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October 27, 2021

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

Docket No. E-22, Sub 605

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed please find an Affidavit of Publication, which will serve as proof of publication of the Public Notice as required in ordering paragraph 6 of the Commission 's August 23, 2021 *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 August Order, notices were originally published in newspapers having general circulation in Dominion Energy North Carolina’s service area once a week for two consecutive weeks beginning with the week of October 4, 2021 (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.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Lauren W. Biskie

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Senior Counsel

Enclosures

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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION
(Order #21103DD1)

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 605 was published in the following North Carolina and Virginia newspapers on the dates listed in the year 2021.

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| Bertie Ledger Advance 10/7/21, 10/14/21 | Butner Creedmoor News 10/7/21, 10/15/21 |
| Coastland Times - Manteo 10/6/21, 10/13/21 | Edenton, The Chowan Herald 10/7/21, 10/14/21 |
| Elizabeth City Daily Advance 10/5/21, 10/12/21 | Gates County Index 10/7/21, 10/14/21 |
| Hertford Perquimans Weekly 10/7/21, 10/14/21 | |
| Martin Co Enterprise (changed name from Williamston Enterprise) 10/7/21, 10/14/21 | |
| Nashville Graphic 10/7/21, 10/14/21 | Pamlico News 10/6/21, 10/13/21 |
| Plymouth Roanoke Beacon 10/6/21, 10/13/21 | Roanoke Chowan News Herald 10/6/21, 10/13/21 |
| Roanoke Rapids Daily Herald 10/5/21, 10/12/21 | Rocky Mt Telegram 10/5/21, 10/12/21 |
| Roxboro, The Courier Times 10/7/21, 10/14/21 | Spring Hope Enterprise 10/6/21, 10/13/21 |
| The Daily Reflector 10/5/21, 10/12/21 | Virginian Pilot 10/4/21, 10/11/21 |

Julia Wigginton
Signature

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 20th day of October 2021.

My commission expires: 9/30/2024

Adriane Ann Long
[Notary Public]



BERTIE

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fourth-and-two, so they turned the ball over on downs.

The Cougars took over on the Falcons 43-yard line. Eight plays later Cherry punned the defensive with a six carry to punt dirt. The two point conversion was not good. Bertie continues to lead 20-0.

After an offside penalty on the kicking team and a great return by South Creek,

the Cougars would face first and 10 on the Berties' 35-yard line. With the combination of hard running from diesel full-back Ralston Williams, along defensive penalties, the Cougars were one and a half yards away from scoring. But poor clock awareness and no time-outs stole the opportunity from South Creek as seconds ticked away to halftime.

South Creek lined up to kickoff to the Falcons. Bertie kick returner Tristan Bowser took possession off the ball run up field. Bowser

absorbed a mauling hit that jarred the ball loose. Cougar defender Daquan Carr recovered the loose ball and ran 28 yards for South Creek's first score of the game. The two point conversion run by Norman was good leaving Bertie with a two possession lead, 30-8.

Bertie possession started at their own 35-yard line. Eight plays later Wing-T formation moved the ball down to the Cougars 24-yard line. But the series would end with a Bertie fumble.

Both the Cougars' and

Falcons' next possession was uneventful and forced them to punt on fourth down.

South Creek's next possession was short lived as Norman was sacked and fumbled on first down. The Falcons recovered the ball first-and-10 on the Cougars 40-yard line.

Three plays later the swift feet of Batemore carried him across the goal line for another Bertie touchdown. The two-point conversion was unsuccessful bringing the score to 28-8 Bertie.

Bertie wasn't satisfied with score so they executed another successful onside kick which placed them on the 60 yard line. Unfortunately, six plays later the Falcons were unable to convert on fourth-and-five on South Creek's 21 yard line and turned the ball over on downs.

South Creek took over on their own 21-yard line. Norman threw a strike to receiver Vance Rogers for a 19-yard gain. A few plays later Norman took matters into his own hands. He had

three carries that moved the ball to the Falcons 39-yard line. But a offside penalty pushed the Cougars back to 18-yard line.

On the next play, Norman, threw a 18-yard touchdown pass to Tyson Lee. Norman ran the ball in for the two point conversion. Neither team would score on their next possession and Bertie would be the victors.

Andre's *Afraid can be reached via email at andrea@ncnewslink.com.*

ECU

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generosity and the legacy of former Pirate head coach Keith LeClair.

McNeill (ECU '80) was a three-year starter at defensive back for East Carolina who was named head coach of the Pirates in January of 2010. He went 42-34 in six seasons, highlighted by ECU's record 10-win season in school history in 2013. He also went 8-6 in 2012 and '14 before his ouster after a 6-7 mark in 2015.

The Pirates haven't posted a winning season since 2014.

Paisley (ECU '10) is the most decorated player in the history of Pirate softball. She was named Conference USA pitcher of the year in three consecutive seasons (2009, '10, '11) and finished with 118 victories, 23rd-most in NCAA history, while leading ECU to consecutive conference titles in 2010 and 2011.

Shepperson (ECU '01)

named NFCA All-America accolades in 2000 and 2001. She was a Big South freshman of the year, and she holds program career records for runs, hits and doubles.

Smith (ECU '60) collected All-America honors in three conference titles in 2010 and 2011.

ver medal in the 100-yard freestyle and the bronze in the 50 free. He also swam leadoff for the 1950 national championship 400 free relay team.

Wernert (ECU '07) received first team All-Conference USA honors as a junior in 2006, ranked third in the league in kills per game in 2007. She

helped the Pirates register consecutive winning seasons for the first time in a quarter century in 2005 and 2006.

An interactive video listing and capsules of the entire Hall of Fame membership is located inside the lobby of the Smith-Williams Center, which opened in 2014.

FOURTH

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out there by yourself, scoop it and score."

From a football perspective it's 100 percent the right

thing to do. No need to risk failing to get or retain possession of a ball in an attempt to be greedy; however, it doesn't make sense to jump on a ball if you could easily pick it up and run with it.

I was impressed with the verbiage in the lesson though.

City ball and country ball are similes that effectively convey the intended message to their desired audience. Something I'm not

contain I did with the previous sentence.

My favorite quote from Monday was one I had heard him use before but still rings true.

"It's easier to coach after a win than a loss."

It has been my experience that this applies to sports, parenting and work.

Turns out Mack Brown was giving leadership lessons during his press conference. He may have done it last week too, but I missed

it after the loss.

David Friedman is a long time sports writer and lifelong believer that *ELM*. David can be reached via e-mail at fourthandson@gmail.com.

CHOWAN

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redzone. Witt would run over a defender at the goal line for the 11 yard touchdown to lead 14-0.

Isaac Anderson and Gilberto Ortiz teamed up for a sack on third down on the next drive to force a punt.

Bryce Witt found Ineek Watkins for 12 yards before finding Ra'Ce'e Lucas for 16 more. Witt called his own number on a seven yards out to put the Hawks up 21-0.

The Rams' offense could not move the ball as another drive stalled. The Rams had a short punt that gave

the Hawks the ball near midfield.

Bryce Witt connected with Malik Tobias for a 20 yard completion and Ineek Watkins for 13 yards before dropping the pass in a bucket in the corner of the endzone finding Tobias for a six yard touchdown pass.

Second Quarter: Leading 28-0 after the opening stanza, the Hawks introduced the power running of Jayton Boyd picking up a pair of first down runs. Bryce Witt connected with Laurence King for a 21 yard reception before Boyd churned out 20 more yards on the ground. Witt found Laurence King for

35 yards to put the Hawks in the redzone again. Boyd finished off the drive with an 11 yard run to lead 35-0.

WSSU started moving the ball with quick passes before Caleb Hester jumped the route for an interception.

The Hawks produced a 14 play drive that ended with a two yard touchdown run by Bryce Witt to push the Hawks to a 42-0 advantage.

The Rams used less than a minute on their next drive and left the Hawks with 1:46 before halftime. Bryce Witt found Demetrius Moores for a pair of receptions before turning to Malik Tobias for a pair of

receptions including a 22 yard strike with nine seconds left to lead 49-0 at the break.

Third Quarter: WSSU was hurt by penalties on their opening drive of the half leading to a punt. The Hawks used the short field leading to a 43 yard field goal by Jade McAtamney.

Isaac Anderson halted a drive by the Rams with a 10 yard sack. The Rams punted and added a penalty to set up another drive for the Hawks.

Bryce Witt connected with Laurence King for 15 yards along with a roughing the passer penalty before finishing off the drive

finding Jeremiah Smith for a 31 yard touchdown.

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UP NEXT
Chowan will open CIAA North Division action on Saturday, October 9 as the Hawks welcome nationally-ranked Bowie State to Murfreesboro in a league clash.

second pressure on the punt and successfully blocking the punt and scoring for their only touchdown of the contest.

The Hawks would have a heavy dose of Jayton Boyd and Cade Cradlerbaugh on the ground before Boyd punched it in from 10 yards out to move the score to 73-7 using 9:10 of the quarter on a 14 play drive.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 605

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

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On August 10, 2021, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55. By its application, DENC requests revisions to its fuel and fuel-related recovery rates effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2022. According to its application, DENC is requesting a total annual fuel revenue increase of approximately \$22.0 million from the fuel and fuel-related costs currently in effect.

DENC's proposed fuel revenue increase, including regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 0.3111 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers; 0.5102 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.5059 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.4907 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; and 0.4993 cents per kWh for rate schedule 6VP customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$5.12.

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 for review by the public, and on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

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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 1-6 and 21-19 on or before Tuesday, October 26, 2021. 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 Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

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This the 23rd day of August, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
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BUSINESS

October is a time of harvest...

October is harvest time in Bertie County. Corn fields have already had the combine run through them. Peanuts have been dug and, in most cases, picked. Soybeans and cotton are being defoliated, usually chemically, to get prepared to be harvested. At the Chamber, we also like to think about the harvest. What seeds have we planted that have come to maturation? We hope that we have helped some businesses find some financial help from our federal government to keep those businesses solvent during these trying times.



Lewis Hoggard

it more attractive for a future business. As difficult as the last 18 months have been across the world dealing with COVID-19, we still can find excitement about our economic future. Steve Biggs, our economic developer, has done good work with Hi-Speed Gear going into the Wrangler building. We are hopeful that the new ownership at Scotch Hall will bring more development to that part of the county. Lots are starting to sell more regularly, and new houses are being built on the property. There are lots of projects happening around the

county which are noteworthy. The development between the town of Lewiston, the Five House and Hockley Chowan Community College and the old grocery store site offers a great deal of promise to that community. Great things can come from people who care about their fellow citizens. While COVID-19 has slowed a few projects down, there are many to be appreciated. Bertie Beach is looking like an excellent addition to Bertie County. The new terminal at Tri-County Airport offers a warm welcome to businesses coming to visit our area. Events that are to

happen soon are the Bertie Spectacular 5K on Saturday, Oct. 30 in Windsor, still scheduled as an in-person event. The race costs \$25 to enter, and starts at 9 a.m. You may sign up at runsignup.com. There is also a one mile fun family walk which costs \$15. Come out and participate in the event as a runner, walker or spectator. The Chamber will sponsor a children's costume contest that morning. There is no cost to enter the costume contest, all entrants will receive prizes (candy). Main Milk will be providing the music. This event has been successful for over a decade, and is

the main fundraiser for the Good Shepherd Food Pantry. Additionally, we look forward to events in November like a Veteran's Day ceremony and in December like the Christmas Parade. Harvest is the time to reap what has been sown. Let's try to keep planting and nurturing our businesses, and our citizens so that we can share all in great success. Lewis Hoggard is Executive Director of the Windsor/Bertie Chamber of Commerce. He can be reached via email at winber@winber.com.

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONIES HELD IN WINDSOR, COLERAIN



LEWIS HOGGARD/WINDSOR/BERTIE CHAMBER

C & J Ambulette Non-Emergency Medical Transport, Inc. recently held its ribbon cutting at its facility, which is located at 105 East Granville St. in Windsor. Joining in the festivities were (from left): Nertrice Ragland, Bertie County Commissioner Ron Roberson, Bertie County Commissioner Tammy Lee, Windsor Commissioner Camille Rascoe, Venita Thompson, Sandra Bass, COO, Sam Williams, Tyler McNeil, Emmanuel Obede, Demetria Morris, Sgt. Tyrone Ruffin and Linwood Coopes.



LEWIS HOGGARD/WINDSOR/BERTIE CHAMBER

Simply Scrumptious 252 held a ribbon cutting ceremony at 251 Selvy Freeman Road, Colerain. Rhonda Cooper is pictured with family and friends in front of her bakery and cake studio. She has been in business since 2014 and celebrated a new addition to the cake studio, created in a barn behind her house.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 605

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DENC's proposed fuel revenue increase, including regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 0.5111 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers; 0.5162 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.5059 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.4907 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; and 0.4989 cents per kWh for rate schedule 6VP customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$5.12.

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 603

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Recovery Rider Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS) cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67 for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred related to DENC's REPS compliance. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

On August 10, 2021, DENC filed its application for approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS) cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67. By its application, DENC requests revisions to its REPS cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2022. DENC's request, including the regulatory fee, would result in the following monthly charges: \$0.25 per residential customer account; \$1.37 per commercial customer account; and \$9.12 per industrial customer account.

Compared to the current REPS rates, the result of DENC's request would be an increase of \$0.12 per month per residential customer account, an increase of \$0.66 per month per commercial customer account, and an increase of \$4.40 per month per industrial customer account.

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Panthers shut out Warriors 9-0

By Amanda Dixon
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Cristian Fierros-Chelusa, left, and Jeffery Castro, right, close in on the Webb players and steal the ball away. Amanda Dixon | Butner-Creedmoor News

OXFORD—Granville Central broke a three-game losing streak with a 9-0 win over the J.E. Webb Warriors in soccer on Tuesday, Sept. 28.

The Panthers struggled offensively in the last three matches, but did not have any difficulty scoring in the conference battle against the Warriors.

Granville Central turned to senior leader and captain Edward Ceja to distribute the ball to Timothy Navez near the goal. Navez fired a shot that went into the back of the goal for the first score of the night.

About five minutes later, Ceja found Enrique Martinez open for a goal to give Granville Central a 2-0 lead.

The Panthers quickly corralled the ball away from the Warriors and headed toward the goal. Martinez looked across the way to Cristian Fierros-Chelusa, who scored for a 3-0 lead.

Granville Central kept Webb on defense by controlling play at mid-field. The Panthers passed the ball to Kanye Owens,

who found Marion Aguilar open for a goal.

Granville Central looked sharp switching the direction of the ball. Elijah Marks scored, with the assist going to Ceja.

The Panthers continued to look for openings and shots on goal. Navez found Ceja open for a goal and a 6-0 lead with less than 10 minutes remaining in the first half.

Granville Central had one last surge in the first half, with Carlos Huerta-Ramirez feeding the ball to Navez for a goal. The Panthers carried a 7-0 lead into intermission.

Granville Central took charge early in the second half, with Jeffery Castro putting the ball in goal.

Play became a little physical and the Panthers took advantage of a penalty kick to score the final goal of the night. Navez lined up the shot and sailed it by the Webb keeper for a 9-0 lead.

The match ended with the nine-goal lead in effect. Granville Central moved to 3-4 on the season and 1-2 in the Northern Lakes 2A/3A conference.

Webb holds an 0-2 overall all-conference record. The Panthers will host Southern Durham on Oct. 11 (travel to Durham School of the Arts on Oct. 13. Both matches begin at 6 p.m.)

The Warriors will host Southern Durham on Oct. 13 at 6 p.m.

Gonyea's hat trick marshals Vikings over Webb Warriors

By Amanda Dixon
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OXFORD—After four straight losses, South Granville soccer righted the ship Wednesday with a 9-0 win over J.E. Webb. Seldom does a goalkeeper get an opportunity to score, but the Vikings turned to veteran keeper Jason Carroll for the first score of the night on a penalty kick.

South Granville moved the ball well on its next possession. Juan Cruz Chavez fed the ball to Lewis Gonyea for a shot on goal that slipped by the Webb keeper. Lewis Gonyea would make several more shots by the time the night was over.

The Vikings continued to play aggressively on defense and shut down Webb's attempts to cross midfield. Auston Delgado saw Devon Gonyea breaking toward the goal. Delgado

put the ball in the perfect spot for Devon Gonyea to score a goal for the Vikings. Leading 3-0, the Vikings did not let up. Lewis Gonyea crossed the ball in front of the net to Tony Aguilar for another goal.

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could call it a night. Webb kicked the ball out of bounds and Carroll threw it in for the Vikings. After a few quick touches, Navez scored to give the Vikings a 5-0 lead and end the match.

South Granville moved to 2-6 on the season and 1-3 in conference action. The Vikings will travel to Carboro on Oct. 11 for a 6 p.m. match.

The Vikings' offense continued to work the ball near the goal and Devon Gonyea fed the ball to his brother Lewis Gonyea for his third goal of the match or hat trick and 6-0 lead.

Cruz Chavez scored the next goal for the Vikings. Lewis Gonyea served the ball right to Cruz Chavez for a quick tap and score. Leading 7-0, the Vikings continued to move the ball well. Cruz Chavez sent it to Herschel Ngeve for a score and an 8-0 lead.

One more goal and the

STATISTICS

South Granville — Devon Gonyea (one goal and one assist), Herschel Ngeve (two goals), Tony Aguilar (one goal), Juan Cruz Chavez (one goal and two assists), Lewis Gonyea (three goals and two assists), Auston Delgado (one goal).
Carroll had the shutout in goal for the Vikings. Delgado played 10 minutes in goal.

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UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 605

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 (REPS) and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (EENS) for the period from 2022 to 2031. (N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R1-214)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS) cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 21-5, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R1-214 for the purpose of determining whether an adjustment or amendment is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred related to DENC's REPS compliance. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-214(g).

On August 10, 2021, DENC filed its application for approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS) cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R1-214. By its application, DENC requests revisions to REPS cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2022. DENC's request, including the regulatory fee, would result in the following monthly charges: \$0.25 per residential customer account; \$1.27 per commercial customer account; and \$5.22 per industrial customer account.

Compared to the current REPS rates, the result of DENC's request would be an increase of \$0.12 per month per residential customer account, an increase of \$0.80 per month per commercial customer account, and an increase of \$1.40 per month per industrial customer account.

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 for review by the public, and on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.com.

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This on the 23rd day of August, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Swoke Dawson, Chief Clerk

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 605

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of:
Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric Rates and Charges and Revise its Fuel Factor Payments to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-155.2 and NCUJ Rule R2-55

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On August 10, 2021, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-155.2 and Commission Rule R2-55. By its application, DENC requests revisions to its fuel and fuel-related recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2022. According to its application, DENC is requesting a total annual fuel revenue increase of approximately \$22.6 million from the fuel and fuel-related costs currently in effect.

DENC's proposed fuel revenue increase, including regulatory fees, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: \$1.18 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers; \$1.02 cents per kWh for small general service; the public utility companies; \$1.5635 cents per kWh for large general service customers; \$0.9835 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; and \$0.989 cents per kWh for rate schedule SVP customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$5.10.

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Lady Warriors topple Granville Central

By Amanda Dixon
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STEM—The Webb Lady Warriors eased through a 3-0 win over Granville Central in volleyball on Sept. 23.

"We are still a very young team," coach Amy Baskett said. "This year is about learning to play together as a team. We have been missing our experienced players and it is great to have them back with us."

Jada Green returned to the court last week and Jada Burch returned to the court on Thursday. Webb opened the first set with an 8-0 run. Courtney Williams provided a couple of kills and Carly McGhee served an ace to put the Lady Warriors in the driver's seat.

Granville Central called a timeout to talk things over. After the timeout, Alexis Riley scored on a kill to give Granville Central a little life.

The teams battled hard with a long rally with Jovee, Jada Burch and finally a kill for Webb. Burch served a winner to slow the Lady Warriors for just a moment.

Leading 10-7, Chapman Burnette served an ace for Webb. The Lady Warriors rode that momentum to a 25-9 first set win.

Granville Central was in the hunt early in the first with Riley providing points on back row attacks. Webb answered with Williams and Terri Sanford knocking down kills for a 12-4 lead.

Green's ace gave Granville Central a chance to recover and regroup, but that did not last long with Webb forging ahead 20-10. Williams again showed her dominance at the net to give the Lady Warriors a 25-12 set win.

Granville Central looked shell shocked after a Williams block. She followed shortly with a pair of kills to give Webb a 9-2 lead in the third set. Williams continued to spike the ball to the floor for Webb.

Granville Central finally took a timeout with Webb leading 15-3. The Lady Panthers could not shake the hammering by Williams and the Lady Warriors. Webb claimed the third set 25-5 and won the conference match 3-0.

Granville Central moved

to 0-12 on the season and 0-7 in conference action. Webb moved to 6-9 on the season and 5-2 in league play.

Granville Central will travel to Vance County on Oct. 5 for a 6 p.m. match. Webb will host Carboro on Oct. 5 at 6 p.m.

STATISTICS

Webb — Christi McCray (two blocks), Faith Hunt (one kill, one block and one serve receive), Courtney Williams (13 kills, four aces, six blocks, one dig and eight assists), Terri Sanford (two kills, one block and three serve receives), Tamia Williams (one kill and one block), Chapman Burnette (four aces, four digs, four assists, and six serve receives), Karington Brooks (two kills, one block and one dig), Grace Wilson (one ace and two serve receives), Carly McGhee (two aces and nine assists), Megan Newton (two kills, one ace and three serve receives), and LaShawn Howard (six aces, one dig and four serve receives).
Granville Central — unavailable.

Woman facing second-degree kidnapping and other charges

A Chesapeake, Va. woman is facing multiple charges after a Sunday afternoon incident in Currituck County.

