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December 8, 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 3 of the Commission 's November 8, 2021 *Order Scheduling Additional Public Hearing and Requiring Public Notice* (“Order”) in the above-referenced docket.

Pursuant to the instructions in ordering paragraph 2 of the November 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 November 14, 2021. 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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Enclosures



Virginia Press Services

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(Order #21114DD0)

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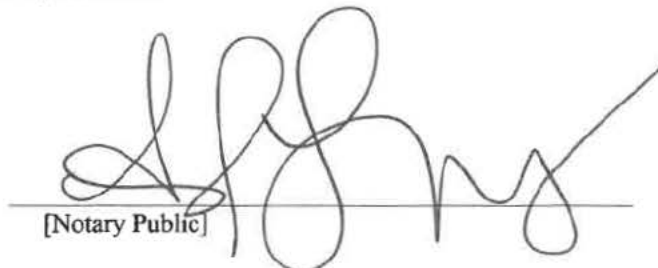
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| Elizabeth City Daily Advance 11/16/21, 11/23/21 | Gates County Index 11/18/21, 11/25/21 |
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| Martin Co Enterprise (changed name from Williamston Enterprise) 11/18/21, 11/25/21 | |
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Signature

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 1st day of December 2021.

My commission expires: 9/30/2024


[Notary Public]

CHURCH & FAITH

Gratitude: It's good for your health...

As we move closer to Thanksgiving Day, I am reminded of King David when he appointed Asaph and his associates to give praise to the Lord.

You can find the entire account recorded in 1 Chronicles 16, but one verse from this account stands out.

This verse was to be expressed by Asaph and his associates as they ministered before The Ark.

The verse I am thinking about is 1 Chronicles 16:34, and it stresses that we are to give thanks to God, for He is good, and His love endures forever.

This same thought is found throughout the

Scriptures.

Since this is such a recurring expression, there must be a life application for us to remember — at Thanksgiving and throughout the year.

What makes this verse so vital that it is found repeatedly in the Scriptures?

Let's consider the meaning.

Give thanks to God, for



**CHUCK HARTMAN
BARTMAN
TO HEART**

He is good, and His love endures forever.

It starts that we are to give thanks to God. The verse never says, giving thanks when life is going well, or when we are happy, so it says to give thanks — regardless.

The implication is to give thanks perpetually. Happy, sad, upset, angry — give thanks to God — hands down.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 reminds us that we are to give thanks in all circumstances, and it does not stop there; the verse continues to reveal that it is God's will for us to give thanks in all life situations.

Why?

Well, science has

discovered that practicing gratitude boosts immunity, decreases disease risk, and improves sleep (Sood, 2021).

God knew this from the beginning; thus, He has encouraged us to thank Him in all circumstances.

The verse goes on to state: for God is good. You know; the rich young ruler called Jesus "good" and Jesus said, no one is good except for God (Luke 18:19). God is totally good — in all His ways. You might dispute this claim, and you are well within your right, but it doesn't change the fact that God is good.

Please understand our human comprehension cannot fathom the good-

ness of God, but God did say that His ways are not our ways, and His thoughts are so much higher than our thoughts (Isaiah 55:8-9). The Scripture also says that there is a way that seems right to people, but its end leads to destruction (Proverbs 14:12; Proverbs 16:25). My encouragement is to trust that God has all things out for our good (Romans 8:28) because He is totally good (Ezra 7:24).

Finally, the verse concludes that God's love endures forever. God's love is eternal. Thus, He loves you now as much as He ever has or ever will. My love for my spouse has grown over time, but

God's love is constant. God does not love us less if we disobey Him, nor does He love us more if we obey Him (Romans 8:38-39). God loves you perfectly (Romans 8:38-39).

As we draw close to Thanksgiving Day, may we reflect on 1 Chronicles 16:34. May we see gratitude not merely as something we do once a year; instead, may we see gratitude as a daily part of a healthy God-honoring life. Give thanks to God, for He is good, and His love endures forever.

Chuck Hartman is Pastor at Up River Friends and is reachable at pastorchuckhartman@gmail.com.

Run to win...

Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize.

- 1 Corinthians 9: 24-25

In Paul's day, the Olympics were sprints of 210 yards, the length of a stadium and a sprint of two lengths of the stadium.

The athletes trained strenuously 10 months out of the year at a gymna-

um. They trained inside and outside. They had oil massages and maintained a special diet of grains, vegetables, fruit, dairy and meat.

There were lecture halls and libraries inside. They believed in perfecting the body because the motivation behind all this work

was the reward. First place won a crown made of olive leaves. The prize only went to the one who won the race. No other prizes were given.

Faul compared the walk of a Christian to running an Olympic race.

How does a person win the race? They always keep the end goal in mind. They know what is valuable to them and they stay true to it. Once they determine their goal, their path becomes clear. Every decision is clear. They make a commitment to discipline and perseverance. They avoid anything

that distracts them from their goal.

If an Olympic runner can make such a determined commitment to winning a race, we should be even more committed to winning our race. We have great rewards for winning. We will spend eternity with Jesus. We will have a world full of love.

We will meet all those who went ahead of us. That includes the godly people we've read about in the Bible.

We will live in the New Jerusalem, a place so beautiful we can't even comprehend it.

There are crowns to be won, the Victor's Crown, the Crown of Rejoicing, the Crown of Righteousness, the Crown of Life and the Crown of Glory. Some say we shouldn't be looking to win those crowns, but Jesus mentions rewards both in the gospels and in Revelation.

He surely expected us to strive to win the rewards He brings with Him. We want to hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

So let's set our goal, not just to finish the race, but to win the prize.

Let's stay faithful to our goal.

Let our path and all our decisions be made because we are determined to win. Let's be disciplined and bring our mind, body and spirit in line with God's rule book. Let's persevere. Get up when we fall and keep running.

Let's not be distracted by things that may hinder us but keep looking ahead to the finish line.

Run to win!

Sylvia Hughes is a longtime Sunday School and women's Bible study teacher, and a retired newspaper editor. She can be reached via email at Nonnations@gmail.com.

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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 of Virginia Electric and Power
Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina
Carolina Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-13.2 PUBLIC NOTICE
and Commission Rule 88-55 Regarding
Fuel and Fuel-Related Cost Adjustments
for Electric Utilities

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled an additional public hearing in the annual fuel charge adjustment cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The additional public witness hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, in Commission Hearing Room 2113, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-13.2 and Commission Rule 88-55 for the purpose of determining whether to increase or decrease rates in order to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudently incurred fuel and fuel related costs. The Commission is conducting an initial public witness hearing in this proceeding immediately following the public witness portions of the hearings in Docket Nos. E-22, Sub 601 and 604, which are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 22, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2113, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The additional public hearing is being held to allow the opportunity for public comment and testimony on DENC's revised proposed total fuel rates in this proceeding.

On August 10, 2021, DENC filed an application and testimony relative to the subject rates of the proceeding. In its application DENC requested a total annual fuel revenue increase of approximately \$2.2 million, effective February 1, 2022. Item the fuel and fuel-related costs currently in effect. This proposed fuel revenue increase, including regulatory fees, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 0.3118 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers; 0.5202 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.5019 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.4902 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; and 0.4899 cents per kWh for rate schedule NP 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.

Through a Petition to Modify Test Period (Petition) and supplemental testimony filed on October 29, 2021, DENC revised its request to a larger, approximately \$26 million increase, by including the deferral balance of the months of July, August, and September 2021. Accordingly, DENC's proposed fuel revenue increase, including regulatory fees, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 0.6094 cents per kWh for residential, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers; 0.6077 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.6026 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.5845 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; and 0.5941 cents per kWh for rate schedule NP customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$6.09.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where copies of DENC's application and Petition are available for review by the public, and on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION
This the 8th day of November, 2021.
NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Elaine Denton, Chief Clerk

LIFE & STYLE

Thankful for those food brought into my life...



CHERYL ORR
EDITION
EPICUREAN

As Thanksgiving approaches we often reflect on the year and give thanks for friends and loved ones. This year I'm so very thankful for the many people that bless my life whether family or friends or acquaintances. The experiences we share with others are what makes our lives rich. And when those experiences involve food there is an extra layer of richness that creates a bond of love.

The common thread of the appreciation of good food has woven so many wonderful people into my life. I recently had a reader request my collard recipe that was first printed in 2018. With the collard harvest in full gear now that

a chill has sweetened their leaves many southernners will serve a bowl of steaming collards to friends and family Thanksgiving week.

Collards are a staple in Southern cuisine and have been for generations. But these greens are not a domestic plant to the U.S. and came by ship with early colonists. Collards are an ancient vegetable and archeological evidence shows early Greek and Romans grew collards.

I doubt that early man had the same flair that a southern kitchen has with this leafy green member of the broccoli family. Collards are extremely tasty when done right, as well as extremely good for you. These dark, leafy greens are rich in vitamins A, C, and calcium, folate, and fiber, as well as antioxidants. Never boil, but just cook your collards at a low simmer so that all the nutritional benefits will remain for you.

It's best to wash your collards to remove any dirt,

fold the leaf like a book and cut away the stem that runs through the leaf. Roll the leaves like a cigar and then julienne them.

If you find yourself with an abundance of collard greens you can even freeze them. Simply blanch the washed, trimmed greens in a large pot of boiling water for a few minutes. Immediately plunge them in a bowl of ice water to stop the cooking process. Drain thoroughly, spin in a salad spinner, or pat dry and place in freezer storage containers, removing as much air as possible to prevent freezer burn. Freeze immediately.

This week I have included my favorite collard recipe. Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy!

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

Cheryl Orr is the chef and owner of The Cotton Gin Inn in Edenton.



COLLARDS

Collards are a staple in Southern cuisine and have been for generations. But they are not a domestic plant to the U.S. Instead, they came by ship with the early colonists. Archeological evidence shows early Greek and Romans grow collards.

Serves 6
INGREDIENTS
• 1 large Vidalia onion, diced
• 1/4 pound bacon, diced
• 1 large Vidalia onion, diced
• 6 cloves garlic, minced

- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2-3 cups chicken stock
- Pinch red pepper flakes
- Dash hot sauce, or more to taste
- 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar, or more to taste
- 1 ham hock
- 1-2 pieces smoked turkey, preferably wings
- Pimientos or Peppercorn peppers, diced
- Fresh collards, prepped

PREPARATION
• In a large cast iron pot cook bacon over medium heat until crisp. Remove and set aside.

• Add onion to bacon fat and sauté until softened. Add garlic and cook for one minute. Add collards and stir until beginning to wilt.

• Pour in stock, seasonings, and meats. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer for about 45 minutes, or until greens are tender.

FOURTH

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us, myself included. Most days of the week, that show and their network of talent produce a few hours of content that manages to be silly and insightful at the same time.

They have provided for me a sense of comfort and normalcy during hard times and all the ingredients needed to laugh, think and cry.

I'm thankful Jim Valvano took precious time to remind us of how important those actions are and grateful for another day and opportunity to do them myself.

David Friedman is a long time sports writer and lifelong believer that IHM. David can be reached via e-mail at fourthandone@earthlink.net

N.C. Wesleyan graduate releases new album

FROM CONTRIBUTED REPORTS

Will Plyler, a graduate of N.C. Wesleyan College's Entertainment Arts Music Production program, released his first Christmas album.

The new album, "Once Upon a Silent Night," became available on all streaming platforms on Friday.

The album contains original Christmas songs and new arrangements of classic carols, including "Joy to the World," "Angels We Have Heard on

High," "Go Tell It on the Mountain" and more.

People interested in purchasing the CD can do so by sending an email directly to wpnmusicofficial@gmail.com.

"I am very excited to be releasing my first Christmas album this November. I recorded and produced this entire project from my home studio in Goldsboro," Plyler said. "I owe the ability to make my own music and the knowledge I gained pursuing my bachelor's degree in music production at N.C. Wesleyan Col-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Will Plyler has released a new Christmas album, "Once Upon a Silent Night."

lege. My education truly prepared me to pursue my life dream of making

music."

An avid instrumentalist, Plyler played all the instruments on his album except for drums, which were played by his brother, Bentley. Plyler's wife, Kaitlyn, also a Wesleyan alum, sang vocals on the album along with Abby Patterson.

"Will is one of our dynamic recent graduates in music production and is doing great things in his community and in the world of music. We are all proud of what Will has accomplished, both during his time here at Wesleyan

and in his professional career, and are looking forward to his newest release, "Once Upon a Silent Night," said Tony Sawyer, assistant professor of music production at N.C. Wesleyan College, since graduating from N.C. Wesleyan College, Plyler has served as creative arts pastor at The Bridge in Mount Olive. He also produces and teaches music at Triple-Knot Studios.

To listen to more from Plyler, follow him on Facebook and Instagram at [@wpnmusicofficial](https://www.instagram.com/wpnmusicofficial).

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 405

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule RR-5 Regarding Fuel and Fuel-Related Cost Adjustments for Electric Utilities

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled an additional public hearing in the annual fuel charge adjustment cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company North Carolina (DENC). The additional public witness hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 16, 2021, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 450 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-5 for the purpose of determining whether an increase or decrease in fuel charges is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudently incurred fuel and fuel-related costs. The Commission is conducting an initial public witness hearing in this proceeding immediately following the public witness portions of the hearings in Docket No. E-22, Sub 405 and 404, which are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 450 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, as well as an expert witness hearing to receive the testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses immediately following the expert witness portions of the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 403 and 404, which are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 450 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The additional public hearing is being held to allow the opportunity for public comment and testimony on DENC's revised proposed total fuel rates in this proceeding.

On August 10, 2021, DENC filed an application and testimony relative to the subject matter of the proceeding. By its application DENC requested a total annual fuel revenue increase of approximately \$22 million, effective February 1, 2022. From the fuel and fuel-related costs currently in effect. This 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; 0.5182 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.5259 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.4907 cents per kWh for rate schedule 65 customers; and 0.4989 cents per kWh for rate schedule 67P 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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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION
This the 16th day of November, 2021.
NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Shana DUNSON, Chief Clerk

TOWN OF WINDSOR
NORTH CAROLINA
INCORPORATED 1910

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NO FATS, OILS, OR GREASE
DOWN THE DRAIN!

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Granville County commissioners, school board members, town of Butner officials and local government workers joined Onric and its staff in Butner for the groundbreaking of "Project Sunshine" on Tuesday, which aims to expand capacity at the manufacturing facility. Amanda Dixon | Butner-Creedmoor News

Butner manufacturer upgrades facility, plans to boost hiring

By Amanda Dixon
amandad@butnercreedmoornews.com

BUTNER—Onric, a manufacturer of aircraft components, will upgrade its facility in Butner, allowing it to hire more workers, it announced this week.

The expansion, dubbed "Project Sunshine," held a groundbreaking ceremony at the Telecom Drive building on Tuesday. Site leader Derek Ashcroft said that the company had hired 49 new employees over the past year and plans to continue to grow. That requires it to better

use the space it has, leading to the renovations.

The company announced a three-phase expansion that will double its space and capacity. It will build a mezzanine in the current warehouse space that could accommodate 354 work stations and 16 offices, along with enclosed focus and collaboration rooms and support spaces. The company will then begin renovating other spaces within the building.

The expansion and growth will extend through the first quarter of 2023.

Gareth Hall, Onric's President and CEO, noted in a press release that local elected leaders and staff helped move the project forward.

"It's clear how important local leadership is to make momentous events like 'Project Sunshine' happen," Hall said. "We work with a lot of governments around the world, and the cities and counties ready to foster smart growth are obvious from the start. The work and support of elected officials and staff from Granville County Government and the Town of Butner definitely made

this project possible."

The N.C. Department of Commerce in 2019 awarded Onric a \$500,000 building reuse grant, of which Granville County matched \$25,000. This week's announcement did not include any new public spending, according to county officials.

Onric is developing a partnership with Granville County Schools, specifically Granville Central High School. Additional details of that partnership are forthcoming, and it's not clear how they may be impacted by the decision of the Board of Education

to close Granville Central next year.

The company said it will expand its production, engineering and sales staff. Having doubled its staff in the last year, it hopes to soon double it again.

"We are looking for exponential growth in Granville County, not just small incremental gains," said Hall. "Granville County has the local infrastructure in place to help us achieve this goal."

Onric develops products for military, commercial and civil aircraft worldwide. It also has facilities in California, New York,

the United Kingdom and Singapore.

"I'm thrilled to have Onric in Granville County, and I know that this is the right place for them to expand their footprint in the United States," said a statement from Harry Mills, the Granville County Economic Development director.

"Onric has already proven they are ready to grow with Granville, and today's announcement only solidifies their commitment to making sure there are career opportunities for our current and future residents."

CLASSIFIEDS

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 465

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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PAULA E. PRANCE, Administrative

803 36th Street
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November 19, 20, December 3, 10, 2021

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P.O. Box 428
Oxford, NC 27565
Gene A. Parham, Executor
218 Outrigger Lane
Henderson, NC 27537
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October 20, November 5, 12, 19, 2021



Jesse Mason, right, pounds the ball to the court for Falls Lake. Mason earned Super Six All-Conference honors for the 2021 season. Amanda Dixon | Butner-Creedmoor News



Kelsey Peterson manages to slide the ball by the Southeast Halifax player's hand during the first round of the 1A state playoffs. Peterson earned Super Six All-Conference honors as a freshman. Amanda Dixon | Butner-Creedmoor News



Nathan Ung, a senior, leads Falls Lake down the field. Ung earned Super Six soccer all-conference honors for the Firebirds. Falls Lake advanced to the third round of the state playoffs for the first time in school history. Amanda Dixon | Butner-Creedmoor News



Zach Graham settles the ball for Falls Lake Academy. Graham earned all-conference honors in the Super Six Conference. Amanda Dixon | Butner-Creedmoor News

ship. Penn led the Lady Firebirds runners with a 22:32.54 time.

Other Firebirds running in the state event were Riley Tuck finished the boys 5K in 19:41.51 and that was good enough for 77th place in the event.

On the girls' side, Allison Averette ran the 5K in 25:02.43 and finished 91st. Kaitlyn Sykes finished 102, with a 26:04.02 time, and Madison Khan ran the event in 27:01.97 and finished 114th.

Madison Oakley and Jana Tackema earned all-conference honors for the Falls Lake Academy girls golf program. The duo battled for top spot on the team all season.

Oakley recorded a 42 on a nine hole round and shot a 97 on an 18 hole round. Tackema shot season best 48 for nine holes and 95 for 18 holes. Oakley tied for 44th in the 1A/2A state championship.

She shot a 108 on the first day and 96 on the second day for a two round 204 total.

Hailey Anderson also participated on the 1A/2A playoffs at Longleaf Golf and Family Club in Southern Pines.

Falls Lake

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cross-country team.

Bowman, a senior, placed 14th in the 1A state

classification, 5 kilometer run on Nov. 6 at the Ivey Redmond Sports Complex in Kernersville. Bowman ran the event in 17:43.37.

Penn, a sophomore, finished in 35th place in the girls 5K state champion-

Vikings earn all-conference honors



Staton's ability to set the ball and control the tempo was important this season. Staton was named to the Northern Lakes All-Conference team. Amanda Dixon | Butner-Creedmoor News



Jason "Blueberry" Carroll taps the ball forward to one of his teammates. Carroll earned all-conference honors for the Vikings this season. Amanda Dixon | Butner-Creedmoor News



Samantha Piotrowski lunges forward to make a play for the Lady Vikings. Piotrowski was named to the Northern Lakes All-Conference team. Amanda Dixon | Butner-Creedmoor News

By Amanda Dixon

amanda@butnercreedmoornews.com

CREEDMOOR—South Granville placed three on the Northern Lakes all-conference volleyball list and one on the soccer list.

Samantha Piotrowski, Megan Ellis and Madison Staton earned all-conference honors. Destni Bland received honorable mention recognition.

Piotrowski, a junior outside hitter, played in 51 sets for the Lady Vikings. She recorded 131 kills, 22 aces, 18 blocks, 140 digs, one assist and 127 serve receives. Ellis finished her senior season with 75 kills, 41 aces, 14 blocks, 163 digs, one assist and 76 serve receives.

Staton, a junior setter, finished with 30 kills, 58 aces, 24 blocks, 76 digs, 314 assists, and 17 serve receives. Bland earned honorable mention by the conference. Bland had 55 kills, one ace, 74 blocks, 19 digs and three serve receives.

Jason Carroll earned all-conference recognition for the South Granville Vikings. Carroll, a senior goalkeeper, played in 13 matches and had 121 saves. He also scored four and had one assist.



Megan Ellis digs the ball for the Lady Vikings. Ellis was named to the Northern Lakes All-Conference team. Amanda Dixon | Butner-Creedmoor News



Destni Bland goes up and is ready to spike the ball for South Granville. Bland earned honorable mention recognition this season. Amanda Dixon | Butner-Creedmoor News



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Rezoning, from 1A
some zoning lines that were adopted in the 1980s to make them more consistent with current uses.

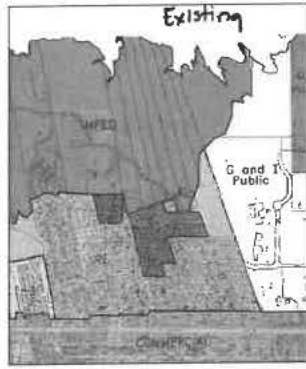
The Town of Kill Devil Hills is not involved in the land or the project; the zoning map amendment simply allows for the possibility of expansion if DEF so chooses. Sproull's proposal is step one; the amendment would need to go to the planning board, then return to the commissioners for a public hearing before changes would take place. But the town wants to be ready when and if DEF chooses to expand.

According to executive director Barbara Davidson, DEF is also considering on Roanoke Island. "The current parcel where we have teacher housing [in KDH] was built to

accommodate an additional building, but that's not necessarily the avenue we'd pursue. There's not necessarily a commitment to expand in Kill Devil Hills if we could expand on Roanoke Island."

Current teacher housing in Kill Devil Hills is located at Run Hill Ridge, 800 8th Avenue, with 24 units offering two bedrooms and two bathrooms. Buxton teacher housing has eight units. The apartments are rented approximately 50% below market value, according to Davidson. The lease is for four years and is not renewable. "Our facilities are meant as a recruitment," said Davidson. "It's not long-term housing. It's to help people take a job here, land here and get settled."

Though the expansion conversation is in the early stages, DEF is working with the Board



Kill Devil Hills commissioners discussed an amendment to the zoning map to expand teacher housing.

of Education on potential next steps, including location options and number of units. "We are definitely not close to breaking ground on anything," Davidson said.

But everyone involved agrees that teacher shortages and housing concerns must be addressed. "We're trying to make things affordable, and all of this aligns with what we want and need for the town as well as for the

county. Some of the tough barriers to entry coming here from other places is the kind of sticker shock of the price of housing, as well as the lack of it, so to be able to land here with a place to stay that's very affordable in your first year as a first-year teacher or a transferring teacher is super valuable," said Sproull.

Next, commissioners approved a site plan review for 4000 S. Virginia Dare Trail for the purposes of reconstructing the oceanfront amenity area, including a snack bar and covered seating. Sue Kelly with the Community Appearance Commission alerted the board about the community cleanup day scheduled for November 20 at 10 a.m. Volunteers will meet at Avalon Pier and work on cleaning the walkway on Eden Street.

Commissioner Terry Gray reported on his meeting with the Southern Albemarle Association. "The hot topic was the [Lindsay C. Warren] Alligator River Bridge," he said. "For evacuation purposes, it's very, very valuable to us. Also for bringing commerce

into the area." According to Gray, the project currently is unfunded, though grants are being applied for to cover the estimated \$212 million replacement cost.

