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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

November 16, 2020

Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk  
North Carolina Utilities Commission  
Dobbs Building  
430 North Salisbury Street  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

**Docket No. E-22, Sub 590**

Dear Ms. Campbell:

Enclosed please find an Affidavit of Publication and Affidavit of Publication for Amended Notice, which will serve as proof of publication of the Public Notice as required in ordering paragraph 6 of the Commission's September 14, 2020 *Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice* ("September Order") and ordering paragraph 2 of the Commission's October 27, 2020 *Order Granting Petition for Waiver of Notice Requirements and Requiring Amended Public Notice* ("October Order") in the above-referenced docket.

Pursuant to the instructions in ordering paragraph 5 of the September Order, notices were originally published in newspapers having general circulation in Dominion Energy North Carolina's service area once a week for two consecutive weeks beginning with the week of September 30, 2020 (at least 35 days prior to the hearing). Copies of tear sheets from each of the newspapers in which the public notice ran are also enclosed.

Pursuant to paragraph 2 in the October Order, newspaper ads containing the amended notice ran the weeks of November 1<sup>st</sup> and November 8<sup>th</sup>, with final publication on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. The Affidavit of Publication for Amended Notice required by ordering paragraph 3 of the October Order is enclosed herein; however, because of the time needed for VA Press to provide documentation to Dominion Energy, the tear sheets associated with the publication for the amended notice will be forthcoming.

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

Sincerely,

*/s/ Lauren W. Biskie*

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(Order #20102DD2)

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CITY/COUNTY OF Henrico, to-wit:

I, Julia Wigginton, Tearsheet Coordinator, hereby certify that a Legal Notice for Dominion Energy Services, Inc, State of NC Utilities Commission Raleigh...Docket No. E-22 SUB 590 was published in the following North Carolina and Virginia newspapers on the dates listed in the year 2020.

Bertie Ledger Advance 10/1/20, 10/8/20

Coastland Times 9/30/20, 10/7/20

Elizabeth City Daily Advance 9/29/20, 10/6/20

Hertford Perquimans Weekly 10/1/20, 10/8/20

Martin Co Enterprise (changed name from Williamston Enterprise) 10/1/20, 10/8/20

Pamlico News 9/30/20, 10/7/20

Roanoke Chowan News Herald 9/30/20, 10/7/20

Rocky Mt Telegram 9/29/20, 10/6/20

Tarboro Weekly 10/1/20, 10/8/20

Virginian Pilot 9/27/20, 10/4/20

Butner Creedmoor News 10/1/20, 10/8/20

Edenton, The Chowan Herald 10/1/20, 10/8/20


Gates County Index 10/1/20, 10/8/20

Plymouth Roanoke Beacon 9/30/20, 10/7/20

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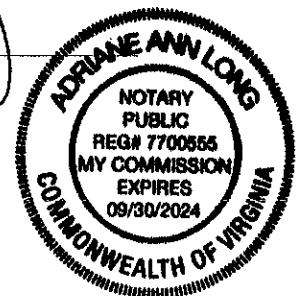
The Daily Reflector 9/30/20, 10/7/20

  
Signature

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2020.

My commission expires: 9/30/2024

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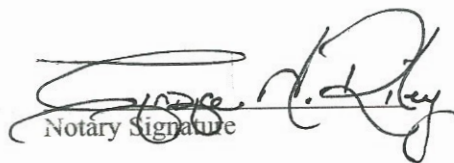
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**COMMONWEALTH OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
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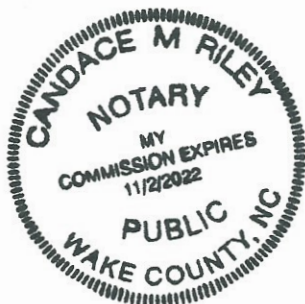
I, Candace Riley hereby certify that a notice to the Public for Dominion Electric STATE OF NC Utilities Commission Raleigh....Docket NO. E-22 SUB 590 was published in the following newspapers on the days listed in the year 2020.


Publication Date list each

Elizabeth City Daily Advance	11/4	11/11
Roanoke Rapids Daily Herald	11/4	11/10
Rocky Mount Telegram	11/4	11/11
Chowan News-Herald	11/4	11/11
Manteo Coastland Times	11/8	11/15
Roanoke Beacon	11/4	11/11
Roxboro Courier-Times	11/5	11/12
Greenville Daily Reflector	11/4	11/11
Edenton Chowan Herald	11/5	11/12
Perquimans Weekly	11/5	11/12
Martin County Enterprise	11/5	11/12
Bertie Ledger-Advance	11/5	11/12
Butner-Creedmoor News	11/5	11/12
Pamlico News	11/4	11/11
Gates County Index	11/5	11/12
Tarboro Weekly	11/4	11/11

  
Notary Signature

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 16th day of November 2020.  
My commission expires: 11 / 02 /2022



  
Candace M. Riley  
Notary #201729300190

## Community

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## BERTIE COUNTY 'SEEN'



On Saturday, Sept. 5 Helping Hands Ministry served 100 meals to the frontline workers and tomato victims. The Helping Hands Outreach program was founded by Yvonne Batts and Patrick Batts in 2008. They started out doing Thanksgiving and Christmas Boxes for families in need. Since the pandemic Helping Hands Ministry has been traveling to different

counties and near by cities to help where they are needed distributing hot meals and everyday essentials such as masks, hand sanitizer, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, bath clothes, toilet paper and paper towels.

## ARHS announces clinic schedule

WINDSOR - Bertie County Health Department, partnering with Albemarle Regional Health Services, announces its clinic schedule.

Clinics are held at

Bertie County Health Department - 102 Rhodes Ave. in Windsor. Hours at the Bertie County Health Department are from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through

Friday. Bertie County Health Department has extended hours on second and fourth Monday evenings until 7 p.m.

Clinics slated for September include:

Thursday, Oct. 1  
Bertie: General, WIC

Friday, Oct. 2  
Bertie: General, WIC  
Monday, Oct. 5  
Bertie: General, WIC  
All Day, Primary Care  
AM, New Prenatal PM  
Tuesday, Oct. 6  
Bertie: General, WIC, DEPO AM

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## Deaths

Roy "Rat" Eubanks, Jr

WINDSOR - Roy "Rat" Eubanks, Jr., 84, died on Wednesday September 23, 2020. Funeral was held Saturday, September 26, 2020 at 11 a.m., at Walker Funeral Home. Visitation was held Friday, Sept. 25, from 5-7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

## Out&amp;About

Out and About lists current events sponsored by non-profit groups in Bertie County. Please send listings to the Bertie Ledger-Advance, P.O. Box 69, Windsor, NC 27983, bring them by the office on King Street or e-mail them to [twilite@ncweeklies.com](mailto:twilite@ncweeklies.com). All events must be submitted by 4 p.m. each Monday.

Oct. 3

Concealed Carry Handgun Class

WILLIAMSTON - The Division of Continuing Education will offer a Concealed Carry Handgun class from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3 on the Williamston campus of Martin Community College.

The fee is \$70.

For more information or to register, contact Leslie Bond at 252-789-0248 or via email at [leslie.bond@martincc.edu](mailto:leslie.bond@martincc.edu).

Oct. 7

History for Lunch

ELIZABETH CITY - The Museum of the Albemarle will host the monthly "History for Lunch" at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 7. Ansel Wagner of the N.C. Office of Archives and History will join from Raleigh to present This Day in North Carolina History.

The lecture will be online. Register through the Museum's Facebook page or website ([www.museumofthealbemarle.com](http://www.museumofthealbemarle.com)) to receive a link through the Zoom platform to attend.

Oct. 20

Blood Drive

WINDSOR - The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 2-6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20 at the Windsor Community Building.

To schedule an appointment, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

Ongoing

Mini-Master

Martin Community College will offer three, eight-week curriculum classes beginning Oct. 21.

These completely online classes include College Transfer Success Skills, Writing and Inquiry and Music Appreciation. Financial aid is available, and the credits will transfer as full semester courses to UNC colleges.

The classes end Dec. 18. For more information or to enroll, go to [www.martincc.edu](http://www.martincc.edu) or call 252-792-1521.

High School Equivalency

NIOCKIE - Roanoke-Chowan Community College offers multiple pathways to earn a High School Equivalency diploma. Qualified students can receive financial aid for college courses while working on the HSE. For more information, contact Tishada Walton or Tonia Stevenson at 252-862-1308 or 252-862-1258.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 590

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of )  
Application by Virginia Electric and Power )  
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North ) PUBLIC NOTICE  
Carolina (Present to N.C.U.C. # 420413 )  
and )  
Commission Rule (R-55) Regarding Fuel and )  
Fuel-Related Costs Adjustments for Electric )  
Utilities )

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing on an annual fuel and fuel-related charge adjustment proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via Zoom. A link to view the hearing will be available at [www.ncuc.org](https://www.ncuc.org). Members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing, on or later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff via email at [publicstaff@ncuc.org](mailto:publicstaff@ncuc.org), or by calling 866-380-9416. When registering, provide your name, docket number (E-22, Sub 590), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

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

DENC filed an application on testimony relative to the subject matter of this proceeding on August 11, 2020. According to its application, DENC is requesting a total annual fuel revenue decrease of approximately \$15.1 million from the fuel and fuel-related costs currently in effect. Further, DENC proposes to make the fuel revenue decrease effective for service on and after February 1, 2021.

DENC's proposed fuel revenue decrease, including regulatory fee, would result in the following decreases for DENC's customers: 0.395 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential, mid-tier lighting and traffic lighting customers; 0.391 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.390 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.355 cents per kWh for rate schedule RS customers; and 0.407 cents per kWh for rate schedule 6-V customers. The net effect of this request would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$3.95.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available on the Commission's website at [www.ncuc.org](http://www.ncuc.org).

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 customer wishes to be considered by the Public Staff at its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent customers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection-Utilities, 5001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-5001. Written statements may be emailed to [att@ncag.com](mailto:att@ncag.com).

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

Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Monday, October 26, 2020. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Monday, October 26, 2020.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This 14th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

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## Relay

From A1  
\$230,000 goal.

Much of the reason they were able to come so close to the goal despite all the issues surrounding 2020 was the people who provide corporate sponsorships.

"Relay cannot happen without the community or the dedicated committee and volunteers," Jordan said. "In Bertie County, we can't thank Perdue and their associates enough, but we also couldn't survive without the mom-and-pop corporate sponsors."

Parker echoed those thoughts. "Without the support of local corporate sponsors

here in Bertie County and around the country, the American Cancer Society would not be able to achieve its mission," Parker stressed. "The dollars raised through Relay For Life are used for ACS's research, education, advocacy and service initiatives."

Bertie County has one Platinum Level sponsor, which is Perdue Farms Inc. and their associates, but also has a Diamond Level Sponsor in Coastal Medical Transport.

There are nearly a dozen Gold Level sponsors including: Bertie County Government, Dr. and Mrs. Horace Ward Jr., Merry Hill Baptist Church, Roanoke-

Electric Care Trust, Republic Services of Aulander, Sandy Branch Baptist Church, the town of Windsor, Vidant Bertie Hospital and a sponsorship in Memory of CDR Sherwood Rawls, USN and Eunice Dilday.

Relay For Life also has a variety of Silver and Bronze Level sponsors.

Parker said while COVID-19 has impacted not only ACS, but those who are actively fighting cancer, the fight has continued.

"The fight against cancer is being challenged," she said. "But it's a fight that can't be canceled, postponed or rescheduled. COVID-19 has put cancer patients at risk - attacking already weakened

immune systems, delaying cancer treatments and closing many clinical trials. COVID-19 hasn't stopped cancer, but it has affected the fight."

"Our corporate sponsors joined the fight once again this year and supported Relay For Life so that we can continue programs like cancer screening, 24/7 navigation and support and research for treatments and cures - programs that are critical for cancer patients now and in the future," she continued. "That is why they were needed more than ever to stand strong and get through this uncertain and uncharted time in our lives and our Bertie County Relay

For Life corporate sponsors did."

The planning for next year's Relay For Life and fundraising for the new year are already under way. Those wishing to donate or join the fight can do so by going to [relayforlife.org/Bertie](http://relayforlife.org/Bertie) and join a team or contribute.

Those wishing to participate for the first time or to rejoin can contact ACS staffer Melissa Croom at [melissa.croom@cancer.org](mailto:melissa.croom@cancer.org) or by calling 252.695.9054.

For more information about Relay For Life, see page B3 of today's edition.

Thadde White can be reached via email at [twhite@ncweeklies.com](mailto:twhite@ncweeklies.com).

## Plasma

From A1  
"They gave me plasma on Monday and on Tuesday I could tell a noticeable difference," he said. "I'm a big supporter of the plasma."

The pastor said he had been told another church member had the same situation - and also saw a noticeable increase in how he felt following the plasma.

The American Red Cross said they began collecting COVID-19 convalescent plasma from those previously diagnosed in April. The organization said the convalescent

plasma containing COVID-19 antibodies may help the most critical patients actively fighting the virus.

Now, whole blood donations made at any Red Cross blood drive or blood donation center could be helpful for the effort.

"Donations that come back positive for COVID-19 antibodies now undergo secondary testing to confirm antibody results, and that enables the Red Cross to then potentially use the plasma from those donations for COVID-19 patients," said Dr. Erin Goodhue, executive medical director of direct

patient care with the Red Cross Biomedical Services. "With approximately 2 percent of the U.S. population testing positive for COVID-19 antibodies, every donation is important to ensure patients with coronavirus have access to every treatment option available to them."

Those wishing to provide blood for the American Red Cross will have the opportunity to do so locally on Oct. 20. There will be a blood drive from 2-5 p.m. at the Windsor Community Building.

"It helped me enough,

I would recommend to anyone to go and donate if they can," Rev. Denton said. "I have suggested it to my family, and would to anyone who can."

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age - in most states - (16 with parental consent, where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have

to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive.

To get started, follow the instructions at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) or use the Blood Donor App.

Thadde White can be reached via email at [twhite@ncweeklies.com](mailto:twhite@ncweeklies.com).

## Conference

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and 28.

The conference will be held as a virtual event due to the COVID-19 pandemic and is free to the public. It is being organized by the Sustainable Forestry and Land Retention Project, which is supported in part by Roanoke Electric Cooperative (REC), and by the Durham-based Black Family Land Trust.

REC President and Chief Executive Officer Curtis Wynn is the conference's keynote speaker.

The conference will feature three 90-minute sessions as follows:

- Financial Assistance, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 27

Landowners will receive information on state and federal services and programs available to forestland owners and farmers in the form of cost-share programs and technical

assistance. Taxation, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 28

Landowners will receive information about Present Use Valuation and other programs with tax implications, as well as the role that Forest Management Plans play with regard to eligibility for these programs.

- Economic Opportunities, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 2

Landowners will receive information about solar energy programs, recreational leasing and other ways to derive income from their property.

This conference is sponsored through a grant from the N.C. Forest Service Stewardship Program. Register at: [https://ncsu.zoom.us/j/webinar/register/WN\\_eZzqcIB5vS7JfP1n5b0v4](https://ncsu.zoom.us/j/webinar/register/WN_eZzqcIB5vS7JfP1n5b0v4)

Forest landowners do not have to live in the region to participate.

Phone charges and/or data rates may apply if participating via phone or over a mobile network.

The Sustainable Forestry and Land Retention Project began in 2013 as a partnership between the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the U.S. Forest Service and, more recently, the American Forest Foundation.

The program works to restore and conserve threatened forestland in Roanoke Electric's Cooperative's service area by increasing forest-owner income and land asset values. All landowners owning at least one contiguous eight-acre parcel of woodland are eligible to participate.

See [www.recoforestry.org](http://www.recoforestry.org) for more information on the program.

The Black

Family Land Trust, to the preservation of landowners' assets, incorporated in 2004, and protection of See <http://www.bftr.org/> for more only conservation and other historically information on the land trust dedicated under served organization.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH	
DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 590	
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Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina Pursuant to N.C. O.C. § 52-133.2 and Commission Rule RR-55 Regarding Fuel and Fuel-Related Costs Adjustments for Electric Utilities	PUBLIC NOTICE
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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.	
This the 14th day of September, 2020.	
NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION	
Joann R. Saylor, Deputy Clerk	

## Boxes

From A1  
It will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 12 and continue until the food is gone or until noon.

As part of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program Secretary Sonny Perdue announced on April 17, USDA is exercising authority under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to purchase and distribute agricultural products to those in need.

Through this program, USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is partnering with

national, regional and local distributors, whose workforces have been significantly impacted by the closure of restaurants, hotels and other food service businesses, to purchase up to \$4 billion in fresh produce, dairy and meat products from American producers of all sizes.

The program will supply food boxes of fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products, meat products and a combination box of fresh produce, dairy or meat products. Distributors will package these products into family-sized boxes, then transport them to food banks, community and faith-based organizations, and other non-profits serving Americans in need.

Thadde White can be reached via email at [twhite@ncweeklies.com](mailto:twhite@ncweeklies.com).



## 2020 ELECTION

## Padgett challenging Woodard for state Senate seat

From staff reports

Incumbent Democrat Mike Woodard is seeking another term to the N.C. State Senate in District 22 — Granville, Person and northern Durham counties. He is challenged by Republican Ricky Padgett.

They answered the same questions recently from the Butner-Creedmoor News. Their responses have not been edited for grammar, style or spelling but have been reformatted for print.

Due to space constraints in print, answers to additional questions are published on butnercreedmoornews.com.

Libertarian Ray Uhinger will also be on the ballot. He has said he is not asking others to vote for him and declined to give questionnaire responses.

Briefly list your government and other relevant experience.

**PADGETT:** 35 Years Law Enforcement, Administrative Captain, Internal Affairs Captain, Training Commander, Supervised 250 employees as the Community Service Commander, Liaison to the Public School System that took lawful, aggressive reasonable action to decrease guns and drugs in the school system, fixing a record number of both, I submitted and evaluated budgets for the law enforcement to a tune of millions of dollars.

**WOODARD:** NC Senate, 2013-present; District 22, City Council, 2005-2012

Why are you running?



**Ricky Padgett**

Party affiliation: Republican  
Incumbent: No  
City of residence: Durham  
Age: 59



**Mike Woodard**

Party affiliation: Democrat  
Incumbent: Yes  
City of residence: Durham  
Age: 51

**PADGETT:** We need someone who will restore integrity which has been lost with the current establishment politician Mike Woodard. His sexually harassing behavior toward Senator Eric Smith and her assistant as reported by one of the local news stations is totally unacceptable. The number of COVID 19 deaths in the Trypani Robich Center marked 1 employee and 21 residents for death. This with 17 additional cases totaling 39 should have never been ignored by him. His failure to lead cost the community loved ones.

This is clearly Malfeasance in Office for which he should have been removed for. Instead, he was given a free pass which makes those who gave him a free pass just as complicit. He has also championed the rioting and destruction of property to gain political favor with the violent special interest from the streets. He accepts money from Big Insurance companies like Blue Cross Blue Shield, Farm Bureau, NC Wine & Spirits Association,

NC Builder Association, Pharmaceutical Companies that impact our pockets in money paid out. Following his money on Vote Smart. Pad. Matter will tell his special interest story.

**Editor's note:** Erica Smith, a Democratic state senator, alleged in a complaint to the Legislative Ethics Committee that she experienced workplace harassment from other senators. As reported by the News & Observer, Smith filed a Workplace Harassment Complaint in February 2019. That complaint included a sexual harassment allegation against Sen. Mike Woodard, claiming he made single comment in December 2018. She had asked for Woodard to be censured. Woodard denied the accusation. The bipartisan Legislative Ethics Committee — a committee of lawmakers tasked with reviewing ethics complaints against other lawmakers — dismissed Smith's complaint.