On October 3 at 12:40 p.m., the Currituck County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a multi-vehicle collision in Grandy at the intersection of Augusta Drive and Hwy 158. A man who witnessed the incident stopped to assist, stated CCSO, "He approached the scene and exited his vehicle to check on the people involved. It



Hancox

she jumped and ran. She was quickly apprehended by Currituck deputies and the victim. The children were extremely shaken, but not harmed," stated CCSO. Hancox was charged with five counts of second-degree kidnapping, leaving the scene of an accident and larceny of a motor vehicle. She has been placed under a \$210,000 bond and is being held at the Currituck County Detention Center.

Mental, from 1A

health issues, preventing many people from seeking out the help they need.

"That's one of the primary functions of the Breaking Through Task Force: to try to help break down that stigma and recognize that it's OK to get help," said Davies. "It's OK to say, 'I'm struggling a little bit,' or 'I'm not able to cope the way that I'd normally be able to cope.'"

Following Davies' introduction, Nettin then gave a presentation to the board that highlighted the Breaking Through Task Force's ongoing efforts to provide both education and outreach throughout Dare County, which includes the organization's development of various video series, blog posts, mental health workbooks, listening sessions, member discussion forums, as well as virtual and in-person outreach.

Nettin also showcased the Breaking Through Task Force's recently

revamped website, which contains a wealth of resources that are available locally for those who are struggling with issues regarding mental health in Dare County, including contact information for numerous local counselors and therapists.

After the presentation to the board, Davies shared the proclamation, which stated that one in five adults in the United States — approximately 43.8 million people — experience a mental health problem in any given year, that nearly one in 20 Americans live with a serious mental illness and that suicide is the eighth leading cause of death in Dare County.

The proclamation went on to state that early identification and treatment can make a significant difference in the successful management of mental illness and lead to recovery. That public education and community activities can boost mental health and help improve the lives of individuals and families who are affected by

mental illness; and that every citizen and community can make a difference in helping to end the silence and stigma that surround mental illness and discourage people from getting help.

With the week of October 3-9, 2021 officially being declared by the Dare County Board of Commissioners as "Mental Illness Awareness Week," county officials encourage anyone struggling with issues related to mental health to take advantage of the wide array of resources that are available locally.

For more information about the Breaking Through Task Force, go to BreakTheStigma.Org or consult these resources:

- Call the local 24/7 Mobile Crisis Hotline at 866-437-1821.
- Call Dare County's COVID-19 emotional support line at 252-473-8246.
- Call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK or text HELLO to 747471.

Dare commissioners act on financing

By Mary Helen Goodloe-Murphy mhgm@coastlandtimes.com

On Oct. 4, Dare County commissioners approved several financial moves on limited and consent agendas.

In 2020, Dare County created a Master Trust Agreement for two required trust accounts: Other Post-Employment Benefits and Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance.

In February 2021, the Dare Board of Commissioners funded the law enforcement trust liability and finance department staff started the process of establishing an additional account in the Department of State Treasurer's Ancillary Government Participant Investment Program, where the county's Other Post-Employment Benefit monies are invested.

In June, the Department of State Treasurer responded to the county's attorney that the Master Trust Agreement cannot be used with the program "because of administrative constraints imposed by the service provider."

Finance director David Clawson told the commissioners that the service provider is Black Rock, which has provided five-year average earnings of 14.9%.

In response to the Department of State Treasurer, Dare County's trust attorneys, Parker Poe Adams and Bernstein, drafted separate trust agreements for the two funds to replace the Master Trust Agreement and Dare's commissioners adopted both restated irrevocable trust agreements.

The commissioner's adopted a reimbursement resolution for possible use with the Buxton-Avon beach nourishment project. The Buxton-Avon project will be released for bids Oct. 18. The bids will be opened Nov. 22, 2021.

Collateral for financing the project is the Dare County Justice Center. However, in a just-in-case move, the commissioners adopted a resolution that lets the \$285,000 Jessenden Center repair project be used for collateral for beach nourishment debt if needed.

County manager Robert L. Outten reported to the commissioners about the schedule for meeting with the Local Government Commission, which must review and approve local government financing. All of Dare County's paperwork for the 2022 northern beach towns' re-nourishment project is complete. However, the local government commission requires all permits to be granted and submission of previous fiscal year local government financial statements, which includes statements from four municipalities and the county.

The financier of the northern beach project will not hold the interest rate, which is 0.89%, past November. Clawson told the commissioners that the interest rates have risen a quarter of one percent since bids were opened on project financing.

Outten said that the project budget had increased significantly more interest. In the consent agenda, the commissioners approved:

- A correction to the Capital Project Ordinance for \$2021.
- A new full time administrative specialist

position for the Environmental Health Unit in the Dare County Justice Center. Before the recession, the unit had 10 environmental health specialists and two administrative specialists. The unit is currently staffed with eight specialists and one administrative specialist. The budget request reports that permits for new septic permits have increased by 36%, rewrite permits by 63%, repair permits by 51% and additional permits by 38%. The position is funded by eliminating two part-time positions.

The commissioners made the following appointments:

- Land Transfer Tax Appeals Board: As recommended by the Town of Manteo, James Ayers to replace June Nori, who moved out of the area.
- Roanoke Island Community Center Board: re-appointed Jonique Lee, Betty Selby and Clarence Lewis.
- Health and Human Services Board: re-appointed L'Tanya Murray.
- Library Board - Dare: re-appointed Janice Willett and Mike Hogan and appointed Mary Lou Hofert of Southern Shores, Ruth Perkins of Kill Devil Hills and Jo Ann Wilton-Harfst of Kill Devil Hills.
- Festenzer Center Advisory Board: appointed Edward J. O'Brien Jr. to fill the Avon vacancy and Megan Yvette to fill the at-large vacancy.
- Juvenile Crime Prevention Council: appointed Matthew McGough and Paul William Pollock.

All actions by the commissioners were unanimously on a 6-0 vote with commissioner Rob Ross excused.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

BULK TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULED

The Town of Kill Devil Hills Public Services Department will begin collection of APPROVED bulk trash items from UNIMPROVED properties within the Town of Kill Devil Hills on Monday, October 18, 2021. APPROVED items for collection may be placed in the Street right-of-way not earlier than Sunday, October 3, 2021 and not later than Sunday, October 17, 2021.

Please place approved bulk trash items in (4) separate bundles as follows:

- 1st Bundle** Branches: No longer than 6 feet
Tree Trunks: No more than 14 inches in length and 12 inches in diameter
(No stumps, lot clearings, or debris from unimproved lots)
- 2nd Bundle** Bagged Yard Waste: Pine needles, pine cones, lawn clippings, leaves, etc. PLEASE DO NOT use plastic trash bags for yard waste. USE PAPER BIODEGRADABLE YARD DEBRIS BAGS for items such as pine needles, pine cones, lawn clippings, and leaves. Please ask for these biodegradable yard bags at your local hardware or gardening supply center. For use during this collection, residents that live within the Town of Kill Devil Hills (unimproved lots) may obtain a limited supply of these bags, at no charge and while supplies last, from the Town's Public Services office located at 107 Town Hall Drive. Please call 252-480-4080 for availability and instructions.
- 3rd Bundle** White Goods and Metals: Refrigerators (please remove doors), stoves, washing machines, dryers, hot water heaters, bicycles, metal lawn furniture, air conditioners, metal bed frames, etc.
No items can be longer than 12 feet — pipe, cable, etc.
No vehicles or any major portion of cars, boats, trailers, motorcycles, etc.
No motors or machinery with an oil reservoir or gas tank
No propane tanks or sealed canisters of any type
- 4th Bundle** Large Furniture Items: Sofas, beds, mattresses, chairs, tables, bookshelves, etc.
No construction materials or lumber of any kind - no pallets, cabinets, panelling, doors, carpet, insulation, drywall, shingles, tubs, toilets, etc.
No concrete, masonry materials, or asphalt
No glass - no windows, televisions, mirrors, camper shells, etc.

PROHIBITED ITEMS: No tires, cardboard, paper products, recyclables, paint, paint products, hazardous materials, or items prohibited as a result of a contracted private or business.

Non-Approved Materials, Mixed Piles, and Items That Are Improperly Sorted Will Not Be Collected!

Additional information about the upcoming Spring Bulk Trash Collection can be obtained by calling the Public Services Department at 252-480-4080 or by visiting the Town of Kill Devil Hills' website at www.kdvhnc.com.

Duck, from 1A

Trilogy Award. Presented to those agencies in which all command staff members complete multi-day training programs in the Supervisor, Command and Executive Leadership Institutes, the cutting-edge FBI-LEEDA Trilogy curriculum is especially designed for first-line supervisors and middle managers with the goal of enhancing leadership competencies.

Duck Police Department, according to Ackerman, is the second agency in North Carolina and one of only 24 in the United States to receive such an award.

"This is a big deal for us," said Ackerman. "Because this training was from an elite group of trainers."

He went on to add that, while some departments designate command staff as only the chief and deputy chief, in Duck it includes sergeant and above.

According to the FBI-Law Enforcement Executive Development Association website, the private, non-profit organization is separate from and not part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Taking up the first item of business, council revisited its comprehensive and land use plan.

Following an August 5, 2020, resolution in which council approved a draft, the CLUP document then underwent 14 months of formal review by the N.C. Division of Coastal Management and other state agencies.

According to community development director Joe Heard, the review did not result in any guideline amendments, but there are any substantive changes to the CLUP previously approved by the Planning Board and Town Council. There were, however,

more than a hundred minor amendments to the document.

"Most comments deal with such things as document organization," explained Heard. "Other changes include requests for additional background information and to identify which recommendations are policies and which are implementation actions. The revised CLUP also clarified that it is to be used as a guideline. Before final review and certification by the secretary of the N.C. Coastal Resources Commission, the revised CLUP now requires review and re-approval by Town Council."

During discussion on the document, it was pointed out that there is no defined time for CLUP reviews. The average span for most communities is to take a look after about five years. The last Duck review was 15 years ago.

At the end of discussion, council voted 4-0 to approve the revised comprehensive and land use plan.

With an order offering temporary accommodations to businesses subject to COVID-19 restrictions set to expire November 30, council held a brief discussion on what steps, if any, should come next.

The order approved on May 19 allows businesses to temporarily use tents, outdoor seating and displays, additional signage and waive fees. Currently there are no state, county or town restrictions that limit the capacity or operations of businesses due to COVID-19.

The evening's discussion focused on whether or not to extend the special provisions granted for businesses dealing with COVID-related restrictions or instead go back to the business as usual status in place prior to the pandemic.

In an effort to help businesses plan for the coming holiday season, council agreed to extend May 19 provisions until the middle of January. On the recommendation of town manager Drew Havens, council settled on a Sunday, January 16 date and asked Heard to draft an extension for review.

When the 2021 beach renourishment project bid was opened, officials were a bit surprised to see that the numbers were lower than expected. The lower project cost opened the door for saving money on the project or adding additional sand within the original budget for the project.

According to Havens, Duck can add 69,000 cubic yards of sand to the project for a new total of 494,000 cu yd of sand.

"This sounds like a great opportunity to put more sand on beach at no extra cost," said Mayor Don Kingston.

Although discussions with Dare County are still taking place, current figures for the project include:

- \$760,572 from Dare County,
• \$2,435,206 from FEMA and state grants,
• \$1,450,921 from a NCDWR grant, leaving \$2,407,148 to be paid by the Town of Duck for a project total of \$7,666,847, which is almost \$90,000 less than Duck was originally slated to pay.

As expected, the vote to add 69,000 cu yd of sand to the project passed with unanimous approval.

Related to the beach renourishment project, council authorized the issuance of four separate special obligation bonds required in order to obtain the financing needed for the beach renourishment project. According to town documents the interest rate will be

1.74 percent for a five-year bond and 1.54 percent for a one-year variable rate bond. The rate for a FEMA bond will change at each renewal but is subject to a market dependent expectation to be below 2 percent.

In a separate action, similar to the one for the 2017 project, an interlocal agreement among Dare County and the Towns of Duck, Kill Devil Hills, Kitty Hawk and Southern Shores was approved for the execution and administration of the beach nourishment construction contract.

Although funding was approved for Duck Trail improvements, permit coordinator Sandy Cross advised that both bids opened September 23 for work between Oyster Catcher Lane and Blue Heron Lane significantly exceeded the \$120,000 budgeted.

According to Cross, Fred Smith Company at \$188,920 and Hatchell Concrete at \$218,500 were the only bids submitted with Barnhill Contracting, Whitehurst Sand and H&H Land Development declining to bid. Current workload and limited labor forces were indicated as reasons to opt out.

Cross explained that the project area is in great need of work and includes removal and reconstruction of the multi-use path with 707 linear feet of permeable concrete and 313 linear feet of conventional concrete. The creation of shallow roadside swales for drainage away from the path and road surface are also part of the project.

Faced with working only with as much as is budgeted, funding some permeable concrete with remaining conventional to be completed next fiscal year, adjust funding to complete the originally designed for the \$188,920

or not awarding a bid and bidding off on any work, council decided to hold off on any decision until November, when bids on another improvement project are due and a comparison can be made.

Duck Town Council meets again November 3, which is within the 45 days Duck has to respond to the Duck Trail improvement bids.

During a lengthy discussion on the town's current trash pick-up schedule, Waste Management officials advised that a majority of the failures in the company's performance are due to work force shortages, truck failures and several associated parts shortages.

Earlier this year, the sanitation company requested a schedule change that split Duck into north and south territories over a two day schedule instead of one. In addition to an increase in tonnage, dealing with labor shortages and high traffic work schedules was an important part in the schedule change.

Although a survey with 367 responses indicated support for the proposed schedule change, council has since received more than two dozen comments opposing the continuation of the split route schedule. The goal was to provide improved service reliability and shorter recovery times with an overall decrease in missed collections.

An evaluation for the new schedule revealed, however, that a similar number of carryovers days occurred as compared to the previous summer. Councilman Sandy Whitman advised that most of the comments he received indicated residents want it all done on one day.

According to Cross, some of the problems Duck is facing are not

unique to Duck, adding that labor shortages are an issue almost everywhere. She went on to say that town staff have talked with Waste Management weekly about any issues and about developing a more efficient routing system, such as routing using only right turns to improve time, fuel efficiency and safety. An earlier start time was also discussed.

As the discussion came to a close, Mayor Don Kingston said he didn't think anybody would be opposed to an earlier start time, like 5:30 or 6 a.m., and his suggestion was that when feasible, the schedule should go back to one day in the off season with recycling still on Mondays.

Other business for the evening included an announcement from Heard that NCDOT has completed its review of grant requests and has included the Duck request for further review. Heard said that usually indicates that the money is coming but the award will not be until December or January. While good news that money will be coming, the timing will make it impossible to include any of the associated projects in this year.

Heard pointed out, however, that the town was looking at around a \$40,000 match on just two of the associated projects. With the BRIC grant, Duck will realize a \$410,000 savings, which means a new road and stormwater management for \$290,000.

The next step is to contact the lending partners and request an extension to enable the projects to take place next year, probably in October 2022.

The next scheduled Duck Town Council meeting will be a regular session meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 3.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 603 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 and Cost Recovery Rider Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-57 PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS) cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Doboy Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-57 for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred related to DENC's REPS compliance. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g). On August 10, 2021, DENC filed its application for approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS) cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-57. By its application, DENC requests revisions to its REPS cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2022. DENC's request, including the regulatory fee, would result in the following monthly charges: \$0.25 per residential customer account, \$1.37 per commercial customer account, and \$5.12 per industrial customer account. Compared to the current REPS rates, the result of DENC's request would be an increase of \$0.12 per month per residential customer account, an increase of \$0.66 per month per commercial customer account, and an increase of \$4.40 per month per industrial customer account. 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 for review by the public, and on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net. The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection-Utilities, 9061 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to utilityAG@ncdoj.gov. Written statements are not evidence unless the person appears at a public hearing and testifies concerning the information contained in their written statements. Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Tuesday, October 26, 2021. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Tuesday, October 26, 2021. ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION. This the 23rd day of August, 2021. NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

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COVID

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currently has one active COVID-19 case within the staff, and 21 cases of a staff member on quarantine. This is out of 138 total staff members.

As of Oct. 1, there are two ongoing outbreaks within the region. The outbreak totals are from the beginning of the outbreak and not ac-

tive totals.

The outbreak in Washington County is at the Carrollton of Williamson, a nursing home that has had four COVID-19 positive cases.

The other outbreak is at the Carrollton of Williamson, where it has been 14 staff related and 44 residence related support par-

perwork. The previous outbreak at the Tyrrell Home has been

resolved.

In Tyrrell County, 1,918 residents, or 48 percent of the 4,016 have received their first vaccination, and 1,756 residents or 44 percent have been fully vaccinated.

In Washington County, 5,872 residents, or 51 percent of the 11,382 have received their first vaccination, and 4,004 residents, or 44 percent have been fully vaccinated.

"The best way to protect

yourself is through vaccination," said Gray.

As of Sept. 28 there have been 4,582 total diagnostic tests completed in Tyrrell County. That number represents 114.1 percent of the population. Washington County has had 19,955 total diagnostic tests completed. This is 172.1 percent of the population. Martin County has had 35,372 total diagnostic tests completed. This is 157.6 percent of the pop-

ulation.

From Sept. 12 through Sept. 25 Tyrrell County has had a positive test rate of 9.3 percent. Washington County's positive test rate has been 14.5 percent and Martin County's rate has been 14.6 percent.

Patients can schedule an appointment for a free COVID-19 vaccine, Pfizer for ages 12 and up and Johnson & Johnson or Moderna for those ages 18 and up, in

the Columbia, Plymouth or Williamson clinics by calling 859-793-3023.

Booster vaccinations are also available also.

The health department in Tyrrell County is located at 630 Bridge St. in Columbia. The health department in Washington County is located at 108 N.C. 46 in Plymouth, and the health department in Martin County is located at 210 West Liberty St. in Williamson.

WATERS

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restrictions for large gatherings delayed his plans. Friday will be the premiere performance.

"Mr. Foster was this nation's first professional com-

poser and is often referred to as the father of American music," Waters said. "Old Susanna," was sung by people from all walks of life. Because the song was given worldwide distribution, it helped create the genre known as "Pop" music."

Waters will perform Oh

Susanna, and 15 other songs — out of Foster's more than 200 compositions.

"I want to take the audience 'backstage' — helping them understand how events in this man's life shaped the content and character of his music," he

added.

The hour-long performance will include narration, commentary and a question-and-answer period.

Waters, who has lived in Tyrrell County more than 20 years, is proficient in a variety of instruments including

baritone, bass, tuba, banjo and guitar. He also plays the piano, organ and fluta.

He wrote the Foster musical to stretch his abilities, while "taking a bit of time and work," he said, adding he enjoyed the process.

Waters is also slated to perform at Saturday's 30th

annual Suppamong River Festival, which will include other musical performances, a car show, fireworks and a parade.

Waters also plans to perform the Foster musical documentary at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14 at Rehoboth Church in Roxet.

ACES

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The Aces and Panthers are both scheduled to play Northeastern Coastal Conference games this Friday, Oct. 8 at the Aces welcome Currituck County to Eden-

play Marteo.

Holmes' home game Friday will kickoff at 7:30 p.m. Camden County 34, First Flight 6; The Class 2A Bruins (3-3, 2-1 NCC) defeated the Class 3A Night-

hawks (2-3, 1-2 NCC) in a conference game Friday at First Flight High School in Kill Devil Hills. Up next on Friday, Oct. 8,

Camden hosts conference leader in Northeastern, while First Flight travels to Ahoskie to play Hertford County in league games.

Currituck County 42, Manteo 28; The Class 3A Knights (3-3, 2-1 NCC) defeated longtime rival in Class 2A Manteo (0-5, 0-3 NCC) in a league game Friday at Manteo High School

in Marteo.

According to MaxPreps.com, Currituck quarterback Makegan Piorkowski completed 4 of 13 passes for 74 yards and two touch-

downs. Ryan Flaher led Currituck with nine carries for 137 yards and a touchdown. Damon Gerres followed with four rushes for 68

rushing yards and a score, while Piorkowski had six carries for 41 yards and two rushing touchdowns.

Currituck's Damon Duke had a 16-yard touchdown catch, Camello Burton had a 6-yard touchdown catch, while Damien Hicks had two catches for 65 yards. Currituck placekicker Noah Simpson made all

five of his point-after-touchdown kicks in the Knight victory.

VOLLEBALL
Victory Christian def. Suffolk Christian Academy (Va.). The Eagles (11-2, 6-1 NCCAA North) defeated the Knights (2-7, 2-6 NCCAA North) in three sets of a league game Friday at Victory Christian School.

TIPS

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it were loaded and never assume a firearm is unloaded.

Keep your finger out of the trigger guard and off the trigger until ready to shoot.

Be sure of your target, as well as what's in front of and behind it.

Keeping safety a top priority, blaze orange is required to be worn by deer hunters any time a firearms season is open.

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Chowan routs WSSU in football

From staff reports

MURFREESBORO — The Chowan University football team silenced some critics in a 73-7 thrashing of Winston-Salem State in CAA action on Saturday evening to move to 6-0 for the first time since 1980.

Chowan moved to 5-0 for the first time since 1980 when the Hawks, then Braves, were playing as a junior college.

The Hawks offensively put up 527 yards of total offense with 38 first downs while averaging 7.6 yards per play.

Defensively, the Hawks held WSSU to 151 yards of total offense picking up four more sacks.

Chowan's Bryce Witt tallied eight more touchdowns with five passing and three rushing. His third rushing touchdown gave him the career mark in rushing touchdowns in program history. Witt rushed for 422 yards and rushed for 45 yards.

Jaylon Boyd rushed for 101 yards and two scores. Laurence King went over 100 yards receiving for the third game this season with 120 yards on nine receptions and one touchdown. Malik Tobias had six catches for 96 yards and three scores.

linebacker Watkins posted 10 interceptions for 62 yards. Jeremiah Smith caught one pass for 31 yards and a touchdown.