Sproull wrote a resolution in support of replacing the bridge that "serves as the main transportation link along Highway 64 from areas west of Dare County. . . . The draw-bridge infrastructure of the bridge is obsolete and was closed for repairs in 2017 and 2019, resulting in lengthy delays and detours for residents, visitors, and commerce to Dare, Currituck, Hyde and Tyrrell Counties" and "is an essential hurricane evacuation route. . . and the functionality of the bridge is imperative to ensure the safety of our residents and visitors."

The mayor's second resolution reaffirmed the board's continued opposition to offshore drilling, seismic testing and leasing, due to the significant impact a potential spill could have on the environmental and economic interests of the area, such as Hartington

Beach experienced earlier this year.

Next, Gray proposed to the board extending the mayor's term from two years to four years, effective after current Sproull has already run for re-election. "I don't want anyone to feel like this is an initiative to benefit our current mayor because it is not. . . I think it would be a good thing for the town, and a good thing in the [mayor's] seat."

Commissioner Ivy Ingram agreed: "For turnover and training, two years is over very quickly." Additionally, board members agreed that a mayoral election every four years would save the town money on election costs.

Town manager Debbie Diaz said she can get the ball rolling and put the item on the agenda at the next meeting as a resolution in intent to start the process. There are five meetings that must take place before the town charter could be amended to reflect the term change, during which time residents have ample opportunity to express their opinions.

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Split vote stalls Kitty Hawk development proposal

By Philip S. Ruckle Jr.
phil@coastlandtimes.com

A split vote at the Wednesday, November 10 Kitty Hawk Planning Board meeting may see a development proposal brought back for continued discussion.

After discussing amending Sec. 42-414(b)

of town code to allow multifamily dwelling units in planned commercial developments with a maximum of 14 dwellings per acre as a special use, the four board members present were divided on the issue with two for and two against.

Rob Testerman, director of planning and inspections for Kitty Hawk, said

it was not known why so few board members were present. Speculation on the unexpected absence included Veterans Day Holiday falling on Thursday, causing the gathering to be moved up a day.

Currently, the next scheduled Kitty Hawk Planning Board meeting is set for 6 p.m. Thursday, December 16.

Dare 5 on 5 Committee meets Nov. 17

Dare County's 5 on 5 Committee will meet at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2021.

The meeting will be held in Room 238 of the Dare County Administration Building, located at 954 Marshall C. Collins Dr. in Manteo.

The 5 on 5 Committee is composed of five representatives from Dare County Schools and five from Dare County. Typically, the boards send three elected members or commissioners, chief financial officers, the DC's superintendent and the county manager.

The announced purpose of the meeting is "to discuss issues related to Dare County Schools."

Shrimping, from 1A

on fisheries issues and presented the resolution, which was read by county manager Robert L. Outen. The resolution was adopted on a unanimous vote. The proposed new closure areas surround Roanoke Island.

Another resolution was also adopted unanimously, but without commissioner comment. The resolution recognizes and proclaims Jan. 23-29, 2022 as Dare County School Choice Week and calls "this observance to the attention of all Dare citizens."

The first of two planning amendments passed without comment and added virtual and off-site check-in and management services to the

definition of hotel and motel. The amended zoning requirement was written in 2002. Richard Fertig made the request.

The second text amendment is from OT Enterprises LLC, which owns the long-vacant movie theater at Hatteras Island Plaza in Avon. The request asks to amend the multifamily dwelling density of the R-3 district and the C-2 district regulations that apply to commercial group developments that existed prior to 1992. The Plaza was built in 1988. Use-specific zoning was adopted in 1992 for Avon. The plans are to tear down the theater and build multi-family housing at an increased density.

Speaking from Buxton, Pat Barto raised questions

about parking, about where children play and where dogs are walked and commented that negotiating the parking lot is "going to be a little exciting."

Planning director Dana Creef said that questions about parking, for example, will be addressed during site plan review. The building will be stand-alone and 20 to 24 units are talked about. The vote to approve the amendment was adopted 5-0, with Woodard recusing himself.

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Manteo holding holly, jolly decorating contest



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The Town of Manteo is holding a Deck the Homes decorating contest. Those who would like to participate are asked to take a photo of their decorations and email to info@manteo.gov by the end of the day December 10. A random drawing of entrants will be held for one of three \$300 prizes, with one of the three winners taking home a sparkling trophy.

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COURTESY: ROANOKE ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

RIGC to decorate Manteo sites, helpers welcome

Members of the Roanoke Island Garden Club are scheduled to gather at the Maritime Boat Museum November 27 at 9 a.m. to assist the Town of Manteo with decorating various sites.

On November 4, club members delivered wreaths to businesses competing in the wreath decorating contest. Their wreaths are to be

delivered to Town Hall by 3 p.m. on November 29 to be judged.

Decorating committee members and those interested in helping club members with this project should gather at the boat museum with clippers, wire cutters, gloves and seasonal greenery to supplement the decorations.

Donations still being accepted for Hatteras Island Angel Gift

The Hatteras Island Angel Gift Program is a joint collaboration between the Dare County Department of Health & Human Services and Hatteras Island United Methodist Church to provide gifts for children in need.

The Dare County Department of Health & Human Services works with local organizations and businesses to provide referrals, administrative support and identify family needs, as well as to protect the privacy of the

request. Participants must live on Hatteras Island and gifts are provided only for the child or children in the custody of the applicant.

To sponsor a child in need, pick up one or more "angels" containing the child's requests from trees that will be on display at the Cockeyed Clam, Our Lady of the Seas Catholic Church, Cape Hatteras Baptist Church, Little Grove United Methodist

Church, Hatteras United Methodist Church, Saint John United Methodist Church, Hatteras Island Christian Fellowship and Buxton United Methodist Church.

Drop-off boxes are also available at each of these locations for new, unwrapped toys. Hatteras Island United Methodist Church will accept angel gift donations Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The deadline for all toy

donations to be dropped off is December 1.

Those interested in sponsoring one or more children can contact Linda O'Neal at 252-475-4990. Monetary donations to provide gifts for local children in need are also accepted. Checks should be made out to Hatteras Island United Methodist Church Angel Gift (or "HUMC Angel Gift") and mailed to P.O. Box 510 Hatteras, NC 27943.

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Angel Gift for northern Dare trees up through Monday

The Northern Beaches Angel Gift Program is a joint collaboration between the Dare County Department of Health & Human Services and the Outer Banks Woman's Club to provide gifts for children who are in need within Dare County.

Families eligible for the program who live north of the Oregon Inlet must be below 200 percent of the federal poverty level; however, unique situations are considered on a case-by-case basis. Applicants must also provide proof of income and a completed application.

To sponsor a child in need, simply pick up one or more "angels" containing the child's requests from trees that will be on display at various locations through November 29. These trees are located at: OBX Chevrolet Buick in Kitty Hawk, Outer Banks Family YMCA in Nags Head, OBX Frozen Yogurt in Southport Shores, Publix in Kill Devil Hills, Walmart in Kitty Hawk and the Dare County Library branch in Manteo.

Unwrapped, purchased items should be dropped off at the Thomas A. Baum

Senior Center in Kill Devil Hills from November 30 through December 4.

Those interested in sponsoring one or more children can email obxcw@out.com. Monetary donations are also accepted and can be sent to the Outer Banks Woman's Club, P.O. Box 302, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948. Call 252-284-4040 with any questions regarding donations. Applications for this program closed November 3. For questions regarding applications, contact Leigh Brinkley at 252-475-5366.

Dare County Center collecting items for elderly, disabled

The Dare County Center in Manteo is collecting items needed for local elderly and disabled individuals within the county. A container is set up in the front lobby of the Dare County Center to drop off any of the requested items to help support the elderly and disabled during the winter and holiday season.

Requested items include shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, lotion, toothpaste, sunscreen, Polden, tissues, disposable razors, Chapstick, Band-Aids, socks, gloves, scarves, cards, puzzle books, pens, notepads and new blankets.

Donations should be dropped off at the Dare County Center by December 10. For more information, call 252-475-9270.

Dare toy drive accepting donations; registration still open

The Dare County Center in Manteo is accepting

donations of new, unwrapped toys or monetary donations for children aged 0-16 years old in Dare County. This toy drive benefits over 400 local youth in Dare County.

Toy donations must be dropped off at Dare County Center, located at 550 Marshall C. Collins Drive in Manteo, by December 10.

All Dare County

children ages 0-16 are eligible and must register for the event. To register a child, stop by the Dare County Center before November 30 and between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, contact the Dare County Center at 252-475-9270.

2021 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Town of Kill Devil Hills offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

There will be no change in the residential once-per-week refuse and Bay Disposal curbside recyclable collections: Monday, November 22 (East side) and Tuesday, November 23 (West side).

Normal commercial refuse collections will be made Monday through Wednesday, November 22 through 24. No commercial collections will take place on Thursday, November 26. A limited commercial collection, for restaurants and convenience stores, will be made on Friday, November 26.

The Recycle Center and the Dry Trash Drop-Off Center will close at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 24 and will reopen on Saturday, November 27 at 8:00 a.m.

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LIFE & STYLE

Bibs On: Lions Club breakfast is ready

BY JOHN MITCHENER
Edenton Lions Club

Harvest Moon of Wednesday, Oct. 20, has come and gone.

I awakened early Saturday morning to ebony skies and the quietness of Oct. 23 careful not to disturb my dear darling.

As 4 a.m. nears, more than twenty-four Edenton Lions exit: hearts and home. With uncommon stealth they gather on Lake Street at the Wesley Kitchen of the Methodist Church to fix breakfast for scores of famished locals. 'Pantshod' at they have been without our fine cuisine for two years thanks to Covid-19.

And we have been without their fellowship, jokes and wisdom.

This year we serve using the 'drive-through' mode to avoid health risks that may accompany inside dining with multitudes.

No three-generation picnic indoors this year. Outside the skins feature horizontal slices of deep purple and ribbons of rich yellow. Clouds of the impending dawn emerge. So does music.

Yes, quiet background music at this wow hour. And not from a radio. Someone steps out humming "Morning Has Broken... Like the First Morning..." as if only he alone has this time to himself. Such revelry and solitude.

After a bit, this melody eases into silence.

But moments later "Here Comes the Sun" approaches.

A nice tenor voice sounds upbeat. "You Are My Sunshine..." passes.

then continues "You Make Me Happy When Skies are Gray..." Obviously Elvis is not in this group.

A unique if sleepy camaraderie is emerging from the morning dunes and dunes. A charade of kidding and pretense here and there but no hurt feelings.

We are happy to be back together to do our work. Sleepy straight faces become home to laughter and smiles.



Members of the Edenton Lions Club prepare breakfast.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Lions enter the kitchen of Charles and John Wesley.

Granite to open spoils along the worktables.

Batter, beaten and bruised into a harmonious sludge by a retired coach, will become delectable pancakes. Your mouth salivating now? Good.

Put your bib on. Unfrozen dozen pancakes coming.

Yes, a few are burnt. Re-habilitated as toast. Soon our flipping routine is down pat. Results are better than IHOP.

Nearly hundreds of sausage links are browned to a becoming color and odor. Transferred to the warmer. Dozens more are thawed with tender loving care.

Eggs galore are un-packed. Veteran Lions with two eggs in a hand crack the 'white covers' just right so the contents fall into a large bucket.

No chips or shells in the soup. Frozen eggs are set aside. Yokes are whisked into a harmonious liquid. Heat applied sufficient to create scrambled eggs which all enjoy. You can add salt or pepper as you like.

Unnoticed, native son Lorenzo Bozo arrives to help. Brings his outside mug inside. You will never guess

what he sings!

Remembers his birth in New Orleans before coming to Carolina. Still a 'wild thing'.

Innocently he serenades us with "The House of the Rising Sun."

He remembers this at a family breakfast! Give me a break! Now everyone is fully awake.

"My Lord what a morning... when the sun refused to shine."

Sensing hard stares, Lorenzo defers to the Wesleys mentioned above.

How do the Wesleys like their eggs? Hard boiled? Sunny-side up? Deviled? No one seems to know.

More stares prompt Lorenzo Bozo to change the subject yet again. "Are the hash browns ready?"

Not even on the menu! Bozo, get with the program. A pretty voice breaks through. Daughter home from college has come to help. Keeps impressions of Lorenzo to herself as she parcels out grub on the Styrofoam plates.

Who will be first in line this year? The farmers or the fishermen?

Outside the kitchen pickup trucks and SUVs arrive with windows down and yellow meal tickets extend-

ed. Folk politely wait their turn.

Those without tickets have friends named Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Jackson. Introductions made. Greenbacks accepted and correct change given.

Meals previously packed two per bag. Quickly given to new owners. Include maple syrup cups and butter squared to melt on pancakes.

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ceived three meal tickets at 4:30 Saturday morning in their home mailbox. Family to leave at 5:30 a.m. on a trip. Past week stressful. Mom told to look in mailbox for a surprise. Family day starts better than expected since Mom does not have to fix breakfast for three. They eat out with the Lions!

Later come his the drive-through path near closing time.

Two meals tickets given to a receptive Lion and two plates received.

Mutt on the back seat barks. Again. Smells the sausage. Lady driver welcomes the free meal for her fleahag Pooch is quiet. All smiling.

Lions thank all who made this morning happen.

Hopefully we can do this again March 2022 as we normally would.
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Chowan Co. Senior Center slates November menu

- The Chowan County Senior Center has set its pickup menu for the month of November.
- The menu for the coming days include:
- Thursday, Nov. 18
Tuna salad, peas, orange juice, pasta salad, crackers, cake, milk
- Friday, Nov. 19
Beef tape with gravy, spinach, brown rice, roll, peaches, milk
- Monday, Nov. 22
Salisbury steak, peas and carrots, pineapple chunks, mashed potatoes with gravy, roll, apple crisp, milk
- Tuesday, Nov. 23
Chicken salad, three bean salad, fresh orange, nutcracker salad, crackers, jello, milk
- Wednesday, Nov. 24
Baked ham, cabbage, pears, sweet potato with marshmallows, rolls, milk
- Thursday, Nov. 25
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- Friday, Nov. 26
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- Saturday, Nov. 27
Sausage and peppers, cooked carrots, roasted potatoes, rolls, peach cobbler, milk.

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IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT
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The law firm of Hornthal, Riley, Ellis & Maland, LLP is pleased to announce that Johnny Hallow has joined the firm. Johnny is a 2021 graduate of Wake Forest University School of Law, where he served as a Notes and Comments Editor for the Wake Forest Journal of Business and Intellectual Property Law. In 2018, Johnny graduated magna cum laude from the University of Mississippi, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy Leadership from the Trent Loti Leadership Institute.

Johnny previously interned for the Honorable Robert T. Numbers, II, Magistrate, United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Johnny will primarily practice out of Hornthal, Riley, Ellis & Maland's Elizabeth City Office. His practice will focus on civil litigation, personal injury, employment and local government. Having grown up in Greenville, N.C., Johnny is excited to return to Eastern North Carolina.

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SJ9 69

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Application of Virginia Electric and Power)
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Artist in residence working on new book

TYLER NEWMAN
Staff Writer

Twenty-five years and nine countries. That is only a small tidbit of Kitty Johnson's résumé. A departing writer-in-residence at the Peanut Factory in Edenton, she is a globetrotter and teacher who came to coastal North Carolina to work on her upcoming memoir, "Coddiwomple."

The Peanut Factory, a 20,000-square-foot building on Batham Road, kicked started in 2013 as the host of a nonprofit artist residency program. Since then, numerous artists, painters and sculptors have called Edenton home as resident artists.

Johnson, 75, is the Factory's ninth artist in residence and arrived in October. Graduating from Wilmington College in Ohio in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in English, Johnson returned to school in 1992 at California State University, Los Angeles to pursue a master's degree in teaching English as a second language (TESOL) and anthropology.

Her career across the world took off from there and she began her odyssey by moving to Austria to produce programs for American studies and TESOL curricula.

Having eventually worked in nations in all four hemispheres: Uzbekistan, Austria, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Mexico, Peru, Cambodia and Comoros — while briefly visiting China and Iran — Johnson gained a multitude of multicultural experiences.

Noting the "late start" in her traveling career, she did not begin her adventures



Kitty Johnson in Uzbekistan during her travels.

until she was in her 50s. That didn't stop Johnson though, who kept herself on the move right up until the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Hosting a Zoom call forum for both community members and those abroad, the Peanut Factory introduced Johnson and held a question and answer session alongside a memoir excerpt reading.

Julia Townsend, co-Director of the Peanut Factory, put on the event alongside Terry O'Neil, Shelby Ridder, cross-cultural trainer and guest host, took the reins of the Q&A session.

Highlighting Johnson's trek across the world, Ridder inquired how Johnson's early career as a playwright helped influence her love for writing stories.

"I've always loved theater when I was in high school, college and beyond," Johnson said. "I spent most of my time originally in theater, on stage or working some craft position backstage."

She ultimately worked on her own plays and submitted one to the Los Angeles Actors Theatre, becoming a playwright in residence in the 1980s. Johnson credits her ability to craft dialogue and composite story structure to her initial outing as a playwright, years ago.



Kitty Johnson working on her memoir titled "Coddiwomple."

In regards to teaching overseas, Johnson said she originally wanted to join the Peace Corps when she was younger, but obstacles stood in the way. Johnson later spoke at length about her time living in Uzbekistan in the late 1990s.

Staying in Bukhara, Uzbekistan's fifth-largest city, Johnson told the audience how she became known as the "woman on the bicycle" in a city where women usually did not ride bicycles.

Peace Corps and heard the stories of Johnson on her bicycle.

Her reputation had begun to precede her.

Amazingly enough, Johnson was finally able to accomplish her lifelong goal of joining the Peace Corps herself, joining in August 2019. Her newfound pursuit took her to the volcanic archipelago of Comoros, in the Indian Ocean.

COVID-19 eventually forced the evacuation of foreigners from the islands and Johnson returned home, where she eventually received an invitation from Townsend to join the Peanut Factory.

While in Edenton, Johnson notes that her time at the Peanut Factory inspired her to write nearly every day and accomplish quite a bit in the way of her book.

"It's given me a mid-work push to finish this up eventually," Johnson said. "Edenton is a wonderful place to just walk around and see the architecture. The weather was perfect. Learning more about the Inner Banks and the Albemarle Sound was great and I want to go back."

While it is unknown when her book — a collection of her travel stories — will be complete, the title "Coddiwomple" is drawn from an online post she saw on Facebook one day.

The definition of the word is simple: "to travel in a purposeful manner towards a vague or unknown destination." Johnson says it resonates with her.

"The title fits because I don't really have a beginning, middle and end. I've never had an end goal over these 25 years," she said.

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SALVATION

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Food Lion grocery store on Hughes Boulevard, the Bell store at Southgate Park on Elmhurst Street and Hobby Lobby at Tanglewood Pavilions.

Toni Sawyer, community development and relations manager for the Elizabeth City Salvation Army, said generous donations helped the Salvation Army meet the needs of many area residents last year. That's despite the fact the Salvation Army had fewer volunteer bell ringers at its red kettle sites.

Sawyer said people used other methods to make their donations to the charitable group. For example, donors can now contribute by simply texting "KETTLES" to the number 51556. And from their privacy of their home, they can also ask their Amazon Alexa device to make a donation to the charitable group.

Another option that doesn't require visiting a kettle site involves "posting in Love's Army"; donors make a sustaining gift of \$25 per month to the Salvation Army. And for the first time ever, donors can also make contributions in cryptocurrency such as Bitcoin or Ethereum.

Even those who do visit kettles and don't have cash or want to make a contact-less contribution can do so. Just tap a tag

on the kettle with your smartphone and follow the instructions once the Salvation Army's website opens. Payments are accepted through either Apple Pay, Google Pay, PayPal or Venmo.

With COVID-19 cases now declining as more people get vaccinated, Sawyer said the Salvation Army is hoping to see a good number of its former volunteer bell-ringers return this year.

"There are civic clubs that ring the bells every year, people from churches and some individuals," she said.

Even before COVID, however, the Salvation Army was having to hire workers to ring bells at its kettle sites to supplement its ranks of volunteers. One new thing the Salvation Army is trying is kettle sponsorships, Sawyer said.

The way it works, a donor makes a \$100 contribution to cover the cost of paying a bell ringer to collect donations at a kettle for one day. If the business or organization has a logo, it can be placed near the kettle to advertise the sponsorship.

The Salvation Army also plans to host its Angel Tree program again this year. Under the program, the names of area children whose families need help at Christmas are written on a tag, along with that child's particular Christmas gift wish. To protect the child's privacy, only

their first name is printed. The tags are then attached to Christmas trees that are posted at area businesses.

Donors then select a tag or tags from the tree and shop for the item or items on the tag. Items should be purchased for the Angel Tree program by Dec. 11, Sawyer said.

"After you've completed shopping, take the tag back to the place where you found the Angel Tree or drop it off at our office" at 602 N. Hughes Blvd., Elizabeth City, she said.

"Be sure to tape the tag to your bag(s) of purchased items so we will know where you shopped for."

According to a Salvation Army press release, the organization helps more than 30 million Americans overcome poverty, addiction and economic hardships through a variety of social services. Those include providing food for the hungry, emergency relief for disaster survivors, rehabilitation for those suffering from drug and alcohol abuse and clothing and shelter for people in need.

"We service eight surrounding counties in the Albemarle region," Sawyer said. "Volunteers and donors are important to our mission during the holidays and services we provide throughout the year."

To volunteer or find out more about the local Salvation Army's red kettle drive and Angel Tree programs, visit <https://www.salvationarmy.carolinas.org/elizabethcity>.

ACCIDENTS

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Names of the two men were not available Monday.

According to Pasquotank-Camden Emergency Medical Services, the 18-year-old male was injured shortly after 10 a.m. Sunday when his motorcycle landed incorrectly off a jump. The teen struck his chest on his motorcycle's handlebars and

hit the ground face first, causing him to lose consciousness.

The teen was transported to the former Morgan's Corner rodeo and tractor pull grounds off U.S. Highway 158, located about two miles away. He was then flown by Nightingale air ambulance helicopter to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. According to Pasquotank-Camden EMS, the teen was in stable condition.

The 53-year-old man was injured shortly after 2 p.m. Sunday when he was thrown from his dirt bike

while jumping and lost consciousness, according to Pasquotank-Camden EMS. The man had indications of broken ribs on his left side but was alert and in stable condition while being transported from the park to the old tractor pull grounds, where he, too, was airlifted to Sentara Norfolk General by Nightingale.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

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

In the Matter of:
Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company and Dominion Energy North Carolina Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 85-55 Regarding Fuel and Fuel-Related Cost Adjustments for Electric Utilities

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled an additional public hearing to the annual fuel charge adjustment cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company and Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The additional public hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 16, 2021, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 85-55 for the purpose of determining whether an increase or decrease rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudently incurred fuel and fuel-related costs. The Commission will conduct an initial public hearing on this proceeding immediately following the public witness portions of the hearings in Docket Nos. E-22, Sub 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, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, as well as an expert witness hearing to receive testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses immediately following the expert witness portions of the hearings in Docket Nos. E-22, Sub 603 and 604, which are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 22, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The additional public hearing is being held to allow the opportunity for public comment and testimony on DENC's revised proposed total fuel rates in this proceeding.

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Through a Petition to Modify Test Period (Petition) and supplemental testimony filed on October 29, 2021, DENC revised its request in a larger, approximately \$26 million increase, by including the federal nature of the costs of July, August, and September 2021. Accordingly, DENC's proposed fuel revenue increase, including regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 0.6094 cents per kWh for residential, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers; 0.6077 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.6029 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.5845 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; and 0.5941 cents per kWh for rate schedule VPP customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$6.09.

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Written statements are not evidence unless the witness appears at a public hearing and timely certifies the information contained in their written statements.

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Judge loses police shooting lawsuit

A federal judge has thrown out a lawsuit that accused a North Carolina police officer of needlessly escalating a 2019 standoff before fatally shooting a Black man.

