything was unexpected this season. The Lakers were not a surprise champion, Milwaukee's Giannis Antetokounmpo was not a surprise to win his second consecutive MVP award, Houston's James Harden was not a surprise to be the scoring champion for the third year in a row.

That's not to say there were no surprises. Miami became the first No. 5 seed to reach the NBA Finals, Golden State lost, practically everyone got injured and plummeted to the bottom of the league in what basically was a reset year, the San Antonio Spurs weren't in the playoffs for the first time in 23 years and Doc Rivers — long considered one of the league's best coaches — got fired by the Los Angeles Clippers, then quickly hired by the Philadelphia 76ers.

But this year will be remembered for the shocking developments: The conflict between the NBA and China that started last October

after a tweet from Houston general manager Daryl Morey in support of anti-gay sentiment postdates in Hong Kong and how the Lakers and Brooklyn Nets (who were in China at the time) got caught in that hailstorm; the death of commissioner David Stern on Jan. 6; the death of Kevin Durant on Jan. 25; and then the shutdown of the season on March 11 after Utah's Rudy Gobert became the first of many in the league to test positive for coronavirus. Play stopped for 4-5 months, a bubble was built, 171 more games were played but no more tickets were sold.

"It has been an emotional roller coaster for certainly our players and for me, for the entire community, for the fans," NBA executive director Michele Roberts said. "Beneath Stern's death, Kobe's death, the virus — which is just the most vicious entity I've ever come across — and then what's happening in the streets ... the tendency to want to just stay under the covers,

I don't have to fight it every day. But there are days when I say 'Oh God, I was having such a great dream, why did I have to wake up?' What happens next is largely up to Roberts and Silver.

Other entities will be involved, but they are the two leaders who found a way to get this season done and now are tasked with making next season happen.

"We can't thank the NBA

enough for this whole experience," head coach Erik Spoelstra said. "This has just been extraordinary."

Chances are, whatever happens next will have to be extraordinary as well.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA | UTILITIES COMMISSION | RALPHGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 588

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Case Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67 PUBLIC NOTICE

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PANTHERS

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continue to drive and continue to get better," he added.

What's working

Robby Anderson might just be the best free agent pickup in the league. The former 4th round pick has had 99 yards receiving in four of that team's five games this season. His third in receptions (28) and yards receiving (400) and has developed a remarkable chemistry with new teammate Teddy Bridgewater.

What needs help

The Panthers need to continue to find more ways to get the ball into the hands of versatile and explosive wide receiver Curtis Samuel. Samuel had four runs for 28 yards, including a 17-yard burst while lining up in the backfield. He also made some nice grabs on third downs to move the chains and finished with 36 yards receiving while catching all five balls thrown his way.

Stock up

Mike Davis has been outstanding filling in for Christian McCaffrey at running back. In three starts, Davis has 351 yards from scrimmage and three touchdowns. He helped the Panthers put together a 7 1/2-minute drive in the fourth quarter that led to a clinching field goal. Davis had big runs of 16, 8 and 9 yards on the final drive to bury the Falcons. "His running it with tremendous physicality," coach Matt Rhule said. "He's not getting tackled by the first tackler."

Stock down

Run defense will be a big emphasis for the Panthers this week after allowing Todd Gurley and the Falcons to pile up 106 yards and a touchdown on the ground. The biggest blow came on a 35-yard touchdown run by Gurley on the game's first possession. However, the Panthers were able to make adjustments after that first drive and hold the Falcons out of the end zone for the remainder of the game. Still, Gurley averaged 8.3 yards

per carry.

Injured

Four defensive starters left Sunday's game with injuries, including tackle Ronvon Short (shoulder), edge rusher Brian Burns (concussion) and Yeter Gross-Mates (ankle) and cornerback Donte Jackson (toe), leaving their playing status up in the air for this week's game against the Bears.

Key number

73% — Percentage of passes Bridgewater has completed this season, second most in the league behind only Las Vegas' Derek Carr. Carolina's strategy of getting the ball out quickly is working well as Bridgewater has been sacked eight times this season.

Next steps

The Panthers will look for their fourth straight win Sunday against the Bears, but getting a push rush on quarterback Nick Foles could be a concern with three hanging receivers. Stay tuned on the Panthers' injury foot.

Looking Back

What was in the news this week? October 9-14
10 years ago - 2010

Friday, Oct. 9 - The Person High School football team fell to 1-5 on the 2010 season after a 48-23 loss at the hands of undefeated Hillside High School. Despite the final score, the Rockets stayed within six points for a majority of the game. Person took a 14-0 lead in the first quarter through a Jonathan Quick and Tyrona woods connection and another touchdown rush from Quick. The Rocket offense provided its highest scoring output and most yardage of the season, racking up 283 total yards and 128 on the ground. Person entered half time down 21-20, but couldn't provide the same production in the second half where it was outscored by 24 points.

25 years ago - 1995

Thursday, Oct. 10 - City voters re-elected all of the available incumbents to the Roxboro City Council and Mayor Lois Winslow. Sam Spencer led the pack with 510 votes, followed by James Allen, J.B. Oakley, Eugene Keen and Bill Warren. Challengers Denny Fontenot and Mike Cannon finished sixth and seventh, respectively. Twenty-one percent of the city's electorate voted in the election - 700 of the 3,572 voters.

Thursday, Oct. 10 - The Person High School volleyball team's season came to an end with a loss in the Piedmont Athletic Conference "turnme-

nt final to Jordan. The Rockets took Jordan to five sets before falling by a 15-2 score. The Lady Falcons handed Person three of its four losses on the season. In spite of the championship, Person dispatched sixth-seeded Riverside and defending state 4-A champions Chapel Hill in three sets each.

40 years ago - 1980

Thursday, Oct. 9 - Person County schools could see in-school suspension implemented instead of multiple days of out-of-school suspension. Superintendent Walter Rogers initially said he would like to use the Northern Junior High School complex on Morgan Street to house the program, but when that location seemed improbable, said he would still support the idea of isolating the disruptive junior and senior high school students.

Friday, Oct. 10 - Despite forcing six turnovers, the Person Senior High School football team lost to Vance by a 34-14 score. The Vikings built an early 22-0 lead by scoring on three of its first four possessions. With a one-yard Jeff Golden touchdown rush, Person became the second team to score on the Vance defense six games into the season. The Vikings defense stifled much of the Person offense which only completed four passes for 43 yards and gained 119 yards on the ground.