Gilberto Ortiz and Simeon Burns posted seven tackles each. Ortiz tallied a sack and two quarterback hurries. Isaac Anderson led the team with 1.5 sacks. Ra'qib Abuh-Wahid registered 0.5 sack to move within two of the all-time mark.

Caleb Hester picked off a pass. Jude McAtanney went 10-10 on PATs and added a 43 yard field goal. Chowan scored on their first 10 drives and 11 of 13 in the contest.

Elizabeth City State 19, Livingstone 18; The Vikings (2-3, 2-0 CCAA) held on for the conference victory against the Blue Bears Saturday at Roebuck Stadium.

Late in the game, Livingstone (0-5, 0-2 CCAA) had the football inside the EC'SU 20-yard line, but EC'SU defensive back Tayceon Reynolds intercepted Living-



Chowan's Malik Tobias (with ball) during the college football game against Winston-Salem State, Saturday evening.

stone quarterback Lazarus Anderson to end the game. EC'SU quarterback Kevin Caldwell threw three touchdowns, passes to wide receivers Cameron Saunders (38-yards) and Brandon Joyner (30-yards) in the first half.

Melvin Smalls Jr. added an 11-yard touchdown run in the second quarter to increase the EC'SU lead to 19-0.

Livingstone scored late in the second quarter when Caldwell threw an incomplete pass from the end zone that was ruled an intentional grounding penalty. The result of the play awarded Livingstone a safety and two points.

EC'SU led 19-2 at halftime.

Anderson threw a 69-yard touchdown pass to Lasirton Bryant in the fourth quarter. Livingstone placekicker Jose Gonzalez added a 24-yard field goal with 3:08 remaining in the game.

EC'SU goes on the road to begin CCAA North Division play against Virginia State on Saturday, Oct. 9.

MEN'S SOCCER
The Crown College 6, Mid-Atlantic Christian 4; The Mustangs (0-6-1) lost the home match Saturday.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Elizabeth City State women's volleyball team won three matches at the CCAA Roundup in Winston-Salem during the past weekend. EC'SU defeated Fayette-

ville State 25-20, 20-25, 25-14 on Saturday.

On Sunday, the Vikings defeated Saint Augustine's in three sets and Livingstone College in three sets to improve their overall record to 14-2 overall.

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LIFE & STYLE

Appetizers can provide the 'wow' factor...

It is often said that the appetizer and the dessert are the most memorable moments of a meal and therefore should elicit the most "wow" factor for your guests.

Dessert naturally lends itself to artistic license, but the often overlooked appetizer is meant to set the tone for your dinner and whet the appetite.

Appetizers are thought to originate in Russia, but every country and culture has some small form of first bite before a meal.

Ironically the first cooking class I taught was an appetizer and cocktail class 30 years ago! Appetizers have become some of my

most requested recipes.

Recently I had a request from my friend, Marilyn Rutland, for my pickled shrimp recipe. I usually serve it with a bloody Mary shooter, but it is a wonderful small bite on its own.

Shrimp is a rice protein for a welcoming appetizer with its compact size and appealing flavor. It is the most popular seafood eaten in the U.S. and annually five pounds are eaten per year per person.

While there are at least 300 species of shrimp only a few varieties are commercially available. The most popular varieties are white, pink and brown. When buying shrimp the size offerings can be confusing. These crustaceans are sold by the number per pound and size ranges from extra small to extra colossal.

For my pickled shrimp I recommend large or extra large. It's very important to not overcook the shrimp



and to toss them right out of the oven into the marinade so it can absorb all that great flavor.

This week I have included my recipe for Pickled Shrimp.

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

Pickled Shrimp
Serves 8
INGREDIENTS

- 1 lemon, zested and juiced
- 1 tablespoon whole grain mustard
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon honey
- Salt and pepper to taste

PREPARATION

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Toss shrimp in a little olive oil and lay on a single layer on a sheet pan. Roast for 5 minutes, then gently toss. Return to oven and roast until opaque and just turning pink.

• Meanwhile whisk together the ingredients for the marinade in a large bowl. Immediately add the hot cooked shrimp to the bowl and toss in the marinade. Pickle for at least an hour, continuing to toss to coat evenly in the marinade.

Can be prepared and chilled up to 3 hours but not overnight as the lemon juice will "cook" the shrimp as with a ceviche, so it is very important not to initially roast the shrimp too long in the oven.

- 2 pounds extra large shrimp, tail on, shells removed, and deveined
- 2 tablespoons Old Bay
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh dill
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 3 shallots, finely minced
- 3 clove garlic, finely minced
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar

Happy with series...

I'm so happy that we've been able to have such a successful Armchair Traveler Series this year.

The Friends of the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library need to be roundly thanked for their efforts—especially Lee Lobb-

ma, Sally Howell and Lucy Daniels. Our final program is titled The Fish That Kept

Chowan Floating and is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 18.

Dossey Pruden, a Chowan County native and waterman, will tell us about the history of the fisheries of the Chowan River. Scores of blackback herring used to fuel the economy of the region.

In 1857, Harper's Weekly did a major story on the herring fisheries of the Chowan River with engravings of the work as it was done. It's so cool to be able to have such a well-documented history of this industry and way of life.

The local newspaper of the late 1800s was titled The Fisherman and the

Farmer. Dossey also will talk about our yummy blue crabs that are a current part of our local fisheries.

TeenTuber continues on #TeenTuesday.

Our first two events had amazing turnout.

The next two coming up are a Sponge Bob & Teen Titans Escape Rooms on Oct. 19 and The Haunted Library Cued In Murder Mystery on Oct. 26. These programs start at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday and are open to middle and high school ages.

Again the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library continues to offer innovative and educational programs for all ages—and we are the

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Man charged in deputy's shooting

A North Carolina man has been charged after a deputy was shot and wounded as he and two others went to serve him an involuntary commitment order, a sheriff's office said.

Robert Joseph Westrup, 41, of New Bern appeared in court on Monday on charges of assault on a law enforcement with a deadly weapon and attempted first-degree murder, news outlets reported.

Three Craven County sheriff's deputies went to serve Westrup on Friday after his family expressed concern. Westrup refused to cooperate and ran upstairs in the house before he fired on the deputies who followed him inside. He hit deputy Zachary Bellington, who is recovering in the hospital after he was shot in the stomach. The sheriff's office said Westrup suffered a gunshot wound after he exchanged gunfire with the deputies, who were trapped inside a room.

NEWTON

Missing couple found dead in office

A missing couple were found shot to death inside a North Carolina newspaper office on Friday, police said.

Officers with the Newton Police Department and deputies with the Catawba County Sheriff's Office responded to calls Friday about the two missing people, 55-year-old Cindy Hill and 58-year-old Larry Brigham, who authorities said were in a relationship, WJZY reported.

They were following up on leads around 11 p.m. when they found their cars parked outside The Observer News Enterprise on North College Avenue in Newton, police said, according to WBTX. Inside the business, police said they found Hill and Brigham dead with gunshot wounds, WBTX reported.

"This is a tragic situation and our prayers are with the Hill and Brigham families," Newton Police Chief Vidal Sipe said, according to WSOE.

GREENVILLE

Effort to steer youth away from porn



WILLIAM BERKANO/THE DAILY REFLECTOR
Aynona Williams and Saccya Battle take photographs Monday of a small memorial dedicated to the popular East Carolina University Pirate mascot that used to stand on the ECU mall before it was vandalized Sunday.

RALEIGH

Effort to steer youth away from porn

Law enforcement and education leaders in North Carolina are joining in a campaign it hopes will keep students from being exposed to online pornography and adult sex predators.

The N.C. State Bureau of Investigation, the state Department of Public Instruction and the nonprofit group The Third Talk have partnered on an internet safety video telling middle school and high school students about the dangers of online pornography. The News & Observer of Raleigh reported. Students will see the video in school.

Both the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the FBI have reported a surge in the number of cyberstalking about child exploitation since the start of the pandemic.

From Associated Press reports

NC COVID trends improve despite low vaccinations

Hospitalizations drop 25%, new cases decrease by 30%

BY BRYAN ANDERSON
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RALEIGH — While spread of COVID-19 remains high, transmission of the virus has noticeably declined in North Carolina over the last two weeks, according to new health department data released Monday.

The data from the state Department of Health and Human Services showed a nearly 26% drop in hospitalizations in the last 14 days, while the rolling average number of daily new cases has decreased by more than 30%.

Roughly one in every



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Gov. Roy Cooper talks with people who just received their COVID-19 vaccine at the Davidson County Health Department in Lexington in June.

310 people in North Carolina tested positive for COVID-19 in the past week. For the first time since mid-July, the share of tests coming back positive in North Carolina has been in the single digits for six consecutive days.

Deaths, which lag behind cases and hospitalizations, will likely drop as the trends improve.

The positive development comes even as fewer and fewer North Carolinians get

vaccinated. While vaccination numbers continue to come in from last week, the latest data shows less than 33,000 residents got a first dose last week. This is the lowest weekly count since the week of Dec. 14 — the first week the state administered vaccines after receiving limited supplies from the federal government.

A report the state health department released last week showed unvaccinated North Carolinians accounted for 80% of COVID-related hospitalizations and 81% of infected patients in intensive care units.

State health officials said the available vaccines remain "highly effective" but warned of decreased effectiveness at preventing infec-

tion of the more contagious delta variant. Regardless, individuals are more than 16 times as likely to die of COVID-19 and four times as likely to contract the virus than vaccinated individuals.

"Vaccination is the most effective way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 as well as severe, hospitalization and death due to the virus," the

department wrote.

Americans who got a Pfizer shot and are at least 65 years old can now get a booster shot six months after their second dose, as can adults 18 and older who are medically vulnerable, live in congregate settings or work in a high-risk profession where they come into contact with lots of people.

Liquor shortages draw lawmaker scrutiny

Lawmakers question ABC official, distribution contractor

The Associated Press

RALEIGH — Persistent liquor shortages on local Alcoholic Beverage Control store shelves prompted North Carolina lawmakers to question the current top state ABC official and the distribution contractor.

But after a hearing Wednesday, the House ABC committee chairman leading the discussion remained frustrated, news outlets reported.

"I'm probably more dissatisfied, or unsatisfied at the conclusion of this two hours than I was hoping I would be. I have a lot more questions than I have answers," said Rep. Tim Moffitt, a Henderson County Republican. "The cause has

yet to be really discovered and I don't think this meeting has really allowed us to really dig in as deep as we would like to."

The House ABC committee held the meeting less than two weeks after state ABC Commission chairman A.D. "Zander" Guy resigned suddenly, citing in part the liquor supply troubles.

Deputy Commissioner Terrance Merritweather and Ben Thompson, a lawyer representing warehouse vendor LR&B Associates, took most of Wednesday's questions.

The commission oversees the state's wholesale and retail liquor distribution. The liquor comes from licensed distillers to the state's two alcohol warehouses before it gets shipped to locally run ABC stores for sale.

LR&B began its latest contract with the state in July, which required the

implementation of a new computerized inventory and ordering software program.

Thompson said LR&B acknowledges delivery problems in July and August were on the company.

"There were some stores that were delayed significantly on their deliveries," Thompson told the committee. "We believe that we've righted that ship. ... We think the delivery issues are now on track."

But legislators say shortages still persist. Officials also attributed the problems to a dramatic increase in consumption, the COVID-19 pandemic, supply chain disruptions, worker shortages and insufficient storage at local stores.

Moffitt said today's customers find shortages or delays unacceptable.

"We live in an era of Amazon Prime. If I place an or-

der by a certain time during the day, I can receive it the next morning," Moffitt said.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 665

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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STATE

Rage rooms offer spaces to (safely) release anger

Patrons pay for time to break own stuff or donated items

BY ANIRA KYLES
The Fayetteville Observer

FAYETTEVILLE — Have you ever felt so mad you just wanted to punch a wall but knew you would regret the damage to your home? Or just wanted to break a bunch of glasses out of frustration but didn't want to have the mess? The perfect outlet for this aggression lies in a rage room.

Ch-Haza Pearson, a New Jersey native, and Sparide Rees, a Fayetteville native, opened Wreck & Release on Marchison Road a year ago with the goal of helping the mental health of local residents, especially young people.

"I really want to focus on our youth because they've had a hard two years," Rees said. "Even if you had no trauma, you had perfect parents, a perfect life, these last two years has been tough for any



Ahin Evans Jr. poses for a photograph in a room before it's destroyed at the Wreck & Release rage rooms in Fayetteville.

child. So, if you add trauma and other things onto that, we don't give our youth a safe place to express themselves in an unconventional way."

Rees added how it's important for youth to let out their emotions.

"It's something they need to let out and holding it all could make it even worse, resulting in school shootings, school violence, things like that," she said. "My hope for the community is that we get more youth groups to come in and really help give them an outlet

that they can let out whatever it's really powerful."

The way the rage rooms work is patrons pay for an allotted amount of time to either break their own stuff that they bring or break things that Wreck & Release provides, depending on the package you purchase, with tools and cleanup provided. The materials in the rooms are either donated or purchased by the business.

Both women are graduates of North Carolina Historical Black Colleges and Univer-

sities. Rees, with a degree in information technology from North Carolina A&T and Pearson a graduate of North Carolina Central University with a degree in behavioral sciences.

In honor of their alma maters, and because their business is located near Fayetteville State University, they've named the rage rooms the Aggie room, the Eagle room and the Bronco room.

Rees said she's seen how the rage rooms have offered people much-needed release.

"It's a simple concept to some people, but it's more powerful than just going in and breaking some things, like the release you feel of 'wheh, no I ain't got to punch nobody in the face. Now I can go and be a civilized human being," she said. "When people are really going through something and they come in, you can tell; they're snappy, they're not really trying to do a bunch of talking and when they come out those rooms, it's a totally different person."

The two also take pride in

being the first rage room owners in Fayetteville who are Black women.

"I was made to feel like it was a bad thing to be a business owner and be working and have children and have a husband because I was actually told I can't do all and that somebody or something would be lacking," Pearson said. "It became a thing where learning time management,

having the correct support system and knowing that yes, you can do just as much as a man can do."

Wreck & Release, located at 1201 Marchison Road, Suite A, has rooms ranging from \$35 to \$250 which can be booked on their website, wreckandrelease.com. For all of October, if you book the "I Want All the Smoke" package, you can bring a friend for free.

'Freedom of NC' hits eastern NC theaters

Film written, directed, edited by Greenville resident

BY GINGER LIVINGSTON
The Daily Reflector

GREENVILLE — Two theater chains, Stone Theatres and Marquee Cinema, have joined Regal Cinema in showing "Freedom of NC," the story of an enslaved family and the dreams of freedom cherished by a daughter. The movie is written, directed, edited and produced by Greenville resident James Jones.

The movie's red carpet premiere was Saturday at Regal Greenville Grande, followed by a four-day showing at The Pointe 14 in Wilmington beginning Oct. 17 and a one-day showing at Marquee Cinema in Raleigh on Oct. 23.

"I am excited. I'm a bit nervous. It's my first experience, my first film," said Jones. "That is getting this type of exposure is mind blowing. That's what I want people to see, especially our youth, that as long as you believe ... regardless of where you live you can make it happen."

Jones, who taught himself video editing, started writing "Freedom of NC" in 2018, a year after he returned to Greenville from Atlanta. He began filming in June 2019 at Slosser Place State Historic Park, a former plantation, drawing his cast from a collection of local actors and independent filmmakers. Then COVID-19 struck, shutting down the historic site and production for months.

The production was eventually moved to Historic Hope Plantation located outside Windsor. Scenes also were shot at Goose Creek State Park.

Jones reached out to other theater chains after securing the deal with Greenville Grande owner, Regal Cinema, over the summer. He sent the trailer to Stone Theatres, a regional chain with five locations in North and South Carolina.

"She told me she didn't need to see anyone and she asked me what I wanted to do with the film," he said. They reached a deal where the movie will play at the chain's Wilmington location for four days, a combination of multiple and evening showings.



James Jones is the writer, director, producer and editor of "Freedom of NC" which premiered Saturday at the Regal Greenville Grande.

"They wanted to see how the audience will receive it before pushing it out to the remaining theaters," he said.

"She did tell me they loved the quality of it and it has the potential to match up to any film they have now."

There will only be one showing at Marquee Cinema's Wakefield 12 on Oct. 23. Jones said he hopes there can

be future showings in Greenville and Washington, N.C.

Jones said he's been so busy with last-minute arrangements that he hasn't had time to think about what it will mean to see his film on a theater screen.

"Even though I'm done with the creative part, the film, I'm still working with in the business end of it. My brain isn't allowing me to soak it in what is happening yet. I believe it will the day of or maybe after the premiere," he said. "Right now I can say I am excited. I'm a bit nervous. It's my first experience, my first film. That is getting this type of exposure is mind blowing because it's a dream come true."

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SPORTS



PHOTO BY CHARLES REVELLE

Gates County's Damarri Cooper (#1) slips out of the grasp of a Tarboro defender during Friday's conference game. Cooper rushed for 57 yards, part of a 176-yard performance by the Red Barons, but it wasn't enough to overcome the defending Class 1-AA state champions.

Missed opportunities doom Red Barons in loss to Tarboro

By **CAL BRYANT**
Editor

GATESVILLE - The game plan to limit the number of offensive snaps by Tarboro's high-powered offense worked. What didn't work was Gates County's offensive production inside the red zone. The end result was a 42-8 loss by the Red Barons to the defending NCHSAA State 1-AA champions here Friday night.

The Vikings, state champs in three of the past four seasons, ran only 30 plays, including just 10 snaps in the second half. However, Tarboro scored three times on plays covering 28-or-more yards and

also struck paydirt on a kick-off return for 70 yards.

Gates County, meanwhile, had nearly twice as many offensive snaps (69). All but one of those snaps was a running play that produced a net 176 yards, led by Semaj Cross (18 carries for 76 yards), Damarri Cooper (17-57), and Nasir Jones (13-41).

Prior to Jones capping a 10-play drive with his 24-yard touchdown scamper with 1:13 left in the game, Gates County saw five other trips into Tarboro territory come up empty.

After the Vikings scored first, the Red Barons opened the contest with a 12-play drive, one that consumed over

seven minutes. That offensive march - led by the running of Cooper and Cross, reached Tarboro's 34 yardline. However, a costly holding penalty stalled the drive and GCHS was forced to punt.

Their next drive was seven plays and reached Tarboro's 25 yardline where the 'Barons lost possession on downs.

Things looked promising for Gates County when Cross returned the second half kick-off 48 yards to Tarboro's 36 yardline. From there, the Red Barons converted a pair of fourth down plays to keep the 12-play drive alive, but

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Compared to the current REPS rates, the result of DENC's request would be an increase of \$0.12 per month per residential customer account, an increase of \$0.66 per month per commercial customer account, and an increase of \$4.40 per month per industrial customer account.

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REGIONAL NEWS

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Over the course of his college career and later in life, former UNC basketball great Phil Ford has received numerous awards. He will be the featured speaker at two fundraising events next month that benefit the Northeast Region of the North Carolina Fellowship of Christian Athletes.



UNC basketball legend featured at FCA fundraisers on Oct. 25 & 26

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) will hold its first of two back-to-back Fall Fundraiser Benefits on Monday, Oct. 25 at Camp Gaik in Hertford, followed by the second event on Tuesday, Oct. 26 at the Ramada Plaza in Kill Devil Hills.

This year's event will feature Phil Ford, former UNC Tar Heel player, who was part of two ACC Championship teams, as well as ACC Player of the Year in 1978. Ford was First Team All American in 1976, 1977 and 1978, along with National Player of the Year in 1978 by the Wooden Award, USBWA, NABC, and Sporting News.

Ford was also a part of the 1976 US Olympic Gold Medal basketball team, as well as a member of the NBA All Rookie team following his 1977-78 campaign, af-

ter being drafted second overall by the Kansas City Kings. Ford was named to the ACC 50th Anniversary men's basketball team, honoring the 50 greatest players in Atlantic Coast Conference history in 2002.

Doors open at 6 pm. Enjoy dinner between 6-7 pm, with the program running from 7-8:30 pm. These events highlight and celebrate this past year's ministry growth and raise funds necessary to support the local FCA chapter serving Northeast North Carolina, which includes Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Pasquotank, and Perquimans counties.

Along with Ford, local coaches and athletes will share about FCA's impact on their campuses throughout Northeast North Carolina.

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PHOTOS BY REGGIE PONDER/THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

Guy Webb, director of the Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS Foundation Memorial Softball Tournament, displays a Louisville Slugger custom-built to Hunter's specifications in 1987, the year Hunter was elected to the baseball Hall of Fame. The bat, signed by the legendary Perquimans native, was among numerous memorabilia of the late pitching superstar sold by raffle or silent auction during the tournament weekend.

SOFTBALL

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he said. The walk was not held last year or this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Harrell explained that the biggest COVID concern organizers have is the high-risk condition of ALS patients themselves. One of the traditions of the walk is to involve people who have been diagnosed with the disease, and foundation leaders did not feel comfortable looking the walk without them — or putting them at risk of deadly COVID-19 complications by having them participate during the pandemic.

Donations remained strong last year despite the walk and the softball tournament both being canceled, Harrell said, and he said he hopes people will continue to make donations regardless of whether specific events are held.

He said the foundation receives checks every week from people all over the country and also helps ALS patients across the country.

Harrell said he and Catfish Hunter were next-door neighbors and attended school together beginning in the seventh grade, when Harrell moved to Perquimans County.

"We raised our kids together," Harrell said, noting that they had children the same age.