Senior U.S. District Judge Graham Mullen on Friday threw out the lawsuit filed in June 2020 by Deborah Franklin, the mother of Darquaris Franklin, who was shot and killed by Charlotte-Mecklenburg police officer Wade Kerl outside a Burger King restaurant, news outlets reported.

The federal lawsuit claimed Kerl panicked, violated her training and "shocked" the other officer on the scene when she opened fire on Franklin outside the restaurant on March 25, 2019.

In his ruling, Mullen said Kerl probably made errors on the day of the shooting. But under the law, the judge said, they were reasonable ones.

ROXBORO

DA: No charges in courtroom shooting

A police officer was justified in using deadly force and will not be charged with any crimes for fatally shooting a defendant who was scuffling with an armed bailiff in a North Carolina courtroom, a prosecutor said Friday.

Wake County District Attorney Lorin Freeman said in a news release that his office concluded that Roxboro police officer J.G. "Trey" Wright III, reasonably believed that he and others were in danger when he shot Christopher Thomas Vaughan, 35, in the Person County courtroom on Sept. 10.

"There is not sufficient evidence to support a prosecution. No further investigation is warranted," Freeman's office said.

Vaughan began arguing with Judge Caroline Dumette before he threw a chair and then rushed toward her. WRAL-TV has reported.

ELIZABETH CITY

Several of the gears use to raise and lower the Camden Cousoway Bridge are seen while the bridge was raised on Saturday, Nov. 13.



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BALD HEAD ISLAND

4 beach homes destroyed in blaze

Three condominiums and one home were destroyed in a weekend fire on a North Carolina island, officials said.

A news release from the Village of Bald Head Island said public safety personnel were dispatched at around 5 p.m. Saturday to a structure fire. Strong winds helped spread the fire to adjacent homes and threatened the surrounding area, the news release said.

The StarNews of Wilmington reported Alan May, public safety director for the Village of Bald Head Island, said one house was occupied at the time of the fire, but the people inside were able to get out before firefighters arrived.

Officials say four firefighters suffered minor injuries, but no residents were hurt. The fire was completely contained by 1 a.m.

From Associated Press reports

COLE

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Cole said that, for example, he would like to see more young people involved with the hunter safety program through the schools.

Cole served on the Superior Court bench from 2009 until his retirement earlier this year. He was a District Court judge for 15 years before that.

While some wildlife commissioners represent specific districts in the state, Cole's appointment is to an at-large seat. The term expires June 30, 2025.

He said that until recently he had not understood how much the WRC is in charge of. Its jurisdiction covers hunting, fishing and trapping regulations; boat ramps; and state game lands.

"It's just astronomical," Cole said.

The retired judge grew up hunting on a farm in Weelsville. After he went outside to college and during his time working as a federal agent in New York, he was unable to find the time or space to hunt.

But when he returned to the area and began serving as a District Court judge, Herbert Mullen approached him about hunting and for the past two decades they have hunted together.

Cole said he mainly hunts bear, rabbits and turkeys.

He said he believes his background has prepared

him well for service on the WRC.

"Number one, I'm a hunter and I understand that part of it," Cole said.

"And then having been an attorney and a judge I understand the hunting and fishing regulations. And then I just enjoy being in the outdoors."

Cole said his favorite part of hunting is being outdoors "and seeing God's resources that he has put here for all of us to enjoy."

He said the hunting-related issue he hears the most concern about is the practice of hunting with dogs. He said the practice engenders strong feelings on both sides — those who use dogs to hunt and those who oppose it because they say it allows

inter the cash of office to Cole.

Cole's "hunting buddies" Herbert Mullen Jr., Herbert "Herb" Mullen III, and Tracy Swain Parsonmans Sheriff Shelby White called to order the special session of Superior Court held to administer the oath of office to

Beardsley, Capt. Robert Wayne, Brandon Wilkins, and Sgt. George Owens.

Ferganians County Manager Frank Heath attended the ceremony and Perquimans Sheriff Shelby White called to order the special session of Superior Court held to administer the oath of office to

Cole's wife Janice was in attendance for the ceremonial swearing-in, as were state Wildlife Officers Daniel Kennedy, John

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The meeting is open to the public. Due to the concerns with COVID-19, all board members, staff, applicants, and public attendees will be required to wear face masks. Comments can be submitted electronically for the public that may not want to attend. These comments can be sent to planning@elizabethcitync.com or through fax (252)334-1291.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 605

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina Permit to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 88-55 Regarding Fuel and Related Cost Adjustments for Electric Utilities

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SCHOOL NEWS

Baron Beat: Happenings at Gates County High School

GCHS Playmakers
Last week we had our first indoor play in over two years and it was a great success. The play was *Class Action*, which consists of many short scenes and monologues describing different high school scenarios and issues teenagers face. It ended up being a great success with many parents, grand-

parents, students, and teachers coming out to support the theatre program. The actors mostly consisted of Mrs. Toti's theatre II class. The play also featured some students from the playmakers club and even a returning GCHS graduate. Look for the next play, *All I Really Need*

to *Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, coming in 2022 from the GCHS playmakers program!
*By Charles Ross
Baron Beat Staff*

Beautifying the Bathrooms

If you're a girl and you use the bathroom in the math and science hall at Gates County Senior High School,

you may have noticed all the sticky notes on the stalls, mirrors, and other appliances in the bathroom. Girls have taken up the responsibility of making other girls feel good about themselves by writing sweet notes and sayings on small pieces of paper. As soon as you walk into the bathroom, you see what looks like over

a hundred sticky notes that are encouraging ladies to feel comfortable within themselves. This trend has made an impact not only in the bathrooms but in the halls, too. Walking in the hallways, you'll also see sticky notes on the lockers and walls, displaying sentimental messages to its readers. This is a great way

to encourage self-love and boost self-esteem. A small act of kindness can truly go a long way. To whoever started this trend in the bathroom by sticking a sticky note on the mirror, you have made so many people's day; continue to do small acts to help others.
*By Jerne Branson
Baron Beat Staff*

Gatesville Elementary School students honored for academics

GATESVILLE - Gatesville Elementary School has announced its Principal's List and Honor Roll students for the first nine weeks grading period of the 2021-22 academic year.

2nd Grade Principal's List
Georgia Preedy
Ryder Lyons
Markel Zavala
Charles Wyatt
Brothers
Sa'Mone Wilson

Honor Roll
Isabella Carpio
Kaiten Simmons

Destinee Smith
Avery Chlomodis
Joseph Johnson
Harley Ledbetter
Thomas McCormick
Gwen Garretton

3rd Grade Principal's List
Emerie Haggerty
Colton Hobbs
Cooper Lambert
Madison Matthews

Honor Roll
Kinley Adkins
Dorian Bond
Rheft Doughtie
Kaden Eason
Noah Eason
Zi'Nae Lanier

Emma Riddick
Jaylene Smallwood
Jenna Strobel
Charlotte Turner
Mysesia Zavala

4th Grade Principal's List
Marlin Foster
Michael Lovel, Jr.
Trinity Murray
Gage Chlomodis
Raylen Hayes
Kensi Jones
Natalie Austin
Reese Cain
Johann Parker
John Rogers

Honor Roll
Tasheen Barnes

Livia Odum
Zachery Patterson
Amanda Rountree
Thomas Smith
Jason Byrd
Liam Connor
Savannah Eiters

5th Grade Principal's List
Tariah Guy
Keeton Hawks
Trent Hodges
Jamar Johnson
Kaylee Lee
Bennett Owens
Keegan Ryan
Marvin Zavala
Briana Evans
Blaise Harrell
Joseph Jones

Honor Roll
Justin Powell

Bailey Foster
Adalyn Boone
Ella Harrell
Marissa Lewis
Perry Newbern

Honor Roll
Jaylin Foster
Shelby Matthews
Willoughby
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State agencies accepting applications for Summer 2022 student internships

RALEIGH - College students can apply for one of nearly 100 internships across multiple North Carolina state government agencies during the summer of 2022. Governed by the NC Department of Administration's Council for Women and Youth Involvement, the annual North Carolina Internship Program offers a 10-week, paid internship for college students interested in careers in state government.

"This internship program is an excellent steppingstone for college students interested in a public service career," said Administration Secretary Pamela B. Cashwell. "For more than 50 years, the program has been instrumental in bridging lessons learned in the classroom to hands-on professional work experience."

Students can easily search and apply for opportunities using the application portal, which allows job-seekers to use an interactive map to filter internships by location, job type and/or field of study. This year, the program is offering 98 internship opportunities from as far west as Haywood County to along North Carolina's coast in Dare County.

Applications for the summer internship program will be accepted through January 9, 2022. Internships integrate education, career development and public service. Opportunities exist in numerous recognized fields of study, from marketing to policy and research. Students can apply for summer projects ranging from network security to sustainability, workforce development, GIS

shoreline mapping, tax policy, wildlife education, aquarium animal husbandry and more. Last year, a select number of students were able to engage in hands-on projects including wildlife rehabilitation and interacting with geographic information systems. All interns are expected to work 40 hours each week for 10 weeks, earning a stipend of \$12 per hour. In addition to hands-on professional development opportunities, interns will also participate in activities to broaden their knowledge of public service and state government including virtual seminars and executive chat sessions with state government leaders for career development.

Since 1969, more than 4,500 internship opportunities have been awarded to North Carolina college students across the state. The internship program is open to all North Carolina residents attending a college, university, technical institute or community college. This year's pool of internship projects may be virtual, in-person or hybrid depending on recommendations outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the NC Department of Health and Human Services.

"The internship will run May 23 through July 29, 2022," said Internship and Youth Council Coordinator Candace Dudley. "The internship program is highly competitive and if you plan to apply, I encourage you to do so early."

Interns are selected through a process overseen by the North Carolina Internship Council Selection. Selection is based on a thorough review of applications, including academic records and interest in state government. Qualified candidates also may be selected for a virtual interview with prospective supervisors.

For more information, visit the State of North Carolina Internship website or contact the Internship and Youth Council Coordinator, Candace Dudley at 984-206-4045. Information is also available in campus career services or cooperative education offices.

RCCC offers 'One Stop Registration'

AHOSKIE - Roanoke-Chowan Community College is now registering for Spring 2022 classes and offering "One-Stop Registration" events on Thursdays in November. For assistance in completing the application process, counselors will

be available to assist students. RCCC continues to offer Free Tuition for the spring semester. Attend one of the "One-Stop Registration" events from 9-11 a.m. or 5-7 p.m. on Thursdays (Nov. 18) in the Student

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 605
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In the Matter of
Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Construction, Operation and Maintenance of a 138 kV Transmission Line and Associated Facilities for Electric Utilities

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This On 8th day of November, 2021.
NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
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STATE NEWS

New state budget approved by wide margins

By Nyamekye Daniel
The Center Square

RALEIGH — The North Carolina General Assembly approved a “historic” budget on Wednesday of last week that would increase spending by more than 4% over each of the next two fiscal years.

Governor Cooper signed the budget on Thursday. “This budget moves North Carolina forward in important ways,” the Governor said in a press release. “Funding for high-speed internet, our universities and community colleges, clean air and drinking water and desperately needed pay increases for teachers and state employees are all critical for our state to emerge from this pandemic stronger than ever. I will continue to fight for progress where this budget falls short but believe that, on balance, it is an important step in the right direction.”

North Carolina will spend \$25.9 billion in the current fiscal year, representing a 4.3% increase over the previous fiscal year, and \$27 billion in 2023, representing a 4.1% increase over the proposed 2022 budget, if the proposed state budget becomes law.

The budget also cuts \$3.2 billion in taxes over the biennium and billions more years after. It allocates more money to education and increases teacher pay, with a record amount for infrastructure and savings.

The bill includes a record \$8 billion infrastructure plan, including adding \$6 billion to the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund. The proposal directs \$4.25 billion to North Carolina’s rainy day fund and another \$800 million for disaster relief. It also increases base K-12 education spending by

\$1.5 billion, pushing the budget line close to \$11 billion. The state also invests in broadband expansion, domestic violence shelters and other social services.

Under the measure, the state would cut \$3.5 billion in taxes for the next two years and \$13 billion for the next five. The proposal would increase the state’s zero-tax bracket from \$21,500 to \$25,500. It cuts the personal income tax rate from 5.25% to 3.99% by 2027, starting with 4.99% in 2022. It increases child tax deduction by \$500 per child and eliminates state income tax on military pensions.

The bill also reduces the franchise tax base for corporations and phases out the corporate income tax over six years, beginning in 2025. It makes expenses paid with Paycheck Protection Program loans tax-deductible.

The budget plan also makes use of federal American Rescue Plan Act funding. Lawmakers would use \$545 million for 5% bonuses for teachers and state employees. Teachers will receive an average 6.7% pay increase over the biennium and up to \$2,800 in bonuses. The proposal also secures \$15 an hour for noncertified school and community college personnel.

The state budget proposal cleared the House, 104-10, on Wednesday afternoon. The Senate approved the bill, 40-8, on Tuesday and gave its final approval Wednesday morning. The conference committee proposal came more than four months after the start of the fiscal year July 1. If the bill becomes law, North Carolina will be the last state to enact a budget. It would be the first budget Gov. Roy Cooper has signed since he took office.

The budget bill also includes nonmonetary provisions, including reducing the governor and attorney general’s authority.

The proposal includes a provision to limit the governor’s ability to shut down the economy because of an emergency. Republican legislators have made three attempts to pass duplicate bills that mirror the provision. All of the attempts have failed, with Cooper vetoing two. The third bill did not make it to a full vote.

Legislative leaders also inserted a provision that would require legislative leaders to sign off on lawsuit settlements involving the General Assembly. Cooper vetoed a bill that mirrors the provision in September, calling it “unconstitutional and unwise.”

Cooper stood by his view of the provisions Tuesday, but he said he is still committed to signing the budget bill.

Rep. Marcia Morey, D-Durham, said the provisions taint the budget and slammed Republicans for not including Medicaid expansion in the bill. Increasing enrollment in the publicly funded health care program has also been an issue of contention between Republican leaders and Cooper.

Legislative leaders said they would consider expanding Medicaid in recent negotiations but could not get enough votes from other Republican members. The General Assembly, however, will study ways to address health care access and consider Medicaid expansion.

“We are voting on policy, policy that has nothing to do with money. It is pure politics to curtail the duties and authorities of the governor during a state emergency and limits the

attorney general from doing his job to settle lawsuits,” said Morey.

who also opposed ending the corporate tax. “These bills have al-

ready been vetoed, and yet we see them again in this budget.”



Vidant Roanoke-Chowan Hospital Community Benefit Grants Program Request for Letters of Intent

Vidant Roanoke-Chowan Hospital is accepting Letters of Intent for grants to support projects in the program’s health-related focus areas:

- Access to Care and Services (includes transportation)
- Healthy Lifestyles (Nutrition, Food Security, Physical Activity and Chronic Disease Prevention/Management)
- Behavioral Health
- Substance Use/Misuse
- Infant Mortality

The grants will be awarded as part of the 2022-2023 Community Benefit Grants Program; the grant cycle period is July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

Grant funding will be restricted to Hertford, Gates and Northampton counties and will not be awarded for medical research. Only government entities or non-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status are eligible for funding.

We are now accepting Letters of Intent through an electronic process. Visit <http://www.vidanthealth.com/communitybenefit> to access this process. There will be a description of the grants program and a link to the Letter of Intent process. Please ensure that you select the Vidant Roanoke-Chowan Hospital’s Community Benefit Grants Program. Letters of Intent must be submitted online by December 15, 2021.

Funding for the Community Benefit Grants Program is provided by Vidant Health. The program is administered in partnership with Vidant Health Foundation and Vidant Roanoke-Chowan Hospital in partnership with a grants review committee comprised of local community members.

For additional questions, please contact Sandra Woodard at sandra.woodard@vidanthealth.com or at

252-209-3067

State agencies accepting applications for Summer 2022 student internships

RALEIGH — College students can apply for one of nearly 100 internships across multiple North Carolina state government agencies during the summer of 2022.

Governed by the NC Department of Administration’s Council for Women and Youth Involvement, the annual North Carolina Internship Program offers a 10-week, paid internship for college students interested in careers in state government.

“This internship program is an excellent opportunity for college students interested in a public service career,” said Administration Secretary Pamela B. Cashwell. “For more than 50 years, the program has been instrumental in bridging lessons learned in the classroom to hands-on professional work experience.”

Students can easily search and apply for opportunities using the application portal, which allows job-seekers to use an interactive map to filter internships by location, job type and/or field of study. This year, the program is offering 98 internship opportunities from as far west as Haywood County to along North Carolina’s coast in Dare County.

Applicants for the summer internship program will be accepted through January 3, 2022. Internships include education, career development and public service. Opportunities exist in numerous recognized fields of study, from marketing to policy and research. Students can apply for summer projects ranging from network security to sustainability, workforce development, GIS shoreline mapping, tax policy, wildlife education, aquarium animal husbandry and more.

Last year, a select number of students were able to engage in hands-on projects including wildlife rehabilitation and interacting with geographic information systems.

All interns are expected to work 40 hours each week for 10 weeks, earning a stipend of \$12 per hour. In addition to hands-on professional development opportunities, interns will also participate in activities to broaden their knowledge of public service and state government, including virtual seminars and executive chat sessions with state government leaders for career development.

Since 1969, more than 4,300 internship opportunities have been awarded to North Carolina college students across the state. The internship program is

open to all North Carolina residents attending a college, university, technical institute or community college. This year’s pool of internship projects may be virtual, in-person or hybrid depending on recommendations outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the NC Department of Health and Human Services.

“The internship will run May 23 through July 29, 2022,” said Internship and Youth Council Coordinator Candace Dudley. “The internship program is highly competitive and if you plan to apply, I encourage you to do so early.”

Interns are selected through a process overseen by the North Carolina Internship Council. Selection is based on a thorough review of applications, including academic records and interest in state government. Qualified candidates also may be selected for a virtual interview with prospective supervisors.

For more information, visit the State of North Carolina Internship website or contact the Internship and Youth Council Coordinator, Candace Dudley at 864-238-0846. Information is also available in campus career services or cooperative education offices.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 605

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Virginia Electric and Power)
Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North)
Carolina Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2) PUBLIC NOTICE
and Commission Rule 88-35 Regarding)
Fuel and Fuel-Related Cost Adjustments)
for Electric Utilities)

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This is the 18th day of November, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Shante Davison, Chief Clerk

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

Richard Arden Medford

HERTFORD, - Richard Arden "Dick" Medford, 86, of Hertford, NC, passed away Saturday, November 13, 2021 in Sentara Albemarle Medical Center, Elizabeth City.

Mr. Medford was born in Manhattan, NY on July 21, 1935, and was the son of the late Randolph Monteith Medford and Evelyn Lewis Medford. Retired from Verizon, he had been employed with the company for a total of 44 years through its transitions when it was previously Western Electric and Lucent Technologies. An Army veteran, he was a proud supporter of his country and its flag.

Upon his move to Hertford and Albemarle Plantation, he learned to play golf and joined the curving club where he honed his skills until the very end. Dick enjoyed decorating his golf cart for Veterans Day and Christmas parades. He was a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Surviving is his wife, Carole Bottomus Medford; a daughter, Theresa Novellano (husband, Peter) of Hauppauge, NY; a son, John Medford of Westbury, NY; a step-son, Richard Esposito (wife, Debbie) of Plymouth, NH; a brother, Chris Medford (wife, Barbara) of Naples, FL; a granddaughter, Amy Salati, five grandsons, Jolan and Adam Medford, and P.J., Marc, and Thomas Novellano, and a great-grandchild due to be born in April.

A funeral service will be held Friday at 11:00 a.m. in Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, and will be conducted by The Rev. Robert Beauchamp. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. in Miller & Van Essendelft Funeral Home, 1125 Harvey Point Road, Hertford, and again in the parish hall of the church on Friday following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his memory may be made either to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, PO Box 125, Hertford, NC 27944, or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

Miller & Van Essendelft Funeral and Cremation Providers, 1125 Harvey Point Road, Hertford, is assisting the family with arrangements, and online condolences may be made by visiting www.millerfhc.com.

CLERK

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was speaking out because "I wanted the public to know what happened in my situation."

Simpson said the town has personnel policies but they were not followed in her firing. She also believes her firing was retaliatory.

"In my position I refused to allow Mayor (Carmel) Brown to review and edit the town minutes," Simpson said.

Simpson, whose job duties as clerk included taking minutes at Town Council meetings and then writing them up for submission to council, said that at first she complied with Brown's requests to edit the minutes after she compiled them. She did so, she said, because she recognized everyone is fallible and capable of making mistakes.

Simpson said she also made edits to minutes based on suggestions from Mayor Pro Tem Ashley Hodges. However, she said she later heard from another council member that the changes were not correct.

"After that I decided that I would no longer send the minutes out — that I would send them out when all of the council could read them at one time," Simpson said.

Simpson said Brown continued to request the minutes for review and to make edits that she deemed were necessary. She said one of Brown's suggested edits involved changing the wording of a motion, "which, as you all know, is incorrect to do."

Simpson said she told all council members to send any and all requests for minute changes to her via email.

Simpson said she was told not to forward to Councilman Frank Norman an email message she had received, even though it did not include any personal

information "or anything in it that the public could not read."

Simpson said she was accused of attributing various statements and actions to Brown in an email message to council members. Simpson said anything she stated in the message was something Brown had actually said or done.

Simpson said she also refused a town official's request she notarize a document for someone who had communicated with her electronically. She said state law requires someone requesting notary service to be present in person.

Simpson also claimed that some officials alleged that her "tone" in emails was combative. She also said that no member of council ever actually told her what was wrong with the minutes she had prepared.

Councilman Quentin Jackson, who voted against

Simpson's termination in September, also addressed council during the public comment portion of the meeting. He said he wanted to apologize publicly to Simpson. He told her he would fight alongside her even after he is no longer on the town council.

Jackson and Norman, who also voted against Simpson's termination, lost their reelection bids in the Nov. 2 town election. They were defeated by Sandra Anderson and Connie Brothers, who will be sworn in for four-year terms next month.

Jackson also asked whether the council would be hearing an appeal by Simpson in closed session later in the meeting. He was told council would not be hearing such an appeal.

Brown noted a closed session was scheduled after the regular meeting. She also told Simpson the council would

be addressing her concerns during that meeting.

Asked about Simpson's allegations on Tuesday, Nov. 9, Brown said state personnel laws prohibited her from publicly responding to Simpson's remarks.

"These are personnel matters," Brown said. "To disclose, I can be charged with a misdemeanor. The town of Hertford's attorney will prepare a formal response to Mrs. Simpson's allegations. She will be given a hearing."

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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 of Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina for an increase in its rates for electric service and Commission Rule RA-55 Regarding Fuel and Fuel-Related Cost Adjustments for Electric Utilities

PUBLIC NOTICE

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This the 8th day of November, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. SHORR DIXSON, Chief Clerk



WE ARE LIGHTING UP THE TOWN OF HERTFORD!!
THE GRAND ILLUMINATION LIGHTS WILL BE LIT BEGINNING AT 6 P.M. ON THE EVENING OF FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

A FUN-FILLED PROGRAM WILL FOLLOW WITH PERFORMANCES BY JOEL TAYLOR AND LOCAL TALENT. THE EVENING WILL CULMINATE WITH A VISIT FROM THE MAN IN THE RED SUIT! ALL CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE A SMALL GIFT. LOCAL SHOPS WILL BE OPEN THAT NIGHT AS WELL.

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TURKEY

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Smith said she is grateful for the federal help that families are able to receive. The families who still are being helped through the food pantry's work include people who don't receive food stamps, large families that simply aren't able to stretch their food budget far enough, and older adults in households of one or two, according to Smith.