**WOODARD:** Very simply,

What three issues are the most important to your campaign, and what are your positions on each?

**PADGETT:** Protecting NC Families, Stopping the War on Police, Greater Quality of Life for our NC Seniors, and Fixing a Broken NC Mental Health System. Protecting NC families from the violence and ensuring everyone to include law enforcement officers are treated the same under the laws of North Carolina. Shooting and Killing officers is never acceptable and will not be tolerated by me for any reason. If there are real issues concern with activities of law enforcement, it will need to be addressed in a lawful manner, not by rioting and burning businesses to the ground. My standard is The rule of law and Law Over Lawless. Families should never feel threatened by anything or anyone for whatever narrative is being pushed by a special interest group. Our Senior Citizens need more assistance in their everyday life as they have become forgotten in their golden years by the very entities in government designated to assist them. I will create a committee of senior citizen from D 22 to advise on needs specific to them. This committee will meet one time each month to address their pressing concerns for resolve and follow up to current issues they struggle with. Forming a Mental Health Committee will also be critical for tackling mental health straight on. We can no longer ignore any mental crisis facing families, society, and law enforcement daily. It is time to have a real honest discussion on how we can truly fix the mental health issues here in NC District 22. I have extensive experience and training in crisis intervention strategies and CPT programs. Politicians have dropped the ball on mental health, and I will pick it up and run for the end zone.

If you are an incumbent, describe what you feel are your greatest successes while in office. If you are opposing an incumbent, respond to their record in office.

**PADGETT:** His record of not showing up during many crucial votes makes it clear he panders and sell people issues where he is showing to represent both sides of an issue. This is standard practice for him. Woodard has failed to show up to vote when he is telling one side one thing and another side something else. His efforts to chair the finance committee have been noticeable by those in the NC Senate.

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S315-Farm Act. I worked on many provisions in the annual Farm Act, primarily on developing new stormwater regulation methods. S381-Reconstitute/Clarify Board and Commissions. Clarified the appointment of the state's boards & commissions. S433-DNCR Omnibus Changes. Transferred ownership of state lands to free up property for sale while protecting some park sites. S561-Education/Job Readiness in Prisons. Provides greater access to community college classes & job readiness for incarcerated individuals.

S377-DOT Budget/Governance. Restructured the DOT board to provide stronger oversight of department finances; mandated better reporting to the DOT board. General Assembly. I am a general public; provided funding to cover the department's overspending on projects.

H873-ADU Sewer Permit. Allows more cost-effective building of accessory dwelling units, providing both more opportunities for home builders & for affordable housing.

COVID-19 is poised to be the issue at the front of most voters' minds this election. Do you approve of Gov. Roy Cooper's handling of the pandemic, particularly in requiring face masks and in closing bars and gyms? Why or why not, and if not, what specifically should the state do differently?

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**PADGETT:** Governor Cooper overreached and undermined the goal of protecting NC residents. He failed to target high-risk areas such as Rest Homes. He failed to separate the sick from the healthy. Those sick who recovered should have been moved to sanitized well-prepared facilities as others were still recovering at the very same rest homes. Separation and quarantine of the sick from those who recovered would have been a more feasible process. This would be a phase one move with more to follow. Quarantine the sick not the healthy.

**WOODARD:** Our state has faced many challenges as we have averaged 1000 new COVID cases per day and closed our three largest state university campuses. Governor Cooper and his senior administrators have carefully balanced the greatest health crisis of the last century and the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. Working with our Federal partners and the General Assembly, he has done an admirable job protecting the health, safety, and economy of our state.

More than 1.2 million North Carolinians have filed for unemployment benefits since the start of the pandemic. Gov. Roy Cooper has called on the General Assembly to increase or extend those benefits. Should we?

**PADGETT:** Governor Cooper in desperation is asking to be bailed out of an issue he created. He has had the ability all along to safely allow people back to work as he could have made a correction to his failed COVID response. The federal government through the efforts of President Trump bailed him out previously. This would have been the time to make an immediate correction. Unfortunately, his decisions to bring or allow certain colleges back in session were done only to manipulate his college voting base to vote. This allowed him to work with Mike Woodard to exploit the indoctrinated college crowd using unsuspecting college students. I would not give the Governor additional funding to exploit anyone at any time for any reason no matter who the Governor is. In closing my answer is no since it is based on political capital for the 2020 election and party affiliation.

**WOODARD:** In 2013, the General Assembly dismantled the State's unemployment insurance system, resulting in the worst set of benefits in the country. This past April I successfully negotiated with my Republican colleagues in the Senate to unanimously pass a series of improvement our UI system, some of which have broad support of the business community. However, special interests lobbied to stop this proposal in the House. The Governor has requested this proposal be reconsidered. I fully support these efforts to make these much-needed enhancements.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 590

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of )  
Application by Virginia Electric and Power )  
Company, DBA Dominion Energy South ) PUBLIC NOTICE  
Carolina Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and )  
Commission Rule RS-55 Regarding Fuel and )  
Fuel-Related Costs Adjustments for Electric )  
Utilities )

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing on an annual fuel and fuel-related charge adjustment proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, DBA Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at [www.ncuc.net](http://www.ncuc.net). Members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff via email at [DENCpublicstaff@ncuc.net](mailto:DENCpublicstaff@ncuc.net) or by calling 866-380-9816. When registering, provide your name, docket number (E-22, Sub 590), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

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

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

DENC's proposed fuel revenue decrease, including regulatory fee, would result in the following decreases for DENC's customers: 0.395 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential, utility lighting and traffic lighting customers; 0.394 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.390 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.355 cents per kWh for rate schedule 18 customers; and 0.407 cents per kWh for rate schedule 6VP customers. The net effect of this request would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$3.95.

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

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 14th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Joann R. Stryker, Deputy Clerk



# Police hopeful hit-and-run suspect will come forward

By Amanda Dixon  
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**BUTNER** — Authorities investigating a fatal hit-and-run incident last month said they are still looking for the person responsible.

"We are hoping the person will do the right thing and turn themselves in to Butner Public Safety," Greg Champion, the department's chief, told the Butner Town Council at its Oct. 1 meeting.

"There is a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest. The caller can remain anonymous," Champion said.

Carrolla Washington

was out walking near her home on West B Street on Sept. 22 when she was fatally hit by a vehicle, according to Champion.

The vehicle that hit the victim left the scene, heading east on West B Street, in the direction of Fourth Street, the department said.

After interviewing witnesses, investigators believe the vehicle is a 2005-2008 gray Dodge Magnum SUV. The vehicle should have damage to the front passenger side headlight and fender area and be missing its passenger side mirror, police said.

Anyone with informa-

tion is asked to call Sgt. N. Williams at 919-675-6661, ext. 110, or Granville County Crime Stoppers at 919-693-3100.

## COUNCIL PASSES PROCLAMATIONS, POLICIES

At the Town Council meeting, Mayor Terry Turner recognized Butner Public Safety by signing proclamations designating the week of Oct. 4-10 as Fire Prevention Week and October as Crime Prevention Month.

The council then adopted two policies that regulate what town employees, elected officials,

and committee and board appointees can post and say on personal and professional social media accounts. Officials said the policies reflect the town's needs.

Another agenda item pertained to rules about stormwater that drains into Falls Lake. The Upper Neuse River Basin Association and its members — which includes Butner — have been out of compliance with these rules in the past.

A new proposal would let municipalities commit to funding watershed projects as an alternative to complying with the stormwater rules, Jim Wrenn, the town attorney said. Each jurisdiction in the Upper Neuse River Basin Association would need to commit to five years of funding.

Granville County would need to commit to \$100,000 a year for five years. Butner would be responsible for \$25,000 of the county's total, the town said.

## OTHER BUSINESS

The council reviewed design drafts for the sign at the new Butner Public Safety training center. Council members said they want to see more design options at next month's meeting before selecting one.

Town Manager Tommy Marrow said the town is discouraging trick-or-treating this year due to the coronavirus. If people decide to go out for Hal-



Butner Public Safety Director James G. Champion, right, looks on as Mayor Terry Turner signs proclamations designating Oct. 4-10 as Fire Prevention Week and October as 2020 Crime Prevention Month. Contributed photo

loween, they should review and follow the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services guidelines on the town's website, he said.

He also told the council that all playground equipment in the parks was being fogged daily; however, hand sanitation stations are not up to standard and will be removed and replaced with a better-quality product.

Marrow said the Veterans Life Center had passed all its state inspections. There are three residents in the house with more expected to arrive each week.

Champion said the department would be hold-

ing a boot drive from 4-6 p.m. Thursday on Central Avenue and C Street and possibly on West Lyon Station Road and N.C. Highway 66.

Planning Director Mike Christle said the Imagina 2040 open house was successful. There were 32 people who attended, he said.

He plans on holding another event Nov. 12 to review the results of the survey, goals and objectives. The open house gave residents a chance to review and give feedback on the town's long-term development plans. Butner's next regular scheduled meeting is 7 p.m. on Nov. 5.



## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please "Can the Grease" to Protect Your Home, Business and our Community!

Fats, oils and grease, known collectively as "FOG," represent the most serious enemy of our sewer lines.

**THESE "SEWAGE ENEMY ITEMS" INCLUDE:**

Butter • Cooking Oil • Grease • Food Scraps • Lard • Margarine • Meat Scraps • Shortening

When FOG is dumped down the drain, it forms large, thick grease balls that clog the sewage pipes. Clogged sewage pipes can result in sewer backups and spills, creating serious environmental problems, traffic tie-ups, or even flooded homes and businesses. Commercial food handling facilities contribute greatly to FOG built-up in our sewer lines because of the amount of grease used in cooking and other food prep work, but private homeowners and residential tenants are also a source of grease. Preventing sewer backups from FOG also saves money. When sewer pipes back up on private property, the homeowner or business owner is responsible for the cleanup, which can be very costly. Instead, please help us in these ways.

**Can it. Cool it. THROW IT AWAY PROPERLY, NOT DOWN THE SINK OR TOILET.**

The F.O.G. Coordinator is available for any questions you may have. Please call 919-675-3111, ext. 101 for more information.

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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Josann K. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

By Amanda Dixon  
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**CREEDMOOR** — Commissioners held a special called meeting last week to determine what the city's priorities are when it comes to water and sewer. Drinking water quality was at the top of that list, officials decided.

Commissioners Georgann Kicinski and Ed Mims — the city's representatives on the South Granville Water and Sewer Authority board — said they wanted to have a vote in place to prepare for the SGWASA strategic planning meetings on Oct. 18 and 17.

"What does the message to SGWASA need to be from Creedmoor?" Mims asked the board at the Sept. 30 meeting.

The board unanimously agreed that water quality was still the No. 1 issue for Creedmoor residents.

Kicinski and Mims said they had viewed maps of local subdivisions and found dead-end piping may be related to poor water quality.

"There are pipes in the subdivisions that just stop and do not allow for the water to circulate and flush through the system," Kicinski said.

Commissioner Neena Nowell wanted to know if Creedmoor was the only municipality to have a problem with brown, stagnant or smelly water.

Kicinski said she thought Butner had some problems with water quality, but she did not know if Stem had issues.

The board recommended commissioning a study to look into ways to improve water quality if Creedmoor is the only municipality seeing these issues.

Kicinski and Mims acknowledged that water quality issues may not be high on SGWASA's priority list, which

includes other major infrastructure improvements. Those include a \$50 million sewer project along Interstate 85 that is needed to handle expected growth in the area, as well as ongoing improvements to the water treatment facility, built in 1942 and frequently experiencing equipment failures.

Kicinski, who is also a member of the SGWASA finance committee, warned that there may be rate increases in the near future.

"We are looking at restructuring rates to separate commercial from residential and that will help some, but it will not be enough to fund all of the projects that SGWASA needs to fund," Kicinski said. "We need industry and commercial use to help offset some of the needs."

Mims asked if Creedmoor should find out the cost of commissioning the water study or if SGWASA should include the study cost as part of its I-85 project.

Mike Frangos, the city's community development director, said water quality isn't related to sewer projects.

"Water is about now and sewer is about future growth," Frangos said.

"There are about 600 acres within the corporate limits that have the potential for development if there was water and sewer infrastructure."

Mayor Bobby Wheeler agreed. "It is about taking care of the residents we have here now and then we can focus on growth," Wheeler said.

Mims summarized the game plan: "Clean, drinkable water is the primary issue for Creedmoor and we would prefer SGWASA to commission a study to determine what needs to be done to allow Creedmoor to improve its water quality."


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As a father of three, I want our children to have the opportunity to come back here to work and start their own families. I am working to help our small businesses thrive and to attract larger businesses with lower taxes and sensible regulations. We live here because we know it is a great place to live and raise a family and we want our children to have the opportunity too. I care very much about our community and want to help everyone find a good job!

I ask for your vote to continue to represent North Carolina's 2nd district.

## LARRY YARBOROUGH

\*\*\* Paid for by the Committee to Elect Larry Yarborough. \*\*\*





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rescue efforts were suspended later Friday night until Saturday morning.

After relaying the search Saturday morning, at around 7:30 a.m., a CHNS ranger reported finding the individual walking near the CHNS administrative building, near on Loggerhead Lane.

"The Seashore appreciates being part of such a dedicated team of county, state, federal, and volunteer organizations that help to protect public safety. I thank all of the emergency services personnel that spent the night searching through thick woods and in the city

search for the lost individual," stated David Hallie, superintendent of the National Parks of Eastern North Carolina.

## Film production to resume in North Carolina

Five new productions have been approved for North Carolina Film and Entertainment Grants and will start production in the state by the end of October.

Governor Roy Cooper made the announcement Sept. 15. Combined, these productions are projected to generate a direct in-state spend of more than \$107 million while creating 8,677 job opportunities including 650 well-paying crew positions for the state's highly skilled film professionals.

With the help of public health officials, industry trade associations and alliances have developed protocols to aid in preventing the spread of COVID-19 at filming locations. Each production has a COVID-19 safety plan

that provides extra precautions to protect those working in front of and behind the camera.

"Our state's film industry continues to welcome new projects from prominent production companies," said Governor Roy Cooper. "The industry provides good jobs and opportunities for local businesses while showcasing our big stage when North Carolina has to offer."

"USS Christmas" is a made-for-television movie about a newspaper reporter who finds love on a nuclear carrier. The production will film in the greater Wilmington area and is eligible to receive a grant rebate up to \$1.1 million.

Another made-for-television movie, "A Nashville Christmas Carol" will film

in the greater Charlotte area. Like the Charles Dickens classic, "A Christmas Carol," this movie tells the story of a busy film director and producer who is visited by the Ghosts of Christmas past and present. The production has been approved for a grant rebate up to \$1,125,000.

"Parkside" is a feature-length film that is a retelling of a classic franchise with a modern twist. Filming at the FOX/Screen Studios in Wilmington, this production is approved for a film and entertainment grant rebate up to \$7 million.

"Delilah" is a new series from Warner Bros. Television for OWN about a headstrong, highly principled lawyer in Charlotte who left a demanding

while-shoe law firm a decade ago and hung her own shingle so she could make raising her children her top priority. Filming in and around Charlotte, the series is eligible for a grant rebate up to \$5,406,624.

Finally, the second season of "Hightower" will continue the story of a woman's journey in a society that is overruled by a murder which she feels convicted she must solve. Season 2 of the STARZ series from Lionsgate Television and Jerry Bruckheimer Television, will also film in the greater Wilmington area and has been approved for a grant rebate of up to \$12 million.

"2019 was a banner year for film and television production in North Carolina and despite some setbacks

related to COVID-19, it looks like 2020 will also be a great year for the state's industry," added North Carolina Film and Entertainment Grant production continues on several non-grant qualifying projects including the latest seasons of the reality series "My Big Fat Fabulous Life" and "Love It or List It" in the Piedmont, Triad and Triangle regions, respectively.

Two other Piedmont Triad-based projects recently wrapped production: the SAG-signatory feature "Where's Rose" and the new docu-series "Secrets of the Zoo: North Carolina."

The North Carolina Film and Entertainment Grant provides financial assistance to attract feature films and television productions that will stimulate economic activity and create jobs in the state. Production companies receive no money up front and must meet direct in-state spending requirements to qualify for grant funds. The program is administered by the North Carolina Department of Commerce and promoted by the North Carolina Film Office, part of Visit-NC and the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina.

## Pasquotank County man 'nearly fell out' of his truck after \$100,000 scratch-off win

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David Coleson of Elizabeth City made a stop for lunch and filled up with a \$100,000 Extreme Cash win, according to a press release from North Carolina Education Lottery.

"Coleson, who works as a teacher, said he is a fan of Extreme Cash scratch-offs. 'I've liked them since they came out,' he said. 'Just because when you win, you're guaranteed to win more

than what you paid for the ticket.'"

Coleson had stopped at the Eagle Mart on Weeksville Road in Elizabeth City while on his lunch break and purchased something to eat along with a single \$25 Extreme Cash ticket.

"I went out in the parking lot and scratched it while I was in the work truck," said Coleson. "I saw that I won that amount and I nearly fell out of the truck."

He then texted his wife to share the good news with her.

"She was at work. She's a teacher," said Coleson. "So, I took a picture of the ticket and I sent it to her. And she messaged me back and she was like, 'Where'd you get a joke ticket from?' And I said, 'It's not a joke!'"

Coleson claimed his prize Wednesday, September 23 at lottery headquarters in Raleigh, taking home \$707,577 after required federal and state tax withholdings.

He and his wife plan to use the prize money to pay off their bills. The press

release stated the couple bought a brand-new Chevy Equinox last week after theirs was totaled in an accident.

"We're paying the new car off," added Coleson.

"Ticket sales from scratch-off games make it possible for the lottery to raise more than \$725 million a year for education," stated the release from NC Education Lottery. "For details on how \$2.3 million made a difference in Pasquotank County in 2019, click on the 'Impact' section of the lottery's website."

## Hyde included in governor's request for Isaias help

Governor Roy Cooper has requested a major disaster declaration to help defray some of the costs for communities impacted by Hurricane Isaias.

The application for public assistance for 15 counties includes Hyde County, which shows \$23,377 in damages in the preliminary damage assessment. In addition to public assistance, the governor is asking the federal government for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program assistance.

The 15 counties for which public assistance funding is requested are Beaufort,

Bertie, Brunswick, Carteret, Chowan, Columbus, Currituck, Hertford, Hyde, Jones, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender and Pitt.

If approved, the major disaster declaration would provide federal funds to help reimburse county and state government and some non-profit organizations for some of the cost to respond to the storm and repair damaged infrastructure. It also would provide federal help to pay for debris removal as well as search and rescue operations, hazardous material clean up assistance, meals, generators,

fuel and more.

Hurricane Isaias made landfall August 3 near Ocean Isle Beach and caused major flooding in several communities. Four deaths were attributed to the storm that spawned several tornadoes, damaged water supply lines, roads and bridges and knocked out power to more than 375,000 homes and businesses.

Local and state emergency management officials began surveying and evaluating storm damages immediately after Isaias. The assessments were finished in mid-September.



### BULK WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULED FOR THE TOWN OF SOUTHERN SHORES FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

The Town of Southern Shores will collect APPROVED bulk waste items within the town on Friday, October 16th, 2020. Approved items for collection may be placed in the street right-of-way no earlier than Friday, October 9th, 2020. Items should be ready for pick-up no later than 5:00 a.m. on the scheduled bulk waste collection day.