Brendon Doster and Adam Hodge, members of the Scott's Store team, spent some time Sunday afternoon looking at all the Catfish Hunter memorabilia that was on display. Signed baseballs, photos and posters were



Softball players (l-r) Adam Hodge and Brandon Doster of the Scott's Store team browse Catfish Hunter memorabilia during the Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS Softball Tournament Sunday, Sept. 26.

on sale — some by silent auction and others by raffle — to raise money for Hunter's ALS Foundation.

The players were impressed with the display.

"There's pretty good stuff in there," Hodge remarked.

When Catfish Hunter contracted ALS in 1986 he started a foundation to help ALS patients.

Hunter died on Sept. 9, 1999, and the first Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS Tournament was held just a few weeks later.

Catfish Hunter played for the Kansas City Athletics from 1965-1967, the Oakland Athletics from 1968-1974 and the New York Yankees from 1975-1979.

After retiring from baseball Hunter lived out the remainder of his life on a farm in his native Perquimans County.

DEATHS

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Chowan (58), Bertie (49), Hertford (46) and Perquimans and Camden (47 each).

Active COVID cases again fell for the fourth straight week. As of Thursday, the number in the eight-county district was 604, a decrease of 116 from last week.

Pasquotank (65 fewer), Chowan (37 fewer), Hertford (20 fewer) and Camden (four fewer) all reported decreases in active cases. The other four counties in the district reported increases, led by Currituck with three. Pasquotank continued to have the highest number of active cases (128), followed by Currituck (99) and Chowan (82). Perquimans had 46 active cases.

The overwhelming majority of those getting sick — 90.63% since May 1 — continued to be those who aren't fully vaccinated, ARHS said.

New COVID-19 hospitalizations in the region declined from the previous week. According to the Centers of Disease Control's COVID data tracker, 25 new hospitalizations for COVID were reported at area hospitals over a seven-day period ending Sept. 29. That compares to 36 new hospital admissions reported over a seven-day period the previous week.

There were 68 COVID infections reported at nursing homes and assisted living facilities in the region this week. Another three infections were reported at the Bertie-Martin Regional Jail. One of the COVID-related deaths in Pasquotank was reported at Elizabeth City Health and Rehabilitation, the second resident death from COVID at the nursing home during its current outbreak of the virus.

As Betts noted, ARHS data also show the region's youngest residents continuing to make up a growing share of total COVID infections in the region. This week, residents 17 and younger accounted for 25.42% of new infections since July 1. Last week, the figure was 24.87%.

Only persons ages 25-49 continue to account for a larger share of COVID infections over the past four months: 37.74%. Children and young teens also continue to have the second-largest share of active COVID cases in the region. According to ARHS, persons younger than 17 accounted for 25.32% of active cases this week. While down 5% from last week, only residents ages 25-49 accounted for a larger share: 39.54%.

Persons younger than 49 also continue to make up the smallest percentage of residents who are fully vaccinated, although

the number is higher. Persons in that age group now make up 33.17% of the fully vaccinated. That's up from about 29% just several weeks ago.

The total number of those getting a first dose of the vaccine last week in the region was down slightly from last week. As of Thursday, 508 first doses were administered in the eight counties. That's down from 656 first doses administered last week. ARHS staff administered 16 first doses last week.

Second doses, meanwhile, were up. As of Sept. 30, 1,071 had been administered in the eight counties. That's up from 956 administered the previous week. ARHS staff administered 43 second doses last week.

The number of those ages 12 and older in the health district who've received a first dose of vaccine is now 82,445 (more than 50% of the population), while 81,800 (nearly 50%) are now fully vaccinated with two doses.

ARHS also announced this week it will begin offering Pfizer booster shots to persons 65 and older and to those younger who either have underlying medical conditions or jobs that put them at higher risk of exposure to COVID-19. ARHS is hosting a music clinic at Maple Park at 208 Airport Road in Currituck County today from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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JORDAN

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others. She said she talked with Ashley Waters, a friend of her mother's who is a school counselor, and she gave her a lot of information about being a counselor and encouraged her in her career path.

First runner-up in the Miss Chowan County Regional Fair pageant was Shira Winfield, 16, of Edenton. She is the daughter of Sheneka Beasley.

Second runner-up was Savannah Rodgers, 16, of Windsor. She is the daughter of Tab and Lisa Brooks.

Three other young women also vied for the crown:

- Kebey Ledford, 17, of Windsor, daughter of William and Toni Ledford.
- Makalya Ann West, 15, of Hertford, daughter of Graham and Stacy West, and
- ZyMira Norfleet, 14, of Tyner, daughter of Annette Boyce.

Contestants were judged on talent, poise, communication and personality. There were three phases of the competition: talent, evening gown and question. Each contestant was



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Sarah Ashley Jordan steps forward after learning she had been selected 2021 Miss Chowan County Regional Fair.

asked a question by emcee Elizabeth Riddick.

Jordan was asked what she values most in a friendship. Her answer? "Trust."

She added that one of her friendships had suffered because of a lack of trust.

Riddick asked Ledford whether she believes social media is helping or hurting young people.

Ledford — citing "almost impossible beauty standards" and other negative influences — said she believes social media hurts more than it helps.

West was asked what one

thing she would delete from her phone.

Noting that her answer might not be popular, West said she would delete TikTok because of all the bad language that is used there.

Winfield was asked who her role model is, and why. She replied that her role models are her mother and grandmother, who taught her how to pray.

Rodgers was asked what woman she admires most. She said that would be her mother, who has always been there for her and provided for her.

Norfleet was asked what she considers the biggest challenge teens face right now. She said it's the pressure to be like everyone else.

She cited the popularity of performing challenges on TikTok as an example of that pressure.

Entertainment between different portions of the competition and while final scores were being tabulated was provided by Shante White, a Chowan County teacher and entertainer.

White performed cappella selections for the pageant audience that included "You Are So Beautiful," "If You're Happy and You Know It," and "How Great Is Our God."

In addition to the traditional "clap your hands" and "stamp your feet" audience participation activities during "If You're Happy and You Know It," White added an audience shout of "We love our babies" to celebrate the low audience members felt for family members and friends participating in the pageant.

White also had the audience sing "How Great Is Our God" after asking how many sang that song at their church.

LAYDEN

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and a concentration in marketing.

She has lived in Perquimans County for the past decade. She noted that she married into the Layden supermarket family; her brother-in-law runs the popular store in Edenton.

One of Layden's first orders of business is development of the new Perquimans County Heritage Museum. The museum, which will be housed in the county-owned building at 101 Dobbs Street, will include the Jim "Coffin" Hunter collection from the former Carthage Hunter museum at the Perquimans County Chamber building as well as additional exhibits focused on the county's history.

"The goal is for it to be a Perquimans County History Museum," Layden said. There's a lot of history to tell, it turns out.

"The county's history is so rich," Layden said. Aspects of that history include African-American history, Quaker history, colonial history and more, she said.

"We just have so much here that deserves to be appreciated," Layden said.

She said she wants to grow that appreciation among local residents while also sparking more visitation to the county.

Details of how the museum will work, from hours of operation to staffing and numerous other matters, are still being worked out by Layden and the Tourism De-

velopment Authority. "We're starting from the ground up," she said.

County Manager Frank Heath said at the Perquimans Board of Commissioners meeting Oct. 4 that he hopes the museum will open sometime in November.

Layden plans to build on the county's history as a basis for growing tourism.

"The history of Perquimans is probably the best draw for visitors," she said.

Examples of the county's rich history include the Newbold-White House, the monument to Union Colored Soldiers on King Street, the downtown Hertford historical district, and the second-oldest courthouse in the state still in regular use.

"There are a lot of firsts here," Layden said.

Having a museum that showcases the county's history will be a great boost for tourism in Perquimans, she said.

She said that eventually she would also like to promote the Perquimans River and the county's other waterways.

"It's one of our biggest assets," she said.

As the town of Hertford proceeds with implementing a recently developed Riverfront Plan, the river can be a helpful asset attracting more visitors to the community, according to Layden.

Layden also plans to market the county's festivals and events and would like to help develop additional events that can both bring the community together and attract more visitors.

MONUMENT

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Heath said in his report to county commissioners last week that he is working on setting up a meeting with the owners of the Colored Union Soldiers monument.

Heath said he will be meeting with Perquimans Board of Commissioners Chairman Wallace Nelson and Vice-Chairwoman Forsella Leigh sometime this month to begin work on the study panel's second recommendation: coming up with wording for a sign to post near the Confederate monument that will put it in context for its time.

The Board of Commissioners voted Sept. 7 to move forward with erecting an informational sign giving context to

the Confederate monument. They also voted to ask the owners of the Black Union Soldiers monument to consider relocating it to the courthouse lawn. Both decisions require additional action by the board in order to be finalized.

The board agreed that Heath and the commission board chairman and vice-chairman would meet to develop the recommended wording for the sign and determine a cost estimate.

Because the Black Union Soldiers monument is located on private property, any decision to move it would require its owner's permission.

The Sept. 7 motion by Commissioner Kyle Jones clarified that no signs would be placed on the Confederate monument itself but would be on posts in the ground adjacent to the monument.

Jones pointed out the wording for the sign would come back to the board and require a two-thirds majority vote — four of six commissioners — to be approved. Commissioners also would have to agree on the cost before any signage is placed, he said.

The wording is what Heath, Nelson and Leigh are beginning now to work on. Nelson told commissioners last month that he believes the sign's wording can be positive and provide an opportunity to bring something positive out of a challenging situation.

Noting commissioners will have the final say on the wording, Nelson said the signage might reflect what Black citizens have had to deal with over the years, mention the Black Union Soldiers monument, and note how many county residents died in the Civil War.



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DOCKET NO. E-22, SLUB 605
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric Rates and Charges and Revise its Fuel Factor Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and NCUIC Rule R8-35

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Sports

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Riverside

From B1

plays later Knights defenders Shamir Basnight and Gary Peele stopped the Pirates on fourth down, denying them a chance at a score.

Riverside fared no better. A long 14-play drive down to the five looked like a sure score, but Bunch tumbled in the end-zone for a touch back and no points.

Four more possessions followed - two each per team - but two of those ended in turnovers, one apiece for both.

It all lead to a 60 halftime lead and frustration for both coaches.

Perquimans' first drive of the second half ended with a punt, and this time Riverside's execution was much crisper. They marched 60 yards, capped by Bunch's first score of the night, an end-around on the right side leading to six more points, 12-0. Once again, however, the two-point conversion was denied.

For the fourth time on the night Perquimans drove deep into Riverside territory, and like twice before, it ended with a turnover when the Knights' Zaymonie Brown pounced on a Pirate



Riverside's Terril (l) breaks free after catching a pass.

fumble. But the turnovers kept coming and another pick - this time by the Pirates' Jah-

slah Felton - set Perquimans up at the Knights' 40.

This time they would not be denied as Felton hauled in an 11-yard strike from Colby Brown to make it 12-8 after a successful two-point try.

But Riverside answered right back. Bunch secured his second score of the night by capping a six-play drive with a 20-yard scamper to push the Knights' total back to a 10-point lead, 18-8.

It only took Perquimans three plays to find paydirt once again with the best pass-play of the night: a 45-yard bomb from Colby Brown to Kirk Brown out of the backfield and once again the Pirates were back in it, down 18-14.

Riverside's drive was stopped at midfield and the team punted. Perquimans opened their drive with a five-yard tackle-for-loss by Jadarious Bryant.

Two plays later, Bryant had a huge interception for the Knights, returning it down to the 4-yard line where Freeman punched it in for his second score of the

night.

With under two minutes to play, Perquimans could not mount a comeback and Riverside picked up its second conference win with the 26-14 victory.

"I think playing such physical defense tonight taught us some things," noted Paschal.

"Gotta still credit our effort, resilience, and attitude," said Pirate coach Randy Awrey. "We lost several kids because it was such a physical game, but we never quit and still had a chance late."

Riverside (3-1, 2-0 in conference) will get Friday off before a Tuesday contest on Oct. 12 at The Swamp, hosting Washington County. Three days later, on Oct. 15, the Knights will travel to Tarboro.

Perquimans (2-2, 0-2 in conference), meanwhile, will play their regular Friday date (Aug. 8) in Plymouth against Washington County.

Gene Motley can be reached via email at enterprise@nc-seekees.com.

Fourth

From B1

ples of great football teams that should be favored regardless of where (and who) they play.

Greatness doesn't come from doing what you are supposed to do.

You are supposed to win at home.

Greatness is most commonly the result of a failed attempt at perfection.

In reference to a fumble scored by the defense during Saturday's win over Duke, Coach Brown said, "We actually teach that: if it's called a city ball... if there are lots of people around you, fall on it if you see a fumble. If it's a country ball and you're out there by yourself, scoop it and score."

From a football perspective it's 100 percent the right

thing to do. No need to risk falling to get or retain possession of a ball in an attempt to be greedy; however, it doesn't make sense to jump on a ball if you could easily pick it up and run with it.

I was impressed with the verbiage in the lesson though.

City ball and country ball are smiles that effectively convey the intended mes-

sage to their desired audience.

Something I'm not certain I did with the previous sentence.

My favorite quote from Monday was one I had heard him use before but still rings true.

"It's easier to coach after a win than a loss."

It has been my experience that this applies to sports, parenting and work.

Turns out Mack Brown was giving leadership lessons during his press conference. He may have done it last week too, but I missed it after the loss.

David Friedman is a long time sports writer and lifelong believer that BLM. David can be reached via e-mail at fourthandlongcolzmn@gmail.com.

Notice of Nonpartisan Municipal Election Town of Hassell, North Carolina

A Nonpartisan Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday - November 2, 2021, in the Town of Hassell, North Carolina, for the purpose of electing one Mayor and five Town Commissioners for a term of 2 years. Polls will be open from 6:30 AM until 7:30 PM. The polling place will be located at the Oak City Fire Department - 101 E Commerce Street, Oak City.

Absentee ballots are not allowed.

Caucuses will be held at 11:00 AM in the Martin County Board of Elections Office in Williamson on Tuesday - November 9, 2021.

All residents of the Town of Hassell who are registered to vote with the Martin County Board of Elections may vote in this election. Voters who are previously registered need not re-register for this election. Those residents of the Town of Hassell who are not registered to vote must register on or before Friday - October 8, 2021, in order to be eligible to vote on Election Day. Voters who fail to timely make a change in name or address in the county must update their information when presenting to vote, and may be required to vote a provisional ballot.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

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Absentee ballots are allowed. Requests for an absentee ballot must be made on the State Absentee Ballot Request Form and received in the Martin County Board of Elections office by 5:00 PM on Tuesday - October 26, 2021. The Board of Elections will close on September 28, October 5, October 12, October 19, and October 26 at 8 AM; November 1 at 5:00 PM; and other dates as may be necessary for the purpose of approving absentee ballot applications.

One-stop absentee voting will be held at the Martin County Governmental Center in the Commissioners' Boardroom (Room #121), located at 305 East Main Street, Williamson, NC. One-stop voting begins Thursday - October 14, 2021, and ends Saturday - October 30, 2021. One-stop voting hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, and Saturday - October 30 from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Caucuses will be held at 11:00 AM in the Martin County Board of Elections Office in Williamson on Tuesday - November 9, 2021.

All residents of the Town of Hamilton who are registered to vote with the Martin County Board of Elections may vote in this election. Voters who are previously registered need not re-register for this election. Those residents of the Town of Hamilton who are not registered to vote must register on or before Friday - October 8, 2021, in order to be eligible to vote on Election Day. Voters who are not registered by that deadline may register and vote during one stop early voting only, and will be required to provide documentation of their residence. Voters who fail to timely make a change in name or address in the county must update their information when presenting to vote, and may be required to vote a provisional ballot.

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CRIME

Multiple arrests made in Martin County

Brittany Nicole Weatherbee was charged with simple assault and resist, delay & obstruct by the Martin County Sheriff's Office on Oct. 6.

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

Oct. 4
Serving criminal summons was reported at 2251 Main St. in Jameville.

Serving criminal summons was reported at 1670 Ribbick's Grove Church Rd. in Williamston.

Larceny after break or enter and financial card theft was reported at 108 Agers St. in Everett.

Oct. 5
Lost handgun was reported at 4175 Eds Grocery Rd. in Williamston.

Warrant service other jurisdiction was reported at an undisclosed location.

Child support was reported at 4846 Frison Camp Rd, Lot 1 in Williamston.

Oct. 6
Assault on a female was reported at Sunecreek Apartments, 1215 Main St., Apt. 10 in Jameville.

Warrant service other jurisdiction was reported at 305 Main St. in Williamston.

Larceny was reported at 2042 Osbourne Rd. in Robersonville.

Oct. 7
Unauthorized use of motor vehicle was reported at 6441 Wildcat

Rd. in Williamston.
Destruction/damage/vandalism of property was reported at 1100 McCaskey Rd. in Williamston.

Oct. 8
Theft from motor vehicle was reported at 1060 William Lanier Dr. in Williamston.

Communicating threats was reported at 1215 Main St., Apt. 10 in Jameville.

Forcible breaking and entering, all other larceny and destruction/damage/vandalism of property was reported at 5879 N.C. 17 in Williamston.

Oct. 9
An undisclosed incident was reported at 1002 Hyland Ave. in Williamston.

Destruction/damage/vandalism of property was reported at 2608 Bonnie Best Rd. in Williamston.

Forcible breaking and entering was reported at 1315 Grand Canyon Rd. in Williamston.

Simple assault, assault on a female, resist, delay & obstruct, firearm by felon and communicating threats was reported at 315 East Railroad St. in Robersonville.

Larceny was reported at 1200 Everett Rd. in Robersonville.

Oct. 10
Destruction/damage/vandalism of property was reported at 1670 Old Everetts Rd. in Williamston.

Injury to personal property was reported at 3019 Wildcat Rd. in Williamston.

Arrests
Arrests do not indicate guilt or innocence, which is determined

through judicial proceedings. The Martin County Sheriff's Office reports of arrests include:

Oct. 4
Kimberly Johnson Biggs was charged with a criminal summons.

Gerald Ray Lilley was charged with a criminal summons.

Oct. 5
Parish Howard Jr. was charged with warrant service other jurisdiction.

Eric C. Whitehurst was charged with failure to appear.

Oct. 6
Ronald Martin was charged with failure to appear.

Oct. 9
Brittany Nicole Weatherbee was charged with simple assault and resist, delay & obstruct.

Raleigh Weatherbee was charged with resist, delay & obstruct, assault on a female, firearm by felon and communicating threats.

Williamston Police Dept. Incidents
The Williamston Police Department reports of incidents include:

Oct. 4
Driving while license suspended was reported at North Houghton St. and West Liberty St. in Williamston.

Injury to personal property was reported at Rose Motel, 1700 U.S. 17 in Williamston.

Oct. 5
Displaying expired registration plate was reported at 107 East

Bvd. in Williamston.

Oct. 6
Assault by pointing a gun, assault on a female and injury to personal property was reported at 427 Melbourne Ave. in Williamston.

Injury to personal property was reported at 103 Leggett's Ln. in Williamston.

Communicating threats was reported at 601 Warren St. in Williamston.

Larceny was reported at Tobacco Plus Vape, 1163 Walmart Dr. in Williamston.

Oct. 7
Injury to personal property was reported at 613 South Houghton St., Apt. B in Williamston.

Assault on a female was reported at 608 South Houghton St. in Williamston.

Oct. 8
Larceny was reported 1981 U.S. 17 in Williamston.

Oct. 9
Larceny was reported at 306 West Blvd. in Williamston.

Warrant services for offense(s) committed in another jurisdiction was reported at New Dixie Mart in Williamston.

Oct. 10
Probation violation, trespassing and shoplifting was reported at Walmart, 1529 Washington St. in Williamston.

Larceny was reported at Walmart, 1629 Washington St. in Williamston.

Oct. 11
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Williamston.

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Arrests
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Oct. 4
Yonast Lee James Jr., 41, was charged with worthless checks.

Marvelia Charrelle Morgan, 28, was charged with Driving while license suspended.

Oct. 5
Mario Dvon Reynolds, 43, was charged with displaying expired registration plate.

Oct. 9
Michael Wayne Brown, 46, was charged with warrant services for offense(s) in another jurisdiction.

Oct. 10
Teresa Diane Cox, 56, was charged with probation violation, trespassing and shoplifting.

Robersonville Police Dept. Incidents
The Robersonville Police Department reports of incidents include:

There are no incidents reported at this time.

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Shop at Home - Use the Classifieds!

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH
DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 603
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 and Recovery Rider Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67

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On August 10, 2021, DENC filed its application for approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS) cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67. By its application, DENC requests revisions to its REPS cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2022. DENC's request, including the regulatory fee, would result in the following monthly charges: \$0.25 per residential customer account; \$1.37 per commercial customer account; and \$9.12 per industrial customer account.

Compared to the current REPS rates, the result of DENC's request would be an increase of \$0.12 per month per residential customer account, an increase of \$0.66 per month per commercial customer account, and an increase of \$4.40 per month per industrial customer account.

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PEACHTREE COMMUNITY NEWS

BY FRAN BUNN

We at Peachtree Baptist Church praised God for allowing all he has given us. The sanctuary flower arrangement Sunday was presented to glory God.

Mrs. Jane May, Pianist, played a beautiful solo of patriotic music.

Pastor Whitehouse played a video presentation for the special music Sunday, the song, "Come to Jesus," by Chris Rice.

The memory verse for the month of October 2021 is: Proverbs 29:25

PASTOR'S MESSAGE: "The Beatitudes," "Listen to What Jesus Says." Matthew 5: 7-8

CHURCH BUSINESS WMU Ladies are busy with their projects. Their annual Appalachian Back Pack Ministry will start October 1st, and end October 31st. You may pick-up your back packs next week. They will start sending cards and letters, and making phone calls to shut ins.

Deacon's Meeting was held Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 7:00pm.

Church Conference was held Sunday, October 3, 2021, at 1:00pm.

WMU monthly meeting will be Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at 10:00am.

Men's Ministry Dinner will be held Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 6:30pm.