This is the eighth year for the Turkey Drop. Smith noted the Turkey Drop enables the food pantry to provide turkeys at Thanksgiving without having to use its funds to buy them. "There has been a miracle for us," Smith said of the Turkey Drop. Smith said she appreciates the great level of support the community provides the food pantry. "It's a community effort," she said. "It's amazing how this community just comes

together." Smith said about 18 volunteers were slated to help package the meal boxes last weekend and about that same number were helping distribute the meals on Monday. "Dozens of people offered to volunteer. I have to turn volunteers away from this because it's everybody's favorite time of the year," Smith said. She said she is grateful for the community's volunteer support. She noted the Sher-

iff's Office also helped Monday with traffic control at the distribution site. Turkeys and other food items were dropped off Friday and Saturday at Hertford United Methodist Church. Volunteers at the church collected the items and sorted them before they were picked up and taken to the food pantry. At the food pantry the meal boxes were prepared based on family size. The distribution was held on-site at the food pantry

from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Dana Hurdle, a volunteer who was working at Hertford United Methodist Church Friday morning, said it's great that agencies work together so well in the community. She said the volunteers have a good time. "We all enjoy it," Hurdle said. "We have a good time out here." Over the past seven years the Turkey Drop has collected 1,167 turkeys, 5,400 pounds of food and \$7,584 in

cash donations. On average the effort has served more than 300 families a year. In Perquimans County 18.6 percent of people are listed as living in poverty. In a separate effort in Elizabeth City, by Thanksgiving meals are being served at the PAL gym in the former Elizabeth City Middle School at the corner of North Road and Elizabeth streets from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Organizers said Perquimans residents are welcome to attend the meal.

PARK

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county expects 200 additional jobs to be created once the construction of the basin has been completed. "And possibly more," Heath added. The marine park, located on 71 acres along the Pamlico River just north of the county's Parks and Recreation Center, has been the county's economic development focus for more than a decade. Heath said the county has attracted numerous investors and other residents because of its natural beauty and quality of life. But the county wants more residents to be able to work in the county rather than having to commute to areas such as the Hampton Roads region of Virginia. "We want these jobs to be the main thing," Heath said. Heath said many people who live in Perquimans County and other counties in the region already work in the marine field in Hampton Roads and county officials would like to see more of those people able to stay in their home community to work. "It's a regional project," Heath said. Perquimans really has not had any manufacturing since the departure of the textile

industry, he said. The county is hoping to reverse the trend with the marine project. "We're trying to develop that," Heath said. Construction of the basin is the centerpiece of what is needed to get the industrial park project going, Heath said. The basin is necessary to recruit companies that build larger boats, he said. The \$4 million included in the state budget for the park comes on top of \$2.8 million the county received in state funding for the project about five years ago. The county also received a \$700,000 Gold-LEAF grant for the project about four years ago. The marine-focused indus-

trial park began as a satellite or "water site" of the N.C. Seafood Industrial Park in Wanchese, Heath explained. In December 2020 the county was awarded a \$190,000 Building Re-use Program grant for a 14,000-square-foot expansion of the existing facility of East Coast Steel Fabrication Inc. The overall project represents an investment by the company of \$482,262. East Coast Steel Fabrication acquired an existing 5,000-square-foot metal building in July 2010 as part of its plan to move its operations to Perquimans from the company's previous location in the Hampton Roads area.

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could not be reached for comment. The Public Staff of the N.C. Utilities Commission filed its own testimony on Dominion's rate increase request on Nov. 5. In that testimony, Energy Division witness Evan Lawrence recommended the company's request be approved. He cited Dominion's "substantial increase in natural gas prices" as the reason. An order in the case could come around mid-December. The Public Staff of the N.C. Utilities Commission has extended the public portion of

the hearing on the request until Dec. 16, according to Lawrence. Zak: Council of the Public Staff explained that the public portion of the comment period was extended because Dominion had filed an update to its request for the rate hike. Written comments about Dominion's request may be sent to Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff at 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-4001. Comments also may be addressed to N.C. Attorney General Josh Stein, c/o Consumer Protection, Utilities, 5001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-4001. Comments also may be submitted online at www.ncncr.net.

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comment on their election plans. Commissioners Joseph Hoffer, Kyle Jones and Charles Woodard were elected in 2020, so those seats will not be on the ballot until 2024. Also elected in 2020 were school board members Russell Lassiter, Leahy Winslow and Adreese Lazen. Unlike in other area counties where candidates aren't elected until the general election, members of both the board of commissioners and school board in Perquimans are elected in the primary election. Also unlike in other area counties, Perquimans voters don't vote for every open seat on the commission and school boards. Voters cast only one ballot for commissioner and one ballot for school board and the top three vote-getters are elected to the available seats. The filing period for county and state offices opens at noon on Dec. 6 and closes on Friday, Dec. 17.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH
DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 405
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Virginia Electric and Power)
Company aka Dominion Energy North)
Carolina Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 42-13.2)
and Commission Rule RR-55 Regarding)
Fuel and Fuel-Related Cost Adjustments)
for Electric Utilities)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled an additional public hearing in the annual fuel charge adjustment cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company aka Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The additional public hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 16, 2021, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 470 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 rates is required in order for DENC to recover all reasonable and prudently incurred fuel and fuel-related costs. The Commission is conducting an initial public hearing in this proceeding immediately following the public witness portions of the hearings in Docket Nos. E-22, Sub 405 and 406, which are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 470 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, as well as an expert witness hearing to receive the testimony and exhibit of expert witnesses immediately following the expert witness portions of the hearings in Docket Nos. E-22, Sub 405 and 406, which are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 22, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 470 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The additional public hearing is being held to allow the opportunity for public comment and testimony on DENC's revised proposed fuel rates in this proceeding.

On August 10, 2021, DENC filed an application and testimony relative to the subject matter of the proceeding. By its application DENC requested a total annual fuel revenue increase of approximately \$22 million, effective February 1, 2022, from the fuel and fuel-related costs currently in effect. This 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; 0.1102 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.5259 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.4907 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; and 0.4918 cents per kWh for rate schedule GVP 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.

Through a Petition to Modify Test Proceed (Petition) and supplemental testimony filed on October 24, 2021, DENC revised its request to a larger, approximately \$26 million increase, by including the deferral balance of the months of July, August, and September 2021. Accordingly, DENC's proposed fuel revenue increase, including regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 0.6004 cents per kWh for residential, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers; 0.6077 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.6025 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.5943 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; and 0.5941 cents per kWh for rate schedule GVP customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$6.09.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where copies of DENC's application and Petition are available for review by the public, and on the Commission's website at www.ncncr.net.

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.
This the 14th day of November, 2021.
NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Sherra Duxson, Chief Clerk

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CRIME

Valentine faces firearms, other charges

On Saturday, Nov. 13, Arvon Marcus Valentine, 34, was charged with carrying a concealed firearm, fictitious information to law enforcement officer, driving while license revoked and operated a blue light on said vehicle without being authorized.

Martin County Sheriff's Office Incidents

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

Nov. 8
Credit card/automotive teller machine fraud was reported in Texas.

Warrant service other jurisdiction was reported at Stewart St. and U.S. 64 in Jamesville.

Destruction/damage/vandalism of property was reported at the Sen. Bob Martin Eastern Agriculture Center parking lot in Williamston.

Nov. 9
Impeding the progress of a school bus was reported at bus stop near 115 Willow Acres in Williamston.

Missing person was reported at 12624 N.C. 126 in Hamilton.

Missing juveniles was reported at 3751 Roy Beach Rd. in Oak City.

Nov. 10
Larceny of a firearm was reported at 17846 N.C. 126 in Williamston.

All other larceny was reported at 2616 McCaskey Rd. in Williamston.

Breaking and entering, larceny and all other offenses was reported at 3163 Vandevord Rd. in Robersonville.

Failure to appear was reported at Martin County Sheriff's Office in Williamston.

Nov. 11
Damage to personal property and all other larceny was reported at N.C. 11 near N.C. 142 in Oak City.



Nov. 13

An undisclosed incident was reported at 1691 Dan Peele Rd. in Williamston.

Larceny of gas was reported at 2200 Dan Peele Rd. in Williamston.

Wire fraud was reported at 1244 Johnson Drive in Williamston.

Nov. 14

Possession of a weapon of mass destruction and injury to personal property was reported at 13879 N.C. 126 in Hamilton.

Injury to personal property was reported at 1076 Zeke Rhodes Lane 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:

Nov. 8
Ricky Lee Williams II, was charged with warrant service other jurisdiction.

Nov. 10
Jonathan Terrell Holiday was charged with breaking or entering and simple assault.

Keishia Tasharua Glover was charged with failure to appear.

Nov. 14
Meagan Elizabeth Hurdle was charged with breaking or entering and simple assault.

Dymetri Dushawn Duggins was charged with possession of a weapon of mass destruction and injury to personal property.

Shane Barber was charged

with cruelty to animals.

Williamston Police Department Incidents

The Williamston Police Department reports of incidents include:

Nov. 8
Assault with a deadly weapon was reported at 222 Wilson St. in Williamston.

Breaking and entering a motor vehicle and larceny of a firearm was reported at 506 East Church St. in Williamston.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported at Quality Inn parking lot, 102 East Blvd. in Williamston.

Possession of drug paraphernalia and no operators license was reported at 300 North Elm St. in Williamston.

Nov. 9
Worthless check, obtain property by false pretense and uttering forged document was reported at State Employees Credit Union, 1310 Washington St. in Williamston.

Injury to personal property was reported at 107 Pearl St. in Williamston.

Larceny of motor vehicle was reported at 107 North Pearl St. in Williamston.

Nov. 10
Driving while license revoked and display fictitious registration plate was reported at Feyer Ford parking lot, 1677 U.S. 17 in Williamston.

Nov. 11
Simple assault was reported at 118 West Grace St. in Williamston.

Nov. 12
Injury to real property was reported at Speedway, 304 Washington St. in Williamston.

Unattended death was reported at 104 Mulberry St. in Williamston.

Injury to personal property was reported at 712 Washington St. in Williamston.

Larceny was reported at 118 West Grace St. in Williamston.

Nov. 13
Carrying a concealed weapon was reported at North Haughton St. near Cherry St. in Williamston.

An undisclosed incident was reported at an undisclosed location.

Carrying a concealed firearm, fictitious information to an officer, driving while license revoked and operated a blue light on said vehicle without being authorized was reported at 700 East Main St.

and River Rd. in Williamston.

Nov. 14

Assault on a law enforcement officer inflicting serious injury, fleeing to elude arrest by motor vehicle, hit and run, assault on a female, battery on unborn child, resist, delay & obstruct and reckless driving to endanger was reported at The City Cafe, 825 East Blvd. in Williamston.

Arrests
Arrests do not indicate guilt or innocence, which is determined through judicial proceedings. The Williamston Police Department reports of arrests include:

Nov. 9
Carri Lynn Terry, 33, was charged with driving while impaired and driving while license revoked.

Nov. 10
William Douglas Eddings was charged with driving while license revoked, display fictitious registration number plate knowing same to be fictitious.

Nov. 13
Jalen D'Quan Blount, 28, was charged with carrying a concealed firearm.

Arvon Marcus Valentine, 34, was charged with carrying a concealed firearm, fictitious information to law enforcement officer, driving while license revoked and operated a blue light on said vehicle without being authorized.

Nov. 14
D'Andre Jaseen Stokes, 28, was charged with resist, delay & obstruct.

Robersonville Police Department Incidents

The Robersonville Police Department reports of incidents include:

Nov. 13
Misdemeanor probation violation was reported at North Main St. near Coyote Lane in Robersonville.

Nov. 14
Voluntary commitment was reported at Handy Mart in Robersonville.

Arrests
Arrests do not indicate guilt or innocence, which is determined through judicial proceedings. The Robersonville Police Department reports of arrests include:

Nov. 13
Lomall Thompson was charged with an order for arrest.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

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

In the Matter of
Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 92-133.2 and Commission Rule 89-55 Regarding Fuel and Fuel-Related Cost Adjustments for Electric Utilities

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled an additional public hearing in the annual fuel charge adjustment cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC), North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 92-133.2 and Commission Rule 89-55 for the purpose of determining whether an incremental or decrement rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudently incurred fuel and fuel-related costs. The Commission is conducting an initial public witness hearing in this proceeding immediately following the public witness portions of the hearings in Docket Nos. 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, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 92-133.2 and Commission Rule 89-55 for the purpose of determining whether an incremental or decrement rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudently incurred fuel and fuel-related costs. The Commission is conducting an initial public witness hearing in this proceeding immediately following the public witness portions of the hearings in Docket Nos. E-22, Subs 603 and 604, which are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 22, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The additional public hearing is being held to allow the opportunity for public comment and testimony on DENC's revised proposed total fuel rates in this proceeding.

On August 16, 2021, DENC filed an application and testimony relative to the subject matter of the proceeding. By its application DENC requested a total annual fuel revenue increase of approximately \$22 million, effective February 1, 2022, from the fuel and fuel-related costs currently in effect. This 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; 0.5052 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.

Through a Petition to Modify Test Period (Petition) and supplemental testimony filed on October 29, 2021, DENC revised its request to a larger, approximately \$26 million increase, by including the deferral balance of the months of July, August, and September 2021. Accordingly, DENC's proposed fuel revenue increase, including regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 0.6094 cents per kWh for residential, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers; 0.6077 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.6026 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.5945 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; and 0.5941 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 \$6.09.

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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 as an investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff 4526 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.
This the 18 day of November, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. SARA DIXON, Chief Clerk



Vidant Bertie Hospital Community Benefit Grants Program Request for Letters of Intent

Vidant Bertie Hospital is accepting Letters of Intent for grants to support projects in the program's health-related focus areas:

- Access to Care and Services (includes Transportation)
- Healthy Lifestyles (Nutrition, Food Security, Physical Activity and Chronic Disease, Prevention/Management)
- Behavioral Health
- Substance Use/Misuse
- Maternal Health

The grants will be awarded as part of the 2022-2023 Community Benefit Grants Program; the grant cycle period is July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

Grant funding will be restricted to Bertie and Martin Counties and will not be awarded for medical research. Only government entities or non-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status are eligible for funding.

We are now accepting Letters of Intent through an electronic process. Visit www.vidanthealth.com/communitybenefit to access this process. There will be a description of the grants program and a link to the Letter of Intent process. Please ensure that you select the Vidant Bertie Hospital's Community Benefit Grants Program.

Letters of Intent must be submitted online by Tues. December 15, 2021.

Funding for the Community Benefit Grants Program is provided by Vidant Health. The program is administered through the Vidant Health Foundation in partnership with a committee of local community members.

For additional questions, please contact
Jennifer.Harris@VidantHealth.com or 252-482-6440

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Fort Branch Reenactment 2021



The Fort Branch Civil War reenactment was held Nov. 6-7 just outside of Hamlet. The yearly event happens each year during the first weekend in November.



This reenactor stirs the fire in the fireplace of the kitchen area during the annual Fort Branch reenactment.



A reenactor rests after making sure the cannons were ready for the reenactment.



Two soldiers ride in to battle during the Fort Branch reenactment.



Four reenactors enjoy an afternoon conversation during a break between events.

MARTIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS

Christmas on Main Street
 Friday, December 3rd
 6:00-9:00 PM

Pictures with Santa, Musical performance by the Bear Grass Pep Band, Sing-along with our local Officials, Food provided by Holiday Concessions, Coloring Contest winners announced, Hot Cocoa / Apple Cider, Poinsettias, Christmas Cactus & other seasonal items from High Cotton Hemp & Special appearance & goodies from the Williamston Police & Fire Departments

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 (Downtown Williamston)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
 UTILITIES COMMISSION
 RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 605

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
 Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 86-55 Regarding Fuel and Fuel-Related Cost Adjustments for Electric Utilities

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled an additional public hearing in the annual fuel charge adjustment cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The additional public witness hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 16, 2021, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 86-55 for the purpose of determining whether an increase or decrease in rates is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudently incurred fuel and fuel related costs. The Commission is conducting an initial public witness hearing in this proceeding immediately following the public witness portions of the hearings in Docket No. E-22, Sub 601 and 604, which are 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, as well as an expert witness hearing to receive the testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses immediately following the expert witness portions of the hearings in Docket No. E-22, Sub 601 and 604, which are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 22, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The additional public hearing is being held to allow the opportunity for public comment and testimony on DENC's revised proposed total fuel rates in this proceeding.

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 8th day of November, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
 A. Sherrita Dugston, Chief Clerk

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Nash County Farmers Market receives grant

The Nash County Farmers Market has received a \$2,000 grant from the DeLeon Carter Foundation to fund events like, "How 'Bout Them Apples."

This event focuses on NC apples and fall produce grown locally. Children attending the market on October 16th had the opportunity to go on a scavenger hunt and shop for items on a market list. Lists, bags and instructions were obtained at Market information booth. The scavenger hunt was free to all children that participated and all supplies and items for the hunt were funded by the DeLeon

Carter Foundation grant. The DeLeon Carter Foundation was established in 1987 by the late Myrtle Henry Carter. Since it began making grants in 1997, the DeLeon Carter Foundation has given approximately \$900,000 in much needed grants.

As stated in the original DeLeon Carter Trust agreement, "This trust is created and shall be operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Mrs. Henry's expectation that the trust's focus, and the conti-



The DeLeon Carter Foundation has awarded the Nash County Farmers Market a \$2,000 grant. Pictured left to right are: Lank Dunton, Pam Larimer, Sandy Hall, Gus Tullos, Maurine Brown, George Whitaker, Joe Edwards and Vince Durham. Contributed photo

nuity of directorships, is to be linked to her history and her pattern of concerns for Rocky Mount, Nashville, and Nash County, but not to the extent that those concerns constrain the board's discretionary powers."

A press release states, "The market strives to teach

children about agriculture and how food is produced locally. Furthermore, funds from the grant paid for an informational/demonstration table."

Starting in the spring of 2022 the market will host events that include cooking demonstrations from

Regina Mosley, Family & Consumer Science Extension Agent for Nash and Edgecombe Counties. In addition, local chefs will be invited to participate in cooking demonstrations.

"In accordance with Mrs. Henry's expectations for the grant funds, it is the hope

of the vendors and staff of the Nash County Farmers Market to enlighten the community of the importance of agriculture in the area and encourage the next generation to prepare and consume local favorites at meals," the release concluded.



Students from Nash, Granville and Edgecombe County Sheriff's Offices completed Detention Officer training at Nash Community College on Friday, November 5, 2021. The certification includes 177 hours of instruction designed to train qualified participants to function as officers in detention facilities. The course is governed by the North Carolina Sheriff's and North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commissions. Graduates are pictured, left to right, front row: Shenica Rascoe Frett, Edgecombe County Sheriff's Office; Monica Dean Livengood, Granville County Sheriff's Office; Keena Monesha Evans, Granville County Sheriff's Office; Kierra Louise Richardson, Granville County Sheriff's Office; Back Row: Kelsey Warwick Drischer, Nash County Sheriff's Office; Kalest Charlamagne Gray, Granville County Sheriff's Office; Kendra Renee Walker, Nash County Sheriff's Office and Wayne Lamm, Director. Contributed photo

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Zoning Text Amendment

The Town of Spring Hope Board of Commissioners (BOC) will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM. This hearing will be held in Town Hall in the Board of Commissioners' Chamber, located at 118 W. Railroad Street, Spring Hope, NC.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments and facts prior to taking action on the following items:

- Zoning Text Amendment 2021-ZTA-07 RB language

Citizens interested in obtaining additional information on the conditional use permit applications request should contact Mayor Gwinnley (252) 478-5166, ext 225.

Those persons unable to attend the hearing may submit written questions or comments to the Board of Adjustment before the meeting. The mailing address is:

Town of Spring Hope
Attn: Town Clerk or Mayor
PO Box 87
Spring Hope, NC 27852

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendar events must be submitted by 10 a.m. Monday for publication. Items accepted are events sponsored by not-for-profit organizations or free events. Mail to: Community Calendar c/o The Nashville Graphic, 232 W. Washington St. Nashville, NC 27856 or fax (252) 459-3052 or email to news@nashvillegraphic.com. Please include a contact name and phone number.

NOVEMBER 18, 19, 20
Heartbeats Craft Gals - 3rd Annual Holiday Sale will be November 18, 19 & 20 at the Wilson Rehabilitation Center, 1106 S. Goldboro St., Wilson. Free entry and open daily at 9 am and will close Thursday and Friday at 6 pm, and Saturday at 4 pm. Adults and children will be selling locally produced arts and crafts sponsored for quality workmanship, design and originality. There is a 10% profit for 51 and all proceeds will go to The Wilson Rehabilitation Center in Wilson. Also register for 32% off prices. (252) 201-7400 www.facebook.com/heartbeatscrafters

NOVEMBER 19
Harold O. Cobley Library will host "Turkey Dinner Craft" from 4:00-4:30 p.m. for ages 7-12. Call 252-459-2116 to register. Space is limited!

NOVEMBER 20
Nash County LGBTQ Democrats are having a Taste Day Remembrance event at The First Church in Rocky Mount at 4 p.m.

NOVEMBER 22
Harold O. Cobley Library in Nashville will host "Halloween" story-line for baby and me (ages 0-2) from 9:30-9:55 a.m., Toddler (ages 3-5) from 10:00-10:25 a.m., School Age (ages 6-9) from 10:30-11:00 a.m. Call 252-459-2116 to register.

DECEMBER 3
Start your holidays with the Ten Days of Christmas! Join them on December 3 at First Baptist Church for "A Festive Christmas!" For the first time, the Ten River Children's Chorus and Ten River Adult Chorus will combine to bring you holiday music you know and love. The concert begins at 7:30 PM, but come early for drinks from the Ten River Skating. Adult tickets are \$20 and children and college students are free. Reserve your tickets by visiting: <http://www.tenriverchildrenschorus.com/detail/a-festive-Christmas>.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
Story Time with Ms. Sanchez will be held Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. at Beaswell Memorial Library, 778 N. Grace Street, Rocky Mount.

TOPS del class will now meet at Oak Level Baptist church on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. For more information call Bobby Collett 252-904-0931

DRIVERS NEEDED - for the DWI (Drugged American) program
transportation network. Call 252-813-5306 or 252-314-1775. For volunteers who are in need of transportation, call 252-212-5568.

Drug overdoses have become the leading cause of accidental death in the United States with more and more people being treated for overdoses. If you loved one is struggling with drug abuse of any kind, now is the time to get them the help they need. Learn more about the signs of heroin addiction. If you believe one of your loved ones is abusing drugs, learn how you can make a difference by visiting <http://www.narcoscreening.com/registration.html>

Virtual Memory-Me Arts will be

held Wednesdays through December 15 from 10-11 a.m. for all ages (free). Bring a book to a carded collection of books, and hands on ideas for creating art together using materials found in your home. Participants meet in the Zoom application. Registration required. Include your email address when registering to receive login instructions. Limited to 16 participants. Imperial Centre for the Arts and Sciences | City of Rocky Mount Parks & Recreation at 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount, imperiacentre.org, 252-972-1632.

Stitching Club is held every other Thursday, October 7-December 2 from 10-11 a.m. for all ages (free). Venture outside and draw the world around you from architecture, nature and anything else you may see. Bring your own supplies. Refreshments, no instruction. No experience needed. Imperial Centre for the Arts and Sciences | City of Rocky Mount Parks & Recreation at 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount, imperiacentre.org, 252-972-1632.

City Arts AfterSchool will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, October 12-December 2 (no class 11/23 & 12/25) from 3:45-6pm for ages 7-15. Registration is \$180/child-resident, \$270/non-resident. Learn the techniques of construction and learning through visual drawing and hand-drawing. All materials included. No prior experience needed. Registration required by October 6. Limited to 10 participants. Imperial Centre for the Arts and Sciences | City of Rocky Mount Parks & Recreation at 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount, imperiacentre.org, 252-972-1632.