**Approved Bulk waste CAN include large items such as:**

- Mattresses, Sofas, Chairs, Dressers, Furniture, etc.
- Exercise Equipment
- Hot Tub Covers (NO Hot Tubs)
- Refrigerators, freezers or any other appliances that may contain refrigerant must be tagged stating Freon has been removed (it not tagged it will not be collected) please remove doors from refrigerators/freezers for safety
- Yard waste/vegetative debris bagged in clear or brown paper bags – otherwise it will be rejected and not picked up

**These materials NOT approved for collection:**

REJECTED ITEMS will have a visible X painted on them.

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 500

BRIEF THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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This on 14th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

# Duck Police Department releases report on August calls for service, enforcement actions

The Duck Police Department has released its monthly police report for August 2020.

From August 1, 2020 – August 31, 2020, there were 967 calls for service and officers issued 34 enforcement actions. Related to property checks, 584 business checks were made with four unsecured doors found and six extra patrols were conducted as requested by out of town property owners.

Duck Police Department reported the following "incidents of interest" which occurred throughout the month:

**Domestic, 9th Avenue** – Officers responded to a mutual aid request to assist Southern Shores Police Department at this location. Officers found that a 29-year-old male from Southern Shores assaulted his roommate, according to the DPD officer. The male was arrested and charged with assault on a female. The roommate was written a citation for possession of marijuana and possession of marijuana paraphernalia. Arrest and citation were by Southern Shores Police Department.

**DWI arrest, Duck Road** – Officers responded to a hit and run vehicle collision. According to DPD, the suspect vehicle was followed by the victim

vehicle to the intersection of Southborough Lane and Ocean Front Court where officers made contact with the suspect. The driver, 41, of Montpelier, Va., was found to be the operator of the vehicle and was found to be impaired. He was arrested and charged with driving while impaired, on operator's license, open container and leaving the scene of an accident. He was held at the Dare County Detention Center in lieu of a \$7500 secured bond.

The following day after determining that the vehicle did not have insurance, the vehicle was seized pursuant to N.C.G.S. 20-28.5.

**Damage to property, Duck Road/Aqua Restaurant** – A pedestrian crossing sign was damaged by an unknown suspect on the east side of the crosswalk at Aqua Restaurant. DOT was notified.

**Dispute, Cypress Ridge Road** – Family dispute over parenting skills. Several subjects were asked to leave the property by the leaseholder and subjects complied.

**Truancy, E. Bias Lane** – Unknown subject was in pool area and hopped pool fence when notified by house occupant. Subject described as unknown race, wearing dark blue zip up hoodie, black jogging pants and

black shoes.

**Domestic, Four Seasons Lane** – 26-year-old male, intoxicated, argument with his mother/father. Alleged physical pushing, but no one wished to pursue charges. Subjects separated for the night.

**Injury to property/larceny, area of Four Seasons** – 17-year-old male and 18-year-old male were observed riding bicycles down Duck Road carrying a street sign and vehicle control barrier. Investigation revealed subjects damaged Four Seasons vehicle gates, pulled street signs from the ground, broke into the Tap Shack, damaged Tap Shack grounds and a vehicle on site. Criminal charges are pending.

**Narcotics/alcohol violations, Duck Road** – An officer observed an occupied vehicle in the parking lot after hours. Contact was made and found three males smoking marijuana and consuming alcohol inside the vehicle. Two males were over 18 and the other was a minor. Criminal charges are pending.

**Lost child, Ocean Way** – Parents called for assistance in reference to a missing 7-year-old. The child left the residence on a bicycle without permission and was found by responding police units safe

and sound.

**Cyberstalking, Duck Road** – A bank customer was not happy with a transaction and continued to send emails to bank employees even after their matter was settled.

**Domestic dispute, W. Sea Hawk Drive** – DPD reports that while en route to a domestic dispute, the female caller stated she was leaving and did not need a response. Officers arrived and spoke with callers husband and others on scene. Subjects on scene stated the dispute was verbal and they believed the female was going back to Ohio. Officers attempted to call the female but were unsuccessful. Subjects on scene were advised to call if the female returned.

**Truancy, Four Seasons Lane** – Report of several juveniles from the neighborhood leaving swimming in the rental's pool. Officers spoke with both parties about the incident and while officers were on scene, an argument started between the parties. Officers explained the process for taking out charges and defused the situation. Both parties were advised to call back if the problem continued.

**Drug violations, Duck Road** – Officers observed a suspicious vehicle under Southborough Lane

and sound. Two subjects were found sleeping in the vehicle. According to DPD, when officers approached the vehicle, they noticed a strong odor of marijuana. A citation was issued for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. The following night, a different vehicle was noticed in the same spot. Officers found one male in the vehicle and the strong odor of marijuana. Citations were written to two individuals for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Overdose, Duck Road** – A vehicle pulled around the back of the Public Safety building and firefighters were alerted that a male in that vehicle was overdosing. Officers and firefighters monitored the subject until EMS arrival. According to DPD, the subject's friends stated that he is known to use heroin and cocaine, but they didn't know what he had used that morning. Subjects are working in the area.

**Arrest, Duck Road/Southborough Lane** – Officers were dispatched to the report of a vehicle operating recklessly on Duck Road. Officers located the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. The driver, a 27-year-old from Knoxville, Tenn., was found to be impaired and

was arrested and charged with DWI.

**Damage to property, Duck Road** – A window on the church bus was found shattered. It is unknown if the damage was intentional. A similar report was filed recently and that damage was caused by a rock thrown from a lawnmower.

**Traffic collisions throughout the month included:**

**Duck Road/Any Lane** – Two vehicles rear end collision in heavy traffic. Minor damage to the front vehicle and no damage to the rear vehicle. Crash resulted in the DWI arrest noted above.

**Duck Road** – Fender bender in the parking lot.

**Duck Road** – Vehicle vs. deer, no damage.

**Duck Road** – Two vehicle rear end collision. Property damage only.

**Duck Road** – Hit and run. A black Ram truck struck the pedestrian crossing sign and left the scene.

**Duck Road/Duckhoo Drive** – Driver failed to see the vehicle in front of them stop for traffic and was unable to stop before striking the vehicle.

**Duck Road/Ships Watch Drive** – Driver failed to see the vehicle in front of them stop for traffic and was unable to stop before striking the vehicle.

## Group sent thousands of incorrect voter registration forms to North Carolinians

Eleven thousand voter registration forms were sent to North Carolinians by a group seeking to increase election participation, state elections officials said Tuesday.

The North Carolina State Board of Elections released a statement saying that the company called Civitech mistakenly sent the voter registration forms that included incorrect name, address and birth date information. The company aims

to increase voter participation and was not working with state or local governments.

The company has since been reaching out to people who were sent the incorrect forms, which were intended for those eligible to vote but not currently registered.

The state board encouraged people to carefully review any mailings from non-government groups and discard any that have incorrect information.

"Carefully review those mailings, and please

remember that accurate information about the elections process, including how to register to vote, and how to check your voter registration status, are available at [NCSBE.gov](http://NCSBE.gov)," Karen Brinson Bell, the board's executive director, said in a statement.


The board described Civitech as a vendor that "works with companies and campaigns to increase voter registrations." The board said the mistake came in the final stages of processing due to a data error.

The company and a state board spokesman didn't immediately respond to emails asking if the 11,000 incorrect forms were sent

on behalf of a campaign or a nonpartisan group. Civitech CEO Sarah Joked said in a statement that the company is

working to contact those who received the incorrect forms and is also mailing them new blank forms.

— Associated Press



## BULK TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULED

The Town of Kill Devil Hills Public Services Department will begin collection of APPROVED bulk trash items generated from MICROVED properties within the Town on Monday, October 19, 2020. Approved items for collection may be placed in the street right-of-way no later than Sunday, October 4, 2020 and no later than Sunday, October 18, 2020.

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

- 1st Bundle**  
Branches: No longer than 6 feet  
Tree Trunks: No more than 14 inches in length and 12 inches in diameter  
No stumps, lot clearings, or debris from unimproved lots
- 2nd Bundle**  
Bagged Yard Waste: Pine needles, pine cones, lawn clippings, leaves, etc.  
**PLEASE DO NOT use plastic trash bags for yard waste. USE PAPER BIODEGRADABLE YARD DEBRIS BAGS** for items such as pine needles, pine cones, lawn clippings, and leaves. Please ask for these biodegradable yard bags at your local hardware or gardening supply center. For use during this collection, residents that live within the Town of Kill Devil Hills corporate limits may obtain a limited supply of these bags, at no charge and while supplies last, from the Town's Recycling Center at 701 Bermuda Day Boulevard (off Delington Road).
- 3rd Bundle**  
White Goods and Metals: Refrigerators (please remove doors), stoves, washing machines, dryers, hot water heaters, bicycles, metal lawn furniture, air conditioners, metal bed frames, etc.  
No items can be longer than 12 feet – pipes, cable, etc.  
No vehicles or any major portion of cars, boats, trailers, motorcycles, etc.  
No motors or machinery with an oil reservoir or gas tank.  
No propane tanks or sealed canisters of any type
- 4th Bundle**  
Large Furniture Items: Sofas, beds, mattresses, chairs, tables, bookshelves, etc.  
No construction materials or lumber of any kind – no pallets, cabinets, paneling, doors, carpet, flooring, insulation, drywall, shingles, bats, toilets, sinks, etc.  
No concrete, masonry materials, or asphalt  
No glass – no windows, televisions, mirrors, carper shells, etc.

**PROHIBITED ITEMS:** No tires, cardboard, paper products, recyclables, paint, paint products, hazardous materials, or items produced as a result of a contracted service or business

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

Additional information about the upcoming Fall Bulk Trash Collection can be obtained by calling the Public Services Department at 252-400-4080 or by visiting the Town of Kill Devil Hills' website at [www.killdevilhills.com](http://www.killdevilhills.com).

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. R-22, SUB 590

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Joana R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

# LOCAL & STATE

## ELIZABETH CITY

### 3 facing drug, firearms charges

A Pasquotank County Sheriff's Office news release issued Friday stated the following individuals were arrested last week during a joint police operation.

Quayshawn D'Anna Banks was arrested on a federal warrant for a drug offense and has been confined at Albemarle District Jail without bond.

Jarquan D'Arcey Lamb was arrested on a federal warrant for a firearm offense and has been confined at ADJ without bond.

Jaylen Nantawen Spivey was arrested on a state warrant for possession with intent to sell/deliver heroin and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Spivey has been confined at ADJ in lieu of a \$675,000 secured bond.

The operation involved the Pasquotank Sheriff's Office, the Elizabeth City Police Department, the Dare County Sheriff's Office, the N.C. State Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

## CHAPEL HILL

### Deputies shoot at man with machete

Police shot at a man who attacked sheriff's deputies with a machete and drove his car at a police officer in separate encounters, authorities said. Benjamin Michael Morley was treated for a wound on his left leg after police apprehended him on Friday night.

Police started chasing Morley, 30, of Mooresville, after he allegedly struck a student with his car on the University of North Carolina campus and fled, UNC Police Chief David Perry said. The student didn't report any injuries.

A UNC officer who tried to stop Morley fired at him as he was driving toward the officer, a police statement said. Morley fled and disappeared.

Alamance County sheriff's deputies later spotted Morley. Two deputies fired at Morley after he rammed his car into a deputy's vehicle and then lunged at deputies with a machete, police said.

## SOUTH MILLS



A copperhead snake crawls under an American beautyberry shrub off the Canal Road trail at Dismal Swamp State Park, Sunday.

## BUXTON

### Walker found after lost in woods

A 31-year-old woman was rescued after a search to find her in a patch of thick North Carolina woods spanned two days. The U.S. Coast Guard and other emergency responders launched a search-and-rescue operation at around 9 p.m. Friday after the woman became lost during a walk by the Buxton Woods Reserve near the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, the park service said in a statement.

The Coast Guard called in a helicopter to search for her by air in the dark, and she was briefly spotted before disappearing again, according to rangers.

The search was suspended until Saturday morning when a ranger saw her walking near the National Seashore's administrative housing at about 7:30 a.m. She was brought to safety, officials said.

From staff, Associated Press reports

# Black voters in N.C. shifting to mail-in voting

Black voters' ballots more likely missing witness info

BY DRYAN ANDERSON AND NICHOLAS RICCARDI  
Associated Press

RALEIGH — Shirley Dixon-Morley had never sent a ballot through the mail. She always treasured casting her ballot in person. But for November's election, she voted early and by mail because she didn't want to take any chances.

"I want to make sure my vote got in and I counted," said the 75-year-old retired teacher's aide in Charlotte.

Black voters are among the least likely to vote by mail nationally, but there are early signs they are changing their behavior as the start of the coronavirus hangs over the presidential race. The evidence is clearest in North Carolina, the first state in the nation to send out mail-in ballots and where voting has been underway for almost three weeks. But there are hints in other battleground states like Georgia and Pennsylvania.

The signal are good news for Democrats, who will need a robust turnout by Black voters in these states to win both the White House and control of the U.S. Senate. With coronavirus increasing the risk of in-person voting, African American mail voting rates are one indicator of whether that key part of the Democratic coalition will participate in its regular role.

In North Carolina, Black voters cast 16.7% of the more than 173,000 ballots returned so far, a jump from the 9% of mail votes cast by Black voters in 2016. They are 24% of North Carolina's registered voters.



In this Thursday, Sept. 3, file photo, workers prepare absentee ballots for mailing at the Wake County Board of Elections in Raleigh.

"They're changing their dynamics," said Michael Rizer, a political scientist at Catawba College in North Carolina who tracks state elections. "It seems like there's a shift going on which will certainly help Democrats."

But the numbers also come with a warning sign. North Carolina's Black voters are four times more likely than whites to have their ballots not yet accepted due to missing witness information. Just under 6% of absentee ballots returned by Black voters either still have missing witness information or are in the process of having ballot requirements corrected, compared with just 1.3% of ballots returned by white voters.

It is, of course, very early — the votes so far in North Carolina translate to only about 6% of those cast in the entire 2016 presidential election. It's unclear how much Black voters' early embrace of the new method will increase overall turnout and whether issues will persist as more votes roll in.

Alarmed by the not-accepted figures, Democratic-leaning groups are already shifting their messaging to help Black voters resolve the witness requirements. North Carolina made this process easier on Tuesday, settling a lawsuit from the North Carolina Alliance for Refined Americans seeking to ease absentee guidelines on the stretch witness component. County boards

of elections now mail an affidavit for a voter to return to resolve ballot problems. Both Republicans on the state's five-person Board of Elections resigned after the settlement.

"There's been a big push to get Black voters to use the option of vote-by-mail," said Adrienne Shropshire of VoteBlack/Pac, one of several groups trying to boost the use of mail-in ballots among Black voters. The group sent absentee ballot applications to 400,000 North Carolina voters. "The problems that people are having is related to the fact that this is new to people."

Jeffrey Brooks, a 49-year-old Democrat from Durham, said he's previously voted in person. But when he sent in his mail-in ballot earlier this month, he failed to have a family member sign it as a witness.

"I didn't know that," Brooks said. "I thought it was just for young people. I

didn't know you had to have a witness."

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In the Matter of

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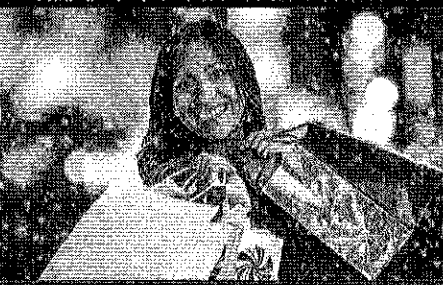
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# LOCAL & STATE

## GREENSBORO

### Halloween park visitor hit by bullet

A person has been shot at a Halloween theme park in North Carolina.

The Greensboro News & Record reports that the incident occurred at the Woods of Terror early Sunday morning. The Guilford County Sheriff's Office said the victim was taken to a local hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening. The investigation is ongoing.

Woods of Terror owner Edith McArthur said in a statement that it appeared that two gunshots were fired into the air and that one of the bullets came down on a customer.

McArthur said staff members tended to the victim. The person appeared to have a minor gunshot wound to the chest.

The event pays for an annual Guilford County deputy to be on the property every night. And McArthur said it will continue doing so for the rest of the season.

## UNION COUNTY

### Driver surrenders in hit-run of girl

Authorities in North Carolina say a suspect has turned himself in after a hit-and-run critically injured a young girl who was playing at a soccer field.

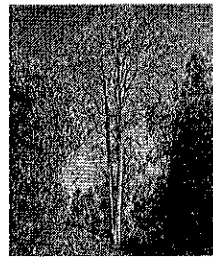
The incident happened Saturday afternoon in Union County, outside Charlotte.

Deputies told local media the driver jumped a curb and hit three people, including a 5-year-old girl who was taken to a hospital in critical condition.

Authorities were initially searching for a vehicle, but Union County Chief Communications Officer Tony Underwood told TV station WRIC the suspect later turned himself in.

The suspect is a juvenile and will be charged with felony hit-and-run as well as careless and reckless driving, the station reported. Because of the suspect's age, authorities can't release a name or any additional information.

## SOUTH MILLS



A tall leading to the state's tallest palmetto tree is seen Saturday afternoon at Dismal Swamp State Park in South Mills. The tree is a registered N.C. Champion Big Tree.

## RALEIGH

### Prison inmate dies from coronavirus

An inmate at a North Carolina prison who had pre-existing medical conditions has died after testing positive for COVID-19, officials said.

According to a news release from the N.C. Department of Public Safety on Friday, the unidentified male inmate was in his early 70s.

The agency said the offender tested positive for the virus on Aug. 22. He was hospitalized several times in the ensuing weeks. His condition worsened and he died in the hospital at Central Prison in Raleigh on Friday, officials said.

According to the department, 16 inmates have died of COVID-19 related health issues, including two at Central Prison.

From Associated Press reports

## Fed judge halts absentee witness rule

Dewer concerned about rules changing after votes cast

BY JONATHAN DEWE  
The Associated Press

RALEIGH — A federal judge has halted new North Carolina absentee voting rules that give voters more leeway to fix witness problems and extended the period when elections boards could accept mailed-in ballots.

The rules, issued last week in a settlement with voting rights advocates, were blocked by a temporary restraining order issued Saturday by U.S. District Judge James Dewer, who raised concerns about changing rules after numerous ballots have already been cast. Saturday's decision comes amid a tangle of litigation in state and federal court over absentee ballots in the key presidential battleground.

Dewer raised concerns that the changes, which have been sharply criticized

by Republicans, could violate equal protection rights and dilute the weight of ballots cast under pre-existing rules contained in state law. Dewer noted that when the North Carolina State Board of Elections announced on Sept. 22 that it was revising the procedures, more than 150,000 people had already cast ballots. North Carolina was the first state to kick off absentee balloting on Sept. 4.

The revised rules allowed voters who cast absentee ballots with incomplete witness information to fix the problems by returning affidavits, rather than starting the ballot over and having it witnessed again. North Carolina law, which legislators updated over the summer in response to the pandemic, requires an affidavit for an absentee ballot.

During a hearing Friday, Dewer asked lawyers from the state attorney general's office whether the new procedure essentially eliminated the witness requirement.

Alexander Peters, a lawyer representing the state board, argued that the county officials who would receive the voter's affidavit responding to the deficiency would stand in for the witness, drawing a rebuke from the judge.

"They're not really witnessing it. They're serving a placebo," Peters said Friday.

Dewer also halted an updated rule that would have allowed county boards six more days to accept mailed-in ballots that arrived after Election Day, as long as they were postmarked by Nov. 3.