COMMUNITY NEWS Jane May celebrated her twin granddaughter's, McKinsey, and Marla's birthday this past week. Joan and Ray Eason and Fran and Bob Bunn celebrated Joan's birthday last Friday night, October 1st, at the Rustic Roots. Great meal and service.

OTHER AREA CHURCHES Check with the local churches. Many are now back to full time operation. Floods Chapel is asking for donations for the volcano victims of St Vincent's Island. Please contact them for a list of the needs of the people.

Counting The Cost Ministries, Sponsored by Billy and Amy Korogay, 919-920-4735 are taking up donations for flood victims of St Vincent and St Lucia Island. They are also taking winter items for an Indian Reservation in the mountains of New Mexico. Floods Chapel had their Men's Breakfast Saturday, October 2nd at 8:00am. Stony Hill Baptist Church Men's Fellowship will be Monday, October 11, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Area Churches: If you have events coming up, please let me know on Saturdays two weeks before the events.

PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS To all those sick and in need. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Care Given: Maxine Whitley, Jerry Hobgood, Dorothy Nelson, Bill Wakefield and Gail Brantley Recovering at home: Ronnie Matthews, Delicia Wakefield, Norman Whitley, Bert Eason, Jim English, father-in-law Aaron Edwards. Pete latifiano.

Undergoing Treatment: Maria Whitehouse, Janie Joyner, Bill Nelson, Joyce Brinkley, Deborah Massey, and Sharon, Lawrence Edwards's cousin, Steve McDaniel Undergoing Doctors Care: Melba and Jerry Hobgood, Preston Queen, and Jackie Mitchell Fisher,

Ronald Fisher, James Shepard, Brenth Shepard, Aubrey Farmer, Doug Hayes, Fun Whitley, Sandra Bredlove, Sara Paige, Eula Gupton, Gene Avery, Laverne Whitley, and Nancy Law, Mother-in-law to Adam Edwards, and Brenda Sheppard, Sherry Rose

Family of Richard Wilder, cousin of Lawrence Edwards.

Barbara Privette Home, Eddie Abbott Home, and Orville Cooper Home. Melba Hohgood Rex Hospital

Families affected by hurricane Ida - Western N. Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Northeast states

The people and First Responders of Western NC, and Middle Tenn. From Hooding.

Families of Armed Service members killed in Afghanistan attack.

US citizens and Afghanistans comrades still in Afghanistan and their families.

Willife victims in western US

These infected by Covid19 and their families People of Haiti - Aftermath of earthquake & general living condition

Birthday Blessings for October 2021:

Kathy Farmer and Bill Wood, 4 - Lindsey Matthews, 15 - Ann Cannon 19 - E. Ray Eason, 20 -Dianne Huns, 21 - Brent Bunn, 22 -JoAnn Blankenship, 24 - Fran Bunn 26 - Karen Macquin, Brenda Shepherd and Brody Edwards, 31-Mary Hazel Mink

If you have news, please call or email me. My email address is mfbunns@aol.com. My phone number is 252-478-2846. I will need your news no later than Sundays at 2:00pm.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 603 BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Compared to the current REPS rates, the result of DENC's request would be an increase of \$0.12 per month per residential customer account, an increase of \$0.66 per month per commercial customer account, and an increase of \$4.40 per month per industrial customer account.

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DENC's proposed fuel revenue increase, including regulatory fee, would result in the following increase for DENC's customers: 0.5113 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers; 0.5102 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.5059 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.4907 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; and 0.4989 cents per kWh for rate schedule 6VP customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$3.12.

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 604

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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On August 10, 2021, DENC filed its application for approval of DSM/EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69. By its application, DENC requests revisions to its DSM/EE cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2022. DENC's request, exclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following kilowatt-hour (kWh) charges: 0.1078 cents per kWh for residential customers; 0.0986 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; and 0.8777 cents per kWh for large general service customers. No DSM/EE rate rider would be applicable to rate schedules 6VP, NS, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers. In addition, industrial and large commercial customers that have, under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9, opted out of and never participated in DENC's DSM and EE programs are not subject to the rider.

Compared to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENC's request would be an increase of 0.0627 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by 3 cents. Small general service and public authority customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.0112 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.0645 cents per kWh.

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NASH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORTS

Warrant service at 100 N. Boidie St., on 10/7/21
Larceny after breaking and entering; felony breaking and/or entering; possession marijuana less than 1/2 oz at 10550 E NC 97, Rocky Mount
Resisting arrest/minor and delay at 1118 E NC 97, Rocky Mount on 10/8/21
Resist/arrest with motor vehicle (F) at 131 I-95 N, Rocky Mount on 10/8/21
Domestic disturbance at 154 Hunts Way, Spring Hope on 10/9/21
Missing persons at 1688 Barnes Hill Church Rd, Nashville on 10/9/21
Call for service at 1882 Old Bailey Hwy, Nashville on 10/9/21
Larceny after breaking and entering; felony breaking and/or entering at 1898 N Old Carriage Rd., Rocky Mount on 10/9/21
Assault with deadly weapon with inflicting serious injury; assault on law enforcement officer at 2566 Bayview Dr, Rocky Mount
Larceny misdemeanor at 3635 N Halifax Rd, Rocky Mount on 10/9/21
Damage to real property; larceny misdemeanor at 3687 N Halifax Rd, Rocky Mount on 10/9/21
Domestic disturbance at 4083 Cedar Tree Dr, Bailey on 10/9/21
Larceny felony at 5606 Leon Rd, Nashville on 10/7/21
Breaking and entering misdemeanor at 6993 Thrive Rd, Zebulon on 10/7/21
Assault with deadly weapon with inflicting serious injury at 7349 Longlake Lane, Bailey on 10/9/21

Assault on female; interfering with emergency communication; assault serious injury at 7544 Jessica Way, Rocky Mount on 10/8/21
Obtain property by false pretense at 7742 Preacher Joyner Rd, Rocky Mount on 10/7/21
Damage to real property at 8353 Red Oak Blvd., Nashville on 10/9/21
Larceny from auto at 9079 S NC 581, Bailey on 10/8/21
DUI - Storey Hill Church Rd, Middlesex on 10/9/21
Resist/arrest with motor vehicle (F) at mile marker 147 I-95 North on 10/8/21
DUI at mile marker 446 US 64 / NC 231, Spring Hope on 10/3/21
Reckless driving; child restraint; drive while license revoked/not impaired rev; fleeing / attempt to elude law; speeding at mile marker 435 US 64 E, Nashville on 10/4/21
Possession of drug paraphernalia; driving while license revoked not impaired; maintain vehicle/dwelling/place controlled substance felony; possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver schedule II controlled substance; possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver schedule VI controlled substance at NC 4/ NC 48, Battleboro on 10/8/21
Possession marijuana less than 1/2 ounce at Red Oak Battleboro Rd/Hart Farm Rd on 10/8/21
Possession heroin at S. Halifax Rd, Rocky Mount on 10/4/21
Damage to personal property at Taylor Stone Rd/ Puden Pasture Rd, Castalia on 10/3/21

Wanted Guilford County man nabbed at Nash County nursing home

BY KENDRA JONES GRAPHIC STAFF WRITER

A Guilford County man who worked at a Nash County care center was arrested for several alleged indecencies with children. The Nash County Sheriff's Office and the State Bureau of Investigation Violent Criminal Apprehension Team (VCAT) collaborated to arrest Christopher Gerald Cooper, 36, of Blueberry

Lane in Greensboro. Investigators seized him around 2 p.m.

October 7 at The Carolina of Nash where he was employed as a Nursing Assistant.

He had been working at the rehabilitation center since October 2020 and was described by

a staff member as a "model employee." A background check was done on Cooper which yielded "publicly

According to the State Bureau of Investigation (VCAT), Cooper was wanted out of Guilford County for the following charges: one count of First-Degree Rape, four counts of

Statutory Sex Offense with Child under 15, one count of First-Degree Statutory Rape, one count of Indecent Liberties with Child, and two counts of First-Degree Offense with Child.

Cooper was immediately placed into custody and is set to appear in Nash County Court on October 11.

He received a \$1 million bond and remains in the custody of the Nash County Detention Center.

COOPER

NOVEMBER 2ND ELECTION RE-ELECT LARRY D. TAYLOR NASHVILLE TOWN COUNCIL EARLY VOTING STARTS OCTOBER 14TH PAID FOR BY LARRY TAYLOR

NASHVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Death investigation at 208 N. Lumber St. on 10/3/21
Attempt to obtain property by false pretense (fraud) was reported at 501 Barnes St. on 10/06/21
A larceny was reported at 100 E. Evans Drive on 10/9/21

Death investigation at 220 N. Lumber St. on 10/6/21
A larceny was reported at 407 E. Railroad St. on 10/8/21
Larceny of a firearm was reported at 710 Clark St. on 10/8/21

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

White privilege doesn't mean that your life hasn't been hard. It just means that the color of your skin isn't making it harder. Do you have white privilege? Recognizing it doesn't mean that you have done something wrong. Awareness of it is the first step in doing your part to make our world a better place. The dictionary defines privilege as "a special advantage, immunity, permission, right, or benefit granted to or enjoyed by an individual, class or caste. It is an unearned power that has been systematically conferred upon you. There are many kinds of privilege in this world, but let's look at white privilege today. Check off the ones that apply to you.

- If I need to move, the color of my skin won't be held against me.
- If I am shopping, I won't be suspected of shoplifting.
- I'm pretty sure that my neighbors will act neutrally or positively to me.
- My name isn't held against me when I submit a job application.
- When I read books, most of the characters are white.
- When I select human emojis, most of them are white.
- I can go out at night without fear of being stopped or reported because of the color of my skin.
- I never had to worry about my next meal or a roof over my head.
- My teachers and administrators were mostly white.
- My political representatives are mostly white.
- I have never been "redlined" out of a mortgage.
- I can count on my skin colour not to work against the appearance of financial reliability.
- I can do well in a challenging situation without being called a credit to my race.
- If I ask to speak to the manager, they will usually be white.
- I can easily buy posters, postcards, picture books, greeting cards, dolls, toys, and children's magazines featuring people of my race.

So, let's look at this as an opportunity to learn and be responsible so that we can work towards a more just and inclusive world. What actions can you take?

- Educate yourself by reading articles, books, studies and other online resources.
- Demand your workplace, school and other structured environments ensure inclusion and equity at every level.
- End or re-evaluate relationships with white people who consciously self-segregate from people of color or express racist attitudes.
- Hold public officials accountable for ending racial profiling, stop-and-frisk policies, police brutality and the shooting unarmed people of color.
- When it's clear that preferential treatment is given to whites over people of color in public accommodations, call for fairness.
- Support commissions that research the effects of slavery on blacks in America and reparations for them.

Diane Lemieux

Arapahoe, North Carolina

I am one voice and I will raise it up in pursuit of truth, justice and the American Way.

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OBITUARIES



James William Colavito, aged 73, passed away peacefully at home on September 22nd, 2021 after a courageous nine-year battle with cancer. He will be clearly missed by many, but his legacy lives on in the generations he's touched. Jim was born on December 13, 1947 to Joseph and Marion Colavito in Baldwin, Long Island, NY. After graduating from Baldwin High School in 1966 he completed his bachelor's degree at the State University of New York College at Oneonta in 1970. Jim then served in the United States Air Force and was honorably discharged as a First Lieutenant in 1972. He went on to earn a master's degree in education from the State University of New York at Albany and in 1986 he earned a doctorate degree in education from The University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Jim's passion and purpose in life was educating young minds, and in this pursuit he was uniquely gifted and uncompromising. His love and conveyance of critical thinking touched the lives, families, and circumstances of countless children over a decades-long career. His journey in education began as an elementary school teacher in 1972. He had many fruitful years as an elementary and middle school principal, assistant superintendent of schools, and was the founding director of Duke Middle School in Durham, NC. He then came full circle back to the classroom as a teacher. Many of those fortunate to be in his classes continued to maintain contact with him throughout their lives: A testament to his lasting legacy. His professional focus was on middle school education where he guided both at-risk and gifted students with equal enthusiasm and dedication.

Officially retiring from teaching in 2014 to pursue his other passion: "simply messing about in boots", he couldn't be kept from the classroom, Jim went on to teach gifted students in his local school district and blended his two passions teaching calling to children in the place dearest to his heart: Oriental, NC. Jim's quirky, often sarcastic brand of humor was beloved by all those lucky to share time with him. He was a loving husband, father, and friend whose vivacious love of all things fascinating and outdoors was contagious.

Jim is survived by his wife Susan and her three children (Todd, Francesca, Katrina), and his two children (Timothy and Davine) with his former wife Barbara. He is also survived by his brother Thomas (and Carol), his sister Joan and many grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Jim is predeceased by his parents Joseph J. Colavito and Marion (Lamart) Colavito.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held at The New Village Brewery in Oriental, NC on Sunday, October 24, 2021, in lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, or the Pamlico County Fishes & Loaves Outreach.

Fair winds and following seas Jim.

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Crab Bash makes comeback at Mackeys Ferry

By Dale Heberlig
Staff Writer

The Crab Bash is back at Mackeys Ferry after a nine-year absence — this time as a fundraiser in response to a destructive flurry of house fires in August that tested volunteer firefighters and burned several local homes to ashes.

Scheduled for Saturday, October 16, at and around The Landing at Mackeys Restaurant, the reimagined Mackeys Crab Bash pairs with a Catfish Tournament to create an all-day event.

Lydia Falton — who owns the restaurant and marina with her husband

Job — and Gene Vela — who lives at and works there — say the rebirth of the Crab Bash is all about “community.”

The rash of house fires began with the destruction of the home of “Catfish” Bass, a commercial fisherman and a frequent presence around Mackeys Ferry.

Bass lost everything in and around his home, including fishing gear and nets and two beloved hunting dogs.

In the following days, a recently-constructed log home behind the Mackeys restaurant was gutted by an

arson fire and an Albemarle Sound waterfront home was destroyed in an explosive blaze.

Still other fires destroyed more dwellings in the waning days of August and early September.

“We have a strong sense of community,” Vela says. “Some of these people we know personally, others we don’t, but they all lost so much. People have been asking me for months when the Crab Bash will return and this seemed like a good opportunity to support our community.”

The Crab Bash was a popular staple at the marina restaurant 2008-2012 under previous ownership of Henry and Joanne Yates.

Rachael Gentzer, who lost her home at Mackeys in the fire, wanted to “... express her appreciation to the great little community at Mackeys Marina, as well as the rest of the community in the surrounding areas, including all the firemen and police force, for all of their hard work.”

She hopes that she can help out the others who have also lost so much due to fires.

The Faltons and Vela are working with officials of the Roper, Mid County and Plymouth fire departments to share event contributions with the companies and the fire victims.

The Catfish Tournament

will kickoff at dawn October 16 and run through 3:30 p.m., when the three top fishermen will be chosen for trophies, based on the largest catches by weight.

Any rod and reel tackle with live or artificial bait must be used. Same day registration is available and advanced registration can be done at the marina or on the marina Facebook page.

The Crab Bash begins at 11 a.m. and runs through 11 p.m., with live performances by “Big City” from 2-5 p.m., “Brothers Carolina” performing from 8-11 p.m., and Jeff and Pat Harris, local DJs, bringing the best in classic beach, shag, soul and rhythm and blues in between.

A bounty of food will be available for take-out all day — crab, oysters, catfish and chicken — subject to availability, until the supply is exhausted. A beer/wine bar will offer refreshments outside and specialty drinks will be available inside.

For the kids, a bounce house will be erected for entertainment, along with emergency fire and police vehicles on display.

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Raffles and a silent auction are on tap. A guided bear hunt with Catfish Bass is a featured raffle prize.

Admission to both events is based on a suggested donation price.



A paving project on Old Route 32 and at the intersection of Newland Road reduced traffic flow intermittently last week in Roper. The work, an NCDOT project contracted to Ross Brothers in Greenville, continues this week. [Staff photo by Dale Heberlig]

MOWING

(Continued from front page)

weren't being tracked," he said, adding that previous code enforcement officers did not leave a record of violations, much less amounts spent or a record of attempts to collect.

"It's clear mowing was taking place that the tow was not getting paid for."

"We don't know that

anything has ever been put in as a lien on the property," he said. "We don't have files."

But, that's about to change.

Town staff is creating a database that will store information tied to specific addresses — not just nuisance issues, but also zoning

information as well.

Each violation will have a number, which will tie the violation to the notice, to abatement, and then to the payment or lien. Then, a simple search would tell staff where the town stands both in terms of problem properties and recovering expenses.

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CAMDEN, CHOWAN, CURRITUCK, DARE, GATES, HYDE, PERQUIMANS, TYRRELL AND WASHINGTON

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021 • BEGINNING AT 8:30 AM

DUE TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS, OUR OFFICES ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. YOU MUST USE TO ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS AT WWW.EICCA.ORG

PASQUOTANK WAITING LIST REMAINS CLOSED

- Research the different counties and ONLY apply for a county you wish to live in (vouchers can only be used in the county it's issued for)
- Have birth certificates & social security cards available when applying

To Apply: www.eicca.org

Public computers are available at the Public Library and community centers.

Each applicant will be responsible for application entry, maintaining up to date addresses, family members, income and e-mail addresses.

As a reasonable accommodation for those who are elderly, disabled, or handicapped, you may send a written request for a paper application to: 712 Virginia Road, Edenton NC 27832 Attn: C. Morgan no later than 10/21/21

The system will close automatically when the max number of applications have been received for each county. (Make certain you keep your confirmation number.)

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New insurance available for farms that sell locally

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is rolling out a new insurance option specifically for agricultural producers with small farms who sell locally.

The new Micro Farm policy simplifies record keeping and covers post-production costs like washing and value-added products.

USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) created this new policy based on research directed by the 2018 Farm Bill, and it includes feedback from producers who grow for their local communities. The policy will be available beginning with the 2022 crop year.

"We are excited to offer this new coverage for producers who work to provide their communities with fresh and healthy food," said RMA Acting Administrator Richard Flournoy.

"USDA is focused on supporting local and regional food systems, and this new crop insurance policy is designed with this important sector of agriculture in mind."

The new policy is offered through Whole-Farm Revenue Protection (WFRP) and it has distinct provisions that can provide more access to the program, including:

- No expense or individual commodity reporting needed, simplifying the recordkeeping requirements for producers.
- Revenue from post-production costs, such as washing and packaging commodities and value-added products, are considered allowable revenue.

The Micro Farm policy is available to producers who have a farm operation that earns an average allowable revenue of \$100,000 or less, or for carry-

over insureds, an average allowable revenue of \$125,000 or less. RMA's research showed that 85% of producers who sell locally reported they made less than \$75,000 in gross sales.

The Micro Farm policy builds on other RMA efforts to better serve specialty and organic crop growers. This includes WFRP, which provides coverage for producers with larger operations that may not be eligible for Micro Farm.

RMA recently made improvements to WFRP as part of a broader set of new policies and

expanded policies to assist specialty crop and organic producers.

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation approved the Micro Farm policy in late September, and additional details will be provided later this fall.

More information about crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at www.usda.gov.

Application resources, including Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), tip sheets in English and Spanish on applying for a DUNS Number, videos on "How to Apply" and more, are available on the PRS Grant Portal.

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Applications sought for new pandemic grant program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking applications for the new Pandemic Response and Safety (PRS) grant program and encourages eligible entities to apply now for funds.

Applications must be submitted electronically through the grant portal at <https://usda.prs.grantsolutions.gov> by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, November 22.

Approximately \$650 million in funding is available for the PRS grants, which are funded by the

Pandemic Assistance provided in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021.

The PRS Grant program will assist small businesses in certain commodity areas, including specialty crop producers, shellfish farming, finfish farming,

aquaculture, and apiculture; specialty crop, meat, and other processors; distributors; and farmers markets.

Small businesses and nonprofits in these industries can apply for a grant to cover COVID-related expenses such as workplace safety measures (e.g., personal protective equipment (PPE), retrofitting facilities for worker and consumer safety, shifting to online sales platforms, transportation, worker housing, and

medical costs.

The minimum funding request is \$1,500 and the maximum funding request is \$20,000.

The grant portal provides more details about eligibility for the grant.

Eligible entities are required to obtain a free DUNS Number from Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) before applying for this program. USDA has created a custom PRS DUNS number portal at <https://support.dnb.com/?CUST=Pan>

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Domtor Mill Manager Todd Rogers presents a \$5,000 donation to members of Plymouth's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4023 and American Legion Post 164 — Bobby Brown, center, and Eugene Sawyer, right — Tuesday, October 5, at the Veteran's building. The building, which was constructed by World War II veterans in the early 1950s, has stood for over 70 years and has required a number of repairs throughout the years. Domtor's donation will go towards the upkeep of the historical building and the veterans' continued activities in the local community. (Staff photo by Arthur Howell)

County plans 'Citizen's Academy'

By Dale Hearnick
Staff Writer

A Washington County "Citizen's Academy" starts Monday, October 18. Interested participants must register by Sunday, October 17, by calling (252) 793-5823 or clicking on the link at the county's www.washconnc.org Web page.

The "Academy" consists of six sessions, tentatively scheduled once a month on Mondays at 6 p.m. at the county's Adams Street office. County departmental leaders will present

instruction designed to illustrate county responsibilities and operations.

The announcement on the county Web page touts the Academy's value in providing "insight into the operations of each department and what they can and cannot do for the citizens we serve."

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to county residents interested in serving on appointed boards or commissions in the county.

The six sessions include:

- County management and finance;
- Emergency services;
- Sanitation and utility services;
- Informational services;
- Human services and
- Community services.

The Academy is limited to a total of 20 participants, but there are still slots available. A certificate ceremony will cap the instruction.

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Roanoke Rapids High School holds Homecoming



Richard Holm | The Herald
A Homecoming queen from the 1950s returned to the Roanoke Rapids High School football field on Friday.