ADULT SCREENINGS - Narcoscan can help you take steps to overcome addiction in your family. Call today for free screenings or referrals. 1-800-411-1754

Screening classes will be held Saturdays, October 16-December 11 (90 days) 11:00-12:00 from 10a-1pm for ages 14 and older. Registration is \$180/city-resident, \$207/non-resident. Paid for the complete beginning to learn the basics of day. Proper weighing, confirming, timing and gluing. All are welcome to work at their own pace and make a variety of cylinders and bowls. All materials included. No prior experience needed. Registration is required by October 11. Limited to 10 participants. Imperial Centre for the Arts and Sciences | City of Rocky Mount Parks & Recreation at 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount,

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22 SUB 605

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC) Carolina Power to N.C.G.S. § 62-132.2 and Commission Rule R6-55 Regarding Fuel and Fuel-Related Cost Adjustments for Electric Utilities

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This 8th day of November, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Shonora Duveton, Chief Clerk

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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DECEMBER

Nash Arts Center presents its 20th annual production of "A Christmas Carol" featuring local performers. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 3, 4, 10 and 11. Matinee performances are December 5 and 12. General admission is \$11; Students, \$6. For more information call 459-4754.

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DECEMBER 6

Harold D. Cooke Library in Nashville will host Storytime with Mrs. Claus from 6-7:30 p.m. on December 6th. No registration necessary. For more information call 459-2106.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Zoning Text Amendment The Town of Spring Hope Board of Commissioners (BOC) will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM. This hearing will be held in Town Hall in the Board of Commissioners' Chamber, located at 110 W. Railroad Street, Spring Hope, NC. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments and facts prior to taking action on the following items: Zoning Text Amendment 2021-ZTA-08 regarding addition to Permitted Table of Uses-Auction House-U. Citizens interested in obtaining additional information on the permit applications request should contact Mayor Gwatney (252) 478-5186, ext 225. Those persons unable to attend the hearing may submit written questions or comments to the Board of Adjustment before the meeting. The mailing address is: Town of Spring Hope Attn: Town Clerk or Mayor PO Box 67 Spring Hope, NC 27882

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Shredding Saturday Event To Be Held On December 4th In Two Locations

Mark your calendars to Saturday, December 4, 2021, the next Shredding Saturday event sponsored by the New Bern Breakfast Rotary Club. Collect all those papers, reports, receipts, and other confidential information to be safely shredded onsite. From 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, collection and shredding will take place at the Fairfield Harbour Community Center, and from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, the event will move to the Cotton Funeral Home on Neuse Blvd.

This bi-annual fundraiser supports the Breakfast Rotary's scholarships and charitable activities both locally and around the world. The first bankers-box of papers is free, with additional boxes charged at \$10 each, which is about one third of the cost for commercial shredding. Businesses bringing confidential records are asked to donate \$20 per box.



Barbara Belon & Mitch Khoury

Don't Let Your Coverage Go to Waste

The New Year is right around the corner, so head into the new year as healthy as possible. Your dental benefits might expire at the end of the year; don't let them go to waste. If you haven't had your six-month dental checkup this year, it's the perfect time to get one on your calendar. One of the easiest ways to stay healthy is maintaining optimal oral care. Since oral health reflects overall wellness, visiting the dentist regularly can reduce the risk of disease. Most dental plans typically include preventive care so don't let your dental dollars go to waste.

Delaying dental appointments can negatively impact your oral health and sometimes cause problems or diseases to worsen," said Dr. Daniel Duffy of Live Oak Dental in Wilmington, N.C. "Dentists are following infection control protocols and taking precautions to ensure patients have the safest environment, so you can be confident it's safe to visit the dentist even during the pandemic."

The North Carolina Dental Society recommends three ways to make the most out of your coverage:

- **Consult with your dentist:** Talk with your dentist about ways to help maintain your oral hygiene. During your appointment, ask your dentist if you need to have any procedures completed. Look over your coverage and make a treatment plan with your dentist.
- **Obtain a list of eligible expenses:** Find out which services and products are covered under your plan and your deadline to submit expenses. Many FSA's include a grace period of up to 2.5 months after the deadline to use your benefits. Note that most Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) cannot be used for cosmetic such as teeth whitening, veneers, or cosmetic braces.
- **Book appointments as soon as possible:** Be sure to make your dental appointments as soon as possible. Oral health is directly related to your overall health, so it's just as important as ever to continue going to your regular preventive appointments.



Award-Winning CarolinaEast Medical Center Performs 6,000th Open Heart Surgery

(New Bern, NC) - On Friday, November 5, 2021, CarolinaEast Medical Center performed its 6,000th open heart surgery. Dr. Piotr Dumicz, a Cardiac Surgeon at CarolinaEast, performed a quadruple bypass on Friday morning, which marked the remarkable milestone.

"I started at CarolinaEast 15 years ago and I think at that time we were around 1,400 open heart surgeries. I'm very happy we got to 6,000 and I think it is a credit to the institution," said Dr. Dumicz. "We have seen a lot of hearts, but this one is definitely special." In celebrating the 6,000th open heart surgery, CarolinaEast is recognizing all employees for their contributions.

"We started thinking about all of the hands throughout CarolinaEast that touch these surgeries. You have our Environment Services staff that clean the rooms. There are nurses, respiratory therapists, cardiopulmonary staff, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and more," said Ashley Mares, Clinical Manager of CarolinaEast's cardiovascular units. "When you start looking at all of the people that have played a role in these surgeries, it's almost every department and they all deserve to be recognized."



Dr. Dumicz

The cardiac achievements at CarolinaEast Medical Center extend beyond 6,000 open heart surgeries. CarolinaEast has been recognized by the American College of Cardiology (ACC) for outstanding achievement and outcomes in its comprehensive array of cardiac services. The American College of Cardiology (ACC) has recognized CarolinaEast Medical Center for its demonstrated commitment to comprehensive, high-quality culture and cardiovascular care. CarolinaEast was awarded the HeartCare Center National Distinction of Excellence based on meeting accreditation criteria, and through their ongoing performance registry reporting.

Hospitals and health systems that have earned an ACC HeartCare Center designation have met a set of criteria, including participating in at least two ACC Accreditation Services programs, NCDR registries and targeted quality improvement campaigns. CarolinaEast was also awarded Cardiac Cath Lab Accreditation with PCI based on rigorous onsite evaluation of the staff's ability to evaluate, diagnose and treat patients who come to the cardiac cath lab.

"CarolinaEast Medical Center has demonstrated its commitment to providing New Bern and Coastal North Carolina with excellent heart care," said Deepak L. Bhatt, MD, MPH, FACC, chair of the ACC Accreditation Management Board. "ACC Accreditation Services is proud to award CarolinaEast with the HeartCare Center designation and Cardiac Cath Lab Accreditation with PCI."

Hospitals receiving the HeartCare Center designation from the ACC have demonstrated their commitment to consistent, high-quality cardiovascular care through comprehensive process improvement, disease and procedure-specific accreditation, professional excellence, and community engagement. CarolinaEast has proven to be a forward-thinking institution with goals to advance the cause of sustainable quality improvement.

CarolinaEast Medical Center has also been recognized as a Certified Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehab Association, an Accredited Echocardiography Lab and an Accredited Vascular Lab by the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission, and an Accredited Nuclear Cardiology Lab by the American College of Radiology. The American Heart Association has awarded CarolinaEast with the Chest Pain-MI Registry Platinum Performance Award, Mission Lifeline Silver Receiving Award, and Mission Lifeline EMS Gold Plus Award.

About CarolinaEast Health System

CarolinaEast Health System has been serving the growing needs of the coastal North Carolina community since 1963. In addition to the system's flagship, 350 bed CarolinaEast Medical Center, CarolinaEast includes a rehabilitation hospital, free-standing surgery center, the SECU Comprehensive Cancer Center, and numerous CarolinaEast Physician practices providing primary and specialty care for all phases of life from offices in four counties.

Pamlico Veterans Honored with Drive-Thru Lunch

by: Miam Lupton

For the second year in a row, Pamlico County Veterans were given a drive thru-lunch as a way to show appreciation for their service to our country. The event began at noon last Saturday at the Fred A. Anderson Elementary School parking lot and the line began forming well in advance of distribution. The volunteers helping with the distribution and the vets waiting in line were entertained by live music performed by the always awesome Pamlico Schools Band under the direction of Mr. James Durham. According to Gail Vergata, Pamlico County Veterans Service Officer, 125 fried chicken plates were prepared and nearly all were distributed. Veterans also received gift bags and raffle prize tickets. Thanks are extended to Mary Kirk of the Goose Creek Volunteer Fire Department for donating mugs and t-shirts, and to the Pamlico County Register of Deeds, Lynn Lewis, for gift bags and raffle prizes. A special thank you also goes out to the veteran volunteers who came to help distribute the lunches and of course the biggest thanks go out to the Veterans of Pamlico County who served our Country. Just a small way to say how much we appreciate your service.



The Pamlico Schools Band performed for Veterans and Volunteers during the Drive-Thru Appreciation Lunch.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 605

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A. Shontia Dunston, Chief Clerk

How to turn free-market society into New World Order

By FLORIAN DELGEN, PH.D., PD
Special to The Beacon

"Difficile est, mirum non scribere" (Laelius)

You start by brainwashing at least two generations of young citizens into believing that equality, equity, and security are more important values than liberty, freedom, and competence. This is readily accomplished by the teachers and professors of the enlightened education system, which will produce snowflakes that are afraid of their own shadow and demand to be protected and supported by the government. Be sure you have the mainstream media on your side, because you will need them to repeat your lies until they become truths (the Goebbels Principle).

Next, you create a problem or two. You convince people that unless we end fossil fuel, the world will burn up. Never mind the scientific facts. Just make sure your computer models confirm your doomsday predictions. As a short-term topping on the climate scare cake you declare a relatively mild and controllable flu that affects mainly older people with defect immune systems



and has a 99.7 recovery rate to be a deadly "pandemic" that will wipe out humankind unless we cover our faces with masks, stay at least six feet away from each other, and close all businesses that require direct encounter between people (lockdowns). This will make sure you disrupt all social and emotional interaction between your future subjects and that you lastingly ruin the entrepreneurial middle class, which needs to go anywhere, because its representatives are the main believers in the antiquated values of personal freedom and free enterprise, neither of which have a legitimate place in your new world order.

It is important that you install deep fear in a large number of

people. This is accomplished by media repetition and by bribing journalists, scientists, and medical doctors to urge people to be tested, vaccinated and hospitalized. Even if the vaccinations are ill-tested and designed to alter the human immune system through nanotechnology, they will serve the good purpose by making even more people sick.

The lockdowns will not only lastingly weaken the freedom-loving middle class, they will also strengthen global corporations, make formerly independent people dependent on government subsidies, increase debt, accelerate inflation, and help push the population toward cashless payment.

Produce fake statistics to show that the pandemic is not letting up and that ever more drastic measures are needed to enforce compliance with the government's rules for controlling the climate and stopping the pandemic. Impose contact tracing, make mask wearing mandatory (including for children), and impose "Health Passports". Enforce vaccination. Your best enforcement tools are

disallowing the unvaccinated access to food stores, banks, and restaurants. Think of them as "unbelievers" and pin a discriminating symbol on them—perhaps a yellow star with "UV" on it for "Un-Vaccinated". You can also block their bank accounts, sequester their incomes, deny them access to medical attention and their children access to school, revoke their driver licenses, disrupt their Internet and phone communication, or even put them under house arrest. The "unvaccinated" must be treated like outcasts of society. Every neighborhood needs a "neighborhood warden" who watches over the people in his precinct and reports any non-conforming behavior to government authorities, which can then send the offenders to an ROC "re-programming camp". Worked for the Nazis. Will work for you.

Going cashless will give the government (you) complete control over the lives of the people. Once cash money has been eliminated and people have to use digital systems for any financial transaction, they will not be able to even sell an old pair of shoes at a yard

sale without the government knowing about it and being able to tax the transaction.

The final touch to your effort to bring about the New World Order will be the use of implanted chips. Like Roman Catholic baptism, it is best done with the newborn baby. Make it voluntary first and let people get used to it. Then make it mandatory. Microchip implants will end all privacy and personal liberty. The government will now be able to control every move a person makes.

Evil-spirited reactionaries will call your New World Order authoritarian fascism or totalitarian communism. But do not worry. It's all for the good cause. The Germans have a nice saying: "Wo gehobelt wird, da fallen Späne" approximately: "Where planning is done, chips fall". And it has always been a good collectivist principle that the cause justifies the means.

So, just keep chipping away and you will eventually arrive at your wonderful New World Order.

The Roanoke Beacon welcomes readers' thoughts in Mr. Delgen's articles. Direct comments to: editor@roanokebeacon.com.

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INDICTMENT

committed a crime that is punishable.

No, the Kyle Rittenhouse case is yet another highly politicized case that is an indictment of the average citizen, as well as America at large.

When I say that it's an indictment of the average citizen, I mean that the idea of citizens mobilizing against the predators of the left to save themselves and protect private property when the state refuses to do, is one of the things on trial.

Let's not forget the context in which the Rittenhouse case took place.

As a recap, Kenosha, Wisconsin, was set on fire by malcontents after police shot Jacob Blake,

who was in the midst of resisting arrest while armed with a knife after being credibly accused of sexually assaulting an old girlfriend.

After the media declared that another black man had been unjustly shot by the police for no apparent reason other than racism, some folks took to the streets to protest, while the vast majority went out to burn, pillage and destroy people's property, while police simply watched the carnage unfold.

This is where Rittenhouse comes in.

The then 17-year-old went to the city to provide aid to victims and protestors alike and defend property. Notably,

he armed himself with an AR-15 provided by a friend after touching down in the city.

At some point during the night, Rittenhouse was chased down by a mob of rioters, who attempted to beat him as he fled from them and tried to convince them that he was "friendly."

Eventually, Rittenhouse was cornered. One of his pursuers, Joseph Rosenbaum, tried to snatch his gun away and Rittenhouse shot and killed him. This shooting prompted others to give chase again until he tripped and was kicked in the head. Soon after, another man, Anthony Huber, tried to hit Rittenhouse in the face with

a skateboard and grab his gun and was shot for his trouble.

Rittenhouse then ended up shooting Galge Grotzkreuz, who ran up to him moments later with his handgun pointed at him. Grotzkreuz survived the encounter but was wounded in his hip.

Now, all of this is on tape and during the trial, even Grotzkreuz himself confirmed the events as witnessed on the video.

And yet the media has decided that this case is simply another story of budding white supremacy, despite everyone involved being white.

In my opinion, the Rittenhouse case is clearly one of self-defense. It's perfectly reasonable to say that Rittenhouse had no business being involved, or carrying a gun he got from a friend. But that isn't what's really on trial here.

This is another clear case

of the news media and activists telling us to believe them, rather than our own eyes and ears.

Which, as always, is exactly the sort of world that leftists everywhere are trying to create and sadly are becoming more successful at.

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In the Matter of
Application of Virginia Electric and Power)
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and Commission Rule 68-55 Regarding)
Fuel and Fuel-Related Cost Adjustments)

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Plymouth's Turkey Bowl set for Thanksgiving

By DALE HEBERLIG
Staff Writer

Plymouth's Thanksgiving Turkey Bowl football game — a neighborhood tradition, and unofficial reunion, for more than two decades — celebrates two aspects of manhood when teams of young(men) men square off in a physical contest that also provides an opportunity to serve a charitable community cause.

The game begins about 10 a.m. Thanksgiving morning on the athletic field across the street from the Washington County recreation center on Adams Street.

It's full-contact football among adult men, complete with 11-man offenses and defenses, two referees and an official timekeeper. Crowds of spectators have enhanced the atmosphere in recent years.

Damien Linson and Key in Riddick play key roles in continuing the Turkey Bowl presence that began in their childhoods with little fanfare more than 20



Pitching in to complete some field repairs prior to the Thanksgiving Day Turkey Bowl in Plymouth were, from left, Joel Bell, Damien Linson, Kasha Holley, Avoen Braxton and Kevin Riddick. (Staff photo by Dale Heberlig)

years ago and became an unofficial tradition over the years. "I remember people driving around to find

players back then," Linson recalls. "Now, we just make a phone call and people come." In its current form, the

Turkey Bowl attracts church groups, friends and family, spectators and vendors, in addition to participants, who sign liability waivers before taking the field. Riddick, who was reared in Plymouth's White City neighborhood, says the game

strengthens the community spirit and instills a "homecoming" aspect to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Linson, also the product of a White City youth, elaborates, saying, "Many who were raised here go away when they're grown, they haven't seen others in years and there's really no place here (Plymouth) for a reunion."

He says the Turkey Bowl provides that place.

"Many have a passion for things and like to compete. This is a chance to express that aggression without the anger."

Riddick says, "It's a time to talk trash and release." And, for a good cause.

Those who play, pay a sign-up fee and some spectators make donations, as well.

The proceeds go to a selected family in need of help.

And, after the dust settles?

"When the game's over, it's time to go eat," Linson notes.

Plymouth adopts maps for voting districts

By MARY WARR
Editor and Publisher

Plymouth Town Council approved changes to voting wards, required because of population shifts that came to light in the 2020 Census. Census numbers indicate that Plymouth now has a population of 3,210 — down from 3,728 in 2010, a reduction of 16.14 percent. For each of the town's three voting wards to be divided evenly, there

would be 1,070 people in each ward. However, they were out of balance, with 956 in Ward I, 1,279 in Ward II and 975 in Ward III. To be in compliance with law, the town is required to redraw those voting maps.

Town manager Chris Layton presented three options during the council meeting Monday evening, October 11. Council preferred option two, bringing the balance of people close to the 1,070 optimum number, and being geographically easy to understand.

That clears the way for candidates for council and the mayoral seat to begin filing their intention to seek office on December 6. The filing period will remain open until noon December 17. The election, which was delayed awaiting census numbers, will be held March 8, 2022. The new map adds the area between Rankin Lane to East Main Street and Creekside Drive and the railroad track to Ward I. The area between Jackson Heights Drive and Ridgeway Drive would be added to Ward II. This means wards would basically adhere to boundaries of Washington Street and US Highway 64. Exceptions to the rule include a section of Jackson Heights community, bordered by Jackson Heights Drive, East Main and Mckees Road, and from East Main to Rankin Lane, bordered by the railroad track and US Highway 64, which would be a part of Ward II. Also, a section along Washington Street between East Fourth and Adams streets are now in Ward III.

Arlington to Appomattox

The Museum of the Albemarle will host its monthly 2nd History for Lunch on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 12 p.m.

Charles R. Knight, Author and Curator of Military History at the North Carolina Museum of History, focuses on Robert E. Lee in his recent book. The book looks at what the general was doing when he was out of History's "public" eye by focusing on where he was, who he was with, and what he was doing day by day that offers an entirely different appreciation for Lee. Readers will learn of Lee's struggles, both personal and professional, and discover many things about him for the first time using personal correspondence and papers from his family, his staff, his lieutenants, and the men of his army. Based on hundreds of first-person accounts, Arlington to Appomattox offers a unique and well-rounded portrait of who Lee really was.

The Museum will offer the History for Lunch in-person and through Zoom. Register in advance through the Museum's Facebook page or website to receive link to attend lecture virtually.

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Martin Tyrrell Washington District Health Department (MTW) staffers were recently sworn in as officers of the Eastern District North Carolina Public Health Association. Health Director Wes Gray, left, was sworn in as President. Andrea Freeman, second from left, Finance Officer, was sworn in as vice-president. With Gray and Freeman are secretary/treasurer Djuana Register and immediate past president Rhonda Ashby. (Courtesy photo)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Sims leads eight Hawks as All-Conference picks

England native earns third Defensive Player of the Year honor

GREENVILLE, S.C. — The Chowan men's soccer team produced eight members on the Conference Carolinas Men's Soccer All-Conference teams announced by the league office on Wednesday selected by the league's head coaches.

For the third time in his career, Toby Sims would be named Conference Carolinas Defensive Player of the Year. Sims would also pick up First Team All-Conference nod for the fourth time in his career.

During his freshman season, Sims was named Conference Carolinas Second Team. Sims was selected Conference Carolinas Defensive Player of the Year in 2018 and 2019.

The Tuxford, England native paced the Hawks with 11 goals this season, along with six shutouts.

Joining Sims on the First Team is Harri Lovett. The Wrexham, Wales native collected a league-leading 14 assists. Lovett notched his second straight First Team nod after leading the league in assists during the Spring season.

Picking up Second Team honors were Tren Drexhage, Erik Ruiz, and Timo De Graaf. Drexhage was second on the team with five assists and posted two goals from the striker position. Ruiz, earning his first all-conference selection, tallied four goals and four assists on the season from his mid-field position. Manning the back-line defense with Sims, De Graaf earned a Second Team selection, aiding in six

shutouts and recording a hat-trick against Southern Wesleyan. Rounding out the All-Conference selections are James Randall, Sam Hall, and Charlie Farrar on the Third Team. Randall and Hall posted four goals this season. Hall picked up his second all-conference selection after being named Third Team in 2019. Farrar, a freshman goalkeeper, posted an 11-3-1 overall record in goal with five shutouts. Farrar finished the regular season with the second best goal against average in the league with 0.99.



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Hawks win on penalty kicks, advance to Sweet 16

Chowan University tops West Florida in NCAA DII Men's Soccer Tournament

PENSACOLA, Fla. — The first NCAA postseason contest for the Chowan men's soccer team produced all the excitement a fan could ask for in a 1-1 double-overtime draw that led to the Hawks advancing to the NCAA DII Men's Soccer Sweet 16 on penalty kicks against West Florida here Sunday afternoon.

"It was a fantastic performance by the team today, to go through all of the penalty kicks that we had to score, showed

that we worked hard on it and something that we are proud of," said Chowan head coach Chris Whalley. "The effort from the group was fantastic and they deserved to win the game."

After the second overtime period with teams still locked in a 1-1 tie, Harri Lovett started off the shootout with a conversion. Sam Hall converted before Charlie Farrar made a save to give the Hawks a 2-1 lead. Toby Sims and

Tren Drexhage converted before the UWFP keeper made a save to even the shootout at 4-4. Dennis Bates, Erik Ruiz, Zouhair Betteche, Wesley Iles, and Alex Espinoza converted the next five as the Argos followed suit, 9-9.

Hall started off the next round with a conversion before Sims, Lovett, and Drexhage converted to lead 13-12.

Farrar then sealed the win, making a save that allowed Hawks to advance to the Sweet 16.

"We obviously worked hard on our penalty kicks, but also worked hard on our shape and ways we thought we could hurt them," Whalley said. "We thought that we were the better team in regulation, and could have won in regulation if we took our chances."

"We didn't come down here to be one of the numbers, we feel that we are one of the best teams in the country and can try to play with anybody," Whalley

continued. "In games like this there are ebbs and flows, I think Toby (Sims) is one of the best players in the country, and scoring a crazy own goal, sometimes those things happen, that was against the run of play, we were the better team at the time. Then, one of our other big time leaders, Harri Lovett, stepped up and scored a fantastic goal to get us back in the game. Charlie (Farrar) would step up and made a big save and he did, which was a

massive save for us."

The scoreless match would be broken in the 88' as the Hawks tallied an own goal off miscommunication to give West Florida a 1-0 lead. The Argos' lead did not hold long as Lovett finished off the rebound in the left corner for the equalizer in the 68'.

Chowan will take on Nova Southeastern in the NCAA Division II Third Round (Sweet Sixteen). More details will be made available at a later time.

Late dry spell dooms Chowan women

RICHMOND, VA. — The Chowan women's basketball team would go scoreless over the last 2:30 of the contest after leading by one before falling to Virginia Union 55-50 on the road in non-conference action here Friday.

Destiny Robinson notched her second double-double of the season with 17 points and 16 rebounds. Robinson added four steals and four blocks.

Monique Jones tallied 12 points and seven rebounds. Olivia Gaither collected seven rebounds and five assists.

Chowan shot 38.0% from the floor. The Hawks committed 24 turnovers, leading to 23 points for the Panthers.