SCHOOL

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mentally. Person County School Superintendent Rodney Peterson, as well as members of the board, praised the work of the district's teachers and staff during the time of COVID-19.

"There are not enough words to express how phenomenal our teachers and staff have been," Peterson said. "We are simply in awe of them."

"The board voted in July to begin the 2020-21 school year in Plan B, commonly referred to as the hybrid model. In that plan, students in all grade levels who opted for some in-person education, attended their school either on Monday-Tuesday or Thursday-Friday - A days or B days. Students attend class remotely on days that they are not physically in school, including Wednesday which is a virtual day for all students as it allows each school to be deep cleaned.

Students were also given the option of Plan C, meaning all remote learning.

Peterson made it clear during last Thursday's meeting that the district only has the option of returning elementary school students to full-time, in-person at this time. The district remains in Plan B for the middle schools and Person High School.

On Sept. 17, Gov. Roy Cooper announced that "beginning Oct. 5, North Carolina public school districts and charter schools can choose to implement Plan A for elementary schools."

Seven days later, the Person County Board of Education, Superintendent Dr. Rodney Peterson and other district employees met for a work session to discuss the possibility of transitioning PCS's elementary schools to Plan A. When the state announced that school districts would have the option to move to Plan A, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mandy Cohen said that the state is "on the right track" and that the current science shows that younger children are "less likely to become infected, have symptoms, experience severe disease or spread the virus."

EDC

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sher said the county's location would allow it to become regional and involved with Research Triangle Park and southern Virginia.

She also said she has seen a lack of transparency about what the EDC is doing and the board has not been working in the best way for the Moga Park and the board needs to look at that to become more efficient with the possibility of reporting directly to the commissioners. When asked about

her fit into the board, Bradsher said she would come in as a team player and would bring in an ability to listen and learn from others. She said she would come in and listen before advocating for any changes to the board.

Following the interview period, Chairman Ray Jeffers made a motion to appoint Cole, but a substitute motion to appoint Bradsher passed by the 3-2 margin.

Derrick Sims, a veteran of the EDC and a Republican, made the motion, but told *The Courier-Times* that Bradsher's role with the party did not factor into

his decision. Sims said Bradsher would bring a lot of experience to the board.

"She wants to go out and pursue industry - that was one of the big things when I listened to her talk today," he said. "She knows what she wants to do and I think she'll work together with this board very well."

Sims said he believes Bradsher will bring connections from her past experiences in Virginia and establish more connections once she is in place with the EDC while also bringing an outsider's perspective to the board.

BRADSHER

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lenses when Cindy Blitzer submitted hours she did not work into the court system's timekeeping and payroll system.

Goldman also contended that there was insufficient evidence to convict Bradsher for felony obstruction of justice, that the court inaccurately excluded testimony from Bradsher's administrative assistant Gayle Peed and that the court failed to instruct the jury on the specific false representations alleged.

The court found that there was insufficient evidence to convict Bradsher for obtaining property by false pretenses on the theory that he worked in concert with Blitzer to pay her for hours she did not work.

The opinion says that the state failed to establish Bradsher's actual or constructive presence because he was not physically present or in contact with Blitzer when she submitted her fraudulent

hours and he told Blitzer's supervisor, former assistant District Attorney John Statz III, to approve her fraudulent hours long after and far away from the actual execution of the crime - and therefore Bradsher's actions did not help in the execution of the crime.

The three judges also found that Bradsher's statement that Blitzer was working on special projects was false, but that the false statement did not change Whitby's investigative path or extend his investigation beyond what it would have normally taken.

The judges sided with the state that Bradsher did not explain why Peed's testimony should have been admissible at trial and therefore the argument was not for the court to review.

The panel also found that the trial court did not make an error by failing to instruct the jury on the alleged false representations.

As a result of the 2019 trial, Bradsher served five months in prison and was barred.

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SJ03 588

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RCS senior headed to Europe for college next semester

By OLIVIA TOWNSEND
Bullhorn Reporter

Hunter Vaughan, Roxboro Community School (RCS) senior, will be traveling to Prague, Czech Republic in Europe to start his college career this spring semester. Vaughan will attend Anglo-American University (AAU) where he will study International Relations which he described as, "essentially Political Science but on a global scale." "While it is not an extremely popular/highly known school, they offer everything I am looking for in a college. AAU, as well as most European colleges, are typically very affordable in comparison to college costs in the US. I will also graduate with a dual degree - meaning it will be valid in the US and in the EU. Additionally, their program is set up so that I can complete my degree in three years," said Vaughan.

Vaughan's passion for politics started in middle school during the last presidential election. "We learned about the election process in Mrs. Cobb's social studies class," said Vaughan. "Later, thanks to Mrs. Oakley, I became involved in Youth Legislative Assembly, which I really enjoyed. Making in International Relations will allow me to get a job where I will be able to make a real impact in the world and not just sit behind a desk all day."

While attending college at AAU, Vaughan hopes to join clubs such as the Model UN/Diplomatic Club as well as student council and maybe others. "Outside of school, I hope that I will be able to travel and explore Europe as much as I can, given the Czech Republic is very central in Europe, making it extremely easy

to visit other countries," stated Vaughan.

Of course, moving to a new area and experiencing the culture shock can make anyone nervous. "I am obviously a little nervous, especially given the fact that I will be moving to a completely different country, where I won't know anyone... but overall, I am very excited and optimistic that this is the right path for me," explained Vaughan.

When asked what he was hoping to get out of this experience, Vaughan replied, "With this experience I am hoping to not only get a great education, but also meet new people from all over the world given that there are students from over 80 different countries at AAU. I am also hoping to get a better understanding of the world and other cultures from moving to a new country and being able to travel to so many new places."

While Vaughan will no doubt make an impact on the world in his life, he has already helped many cancer patients here in North Carolina. When deciding what project he should do to earn his Eagle Scout rank for Boy Scouts, Vaughan came up with the idea of "chemo bags" for cancer patients receiving treatment at Duke Cancer Center.

When Vaughan was in eighth grade, his mother was diagnosed with stage two breast cancer. Along with the diagnosis came rigorous treatment and multiple surgeries.

"Because I knew first-hand how hard it is for someone to go through cancer treatments, I wanted to do something for the patients at Duke Cancer Center, where my mom was treated. I remembered that she had a bag

that she took to every appointment that was filled with all kinds of things like hand sanitizer, pain, a journal, a blanket, etc., and then I thought that would be the perfect gift for these patients as it is something they will be able to use all the time," stated Vaughan.