Dewer was presiding over lawsuits by Republican legislative leaders and President Donald Trump's campaign that argued the North Carolina State Board of Elections had usurped the power of lawmakers and lessened the weight of ballots cast before the rule change.

Dewer's ruling also transferred those two cases for further review to another

North Carolina-based federal judge whose hearing a related case and has scheduled a hearing for next week.

U.S. District Court Judge William Osteen has also expressed concern that the revised ballot rules would essentially eliminate the witness requirement, which he upheld in a previous ruling.

The rule changes had stemmed from a separate lawsuit in state court by voting rights advocates who argued that the state's absentee ballot requirements were too restrictive in the middle of the pandemic. A legal settlement containing the rules was approved by a state judge Friday, but the procedures have been suspended by Dewer's order.

More than 340,000 North Carolina absentee ballots had been accepted as of Saturday, according to the state board, out of a total of 1.1 million ballots requested.

## Tillis self-isolating after getting virus

Senator among WH event attendees who contract virus

The Associated Press

RALEIGH — A spokesman for U.S. Sen. Thom Tillis of North Carolina says that the senator is improving after experiencing mild symptoms following a positive COVID-19 test.

Tillis spokesman Adam Webb issued a statement saying the senator is self-isolating at home. Tillis was announced Friday night that

he had tested positive.

"His mild symptoms from yesterday have significantly improved and the only lingering symptom is the loss of his sense of taste and smell," Webb said.

Tillis is among several people to be diagnosed with the virus after attending the Supreme Court nomination ceremony in the White House Rose Garden for Amy Coney Barrett.

Tillis was wearing a mask at the ceremony and has supported mask use.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH  
DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 589

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
Application by Virginia Electric and Power  
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North  
Carolina Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and  
Commission Rule 18-56 Regarding Fuel and  
Fuel-Related Costs Adjustments for Electric Utilities

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This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 18-56. By its application, DENC requests a decrease in its DSM/EB cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2021. DENC's request, including the North Carolina regulatory fee, would result in the following kilowatt-hour (kWh) charges: 0.183 cents per kWh for residential customers; 0.194 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; and 0.0922 cents per kWh for large general service customers. No DSM/EB cost rider would be applicable to rate schedules GVP, HS, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers. In addition, industrial and large commercial customers that have, under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9, opted out of and never participated in DENC's DSM and EB programs are not subject to the rider.

Consistent with the current DSM/EB rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.019 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by 20 cents. Small general service and public authority customers would see a DSM/EB rider decrease of 0.0562 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EB rider decrease of 0.0138 cents per kWh.

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Several students are shown with anniversary cupcakes on Sept. 9... marking exactly 50 years since the doors at Ridgecroft School first opened.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

## Ridgecroft celebrates 50th anniversary

**AHOSKIE** Ridgecroft School recently celebrated 50 years since first opening its doors. Originally chartered in 1968, the school officially opened September 9, 1970 for grades 1st-8th with 147 students in attendance representing 106 families.

Today, there are 206 students enrolled at Ridgecroft in PreK3-12th grade, representing 162 families.

Through the years, there has been growth, change and success. Much of the success at Ridgecroft is due to the dedication and hard work of many, many people – students, parents, teachers, alumni, alumni parents, former teachers, grandparents and friends.

"Listening to stories about the early days at Ridgecroft has been really heartwarming and humbling," said Claire Ashbire, Director of Develop-

ment and Marketing at Ridgecroft.

"I've heard so many stories – from some of our original board members who would meet at the property when nothing was here and conduct meetings from the hoods of their cars, to parents who spent hours organizing dinner theatre events or bringing their own lawn mowers out to school to cut the grass. Some of our alumni even talk about picking up sticks during PE class and sewing their own team uniforms," Ashbire added.

While it seems like a lot of things have changed in the last 50 years, a lot has also stayed the same.

"A lot of the things we have today – a state licensed preschool program in the Simpson-Sharp Preschool building, a visual arts program, the Jerrie Jenkins Taylor Media Center, Revelle Gymnasium, accreditation

with AdvanED and so much more...

all of this is possible because of the generous, dedicated people who came before us," Ashbire noted. "There are so many people who deserve credit for helping establish Ridgecroft – it's impossible to name everyone who has helped get us to where we are today, but I think that speaks to the true spirit of Ridgecroft. After all these years, the Ridgecroft community continues to step up and do whatever it takes so that this school will remain strong and viable for another 50 years."

"Today, the success of Ridgecroft is still dependent on all of us working together, sharing our time, energy and resources just as it was 50 years ago when the school started," said Ashbire.

While this year's "Golden Anniversary" is worthy of a major celebration, COVID-19 affected those plans. However, it didn't stop the entire cel-

ebration. Students and teachers participated in a Spirit Week at Ridgecroft, dressing up in their school colors one day and even taking a step back in time, dressing up with 1970s era clothing another day.

Students in Mrs. Kirby's art class decorated the sidewalks with festive chalk drawings and made posters throughout the hallways commemorating "50 years of Ridgecroft." In addition, every student and teacher enjoyed a festive blue and white cupcake on Sept. 9 – the actual 50th anniversary day for the school.

"We would love to invite everyone to campus to properly celebrate our 50th anniversary and we hope to do that as soon as it's safe and healthy for everyone to gather. Right now, our main priority is to keep our entire campus as healthy and safe as possible," said Ashbire.

### PHOTO CALENDAR CONTEST



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Contest deadline is Friday, October 30 at 5 p.m.

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Only original photographs taken by yourself, in color, and unedited of a person, place or thing in R-C area will be accepted. Finalists will be chosen and judged for theme, composition and clarity by members of Roanoke-Chowan Publications staff. If selected as a finalist, we will attempt to email and call for names and locations of subjects featured in the photo as well as, if needed, the original high-resolution photos. If such information cannot be obtained within a week of the contest deadline, we will move on to the next finalist until the final winner is chosen. All photos submitted become property of Roanoke-Chowan Publications, LLC, subject to be used in future publications and modified for print. If you have questions or concerns about the contest or any process related to it please contact Cal Bryant at 252-332-7707 or [cal.bryant@roanoke-chowannewsheald.com](mailto:cal.bryant@roanoke-chowannewsheald.com).

#### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 590

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of )  
Application by Virginia Electric and Power )  
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North ) PUBLIC NOTICE  
Carolina Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and )  
Commission Rule E8-55 Regarding Fuel and )  
Fuel-Related Cost Adjustments for Electric )  
Utilities )

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DENC's proposed fuel revenue decrease, including regulatory fee, would result in the following decreases for DENC's customers: 0.395 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers; 0.394 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.390 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.353 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; and 0.397 cents per kWh for rate schedule CVI customers. The net effect of this request would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$3.95.

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## OBITUARIES

## CANIKA "NIR" VANN



Chowan Hospital in Ahoskie, NC.

Canika was a 2008 graduate of Hertford County High School and an employee of Newport News Shipbuilding in Newport News, VA.

Nik was a cheerful person who loved being around family. Canika's favorite pastime was eating out and thinking

with her Hondas. Canika will truly be missed by her family and friends.

Left to cherish her memories are the apple of her eye, (daughter) Caniyah Nacole Williams of the home; loving mother, Iris V. Hines of the home; her father, McCoy Askew of Harrellsville; sisters, Carnissa Vann-Melton (Keltch) of Aulander, NC, Wilma King of Durham, NC and Mabelle Reid (Edward) of Triangle, VA; aunts, Cheryl V. Mauley of Winton, NC and Vernice Askew of Brooklyn, New York; one niece, Anleyah of Durham; nieces, Auntie Seasons, A'Quan Vann, and Andrie Melton, all of North Carolina, and Evan Reid, Sheldon Reid and Donovan Reid of Triangle, VA; lots of cousins; a special cousin who

was her other mother, Auntie T. Vann of Ahoskie; and special friend, "Boa" Baby Dee Jenkins.

A graveside service was held on Tuesday, October 6 at the Vann Family Cemetery in Union.

Reynolds Funeral Home of Ahoskie handled the arrangements.

## WILLIS R. PEELE

EDENTON — Willis Ray

Peele, 53, of 2650 Rocky Hook Road, died Tuesday, September 23, 2020, in Chowan River Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Mr. Peele

was born in Chowan County on October 19, 1926, and was the son of the late William Leslie and Lizzie Nixon Peele. A retired farmer and commercial fisherman, he had also worked part-time in his brother's plumbing business. A faithful member of Rocky Hook Baptist Church and its Carey Evans Sunday School Class where he had served as treasurer, he was a retired member of Unit 3 of the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Christen Phund Peele; and by his brother, Ralph Peele.

Surviving are children, Cheryl Peele Sutton (Robert), and Allen Ray Peele (Mary Kay), all of Edenton; a sister;

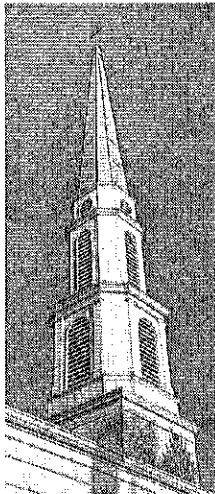
Ruth P. Monds of Tyner; his longtime friend and companion, Maxine Bunch of Edenton; and three grandchildren, Amie Kay Craddock (Merl) of Helsinki, Finland, and Leslie Kay Peele (Aaron Swank) and Jacob Allen Peele, all of Edenton.

A graveside service was held Saturday, October 3 in Beaver Hill Cemetery, conducted by Pastor Rusty Womack.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the building fund of Rocky Hook Baptist Church, 118 Rocky Hook Church Road, Edenton, NC 27932.

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, 735 Virginia Road, Edenton, handled the arrangements and online condolences may be made by visiting [www.millerfh.com](http://www.millerfh.com).

## CHURCH NEWS



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

## OUTDOOR SERVICES

**EURO** — Euro Christian Church invites the public to outdoor worship services each Sunday at 10 a.m. Euro Christian Church is located at 872 NC 137 in Euro.

## LADIES DAY

**GATES** — Stonewall Branch Missionary Baptist Church Women's Ministry invites the public to attend "Ladies Day at the Branch" beginning at 12 noon on Saturday, Oct. 10.

There will be a "Park and Praise" service with the messenger being Rev. Wanda

Hall Carter of Greater Non-Denominational Ministry.

The theme for this occasion is "Am I My Sister's Keeper?" All we ask you to do is pull in, park your car and enjoy the service from the comfort of your vehicle.

For additional information, contact Minister Tammy R. Boone at 252-287-0463.

## NOON PRAYER

**SUNBURY** — St. John A.M.E. Zion Church concludes prayer service at 12 noon each Tuesday. These are weekly fun-filled lessons on prayer, the benefits of prayer, and how to pray. Rev. Bert Davis leads the service.

## PRAYER/BIBLE CLASS

**GATES** — Ebenezer Gospel Church, located at 556 Hwy 87 N, Gates, will hold Noon Prayer from 12-1 p.m. and Bible Class from 6-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday. For more information, call 252-357-4615.

## NOON PRAYER

**SUNBURY** — St. John

A.M.E. Zion Church in Sunbury is opening their doors to the community for noon day prayer, meditation and studies. It will be held each Tuesday at 12 noon.

## PRAYER &amp; BIBLE STUDY

**GATES** — New Piney Wood Chapel Missionary Baptist Church of Gates will host prayer and Bible study at 12 noon each Wednesday. Light snacks are served.

## CORPORATE PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY

**GATES** — True Vine Church of Deliverance, located at 307 Smith Road, Gates, will hold Corporate Prayer at 8:30 p.m. and Bible study at 7 p.m. each Wednesday.

For more information, call 252-387-3520.

## BIBLE STUDY

**SUNBURY** — The Way Church, located at 007 RT 32, Sunbury, will hold Bible Study at 7 p.m. every Tuesday.

## MARRIAGE SEMINAR

**CORADPEAKE** — Redeem Ministry will be hosting a marriage seminar at 7 p.m. on the second Friday of each month at 1550 NC Highway 32 North, Corapeake.

For more information contact Pastor Bruce McCombs at 810-971-0106.

## PRAISING GOD MINISTRY

Tune in to the "Praising God Ministry" with the Rev. Dr. Earl Norfleet each Thursday, Friday, and Saturday morning at 10 a.m. on WGAI 580 AM. Rev. Norfleet will deliver inspirational messages that will strengthen you while giving God, the honor, the glory, and the praise.

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UTILITIES COMMISSION  
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Carolina, for Approval of Demand-Side  
Management and Energy Efficiency Cost  
Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9  
and Commission Rule 84-59

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This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat.

§ 62-133.9 and Commission Rule 84-59 for the purpose of determining whether an incentive or decrement rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for adoption and implementation of new DSM and EE measures and appropriate incentives. Public notice testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule 84-24(g).

On August 11, 2020, DENC filed its application for approval of DSM/EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule 84-59. By its application, DENC requests revisions to its DSM/EE cost recovery rider effective for services rendered on and after February 1, 2021. DENC's request, including the North Carolina regulatory fee, would result in the following kilowatt-hour (kWh) charges: 0.105 cents per kWh for residential customers; 0.150 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; and 0.022 cents per kWh for large general service customers. No DSM/EE rate rider would be applicable to rate schedules GVP, NS, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers. In addition, industrial and large commercial customers that have, under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9, opted out of and never participated in DENC's DSM and EE programs are not subject to the rider.

Compared to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENC's request would be a decrease of 0.0199 cents per kWh for certain customers, which would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by 20 cents. Small general service and public authority customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.0562 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.0155 cents per kWh.

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## CHURCH

## Hartman to Heart: The Unchanging Character of God

BY PASTOR CHUCK  
HARTMAN  
Up Near Friends

**D**ark, unpredictable days, inevitable hardship, and fearful times ahead—these all sound like recent news headlines, but actually, these phrases can define the times in which the Prophet Jeremiah lived when he was writing the book of Lamentations. His days were dark too, but instead of focusing on the darkness, Jeremiah concentrates on God's unchanging character.

Jeremiah had fallen into idolatry, and God allowed the Babylonians to besiege Jerusalem. Solomon's Temple was burned to the ground after standing approximately 400 years. The Prophet Jeremiah,

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an eyewitness to these events, wrote a lament for what occurred to Judah and Jerusalem (which is why he is also credited with writing Lamentations), but in his grief he wrote this about God: The steadfast love of God never stops; His mercies never come to an end; they are new each morning; great is Your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion; consequently, I have assurance in God (Lamentations 3:22-24).

Jeremiah begins this passage with an affirmation of God's love. Jeremiah begins by addressing

God's Proper Name, the Name revealed to Moses. Deemed too holy to write or pronounce, God's Proper Name has been replaced by Lord in our modern times. What I want you to understand is that Jeremiah is personal with God. Like the small child, who, when saying her nighttime prayers, was overheard by her mother saying, "Andy, thank you for this day. I love You, Andy. Amen." When the mother asked, "Who is Andy?" the small child said, "You know mom, Andy—Who we worship and sing about in church. Remember, 'Andy' walks with me. Andy talks with me. Andy tells me I am His Own."

Like the small child, Jeremiah is personal with God—calling God by His Proper Name: The steady

love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never stop. Not only does Jeremiah call God by His Proper Name, Jeremiah, with dark, unpredictable days, inevitable hardship, and fearful times ahead writes: God's steadfast love never ceases, His mercies never stop. Jeremiah chose to look at the eternal picture and not get bogged down in the bleakness of the temporal season. Like Jeremiah, we must be personal with God and focus on His unchanging, eternal character.

Next, Jeremiah stresses that the faithfulness and mercies of God are new every morning. With the re-creation of the new day, God is the God of ample starts. Not merely second beginnings or third chances—God's do-overs are

ample. I am thankful for this. I need a fresh start each new day. I could not survive with only one chance to get things right. I am grateful that with the new day comes new mercies from God. In the most hopeless of seasons, like Jeremiah, we must look to God's new mercies. These mercies are ample.

Finally, Jeremiah states that God in my portion; therefore, I will hope in Him. I know we have talked about hope countless times before but remember, biblical hope is assurance. Jeremiah is saying, "While the world falls apart around me, my assurance is in God alone." Jeremiah did not put his assurance in the temple, a priest, or a nation; Jeremiah put his assurance in the unchanging character

of God. Dark, unpredictable days, inevitable hardship, and fearful times ahead—Jeremiah knew these, yet, his assurance was in God—The God Who Jeremiah knew personally, he looked to God's ample mercies in the uncertain seasons. Jeremiah focused on the steadfast love that God had for him. If you are a blood-bought child of God, I challenge you to find your assurance in God in these uncertain days.

I challenge you to know God more personally than ever before. I challenge you to seek God's ample mercies day by day and to focus on the steadfast love that God has for you. When you do, you will find hope and healing to face whatever life hands you.

## Pat's Praise: Be Lifted Up

**G**loom and Doom! It is like an emotional quicksand we have been living in for the last six months. You understand what I am talking about. Engulfed, we have been in an atmosphere of depression and melancholy. Gloom pervades.

Our entire being is permeated with a feeling of an unpleasant or disastrous destiny. Have we become addicted to this phenomenon? Habitual gloom and doom thoughts become a comfort zone—it may not be enjoyable, but it is familiar; thus, you languish there.

Uplifted, you can be, but it will take some positive action. The "social distancing" and "do not touch" will make it somewhat difficult; however, it is possible to achieve. Positive action generates positive thinking. It is all about choices. You can stay glued to the news channels on TV, which, by the way, are nothing more than another source of entertainment.

You can remain locked on Facebook, Twitter, or other social media and feed the doom and gloom atmosphere. Or you can search for good news and positive thoughts. Choices between joy over gloom and gloom. Positive attitude, cheer, and goodwill are the very opposite of gloom and doom.

"A cheerful disposition is good for your health; gloom and doom leave you bone-tired. The wicked

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THORNTON-  
MORTON

take bribes under the table; they show nothing but contempt for justice. The perceptive find wisdom in their own heart; such folks look for it everywhere but right here. A surly, stupid child is sheer pain to a father; a bitter pill for a mother to swallow. It's wrong to penalize good behavior or make good citizens pay for the crimes of others. The one who knows much says little; an understanding person remains calm." Proverbs 17:23-27, The Message.

Almost everyone is familiar with the song, "You Raise Me Up." There is only one verse then the chorus is repeated four times, and it goes like this. "When I am down, and, oh, my soul, so weary, When troubles come, and my heart burdened be, Then I am still and wait here in the silence Until you come and sit awhile with me."

Chorus: "You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains. You raise me up to walk on stormy seas. I am strong when I am on your shoulders. You raise me up to more than I can be."

"Tasted, we are to lift up one another. Many times God puts a 'help-mate' in your path. He put Aaron

with Moses, Jonathan with David; Paul with Barnabas. "While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' When they arrived in Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God..." Acts 13:25 NIV.

The Holy Spirit produces hope and joy in us. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking, and envying each other." Galatians 5:22-23 NIV.

Hope. What is our ultimate hope? To gain entrance to our Heavenly home: The Spirit of God in the longing for Heaven is a most potent force, what a joyful endeavor. We go about our days with vigor for the joy of the Lord as our strength. Working without immediate reward, we anticipate our reward in His Kingdom.

Without a doubt, we must stay in prayer and remain in His Word. Lift up prayers for our government leaders. Pray for the evildoers and all humankind.

Be passionate in positivity with the knowledge our Savior can lift us up.

In reasoning about your future, desire to hear our Lord say, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful over a little; I will now make you faithful over much more. Well done!" Matthew 25:23 NIV.