VUU raced out to an 18-12 lead before Robinson ended the first quarter with a layup to trail 18-14.

That four-point VUU cushion increased to seven (27-20) by halftime as both teams struggled offensively in the second period.

Jones scored the opening six points in the third quarter to cut the deficit to 27-25. Aniah Patterson and Gaither posted a bucket each to hand the lead back to the Hawks, 30-29.

The Panthers went on a 7-0 run to lead 36-30

before Keibra Hopkins knocked down a jumper. Jones added a bucket and Patterson picked up two buckets before the end of the quarter to even the score at 38-38.

Demetria Bland knocked down the only three of the contest for the Hawks to even the score at 41-41 early in the quarter.

The Panthers would go on a 6-0 run to lead

47-41 with 5:11 remaining in the contest. Jones and Robinson closed the gap to 47-45. Robinson finished off the old-fashioned three-point play to close the gap once again, 49-48.

Jones gave the Hawks a 50-48 lead with 2:30 remaining. VUU finished off the contest with a 6-0 run as the Hawks would go 0-6 from the floor down the stretch.

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

In the Matter of
Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina to Amend its Electric Rate Schedule, E-22, Sub 605 and 606, which are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The additional public hearing is being held to allow the Commission to receive all reasonable and prudent proposed fuel and fuel related costs for Electric Utilities

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A procession led by members of the Haliwa-Saponi tribe approached the Magazine Spring for a dedication ceremony on Saturday.

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Members of the Haliwa-Saponi tribe stood at the front during a dedication ceremony of Magazine Spring.

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Pictured is Director Michelle Lanier of the N.C. Division of State Historic Sites and Properties, as well as Chairman Gideon Lee of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Council.

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SPRING

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and spiritually to the Haliwa-Saponi people. It is an humbling honor for us as keepers of memory to work with you to honor your people, the ones who have come before, the ones who are here today, and the ones who are coming."

Gideon Lee, chairman of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Council, read a welcoming letter on behalf of Chief Bruce Ogletree Green Richardson, who was not able to make it to the ceremony due to conflicting schedules.

Greg said the ceremony was a historical moment and referenced Bruce's welcoming letter that talked about how leaders of the tribe decades ago came with interest in the Magazine Spring to ensure that history is kept alive with people coming to the spring to clean it out with at least one man in his 60s.

"So we are very fortunate to have these leaders who came for many years ago, and we are very fortunate to have so many people here today," he said. "This site is indeed historic, and is part of this tribe's history. So we want to keep that alive."

Greg mentioned the entire Magazine Spring site is considered part of the Halifax Historic site, which he thanked Burke for that knowledge.

Burke said the exhibit was a collaborative effort and thanked everyone involved, including the Magazine Spring Committee and others who helped with

its development.

"It will be something that we enjoy for many years to come," he said.

After learning about the sacred area, Al Richardson, Co-Chairman of the Haliwa-Saponi Magazine Committee, said it was important for everyone to pay attention to it.

"This day is sacred to me," Al said. "A state historical marker with the Haliwa-Saponi seal on it is placed at this site, and this site is sacred to us — will always be sacred to us. We will maintain it, we will prosper it."

Haliwa-Saponi member Arnold Richardson then brought out a flute made from red cedar,

to which he said the wood means a lot to the Haliwa-Saponi tribe. Arnold said the tribe's attire represents them as the sacred cedar warriors.

"All of us here, we will stand up for you, and we will die for you. And it's my honor to be able to let you hear the ancient sounds of an ancient instrument of the sacred cedar flute."

He was then joined by Marty Richardson, professor of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, who later provided a historical overview.

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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
Applications of Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 62-55 Regarding Fuel and Fuel-Related Cost Adjustments for Electric Utilities

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled an additional public hearing in the annual fuel charge adjustment cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENCO). The additional public witness hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 16, 2021, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 62-55 for the purpose of determining whether an increase or decrease rider is required to allow DENCO to recover all reasonable and prudently incurred fuel and fuel related costs. The Commission is conducting an initial public witness hearing in this proceeding immediately following the public witness portions of the hearings in Docket Nos. E-22, Sub 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, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, as well as an expert witness hearing to receive the testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses immediately following the expert witness portions of the hearings in Docket Nos. E-22, Sub 603 and 604, which are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 22, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The additional public hearing is being held to allow the opportunity for public comment and testimony on DENCO's revised proposed fuel rates in this proceeding.

On August 10, 2021, DENCO filed an application and testimony relative to the subject matter of the proceeding. By its application DENCO requested a total annual fuel revenue increase of approximately \$22 million, effective February 1, 2022. Even the fuel and fuel-related costs currently in effect. This proposed fuel revenue increase, including regulatory fee, would result in the following increase for DENCO's customers: 0.5118 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers; 0.5702 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.5669 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.5907 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; and 0.4499 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.

Through a Petition to Modify Test Period (Petition) and supplemental testimony filed on October 29, 2021, DENCO revised its request to a larger, approximately \$26 million increase, by including the deferral balance of the month of July, August, and September 2021. Accordingly, DENCO's proposed fuel revenue increase, including regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENCO's customers: 0.6064 cents per kWh for residential, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers; 0.6077 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.6026 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.5845 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; and 0.5941 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 \$6.06.

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This the 8th day of November, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shema Danna, Chief Clerk

SAME

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on pace to have three 1,000-yard receivers with Jaxson Smith-Njigba, Garrett Wilson and Chris Olave. Coming into this season, Ohio State has had five individual 1,000-yard receiving seasons in program history. **Ranked:** Just right.

NO. 3 ALABAMA (10-1)

Next: at Auburn, Saturday.
Reality check: QB Bryce Young's Heisman chances come down to this: How well does he play against Georgia in the SEC championship. Any quarterback who can find success against that defense probably deserves the Heisman. **Ranked:** Maybe a tad too high?

NO. 4 CINCINNATI (11-0)

Next: at East Carolina, Friday.
Reality check: Bearcats responded when facing what was supposed to be a tough test by smashing SMU. Notable: RB Jerome Ford was back and healthy and ran for 83 yards and a touchdown. **Ranked:** Touch low.

NO. 5 NOTRE DAME (10-1)

Next: at Stanford, Saturday.
Reality check: QB Jack Coan has completed 73.7% of his passes during the Irish's six-game winning streak. **Ranked:** Too high.

NO. 6 MICHIGAN (10-1)

Next: vs. No. 2 Ohio State, Saturday.
Reality check: Wolverines have one of the best pass defenses in the nation by just about every measure (54.6% completions against, 5.8 yards per pass), but they haven't faced anything remotely close to the Buckeyes. **Ranked:** Little low.

NO. 7 OKLAHOMA STATE (10-1)

Next: vs. No. 10 Oklahoma, Saturday.
Reality check: The Cowboys' defense is currently third in the nation in yards per play against (4.34). The last time a Big 12 team finished in the top three in that category was 2009 when Texas was first and Nebraska was third. **Ranked:** Little low.

NO. 8 MISSISSIPPI (9-2)

Next: at Mississippi State, Thursday.
Reality check: Matt Corral has had a tremendous season and might be the first quarterback drafted in April, but at this point he is more of a fringe Heisman candidate than a serious contender. **Ranked:** About right.

NO. 9 BAYLOR (9-2)

Next: vs. Texas Tech, Saturday.
Reality check: Bears need a victory and some help to reach the Big 12 title game. They enter the week with some uncertainty around QB Gerry Bohannon, who left the victory at Kansas State with an apparent right leg injury. **Ranked:** About right.

NO. 10 OKLAHOMA (10-1)

Next: at No. 7 Oklahoma State, Saturday.
Reality check: Strange season for the Sooners' offense. They rank fourth in the nation in yards per play (6.94), but have had five games where they were held under 6.0, including the last two. **Ranked:** About right.

NO. 11 OREGON (9-2)

Next: vs. Oregon State, Saturday.
Reality check: The Ducks' can still reach the Pac-12 title game by beating the Beavers, but they'll have to do it with a depleted group of receivers due to injuries to Johnny Johnson III and Jaylon Redd and the departure of Mycah Pittman. **Ranked:** Too high.

NO. 12 MICHIGAN STATE (9-2)

Next: vs. Penn State, Saturday.
Reality check: Spartans' point differential in the Big Ten is plus-six. That's one point fewer than Nebraska, which is 1-7 in the conference. It's been a great year for Spartans, but fair to call them overachievers.

Ranked: Just right.

NO. 13 BYU (9-2)

Next: at USC, Saturday.
Reality check: Is the Cougars' next game a job interview for coach Kalani Sitake? **Ranked:** About right.

NO. 14 TEXAS A&M (8-3)

Reality check: Isaiah Spiller (894 yards rushing) and Devone Achiame (801) could become the first Texas A&M teammates to rush for 1,000 yards in the same season. **Ranked:** About right.

NO. 15 UTSA (11-0)

Next: at North Texas, Saturday.
Reality check: Roadrunners have five one-possession victories and none wilder than beating UAB with a last-second touchdown pass on Saturday. **Ranked:** Too high.

NO. 16 UTAH (8-3)

Next: at Colorado, Friday.
Reality check: No team in the country is so reliant on its tight ends. The versatile Brant Kuithe (41 catches, 487 yards and five TDs) and Dalton Kincaid (25 for 349 and five) are Nos. 1 and 2 in yards receiving, and Cole Fotheringham also has 13 catches. **Ranked:** Too low.

NO. 17 IOWA (9-2)

Next: at Nebraska, Friday.
Reality check: Hawkeyes lead the country with 21 interceptions, and they have come in bunches. Iowa has six games with multiple interceptions and five games with none. **Ranked:** Little high.

NO. 18 WISCONSIN (8-3)

Next: at Minnesota, Saturday.
Reality check: QB Graham Mertz is coming off his best three-game stretch of the season, completing 72% of his passes. Sure, it's only 5.4 attempts, but he's averaging 10.5 yards per throw. **Ranked:** Little low.

NO. 19 HOUSTON (10-1)

Next: at UConn, Saturday.
Reality check: CB Marcus Jones is tied for the national lead with five interceptions to go along with his four return touchdowns on special teams. **Ranked:** Little high.

NO. 20 PITT (9-2)

Next: at Syracuse, Saturday.
Reality check: WR Jordan Addison leads the nation with 15 touchdown catches after a career-game against Virginia with 14 catches and four scores. **Ranked:** Touch low.

NO. 21 WAKE FOREST (9-2)

Next: at Boston College, Saturday.
Reality check: Deacs' defense has allowed more than 300 yards rushing in two of the past three games and four times on the season. **Ranked:** Tad low.

NO. 22 SAN DIEGO STATE (10-1)

Next: vs. Boise State, Friday.
Reality check: No ranked team has thrown for fewer yards than the Aztecs at 141.9 per game. **Ranked:** About right.

NO. 23 LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE (10-1)

Next: vs. Louisiana-Monroe, Saturday.
Reality check: Ragin' Cajuns like to play ground and pound, but the punting game has been a bit of a grind over the last four games averaging 4.03 yards per carry, on 159 attempts. **Ranked:** Too high.

NO. 24 NORTH CAROLINA STATE (8-3)

Next: vs. North Carolina, Friday.
Reality check: A victory in the rivalry game and a loss by Wake Forest sends North Carolina State to the ACC title game of the first time. **Ranked:** About right.

NO. 25 ARKANSAS (7-4)

Next: vs. Missouri, Friday.
Reality check: WR Treylon Burks dominated Alabama with eight catches for 179 yards and two scores, playing through injuries. **Ranked:** About right though Clemson would be fine here, too.

PENG

FROM PAGE B1

to any words and deeds that politicize sports in violation of the Olympic spirit." Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said Monday, when asked about a possible boycott.

Now, some critics say the IOC's handling of the call with Peng makes it an active partner in delivering Beijing's message — while not providing Peng with an open forum to discuss her allegations.

Yarju Wang, a spokeswoman for Human Rights Watch, tweeted that the IOC is "actively playing a role in the Chinese government's enforced disappearance, coercion and propaganda machinery."

When asked about the criticism, the IOC said in a statement Monday that the main purpose of the call was to find out how Peng was — and that she "was very clear in confirming that she is safe and well."

She agreed to stay in touch with Olympic officials — including having dinner with Bach in Beijing in January — and the body said it told her she could reach out whenever "she deems it appropriate." It added that in order to respect Peng's privacy, it would not comment further.

This is the second time this year that the IOC has been in the spotlight for pushing ahead with the Olympics: Many wanted the body to call off the Summer Games in Tokyo because of concerns about the coronavirus pandemic. Critics note that IOC has a strong interest in holding the events because it generates 91% of its income from sponsors and selling broadcast rights at the Games.

Peng is just one of a number of Chinese businesspeople, activists and ordinary people who have disappeared in recent years after criticizing party figures or in crackdowns on corruption or pro-democracy and labor rights campaigns.

While the ruling Communist Party is quick to blot out any criticism, that this time it came from an athlete made it especially sensitive. State media celebrate athletes' victories as proof the party is making China strong — and the party is vigilant about making sure they cannot use their prominence and

public appeal to erode its image. The tennis star accused a former member of the Communist Party's ruling Standing Committee, Zhang Gaoli, of sexual assault in a social media post that was removed quickly.

She wrote in part: "I know that to you, vice minister Zhang Gaoli, a person of high status and power, you've said you're not afraid. With your intelligence, you certainly will deny it or you can even use it against me, you can dismiss it without a care. Even if I'm destroying myself, like throwing an egg against a rock, or a moth flying into a flame, I will still speak out the truth about us."

Concerns about the censoring of her post and her subsequent disappearance from public view grew into a furor, drawing comments from tennis greats like Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Naomi Osaka, Serena Williams, and Martina Navratilova.

All the while, news of her allegations was blocked out at home. CNN reported that its signal in China had been blocked during reporting on Peng.

A search for her name Monday on Weibo, one of China's leading social media platforms, produced only a few posts, and none that refer to the sexual assault allegation or the questions about her whereabouts. Still missing is Zhang. He left public life about three years ago after being one of seven members of the Politburo Standing Committee — the apex of political power in China.

The WTA is the first sports body to defiantly stand up to China's financial clout — in what many see as a sharp contrast to the IOC, which says its policy is "quiet diplomacy."

"The statements make the IOC complicit in the Chinese authority's malicious propaganda and lack of care for basic human rights and justice," Global Athlete, a lobby group for athletes, said in a statement.

"The IOC showed a complete disregard for allegations of sexual violence and abuse against athletes," the statement said. "By taking a nonchalant approach to Peng Shuai's disappearance and by refusing to mention her serious allegations of sexual assault, IOC President Thomas Bach and the IOC Athletes' Commission demonstrate an abhorrent indifference to sexual violence and the well-being of female athletes."

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RATELOG

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 665

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of

Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 86-25 Regarding Fuel and Fuel-Related Cost Adjustments for Electric Utilities

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WASHINGTON

Trump ally Bannon appears in court for defying Jan. 6 panel

Longtime Trump ally Steve Bannon appeared before a judge on Monday to face criminal contempt charges for defying a subpoena from Congress' Jan. 6 committee, then declared combatively outside court that he was "talking on the Biden regime" in fighting the charges.

Bannon did not enter a plea and is due back in court on Thursday for the next phase of what could be the first high-level trial in connection with January's insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

Combative outside court, he said he was "going on the offense" against the attorney general, the speaker of the House and President Biden. He declared, "This is going to be a misdemeanor from hell for Merrick Garland, Nancy Pelosi and Joe Biden."

The 67-year-old Bannon surrendered earlier in the day to FBI agents. He was indicted on Friday on two federal counts of criminal contempt — one for refusing to appear for a congressional deposition and the other for refusing to provide doc-

uments in response to the committee's subpoena.

Federal Magistrate Judge Robin Meriwether released him without bail but required him to check in weekly with court officials and ordered him to surrender his passport. If he violated, Bannon faces a minimum of 30 days and a maximum of one year behind bars on each count, prosecutors said.

The indictment came as a second expected witness, former White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, defied a separate subpoena from the committee on Friday and as Trump has escalated his legal battles to withhold documents and testimony about the insurrection. Bannon and Meadows are key witnesses for the committee because they both were in close touch with Trump around the time of the Jan. 6 Capitol attack.

If the House votes to hold Meadows in contempt, that recommendation would also be sent to the Justice Department for a possible indictment.

BANGKOK

US journalist jailed in Myanmar for nearly 6 months is freed

American journalist Darcy Fenster, who spent nearly six months in jail in military-ruled Myanmar and was sentenced last week to 11 years of hard labor, was freed Monday and began his journey home.

Fenster was handed over to former U.S. diplomat Bill Richardson, who helped negotiate the release, and the two landed in Doha, Qatar.

"I'm feeling all right physically," a bearded Fenster, in baggy drawstring pants and a knit hat, said on the tarmac in comments carried by the Al Jazeera network. "It's just the same privations and things that come with any form of incarceration. You just go a little stir-crazy. The longer it drags on, the more worried you are that it's just never going to end. So that was the biggest concern, just staying sane through that."

While still jailed, Fenster told his lawyer that he believed he had COVID-19, though prison authorities denied that.

Fenster, the managing editor of online magazine Prentice Myanmar, was con-

victed Friday of spreading false or inflammatory information, contacting illegal organizations and violating visa regulations. Days before his conviction, he learned he had been charged with additional violations of terrorism and treason statutes that put him at risk of an even longer sentence of life in prison.

He is one of more than 100 journalists, media officials or publishers who have been detained since the military ousted the elected government of Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi in February, and his was the harshest sentence yet.

"This is the day that you hope will come when you do this work," Richardson, a former governor of New Mexico and past ambassador to the United Nations, said in a statement emailed by his office. "We are so grateful that Danny will finally be able to reconnect with his loved ones, who have been advocating for him all this time, against immense odds."

From Associated Press reports

Biden signs \$1T infrastructure deal with bipartisan crowd

BY JOSH BOAK AND COLLEEN LONG
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden signed his hard-fought \$1 trillion infrastructure deal into law Monday before a bipartisan, celebratory crowd on the White House lawn, declaring that the new infusion of cash for roads, bridges, ports and more is going to make life "change for the better" for the American people.

But prospects are tougher for further bipartisanship ahead of the 2022 midterm elections as Biden pivots back to more difficult negotiations over his broader \$1.85 trillion social spending package.

The president hopes to use the infrastructure law to build back his popularity, which has taken a hit amid rising inflation and the inability to fully shake the public health and economic risks from COVID-19.

"My message to the American people is this:

America is moving again and your life is going to change for the better," he said.

With the bipartisan deal, the president had to choose between his promise of fostering national unity and a commitment to transformative change. The final measure whittled down much of his initial vision for infrastructure. Yet the administration hopes to sell the new law as a success that bridged partisan divides and will elevate the country with clean drinking water, high-speed internet and a shift away from fossil fuels.

"Folks, too often in Washington, the reason we didn't get things done is because we insisted on getting everything we want. Everything," Biden said.

"With this law, we focused on getting things done. I ran to make life because the

only way to move our country forward in my view was through compromise and consensus.

Biden will get outside Washington to sell the plan more broadly in coming days.

He intends go to New

Hampshire today to visit a bridge on the state's "red list" for repair, and he will go to Detroit on Wednesday for a stop at General Motors' electric vehicle assembly plant, while other officials also fan out across the country. The president

went to the Port of Baltimore last week to highlight how the supply chain investments from the law could limit inflation and strengthen supply chains, a key concern of voters who are dealing with higher prices.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 605

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-130.2 and Commission Rule RR-55 Regarding Fuel and Fuel-Related Cost-Adjustments for Electric Utilities PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled an additional public hearing in the annual fuel charge adjustment cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The additional public hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 16, 2021, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 479 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-130.2 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. The Commission is conducting an initial public witness hearing in this proceeding immediately following the public witness portions of the hearings in Docket Nos. E-22, Sub 605 and 604, which are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 479 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, as well as an expert witness hearing to receive the testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses immediately following the expert witness portions of the hearings in Docket Nos. E-22, Sub 605 and 604, which are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 479 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The additional public hearing is being held to allow the opportunity for public comment and testimony on DENC's revised proposed total fuel rates in this proceeding.

On August 10, 2021, DENC filed an application and testimony relative to the subject matter of the proceeding. By its application DENC requested a total annual fuel revenue increase of approximately \$22 million, effective February 1, 2022, from the fuel and fuel-related costs currently in effect. This proposed fuel revenue increase, including regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 0.512¢ 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 SVP customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$5.12.

Through a Petition to Modify Test Period (Petition) and supplemental testimony filed on October 29, 2021, DENC revised its application to a larger, approximately \$26 million increase, by including the deferral balance of the months of July, August, and September 2021. Accordingly, DENC's proposed fuel revenue increase, including regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 0.6094¢ cents per kWh for residential, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers; 0.6077¢ cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.6023¢ cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.5945¢ cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; and 0.5941¢ 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 \$6.09.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where copies of DENC's application and Petition are available for review by the public, and on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

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WAUKESHA, WIS.

Chief: No evidence parade-crash suspect knew anyone on route

The SUV driver who plowed into a Christmas parade in suburban Milwaukee, killing at least five people and injuring 48, was leaving the scene of a domestic dispute that had taken place just minutes earlier, Waukesha's police chief said Monday.

Police Chief Dan Thompson said that there was no evidence the bloodied Sunday was a terrorist attack or that the suspect, Darrell Brooks Jr., knew anyone in the parade. Brooks acted alone, the chief said.

Brooks, 39, of Milwaukee, had left the site of the domestic disturbance before officers arrived and was not being chased by police at the time of the crash, according to the chief, who gave no further details on the dispute.

Police said they were drawing up five

charges of intentional homicide against Brooks.

He has been charged with crimes 16 times since 1989 and had two outstanding cases against him at the time of the parade disaster — including one in which he was accused of deliberately running down a woman with his vehicle.

On Sunday, a joyous scene of marching bands and children dancing in Santa hats and waving pom-poms gave way in an instant to screams and the sight of crumpled bodies as the SUV sped through barricades and struck dancers, musicians and others in the community of 72,000.

The dead were identified as four women ages 52 to 79 and an 81-year-old man. Members of a Dancing Grizzlies club were among those killed, as was a bank employee.

WASHINGTON

House Jan. 6 panel subpoenas Alex Jones and Roger Stone

A committee investigating the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol insurrection issued subpoenas Monday to five more individuals, including former President Donald Trump's ally Roger Stone and conspiracy theorist Alex Jones.

The subpoenas include demands for documents and testimony from Stone and Jones as well as three people accused of organizing and promoting the two rallies that took place on Jan. 6.

"The Select Committee is seeking information about the rallies and subsequent march to the Capitol that escalated into a violent mob attacking the Capitol and threatening our democracy," said Mississippi Rep. Brian Thompson, the Democratic chairman of the panel. "We need to know who organized, planned, paid for, and received funds related to those

events, as well as what communications organizers had with officials in the White House and Congress."

The House subpoena notes that Stone spoke at rallies on the day before the Capitol insurrection and used members of a far-right group, the Oath Keepers, as personal security guards while he was in Washington. The House panel also wants to hear from Jones, with Thompson saying that the conspiracy theorist and talk-show host helped organize the Jan. 6 rally at the Ellipse before the insurrection. The letter from Thompson says that Jones repeatedly promoted Trump's claims of election fraud, urged his listeners to come to Washington for the rally and marched from the Ellipse to the Capitol.

From Associated Press reports

Biden to keep Powell as Fed chair, Brainard gets vice chair

BY CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden said Monday he is nominating Jerome Powell for a second four-year term as Federal Reserve chair, endorsing his stewardship of the economy through a brutal pandemic recession in which the Fed's ultra-low rate policies helped bolster confidence and revived the job market.

Biden also said he would nominate as vice chair Lael Brainard, the lone Democrat on the Fed's Board of Governors and the preferred alternative to Powell among many progressives.