Deciding to do this project also came with the long process of making it happen. "First I wrote out exactly what I planned to do with my Eagle Project in my Project Proposal and submitted it to my scout leaders and from there it was immediately approved," he said. Next came the issue of funding this large project. "For this I sent out emails and letters to friends and family and also had an account for my project set up through my church so that people that wanted could just submit their donation through the weekly offering. Doing just those few things, I ended up quickly raising over \$3,000 for my project (my initial goal was only \$1,000). From there I began to order all of the materials and components I needed to put together 60 bags." With some help, Vaughan was able to put together 60 bags plus a donation of \$1,500 for cancer patients at Duke.

While the project was delayed for a short period of time due to COVID-19, on Aug. 26, Vaughan was able to give the bags and the donation to Duke Cancer Center. "While we were not able to enter the hospital, I was actually able to personally give some bags to patients who were coming out of the Cancer Center from their treatments. Seeing their faces when they received the bags was worth all of the hard work that had been put into the project," said Vaughan.



Roxboro Community School student Hunter Vaughan recently earned Eagle Scout honors.

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IN THE FALL SPIRIT

Jill Clayton's biotech II and III students at RCS spruced up the campus in honor of fall this week. Pumpkins were provided by Country Side Produce.

Smith teaching high school science at RCS

By THOMAS DEACON
Bullhorn Reporter

"The year 2020 has brought many new things to the students and staff of Roxboro Community School (RCS). One of these is a new teacher, Justin

Smith. Smith teaches high school science. He has taught for over 13 years in Durham and Johnston counties. Most of Smith's experience has come from teaching at Millbrook High School in Wake

County. He was born in Raleigh, and has lived there most of his life. He studied geology at N.C. State University and also holds a master's degree in science education from N.C. State.

Three seniors nominated for National Merit Scholarship program

By MACKENZIE CLAYTON
Bullhorn Reporter

This past September, Roxboro Community School (RCS) seniors Franklin Bell, Cameron Partridge and Samuel Williams were named Commended Students in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Students who have been named a Commended Student exhibit outstanding

potential for academic excellence.

These RCS students placed among the top 50,000 scorers on the 2019 Preliminary SAT (PSAT). There were about 1.5 million students in total who took the PSAT in 2019.

Even though these three seniors will not compete in the 2021 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, they will be recognized for their exceptional academic promise.

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WHITAKERS

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individuals and families. WRAP is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

Since its inception in March 2018, WRAP has worked to improve the quality of life in Whitakers and help revitalize the once-thriving community, but the music park was its first major undertaking.

WRAP President Nancy Taylor told the racially diverse gathering of young and old that "music is the universal language."

She recognized major sponsors — The Camerinus Foundation, Resourceful Communities/The Conservation Trust and The Atlas Foundation — and also referred to the project sign in the park, which listed individual donors. She also thanked the Town of Whitakers for updates to the park, including efforts to make it handicap accessible and repairing sidewalks.

"The fact you are here shows that you care and we invite you to join us as we work to restore the community we love and call home," Taylor said.

She said it is the hope of the WRAP organization that the park will be well-used and bring "joy and peace" to people in the community for years to come.

WRAP vice-president Mike Johnson told the audience of projects the organization had undertaken and that more was planned and that help was always welcome and appreciated.



JOHN H. WALKER/THE TARBORO WEEKLY

Josiah Purcell, 8, of Roanoke Rapids, enjoys his time playing a yellow flower at the park. The flowers emit bell sounds.

He said that while the ribbon cutting was a big event, there was much work behind the scenes that many took part in and supported.

Also participating in the program were Gary Keller of Camerinus Foundation, Reggie Hunt, Grammy Hopkins, mayor pro tem of Whitakers, and former state Transportation Board member Tom Betta, who grew up just outside of town and was a town businessman for many years.

Both County Commissioner Lou Richardson also participated in the ribbon

cutting. WRAP heard member Lori Mizelle, whose parents and grandparents are Whitakers natives, drew on her experiences as a music teacher at Nashville Elementary School to give the crowd a quick primer of the instruments.

She said that they were invented by Grammy Award-winning musician Richard Cooke more than 20 years ago to help eliminate the frustration many people feel when trying to learn to play an instrument.

"We get frustrated when we hit a wrong note, so he took them out," Mizelle said. "The instruments are missing the flat notes and sharp notes."

"It's not about the stress of learning, and when you can just release yourself and make the music, it's so soothing. It's a good way to come, gather, and make music together."

And with that, she turned to a xylophone-looking instrument called a "Tanzec," which is actually a metallophone, and began to play.

As she switched lanes and the crowd began to recognize the music, one could hear the lyrics to "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" begin to rise as the crowd softly joined in.

Following the formal ribbon cutting, people started to move to first one instrument and then another.

Trenda Boone, who identified herself as born and raised in Whitakers, was releasing energy of the second of two yuzooce instruments with 8-year-old Josiah Hunt, who came from Roanoke Rapids with his family, was enjoying his time on a yellow flower, which emitted bell tones and was one of four flowers.

Whitakers park includes two yuzooce, four flowers, a harp, contrabass cellos, a giffin (vertical xylophone) and tuned drums.

For more information, contact WRAP at wrap@villanovaworks.com or call Taylor at 252-355-0353. The group's website is www.wrapforwhitakers.com and it is also on Facebook.

ECC

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commissioners approved a memorandum of agreement between the county and the squad outlining the points of the transition and setting a timeline for the transition.

County manager Cole Evans told commissioners 48 of the squad's current employees completed a survey with about two-thirds saying they would apply for a similar position with the county service. About 28 percent said they were undecided and 6 percent said they would not.

"Our goal is to have no lapse in service," Evans said, telling commissioners that an interview process will be followed for rescue squad applicants.

On Monday, commissioners checked three items off the list, including approving the memorandum, approving an interim

budget for the Emergency Services Department, and approving and adding five positions to the county's FY 2020-21 plan, including EMT-Basic, EMT-Advanced and EMT-Paramedic along with an assistant supervisor/paramedic as well as the coordinator/paramedic.

Next up on the timeline is the hiring of an EMS coordinator, with Nov. 15 established as the target date for the position to be filled.

The new coordinator will come on board at county pay grade 21, which starts at a minimum of \$46,870 and ranges up to a maximum of \$76,315 annually, plus benefits.