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Homecoming queens from the past returned to the Roanoke Rapids High School football field on Friday.



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Past homecoming queens lined the football field Friday night.



Richard Holm | The Herald
A firework display was held after the Roanoke Rapids High School homecoming game on Friday.



Richard Holm | The Herald
Students played a game of musical chairs during Hispanic Heritage Month on Friday at Aurelian Springs Institute of Global Learning.



Richard Holm | The Herald
Students cheered during a game of musical chairs on Friday.

MONTH

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teaches all subjects in first-grade Spanish at the school.

Vergara said this is her fourth year teaching Spanish at the same time when the program began and, since then, has been celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with the students.

"We have always tried to implement different activities that let the students know more about our cultures," she said. "In past years, we shared the folklore through costumes, dances, typical food, places to visit, and some more facts about countries from South America."

"Even though I share it with my students during the year, there are some things that students or people in general learn and remember more in practice than if you just listen to the teacher talking about it," she said. "At this moment, many students realized that there is a big world beyond where they live. They asked me the first days of school if I can see my family every day. Now they understand that it is not possible. Some of them say they want to go to Colombia someday, eat my food and visit all the places I have shared with them. I try to make them feel they are in Colombia every time I have the opportunity to show something different from my country."

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TOP 25

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NO. 1 GEORGIA (6-0)
Next: vs. No. 11 Kentucky, Saturday.
Reality check: Bulldogs D is racking up fun numbers. Like this from SportSource Analytics: Opponents have to run 10.27 plays for every point scored against Georgia. Next best in the nation is Clemson, which faces 5.87 plays per point allowed.
Ranked: Just right.

NO. 2 IOWA (6-0)
Next: vs. Purdue, Saturday.
Reality check: Hawkeyes are tied for fourth in the country in number of punts with 40. The other nine teams in the top 10 are a combined 12-45. Of course, Tory Taylor is a weapon, putting six of nine kicks inside the 20 against Penn State.
Ranked: The AP poll is a backward looking assessment of what a team has accomplished, not a forward looking projection, so this is fine.

NO. 3 CINCINNATI (5-0)
Next: vs. UCF, Saturday.
Reality check: Having at least one of the SEC powerhouse lose a regular-season game was another item on the Bearcats' CFP checklist.
Ranked: Little high.

NO. 4 OKLAHOMA (6-0)
Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.
Reality check: Easy to get excited about QB Caleb Williams, especially if his mobility is part of what unlocked the Sooners' running game and RB Kennedy Brooks (217 yards on 25 carries) against Texas.
Ranked: Little low.

NO. 5 ALABAMA (5-1)
Next: at Mississippi State, Saturday.
Reality check: Four of Alabama's six national championships were won after losing a game in the regular season and it wouldn't be the least bit surprising if the Tide were to do that again.
Ranked: Little high. It's OK to make the Tide climb back after losing to an unranked team.

NO. 6 OHIO STATE (5-1)
Next: at Indiana, Oct. 23
Reality check: In three previous

games against Akron, Rutgers and Maryland, the Buckeyes allowed just six scoring drives among 36 total offensive possessions. Temper enthusiasm because of the competition, but there are signs of progress for the defense.
Ranked: Buckeyes should probably still be behind Oregon.

NO. 7 PENN STATE (5-1)
Next: vs. Illinois, Oct. 23.
Reality check: The loss to Iowa made a good case for QB Sean Clifford being the most important player in the country.
Ranked: About right.

NO. 8 MICHIGAN (6-0)
Next: vs. Northwestern, Oct. 23.
Reality check: Road wins against Wisconsin and Nebraska in consecutive weeks is a nice accomplishment, but this looks like a season that will be defined by what the Wolverines do against Michigan State, Penn State and Ohio State — as is so often the case.
Ranked: Bit high.

NO. 9 OREGON (4-1)
Next: vs. California, Friday.
Reality check: Ducks have lost several key players, including leading rusher CJ Verdell, but hope to have offensive coordinator Joe Moorhead (undisclosed non-COVID illness) back this week.
Ranked: Touch low.

NO. 10 MICHIGAN STATE (6-0)
Next: at Indiana, Saturday.
Reality check: Explosive Spartans. Michigan State had more 60-plus yard plays against Rutgers (four) than the program had in the past three seasons combined.
Ranked: About right.

NO. 11 KENTUCKY (6-0)
Next: at No. 1 Georgia, Saturday.
Reality check: Chris Rodriguez Jr. (128 yards per game and seven TDs) might be the best running back in the SEC and the Wildcats' Benny Snell 2.0.
Ranked: About right, though credit for beating LSU is waning fast.

NO. 12 OKLAHOMA STATE (5-0)
Next: at No. 25 Texas, Saturday.
Reality check: Back-to-back games on the road against Texas and Iowa

State should answer the question, Are the Cowboys for real?
Ranked: Little high.

NO. 13 MISSISSIPPI (4-1)
Next: at Tennessee, Saturday.
Reality check: Rebels have a Heisman contender quarterback in Matt Corral, but that running game ranks fifth in the country at 260 yards per game gets its contributions from a lot of different players and looks.
Ranked: About right.

NO. 14 NOTRE DAME (5-1)
Next: vs. Southern California, Oct. 23.
Reality check: The run game seems to work best with QB Tyler Buchner in the game so that's probably the best way forward. The Irish now have two weeks to get the freshman healthy and up to speed.
Ranked: Sure, this is fine.

NO. 15 COASTAL CAROLINA (6-0)
Next: at Appalachian State, Oct. 26.
Reality check: QB Grayson McCall is on pace to crush the FBS single-season record for passer efficiency rating of 203.4 set by Alabama's Mac Jones last season. McCall's rating is 234.48.
Ranked: Little high.

NO. 16 WAKE FOREST (6-0)
Next: at Army, Oct. 23.
Reality check: What if I told you the Demon Deacons have the best set of receivers in the ACC? Jaquarii Roberson (31 catches for 515 yards and two TDs) and A.T. Perry (23 for 454 and seven touchdowns) have got speed and size.
Ranked: Highest ranking since 2008 for Wake is about right.

NO. 17 ARKANSAS (4-2)
Next: vs. Auburn, Saturday.
Reality check: Razorbacks defense in first five games: 4.32 yards per play allowed. Against Ole Miss, 8.73 Arkansas will be glad to see Auburn's more tame attack.
Ranked: Little low.

NO. 18 ARIZONA STATE (5-1)
Next: at Utah, Saturday.
Reality check: Sun Devils are tied for the second-most rushing touchdowns in the country with 21.
Ranked: Should be behind BYU.

NO. 19 BYU (5-1)
Next: at Baylor, Saturday.
Reality check: Cougars made all the mistakes they were mostly avoiding in their first loss of the season against Boise State.
Ranked: Should be ahead of Arizona State.

NO. 20 FLORIDA (4-2)
Next: at LSU, Saturday.
Reality check: Gators have outgained all their opponents. You are what you're record says you are, but Florida is probably better than that.
Ranked: Little low.

NO. 21 TEXAS A&M (4-2)
Next: at Missouri, Saturday.
Reality check: One question for the Aggies after the beat Alabama: Where has that been for five weeks?
Ranked: About right.

NO. 22 NORTH CAROLINA STATE (4-1)
Next: at Boston College, Saturday.
Reality check: Wolfpack have the best third-down defense in the ACC, allowing just 24% conversions.
Ranked: Too high.

NO. 23 SMU (6-0)
Next: vs. Tulana, Oct. 21.
Reality check: Circle Oct. 30. The Mustangs play at Houston and the Cougars might be second best in the AAC.
Ranked: Too high.

NO. 24 SAN DIEGO STATE (5-0)
Next: at San Jose State, Friday.
Reality check: Things are about to get real for the Aztecs in the Mountain West with a three-game stretch at San Jose State, at Air Force and Fresno State.
Ranked: Too high.

NO. 25 TEXAS (4-2)
Next: vs. No. 12 Oklahoma State, Saturday.
Reality check: An epic Red River collapse, but a team that probably has enough firepower to get another shot at the Sooners in the Big 12 title game.
Ranked: Too high, though there are not other great options. Maybe Baylor or Auburn?
 Unbeaten Texas-San Antonio is a popular pick among those who love to root for the underdogs.

Antetokounmpo makes preseason debut in Bucks win

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
MILWAUKEE — Giannis Antetokounmpo scored eight points in 17 minutes in his preseason debut for the defending NBA champion Milwaukee Bucks, who had eight players score in double digits in a 130-110 victory against the Oklahoma Thunder on Sunday night.

The Bucks are being careful with Antetokounmpo, who hyperextended his left knee in the Eastern Conference finals but returned for the NBA Finals. He was named Finals MVP after leading the Bucks to the title in six games against the Phoenix Suns.

"It feels good. I'm not going to lie. It feels good to be a part of the team, just go out there, run up and down, make some plays, just being around the team, being here at Fiserv," said Antetokounmpo, who mentioned several times that the felt "rusty."

Asked where he felt rusty, he said: "Everywhere. My legs, back, hands. But it's OK. I'm getting back to it."

The Bucks scored 48 points in the first quarter and 81 in the first half. Chris Middleton (14 points) and Jrue Holiday (11 points) also made their preseason debuts for the Bucks.

"Everybody was motivated. Everybody was ready to go," Antetokounmpo said.

Jordan Nwora led the Bucks with 14 points and Elijah Bryant also scored 14.

Luguentz Dort scored 19 for the Thunder.

SUNS 123, LAKERS 94
LOS ANGELES — With LeBron James of the Lakers resting, the defending Western Conference champion Suns ran past the Lakers 123-94.

Chris Paul scored 15 for the Suns while Landry Shamet had 13 and Javale McGee and Jalen Smith had 12 apiece.

Anthony Davis scored 19 for the Lakers while Carmelo Anthony had 17. Lakers coach Frank Vogel said James plans to play in the final two exhibition games, against Golden State on Tuesday and Sacramento on Thursday.

Devin Booker of the Suns sat out his third straight games as he works his way back from case of COVID-19, despite being vaccinated, and a busy summer that

included going straight from the NBA Finals and the Suns' six-game loss to Milwaukee to joining the U.S. Olympic team that won the gold medal.

SPURS 101, MAGIC 100
ORLANDO, Fla. — Dejounte Murray scored 18 points on 8-for-12 shooting and Lonnie Walker IV scored 16 and San Antonio held off a late Orlando flurry.

The Spurs entered the fourth quarter with an 81-64 advantage and maintained the 17-point lead until R.J. Hampton's tip-in with 7:24 left started a 13-0 run for Orlando in just more than two minutes. Orlando's Wendell Carter Jr. converted a 3-point play to tie it at 98-all before Keita Bates-Diop made a 3-pointer with 1:02 left to seal it for San Antonio.

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LOCAL NEWS

UCPCOG releases detailed study on local healthy food access

For the past 18 months, over 43 organizations have been engaged in a massive effort to better understand and map the local food system, from farm to table, and develop recommendations on how to improve healthy food access, especially for those that are underserved.

The effort also addresses the "local food value chain system" needs and opportunities to better understand how to support small and minority food farms, distributors, processors, buyers and others to help build new economic opportunity and resiliency.

"The release of this assessment, its maps, and data is pivotal moment for the region," stated Robert Hiett, Executive Director of the Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments (UCPCOG). "This marks the establishment of a shared analysis and understanding of the existing regional local food system, which in turn will create opportunities for larger and more coordinated development initiatives."

Hiett added that Covid-19 shined a light on how fragile the food system is locally and how important growing and distributing food at the local level can be during times of unrest.

"Growing, processing, and distributing healthy food at the regional level helps ensure we don't rely completely on outside sources to be fed. It keeps jobs and money used to buy food local, supporting the eastern NC economy," Hiett noted.

Chester Williams, Chief Empowerment Officer of A Better Chance, A Better Community (ABC2), helped lead the project's community engagement efforts. "We used a fantastic team of Community Health Champions in each county to engage with underserved residents to better understand their healthy food access challenges," Williams said. "Partners learned a lot about challenges with rural transportation, fresh food costs, community garden and urban agriculture restrictions, and so much more. Overall, the project engaged more than 400 people."

Mary Jane Lynn, a healthy food access specialist with Alameda Regional Health Services, noted that the project took a "Whole Systems" approach. "The teams ensured all of the issues regarding our food system were taken into consideration including Justice and Fairness, Healthy People, Vibrant Farms and Gardens, Thriving Local Economies and other important measures as we moved forward," she said.

This community engagement was combined with numerous interviews with farmers, area food policy council members like the Just Foods Collaborative of Nash and Edgecombe County, and others to integrate with

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 605

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

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DENC's proposed fuel revenue increase, including regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 0.5118 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers, 0.5102 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers, 0.5059 cents per kWh for large general service customers, 0.4907 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers, and 0.4989 cents per kWh for rate schedule 6VP customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$5.12.

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 604

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual demand-side management (DSM) and energy efficiency (EE) cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 603, which is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69 for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for adoption and implementation of new DSM and EE measures and appropriate incentives. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

On August 10, 2021, DENC filed its application for approval of DSM/EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69. By its application, DENC requests revisions to its DSM/EE cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2022. DENC's request, exclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following kilowatt-hour (kWh) charges: 0.1078 cents per kWh for residential customers, 0.0966 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers, and 0.0877 cents per kWh for large general service customers. No DSM/EE rate rider would be applicable to rate schedules 6VP, NS, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers. In addition, industrial and large commercial customers that have under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9, opted out of and never participated in DENC's DSM and EE programs are not subject to the rider.

Compared to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENC's request would be an increase of 0.0227 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by 3 cents. Small general service and public authority customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.0212 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.0645 cents per kWh.

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SPORTS

BEARS:
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handle on the football at that point and Jayden Daniel pounced on the loose pigskin.

Aided by a key 16-yard scamper by Rodgers on a fourth down play, the Bears proceeded to march 88 yards in 12 plays capped by Elijah Wirtley's amazing catch of a 31-yard TD pass, between a pair of First Flight defenders, from Rodgers for a 12-0 lead with 1:39 left in the opening quarter.

A little over one minute later, HCHS defensive lineman Trequan Taylor recovered a First Flight fumble at the Bears 25 yardline. Five plays later, Rodgers spotted Cheri Woods running free over the middle and the two hooked up on a 52-yard touchdown pass. Rodgers added the conversion run, increasing the Bears lead to 20-0 on

the second snap of the second quarter.

Powell, a two-way starter, picked off a First Flight pass on the game's next snap. That set-up the Bears at midfield and they used back-to-back completions by Rodgers (14 yards) to Bryant Williams and 12 yards to Jahsaun Bond) to move quickly downfield. The five-play drive ended with a three-yard touchdown run by Tyree Coatney that, coupled with the conversion run by Rodgers, padded the HCHS lead to 28-0 at the 0:57 mark of the second quarter.

Five plays later, Powell notched another interception, returning this theft 61 yards to paydirt. Rodgers connected with Williams on the conversion pass, extending the Bears lead to 36-0 with just under seven minutes to play until halftime.

First Flight punted away their next possession, with the Bears tak-

ing over at their own 27 yardline. On first down from that point, Rodgers and Bond connected on a 49-yard pass play to the Nighthawks 16 yardline. Four plays later, Rodgers called his own number and scored on a one-yard run, staking the Bears to a 42-0 halftime lead.

Highlighted by four runs totaling 25 yards by Sean Cruz, three runs by Coatney covering 20 yards, and a 14-yard pass from Rodgers to Woods, the Bears took the opening possession of the third quarter and marched 65 yards in 12 plays, capped by a one-yard touchdown scamper around the right side by Colin Brook for a 49-0 lead.

Two snaps later, HCHS defensive lineman Dominique Simmons pounced on a First Flight fumble at the Nighthawks 21 yardline. That set-up a short drive capped by a four-yard touchdown run by Desmond Perry for a

64-0 lead with 7:02 left in the game.

The game's final two points came on a safety after the Nighthawks, following a high snap over the quarterback's head, was kicked through and out of the back of the endzone.

For the game, Hertford County amassed 469 yards of total offense. Rodgers led that effort, completing 13-of-16 passes for 222 yards and three touchdowns. He also added 35 rushing yards and one score. Cruz was the game's leading rusher, running for 87 yards on 14 carries. Coatney added 44 rushing yards on six attempts.

The Hertford County defense limited First Flight to 78 total yards, 77 of which came through the air.

HCHS travels to Camden County for a conference outing on Friday, Oct. 15.

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Belmont Abbey women blank Chowan

MURFREESBORO - The Chowan women's soccer team suffered a 1-0 loss to Belmont Abbey in Conference Carolinas action here Saturday.

The Hawks fell to 2-8 overall and 2-5 in league play with the loss.

Ysa Novak, Michelle Maksimovic, and Sierra Gonzalez tallied a shot on goal for the Hawks while Allison Traub made three

saves in the loss.

Chowan had several scoring opportunities in the first half. Sabrina Henderson had the opening shot of the contest in the fourth minute that sailed wide. Cristina Flores posted a shot that went high in the ninth minute and Henderson had a shot blocked in the 13'.

In the 23', Novak posted a header on frame that was saved. Both teams went into

the intermission scoreless.

Belmont Abbey posted the opening goal of the contest in the 55', scoring near post to lead 1-0.

Traub recorded three saves in the middle portion of the frame. Gonzalez tallied a shot on frame in the 74'.

The final attempt for the Hawks in the 88' coming from Maksimovic would be turned away.

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 603

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Recovery Rider Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67

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On August 10, 2021, DENC filed its application for approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS) cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67. By its application, DENC requests revision to its REPS cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on requests revisions to its REPS cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2022. DENC's request, including the regulatory fee, would result in the following monthly charges: \$0.25 per residential customer account, \$1.37 per commercial customer account, and \$9.12 per industrial customer account.

Compared to the current REPS rates, the result of DENC's request would be an increase of \$0.12 per month per residential customer account, an increase of \$0.65 per month per commercial customer account, and an increase of \$4.40 per month per industrial customer account.

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and Diana Keel was planning to leave her husband when she was killed by his feud.

"She was planning to leave within a few days and start a new life," Evans said. A witness said the husband and wife engaged in an intense argument on the porch of their home on the morning of March 8, 2019. After that, Keel took his wife into the bedroom and assaulted her, inflicting blunt and sharp force trauma around her head, neck and face. He then went to Walmart about noon that day to get cleaning supplies to clear the scene of the crime.

At some point, Keel wrapped his wife in a tarp and placed her in the trunk of her car. She was still alive at the time, thus leading to the kidnapping charge.

Keel then drove to pick up his 10-year-old son in the car, drove to the home of a relative and then drove back home. After his son went to sleep that night, Keel left the child alone in the home while he drove to Edgecombe County and disposed of his wife's body. He returned home about 2 p.m. to find that his wife's



Lynn Keel stands with his attorney, David Draswell, left, as he is sentenced Monday in Pitt County District Court in Greenville.

colleague-aged daughter was at the home looking for her mother.

Evans said the state had evidence to support these details as Keel had previously installed a GPS tracking device on his wife's car so he could keep tabs on her movements. That same tracking device allowed law enforcement officers to track Keel's journey that day to within 500 feet of where her body was discovered.

At some point, during Keel's journey in the car that day, Keel's wife died in the trunk, succumbing to her wounds, Sheriff Keith Stone said in a later interview.

"We probably will never know exactly when she died during the many hours she was in that trunk," Stone said.

When Keel learned that his wife's body had been discovered on March 12, 2019, he loaded his vehicle with canned goods and other staples and fled before a warrant could be served for his arrest. He was captured and arrested on March 17, 2019, in Arizona and brought home to Nash County to face the consequences of his crime. He has been jailed ever since.

Evans also noted that Keel had a large life insurance policy on his wife that he obtained a couple of years earlier through fraudulent means.

"If he had benefited from his crime, he could have faced criminal charges for that," he said.

Evans said that there has been discussion over the

past few years during the pre-arrest phase regarding Diana Keel's character and how her personal choices may have led to her death. However, Evans painted a different picture of the victim in court.

"When she came to this country, married to this man, she set out to achieve the American dream and worked hard to achieve it," Evans said.

Diana Keel obtained an education and a job as a nurse that earned her nearly \$100,000 a year by the time of her death. At that time, she was a hard worker and the primary breadwinner for the house. However, she was forced to live with her

son in sub-par living conditions with no hot water and little heat. At the same time,

her husband had a gun and weapons collection that was valued at more than \$50,000, Evans said.

Evans said he was glad to see the case end without a jury trial, which likely would have taken more than two weeks.

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Compared to the current REPS rates, the result of DENC's request would be an increase of \$0.12 per month per residential customer account, an increase of \$0.66 per month per commercial customer account, and an increase of \$4.46 per month per industrial customer account.

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COWETA, OKLA.

Tornadoes cause damage in Oklahoma; storms rock central US

Severe storms brought expected tornadoes and baseball-sized hail in parts of Oklahoma, but there were no reports Monday of deaths or injuries.

The severe weather system that hit Oklahoma late Sunday also brought heavy rain, lightning and wind to parts of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Texas, and more stormy weather is predicted for later this week in parts of the central U.S.

Severe weather is not unusual in the Southern Plains in October, said Chuck Hodges, senior meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Tulsa. But Sunday's storm "was kind of more of a spring setup," he said.

"We had unusually high moisture and a very, very strong weather system that came through," he said.

Tornado warnings and reports of damage popped up across Oklahoma beginning Sunday afternoon, and survey crews with the weather service would head on Monday to determine how many tornadoes struck, Hodges said.

A possible tornado hit the Tulsa suburb of Coweta late Sunday causing significant damage to a high school, homes and a gas station, news outlets reported, and Coweta Public Schools classes were canceled Monday. Building damage was also reported in Anadarko, about 50 miles southwest of Oklahoma City.