His decision strikes a note of continuity and bipartisanship at a time when surging inflation is burdening households and rising risks to the economy's recovery. In backing Powell, a Republican who was elevated to his post by President Donald Trump, Biden brushed aside complaints from progressives that the Fed has weakened bank regulations and has been slow to take account of climate change in its supervision of banks.

"When our country was hemorrhaging jobs last year,

and there was panic in our financial markets, Jay's steady and decisive leadership helped to stabilize markets and put our economy on track to a robust recovery," Biden said, using Powell's nickname.

In a second term that begins in February, Powell would face a difficult and high-risk balancing act. Inflation has reached a three-decade high, causing hardships for millions of families, clouding the recovery and undercutting the Fed's mandate to keep prices stable. But with the economy still 4 million-plus jobs shy of its pre-pandemic level, the Fed has yet to meet its other mandate of maximizing employment.

Next year, the Fed is widely expected to begin raising its benchmark interest rate, with financial markets pricing in at least two increases. If it moves too slowly to raise rates, inflation may accelerate further and force the central bank to take more draconian steps later to rein it in, potentially causing a recession. Yet if the Fed hikes rates too quickly, it could choke off hiring and the recovery.

If confirmed, Powell would remain one of the

world's most powerful economic officials. By either raising or lowering its short-term interest rate, the Fed seeks to either cool or stimulate growth and hiring, and to keep prices stable. Its efforts to direct the U.S. economy, the largest in the world, typically have global consequences.

The Fed's benchmark rate, which has been pegged near zero since the pandemic in March 2020, influences a wide range of consumer and business borrowing costs, including for mortgages and credit cards. The Fed also oversees the nation's largest banks.

For months Powell was the favorite to be reappointed, but a vigorous campaign by environmental and public interest groups in support of Brainard clouded the picture in recent weeks. Critics, including Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Massachusetts, argued Powell had loosened bank regulations that were put in place after the 2008-09 financial crisis.

And two other senators expressed opposition to Powell last week because they said he was insufficiently committed to using the Fed's regulatory tools to

combat global warming. Brainard, meanwhile, cast 20 dissenting votes against financial rule changes in the past four years. In March 2020, she opposed a regulatory change that she said would reduce the amount of reserves large banks were required to hold to guard against losses. She has also spoken more forcefully in favor of ways the Fed can confront global warming.

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On August 19, 2021, DENC filed an application and testimony relative to the subject matter of the proceeding. By its application DENC requested a total annual fuel revenue increase of approximately \$12 million, effective February 1, 2022, from the fuel and fuel-related costs recovery in effect. The proposed fuel revenue increase, including regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 0.5113 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers; 0.5219 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.5219 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.4907 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; and 0.4799 cents per kWh for rate schedule NPV customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$1.12.

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HISTORY

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and mistreatment of children. In response to the mounting criticism, the increasingly paranoid Jones invited his congregation to move with him to Guyana, where he promised they would build a socialist utopia. Three years earlier, a small group of his followers had traveled to the tiny nation to set up what would become Jonestown on a tract of jungle.

Jonestown did not turn out to be the paradise their leader had promised. Temple members worked long days in the fields and were subjected to harsh punishments if they questioned Jones' authority. Their passports were confiscated, their letters home censored and members were encouraged to inform on one another and forced to attend lengthy, late-night meetings. Jones, by then in declining mental health and addicted to drugs, was convinced the U.S. government would try to destroy him. He required Temple members to participate in mock suicide drills in the middle of the night.

In 1978, a group of former Temple members and concerned relatives of current members convinced U.S. Congressman Leo Ryan, a Democrat of California, to travel to Jonestown and investigate the settlement. On Nov. 17, 1978, Ryan arrived in Jonestown with a group of journalists and other observers. At first the visit went well, but the next day, as Ryan's delegation was about to leave, several Jonestown residents approached the group and asked them for passage out of Guyana. Jones became distressed at the defection of his followers, and one of Jones' lieutenants attacked Ryan with a knife. The congressman escaped from the incident unharmed, but Jones then ordered Ryan and his companions ambushed and killed at the airstrip as they attempted to leave. The congressman and four others were murdered as they boarded their charter planes.

Back in Jonestown, Jones commanded everyone to gather in the main pavilion and commit what he termed a "revolutionary act." The youngest members of the Peoples Temple were the first to die, as parents and nurses used syringes to drop a potent mix of cyanide, sedatives and powdered fruit juice into children's throats. Adults then lined up to drink the poison-laced concoction while armed guards surrounded the pavilion.

When Guyanese officials arrived at the Jonestown compound the next day, they found it carpeted with hundreds of bodies. Many people had perished with their arms around each other. A few residents managed to escape into the jungle as the suicides took place, while at least several dozen more Peoples Temple members, including several of Jones' sons, survived because they were in another part of Guyana at the time.

THOMAS PERSON CHAPTER DAR



Thomas Person Chapter DAR service to veterans

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Service for Veterans Committee serves America's veterans. The committee provides a tangible way for DAR members to say "thank you" by acknowledging and recognizing veterans' service, sacrifice, and commitment to the preservation of our nation's freedom.

The Thomas Person Chapter DAR of Roxboro took part in two Veterans Day events. At the Roxboro Veterans Day Ceremony at the Person County Museum on Nov. 6, members Pam Wood, Betsy Paul and Diane Fox handed out Vietnam Veteran pins and car stickers for these veterans to honor the 60th anniversary of the war years. Pocket flags (with an inserted Veterans Day prayer) and stars from flags flown in Person County were handed out to veterans to express gratitude for their service. Bags with

patriotic items were given to children in attendance.

Chapter members also assisted the Museum by collecting updated information on local veterans for the 'Veterans' Book, offering brick tithote applications and managing the collected tickets for attendees to view the revitalized Military Room.

On Veterans Day, all Veterans residing at Roxboro Health Care and Rehabilitation received goodie bags filled with items that chapter members donated. Bonnie Mosler assembled and delivered the bags that were distributed during the facility annual Veterans Day program.

The Thomas Person Chapter Christmas project is the purchase of Amazon gift cards for veterans residing at Veterans Life Center in Butler and a care package for a Person County active-duty soldier.



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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
 UTILITIES COMMISSION
 RALEIGH
 DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 601
 BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
 Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 28-51 regarding Fuel and Fuel-Related Cost Adjustments for Electric Utilities

PUBLIC NOTICE

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 This the 8th day of November, 2021
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 Lot 8 Woodberry Dr., 1,160 ac. **\$40,000**
 Lot 8 Potters Way 12.710 ac. **\$58,000**

How inflation may gobble up Thanksgiving budgets

By **THERESA OPELA**
Carolina Journal

As we sit down to Thanksgiving dinner, many of us will give thanks for the chance to spend time with family and friends, and for the indulgent meal. But inflation will take the first bite, making Thanksgiving 2021 the most expensive in history.

Many factors are in play, including supply chain issues, higher transportation expenses, labor shortages, and bad weather. The cost for food was up 4.6% in September, according to the Consumer Price Index. This year the Farm Bureau's 38th annual survey found that this year's Thanksgiving meal for 10 costs an average of \$53.21 or less than \$6.00 per person. This is a 14% increase from last year's average.

The turkey in particular costs more than last year, at \$23.99 for a 16-pound bird.

That's up 20% from last year.

Dinner rolls are expected to cost more due to the increased costs for ingredients. Things like wine and cranberry sauce are also expected to be higher due to labor shortages, glass bottles stuck on cargo ships, and steel prices 200% more than before the pandemic. That's due to China's limit of steel production to reduce carbon emissions.

Wooden pallets and cardboard containers, items farmers use to transport their crops from the field to distributors, are either more expensive or harder to find.

The centerpiece of the meal, the turkey, is also expected to cost more. According to an October report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, turkeys between 8 and 16 pounds are costing 25 cents per pound more compared to a year ago. Turkeys between 16 and 24 pounds are

about 21 cents more expensive.

Turkeys are classified as hen or female and typically range from 10 to 12 pounds. Toms or males are usually 20 pounds and up.

Market analysts say that, by year's end, prices per pound are expected to surpass the Department of Agriculture's benchmark record price of \$1.36 set in 2015. One of the factors for the price increase is corn, which most commercial turkeys feed on. It has more than doubled in price from a year ago in some parts of the country.

North Carolina, second in the nation for total turkey production — including Butterball, headquartered in Garner, and Prestige Farms, headquartered in Clinton — hasn't been immune to national trends.

"No one really knew how to handle the COVID thing when workers stopped coming to

the plants," said Bob Ford, executive director of the N.C. Poultry Federation. "We cut back on production, so we ended up cutting back on the number of birds we placed in the field on the farms, and it had a domino effect. We now are still trying to catch up on the impact of 2020."

You should still be able to find a bird, but matching its size to your needs could be a problem.

"A company that grows turkeys has to put them out has to decide what they want to do in the spring to accommodate the numbers of the hens and the numbers of the toms," Ford said. "A lot of the toms are deboned and sold as deli meat. A lot of the hens are sold as fresh market birds and special for Thanksgiving. ... What happened in the spring was the farms were trying to recover from COVID-19 and trying to figure out the labor issues of

the plants. I guess we weren't able to juggle the number of hens that we could place in the field that we process for Thanksgiving."

"That's why you are hearing about small-size turkeys that are kind of scarce this year, but we'll catch up," he added. "There are plenty of turkeys on the market." "Even this year and under the current circumstances, supermarkets like to feature a loss leader," said Joel Brandenberger, president, and CEO of the National Turkey Federation in Washington, D.C. "They will deeply discount special frozen turkeys to bring shoppers into the supermarket to buy the rest of their groceries for the meal," he said.

Best advice: Don't procrastinate. Brandenberger said if you're searching for a smaller turkey, shop early and ask your butcher or store manager. If you wait, you may end up with plenty of leftovers.

High school sports reform bill headed to governor

By **DALLAS WOODHOUSE**
Carolina Journal

The N.C. legislature passed the Accountability and Fair Play in Athletics on Wednesday, Nov. 17. The conference report for this bill is one of several policy measures working its way quickly through committees as lawmakers look to wrap up a drawn-out legislative session. House Bill 91 is an effort to reform the management of high school sports in North Carolina amid controversy surrounding the governing body, the N.C. High School Athletics Association. The Senate gave their final approval to the measure earlier Wednesday, 41-7. The Senate's seven "no" votes were all Democrats.

Rep. John Bell, R-Wayne, is the House majority leader and carried the bill in the House, where it passed 71-48. Back in September, one of the original bill sponsors argued for it by carrying a Richmond County High

School football helmet onto the Senate floor.

"This helmet represents each one of our student-athletes in North Carolina," said Sen. Tom Melvin, R-Richmond. "This is about the poor kids I represent down in Anson County. The Friday night lights are what they live for. The Friday night lights are the reason they are in school to begin with, otherwise, they may be on another path that would be less than stellar for their future."

Under the new law, the NCHSAA would continue to regulate high school sports in North Carolina, but only if it agrees to a list of reforms. The reforms would be cemented in a binding contract, with the State Board of Education. The organization has vocally opposed the legislation.

Carolina Journal has been reporting for months on efforts to reform high school sports. *CJ* wrote in-depth about

how we got here, and it was not just because the NCHSAA has amassed \$41 million dollars in assets.

Among the required reforms, the NCHSAA would not be able to adopt new rules without first posting the proposed rules on its website and allowing time for public comment. The association would also have to comply with open meetings laws and public records laws. The organization would also now be audited by the state.

Members of the board of directors for the NCHSAA would have to adopt ethics policies requiring them to avoid conflicts of interest and the appearance of impropriety and must ensure that board membership reflects equal representation from each education district.

The NCHSAA would have to lessen the financial burden on its member schools. Annual fees to schools would be reduced by 50%, and NCHSAA could not

collect more than a third of net profits from any state tournament game. The organization's handbook, rules, and appeals process would be required to make publicly available at no cost.

Charter and non-public schools can continue participating in the NCHSAA, but they would be bumped up a classification. This provision is a huge sigh of relief for the four private schools that are members of the NCHSAA, Bishop McGuinness, Cardinal Gibbons, Charlotte Catholic, and Christ the King. Those schools would have

been prevented from participating in the new public-school league in the original legislation. The NCHSAA would be forced to scrap a newly created formula for determining classifications and return to basing classification solely on the number of students at each school.

More rules and reforms included in the measure are available here, most notably that the NCHSAA will no longer be allowed to issue fines to high schools for rules violations.

Opponents of the measure called it unnecessary.

"This bill is attempting to fix a problem that doesn't exist, the North Carolina High School Athletic Association has been in existence since 1912," said Rep. Raymond Smith, D-Wayne, on the House floor Wednesday. "Why are we interfering in the last amateur sports we have in North Carolina?"

Following passage in both legislative chambers, the bill moves to Gov. Roy Cooper for a signature or veto. Cooper could also let the bill sit for 10 days, after which point it would become law without his action.

HISTORY

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One as if sat on the runway at Dallas Love Field airport. The hearing in was witnessed by some 30 people, including Jacqueline Kennedy, who was still wearing clothes stained with her husband's blood. Seven minutes later, the presidential jet took off for Washington.

The next day, Nov. 23, President Johnson issued his first proclamation, declaring Nov. 25 to be a day of national

mourning for the slain president. On that day, hundreds of thousands of people lined the streets of Washington to watch a horse-drawn caisson bear Kennedy's body from the Capitol Rotunda to St. Matthew's Catholic Cathedral for a requiem Mass. The solemn procession then continued on to Arlington National Cemetery, where leaders of 99 nations gathered for the state funeral. Kennedy was buried with full military honors on a slope below Arlington House, where an eternal flame was lit by his widow to forever mark the grave.

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 605

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Virginia Electric and Power)
Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North)
Carolina Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-131.2) PUBLIC NOTICE
and Commission Rule 62-131.2 Regarding)
Fuel and Fuel-Related Cost Adjustments)
for Electric Utilities)

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This the 8th day of November, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Shonta Deaton, Chief Clerk.

Suspect arrested in labor camp break-ins

By Lindell J. Kay
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NASHVILLE — A Franklin County man is accused of stealing money, cell-phones, passports and other items from migrant farmhands while they worked in fields near Bailey and Spring Hope.

Joe Antonio Linares Mojica, 34, faces 28 charges of breaking and entering and larceny.

"During these cases, the victims reported items stolen such as suitcases, clothing, identifica-

tion documents, tools, phones and U.S. currency," said Eddie Moore of the Nash County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies have been investigating break-ins at farm labor camps where migrant workers live near Spring Hope and Bailey since Oct. 26, Moore said.

"During the course of the investigation, the Nash County Sheriff's Office discovered that the Franklin County Sheriff's Office was also investigating several breaking and entering reports with similar circumstances," Moore said in a news release.

On Nov. 8, Nash deputies developed a lead in the case that indicated the suspect was

frequenting a home on Hickory Rock Road east of Louisville, Moore said.

Deputies from both sheriff's offices went to the house and made contact with Linares Mojica.

"A search of the residence resulted in the recovery of more than 30 suitcases, paperwork from the victim's employers, several passports belonging to victims, over 30 cellular telephones, hand tools and assorted clothing," Moore said.

Linares Mojica is being held under a \$150,000 secured bond until his court date.

Moore said the Franklin County Sheriff's Office is expected to file further charges for its break-in cases.



A Franklin County man is accused of break-ins at labor camps near Spring Hope and Bailey and stealing the items shown here, including more than 30 cellphones, wallets, passports and cash. Contributed photo

Man charged with statutory rape, kidnapping

The Wake Weekly

KNIGHTDALE — Police say a Knightdale man was arrested Nov. 10 and charged with child sex crimes in an ongoing investigation.

Jose Azahel Nunez-Garcia, 24, was charged with four counts of statutory rape of a child 15 or younger and one count each of statutory rape of a child by an adult, taking indecent liberties with a child and first-degree kidnapping, according to public records.

Police Chief Lawrence Capps said Friday the investigation is ongoing. "This was spurred by a report made to our school resource officer from a local student," Capps said in an email.

Knightdale police are working closely with the Wake County District Attorney's Office, according to Capps.

"I'm grateful for the attentiveness and hard work of my officers on this case, as well as the counsel we've received from the DA," Capps wrote.

He declined to provide further information, saying it was of "vital

Victims need to know that Wake County's law enforcement professionals will relentlessly pursue the offenders and bring them to justice."

LAWRENCE CAPPS, Wake County Police Chief

importance" to protect the victim's identity and the "integrity of the investigation."

The charges stem from 2016, according to public records.

Nunez-Garcia, of Railroad Street, Knightdale, was placed in the Wake County Detention Center under a \$2 million bond.

Knightdale police strongly encourage victims of sexual abuse to reach out, Capps said.

"There are many resources available to help them break free of the abuse," he wrote in a Friday email. "Victims need to know that Wake County's law enforcement professionals will relentlessly pursue the offenders and bring them to justice."

Dogs survive shootings; neighbor faces cruelty charge

The Wake Weekly

KNIGHTDALE — A Knightdale man was arrested last week after allegedly shooting two dogs, the Wake County Sheriff's Office said.

Neither dog was killed. Sean Christopher Winfield, 38, of Van Dorn Road, was charged with two counts of cruelty to animals and two counts of violating the Wake County firearms ordinance.

On Nov. 8, deputies responded to a dog being shot near the 2200 block of Ballston Place. The caller said he'd shot a dog running loose in the road, a press release says.

Investigators later identified the caller as Winfield. According to the release, the dog's owner told deputies on Nov. 10 that he let his four dogs out of the house and one left the property without his knowledge.

The dog approached Winfield, who was

standing in the road. Winfield told deputies he was afraid the dog would attack him, so he fired one round, the press release states.

The dog was hit and injured but not killed. Later on Nov. 8, deputies responded to the same neighborhood for another shooting involving a dog, the sheriff's office said.

Witnesses told deputies Winfield shot a dog that was attempting to cross the street to visit a neighbor. The neighbor routinely greets the dog.

Witnesses told deputies Winfield claimed he shot the dog because it didn't appear friendly. The dog was also injured but not killed.

Investigators determined Winfield's accounts didn't add up. The Wake County District Attorney's Office agreed there was sufficient evidence to prosecute.

Winfield was arrested Nov. 10 and released on a \$2,000 unsecured bond.

Both dogs are recovering from their injuries.

Nash deputies seize guns, 6 pounds of pot

From staff reports

NASHVILLE — Authorities say they've seized 6 pounds of marijuana, THC wax and several guns from a Nash County man.

The drug bust came about as a result of citizen complaints, said Chief Deputy Brandon Medina of the Nash County Sheriff's Office.

Christopher Thomas Walker, 30, of Red Oak Road in Nashville, faces charges of maintaining a dwelling for a controlled substance; possession with intent to manufac-

ture, sell and deliver marijuana; possession with the intent to manufacture, sell and deliver a Schedule I drug; possession with intent to manufacture, sell and deliver a Schedule IV drug; and possession of marijuana paraphernalia.

"In the late afternoon hours of Oct. 26, 2021, deputies of the Nash County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division conducted a follow-up investigation at a residence on Red Oak Road," Medina said in a news release.

"The Narcotics Division had received several complaints indicating a subject at this residence was selling and distributing marijuana."

While at the front door talking with Walker, deputies smelled marijuana inside the home, Medina said.

Deputies detained Walker and sought a search warrant for the house.

"When the search warrant was executed, deputies were able to locate six pounds of marijuana, THC wax, U.S. currency and numerous firearms," Medina said. "The contraband was seized and submitted into evidence."

Deputies took Walker into custody without incident.

A magistrate issued a \$10,000 secured bond for Walker, who posted bail shortly thereafter.

Arrests highlight sheriff's office war on drugs

From staff reports

NASHVILLE — Authorities say recent arrests highlight the local war on drugs.

"These are just a few of the countless arrests to come in the near future as we continue to prepare solid investigative cases for prosecution in the state and federal criminal justice system," said Chief Deputy Brandon Medina of the Nash County Sheriff's Office.

controlled substance, selling and delivering cocaine and possession of cocaine.

The arrest came after a two-month investigation by Nash deputies.

Arnold is currently serving a sentence in Richmond County for unrelated crimes.

COCAINE, POT CHARGES

Deputies recently arrested David Earl Brockington, 51, on outstanding arrest warrants charging him with eight counts each of selling and delivering cocaine and possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, four counts of maintaining a dwelling for a controlled substance and one count each of selling and delivering marijuana and possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana.

The arrest concluded a yearlong investigation by the sheriff's office's Narcotics Division.

TRAFFIC STOP ARRESTS

Quintalez Jamaal Pitt, 36, of N.C. 111 South in Tarboro, and Cierra Sade Watson, 27, of Hill Street in Rocky Mount, were arrested in late September when deputies stopped an Infiniti for a registration violation, Medina said.

"While speaking with the driver, Quintalez Jamaal Pitt, and the passenger, Cierra Sade Watson, deputies were able to detect the strong odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle," Medina said in a news release.

"During the search based on probable cause, a loaded .45-caliber Glock handgun was located between the driver's seat and the center console.

Deputies also located marijuana under the passenger seat. Pitt is a convicted felon, making possession of a firearm a crime. Deputies found that Watson had an outstanding order for arrest connected to an alleged assault in May.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION
This the 8th day of November, 2021.
NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Shanta Dumas, Chief Clerk

Real estate developer sentenced in Ponzi scheme

From staff reports

A Sanford real estate developer who claimed to own properties in southern Nash County and surrounding areas as part of a Ponzi scheme has been sentenced to 10 years in federal prison.

Joshua Matthew Houchins, 36, pleaded guilty in June to federal charges of wire fraud and firearms possession by a felon. A judge sentenced Houchins last week to a decade in prison and three years of supervised release. He also was ordered to pay \$1.7 million in restitution to the scheme's victims.

The owner of several real estate development companies, Houchins is accused of swindling investors, possessing a machine gun as a felony and threatening his estranged wife in a photograph wearing a mask and



Houchins

who defrauded numerous real estate investors in North Carolina and elsewhere," Norman Acker, acting U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, said in June.

Acker said he's grateful for federal, state and local authorities' combined efforts to ensure Houchins pays a serious price for his crimes.

From 2014-18, Houchins owned and operated Rosshire Development, Greenstone Ventures and Modern South Development. He used these limited-liability corporations to defraud real estate investors, according to federal

indictments. "Specifically, Houchins solicited investment monies by telling victims that their money would be 'put to work' on a specific property, and further represented that the investments would be secured by deeds of trust filed with the county register of deeds," according to a press release issued by Don Connelly, public information officer for the U.S. Department of Justice.

Prosecutors say Houchins regularly used the investment money on other projects or for personal expenses. "The investor promissory notes were not secured by a deed of trust as promised. In some instances, Houchins did not even own the property that was the subject of the investment, and as such, could not truthfully grant a deed of trust to the investor," Connelly said.

As part his plea deal, Houchins agreed to make restitution to all victims for losses arising from the scheme and any related schemes. A federal grand jury began investigating Houchins in 2018. Subpoenas to Houchins' at-

torney and various real estate companies resulted in only a small amount of documentation. Houchins admitted in a February 2020 letter that he had "destroyed all of the evidence," according to the indictment.

"Houchins then defaulted on the notes by failing to pay investors their promised returns. The investors were unable to foreclose upon the investment properties because Houchins had not secured the promissory notes with a deed of trust filed, thereby resulting in losses to the investors," Connelly said.

Houchins was convicted of writing more than \$2,000 in worthless checks in Moore County in 2016, according to the N.C. Department of Public Safety. The felony conviction meant Houchins was already prohibited from possessing a firearm, but the protective order further prohibited his gun

ownership. In March 2020, Houchins told friends that his wife had "run to the police" and that he has "no mercy on a lying rat," according to the indictment. About a month later, the superseding indictment alleges that Houchins sent threatening communications to his wife's friends and family members, including photographs of himself wearing a mask and tactical vest.