Commissioners also gave Evans leeway in the hiring process to accommodate long-term rescue squad employees who would otherwise lose accrued vacation and sick time. He will also have flexibility in terms of determination of eligibility for longevity pay.

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ECC had transfer under this agreement may select any of N.C. Wesleyan's programs of study or may transfer to the colleges Adult and Professional Studies program, taking advantage of the Wesleyan Works program.

Students are required to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 and be in good academic standing. The agreement allows N.C. Wesleyan within the reach of ECC students who may not have otherwise been able to attend the College.

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Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North) PUBLIC NOTICE
Carolina Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and)
Commission Rule R8-55 Regarding Fuel and)
Fuel-Related Cost Adjustments for Electric)
Utilities)

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DENEC filed an application and testimony relative to the subject matter of this proceeding on August 11, 2020. According to its application, DENEC is requesting a total annual fuel revenue decrease of approximately \$15.4 million from the fuel and fuel-related costs currently in effect. Further, DENEC proposes to make the fuel revenue decrease effective for service on and after February 1, 2021. DENEC's proposed fuel revenue decrease, including regulatory fee, would result in the following decreases for DENEC's customers: 0.395 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers; 0.384 cents per kWh for small general service and public safety customers; 0.390 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.355 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; and 0.407 cents per kWh for rate schedule GVP customers. The net effect of this request would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$3.95.

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More masks, less play: Europe tightens rules as virus

BY JAMEY KEATEN AND FRANK JORDANS The Associated Press

GENEVA — Governments across Europe are ratcheting up restrictions to try to break a resurgence of the coronavirus that has sent new infections on the continent to their highest weekly level since the start of the pandemic.

The World Health Organization said Tuesday there were more than 700,000 new COVID-19 cases reported in Europe last week, a jump of 34% from the previous week. Britain, France, Russia and Spain accounted for more than half of the new infections.

The increasing caseload partly is the result of increasing testing, but the U.N. health agency noted that deaths also were up 10% last week from the week before. Doctors are warning that while many of the new cases are in younger people, who tend to have milder symptoms, the virus again could start spreading widely among older people, resulting in more serious illnesses.

Italy and France are restricting parties and putting limits on restaurants and bars. The Netherlands went further and ordered the closing of all bars and restaurants, and to discourage partying at home, it banned the sale of alcohol after 5 p.m.

The Czech Republic is closing all schools until Nov. 2, while Latvia is ordering teenagers to switch to distance learning for a week. And Britain unveiled a three-tiered system for deciding what restrictions to impose, based on how severe the outbreak is in certain areas.

Those moves reflect a new approach to containing the virus among governments wary of hurting already fragile economies. Officials are eager to avoid the total lockdowns they imposed in the spring that resulted in heavy job losses. Instead, they are relying on a patchwork of regional or targeted restrictions that, sometimes have caused confusion and frustration by those affected.

The U.N. health agency appeared to support the new approach, with WHO spokesman Mark Messerle saying lockdowns should be a "last resort."

German Chancellor Angela Merkel told a European Union advisory body Tuesday that she is watching the rising infection figures "with great concern."

"We must not squander now what we achieved through restrictions in recent months," Merkel said in a video address.

"None of us found it easy to impose these restrictions," she added. "Many people lost their lives, and so it is all the more important that we ensure now that a further lockdown won't be necessary, that our health system isn't overstrained again."

Italian Premier Giuseppe Conte ordered bars and restaurants to close at midnight and banned pickup sports games among friends and parties in enclosed spaces. Private gatherings at homes with more than six

people who do not live together also are discouraged.

"Our objective is clear: We must prevent our country from plunging back into a generalized lockdown," Conte said.

Italy reported more than 5,000 people tested positive over the past day and 41 people died, bringing the country's official COVID-19 death toll to more than 38,200, the second highest in Europe after Britain.

The outbreak has spread to the annual Giro d'Italia, which was thrown into chaos after several top riders withdrew from the cycling race following positive tests for the coronavirus.

Italy made masks mandatory outdoors last week, a requirement already in place in Spain, Turkey, India and a few other Asian countries. Elsewhere in Europe, such mandates are in effect in many places in Poland and hot spots like Paris and Brussels, and are being introduced in several German cities.

In France, which has seen a rapid increase in infections, Paris, Marseille and seven other large cities have been placed under a "health alert, resulting in the closing of bars, gyms and swimming pools. Public parties are banned, and restaurants have to maintain at least 2 feet between tables, with groups of diners limited to six people.

Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki urged the country's citizens to observe social distancing and wear masks as he himself went into quarantine following contact with someone who later tested positive for COVID-19.

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Official notice from the North Carolina Utilities Commission regarding a public hearing on REPS cost recovery and compliance report.

ELECTION

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currently held by Betty Flanagan, who did not file for reelection. Flanagan is a candidate for the driver's Board of Commissioners.

Absentee balloting in the election already is underway, and One Stop Early Voting sites will be open most days from Oct. 14-21.

The school board's District encompasses portions of Greenville and northern Pitt County and includes Belvoir Elementary, North Pitt High, Northwest Elementary, Welcome Middle, Belvoir and Stokes schools.

Wright, 63, grew up in Pitt County, attending Belvoir and North Pitt. A business owner, he has grandchildren attending schools in District 3.

Tripp, 62, a Greene County native, is a retired law enforcement officer and pastor of Holy Hill Original Free Will Baptist Church. His grandfather is a Pitt County Schools student.

Reid, 65, a Greenville native, is a former Pitt County Schools substitute teacher who now works with the U.S. Census Bureau. Her four children are graduates of North Pitt High School.

All three candidates named the coronavirus pandemic as a central issue facing the county's public schools.

"Right now COVID-19 and the childhood education is a serious topic, trying to figure out what is best for everyone," Reid said. "The teachers are overwhelmed and we're trying to figure out what is best for everyone. We can't do a perfect job because we're in a new normal. We've never gone this way before."

All three candidates voiced concerns about virtual learning when there are areas of the county, including some in District 3, that

lack reliable internet service.

Both Wright and Tripp said safety of school staff members, who may be more at risk than students of contracting the virus, should be a priority.

"We talked to cafeteria workers, I've talked to bus drivers," Tripp said. "It's been a lot of extra work put on them that they're not being compensated for but they're getting it done. ... We're prepared to open back up considering those that might contract the virus."

Wright said the school system needs to ensure that staff members have supplies necessary to protect themselves and their students.