Earlier, baseball-sized hail shattered windows and dented cars in Norman, about 30 miles south of Oklahoma City.

In Missouri, survey crews were headed out to rural areas in the southwestern part of the state to determine if tornadoes caused damage that was reported overnight, the weather service said.

The National Weather Service confirmed two small tornadoes touched down in rural areas of southwestern Missouri — an EF-1 twister in Newton County about 1 a.m. and an EF-0 in Jasper County about 4:45 a.m. KTVN-TV reported that a mobile home, a couple of barns and an irrigation system were damaged, but no one was hurt.

HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF.

California's 'Surf City USA' beach reopens after oil spill

Surfers and swimmers returned to the waves Monday at a popular Southern California beach that was shut for more than a week after an undersea pipeline leaked crude oil into the ocean.

The reopening of Huntington Beach — dubbed "Surf City USA" — came far sooner than many expected after a pungent smell blanketed the coast and blobs of crude began washing ashore.

City and state park officials decided to reopen the shoreline in Huntington Beach after water quality tests revealed no detectable levels of oil-associated toxins in the ocean. That was good enough for Andrew Boyack, a 54-year-old commercial photographer, who usually surfs the waves in his hometown three or four times a week but has stayed out since the spill.

"There's lots of guys out so I figure it's probably alright, and I guess they tested it," Boyack said while rinsing off at an outdoor beach shower. "It's exercise. It's like, you know, if somebody was a jogger or something, we surf every morning."

This surf-loving city of 200,000 people and nearby coastal communities have been reeling from the spill. The ocean has been closed, a popular air show canceled, fisheries shuttered and local shops have been walloped. The environmental impact on sensitive wetland habitats has been less severe than initially feared, but advocates say they are concerned about the long-term effects of the spill.

Coast Guard officials said a pipeline owned by Houston-based Anadarko Energy that shuttles crude from offshore platforms to the coast leaked at least about 25,000 gallons and no more than 102,000 gallons of crude oil into the ocean.

The spill was confirmed on Oct. 2, a day after residents reported a petroleum smell in the area. Officials have said the cause remains under investigation and they believe the pipeline was likely damaged by a ship's anchor several months to a year before it ruptured.

From Associated Press reports

Merck asks US FDA to authorize promising anti-COVID pill

BY MATTHEW PERROWE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Drug-maker Merck asked U.S. regulators Monday to authorize its pill for treating COVID-19 in what would add an easy-to-use weapon to the world's arsenal against the pandemic.

If cleared by the Food and Drug Administration — a decision that could come in a matter of weeks — it would be the first pill shown to treat the illness. All other FDA-backed treatments against COVID-19 require an IV or injection.

An antiviral pill that people could take at home to reduce their symptoms and speed recovery could prove groundbreaking, easing the crushing caseload on U.S. hospitals and helping to curb outbreaks in poorer countries with weak health care systems. It could also bolster the two-pronged approach to the pandemic: treatment, by way of medication, and prevention, primarily through vaccinations.

The FDA will scrutinize company data on the safety and effectiveness of the drug, molnupiravir, before rendering a decision.

Merck and its partner Ridgeback Biotherapeutics said they specifically asked the agency to grant emergency use for adults with mild to moderate COVID-19 who are at risk for severe disease or hospitalization. That is roughly the way COVID-19 infusion drugs are used.

"The value here is that it's a pill so you don't have to deal with the infusion centers and all the factors around that," said Dr. Nicholas Katsionis, a senior vice president with Merck's infectious disease unit. "I think it's a very powerful tool to add to the toolbox."

The company reported earlier this month that the pill cut hospitalizations and deaths by half among patients with early symptoms of COVID-19. The results were so strong that independent medical experts monitoring the trial recom-

mended stopping it early. Side effects were similar between patients who got the drug and those in a testing group who received a dummy pill. But Merck has not publicly detailed the types of problems reported, which will be a key part of the FDA's review.

Top U.S. health officials continue to push vaccinations as the best way to protect against COVID-19.

"It's much, much better to prevent yourself from getting infected than to have to treat an infection," Dr. Anthony Fauci said while discussing Merck's drug last week.

Still, some 68 million eligible Americans remain unvaccinated, underscoring the need for effective drugs to control future waves of infection.

The prospect of a COVID-19 pill comes amid other encouraging signs: New cases per day in the U.S. have dropped below 100,000 on average for the first time in more than two months, and deaths are run-

ning at about 1,700 a day, down from more than 2,900 three weeks ago.

Also, the average number of vaccinations dispensed per day has climbed past 1 million, an increase of more than 108 million over two weeks, driven by the intro-

duction of booster shots and workplace vaccine requirements.

Still, health authorities are bracing for another possible surge as cold weather drives more people indoors. Slaves the beginning of the pandemic, health experts

have stressed the need for a convenient pill. The goal is for something similar to Tamiflu, the 20-year-old flu medication that shortens the illness by a day or two and blunts the severity of symptoms like fever, cough and stuffy nose.

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Sertomen of the Year

The Roxboro Seniors Club selected all its members as Sertomen of the Year instead of its usual individual winner during its September 2021 awards dinner. This was due to the fact that all members supported their community by getting fully vaccinated and following all mask mandates as directed by the Center for Disease Control. All members participated in conference calls each month. Members include: (left to right) Francoallo Bumpass, Bruce Cash, Johnny Lunford, David Ramsey, Ray Jeffers (Service to Mankind winner), Clyde Winstead, Clevie Brandon, Ronnie Wenzack, Booker Boyd. Not pictured: Avie Lester.

Harper shares Senior Center info to Kiwanis



Maynell Harper

At the Sept. 15, 2021 meeting of the Roxboro Kiwanis Club at La Piazza restaurant in Uptown Roxboro, Maynell Harper, Executive Director of the Person County Senior Center, noted that the center is many things to different people. It includes a fitness center for which new pieces of equipment are expected this month, bridge and pinacle groups, dominos, a bocce ball court, and benches throughout the campus. The Center shut down in March 2020 due to COVID, however, Meals on Wheels, In-Home Aide services and other outreach did not stop. In May, 2020 some programming was resumed, and exercise groups began in the parking lot

in June. A weekly activity sheet was developed with news and puzzles, which has is now being copied by other counties as well. The Center facility on Semora Road maintains regular hours for in-person activities and it is served by approximately 100 volunteers. A Veterans Administration office is located at the Center, staffed by Vicky Harris on Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Current programs include Eryon Snow with Edward Jones discussing outsmarting scammers. ACI Physical Therapy will be doing a fall risk assessment. There will be an inter-generational discussion panel involving senior and younger

panelists talking about the effect of COVID. The Center received some COVID funding through the CARES Act last year, enabling 60 more people to be served by Meals on Wheels. The In-Home Aide program has a long waiting list. Harper indicated that this is more cost effective than long term care funded through Medicaid. She noted that in-home therapy is also easier to obtain than in the past. The Center served 4,493 pick-up and delivery meals last year, plus a variety of other meals, averaging 110 meals per day. Ensure dietary supplement is sold at cost. A durable medical equipment loan closet is maintained at the center. There are also wheel

chairs available for loan. The center received almost \$5,000 in private donations last year. The Roxboro Elks Lodge donated \$5,000, which has been used for training purposes. The State Employees Credit Union provided a \$10,000 grant to help with nutrition services. Harper reminded that Medicare open enrollment services are delivered at the Center. Volunteers are always needed. Friends of the Senior Center, a separate non-profit entity, is sponsoring a stew at the end of October and a craft fair in early November. At the close of her remarks the club presented her with a donation in support of the efforts of the Senior Center.

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Recreation department offers discounted Hurricanes tickets

The Person County Recreation, Arts, and Parks Department is offering discounted tickets to the Carolina Hurricanes/Edmonton Oilers hockey game on Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022. Puck drops at 5 p.m.

These tickets are center ice and are available for only \$83/ticket – that is a savings of over \$100 per ticket. This would make a great Christmas gift for someone.

Those attending the game will need to provide their own transportation to the game at PNC Arena located at 1400 Edwards Mill Road, Raleigh. The group does not need to arrive as one.

There is a minimum of 20 registrants to get this rate and there is no maximum. The seats may not be in one large block, but scattered in the center ice seats. The earlier you register the better the chance is of being seated with your group. Tickets will be allotted in the order purchases are made so the earlier you purchase your tickets the better. If you are purchasing multiple tickets, please purchase them in the same name so they can be kept together. The recreation department will do its best to keep your group seated together. Registration deadline is Dec. 31. All ticket sales are final.

Call the recreation department at 336-597-1765 for more information. Registration can be done either at the recreation office or on line at <https://personcounty.recess.com/Community/Home>.



GEORGE WILLOUGHBY | THE COURIER-TIMES

Life-saving grant

With the help of a RACE-CARS (Randomized Cluster Evaluation of Cardiac Arrest Systems) grant, Person County EMS has provided 16 automated external defibrillators to the Person County Sheriff's Office for the department's patrol deputies and two AEDs for local fire department first responders who answer many medical calls within their district. Person County is one of the state's 63 chosen to participate as an intervention county, focusing on improving cardiac arrest outcomes. The grant focuses on four main elements: improving hands-on CPR knowledge and training, increasing AED shock prior to EMS arrival, optimizing 911 dispatch performance and strategic placement of AEDs within the community. County EMS Compliance Officer, Glen LaBar Jr., pictured left, said the grant funds will be utilized to focus on improving cardiac arrest survival focusing on the four main elements. LaBar said the Department of Emergency Services has two upcoming CPR courses Oct. 20 at the County Office Building Auditorium and plans to hold classes at least quarterly. The department has partnered with Somerset Baptist Church, the Person County Senior Center and is working on partnering with Person County Schools and Roxboro Community School to hold classes, LaBar said. More information can be found on the Person County Department of Emergency Services Facebook page and the department asks any organization that wishes to hold a CPR course to reach out.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

PECIL principal Shirkona Johnson was recently named the Person County Schools Principal of the Year. PCS superintendent Rodney Peterson presented Johnson her framed certificate.

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dents to learn, grow, and flourish daily. This is a challenging profession, but rewarding when students grasp new concepts or skills, reach milestones in their academic journeys, grow in confidence, or reach the finish line and graduate. So when in the company of so many great school leaders, I feel truly humbled to have been so recognized.

Person County Schools Superintendent Rodney Peterson opened Thursday's meeting by honoring Johnson.

"I've had the pleasure to work with Mrs. Johnson for going on five years. Like I told her students, (Wednesday), if you're looking for someone who has persevered and someone who has the fortitude to get the job done, she represents that," Peterson said. "What she's able to do with that school and how the school has taken the strides that it has in amazing. She forces her kids to get out of their comfort zone. While I welcome Mrs. Johnson as our Principal of the Year, I think she said it best when she said that to earn this particular award, you have to have really good kids and a really good staff and she has both at PECIL."

Ashley named PCS Beginning Teacher of Excellence

Victoria Ashley, a third-grade teacher at North Elementary School, was recently named Person County Schools' Beginning Teacher of Excellence.

Ashley follows Renise Ford-Pulliam, science teacher at Southern

Middle School, in receiving this honor. Ashley has a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Elementary Education from North Carolina State University.

"I am blown away to be chosen as the Beginning Teacher of Excellence for Person County Schools," Ashley said. "Since I started teaching, it has been a goal of mine to be Teacher of the Year, even though I was just shooting for it to be at my own school. It is an honor to be given this recognition as a beginning teacher. Last year was a hard year for everyone and I don't think that I would have experienced such success without the support of my friends, family, and coworkers."

Nell Snyder-Waugh, Principal of North Elementary School, stated, "Victoria provides a safe and nurturing environment for her students. She has high expectations and a strong work ethic and is always willing to implement new strategies to improve teaching and learning in her classroom. Her resilience, intellect, dedication, and integrity as an educator are just a few of the qualities that make her an excellent beginning teacher. We are proud to have her as a North Elementary Eagle." Ashley will go on to compete with the other Beginning Teachers of the Year at the state level.

School-level winners were nominated by their administrators for demonstrating outstanding performance as a first-year teacher. Those also nominated include: Christian Miles at South Elementary School, Kayla Walker at Southern Middle School, and Carleigh Loftis at Helena Elementary School.

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Country Doctor Museum to offer vaccine clinic, health screenings

By The Enterprise

BAILEY — East Carolina University's Mobile Health Screening Van is making a house call to the Country Doctor Museum.

The museum will host the van from 2:30-7 p.m. on Oct. 13. Health care providers will be on hand to administer free health screenings for heart, kidney and diabetes risk factors.



The Country Doctor Museum in Bailey will host East Carolina University's Mobile Health Screening Van on Oct. 13. Providers will offer free health screenings for heart, kidney and diabetes risk factors, as well as free COVID-19 vaccines. Contributed photo

COVID-19 vaccines will also be available free of charge.

The museum will offer free guided tours during the event. No appointment or advance registration is required.

Representatives from the Nash County Health Department will be available to inform guests about the agency's services and local health resources.

Made possible through CARES Act funding, the Mobile Health Screening Van is part of ECU's effort to bring health care to people in rural communities who may have more difficulty accessing the care, resources and information they need to live a healthy life.

Results from screen-

ing tests will be available within 15 minutes, and health care providers will be able to discuss results and potential risk factors with each patient on site. Screening tests include body mass to assess for obesity, A1c for diabetes, lipids for cardiovascular health and urine protein and creatinine for kidney disease.

As part of their visit, guests may take a free guided tour of the Country Doctor Museum. The museum tells the stories of country doctors who provided care to rural families and communities during the 19th and early 20th centuries. Exhibits about

nursing, pharmacy, home health and transportation are included in the tour.

Established in 1967 as one of the first museums in the country dedicated to the history of rural medicine, the Country Doctor Museum was donated to the Medical & Health Sciences Foundation of East Carolina in 2005.

The Country Doctor Museum is now managed as part of the ECU Laupus Health Sciences Library's Collections and Historical Services Department and is located at 7080 Peele Road in Bailey.

For more information, call the museum at 252-235-4165.

Work on Nashville Junction underway

From staff reports

NASHVILLE — Construction of a downtown mixed-use development is officially underway after a ceremonial groundbreaking last week.

Developer Michael Hurt invited the public to celebrate the start of construction on the development Friday.

Once completed, the Nashville Junction will include a campus complete with residential, retail, restaurant and commercial spaces, a public park and event pavilion, and the future Nashville Farmers Market.

The public-private partnership will make use of the old Nashville Building Co. facility at 723 S. Barnes St.

Hurt recently agreed to spend \$1.2 million to refurbish the 20,000-square-foot structure and construct a dozen suites, leasing them to retailers and other businesses, and outfit two buildings as a farmers market.

The town will then lease land from Hurt and spend \$275,000 to build a



This artist rendering shows the Nashville Junction, a planned public-private partnership to build homes, restaurants, commercial spaces, an amphitheater and a farmers market in downtown Nashville. Contributed photo

120-space asphalt and concrete parking lot, a pavilion for the performing arts and other activities and a grass audience area, which will belong to the town, with developers able to use it when town-sponsored activities aren't scheduled. The project is expected to be complete in late 2022.

Nash's longtime emergency services director retires

From staff reports

NASHVILLE — After nearly four decades on the job, Nash County's emergency services director has retired.

Brian Brantley, who served Nash County for 36 years, stepped down quietly last week. The county made the announcement on social media.

Brantley remains a member of the Spring

Hope Planning Board.

"Thank you for your leadership, mentoring and the ethical values you have instilled in your employees," a Nash County government

Facebook post reads. The Nash County Sheriff's Office congratulated Brantley on his long ser-

vice and retirement.

"Brian and his family have been involved in public safety for several decades in Nash County and have had a tremendous impact in its progress," said Brandon Medina, public information officer for the sheriff's office.

Brantley didn't return messages seeking comment in time for this story.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Candidate forum is Thursday

SPRING HOPE — The Enterprise is set to host a forum for the town's nine candidates in this year's municipal election. The question-and-answer session is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, at the Spring Hope Community Building, 104 Community St.

Each candidate for the mayor's chair and Board of Commissioners seats have tentatively agreed to attend. Candidates can designate a surrogate to speak on their behalf if a schedule conflict prevents their participation.

Newcomer Kyle Fritchard and Prudence Wilkins, a sitting town commissioner, face each other for mayor. Seven candidates are running for three open seats on the town board. Incumbents Brent Cone, Drew Griffin and Ricky Tucker will compete with newcomers Dack Dunston, Jason Himmelwright, Tony Jeffery and Eric Gregory to serve as commissioners in the Nov. 2 election.

Sharpsburg board calls special meeting

SHARPSBURG — Town commissioners will hold a special called meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, in the Town Hall boardroom at 110 W. Railroad St.

The Sharpsburg Board of Commissioners has scheduled a public hearing on the town's application for 2021 Community Development Block Grant neighborhood revitalization funding. Commissioners will also hold a workshop session to discuss the budget pro-

cess for Sharpsburg's share of American Rescue Plan money.

Town officials canceled Sharpsburg's regular monthly meeting for October, which had previously been scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 5.

Meetings are open to the public. For more information, call Town Clerk Tracy Sullivan at 252-446-9411, ext. 3.

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CANDIDATE PROFILES

Cone wants to keep town board seat

From staff reports

Name: Brent Cone. **Age:** 52. **Running for:** Spring Hope town commissioner. **Education:** Southern Nash Senior High graduate, attended N.C. State University and Nash Community College. **Prior elected office:** Town commissioner (current). **Occupation:** Operations manager. **Married, children?** Married with three children and five grandchildren. **Why are you running for office?** I originally ran to simply serve as a voice for our residents. Since I've been in office, I now see the investment needed for true change. As a board, we have put a lot of things in motion and

made progress that does



Cone

seem to go unnoticed, at the wheels of progress can be slow to turn. With the challenges of the past two years, I am very happy with what we have been able to accomplish. My biggest reason for running again is to see the progress continue and for the fruits of so many people's efforts to come to fruition. **What is the greatest challenge your office will face?** One of the biggest challenges will be the introduction of a new town

manager, and bringing him or her into the current progress. So much work has been started in several different areas, and I want the progress to continue as seamlessly as possible. With many citizens questioning the town's progress, we cannot afford delays in the progress moving forward. **What do you enjoy most about our area?** The people. Growing up here, I have the privilege of having friendships with longtime residents and people my own age, as well as the younger generation. As a youth coach, it is always cool to see grandparents who cheered for me as a young boy and the kids I grew up playing with come out and cheer on the next generation of our community.

Gainey wants to serve Spring Hope

From staff reports

Name: Eric Gainey. **Age:** 40. **Running for:** Spring Hope town commissioner. **Education:** Some college. **Occupation:** Correctional officer. **Married, children?** Yes, with two children. **Why are you running for office?** I am running for town commissioner because I want to serve my community. I have been serving the country for the better part of 20 years. I began by serving in the U.S. Army and now I work at the federal prison. One of my favorite quotes is from President John F. Kennedy: "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." I ap-

ply that to the local community as well.



Gainey

of no better way to serve the town than by serving as town commissioner. **What is the greatest challenge that the upcoming board will face?** The greatest challenge that the upcoming board will face will be replacing/repairing the water distribution infrastructure. The biggest issue will be acquiring funding in order to accomplish this. With this in

mind, we have to get creative in our approach to how we put those funds that we get to use in order to get the maximum gain. I plan to leverage my experience with water/sewer system maintenance to address the issues with EnviroLink. The better solution to that problem is to find a way to dissolve the relationship with the company altogether, because it is taking advantage of the town. **What do you enjoy most about our area?** The thing I enjoy most about our area is the people. Everywhere I go in town, the people are friendly and welcoming. It would be a privilege and an honor to serve the citizens of the town of Spring Hope as one of their commissioners.

Sheriff's office seeks 'gap time' compensation

By Ken Ripley
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NASHVILLE — Nash County is putting together an inclusive committee to select a company to study county employees' salary structure, but the sheriff's office has asked for additional overtime compensation for patrol and detention officers. The county Board of Commissioners requested a salary study last month, but County Manager Zee Lamb told commissioners during their Oct. 4 regular meeting that he is forming a staff-level committee to recommend an outside company to conduct the study. He said the committee would include representation from the sheriff's office and the county's emer-

gency services and human resources agencies. Commissioners seemed satisfied with the salary study process, but at the end of the meeting, Sheriff's Maj. Allen Wilson alerted a considerable discussion the board to increase compensation for certain employees in the sheriff's office where overtime is necessary to provide 24/7 service. Tension rose as Lamb argued that the request should be included for review as part of the impending salary study while the sheriff's office seemed to push for faster action, arguing the county should follow policies consistent with the state of North Carolina's policies for the N.C. Highway

Patrol. Commissioners then echoed a similar split between more study and action. "The discussion is over 'gap time,' which is the difference between a regular 160-hour work cycle and a federal exemption for law enforcement that allows local governments to work law enforcement, fire and detention officers "in excess of 40 hours per week up to 171 hours in a 28-day cycle without any compensation." Wilson said in order to provide minimum coverage, the sheriff's office has used a work schedule for 20 years that requires patrol, deputies and detention officers to work 12-hour shifts totaling 168 hours, resulting in 104 hours above the

40-hour workweek cap each year. "Although the federal labor law does not require the county to compensate law enforcement for these hours, it does not mean that a policy cannot be adopted to prevent it from occurring," Wilson said. Wilson said state and federal law enforcement officers are compensated for time worked above 160 hours either at their regular hourly pay rate or through compensatory time for gap hours worked, and he urged the county to adopt a similar policy. He noted that the 911 call center faced a similar problem a few years ago and opted to compensate with pay rather than time off, which improved the center's operation. By paying for the extra hours rather than awarding comp time, he said, "we'll actually have more manpower available."