The indictment charges that following Houchins' arrest, internet searches on his electronic devices found searches for "killing your wife over love."

At the time of his arrest, Houchins had a Ruger AR-15, four magazines, a double canister magazine containing 100 rounds of ammunition, two boxes of .223-caliber ammunition and a tactical vest.



The 2021 Miss Bailey winners are pictured in a group portrait following the Nov. 13 pageant at Southern Nash High School. Winners are Baby Miss Paisley Lamm, Mini Miss Journee Farmer, Tiny Miss Alyson Parsons, Little Miss Payten Baines, Junior Miss Lexi DeStefano, Teen Miss Greyson Poland, Miss Bailey Caroline Proctor and Miss Bailey Sweetheart Abby Brewer. Poland also won an overall photogenic award. Contributed photo

Miss Bailey winners announced

For The Enterprise

BAILEY — A new court of queens has been crowned.

The 2021 Miss Bailey Pageant is in the books, with Caroline Proctor being named Miss Bailey during the Nov. 13 competition at Southern Nash High School. A total of 27 girls competed in eight contests.

The winners are Baby Miss Paisley Lamm, Mini Miss Journee Farmer, Tiny Miss Alyson Parsons, Little Miss Payten Baines, Junior Miss Lexi DeStefano, Teen Miss Greyson Poland, Miss Bailey Caroline Proctor and Miss Bailey Sweetheart Abby Brewer.

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Organizer Leigh Deane said the pageant was successful this year due to its sponsors. "As you shop this holiday season, please remember to support our sponsors," Deane said.

Sponsors include the Bailey Chamber of Com-

merce, Stallings Rental, Tonya Stallings and Chris Parker, Low Country Comfort Co., Rudy's Truck and Trailer Inc., Darryl and Diane Perry, Ed and Kim Rice, Alliance One International, Honeyuckle Children's Boutique, Bailey Brother's Ag. Partnership, Robert and Wade Glover Farms, Rob Glover Farming, Central East Ag Supply Inc., Joel Lamm of Lamm Farms, Scott Brothers Inc., Vick Family Farms, Mary Joyner in memory of Mitch Joyner, Getso, Linda Lamm, Brantley Farms, Quality Equipment, JFS Power Equipment Inc., ProEdge Sprayers Inc., Venessa Harris, Lyley E's Business, Armanis Inc., Kimberly Mickel, Wright's Hardware, JAF Transportation, Terri Strickland, Teresa Daniels, Southeast Fabricators, Heger Construction, Lake Gaston Coffee Co., Mrs. George's Flea, Alan Stone Custom Remodel, J.A. Worrell Construction Inc., Moore's

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
KALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 465

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R6-55 Regarding Fuel and Fuel-Related Cost Adjustments for Electric Utilities

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled an additional public hearing in the annual fuel charge adjustment cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The additional public hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 16, 2021, in Commission Hearing Room 2113, 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 R6-55 for the purpose of determining whether a fuel cost adjustment is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudently incurred fuel and fuel-related costs. The Commission is conducting an initial public witness hearing in this proceeding immediately following the public witness portions of the hearing in Docket Nos. E-22, Sub 465 and 604, which are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2113, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, as well as an open witness hearing to receive testimony and submit of expert witness immediately following the expert witness portions of the hearings in Docket Nos. E-22, Sub 465 and 604, which are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 22, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2113, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The additional public hearing is being held to allow the opportunity for public comment and testimony on DENC's revised proposed total fuel rates in this proceeding.

On August 10, 2021, DENC filed an application and testimony relative to the subject matter of the proceeding. By its application DENC requested a total annual fuel revenue increase of approximately \$22 million, effective February 1, 2022, from the fuel and fuel-related costs currently in effect. This proposed fuel revenue increase, including regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 0.118 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers; 0.102 cents per kWh for small general service and public roadway customers; 0.509 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 MVP 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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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Stepha Dutton, Chief Clerk

School social workers raise money for local groups

For The Enterprise

NASHVILLE — The Nash County Public Schools social worker team organized and sponsored a district-wide community service project that raised more than \$5,000 for community partners.

The project raised \$5,395.25. The money raised will be donated to the following agencies:

- Jo Ann's Place, a children's advocacy center for Nash, Edgecombe and Wilson counties. This agency provides forensic interviews, medical evalu-

ation and other services to children who have been abused and neglected.

- Special Olympics, which offers students with different abilities an opportunity to compete in games designed to maximize individual strengths.

- Faith Christian Ministries, which provides furniture, clothes, baby items and financial assistance to families in need.

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provide valuable assistance to the families in our community. We are very happy and excited to donate all of the funds raised to these organizations," said Christine Catalano, the school district's executive director of strategic planning and engagement.

The district's social workers are Sheila P. Pittman, lead school social worker; Cynthia Pritchard, Laysha Williams, Renee Kerns, Christina Turner, Samantha Andrews, Latrice Woodard and Monisha Battle.

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Public Notices	Public Notices	Public Notices
<p>NASH COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held on Monday, December 6, 2021 beginning at 9:00 a.m. before the Nash County Board of Commissioners in the Frederick B. Cooper Commissioners Room on the first floor of the Claude M. J. Administration Building located at 132 West Washington Street, Nashville, NC 27803 or online.</p> <p>Text Amendment Request A-211931 to amend the District-wide Urban Development Ordinance Article X, Section 10-7.1 (P) to remove the reference to the NCDOT Functional Classification System and to require additional data for residential lots subdivided on any road with a calculated average daily traffic over 1,000 vehicles.</p> <p>Conditional Rezoning Request C2-210021 made by The East Group on behalf of The C. T. Williams Corporation to rezone approximately 226 acres owned by I & F Farms LLC located on both sides of Green Pond</p>	<p>Loop Rd, Beiry, NC 27807 and further identified as Nash County Tax Map PIN #27300050732 from R-40 (Single-Family Residential) to RA-20-G2 (Medium Density Residential Conditional Zone) for the development of the 254-acre Green Pond Loop Road Subdivision.</p> <p>Conditional Rezoning Request C2-211152 made by Jack B. Cozart & SBA Land Development LLC, the property owners, to rezone a 26.73-acre tract of land located on the south side of Bull Head Rd, Bailey, NC 27807 and further identified as Heath County Tax Map PIN #27480381720 from R-40 (Single-Family Residential) to RA-20-G2 (Medium Density Residential Conditional Zone) for the development of the 49-acre Searns Phase 2 Subdivision.</p> <p>Conditional Rezoning Request C2-210021 made by Morgan Properties LLC, the property owner, to rezone an approximately two-acre tract of land located on the south side</p>	<p>of W NC Highway 37, Middlesex, NC 27567 inside the Fernie Fire & Rescue Department and further identified as Nash County Tax Map PIN #27480383643 and a portion of PIN #27480383647 from R-30 (Single-Family Residential) to OG-G2 (General Commercial Conditional Zone) for the development of a general merchandise retail store (Dollar General).</p> <p>Members of the public are invited to attend these meetings and to participate as permitted by the applicable public hearing procedures. Substantial changes to the requests may result from the public hearing. The full request applications may be reviewed on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Nash County Planning & Inspection Department on the second floor of the Claude M. J. Administration Building located at 132 West Washington Street, Suite 2110, Nashville, NC 27803 or you may call 252-456-6837 for more information.</p> <p>The Filasopha November 24, 2021</p>

SCOREBOARD

TV Listings

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S) 5:30 p.m. (Wednesday) ESPN -- Michigan vs. Kentucky...

Sunday's College Scores

Football: Michigan 20, Iowa 19; Oklahoma 52, Texas Tech 31; LSU 42, Mississippi State 7.

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Basketball: Kentucky 81, Michigan 61; Duke 78, Wake Forest 62; Iowa 81, Oklahoma 74.

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NFL Scores

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NFL Scores

National Conference: Carolina 24, Atlanta 20; Dallas 27, New Orleans 20.

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TESTING

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drive-through COVID-19 testing in the Greenville Mall parking lot. Testing is offered today through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The site will close Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving, but reopen Saturday and Sunday.

Case numbers saw a small increase between Friday and Monday. Silvernail said that on Friday there were 288 cases recorded over the previous two weeks. On Monday that number was 301. The uptick could be a result of the season, Silvernail said.

"Sometimes there is a seasonality to these respiratory viruses that probably has to

do with the combination of weather, more inside activities, more family gatherings and things like that," Silvernail said. "It facilitates transmission. We do not always understand the ebb and flow of some of these cycles of respiratory viruses, but it is the season where we would expect them to increase."

Numbers remain lower than those recorded even last month, however. Oct. 19, 333 cases were recorded over a two week period according to state tracking by The Daily Reflector. The number of deaths since then has increased from 141 to 146, with the most recent death occurring on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

Now that COVID-19 boosters are approved for everyone 18 and older, Sil-

vernail offered some insight into the state of vaccinations in Pitt County.

"If you had Johnson & Johnson it is recommended that you get one of the mRNA vaccine (boosters), either the Pfizer or the Moderna," Silvernail said. "It seems that the booster response is a little greater with that in comparing to getting a J&J booster."

Silvernail said that vaccines are still broadly available in the community. The Pitt County Health Department has provided 413,930 doses of the Moderna vaccine between first, second and booster doses according to Silvernail. He said the Pfizer BioNTech vaccines for 5 to 11 year-old children are also being administered by the county, Vidant, ECU

Physicians and many pediatricians, he said.

"The vaccine requires some special handling and it is a different dosing regime than other vaccines, so we have a couple days a week where we have a dedicated clinic for the 5- to 11-year-old vaccine and a nurse who administers only that vaccine so they do not get a different number in their head," Silvernail said.

"We were told that it would be available through the chain pharmacies as well, but I do not have a list of which pharmacies have that vaccine," he said. "If you want to receive it through a pharmacy I would suggest you check with the pharmacy to see if they have that in stock."

Silvernail said he was

"pretty pleased" that 7 percent of Pitt County 5- to 11-year-olds already have been vaccinated since the vaccine was approved about two weeks ago.

The N.C. Department of Health and Human Services reported Monday that 65,801 Pitt County residents age 12 and up had received at least one dose of the vaccine, 58 percent of the population. A total of 59,265 had received two doses, 49 percent of the population.

VIDANT TESTING

Individuals looking to get tested for COVID-19 can now schedule an appointment with Vidant Health's 2610 Stanionsburg Road site, at the corner of Stanionsburg Road and Wellness Drive,

between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Testing is offered on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

People with an appointment will have access to a separate lane at the testing site and have much of the paperwork completed in advance, a release said. Drive-ups are still available for those without appointments.

An appointment must be scheduled through MyChart. Information on how to do that can be found at vidanthealth.com/patient-portal. Individuals may only schedule an appointment for themselves.

The site will be open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, closed on Thursday and open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday.

GAS PRICES

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102,000 people are expected to fly, compared to just under 57,000 last year. Nationally, numbers are expected to increase from 2.3 million to 4.2 million, according to AAA, nearly reaching the 2010 level of 4.6 million.

Raleigh-Durham International Airport expects more than 234,000 passengers from Monday through Sunday of Thanksgiving week, a 129 percent increase over the same week in 2020. The airport reported it expects Sunday to be the busiest day of the week, with 44,000 people

traveling in a single day.

About 1.5 million automobile travelers are expected to hit the roads in North Carolina, up from 1.3 million last year. Nationally the numbers are expected to increase from 44.5 million to 48.3 million. A large enforcement effort for safe travels by the State Highway Patrol will center around the "Click It or Ticket" campaign.

"Fatal collisions across North Carolina relating to unbelted drivers is up 6 percent ... from last year. We're hoping through that Click It or Ticket and the enforcement and awareness that come out of that campaign can help to curb that trend that we're seeing with fatal

crashes," said 1st Sgt. Christopher Knox.

Peak travel days will be the Wednesday before and the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Knox stated the Highway Patrol will have increased manpower on these days with the hope of preventing collisions from occurring and being able to prevent secondary events in the event of an initial collision happening.

Gas prices surged in October and are likely to remain elevated through the holiday season, according to AAA. The average price for gasoline in North Carolina was \$3.29 per gallon on Monday while the national average was \$3.49

per gallon. This is the highest Thanksgiving gas price since 2013. According to AAA, the state average was \$3.94 per gallon during last year's holiday and \$2.41 on Thanksgiving Day in 2019.

"After such an unusual holiday travel year in 2020, it appears that higher gas prices will not be enough to deter Canadians from returning to the road for the holidays," said Tiffany Wright, spokesperson for AAA Carolinas. "Unfortunately, it appears these high gas prices will hang around through the holidays. So it's likely that travelers will budget more for gasoline and less on things like shopping, lodging and dining out."

REZONING

Continued from A1

father, Parker Overton, is one of the property's owners. The board did allow Michael Overton to make a statement in favor of the rezoning request.

Overton said his father and his partners have tried for years to bring a project to the property. Overton said there is plenty of property available for medical office use, so he believes rezoning the land to allow for high-density, multi-family development is the best and highest use for the land.

Fagundus said the property has had the medical-office zoning since the mid-1980s.

"The real crux of this is the comprehensive plan, the Horizons plan," Fagundus said. "We are at the midpoint in the plan's life cycle. A lot of time the evolution of land-use patterns are really kind of a good indication of a need for a comprehensive review of the plan at the midpoint of a plan's life instead of doing it on a case-by-case basis."

The Horizons 2025 com-

munity plan is a document adopted in 2016 to provide a "vision and blueprint for enhancing the urban character, economic vibrancy and environmental stewardship in Greenville."

Fagundus said there is an increasing demand for housing, so the rezoning request is "a good solid request to help ... foster development potential."

No one spoke against the request at the Nov. 16

planning and zoning commission meeting. Commission member John Collins said an email had been sent to members opposing the request.

"There was no discussion of the email or Fagundus' suggestion about updating the community plan."

Also during the meeting the commission unanimously approved a preliminary plat for a nearly 24-acre lot located along the east-

ern right-of-way of Charles Boulevard, south of Tucker Estates Subdivision and adjacent to Grace Church.

Planner David Moore said a preliminary plat had previously been approved for the property in 2017, but the new plan had a different street configuration. There also is a different stormwater control design.

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RALEIGH

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Through a Petition to Modify Test Period (Petition) and supplemental testimony filed on October 29, 2021, DENC revised its request to a larger, approximately \$26 million increase, by including the deferral balance of the proceeds of July, August, and September 2021. Accordingly, DENC's proposed fuel revenue increase, including regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 0.6094 cents per kWh for residential, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers; 0.6077 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.6026 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.5745 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; and 0.5941 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 \$6.09.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where copies of DENC's application and Petition are available for review by the public, and on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.gov.

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

This 9th day of November, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Steven Dawson, Chief Clerk

MARKET ROUNDUP

Inside Business

For an in-depth look at the business community in Hampton Roads, check out the weekly Inside Business tab. Read online at insidebiz.com. Subscribe by calling 757-446-9000.

STOCKS

The S&P 500 ended the day changed 0.01% and the Dow Jones Industrial Average edged lower. The Nasdaq fell less than 0.1%. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 1.62%. Investors held back ahead of earnings reports later this week from Home Depot, Wal-Mart and Target. Earnings reports started the day weak, but gained ground by late afternoon as a U.S. crude oil price reversed from losses to a slight gain. Chevron rose 2.5%.

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Dow Jones Industrials Close: 36,097.45 Change: -12.86 (flat)

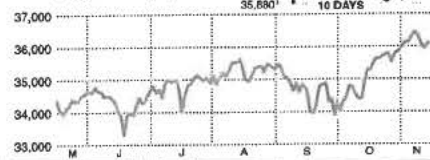


Table with market indices: S&P 500, Dow Jones Industrials, Russell 2000, Gold Futures, Yen, Euro, Crude Oil.

Table with major market growth and decline: 5-day % change, 30-day % change, 1-year % change for various indices.

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Table of local stocks including Altria Group, Amazon.com Inc, American Airlines, etc.

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Table of most active stocks including Ford Motor, AT&T Inc, AMC Entertainment, etc.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 605 BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION PUBLIC NOTICE

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Project aims to slow streams, reduce pollution

Effort seeks to stem water cutting into land in York County

By Dave Rees
Staff Writer

Just a few yards past the culvert where Larkin Run emerges, water is flowing so fast that it has undercut one of the banks by more than a foot.

Which is why the small York County stream is the latest to be added to the county's stepped-up stream restoration project, on the Peninsula localities where former farms have over the past few decades sprayed houses, stores and parking lots, faster-moving water has become a problem.

In York County, for instance, streams that once meandered easily at the edges of fields or woods now scow away their banks — at the county's first major restoration project, on the Green Spring stream behind Walker Miller Bible Church, it had exposed a Newport News Waterworks water main, said Richard Sutton, chief of operations for the county's utilities and stormwater division.

At the latest project to go out for bid, to slow down water along 2,000 feet of two branches of the namesake stream behind Spass Road, erosion is cutting into the path of a sanitary sewer. The low bid on it came in at just under \$1 million.

At the same time as erosion worries mount,

York, like other Tidewater cities and counties, is under pressure to cut the amount of sediment, nitrogen, phosphorus and other pollutants that rainwater sends into Chesapeake Bay.

Slowing down streams is a big step, Sutton said. It cuts the amount of sediment flowing into the bay, since less soil is eroded. Slower flows mean more time for nitrogen and phosphorus to sink into the ground, too. Rainwater moves fast, especially since so much suburban and city acreage these days is covered by hard surfaces that shed water, rather than letting it soak into the ground.

Larkin Run, which drains about 50 acres, usually a trickle of water on a sunny day. Last week, it was already 2 to 3 inches deep and on the move. After just a quarter-inch of rain a few days before, said Travis Rhodes, an engineer with the county public works department. "It's worse than it was the last time we were here," he said Sutton.

Sutton is about to launch the multi-month process of designing an answer to Larkin Run.

It'll involve some complicated math after consulting engineers Brown and Caldwell complete a detailed survey of some 800 feet of the stream's upper reaches and to come up with a design.

It'll likely involve trying to raise the level of the stream and cutting some "S" shaped curves, Rhodes said. Lowering the banks



Richard Sutton, chief of operations for York County's utilities and stormwater division, points out features on a recent stream restoration project. DAVE REES/STAFF

create a wider floodplain is also likely, while installing pairings of cobblestones riffles in the stream bed with small pools immediately downstream, should also help.

That's a large part of what the county's contractor did along 1,000 feet of the stream that runs through Charles Brown Park.

That work also included installing log riffles in the newly-built pool, as well as planting root wads and boulders along the inside curves of the new curves.

The log riffles, like the cobblestones slow the water; the root wads and boulders protect stream banks just where the current of the stream would flow at its fastest.

As the consulting engineers come up with ideas for Larkin Run, Sutton and Rhodes will bring those suggestions back to the several dozen homeowners whose lots border the stream.

The neighbors' feedback and their concerns about how the work might affect

their property. "We'll probably go back and forth several times," Sutton said.

Issues such as trees that might have to come down, land that might be needed for a new S-curve or lower a bank and the logistics of getting construction equipment down to the stream all have to be tackled.

Over by the Green Spring stream, one property owner's reluctance to lose land to a settling pool meant the county and its consulting engineers decided to install

some yard-high rocks to wall in a small section of the creek.

A few yards downstream, where the stream's eroding force had exposed the water main the county had its contractor install a series of cobblestone beds, steps and pools. The space there was too tight to try for S-curves and widening the floodplain.

A few yards farther on, where the stream had cut its own small S-curve and where one property owner was reluctant to give up on his planting on the steeply rising stream bank, a single cobblestone riffle and pool slowed things down.

But just downstream from that, a large culvert dumped a major storm drain in.

With the recent rain, water raced out of the culvert a pace not too far off the flow when homeowners water their lawns or their kids fill a glass of water from a faucet.

But the water hit a large cobblestone bed, at which point its surface riffles disappeared and the deep pool beyond looked black and motionless.

It wasn't completely still, though — for a few yards beyond, it was moving slowly through the new S-curves cut where there had been more space to work.

"It's been about a year since we finished," Sutton said. "I think it looks pretty much healed."

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REGION BRIEFS

PORTSMOUTH

Man shot, injured

Police say man was seriously injured Sunday night in a shooting in Portsmouth. Officers responded around 9:40 p.m. to the 2100 block of Elm Ave.,

north of Portsmouth Boulevard.

At the scene, officers found a 19-year-old man with a life-threatening gunshot wound. He was taken to a local hospital, police said. Although authorities haven't identified any suspects, police say they're searching for a black van

that might have been involved.

No other details about the motive and circumstances have been released. Police are still investigating. Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Portsmouth Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division at 757-392-4536 or to submit

an anonymous tip through the Portsmouth Crime Line

ISLE OF WIGHT

Log truck driver dies

Virginia State Police investigated a fatal

single-vehicle crash involving a log truck Monday

morning in Isle of Wight County. State troopers responded to the overturned truck around 9:35 a.m. in the 500 block of Myrtle Road in Carverville. Police say the truck was the only vehicle involved. The truck was off the road-

way on its side and the driver, who was the sole occupant, was trapped.

The driver died from injuries sustained in the accident, police said. Officials have not released the driver's identity. Troopers remained on scene investigating, according to a state police spokesman.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH
DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB #05
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R4-55 Regarding Fuel and Fuel-Related Cost Adjustments for Electric Utilities

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This the 8th day of November, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Shonta Deason, Chief Clerk

VDOT Virginia Department of Transportation

I-64 Hampton Roads Express Lanes Norfolk Segment (1A/1B)
Virtual and In-Person Design Public Hearing

Virtual: Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 5:30 p.m. Registration Required
In-Person: Thursday, December 2, 2021, 4-7 p.m.
Residence Inn Norfolk Airport 1590 N. Military Highway, Norfolk, VA 23602

Find out about the proposed project to repurpose I-64 in both directions on 0.150 miles east of Patrol Road to 1,036 miles east of I-264. The three existing General Purpose (GP) lanes and shoulders will be converted to one part time, high-occupancy express shoulder lane and three GP lanes. The bridges over Tidewater Drive will be widened and rehabilitated, and the bridge over Chesapeake Boulevard will be replaced. Several existing bridges along the corridor will be rehabilitated and spot widening will occur to accommodate the typical section along the corridor.

Two public hearings will be offered, one virtually and one in-person. VDOT representatives will share project information and be present to answer questions. The presentation will be available for review throughout the comment period. During the in-person hearing, VDOT will have COVID-19 precautions in place to ensure the health and safety of attendees. Visit <https://www.virginia.gov/64expresslanesnorfolk.asp> to register for the virtual hearing. The project website, listed below, will include the same information, materials, and presentations available at the public hearing.

Review the proposed project plans during the public hearing, on VDOT's website at https://www.64expresslanes.org/under_design/norfolk.asp, or at VDOT's Interstate Management Office located at 1962 South Military Highway Chesapeake, VA 23320 by calling ahead to Claudia Walsh at 757-222-1534 or 1-800-367-7623, TTY/VDOT 711 to ensure the appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions. Property impact information, relocation assistance policies, and tentative construction schedules are available for your review at the above address and will be available at the public hearing. Project plans and the draft environmental document in the form of a Categorical Exclusion is available on the project website included above.

Give your written or verbal comments during the hearing or submit them online from the survey on VDOT's website at the address listed above or by Dec. 12, 2021, or to Ms. Claudia Walsh, Project Manager, Virginia Department of Transportation, 7511 Burbage Drive, Suffolk, VA 23435. Comments can also be emailed to Claudia.Walsh@VDOT.Virginia.gov. Please reference "I-64 Hampton Roads Express Lanes Segment 1A/1B VDOT Design Hearing Public Comments" in the subject line.

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In case of technical issues or inclement weather, the virtual public hearing back-up date is December 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. and the in-person back-up date is December 9, 2021 from 4 - 7 p.m. at the same location.