"Teachers already have enough responsibility on their backs, so we need to make sure they have more responsibility because they've got to distance, they've got to wear masks. It's just a lot of pressure on our teachers right now," Wright believes.

Wright believes community volunteers could help to alleviate some of the burden if they were permitted to go into schools to help with classrooms and other areas.

Parent and community involvement in schools was an issue that both Wright and Reid identified as a key for successful schools.

Reid said she sees more parental involvement since before the pandemic but believes there still needs to be more.

"When we get away from this new normal and go into the next new normal, we need parental involvement in our school system," she said.

Wright said the school board needs input from parents, community members and school staff to ensure that it is addressing the most pressing issues.

"We sit on these boards, but we need to have community meetings to bring the community together so that we can also know what their concerns are," he said. "That's one of the most im-

DISTRICT 3

MARGARET JONES REID, 65, Oak Grove Avenue, Beaufort
OCCUPATION: works with U.S. Census Bureau; former employee of IBM and New York City; former substitute teacher for Pitt County Schools.

EXPERIENCE: formerly served on Greenville's planning and zoning board and sought opportunity to be City Council's District 1 seat in 2017. She is a volunteer for the American Red Cross, Ashtree Cross Church of Belvedere International and North Carolina Basketball League and is a member of the North of the River local group.

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CHODAN: "Together we can win."

WHY SHE IS SEEKING OFFICE: "For anyone helping out in the community, anyone just helping out, does not give you the voice. She said, making that people encouraged her to seek office earlier but she was working in the school system. "I left the system because I felt there

proport things there is, to find out what their concerns are and not just my concerns."

"It takes a community to raise a child," Wright said, "and that's what we've got to get back to."

Both Reid and Tripp said there is a perception that schools in their district, which includes some less developed areas north of The River, lack resources.

"It's been said that north of the river does not get the funding. I'm not exactly sure that that's true," Reid said. "But getting what we need north of the river is a must."

She said some schools in District 3 are performing below average and the school board needs to consider how to supplement teacher pay to retain quality educators.

"There's several school facilities within the district need improvements, nothing that North Pitt, Belvoir and Welcome are due for upgrades."

"Sometimes I feel like the schools north of the river are left out of the loop when it comes to upgrading buildings and facilities," he said. "I noticed on the other side

was so many houses, if I went to one those issues changed, I have to be part of the solution."

HERBERT W. WRIGHT, 63, Highway 83 West, Greenville
OCCUPATION: Wright is a business owner and is employed with E.R. Lewis Construction.

EXPERIENCE: Wright sought the school board's District 3 seat in 2016. He is a member of Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, where he serves on the water board.

WHY HE IS SEEKING OFFICE: "I got into this mainly because of the children in the neighborhood," he said. "I got into this mainly because of the children in the neighborhood, and I got into this mainly because of the children in the neighborhood, and I got into this mainly because of the children in the neighborhood."

"They (students) asked me if I would be a spokesperson for them and I said yes, and I said I will be the school board," he said.

"I thought about it, and I prayed about it. ... That's my main goal is really the children, to find out what they need, what the parents need and go from there."

SLOGAN: It is W right for District 3

JAMES E. TRIPP, 62, Dusk Court, Greenville

OCCUPATION: Tripp is pastor of Holy Hill Original Free Will Baptist Church. He is a retired law enforcement officer who formerly worked with police departments in Farmville and Greenville and with the Pitt County Sheriff's Office.

EXPERIENCE: Tripp served as chairman of the juvenile crime prevention council and formerly two-way telemetry and gang prevention programs with the sheriff's office.

WHY HE IS SEEKING OFFICE: "I had been asked by Mary Cloud Williams who serves District 3 of Pitt County. She had asked me if I would consider serving," he said. "I prayed about it, talked with my family about it, and I told her I would try to serve in the position."

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District 3 includes attendance areas for Belvoir Elementary, Bethel School, North Pitt High School, Northwest Elementary, Stokes School and Welcome Middle.

Education is a nonpartisan body made of nine district representatives. They are elected in one-year, staggered terms.

Election coverage continues on Thursday pages for the Pitt County Board of Commissioners.

of the county schools are rebuilt, they've added on. They've redone the parking lots, extra classrooms so traffic flow will go better.

"It should be fair across the board," he said. "I want to see all of our schools in whatever areas that they are in that

they're upgraded to the latest technology and the best tools that they can use for education. I feel that we should make sure that our schools, no matter what community they are in, should make the community feel proud."

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
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 Commission Rule R8-67)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS), cost recovery application and compliance report filed by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC), in the above-captioned docket. The public hearing is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-24, Sub 590, which is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.net. Members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff via email at DENCpublichearing@perc.nc.gov or by calling 866-380-9816. When registering, provide your name, docket number (E-24, Sub 588), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

This proceeding is being held pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67 to consider DENC's application for approval of REPS cost recovery and compliance with the REPS requirements during the 2019 calendar year. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R3-21(d).

On August 11, 2020, DENC filed direct testimony and exhibits in support of its application for REPS cost recovery and 2019 REPS compliance report. By its application, DENC proposes to implement the following total REPS rates, including regulatory fees, effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2021: a \$0.14 charge per month for residential customers; a \$0.82 charge per month for commercial customers; and a \$5.35 charge per month for industrial customers.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

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

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

Written statements are not evidence unless 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 Monday, October 26, 2020. 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 Monday, October 26, 2020.

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FOOTBALL

UNC aims to maintain highest ranking in 23 years

BY AARON BEARD
The Associated Press

It took Mack Brown less than two years to lead a struggling North Carolina program to its highest ranking in more than two decades.

Now the fifth-ranked Tar Heels will try to maintain that perch alongside tradition-rich programs atop the AP Top 25 poll. And he knows that won't be easy for a program that hasn't shown much staying power since last cracking the top 5 during Brown's first stint in Chapel Hill.

"That's who you want to be," Brown said. "Right now, when people put up the top 5, and they see the other four, they say, 'Yeah, I got it.' And they see North Carolina and they say, 'What are they doing in there? Where'd that come from? Come on, man. They're not that good.'"

"We want it to be where when they put us in there, we've earned that right. And if we don't play

well, we'll be out fast."

To Brown's point, it's perennial heavyweights Clemson, Alabama, Georgia and Notre Dame atop this week's poll — though the Big Ten and Pac-12 have yet to play this year. And they have the Tar Heels (30, 40 Atlantic Coast Conference), who clinched three spots and jumped over No. 10 Ohio State to enter Saturday's trip to Florida State by their highest ranking since last cracking the top 5 in 1997 shortly before Brown left for Texas.