## Live Everyday, No Matter What it Brings, as Gift from God

**D**on't you love the pace of the disciples going into panic mode when they are out on the Sea of Galilee with Jesus and suddenly there is a violent storm? They were not expecting that and they certainly did not like it. But like in our lives isn't it? We all know that feeling. We all experience times of joy, celebration, happiness, success, and right alongside are sadness, loss, longing, and failure. The challenge is that we never know which is coming next.

The old thing is that we tend to see all the bad stuff in life as the exception to the way things should be. We pretty much get up each day expecting things to go our way for the most part.

DAVID C.  
BANE JR.

All it takes is that first traffic jam, stopped-up toilet, canceled appointment, or phone call with bad news, and we say, "Man, this is going to be a lousy day!"

I remember one morning when I was about 12 and I came down to breakfast in a bad mood. When my mother asked what was wrong I said, "I have a tough exam, didn't finish my homework, and our game will be rained out. This is going to be a crappy day!"

Without turning around

she quietly said, "Well son, that is all pretty much up to you." I have never forgotten that simple truth. Just wish that I practiced it more often.

Where do we get this idea that life is supposed to go our way? None of us escapes this life without some degree of pain and suffering. If the Son of God was not excepted, how can we expect to be?

The problem is that if we see suffering as the exception, then we also turn to God as an exception. We have no trouble blaming God and asking "why me?" about the bad stuff, but somehow we forget to thank God and ask "Why

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## For Christ's Followers, the Best is Yet to Come

"On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; and both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding." John 4:1-2

The wedding invitation read: "We and Mrs. Solomon Levy request your presence at the wedding of their daughter, Sylvia, to Mr. Jacob Cleveland, at their home, 85 Salem Street, Cana, Galilee."

So Jesus went, along with His disciples, His mother and many other guests. During the wedding festivities, which sometimes could go for several days, the wine ran out. That would have been a major catastrophe—except for Jesus. He told the servants to fill six large water pots with water, then draw some out and carry it to the master of the banquet. When they dipped it out it was wine!

Wow! Not just any old wine but exceptional wine.

EMMETT  
MURPHY

"The master of ceremonies said to Solomon, 'Old friend, you have certainly surprised us. Usually the best wine is given out at first, but you have saved the best until the last.'"

We recognize this as the Lord's first public miracle. We know that He gives in abundance. But Jesus does so much more. He touches

lives and makes them better. He fills hearts with joy and peace. And the longer you know Him, the sweeter He becomes. As you walk with Jesus it is always "sweeter as the years go by." And still He saves the best until the last.

Robert Browning writes, "Grow old along with me, the best is yet to be."

This is true if you are a Jesus follower. Your first experience is realizing that you can put your faith and trust in Him. Then you have

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION (RALEIGH)  
DOCKET NO. R-22, SUB 590

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In the Matter of )  
Application by Virginia Electric and Power )  
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Utilities )

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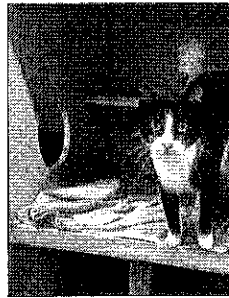
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# Tri-County Animal Shelter Pets of the Week



Beau is still in search of his forever home. During the month of October and dog or cat with black on them can be adopted for a reduced adoption fee!



Emma is a beautiful short hair cat who enjoys napping. She would be the perfect kitty friend to snuggle up with and watch movies!



Mont Stormi! This pup is 5-7 months old and knows some basic commands. He loves other dogs and walks well on a leash.



Milo is a young, male pit bull mix. He gets along well with other dogs. He does still have puppy energy and will need basic training.

Tri-County Animal Shelter and Adoption Center is on I-95 in Tiger. Due to the coronavirus, the shelter is open by appointment. Anyone interested in adopting should set up an appointment by calling 252-231-8514.

## Region's Jobless Rate Down in August

BY JULIAN FURE,  
PAUL NIELSEN  
AND REGGIE PONDOR  
For The Perquimans Weekly

More than 600 fewer Albemarle area residents filed unemployment claims in August than in July, lowering the five-county region's overall jobless rate for the month from just over 7% to 6.9%.

A total of 2,480 residents were unemployed in Pasquotank, Currituck, Perquimans and Camden counties in August. That compares to 3,552 residents in the counties who filed unemployment claims in July.

While there were fewer jobless claims filed in August, there were also fewer workers in the region's labor force this month, N.C. Department of Commerce data show.

According to Commerce, there were a combined 44,478 persons in the workforce in the five counties in August. That's down 1,203 workers from July, when there were 45,681 working in the five counties. All five counties saw decreases in their labor force in August.

Statewide, the number of people seeking jobless benefits fell by more than 113,000 to 327,375. That's a rate of 6.3%, a decrease of 2.1% from July. However, the statewide workforce also declined in August, by more than 182,000, falling to just over 4.8 million.

All five area counties reported declines in the number of those unemployed, with Pasquotank and Currituck responsible for more

than 75% of the decrease. Currituck County, meanwhile, posted the state's lowest employment rate for the second straight month: 4.6%, down from 5% in July.

Currituck reported the state's fourth-lowest rate, 4.5%, which is down from 6.3% in July.

Chowan reported the 23rd lowest rate, 5.7%, down from 7.3% in July. Perquimans had the 25th-lowest rate, at 6.8%, down from 7.6% in July. Pasquotank ranked 49th, with a 6.5% rate, down from 8.2% in July.

For the second straight month, no area county had a higher jobless rate in August than the state rate.

Pasquotank reported 1,630 persons unemployed in a workforce of 16,258. That compares to July, when 1,385 persons were unemployed in a workforce of 16,715. That's 355 fewer applicants for unemployment in August.

Edna Beth City-Pasquotank Economic Development Commission Director Christian Lockamy saw the declining unemployment rate as a positive sign for the economy but said there could be fluctuations moving forward because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It does feel positive going into the winter," Lockamy said. "But that positive nature also needs to be prefaced with the reality that we are not quite out of this (COVID-19) yet. But I do see the end in sight."

In Chowan, the number of people filing jobless claims fell by 91 in August. A total

of 313 persons filed for unemployment in a workforce of 5,458 in July. 404 persons filed for jobless benefits in a workforce of 6,833.

Currituck saw its number of unemployed fall by 252 persons in August. A total of 564 persons filed for unemployment in a workforce of 13,828. That compares to July, when 618 persons filed for unemployment in a workforce of 13,918.

Currituck Chamber of Commerce President Josh Bass said an "extended beach season" has helped lower the county's unemployment rate.

"One thing that is really unique here is that a lot of beach rentals are going through December," Bass said. "With the kids in virtual school, the houses down here are renting like crazy. The rental market is just through the roof. We are again back to having a major labor shortage."

Perquimans reported 278 persons unemployed in August, a decrease of 91 from July. That compares to July, when 367 filed for unemployment and the workforce was 4,875. The county's workforce in July was 4,753.

In Camden, the number of people filing jobless claims declined by 72 in August. A total of 206 workers in a workforce of 4,463 filed for jobless benefits. That compares to July, when 278 people filed for unemployment and the workforce was 4,454.

Camden Manager Ken Bowman said he was

pleased with Camden's rate being the lowest in the state. "That's something to be proud of," he said. "I think that says a lot for the economy in Camden County. It's good news."

Bowman added that Camden has been very resilient during the pandemic.

According to the Commerce Department, unemployment decreased in all 100 counties in August, in contrast to July when no counties reported a rate lower than 6%, five counties — including Camden and Currituck — did so in August.

Also in contrast to July, only two counties — Edgecombe with 10.7% and Scotland with 11.5% — reported rates of 10% or above in August. In July, 14 counties did.

Julian Fure, Paul Nielsen and Reggie Pondor are writers for The Daily Advance.

## COHEN PICKED FOR ROLE



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Jill Cohen, Career and Technical Education (CTE) Director with Perquimans County Schools has been selected to serve as a mentor for the inaugural year of the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) Inclusion, Access, Equity and Diversity (IAED) mentorship program. Cohen was selected to serve as an IAED mentor by the IAED Mentorship Program Advisory Committee. Through this program, Cohen will mentor other beginning CTE Directors through monthly meetings and program activities focusing on inclusion, access, equity and diversity.

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## News

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## Book

From B1

to Hamilton's main strip where it could be open more hours each day.

On Sept. 15, the new location opened in the town's former town hall, located at 101 North Front St. on the corner of North Front Street and East Main Street.

"It's open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.," Goodrich said. "People can sign out whatever they care to check out."

Among the 1,000 titles housed at the location are fiction, biographies, children's books and popular titles for all ages. A collection of pe-

**"I'd like to see every parent bring their child down here and introduce them to what's here."**

—Retired educator Carry Sullivan

riodicals has also been donated and are available for checkout.

Keenly aware of the aging population in Hamilton, Goodrich also offers to deliver titles upon request.

"If someone will let me know an author or title they are interested in, we can bring it to them," she said.

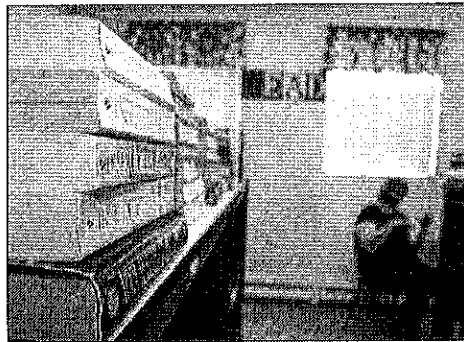
Carry Sullivan, a re-

tired educator, has donated to the collection and is very excited to see the community utilize the resource.

"It's really a dream," Sullivan said of the newly opened give a book, take a book location. "I'd like to see every parent bring their child down here and introduce them to what's here."

Teachers are welcome to check out the classroom sets available.

Those who may be physically unable to visit the library are welcome to leave a request for Goodrich at Hamilton's Town Hall by calling 798-2001.



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## Fourth

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bench Dwight Howard against Houston and then feature him against Denver is a big reason they had so much success. Unfortunately for Vogel, I think he either wins the trophy or Jason Kidd gets promoted.

My favorite storyline of all is the one and two

versus 3-15.

Los Angeles will have the two most physically gifted and talented players on the court. If you compare the rest of their roster and Munn's roster sans their two best players, the Heat are better in my opinion.

They aren't as experienced as L.A., and that will be the storyline

that I think will most impact the outcome.

It's a story as old as time because time is its primary ingredient - youth versus experience.

With the extended layoff prior to the playoffs, the Lakers were able to rest their bodies in a way that a normal season wouldn't allow. While I will be rooting for "dem goons" from South Beach, I fear their young legs won't be the advantage they might otherwise be after playing nearly 100 games.

David Friedman is a longtime sports writer and lifelong believer that Black Lives Matter. David can be reached via e-mail at fourthandlongcolumn@gmail.com.



**Know your Ws! Recuerde las iniciales PEL!**

**WEAR**  
a cloth covering over your nose and mouth.

**PÓNGASE**  
un protector de tela que cubra su nariz y su boca.

**WAIT**  
6 feet apart. Avoid close contact.

**ESPERESE**  
distanciándose 6 pies (3 metros). Evita contacto cercano.

**WASH**  
your hands or use hand sanitizer.

**LÁVESE**  
las manos o usar desinfectante de manos.

**@NCDHHS #StayStrongNC**

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DISTRICT HEALTH

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH  
DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 590

## BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
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This 14th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

## News

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DOT sending out \$132 million  
plus in Powell Bill Funds

RALEIGH - The N.C. Department of Transportation has begun distributing nearly \$132.7 million in State Street Aid to Municipalities, also known as Powell Bill funds, to 698 municipalities across the state.

The initial allocation, half of the overall total, is going out today. The other half will be paid by Jan. 1. The number of recipients who applied to be considered for funds is the same as 2019.

The Powell Bill requires municipalities to use the money primarily for street resurfacing, but it can also be used for the construction and maintenance of roads, bridges, drainage systems, sidewalks and greenways.

"The Powell Bill funding helps local governments improve trans-

portation systems within their communities," said state Transportation Secretary Eric Boyette. "These funds help complete critical projects like repairing roads and supporting local projects such as bikeways and sidewalks."

The amount each municipality receives is based on a formula set by the N.C. General Assembly, with 75 percent of the funds based on population, and 25 percent based on the number of locally maintained street miles.

Twenty-three cities are receiving at least \$1 million, led by Charlotte at \$13.7 million based on its population of 853,985 and 2,537 miles of maintained roads. Raleigh will receive \$7.1 million, followed by Greensboro (\$7 million), Durham

(\$6.1 million), Winston-Salem (\$6 million) and Fayetteville (\$4.9 million).

The fund is named for Junius K. Powell, a former state senator and mayor of Whiteville who was a primary sponsor of the 1951 bill to help the state's cities with urban road problems. The first allocation of Powell Bill funds was for \$4.5 million and was distributed to 386 cities and towns. Including this week's allocations, municipalities have received more than \$4.8 billion in street aid funding since the program started.

A complete list of cities and towns receiving Powell Bill funds, the amounts they are receiving and more information about the program can be found on the NCDOT website.

## Spend your money where you live!!

When you buy from a small business, you are helping a little girl get dance lessons, a little boy his team jersey, Mom's and Dad's put food on the table, and putting back into the local economy!

**SHOP**  
Martin County

Should you  
get tested  
for COVID-19?

Use Check My Symptoms at [www.ncdhs.gov/symptoms](http://www.ncdhs.gov/symptoms) and answer a short list of questions. Check My Symptoms will let you know if you should get tested. Your information is a private health record and is strictly confidential.

Help protect your health,  
your family & your neighbors.



Martin-Tyrrell-Washington  
DISTRICT HEALTH

¿Debería hacerse  
la prueba  
de COVID-19?

Use la herramienta de verificación de síntomas Check My Symptoms en el sitio Web: [www.ncdhs.gov/symptoms](http://www.ncdhs.gov/symptoms) y responda una breve lista de preguntas. La herramienta de verificación de síntomas le informará si debe hacerse la prueba. Su información es un registro de salud privado y es estrictamente confidencial.

Ayude a proteger su salud,  
su familia y a sus vecinos.



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<p>\$15 Minimum Wage</p> <p>Equal pay for women</p> <p>Enforce rights for domestic workers and farm workers</p> <p>Support workers' rights to bargain collectively with employers</p> <p>Create new jobs by investing in rebuilding and modernizing infrastructure: roads, bridges, sanitation, drinking water, high-speed internet</p> <p>Reinstate jobs and regulations that ensure clean air and clean water</p> <p>Democratic Party Platform</p>	OR	<p>Minimum wage to meet a living wage</p> <p>No progress on promise to invest \$550 in infrastructure, creating new jobs and modernizing US</p> <p>Promised not to cut Medicaid but new regulations have caused cuts</p> <p>Reduced taxes did not lead to better paying jobs and significantly increased passive wealth for the top 10%</p> <p>Job protection weakened for federal employees and private sector workers</p> <p>Workers with two jobs still need assistance while corporations make record profits</p> <p>Politicians</p> <p>Trump administration</p>



## Oriental Parks and Recreational Survey



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Oriental's Parks and Recreation Department is focusing on the development of the Oriental Recreation Park located near the Fire Station and Dog Park - off Straight Road and adjacent to White Farm Road, unless the respondents would prefer Park and Recreation Department to focus on the development of the bike/pedestrian/greenway path linking the Oriental Recreation Park to the Village and Dolphin Point.

Please fill out this survey and let the Parks and Recreation Department know your ideas/thoughts as to how the Oriental Recreation Park should be used.

Following are some preliminary ideas for Park usage. Please circle one response per idea.

1. Tennis and Pickleball Courts with Lighting. Development of a Tennis court with additional striping to support two (side by side) Pickleball Courts. Lighting would be timed to correspond to park open hours. Residents would need to provide the balls/paddles/rackets. (An unlighted pickle ball court currently exists at Lupton Park in the Village.)

Strongly Agree / Agree / Disagree / Strongly Disagree / No Opinion

2. Cover Pavilion with Lighting. Lighting would be timed to correspond to park open hours. Picnic tables and barbecue grills would be provided. Could extend off current Pavilion. This would provide a facility to host Oriental events, and could be rented for family reunions, birthday parties, and other events.

Strongly Agree / Agree / Disagree / Strongly Disagree / No Opinion

3. Movies in the Park. Portable viewing screen and speakers would be provided by Oriental. Town would work with the Old Theatre to supply the films. The screen could be setup in either an outdoor area within the park or inside the Pavilion. Residents would need to provide their chairs and may be charged a fee to cover the rental of the film.

Strongly Agree / Agree / Disagree / Strongly Disagree / No Opinion

4. Bocce Ball Court. Bocce Ball also known as Italian lawn bowling, is one of the oldest lawn games. Oriental would develop the court. Resident would need to provide the equipment (balls).

Strongly Agree / Agree / Disagree / Strongly Disagree / No Opinion

5. Agri-Center. Garden plots would be provided whereby resident would be responsible for the planting and tending of the gardens. Access to water will be provided by Oriental.

Strongly Agree / Agree / Disagree / Strongly Disagree / No Opinion

6. Disc Golf. Disc Golf is a flying disc sport in which players throw a disc at a target. Develop a Nine hole Disc Golf course around the Recreation Center area. Residents would need to provide their own Disc(s).

Strongly Agree / Agree / Disagree / Strongly Disagree / No Opinion

7. Controller (RC) in one of the open fields. Allows for an area where individual can gather and fly planes/drones without potential disruptions.

Strongly Agree / Agree / Disagree / Strongly Disagree / No Opinion

Tell us your thoughts here, 500 words or less.

Tell us about yourself. No spam. We promise.

Who are you?

First / Last

Are you a:

\_\_\_ Full Time Resident

\_\_\_ Part Time Resident (have a second home in/near Oriental)

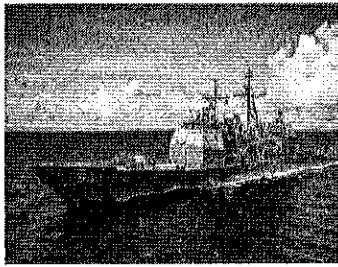
\_\_\_ Friend of Oriental (a visitor, own a boat and/or slip, have family here)

If Part Time Resident or Friend of Oriental, where are you from?

What's your email address? (optional)

Mail responses: Oriental Town Hall, PO Box 472, Oriental, NC. 28571  
Drop off responses at: Oriental Town Hall, 507 Church Street, Oriental, NC 28571.





## Havelock Native Serves aboard USS Ronald Reagan during Expeditionary Strike Force Operations in the Indo-Pacific Region

PHILIPPINE SEA (NNS) -- Havelock, North Carolina native and Havelock High School graduate Jerome Herrington is serving aboard USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) during Expeditionary Strike Force operations, Sept. 25-28.

The Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group and the USS America (LHA 6) Expeditionary Strike Group are conducting integrated operations in the Pacific Ocean. These operations highlight the interoperability and proficiency between the Navy and Marine Corps team, both air and surface assets, in support of a free and open Indo-Pacific.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Jerome Herrington, an information systems technician, ensures the proper function of the computer network assigned to Electronic Attack Squadron (VAW) 141. "This is my first time in a squadron and the sound of freedom is amazing," said Herrington.

During the Expeditionary Strike Force operations, the "blue-green team" will demonstrate aviation integration through tactical air control and deck landing qualifications. Live-fire training in the Macatans, naval surface fire support from cruisers USS Shiloh (CG 67) and USS Antillean (CG 54), and long-range tactical recovery of personnel and aircraft missions will take place to showcase the strike groups' flexibility and cohesion during various scenarios.