"There's a lot of issues here, and I think this board needs to go slow and study it, and not knee-jerk into a proposal"

ZEE LAMB, Nash County Manager

commissioners," Lamb said. "The fact that a state agency does it one way does not mean it's in the best interest of a county to do so. It requires more study, more research and analysis for the proposal. This will be a big ticket item and we need to look at what other counties do." Newly appointed Commissioner Owen Wilkins disagreed. "It appears we have all the information in front of us," she said, referring to Wilson's research. "I'm in agreement with the gap hours; the right to do for paying our law enforcement for their hours. I don't see what the holdup will be. If we wait for a salary study, it's going to take time. I feel like this board should move on it. They should get paid for what they work."

to deal with the issues in the middle of a budget year. Flawed policy decisions are usually flawed because you don't have all the information." Commissioner Sue Leggett agreed that budget time would be more appropriate for a possible policy change, and Commissioner Wayne Outlaw insisted the policy needs more study. "This is the first time I've seen this," he said. "I think we would be wise to fully understand the implications of this across the county. For this reason, I support making it part of the salary study." "I just got his analysis today," Lamb said of Wilson's submission. "We need time to study it." "In my mind, there was no intent to take any action this morning," Davis said, asking for more study and input. But, he added, "We know what the facts are. Now we need to address it." "I don't think we should put a date definite on our staff," Outlaw objected. "I have confidence in our staff, but I don't want to see it dragged out three or four months," Wilkins said. "This county is not doing anything improper," Lamb insisted, referring to the national law enforcement exception. "I don't think we're doing anything improper," Beilfeld responded, "but there's always room for improvement. I'm just asking we get a progress report next month." Wilkins made a motion to receive a progress report on the sheriff's department employees do, but we have a budget process. It's difficult from a management standpoint

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sharpsburg solicits stormwater concerns

SHARPSBURG — Town officials are asking residents to pinpoint areas that routinely flood in order to plan stormwater management projects. The town of Sharpsburg says it's working with Greenville-based planning and design firm The East Group to locate and evaluate flood zones. "The first step is to gather information from the community to better understand the locations and details of problem areas," an announcement posted on the town website states. "Based on your feedback, The East Group will review the information collected and ultimately present recommendations and priorities to address problem areas." Sharpsburg residents are asked to complete a brief online survey at www.surveymonkey.com/sharpsburg_stormwater. Responses will be collected through Oct. 26.

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LOCAL & STATE

ECU study targets 'tobacco swamps' N.C. COVID trends improve

High-density of tobacco retailers linked to greater use in low-income areas

ECU News Services

A new study co-authored by East Carolina University researcher finds that public health could be improved by reducing areas known as "tobacco swamps."

Similar to "food swamps," a term used to describe areas with a high density of restaurants or stores selling unhealthy food, the research concludes that living near more tobacco retailers is linked with people being more likely to use tobacco and less likely to quit.

The analysis, published in September in the international journal *Tobacco Control*, examined and statistically combined the results of 27 studies of tobacco retail density, adult tobacco use, and health outcomes from eight countries: Australia, Canada, Denmark,

England, Finland, New Zealand, Scotland and the United States.

In the U.S., there are 27 brick-and-mortar tobacco retailers for every one McDonald's restaurant, equating 375,000 tobacco retail locations. Retailers are not equally distributed and tend to be clustered in lower-income and minority communities, according to the study.

The researchers, including lead author Dr. Joseph G.L. Lee, associate professor of health education and promotion in the College of Health and Human Performance at ECU, found that lower tobacco retailer density was associated with a 2.6% reduction in the risk of tobacco use behaviors. The study also explored differences in results by gender, income level and intensity of tobacco use.

"Rapidly smoking, implementing policies that reduce the number and concentration of stores selling tobacco could decrease smoking by between 2 and 3% among

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adults," Lee said. "We know higher retail density is associated with increased tobacco product use and higher rates of youth initiation," said co-author Dr. Kirt Ribisl, a principal investigator of the ASPiRE Center (Advancing Research and Practice in the Retail Environment) and Jo Ann Esary Distinguished Professor at the Gillings School of Global Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death in the U.S., with 480,000 deaths and more than \$300

billion in health care spending and productivity losses caused by cigarette smoking each year, according to center data.

"The paper strengthens the evidence that addressing the oversupply of tobacco products is an important strategy for preventing cancer and improving health," said senior author Dr. Lisa Henriksen, a principal investigator of the center and senior research scientist at Stanford Prevention Research Center.

Lee and faculty members from UNC, Washington University in St. Louis and Stanford University School of Medicine are members of the ASPiRE Center, a research collaborative funded by the National Institutes of Health. The center is working to build a scientific evidence base for effective policies in the retail environment to help reduce tobacco use, tobacco-related disparities, and the public health burden of tobacco, including cancer.

The Associated Press

RALEIGH — While spread of COVID-19 remains high, transmission of the virus has noticeably declined in North Carolina over the last two weeks, according to new health department data released Monday.

The data from the state Department of Health and Human Services showed a nearly 25% drop in hospitalizations in the last 14 days, while the average number of daily new cases has decreased by more than 30%.

Roughly one in every 310 people in North Carolina tested positive for COVID-19 in the past week.

For the first time since mid-July the share of tests coming back positive in North Carolina has been in the single digits for six consecutive days. Deaths, which lag behind cases and hospitalizations, will likely drop as the trends improve.

The development comes even as fewer North Carolinians get vaccinated. While vaccination numbers continue to come in from last week the latest data shows fewer than 33,000 residents got a first dose last week. This is the lowest weekly count since Dec. 14 — the first week the state administered vaccines after receiving limited supplies from the federal government.

Greenville police: Arrest made for fake fraternity Yik Yak post

The Daily Reflector

Greenville police have charged a 19-year-old with cyberstalking after determining a racist fraternity party invitation that went viral on local social media was actually made by him and not a fraternity member.

James Edwards IV turned himself in to the Greenville Police Department after an investigation that included the cooperation of the anonymous app Yik Yak, where the message was posted on Aug. 27.

Edwards wrote a post on



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the message board that looked like it was from a member of ECU's Theta Chi fraternity. The post read: "Theta Chi rush party PMs (potential new members) and girls only. No blacks. Girls \$5 @ door. Call or text (name and number of a Theta Chi member)."

The message was copied and shared by many on so-

cial media who criticized the fraternity. The fraternity denied its member posted the invitation.

The release said that detectives with GPD's Special Victims Unit determined that Edwards was the source of the post. Specifics of the investigation were not provided, but a spokesperson for the department said that technology played a large role. Yik Yak's corporate offices also cooperated in the investigation, she said.

Warrants were taken out for Edwards' arrest

at which point he turned himself in on Friday, the spokesperson said. Edwards was charged with cyberstalking and placed under a \$1,000 secured bond. He has since been released on bond.

Monday's announcement of the arrest said the investigation did not find any affiliation between Edwards and Theta Chi. The department said Edwards is believed to be affiliated with another fraternity on campus. ECU confirmed that Edwards is a member of Phi Lambda Phi fraternity.

Family meals cause digestion issues

Dear Abby: My husband was instructed by his doctor to avoid dairy due to a chronic condition that negatively impacts his daily life. Around the same time, his father and his girlfriend began implementing the keto diet into their lifestyle. We are often invited to their home for game night. She takes pride in preparing a home-cooked meal for everyone.

We've been open about my husband's dietary restrictions, but dairy remains a heavily used ingredient in these dishes, and it is often hidden or disguised by a



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dairy, it's OK for him to consume it. However, because we've both changed our diets to exclude dairy, these visits often end in stomach pain and, for him, other discomforts that may last for days. We enjoy the game

nights, but fear a more direct approach will hurt our newfound relationship with his father's soon-to-be bride. What would you suggest? — Restricted in Arizona

Dear Restricted: I suggest you be VERY direct (and descriptive) with your father-in-law and his soon-to-be fiancée about the effect that dairy products have on your husband! Pain for days? That's terrible. And if your husband's dietary restrictions can't be accommodated, either eat beforehand or bring your own food to the gathering.

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On August 10, 2021, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55. By its application, DENC requests revisions to its fuel and fuel-related recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2022. According to its application, DENC is requesting a total annual fuel revenue increase of approximately \$22.0 million from the fuel and fuel-related costs currently in effect.

DENC's proposed fuel revenue increase, including regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 0.5118 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers; 0.5102 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.5059 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.4907 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; and 0.4589 cents per kWh for rate schedule SVF customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$5.12.

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NATION

COWETA, OKLA.

Tornadoes cause damage in Oklahoma; storms rock central US

Severe storms brought suspected tornadoes and baseball-sized hail to parts of Oklahoma, but there were no reports Monday of deaths or injuries.

The severe weather system that hit Oklahoma late Sunday also brought heavy rain, lightning and wind to parts of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Texas, and more stormy weather is predicted for later this week in parts of the central U.S.

Severe weather is not unusual in the Southern Plains in October, said Chuck Hodges, senior meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Tulsa. But Sunday's storm "was kind of more of a spring setup," he said.

"We had unusually high moisture and a very, very strong weather system that came through," he said.

Tornado warnings and reports of damage popped up across Oklahoma beginning Sunday afternoon, and survey crews with the weather service would head out Monday to determine how many tornadoes struck, Hodges said.

A possible tornado hit the Tulsa suburb of Coweta late Sunday causing significant damage to a high school, homes and a gas station, news outlets reported, and Coweta Public Schools classes were canceled Monday. Building damage was also reported in Anadarko, about 60 miles southwest of Oklahoma City.

Earlier, baseball-sized hail shattered windows and dented cars in Norman, about 20 miles south of Oklahoma City.

In Missouri, survey crews were headed out to rural areas in the southwestern part of the state to determine if tornadoes caused damage that was reported overnight, the weather service said.

The National Weather Service confirmed two small tornadoes touched down in rural areas of southwestern Missouri — an EF-1 twister in Newton County about 1 a.m. and an EF-0 in Jasper County about 4:45 a.m. KTVB-TV reported that a mobile home, a couple of barns and an irrigation system were damaged, but no one was hurt.

HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF.

California's 'Surf City USA' beach reopens after oil spill

Surfers and swimmers returned to the waves Monday at a popular Southern California beach that was shut for more than a week after an undersea pipeline leaked crude oil into the ocean.

The reopening of Huntington Beach — dubbed "Surf City USA" — came far sooner than many expected after a patch of small blunkets the coast and blobs of crude began washing ashore.

City and state park officials decided to reopen the shoreline in Huntington Beach after water quality tests revealed no detectable levels of oil-associated toxins in the ocean. That was good enough for Andrew Boyack, a 54-year-old commercial photographer, who usually starts the season in his hometown three or four times a week but has stayed out since the spill.

"There's lots of guys out so I figure it's probably alright, and I guess they tested it," Boyack said while rinsing off at an outdoor beach shower. "It's exercise. It's like, you know, if somebody was a jigger or something. We surf every morning."

This surf-loving city of 200,000 people and nearby coastal communities have been reeling from the spill. The ocean has been closed, a popular air show canceled, fisheries shuttered and local shops have been walk-ped. The environmental impact on sensitive wetland habitats has been less severe than initially feared, but advocates say they are concerned about the long-term effects of the spill.

Coast Guard officials said a pipeline owned by Houston-based Amfiply Energy that shuttles crude from offshore platforms to the coast leaked at least about 25,000 gallons and no more than 132,000 gallons of crude oil into the ocean.

The spill was confirmed on Oct. 2, a day after residents reported a petroleum smell in the area. Officials have said the cause remains under investigation and they believe the pipeline was likely damaged by a ship's anchor several months to a year before it ruptured.

From Associated Press reports

Merck asks US FDA to authorize promising anti-COVID pill

BY MATTHEW PERRONE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Drug-maker Merck asked U.S. regulators Monday to authorize the pill for treating COVID-19 in what would add an entirely new and easy-to-use weapon to the world's arsenal against the pandemic.

If cleared by the Food and Drug Administration — a decision that could come in a matter of weeks — it would be the first pill shown to treat the illness. All other FDA-backed treatments against COVID-19 require an IV or injection.

An antiviral pill that people could take at home to reduce their symptoms and speed recovery could prove groundbreaking, easing the crushing caseload on U.S. hospitals and helping to curb outbreaks in poorer countries with weak health care systems. It would also bolster the two-pronged approach to the pandemic: treatment, by way of medication, and prevention, primarily through vaccinations.

The FDA will scrutinize company data on the safety and effectiveness of the drug, molnupiravir, before rendering a decision.

Merck said its partner Ridgeback BioPharmaceutical said they specifically asked the agency to grant emergency use for adults with mild to moderate COVID-19 who are at risk for severe disease or hospitalization. That is roughly the way COVID-19 infusion drugs are used.

"The value here is that it's a pill so you don't have to deal with the infusion centers and all the factors around that," said Dr. Nicholas Katsoulis, a senior vice president with Merck's infectious disease unit. "I think it's a very powerful tool to add to the toolbox."

The company reported earlier this month that the pill cut hospitalizations and deaths by half among patients with early symptoms of COVID-19. The results were so strong that independent medical experts monitoring the trial recom-

ended stopping it early. Side effects were similar between patients who got the drug and those in a testing group who received a dummy pill. But Merck has not publicly detailed the types of problems reported, which will be a key part of the FDA's review.

Top U.S. health officials continue to push vaccinations as the best way to protect against COVID-19.

"It's much, much better to prevent yourself from getting infected than to have to treat an infection," Dr. Anthony Fauci said while discussing Merck's drug last week.

Still, some 68 million eligible Americans remain unvaccinated, underscoring the need for effective drugs to control future waves of infection.

The prospect of a COVID-19 pill comes amid other encouraging signs: New cases per day in the U.S. have dropped below 100,000 on average for the first time in more than two months, and deaths are run-

ning at about 1,700 a day, down from more than 2,000 three weeks ago.

Also, the average number of vaccinations dispensed per day has climbed past 1 million, an increase of more than 50% over the past two weeks, driven by the introduction of booster shots and workplace vaccine requirements.

Still, health authorities are bracing for another possible surge as cold weather drives more people indoors. Since the beginning of the pandemic, health experts

have stressed the need for a convenient pill. The goal is for something similar to Tamiflu, the 20-year-old flu medication that shortens the illness by a day or two and blunts the severity of symptoms like fever, cough and stuffy nose.

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Antonia Dunston, Interim Chief Clerk
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Docket No. E-22, Sub 605

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed please find an Affidavit of Publication, which will serve as proof of publication of the Public Notice as required in ordering paragraph 6 of the Commission 's August 23, 2021 *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 August Order, notices were originally published in newspapers having general circulation in Dominion Energy North Carolina’s service area once a week for two consecutive weeks beginning with the week of October 4, 2021 (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.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Lauren W. Biskie

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Senior Counsel

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NEWS BRIEFING

Fauci to families: It is OK to trick or treat as US infections decline

From news services

WASHINGTON — The government's top infectious diseases expert said Sunday that families can feel safe trick-or-treating outdoors this year for Halloween as COVID-19 cases in the U.S. decline, especially for those who are vaccinated.

Dr. Anthony Fauci told CNN's "State of the Union" Sunday that it's an important time of year for children, so "go out there" and "enjoy it."

He added that people wanting to enjoy Halloween on Oct. 31 should consider getting the shots for that extra degree of protection if they are not yet vaccinated.

COVID-19 vaccines have been approved for people 12 years and older. The Food and Drug Administration plans a meeting in late October to consider Pfizer's request for emergency use authorization of its vaccine for children ages 5 to 11.

Nationwide, there are about 95,000 new COVID-19 cases a day, Fauci called the downward trend "good news" but cautioned against declaring a premature victory since cases have boomeranged in the past.

He said he'd like to see cases drop to less than 10,000 a day before dropping pandemic restrictions, such as shedding masks indoors in public places.

Pfizer study in Brazil: In the southeastern Brazilian city of Toledo, a year went by with much vaccine skepticism. About 98% of eligible residents there have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, according to municipal officials.

Most received the vaccine offered by Pfizer, and the researcher said that presented an opportunity. Pfizer announced that it

would fully vaccinate everyone in the city older than the age of 12 so it can carry out a study of the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine.

The company will work with local health officials, a hospital, a university and Brazil's national vaccination program to monitor the transmission of the coronavirus in a "real-life scenario" after the whole population has been vaccinated with the Pfizer-BioNTech serum, Fauci said.

The study will follow participants for up to one year to investigate how long vaccine protection lasts against COVID-19 and new virus variants.

About 600,000 people have died from COVID-19 in Brazil, according to a New York Times database. Though many experts believe the true death toll may be higher, that is the world's second-highest death toll.

Sticking to election lie: The House's second-ranking Republican, Rep. Steve Scalise of Louisiana, repeatedly refused to say Sunday that the 2020 election wasn't stolen, standing by Donald Trump's lie that Democrat Joe Biden won the White House because of mass voter fraud.

More than 11 months after Americans picked their president and almost nine months since Biden was inaugurated, Scalise was unwilling during a "Fox News Sunday" interview to acknowledge the legitimacy of the vote, instead sticking to his belief that the election results should not have been certified by Congress.

Deadly Minn. shooting: A shootout at a busy bar in St. Paul, Minnesota, early Sunday left a woman dead and 14 other people wounded, authorities said.



People wave European Union and Polish flags during protests Sunday in Warsaw and across the country to show support for the EU after the nation's constitutional court ruled Thursday that the Polish Constitution overrides some EU laws. Critics of the right-wing government fear the ruling could lead to "Poland 2.0" or Poland being forced to leave the EU. **CTZARIK/SHOLOWSKI/AP**

The shooting happened shortly after midnight at the Seventh Street Truck Park bar. Police said preliminary information indicated several people fired punches.

Police arrested three men who were being treated at a hospital for injuries from the shooting. All three will be booked into the Ramsey County jail once they are discharged, the St. Paul Police Department said on Twitter.

Authorities were still investigating what led to the shooting.

The woman in her 20s who was killed in the 32nd homicide victim in the city so far this year, the Star Tribune reported. All of the other people who were shot are expected to survive, police said.

Czech elections: Czech President Milos Zeman was rushed to the hospital Sunday a day after the country held parliamentary elections in which populist Prime

Minister Andrej Babis' party came in second.

The Czech presidency is largely ceremonial but the president chooses which political leader can try to form the next government. Earlier Sunday, Zeman met with Babis, his close ally, but the prime minister made no comment as he left the presidential chateau near Prague.

On Saturday, the centrist ANO (564) party led by Babis, a populist billionaire, narrowly lost the Czech Republic's election, which could spell the end of the euro-skeptic leader's reign in the European Union nation of 10.7 million people.

A liberal-conservative three-party coalition named Together captured 27.9% of the vote, beating ANO, which won 27.1%.

Zizeman is not able to act due to his illness or other reasons, the prime minister and the speakers of both houses of parliament will take over his presidential powers if that happens, the new speaker of the lower

house selects the premier. The parliament has to meet within 30 days of the election to select the speaker and other officials.

Zeman, 77, is a smoker and drinker who has suffered from diabetes. He has trouble walking and has been using a wheelchair.

Climate march in Belgium: Dressed as endangered fish or tigers or wearing top polar bears on their heads, demonstrators marched through Brussels on Sunday to push world leaders to take bolder action to fight climate change at the U.N. climate summit in Glasgow starting Oct. 31.

Thousands of people and 80 organizations took part in the biggest such event in the European Union's capital since the start of the pandemic, which stopped the climate movement's weekly marches in its track. Scientists say there's little doubt that fuel emissions are contributing to extreme

weather events like the droughts, fires, floods that have hit regions around the world this summer.

Pakistani nuclear figure: Abdul Qadeer Khan, a controversial figure known as the father of Pakistan's nuclear bomb, died Sunday of COVID-19 following a lengthy illness, his family said. He was 85.

Khan, who launched Pakistan on the path to becoming a nuclear weapons power in the early 1970s, died in a hospital in Islamabad, Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmad said.

Khan was mired in controversy before he returned to Pakistan from the Netherlands in the 1970s, where he had worked at a nuclear research facility. He was later accused of stealing the centrifuge uranium enrichment technology from the facility that he would use to develop Pakistan's first nuclear weapon, according to the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 605

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of:
Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric Rates and Charges and Revise its Fuel Factor Payment to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and NCU Code R.R. 55.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled its public hearing in an annual, three-day proceeding on the Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC) public hearing has been scheduled to begin immediately following the hearings in Docket No. E-22, Subs 603 and 604, which are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 436 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule RR 55 for the purpose of determining whether an increase or decrease in rate is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudently incurred fuel and fuel related costs. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

On August 10, 2021, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule RR-55. By its application, DENC requests revisions to its fuel and fuel-related recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2022. According to its application, DENC is requesting a total annual fuel revenue increase of approximately \$32.0 million from the fuel and fuel-related costs currently in effect.

DENC's proposed fuel revenue increase, including regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 0.5119 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers; 0.3102 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.5059 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.4977 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; and 0.4987 cents per kWh for rate schedule 69P customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$5.12.

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 for review by the public, and on the Commission's website at: ncuc.ncsc.gov.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent customers 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 #125 Med Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent customers 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, 5051 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to utilityAG@ncsc.gov.

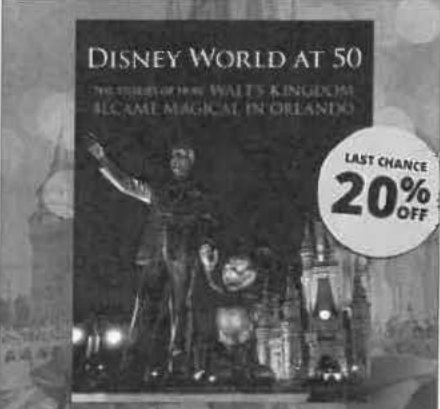
Written statements are not evidence unless the persons appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rule, R1-1 and R1-13 on or before Tuesday, October 26, 2021. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4125 Med Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This the 21st day of August, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Shreya Dastgir, Chief Clerk



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