Before this season, the Tar Heels had cracked the top 10 once since Brown's departure for two weeks late in 2016. Otherwise, they had more seasons in which they never were ranked (14) than ones in which they were (eight).

"It's definitely cool to see that North Carolina is ranked No. 5 in the country and just seeing how far this program has come in just a couple years," quarterback Sean Howell said. "But yeah, we definitely are aware that a lot of people



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
North Carolina running back Michael Carter roasts following a touchdown run against Virginia Tech in Chapel Hill on Saturday.

probably don't think we should be that high in the rankings." The Tar Heels had lost 21 of 27

when Brown took over after the 2018 season, but have won six straight. They have climbed from No. 18 in the preseason primarily on the strength of the Howell-led offense featuring big-play threats on the ground and downfield. That unit cracked for 50 points and 456 yards in last weekend's chaotic win against then-No. 19 Virginia Tech.

Even the always-optimistic Brown said the Tar Heels are "ahead of where I thought we would be."

"I've got a ton of respect for the man, the coach," first-year BSU coach Mike Noveck said. "You see what he's done in kind of reviving the North Carolina football program here in such a short period of time."

Brown, who won a national championship during his 15-year run at Texas, is also realistic about this team's concerns. He has said repeatedly that the Tar Heels must build more depth, saying coaches must "force ourselves" to get

congratulated LeBron James on his fourth NBA title and NBA Finals MVP award Monday by making fun of his fourth-down fumble that sealed Tampa Bay's 20-19 loss to the Chicago Bears on Thursday night.

"Congrats to my brother @KingJames on winning his 4th championship. Not bad for a weekend up old guy!" Brady tweeted with a doctored photo that had James' face on Brady's body holding up four fingers.

Brady looked like he lost track of downs when he threw a long incomplete pass to a well-covered tight end on fourth down when a check-down pass to his running back easily could have picked up the first down and kept the Bucs' last-minute drive alive.

When the Bucs trotted back onto the field in celebration, a puzzled Brady held up four fingers as he asked the official something. Afterward, Brady ducked questions about whether he hadn't realized it was fourth down.

Brady's brain lock naturally got the media treatment on social media with many posters suggesting he wasn't the first new Floridaan to have a senior moment. Steelers wide receiver Chase Claypool trotted him Sunday after scoring four touchdowns, posting a photo of him holding up four fingers with a puzzled look on his face.

Brady showed he can laugh at himself when he congratulated James — and in the process reminded everyone he's not that bad himself for a fellow "washed up old guy."

"I'll tell you this, that as it relates to television, we're close to being able to max out on the games we're not going to have fans, we're not going to have concessions, parking, donations. All that, I haven't put a pencil to it."

without football. Those employees won't likely be rehired, athletic director Sean Barnes said.

He said possible television revenue looked healthy, but it's still uncertain how it will shake out.

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Vic Fangio began donning a face shield like Andy Reid. Saints coach Sean Payton was wearing his mask properly 32 of 35 times he was shown on the telecast last week against the Lions, and Illinois coach Kyle Shanahan was 100% in compliance during the 25 times he was shown against Philadelphia.

And Seahawks coach Pete Carroll had his mask on last week against Miami for all but a handful of sideline shots. He, too, pulled it back over his nose most of those times he was shown in violation.

"This is a good thing not only for their pocketbooks and reputations but for the league as a whole because the Tennessee Titans

COVID-19 mess began with an assistant coach testing positive for the virus last month.

It shows the coaches and players are all in this together. Broncos linebacker Von Miller, who last spring became the biggest sports star to announce he'd contracted the coronavirus, said he's not surprised the league's mask mandate got off to a rocky start.

"It's just humanity, it's not one person's fault," said Miller, who aims to return from an ankle injury in December. "It's hard to get everybody on the same page. You see people not even playing sports, you ask them to wear a mask and they go all crazy. They say, 'They're taking away my freedom.'"

"When it comes over to foot-

ball, it takes time to get everybody aware. Everybody's experience is different with COVID-19. I've had the virus. I know how serious it is," Miller said. "I keep my mask on. I walk around and try to keep everybody safe."

"You have somebody that doesn't have anybody affected by the virus, it doesn't hit the same with them. It takes time and awareness to get everybody on the same page," Miller added. "I don't blame the coaches for not wearing masks. It just takes a little bit of time to get everybody on the same page."

That, and some hefty fines.

Brady's brain lock
Tom Brady has clearly gotten over his gaffe.

The Buccaneers quarterback

PAC-12

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maybe we would have thought of a few weeks ago. So we're going to continue to adhere to our budget and into all the policies that we put in place to manage our way through this, knowing that there could be a light here at the end of the tunnel that we'll have more revenue than we weren't necessarily counting on," Hansen said.

The pandemic shut-down sports in March, including the NCAA basketball tournaments. With no March Madness, the NCAA was short \$375 million in the money scheduled to be distributed to its member schools, which were already facing questions about enrollment levels and tuition shortfalls.

Following the cancellation of all spring sports, the league decided on Aug. 11 to postpone all fall and winter sports until after the first of next year.

But a deal with Quintel, a California-based diagnostic healthcare manufacturer, for a daily rapid-result coronavirus testing program helped put the football season — by far the biggest revenue generator in college sports — back on track.

The league will open a seven-game, conference-en-

light the losses while still supporting athletes — including dining and merit-pay freezes; voluntary pay cuts for coaches and administrators; and other budget cuts.

"Now that sports are on track to resume, there will be some relief. I want to emphasize that while the financial implications of returning to competition, they did not play a role in the decision," Cal athletic director Jim Knowlton said. "We had a plan to meet our budget targets with a \$60.5 million loss, so any new revenue is going to help us offset any deficit. We must remain very careful with our expenses and be as conservative and efficient as possible this year."

The most dramatic action was taken by Stanford, which is discontinuing 11 varsity sports programs at the end of the 2020-21 academic year, including men's and women's fencing, field hockey, lightweight rowing, men's rowing, equestrian and women's sailing, squash, synchronized swimming, men's volleyball and wrestling. Stanford officials declined to comment for this story.

At Oregon State, the athletic department will cut nearly two dozen employees in June because of the hit the school was taking with OR.