"Versatility is the foundation of the forward-deployed naval forces combat credibility, and the Ronald Reagan Strike Group is excited for this opportunity to hone our skills alongside the



America Expeditionary Strike Group for this complex exercise," said Rear Adm. George Wikoff, commander, Carrier Strike Group 5. "Integrated naval operations in the Western Pacific demonstrates U.S. commitment to our regional allies and partners, support for international stability and security, and the ability to rapidly respond to any challenge."

USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) is the flagship of Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 5, which includes Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5, and guided-missile cruisers USS Shiloh (CG 67) and USS Antillean (CG 54).

USS America (LHA 6) is the flagship of the America Expeditionary Strike Group, which includes Commander, Amphibious Squadron 11, dock landing ship USS New Orleans (LPD 18), landing support dock ship USS Germantown (LSD 42) and the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU).

Visit the USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) photo gallery for more photos and information about past and current operations here: <https://www.dvidshub.net/units/CVN76>

### Town Clerk needed for Town of Minnott Beach

Part-time, 2 days per week from 9:00am-2:30pm and attend two monthly evening meetings. The ability to provide a variety of services in support of the town's administration. Maintain financial accounts. Computer skills required and a familiarity with QuickBooks a plus. Some knowledge of accounting or bookkeeping skills a plus. Must be able to work with the public and use a high degree of discretion, initiative, be self-motivated and able to use independent judgment. Send resume to Town of Minnott Beach, 11758 Highway 308 South, Minnott Beach, NC 28510, (252-249-1755).

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#### TAX REFORM - WHAT WILL YOUR VOTE GET YOU?

A question to think about, brought to you by the Pamlico Progressives.

Progressive income tax	OR	More tax breaks for the wealthiest & corporations
Improved education and health		Car safety nets for the poor
Increased infrastructure spending		Wall St. more important than Main St.
Public transit		Revenue shortfalls little benefit from 2017 tax cuts
Expanding low-income schools		Tax code benefits wealthy & deficit spending
Clean infrastructure		2020 budget cuts in low-income assistance

## Hold on to your shovels, the AFM is reopening!!

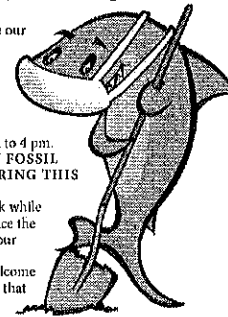
It is with great excitement that we announce our reopening! We will begin a limited reopening on Saturday, October 3rd and Sunday, October 4th. Hours for both days will be 11 am to 4 pm. Areas of the AFM Complex open will be our Gift Shop and the Fossil Park.

The Gift Shop and Fossil Park will be open weekly Thursday through Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm.

The Fossil Pits will be open, but NO NEW FOSSIL MATERIAL WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING THIS TIME, as we work to safely reopen.

Visitors will be required to wear a face mask while inside the museum and we ask that you practice the three "W's", Wear, Wash, Wait, while visiting our property.

The Aurora Fossil Museum is excited to welcome visitors to Aurora, North Carolina and we ask that you please follow all safety guidelines in place during your visit.



## Aurora Fossil Museum Wins 2020 Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Award

Aurora Fossil Museum Recognized Among Best in the World, Based on Outstanding 2019 Traveler Reviews

Aurora, North Carolina - October 02, 2020 - The Aurora Fossil Museum today announced it has been recognized as a 2020 Travelers' Choice award-winner for Attractions. Based on a full year of Tripadvisor reviews, prior to any changes caused by the pandemic, award winners are known for consistently receiving great traveler feedback, placing them in the top 10% of attractions around the globe.

"The Aurora Fossil Museum is honored to be recognized as one of the top 10% of attractions worldwide. Worldwide, WOW! This award is based on the positive visitor experience, a quality that we work hard to maintain and strive to improve. We appreciate and thank our visitors for giving us this humongous honor!"

-Cynthia Crane, Executive Director, Aurora Fossil Museum.

"Winners of the 2020 Travelers' Choice Awards should be proud of this distinguished recognition," said Kunika Soni, Chief Commercial Officer at Tripadvisor. "Although it's been a challenging year for travel and hospitality, we want to celebrate our partners' achievements. Award winners are beloved for their exceptional service and quality. Not only are these winners well deserving, they are also a great source of inspiration for travelers as the world begins to venture out again."

To see traveler reviews and popular features of the Aurora Fossil Museum, visit [https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction\\_Review-g29879-d143626-Reviews-Aurora\\_Fossil\\_Museum-Aurora\\_North\\_Carolina.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g29879-d143626-Reviews-Aurora_Fossil_Museum-Aurora_North_Carolina.html).

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## Department of Transportation Receives \$1.5 Million

Brings NCDOT Total to \$52.5 Million for Hurricane Florence Expenses

RALEIGH, N.C. - The State of North Carolina and FEMA have approved \$1.5 million to reimburse the North Carolina Department of Transportation for Hurricane Florence-related road and culvert repair in Wayne County.

The grant brings the total to more than \$52.5 million to reimburse NCDOT for Hurricane Florence-related expenses. FEMA's total share for these projects is more than \$38.2 million and the state's share is more than \$14.2 million.

FEMA's Public Assistance program provides grants for state and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations to reimburse the cost of debris removal, emergency protective measures and permanent repair work.

Public Assistance is a cost-sharing program. FEMA reimburses applicants at least 75 percent of eligible costs and the remaining 25 percent is covered by the state. The federal share is paid directly to the state to disburse to agencies, local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations that incurred costs.

For more information on North Carolina's recovery from Hurricane Florence, visit [ncdisaster.gov/Florence](https://ncdisaster.gov/Florence) and FEMA.gov/Disaster393. Follow us on Twitter: @NCEmergency and @FEMARegional.

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FEMA's mission: Helping people before, during and after disasters.

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# Jamesville iron issue is nuisance not health concern

By KATHY WAINES  
Special to The Beacon

Jamesville residents are having an ongoing issue with iron in the water.

Public works employee Charles Winstead told council during its September meeting that he is conducting regular flushing and that while it poses no health concerns for citizens, it

is a nuisance.

Winstead said the problem comes from the distribution and the age of the system.

"The problem is out here and not at the plant," he said.

"In our 100,000 gallon tank, there is just not enough usage currently to turn over the water. The biggest thing is the need for a better mapping system."

The good news is that a new water plant is expected to be up and running by the end of 2021 and no later than the beginning of 2022.

In other business, a maintenance contract for the water tank maintenance was awarded to Southern Corrosion effective October 1.

A plan to utilize the Coronavirus Relief Funds was approved to purchase reusable masks and laptops.

Each resident will be able to get a free mask and a hand sanitizer from the town office.

In response to a citizen inquiry, Carolyn Martin advised that the funds to pay for the Veterans Memorial had been raised and that no town funds had been

used. She indicates that it's very attractive.

An ordinance to control disposal of fats, oils and grease was approved which incorporates language from ordinances from several small towns in the area.

And, a three-year contract for waste removal with Republic Services was approved at \$95/month plus fees.

## County grants woman's special exception for mobile home

By DALE HENDERSON  
Staff Writer

A Plymouth woman secured a special exception from county commissioners in short order last week, giving her permission to install a mobile home to replace her dwelling that was destroyed by Hurricane Dorian last September.

Commissioners voted 5-0 without discussion Monday evening, September 21, to grant an exception to permit reduced side yard setbacks for a 76-foot mobile home purchased by Deloris Goddard.

The county's planning board previously heard Goddard's request and recommended approval to commissioners, who served as the county's Board of Adjustment in hearing the case.

Goddard's request included the explanation that her home of 35 years on Coconut Road was destroyed last year trees felled by Hurricane Dorian, and she has lived for the past 12 months in a

transient fashion with relatives in the Greenville area.

She explained that it has taken her a long time to find an affordable home and that a dozen 30-year-old pine trees have been removed to make room for the mobile home.

Goddard's neighbors on Coconut Road supported her request for relief from setback requirements.

Finding no evidence of any right of way encroachments and hearing no opposition from neighbors, commissioners granted an exception that permits side setbacks as short as 10 feet.

Goddard paid a \$200 county fee for the privilege of the hearing.

### Salary study

By DALE HENDERSON  
Staff Writer

Several county positions have

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revised step and grade classifications under approval granted last week by Washington County Commissioners as part of wage and salary changes under consideration. The changes impact some DSS employees and other county staff.

Although the reclassifications have been approved, compensation adjustments will not become effective until county staff provides a budget amendment that commissioners approve to fund the changes.

County Manager Curtis Potter says that the budget amendment is "one of the next steps for consideration."

### Phelps honor

C. Mark Holt, president of the North Carolina Bar Association and North Carolina Bar Foundation, has appointed Plymouth attorney D. Cole Phelps to serve on



PHELPS

the Pro Bono Committee.

The Pro Bono Committee advises on activities relating to pro bono delivery of legal services and annually selects recipients of NCBA

Pro Bono Awards.

North Carolina Bar Association members annually serve the organization and the legal profession through their committee involvement.

Committee members are selected by the president-elect in advance of their term as president of the NCBA and the North Carolina Bar Foundation.

Phelps operates The Law Office of D. Cole Phelps, PLLC in Plymouth and serves as chairman of the Washington County Board of County Commissioners. He is a native of Washington County

and a graduate of East Carolina University and North Carolina Central University School of Law.

### Board appointments

Two local women were named last week to represent Washington County on the boards of the Pettigrew Regional Library and Beaufort County Community College.

Commissioners approved the appointment of retired teacher Linda West to fill a vacant seat on the BECC and Dr. Linda Jewell Carr to the library board that administers libraries in Plymouth, Columbia, Edenton and Hertford.

Carr is the recently-appointed Superintendent of Washington County Schools. West retired in 2019 after nearly 30 years as a health and science teacher and HOSA advisor at Plymouth High School and Washington County High School.

## Disaster loan deadline is October 19 for residents, businesses

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) encourages businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters to apply for a disaster loan before the October 19 deadline.

Anyone in the declared counties in North Carolina with damages caused by Hurricane Isaias on August 3, 2020, and not for COVID-19 related assistance.

The declaration covers Bertie County and the adjacent counties of Chowan, Halifax, Hertford, Martin, Northampton and Washington.

In accordance with

health precautions for COVID-19, the SBA will not establish a field presence to assist survivors. However, SBA will continue to provide customer service and conduct outreach virtually with webinars, skype calls, phone assistance and step-by-step application assistance.

The SBA has opened a Virtual Disaster Loan Outreach Center (VDLOC) to

help survivors apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via the SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov>. Virtual customer support representatives are available to help applicants complete the online application from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., seven days a week.

These services are only available for the North

Carolina disaster declaration #16599 as a result of Hurricane Isaias on August 3, 2020, and not for COVID-19 related assistance.

Survivors should contact the customer service representatives at (800) 659-2955 to schedule an appointment for immediate one-on-one assistance in completing their applications.

## Woman charged with making crack

By DALE HENDERSON  
Staff Writer

Jessie Anna Ayers, 39, is charged with manufacturing crack cocaine at her residence on Cypress Shores Road in Roper, along with a variety of other drug crimes.

Washington County Sheriff's Deputies executed a search warrant at Ayers' southfront home in March after identifying suspected drug activity there through investigation.

Criminal charges were not filed until this month, when authorities secured an arrest warrant and took Ayers — who has no apparent previous criminal record — into custody September 18. She was released on unsecured bond of \$20,000 later the same day.

With an unsecured bail bond, Ayers posts no up-front financial security, signs an agreement to ap-

pear for a future court date and becomes liable to pay the \$20,000 unsecured bond amount if she fails to appear.

Ayers is charged with manufacturing crack cocaine, possession of methamphetamine, possession of psilocybin (hallucinogenic) mushrooms, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia and maintaining a dwelling for the purpose of drug dealing.

## Company collects school supplies

Plymouth's H & R Block office is collecting school supplies to provide support for students and schools in Washington County.

The tax preparation firm accepts contributions Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. at its location at 963 US Hwy

64 East. Interested contributions can email to [raes@hrrblock.com](mailto:raes@hrrblock.com) to get a list of preferred items for contribution.

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DOCKET NO. P-22, SUB 590

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC),  
Caroline Electric to N.C.U.C. P-22-132-2 and  
Commission Rule R-85-55 Regarding Fuel and  
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# Short-term workforce training is now free at BCCC

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

These newly free classes are in addition to the already free small business counseling and seminars, as well as the free high school equivalency/GED classes. BCCC now aims to help every student who earns a high school equivalency diploma also earn an industry-recognized credential such as nurse aide, pharmacy technician, EMT, NC Firefighter, or CDL truck driver.

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

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

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

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

Continuing Education staff will work with students to use

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

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

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

well as English Language Acquisition classes are free as well.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Plymouth clears path for new mental health facility

By DANE HERRING  
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

of October.

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

havioral services.

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

## FINE PRINT: News from Washington County's public records

### Communications log

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

**September 26**  
7:44 a.m. Power line down in Plymouth.  
9:18 a.m. Water problem in Plymouth.  
2:57 p.m. Ambulance needed in Rogers.  
11:45 p.m. Ambulance needed in Plymouth.  
**September 26**  
8:48 a.m. Traffic stop in Plymouth.  
3:27 p.m. Water problem in

**Rogers.**  
5:27 p.m. Prowler in Creswell.  
9:18 p.m. Officer requested in Plymouth.  
**September 27**  
12:04 a.m. Ambulance needed in Plymouth.  
9:58 a.m. Dog complaint in Plymouth.  
12:05 p.m. Vehicle fire in Rogers.  
5:08 p.m. Breaking, entering, and larceny in Plymouth.  
7:23 p.m. Fire in Creswell.  
**September 28**  
7:38 a.m. Ambulance needed in Creswell.  
12:51 p.m. Breaking and entering in Plymouth.  
5:05 p.m. Ambulance needed in Creswell.

**in Creswell.**  
**September 29**  
7:36 a.m. Vehicle accident in Rogers.  
8:58 a.m. Tree down in Creswell.  
12:12 p.m. Ambulance needed in Plymouth.  
5:12 p.m. Dog complaint in Plymouth.  
**September 30**  
11:18 a.m. Dog complaint in Plymouth.  
11:46 a.m. Officer requested in Plymouth.  
3:08 p.m. Vehicle accident in Plymouth.  
5:45 p.m. Ambulance needed in Plymouth.  
**October 1**  
9:58 a.m. Ambulance needed in Creswell.

**11:29 a.m. Hit and run in Plymouth.**  
8:35 p.m. Ambulance needed in Rogers.  
8:42 p.m. Larceny in Plymouth.

### Jail bookings

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

**September 28**  
Edward Lee Sanders, 35, Nixon Road, Plymouth, assault

on a child under the age of 12, severe injury with a minor present. Released September 29. (Washington County)  
Mario Rauland Small, 34, Gao Tree Trail, Plymouth, speeding, driving while license revoked - not impaired revocation. Released September 28. (Washington County)

### Plymouth police reports

The following incidents were reported to Plymouth Police Department:  
**September 25**  
Misuse of 9-1-1 system and resisting public officer on Anne Street.

**September 27**  
Field Drive resident reports burglary of dwelling. Damage to personal property reported on Anne Street.  
**September 28**  
Report of person communicating threats on Jackson Street. Ridgeway Drive resident reports breaking and entering, larceny and damage to personal property.  
**September 30**  
Ponahoke Circle resident reports damage to personal property. Arson reported on Anne Street.  
**October 1**  
Restaurant reports breaking and entering and larceny of vehicle.

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 590

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In the Matter of )  
Application by Virginia Electric and Power )  
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North )  
Carolina Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and )  
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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 588

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

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This proceeding is being held pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67 to consider DENC's application for approval of REPS cost recovery and compliance with the REPS requirements during the 2019 calendar year. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

On August 14, 2020, DENC filed direct testimony and exhibits in support of its application for REPS cost recovery and 2019 REPS compliance report. By its application, DENC proposes to implement the following total REPS rates, including regulatory fee, effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2021: a 30.14 charge per month for residential customers; a 30.82 charge per month for commercial customers; and a \$3.35 charge per month for industrial customers.

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Carolyn Harmon / The Daily Herald  
Eric James Worrell, son of the late T.J. Worrell, looks up at Chief Tyree Davis and T.J. Worrell's mother during the memorial service.



Carolyn Harmon / The Daily Herald  
Officer Nathaniel Waldhal reached out to the family, including the late T.J. Worrell's son, Eric James Worrell, and T.J.'s mother, Christine Shook Kirk, on Friday after the memorial service in Enfield.

## WORELL

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he jumped up opening the doors and going in the bus, and I'm looking around.

"All of a sudden, T.J. started running, screaming and hollering. 'Get away from me, get away from me,' swinging back and everything else. So I'm looking around and he finally gets to a resting place and I said, 'What in the world is going on with you? That man is so afraid of wasps — this burly man is running. Since he's been here, I've never seen him move that fast.'"

Worrell's co-worker, Cpl. Keith Lawrence, told folks for the past week he has been trying to figure out what to say.

"Chief gave me some advice and said speak from the heart," Lawrence said.

Lawrence said he rarely saw Worrell upset.

"If he did get upset, all I had to do was throw a simple joke or two at him and he would calm right back down," he said. "I never thought in the short time that I've known and worked with him, I would get so close to somebody."

"Like chief said, we are here to celebrate his life and I got to thinking, I just heard his voice in my head saying, 'What are you crying about, come on now.' I try not to cry, but every now and then you got to shed a tear for him. He would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. He was really my best friend. He will forever be in my heart. I love you T.J. I never got a chance to tell you — I'm telling you now."

John Young, former Town of Jackson police chief, choked back tears during some points of his speech. He

said he talked to Worrell at a level of knowing him since he was a young boy.

He said the house was always full of those boys who hung around all the time, eating them out of house and home.

"T.J. could eat — golly," he said. "But it was always a roar, particularly on the weekends, particularly during hunting season and fishing and things like that. They were in and out, in and out all the time. It was like a train wreck some mornings, I would get up and things would be all over it. It was a good noise, it was a good thing to have all of those kids in the house."

"T.J. was one of those who you just took to, you couldn't help but love him, he was a likable kid and always wanted to help, always wanted to check on you. He would always come by and check on me at the office and to see how I was doing. And one of the proudest things — he called me dad. He was a son."

"He would talk to me about going into law enforcement. I said, 'You are a perfect fit, you already served your country, you did so honorably, you did so well, it's a perfect fit and a good step up for you to do it.' One of the proudest nights I had was I hugged him on stage when he got his diploma. Even afterward, different agencies he worked for, he did a great job for them."

"I got quite a few sons, a lot of them are right here, just the same as T.J., same kind of people. I'm going to miss him, going to miss those calls, going to miss those visits — I miss the good-hearted kid he was."

Some other speakers included Mayor Wayne Anderson, Town Administrator Montre' Freeman and Police Commissioner Bobby Whitaker. A slide show of Worrell was presented in-between the speakers. "Taps" was played, and officers gave a Presentation of the Flag.

Near the end, Police Department Capt. Chuck Hasty spoke through tears, reading a couple verses from the Bible and two letters of respect: one from Valerie M. Asbell, district attorney; and one from Sen. Brian Smith (D-3).

"When you're talking about T.J., a verse that comes to my mind is Isaiah 6:8. 'Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me.'"

"T.J. heard that. He served his country and his community. He was a character. He was usually yelling at the guys who work for me, not crying. We're going to miss him."

In addition, he held up a photo with the letters, telling T.J.'s mother a framed picture of T.J. and copies of both letters will be given to her and to Eric.

"We don't want him to forget the memories of his dad," Hasty said.