"Hessey's updated depth chart listed the same set of O-line starters — center Perumbo Pyn joined by tackles Nishad Strellier (left) and Bailey Malovic and guards Avery Jones (left) and Sean Bailey — who started against USC."

"We see ourselves and we played good," Alders said minutes after defeating struggling South Florida, which totaled 368 yards to ECU's 432. "I have to give praise to the O-line. They killed it tonight. I kept telling them that if they kept doing what they were doing all game, there was no way we were going to lose. We have too many good skill players, and they let us show that."

Stratton is a 6-foot-3, 320-pound redshirt freshman who has started all three games. Rookie tight end Shane Colhoun is a starter, and Alders' main

backup is freshman Munson Garcia.

On defense, true freshman defensive tackle Elijah Morris is projected to start for the second straight week. Other key rookie defenders include Taylor Jackson (linebacker), Kareem Stinson (end), Xavier Mciver (tackle) and Sean Tucker (cornerback) looking to continue improvement as valuable reserves.

In all, ECU's total of 15 first-time starters is fourth nationally behind Texas State (23), Navy (20) and Arizona State (18).

Navy's 21-10 lead late in the first half Saturday played a role in it holding on for a 31-20 victory over Temple.

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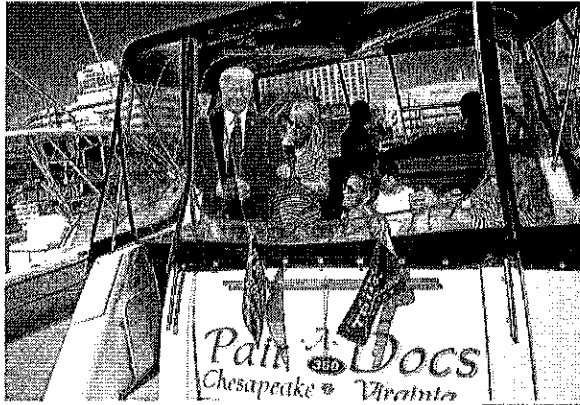
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Coleen Hoffman and friends show off their life-sized cutout of Donald Trump on Saturday at Waterside in Norfolk.

Trump boaters go on parade

Show of support from Craney Island to Waterside

By GARY A. HARKI
Staff writer

As President Donald Trump remained in the hospital Saturday for COVID-19 treatment, local supporters gathered for a boat parade on the Elizabeth River.

Boats with Trump flags paraded slowly from Craney Island to Waterside, the Tidewater Yacht Marina and back early Saturday afternoon.

"This is all about President Trump," said Cindy Eving, one of the event's organizers. She talked to The Virginian-Pilot by phone Friday prior to the parade, which was planned well before the president got sick. "I've never seen anything like this for other reasons."

Eving said their first Elizabeth River Trump

boat parade in June taught them to go slow to keep the wake from endangering any boats from sinking as they had at a similar event in Texas.

"When you've got that many people, it's like herding cats," said Brent Gooding, who participated in his 38-foot Regal Cruiser.

"I think all the people out there are avid boaters and they have respect for the water and they have respect for their fellow boaters."

In an interview Friday, Gooding said many of the boats in the parade were owned by Navy veterans. Gooding was a Navy captain himself.

"Obviously there's a lot of Navy here," he said. "And all the Navy folks I know are avid supporters of the president."

Eving said there wasn't much concern about spreading the coronavirus because the boats were spread out on the water and usually each contained one family or a few

close friends. She added that Trump's infection was putting a different spin, but not a damper, on the parade.

"We are all sad about that and praying very hard for him and the first lady's recovery and health," she said. "It adds on everyone's mind."

Red and blue "Trump" flags, as well as black and white "Ina Lupa" line flags on boats big and small.

After a summer of protests against police killings of Black people and constant divisiveness over Trump administration policies on everything from the environment to healthcare, supporters have been accused of using flags and gatherings to intimidate as the election draws near.

Eving said it was ludicrous to think parade participants were trying to intimidate anyone.

"We have the freedom to support the candidate of our choice," she said. "We're very conscious and law-abiding."

The Coast Guard was out on the water during the parade, they had a meeting to plan things out beforehand.

Charlie Burko, a former Navy Commodore, participated in the parade. He said choppy seas and high winds early in the day made it difficult for some boats to make it to Craney Island, and kept the number of participants down.

Burko said he loves being on the water and he loves the president. Three dives he's completed the Great Loop — a year-long excursion on a continuous waterway that takes boaters up on the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, down to the Gulf of Mexico, around the Florida Keys and back.

"I'll be boating at the back of it," he said in a phone interview Friday. "And this is a good excuse to go boating."

Tide trains to see service interruption

Repairs force reduced hours through October

By JESSICA NOLTE
Staff writer



The Tide light-rail trains in Norfolk will experience temporary service interruptions throughout October to allow contractors to repair weather-related damage.

Heat during the summer months caused copper wires to expand in the overhead catenary wire system — used to power the trains — according to a news release Friday from Hampton Roads Transit.

The expanded wires have sagged slightly, which means operators have had to slightly reduce train speeds.

During the scheduled service interruptions, contractors will be installing counterweights to maintain tension in the overhead wires throughout the season, HRT said.

The Tide will operate with reduced hours Tuesday-Friday and Oct. 20-23. The trains will run daily from 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. on those days. Shuttle service

will not be available after the last train departs at 10 p.m. The Tide will operate its weekday hours Monday of those two weeks — 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The light rail trains will not operate Friday and Saturday, but shuttle buses will be available to transport people between stations from 6 a.m. to midnight Saturday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday. The buses will run about every 30 minutes.

The last scheduled Interrail for the month is Oct. 24. The Tide will not operate that day, but a shuttle bus will be available about every 30 minutes from 6 a.m. to midnight.

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Woman charged after fatal I-264 accident

22-year-old man pronounced dead after crash

A 27-year-old Norfolk woman was charged with involuntary manslaughter after a motorcycle died in a crash on Interstate 264 near Lynnhaven Parkway in Virginia Beach.

The crash happened just after midnight Saturday, according to a news release from Virginia State Police. Troopers say Call

Ly Vu Huynh, of Norfolk, was driving a 2014 teal Cherokee westbound on I-264 when it struck a 2017 Yamaha FZ-07 motorcycle.

The driver of the motorcycle, a 22-year-old man, was pronounced dead after the crash. He has not been identified.

Police say alcohol was a contributing factor to the crash. Huynh is being held at the Virginia Beach City Jail without bond.