Lastly, Hasty held up the police radio for folks to hear the "End of Watch Call" for T.J.

"This is last call for Enfield Police Department unit 507, T.J. Worrell. May he rest in peace."

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Objective

I read Halifax Community College President Ellen's column, which listed incidences but no real suggestions on how to reach a positive conclusion.

In 1991, I flew to San Antonio for Army medic training and had a colored roommate who was going there to get hospital orderly training to fulfill his military commitment. We decided to get lunch. Upon entering the restaurant we were told that he would have to come in the rear and eat there. We ate elsewhere. Blam indicated racism he felt uncomfortable going to. Being white I felt the same going to the Hill in Pittsburgh, Harlem and Dorchester in Boston.

I am left wondering about the BLM movement. After months of unrest I have heard basically two themes of interest. Racial justice and equality with no definition. How do you get people to work on a solution without knowing your target? I have heard of no meeting to work on this. I am not sure anyone one is interested. Kamala Harris has said the unrest will continue well into the future. That does not sound like anyone looking for a solution. Certainly makes the country as a whole vulnerable.

How do you know who to vote for until the debates? There are certain questions I would like Biden to answer.

His position on the agreements between Israel and mid east countries. He and Obama tried to buy Iran off with billions of dollars which failed completely. While he was vice president

John Kerry said that these agreements could never happen. Now they have. Would he tear them apart?

How would he deal with China considering Hunter Biden's relationship with them. Would he continue to pull business back? He says so but it leaves me with questions.

How about illegal? He says he will protect American citizens every day from day one. He has not in the past, what would he change? He did not protect us from Iran, did not protect us from China, did not protect us from the southern border. He has made these blumping speeches from his basement using a lectern and prompter with no audience. They sound so fake to me I turn the sound off.

All the "plans" for control of the virus are just air. It is easy to make all sorts of claims when you have to chips in the game and after the fact.

He has all these other plans with no legitimate way to pay for them. Tax the rich until you have none and then what do you do? You see, this is why socialism has never worked. When you run out of other people's money it all collapses. You will notice that those pushing socialism have never had a real job. They have basically lived their lives sucking off the taxpayer. Obama had only 18% of his appointees that had worked in industry. Do you think Biden would do any better? Hunter as Secretary of Commerce? Michelle Obama as Secretary of State? Be careful what you wish for.

Hugh Fowler  
Littleton

## Police: Man smears blood on sorority house

BY THE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GREENVILLE — A man armed with a machete, smeared satanic and satanic messages in blood on a sorority house at a North Carolina college and on a vehicle belonging to a student living there, police said Monday.

East Carolina University Police Cpt. Chris Sutton told WTTN that someone lagged down a department officer around 9 p.m. Sunday saying there was a man walking around with blood on his hands who seemed to be in distress. The man injured himself and then smeared what appeared to be his

own blood on the front of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority house as well as a resident's white Jeep that was parked at the house, according to Sutton.

Sutton said the officers found the man at an intersection adjacent to the ECU campus and were able to disarm him in less than five minutes.

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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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## OBITUARIES

## Franklin Delanor Pearson Sr.

Franklin Delanor Pearson Sr., 83, passed away to his eternal home in glory on Friday, Oct. 2, 2020, at Vidant North Hospital.

Mr. Pearson was a 1956 graduate of Roanoke Rapids High School and was a talented baseball player and statewide basketball champion. Upon graduating from high school, he enlisted in the United States Army and was stationed in Germany for two years. He started his career as a lineman with VEPSCO (Virginia Electric Power Company) in October 1956. VEPSCO later became NC Power where he retired as substation foreman in June 1994, with 34 years of service.

Mr. Pearson is survived by his wife of 60 years, Lillie Etheridge Pearson, formerly of Weldon. He was preceded in



death by his daughter, Linda Pearson, and is survived by daughters, Odell Holliday (Jason) of Roanoke Rapids, Nancy Turner (Harry) of Dinwiddie, Virginia, and Frances Pearson of Roanoke Rapids; a son, Frank Pearson Jr., (Misty) of Chester, Virginia; and his grandchildren, Ashley Turner of Dinwiddie, Owen Turner (Whitnee) of Chesterfield, Virginia, Scott Morris of Raleigh, Trey Pearson of Chester and Landon Grey Morris of Roanoke Rapids. The family received

friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5 at Wrenn Clarke and Hagen Funeral Home in Roanoke Rapids, which is handling the arrangements.

The funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. today, Tuesday, Oct. 6 at Victory Baptist Church, 2360 Bolling Road in Roanoke Rapids, and will be officiated by Pastor Jeremy Kobornat of Victory Baptist Church and Pastor Ray Haskett of Calvary Baptist Church in Colonial Heights, Virginia. The service will also be live streamed at [vbcrr.org](http://vbcrr.org). Burial will follow in Cedarwood Cemetery in Roanoke Rapids.

Special thanks to Pastor Jeremy Kobornat and the members of Victory Baptist Church for the many expressions of love during this time. Online condolences may be made at [wrennclarkhagan.com](http://wrennclarkhagan.com).

## Joann Purnell

ROANOKE RAPIDS — Joann Purnell, 56, of Roanoke Rapids, died Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020, at Vidant North Hospital in Roanoke Rapids.

A private viewing for immediate family only will be from 12:30 to 1 p.m., followed by a public viewing from 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7 at the funeral home parlor of Coleman-McGee Funeral Home, 201 Old Highway Road in Garysburg, which is handling the arrangements.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 8 on the front lawn of the funeral home, with the Rev. Cornell Watson Sr., pastor of Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Pendleton, officiating.

The funeral home will follow the rules for COVID-19. Attendees must be wearing a facial covering to enter the funeral parlor and only four people will be allowed to enter at a time.

## Edward Boyd

GREENVILLE — Mr. Edward Boyd, 60, of Greenville, died on Monday, Sept. 28, 2020. Graveside services will be held at noon Wednesday, Oct. 7 at Homestead Cemetery, 4251 East 10th St. in Greenville.

Shawn Lea Funeral Home in Scotland Neck is handling the arrangements.

## Trump says he's leaving hospital for White House

BY ZEKE MILLER, JILL COLVIN AND ARMER MADHANI  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BETHESDA, Md. — President Donald Trump said Monday he's leaving the military hospital where he has been treated for COVID-19 and will continue his recovery at the White House. He said he's feeling good and despite his attack the nation should not be afraid of the virus that has killed more than 209,000 Americans.

Trump's expected return comes after he has received an exceptionally aggressive course of treatment and a standard of care well above what is available to average Americans. His doctor, Navy Cmdr. Sean Conley, said the president would not be fully out of the woods for another week, but he said Trump had "met or exceeded all standard hospital discharge criteria."

Trump himself made a point of sounding confident. He tweeted, "I will be leaving the great Walter Reed Medical Center today at 6:30 P.M. Feeling really good! Don't be afraid of Covid. Don't let it dominate your life. ... I feel better than I did 29 years ago!"

Conley was also upbeat at an afternoon briefing and said the president could resume his normal schedule

once "there is no evidence of five virus still present." According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, those with mild to moderate symptoms of COVID-19 can be contagious for as many as 10 days and should isolate for at least 10 days.

Trump's expected discharge raised new questions about how the administration was going to protect other officials from a disease that remains rampant in the president's body, and came as the scale of the outbreak at the White House itself is still being uncovered. Press secretary Kayleigh McEnany announced she had tested positive for the virus Monday morning and was entering quarantine.

Conley repeatedly declined to share results of medical scans of Trump's lungs, saying he was not at liberty to discuss the information because Trump did not waive doctor-patient confidentiality on the subject. COVID-19 has been known to cause significant damage to the lungs of some patients. Conley also declined to share the date of Trump's most recent negative test for the virus — a critical data point for contact tracing and understanding where Trump was in the course of the disease.

## Betsy Reaves Korkuc

Betsy Reaves Korkuc passed away on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020, at her home following a short but aggressive illness. She was 80 years old.

Born on March 8, 1940, in Roanoke Rapids, Betsy was the seventh child of Dallas Dalton Reaves and Mary Faison Reaves. She attended Roanoke Rapids public schools where she was active in several sports and extra-curricular activities. The Reaves family were members of First Christian Church where Betsy was baptized.

As an adult, Betsy moved to Warwick, Rhode Island, where she was the Executive Assistant to the President of the Rhode Island Women's State Correctional Facility. Later when she returned to North Carolina, she was Secretary to the Superintendent of Prisons at the NC Department of Corrections in Caledonia where

she retired. Betsy was an avid tennis and billiards player, winning several trophies for each. She loved to travel and inherited the love of music from her father. She was lead singer in a barbershop quartet that performed as The Sweet Adelines for many years. Following the death of her mother, as well as surviving breast cancer and leukemia, Betsy moved home to Roanoke Rapids where she became a member of Good News Baptist Church and put her musical talent to use playing the piano and singing there. She was also a member of AMVETS Ladies Post 101 Halifax County. Betsy was well known for her warm smile, quick wit and all things Elvis.

Betsy was preceded in death by her parents, Dallas and Mary Reaves; brother, Phillip Bruce Reaves; sisters, Viola Hurst Daughtry, Doris Clary Taylor, Earnestine Reaves; and

grandson, Ashley Jody Smith.

Left to cherish her memory are her sons, Dale Smith (Jan) of Salisbury and retired Lt. David Korkuc (Sara) of Tallahassee, Florida; sisters, Rose Frank of Richmond, Virginia, and Shirley Hasty of Maryville, Tennessee; grandchildren, Elizabeth Smith of Roanoke Rapids, Klara Korkuc and Jason Korkuc, both of Gulf Breeze, Florida; great-grandchildren, Stanley Gavin Smith, Landyn Taylor and Ryleigh Taylor; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

A memorial service was held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6 at Good News Baptist Church.

Hockaday Funeral and Cremation Services in Roanoke Rapids is handling the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the cancer charity of your choice.

## Melvin

## 'Red' Lynch

ROANOKE RAPIDS — Mr. Melvin "Red" Lynch, 65, of Roanoke Rapids, died Friday, Oct. 2, 2020, at Vidant North Hospital in Roanoke Rapids. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and being handled by Coffield Mortuary in Weldon.

## Marie

## Hargrove

HAWKINS — Mrs. Marie Hargrove Hawkins, 89, of Littleton, died on Monday, Oct. 5, 2020, at her residence. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and being handled by Coffield Mortuary in Weldon.

## 'Troy Lee Britt

## ROANOKE RAPIDS

— Troy Lee Britt, 61, of Roanoke Rapids, died on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3 in the chapel

of Shawn Lea Funeral Home in Littleton, which is handling the arrangements. A public viewing was held for one hour before the funeral service.

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## Financial Focus: Lessons from experienced investors

Those who have lived a long time have done a lot, seen a lot - and can teach us a lot. And that's certainly true when it comes to investing.

Consider some of the lessons you might learn from experienced investors:

Regulate your emotions. In the investment world, there's always something coming at us that could sound scary: political flashpoints, economic news, and even those once-in-a-generation occurrences, such as the COVID-19 pandemic. But older people may take these events in stride. In fact, baby boomers and members of the Silent Generation (born between 1925 and 1945) are coping better emotionally with the impacts of COVID-19 than younger age cohorts, according to the 2020 Edward Jones Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study. And by keeping control of your emotions, you may be less likely to make moves such as selling quality investments with good fundamentals just because their prices have fallen in the midst of an overall market decline.

Learn from experience. By definition, the older we get, the more experiences we will have. And most people do indeed learn from experience. Investors, too, benefit from having seen and done things before. Did you chase a "hot" stock only to have found it cooled off before you bought it? Did you buy too many of the same type of investments, only to see your portfolio take a bigger hit during a downturn than it would have if you had diversified? In the investment arena, as in most walks of life, patterns emerge, and once you learn to recognize them, you can learn from past mistakes.

Know yourself. When we reach a certain age, most of us know ourselves pretty well. But you don't have to wait decades to gain this knowledge—at least not

when it comes to investing. For example, you should quickly gain a good sense of your ability to withstand risk. How? Just consider how you react when the market declines sharply. If you find yourself losing sleep over your losses—even if they're just on paper—you might be taking on too much risk for your own comfort level. Conversely, if market downturns don't bother you as much as lack of growth in your portfolio, you might be investing too conservatively for your own risk tolerance.

Take a longer-term perspective. When we're young, we sometimes are more inclined to desire instant gratification—we want results now. Translated into the investment world, this could mean we want to see big returns in a short period. However, despite the popular mythology, it's quite hard to turn enormous profits on investments overnight—or even over weeks or months. But as the years pass, we learn the value of thinking long-term—low investments we made years ago, and have added to steadily, are now yielding results that can help build the resources we need to reach our objectives.

Don't go it alone. Some of us, when we're young, have a tendency to think we have all the answers and don't need much help in our endeavors. But age gives us the wisdom to recognize that, although we may have acquired much knowledge over the years, we can still use some help in specialized areas, such as creating a long-term investment strategy.

These suggestions are appropriate for anyone—and they can help you on your journey toward your goals.

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SARA J. CROWDER

## AgCarolina Farm Credit launches Member Assistance Program

RALEIGH — AgCarolina Farm Credit announces the launch of its Member Assistance Program (MAP). A MAP is a company-sponsored benefit offering support and resources needed to address personal or work-related challenges and concerns.

"The agricultural industry has been faced with many challenges over the last several years," said Dave Coym, CEO of AgCarolina Farm Credit. "Life and business can be stressful and can impact your home and work life. The MAP is there for our members in times of distress, anxiety or depression. Our goal through the MAP is to provide relief when stressors mount for our members and their families."

The Member Assistance Program provides AgCarolina Farm Credit members the following benefits and services:

Assessment and Counseling

Help is available 24/7/365 through our toll-free number for you and your household family members. Reasons to use the MAP include: marital, parenting, stress, depression, work-related concerns, alcohol and drug use/abuse, grief and loss, or preventative. Legal Services

Members are eligible for free telephonic legal advice and consultation with an attorney.

Online Services

Members have access to educational and financial resources.

Financial Services

Members are eligible for free financial counseling appointments for bankruptcy, budgeting, buying a home, college savings, and retirement planning.

The MAP is another benefit of doing business with AgCarolina Farm Credit and the program can be accessed by visiting <http://blt.ly/AgCarolinaMAP>.

Using the MAP is confidential and free to all

AgCarolina Farm Credit members and their household family members.

AgCarolina Farm Credit is a farmer-owned financial cooperative with headquarters in Raleigh with branch locations in Ahoskie, Elizabeth City, Greenville, Halifax, La Grange, Lenoir, New Bern, Rocky Mount, Smithfield, Swan Quarter, and Williamson.

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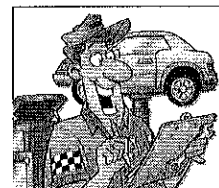


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## SCHOOL NEWS

## GEER Funds support Advanced Manufacturing Institute and Short-Term Workforce Training

AHOSKIE - Roanoke-Chowan Community College (R-CCC) is a recipient of the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Funds.

Through the U.S. Department of Education's award to the Governor, the North Carolina Community College System was awarded \$16,000,000 for emergency assistance as a result of the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and its impact on the State's economy.

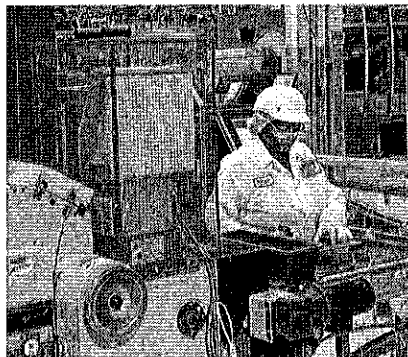
R-CCC was awarded approximately \$82,000 in GEER funds to assist eligible community college students to receive training and earn credentials in selected workforce pathways, such as advanced manufacturing, and other short-term training that lead to either a state or industry-recognized credential. The GEER funds will provide scholarships at a maximum of \$750 to assist students with such expenses as the cost of tuition, credentialing tests, transportation assistance, and other fees associated with the total cost of attendance.

In an effort to prepare individuals for careers in the manufacturing sector, R-CCC offers an Advanced Manufacturing Institute (AMI). The college will offer the next 96-hour training slated to start on Oct. 26 on the main campus.

"The intent of the curriculum is to prepare individuals for high-wage advanced manufacturing jobs," stated Wendy Vann, R-CCC's Associate Dean of Workforce Continuing Education.

Participants will be exposed to general problems and tasks encountered in today's manufacturing environment and gain first-hand experience to address such challenges.

Through the college's six-week evening program, the following courses are offered: Introduction to Manufacturing, General OSHA 10 Safety, Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt, Math for Manufacturing, Problem Solving, and



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An employee at the Ahoskie facility of Berry Global is shown at their work station. Berry Global is among local manufacturers who offer employment opportunities to individuals that have completed the Advanced Manufacturing Institute training sessions offered at Roanoke-Chowan Community College.

Working Smart. Students will also have the opportunity to earn an industry recognized bronze-level career readiness certificate.

Employment opportunities await individuals seeking a career in manufacturing.

Garry Baker, Plant Director, Berry Global, Ahoskie facility shared, "We are set to lose almost 50 percent of our skilled workers through retirement over the next 5-to-10 years. This training program will provide basic skills and then we can hire and train for our specific needs. We look forward to being able to hire skilled workers locally from this program to keep our business moving forward."

Some of the R-CCC's local industry champions include Berry Global, Enviva, Roanoke Electric Cooperative of Ahoskie, Metal Tech of Murfreesboro, Structural Coatings Herford of Cofield, and Allinair, Inc. of Winton.

"Through the RAMP East Initiative, its partners in economic development, and workforce development, the AMI creates a pipeline of trained individuals aligned with the needs of the local business and industry. R-CCC offers courses and training in continuing education that exemplify the high academic standards required to meet the training needs of today's workforce," stated Dr. Deborah L. Laman, Interim President of the College. "As Interim President, I am committed to providing extensive career pathways that lead to good jobs and that improve the quality of life for our citizens."

For more information on workforce training and the GEER Funds, contact Wendy Vann, Associate Dean of Workforce Continuing Education via email at [wpvann618@roanokechowan.edu](mailto:wpvann618@roanokechowan.edu) or call 252-892-1234. For more information:



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Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt (32 hours)

November 6 (Thursday) 8:00 am-10:00 pm

November 7 (Saturday) 8 am-4 pm

Math for Manufacturing (32 hours)

November 10-11 (Monday-Wednesday)

6:00 am-10:00 am

Problem Solving (12 hours)

November 10-12 (Monday-Wednesday)

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## Officer charged in Taylor case pleads not guilty

BY DRUCE SCHREINER,  
REBECCA REYNOLDS  
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HUBBETH BLACKBURN  
The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The lone Kentucky detective facing charges related to the fatal shooting of Breonna Taylor pleaded not guilty Monday.

Brett Hankison's plea comes five days after a grand jury indicted him on three counts of wanton endangerment for firing into the home of Taylor's neighbors. If convicted, he could face up to five years in prison on each count.

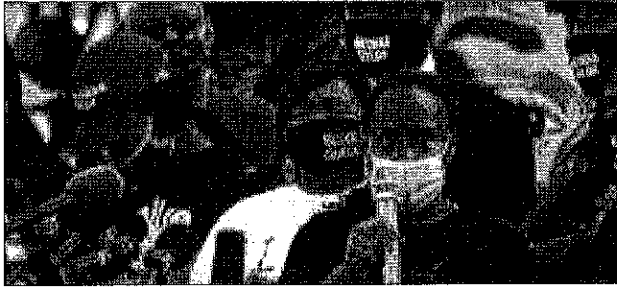
Hankison's lawyer asked that his client be allowed to keep firearms for self-defense, saying Hankison, who was fired in June, "has received a number of threats." The judge turned down the request.