— Staff report

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 590
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 Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and)
Commission Rate R8-55 Regarding Fuel and)
Fuel-Related Costs Adjustments for Electric)
Utilities)

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DENC filed an application and testimony relative to the subject matter of this proceeding on August 11, 2020. According to its application, DENC is requesting a total annual fuel revenue decrease of approximately \$15.4 million from the fuel and fuel-related costs currently in effect. Further, DENC proposes to make the fuel revenue decrease effective for service on and after February 1, 2021.

DENC's proposed fuel revenue decrease, including regulatory fee, would result in the following decreases for DENC's customers: 0.355 cents per kilowatt-hour (¢/kWh) for residential, outdoor lighting and health lighting customers; 0.344 cents per kWh for small general service and public utility customers; 0.330 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.355 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; and 0.493 cents per kWh for rate schedule 6V customers. The net effect of this request would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$3.93.

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In the Matter of)
Application by Virginia Electric and Power)
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North) PUBLIC NOTICE
Carolina for Approval of Renewable Energy)
and Energy Efficiency Fund to Standard Coal)
Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and)
Commission Rate R8-67)

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FOOTBALL

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is down about 50%. The "gray all-day sky" (Morris describes for game days is gone, replaced by reduced-capacity seating in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We usually skyrocket the end of August, and it just isn't skyrocketing," said Morris, a former ODU student who became sole owner of Perfectly Frank five years ago when she bought out her partner. "It's a little bit better than the summer, but we're definitely not reaching the numbers that we need to."

As the pandemic continues to hamstring most retail businesses, Morris isn't alone. And with ODU, Norfolk State, Hampton University and William & Mary dark for fall football, Saturdays in Hampton Reads aren't the same for many.

ODU announced in August that, unlike almost every other Football Bowl Subdivision program in the country, it would not have a fall football season. Additionally, athletic director Wood Sellig announced late last month that the Monarchs would not play a season in the spring, a notion originally on the table when the fall season was postponed.

Anecdotally, Hampton Reads businesses like Morris are suffering as a result. Statistically, though, it's a little harder to prove. But using a computer program specifically designed to estimate such things, Visi-Norfolk president and CEO Kurt Krusze tried.

Using factors such as projected attendance and potential parking, food-and-beverage and hotel revenues during an ODU home football weekend, Krusze's program surmised that the Monarchs' absence alone would have an economic impact of between \$100,000 and \$300,000 per game week. Per six scheduled home games, at an average of \$200,000 per weekend, that's an impact of \$1.2 million on the area.

Krusze admits his "economic impact calculator" previously used only for gatherings like conventions and athletic tournaments, might be inaccurate; it had never been used for a single sporting event.

Thanks to steady leisure travel in recent months, hotel occupancy and revenue has barely been affected in South Hampton Roads, Krusze said. Restaurants, however, are in the wild card.

"Without having tax revenue knowledge, or some kind of revenue knowledge from the restaurants, you really don't know," Krusze said.

Peninsula problems

Across the water, businesses near Hampton University and William & Mary are feeling the pinch. At the Grey Goose restaurant, whose website touts "the best brunch in downtown Hampton," manager Cary Hampton no longer sees scores of fans in Pirates gear file in for sweet potato pecan pancakes and waffles flights.

Businesses on Saturdays this fall, Hampton said, has been down 15-20% without footfall.

"We just miss them," she said, referring to game days. "All the way across the board, downtown Hampton's just been hit hard."

So has Williamsburg, where manager Amanda Duché has watched a sea of green-and-gold, excitedly shuffle in and out of the Paul's Dell location near William & Mary's Zable Stadium for the past four years.

The restaurant and its sister businesses have maintained steady takeout service since the pandemic hit in March, and they're operating at half capacity now.

On football Saturdays, the restaurant buzz with hungry anticipation. New, not so much.

"It has definitely certainly been different," Duché said.



Customers dine in and wait for to-go orders fast food at Perfectly Frank near Old Dominion. Without a football season, Saturday business is down about 50%. "We usually skyrocket the end of August, and it just isn't skyrocketing," said owner Josh Morris.

These numbers, of course, are far more pandemic-related than football-related, but Williamsburg economic development director Michele Mizer-Dewitt expects the absence of events like William & Mary's homecoming and family weekend to have noverse effects.

"There's no way for us to quantify that impact exactly in our tax revenue," she said. "But we know there will be an impact with the decline in meals tax and sales tax and room tax for overnight visitors."

The social effects

Selig disagrees with the numbers generated by Krusze's calculator. Now in his 35th year as a college athletics administrator, Selig believes the theorized economic impact falls well short of reality.

"That seems ridiculously low, because you can walk around our campuses and count up \$200,000 in food and beverages, just on backs of SUVs and tables and tents," he said. "So I'd be very dubious of the accuracy of that number. I would say it's grossly understated."

At the Springhill Suites, a Marriott property that sits across from S.H. Bullard Stadium on Hampton Boulevard, general manager Lindsay Janssen's experience this fall has been consistent with Visi-Norfolk's occupancy numbers.

The hotel, Janssen said, starts getting reservations each year as soon as ODU's football schedule is released. This year was no different; many of those reservations were canceled, only to be gobble up by visitors to the area for reasons other than football.

Janssen and her staff take rigorous measures to ensure that the property is clean and safe, including the use of virus-killing chemicals, a special sprayer dispatched on all public areas and guest rooms, limited use of the pool and grab-and-go breakfasts.

Weekend occupancy has maintained a near-normal rate.

"Leisure travelers are still out there," Janssen said.

"It's usually just a bunch of happy people going to a game," Morris said. "Sometimes they don't even make it to the game, and they just stay and continue drinking at Frank's. So yeah, we're pretty downcast."

"We're missing it. It brings a really cool vibe to the area, and we're just getting it this year."

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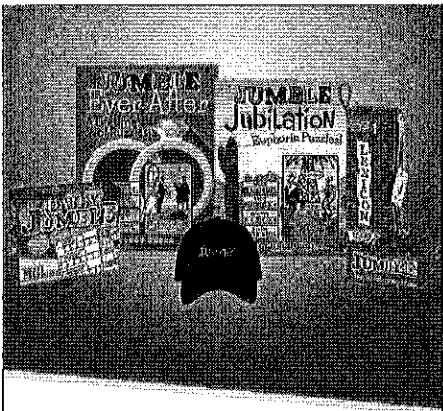
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