The grand jury declined to charge Hankison or the other two undercover narcotics officers who opened fire inside Taylor's house with her shooting. The decision not to charge the officers set off protests in Louisville and across the country.

On Monday, Louisville's mayor lifted the curfew put in place after people refused to end their nighttime protests. Mayor Greg Fischer's statement said the 8 p.m. curfew had served its purpose.

"We sadly saw some violence, including the shooting of two police officers, one of whom remains hospitalized, dealing with complications of his injuries. But we believe the curfew helped, by causing fewer people were out late in the city," Fischer said.

Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear said the protests



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

State Rep. Attea Scott speaks during a news conference regarding the Breonna Taylor case on Friday in Louisville, Ky. The only officer charged in connection with Taylor's death pleaded not guilty on Monday.

were largely peaceful, with a few people taking advantage of the situation to commit violence.

"Let me say this, 99.99% of people that took to the streets or the sidewalks did so peacefully, raised their voices to be heard and we should listen. We should listen to the trauma and to the pain," Beshear said.

Meanwhile, Kentucky state Rep. Lisa Wilton, a Louisville Democrat, said Monday that she's starting to craft legislation that would narrow the scope of the state's rioting statute.

Her proposal, which she intends to offer in next year's legislative session, would protect people from being charged with first-degree rioting if they're present but don't engage in destructive or violent actions. Her response comes after Democratic state Rep. Attea Scott was charged with the felony last week while participating in Louisville protests for racial justice.

"This is not any attempt

at all to weaken the current law," Wilton said in a phone interview. "It's just to make sure that people who are peacefully protesting, who are merely exercising their First Amendment rights, are clearly not engaging in rioting."

Scott was among demonstrators who converged in downtown Louisville to express their disagreement with the grand jury decision. Many marched along Louisville's streets chanting "Breonna Taylor, say her name," and "no justice, no peace."

Taylor was shot multiple times after her boyfriend opened fire as officers entered her home during a narcotics raid on the night of March 13, authorities said. Taylor's boyfriend said he didn't know who was running in and fired in self-defense. One officer was wounded.

A coroner's report obtained Monday says Taylor was shot five times and died of multiple gunshot

wounds. It says she was hit in the torso, her upper left extremity and both lower extremities. She tested negative for drugs and alcohol.

Scott, the state's only Black woman representative, was arrested and charged Thursday night with the felony of first-degree rioting as well as unlawful assembly and failure to disperse, which are misdemeanor offenses.

Police said Scott was in a group whose members damaged buildings and set fire to a library.

Scott called the charges "believable" and said she would never be involved in setting fire to a library. She said she was arrested as she walked with her daughter to the sanctuary of a church.

Kentucky law defines a riot as a public disturbance involving five or more people "which by tumultuous and violent conduct creates grave danger of damage or injury to property or persons or substantially obstructs law enforcement or

police blocked their route, so they parked and walked to the church instead. Officers then encouraged on them to make arrests before the curfew took effect, Scott said.

"LAMP" swarmed us," Scott said. "They started yelling 'Circle 'em, circle 'em.' They wouldn't let us leave to go back to our vehicle. And they wouldn't let us literally cross the street to get to the church and sanctuary."

Wilton said Scott's arrest "raises the question of how many others have been accused of rioting in the first degree — which is a felony — who are facing loss of voting rights, simply by being present."

"We can make the language much clearer so that in order for a person to be convicted for riot in the first degree, it should be clear that they participated in the unlawful action by engaging in violent or destructive acts or by compelling or encouraging others to engage in violent or destructive acts," she said.

Republicans have overruled legislation in both chambers of the Kentucky legislature.

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## Police: Friend convinced Trump ex-campaign boss

The Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — A standoff between South Florida police and President Donald Trump's former campaign manager ended after an officer who was friends with Parscale convinced him to surrender, officials said.

Fort Lauderdale Officer Christopher Wilson wrote in a report that he had just finished a shift Sunday evening when a mutual friend called him and told him that a SWAT team was at Parscale's home,

and he was refusing to come out. When Wilson arrived at the Fort Lauderdale home, he was able to persuade Parscale to come outside. Body camera footage released Monday shows officers rushing forward and knocking him to the ground before taking him into custody.

The standoff started earlier Sunday after Parscale's wife fled the home and asked for help from a real estate agent showing a nearby house, officials said. They called 911, and officers responded.

The wife told officers that Parscale had been stressed out recently and that he had made comments about shooting himself, according to a police report. Investigators said 10 guns were later removed from the home. The wife also said that Parscale denied and suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder. One of the responding officers reported that he witnessed bruising on the wife's arm and face. She told him that the injuries had come from an altercation with Parscale earlier that week.

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## Relay for life



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Relay for Life was celebrated in a unique way Friday night. The annual event couldn't take place at the Person High School football stadium as it has in years past, so instead there was a drive thru dinner for survivors and caretakers at Homestead Steakhouse. Luminaries and signs have also been distributed and displayed throughout the community.

## Extension Notes

### Sheep and goat webinar series for beginners

Are you considering raising sheep or goats? Have you recently gotten sheep or goats and need to learn more?

N.C. Cooperative Extension will be offering an online series for new and beginning producers.

**Introduction to Sheep and Goats** - Oct. 8 (<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/introduction-to-sheep-and-goats-registration-11691818155>)

During this introductory session, you will learn the difference between sheep and goats and their purposes. We will discuss meat vs dairy vs fiber and which one may be the right fit for your operation.

**Fencing and Facilities for Sheep and Goats** - Oct. 22 (<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/fencing-facilities-for-sheep-goats-registration-11691818155>)

If you plan to raise livestock, you need to have appropriate fencing and facilities. It will look different on every farm, but there are some basics you must consider. We will discuss pasture layout, fencing, and working facilities.

**Beginner Nutrition for Sheep and Goats** - Nov. 12 (<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/beginner-nutrition-for-sheep-goats-registration-11691818155>)

Knowing what and how much to feed your animal is paramount to helping to keep them healthy. Nutrient requirements change based on the animals' stage of production. Join us for this session to gain an understanding of how to feed your animal to its potential.

The series will be offered through Zoom. All sessions will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. EST. Registration for each event is separate. Use the above links to register for the sessions you want to participate in.

### Calling all crafty clovers

The NC 4-H Virtual Craft Fair is here. Entries are due by 12 p.m. on Nov. 2. You must be registered in 4-H online and the craft must have been made on or after Jan. 1, 2020.

All 4-H'ers ages 5-18, as of Jan. 1, 2020 are eligible to enter and the competition categories are: paper crafts, beauty crafts, trash to treasure, drawing, holiday crafts, electrical crafts, cookie

decorating and enter decorating. You can enter up to two crafts per category.

For more information, contact Person County 4-H Agent Michelle Van Ness at 336-658-1195.

**Bull breeding soundness exam clinic set for Oct. 28**

North Carolina Cooperative Extension - Granville, Person, and Wayne County centers will be hosting a Bull Breeding Soundness Exam Clinic on Oct. 28 at the Granville County Livestock Arena.

A breeding soundness is done to evaluate the bull's reproductive potential. A bull that cannot perform his duties well, or at all, will greatly impact the next year's calf crop which can decrease the operator's profit potential.

The cost of the exam is \$10 and checks should be made out to Granville County. This is an inexpensive investment for information that can have a big impact on your farm. Times begin at 9 a.m. and run until 2 p.m. To make an appointment call Kim Woods at 336-658-1195 or Matthew Place at 619-456-2230.

### Aspire virtual ACT prep

Students will learn techniques and strategies for improving their ACT score through 30 hours of class participation, homework, and participation in 4 practice tests. Courses are taught by NC 4-H Extension professionals trained by The Princeton Review. Course fees are supplemented by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at North Carolina State University. This is a virtual/online class and students will need access to the internet to participate in a virtual platform such as Zoom.

As part of the course, students will receive four ACT practice exams with score analysis and breakdown. The Princeton Review ACT study manual, The Princeton Review 1,400 practice question manual, the selective college admissions booklet, student portal account with The Princeton Review.

There will be multiple classes throughout the end of the year and into 2021.

### Diabetes prevention program interest meeting

We are excited to announce that we want to start another Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) soon. There will be

a virtual DPP Interest Meeting on Oct. 15 from 12-1 p.m. If you are interested in possibly participating in the next Diabetes Prevention Program, you will want to join this meeting. Being a part of this meeting does not commit you to anything. This program is not for anyone who has already been diagnosed with type 1 or type 2 diabetes. DPP focuses on anyone who might have pre- or bordering diabetes or who may be determined to be at-risk for diabetes (we can give you a simple risk test). Please join us. We will give you all the details on Oct. 15. To register for the DPP Interest Meeting and to get the meeting Zoom link, call 336-697-2294 x2277 or use this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/diabetes-prevention-program-session-0-tickets-12177476123>

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And Cederberg said, "I don't think Borchelt is competent at all. I think her record speaks for itself."

Cederberg also said he believes there is "definitely" a double standard going on with appointments given Cooper Blackwell and the Rev. Nehemiah Smith Jr., both of whom serve on the Human Relations Commission and have been vocal in their opinions.

"I mean, they use race to their advantage," Cederberg said. "They can sit up there in their bully pulpit, say what the heck they want to say about the white ethnicity around here, but if we call 'em out on it, you're automatically a racist, you're automatically a white supremacist or a white nationalist."

Smith, in an emailed re-

sponse to the Telegram on Tuesday afternoon, said that taking into consideration what Cederberg believes, he is forced to conclude Cederberg must be suffering from some sort of paranoia.

"If my memory serves me, Councilman Knight never mentioned a name nor did he mention which city board he was referring to. Therefore, it is clear to me that Mr. Cederberg's conclusion has been formed based on incomplete information and that is called conjecture," Smith said.

"That is not to say that he is not the person to whom the conclusion is referring, but there is not enough information for me to come to that conclusion," Smith said.

Smith said he cannot speak for Cooper Blackwell and said he believes Cooper Blackwell is his own man.

"But as for me, the only pulpit from which I speak is that of the Mount Zion First

Baptist Church," Smith said. "Speaking at the City Council meeting is merely voicing one's opinion in the public square," said Smith, who frequently addresses the council. "The term 'bully pulpit' doesn't apply here."

And Smith said, "I would also challenge Mr. Cederberg to find one instance where I have concluded that white people are automatically racist(s)."

At the same time, Smith quoted the old saying, "If the shoe fits, wear it."

Smith said his goal and duty as a member of the Human Relations Commission is to bring about racial harmony in the city, the region and the state.

"I do that by holding up the mirror to all, including myself," Smith said.

Cooper Blackwell is the local NAACP's representative to the commission and Knight is the leader of the

local NAACP. Smith is the commission's representative for council Ward 1, which is represented by Knight.

As for the panel Cederberg is appointed to, the Business Development Authority is a nonprofit agency designed to promote the health, safety, morals, right of gainful employment, industrial and commercial opportunities and general welfare of the community.

The Business Development Authority is supposed to be comprised of members appointed by the mayor to serve staggered three-year terms.

Smith's move in March announced the postponement of meetings of city boards, commissions and committees due to COVID-19.

Knight brought up the subject of the unnamed resident on Monday after Councilman W.H. Bullock requested action on a list

of recommended appointments and reappointments by him to serve on boards.

The council voted to ap-

prove Bullock's list and to approve a recommendation by Robinson for appointing a person to a commission.

## Man accused of smearing blood on sorority house

The Associated Press

GREENVILLE — A homeless man has been charged for smearing antacid messes in blood on a sorority house and on a vehicle belonging to a student living there, police in North Carolina said Tuesday.

Patrick Carter, 26, was charged with injury to real property, WTNB reported, citing East Carolina University Police Capt. Chris Sutton.

Carter, who was armed with a machete, injured himself and then smeared what appeared to be his own blood on the front of

the Alpha Delta Xi sorority house as well as a resident's white Jeep that was parked at the house on Sunday, Sutton said.

Sutton said the officers found the man at an intersection adjacent to the ECU campus and were able to disarm him in less than five

minutes. He also said he's not aware that Carter has any connection to ECU.



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## WHITAKERS

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individuals and families. WRAP is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

Since its inception in March 2018, WRAP has worked to improve the quality of life in Whitakers and help revitalize the overabundant community, but the music park was its first major undertaking.

WRAP President Nancy Taylor told the racially diverse gathering of young and old that "Music is the universal language."

She recognized major sponsors — The Cummins Foundation, Resourceful Communities/The Conservation Fund and The Mills Foundation — and also referred to the project sign in the park, which listed individual donors. She also thanked the Town of Whitakers for support to the park, including efforts to make it handicap accessible and replacing sidewalks.

"The fact you are here shows that you care and we invite you to join us as we work to restore the community we love and call home," Taylor said.

She said it is the hope of the WRAP organization that the park will be well-used and bring "joy and peace" to people in the community for years to come.

WRAP vice-president Mike Johnson told the audience of projects the organization had undertaken and that more was planned and that help was always welcome and appreciated.



Josiah Parnell, 8, of Roanoke Rapids, enjoys his time playing a yellow flower at the park. The flowers emit bell sounds.

He said that while the ribbon cutting was a visual event, there was much work behind the scenes that many took part in and supported.

Also participating in the program were Gary Koffer of Cummins Rocky Mount Engine Plant, Sammy Hopkins, mayor pro tem of Whitakers, and former state Transportation Board member Tom Betts, who grew up just outside of town and was a town businessman for many years. Nash County Commissioner Lou Richardson also participated in the ribbon cutting.

took them out," Mizelle said. "The instruments are missing the flat notes and sharp notes."

"It's not about the stress of learning, and when you can just release yourself and make the music, it's so soothing. It's a good way to come, gather, and make music together."

And with that, she turned to a xylophone-holding instrument called a "Whiz-zee," which is actually a metallophone, and began to play.

As she switched tunes and the crowd began to recognize the music, one could hear the lyrics to "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" begin to rise as the crowd softly joined in.

Following the formal ribbon cutting, people started to move to first one instrument and then another.

Brandi Boone, who identified herself as born and raised in Whitakers, was releasing energy of the second of two yintzee instruments while 8-year-old Josiah Parnell, who came from Roanoke Rapids with his family, was enjoying his time on a yellow flower, which emitted bell tones and was one of four flowers.

Whitakers' park includes two yintzees, four flowers, a horn, contrabass drums, a guitar (vertical xylophone) and tuned drums.

For more information, contact WRAP at wrap@whitakersnc@gmail.com or call Taylor at 252-555-0333. The group's website is www.whitakersnc.com and it is also on Facebook.

## ECC

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commissioners approved a memorandum of agreement between the county and the squad outlining the points of the transition and setting a timeline for the transition.

County manager Dale Evans told commissioners 48 of the squad's current employees completed a survey with about two-thirds saying they would apply for a similar position with the county service. About 25 percent said they were undecided and 5 percent said they would not.

"Our goal is to have no lapse in service," Evans said, telling commissioners that an interview process will be followed for rescue squad applicants.

On Monday, commissioners checked three items off the list, including approving the memorandum, approving an interim

budget for the Emergency Services Department and approving and adding five positions to the county's FY 2020-21 pay plan, including EMT-Basic, EMT-Advanced and EMT-Paramedic along with an assistant supervisor/paramedic as well as the coordinator-paramedic.

Next upon the timeline is the hiring of an EMS coordinator, with Nov. 15 established as the target date for the position to be filled.

The new coordinator will come on board at county pay grade 21, which starts at a minimum of \$43,875 and ranges up to a maximum of \$75,315 annually, plus benefits.

Commissioners also gave Evans leeway in the hiring process to accommodate long-term rescue squad employees who would otherwise lose accrued vacation and sick time. He will also have flexibility in terms of determination of eligibility for longevity pay.

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tinue their education at N.C. Wesleyan. Students who participate in Wesleyan Works will have access to academic advising and financial aid counseling through N.C. Wesleyan, as well as access to events on the college's main campus. The program is ideal for students who would like to attend N.C. Wesleyan's evening or online programs.

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and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cos )  
Rules pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and )  
Commission Rule R8-67 )

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This proceeding is being held pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-67 to consider DENC's application for approval of REPS cost recovery and compliance with the REPS requirements during the 2019 calendar year. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(c).

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

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# Horace's way to tranquility base

"When things are steep, remember to stay level."

Good advice from Quintus Horatius Flaccus, better known to the English-speaking world as Horace. This exceedingly wise man of letters, who died in 8 BC in the reign of Caesar Augustus, was probably the best of all Latin writers.

There was a time in American education that you couldn't avoid Horace. Schoolboys and schoolgirls were required to memorize him and recite him, with the fond hope that you and people might be able to write like him and speak like him.

Those days, of course, are gone (although we'd all benefit from schools bringing back recitation again, and putting laptops and smartphones in the basket).

Today, we would call Horace a "public intellectual." He wrote, not for a small group of friends, but for the Emperor and the public. In his many published poems (the "essays" or newspaper articles did not exist then), he called the public to think clearly and deeply about the political issues of the day, and about the ethics and morality of public life.

Our current political conversation is a sad mass of gossip, ad hominem attacks, lies, and in Horace's day, was no different. The Roman Senate was frequently a place of eloquent rhetoric, but it could also devolve into blood sport. Think of what happened to Julius Caesar. The senators, in session, made their infamous point with him 23 times.

That was in 44 BC; Horace was 21 at the time. In the ensuing period of strife and disorder, he ended up backing the losing side (he had supported Brutus and Cassius and the pro-republican movement), but through dint of talent and will (and the offices of some well-placed friends), he was able to get in the good graces of Caesar Augustus.

In old age, weary of the road world of Rome, he retired to a farmhouse in the Sabine countryside. But he kept thinking of the roiling society he had left behind, all the grand sumptuous banquets that collapsed into political outbids, and the parties that served as cover



JONATHAN TOBIAS

Enjoys the gossip.

Horace wrote to his friend Lollius Maximus, and thus upon his chief concern. Horace's atmosphere was infused with, as the Babylonians say, "iniquity and strife in the city, day and night. I shall surround me with anxiety and indignation as always in my midst" (Saturn 10.10-10.10.10). Even though he was now thirty miles away from the metropolis in the quiet, uneventful country of retirement, the urban turmoil was still living rent-free in his head.

"What brings tranquility, Lollius?" he asked. "Then he answers his own question. 'Interrogate the writings of the wise,' he recommends. 'Ask them to tell you how you can get through your life in a peaceable tranquil way.'"

Here, precisely, is where Horace has the advantage over us. He belonged to a culture that valued wisdom, and looked for it in the past. He, along with every other educated adult, from antiquity up until the twentieth century, could access a trove of wisdom from the ages. It was clear thought, answers to deep questions, the experience of difficult things, attempted solutions to gripping problems — all this was the reason for Horace's education in "the writings of the wise."

Wisdom alone gets you to "tranquility base" when the world is a storm. And if you're Christian, you've got a particular claim to want that wisdom.

We are disadvantaged and miles away from the likes of Horace. We have allowed ourselves and our children to curdle, or rather, not learning to accommodate our likes and dislikes. If we're interested in a particular kind of entertainment, we'll become a fan (or "star") in that. If like a news channel, all the grand sumptuous banquets that collapsed into political outbids, and the parties that served as cover

for conspiracy theories (the what-ifs on Facebook), chance encounters on the streets that led to further National Geographic gossip. Horace wrote to his friend Lollius Maximus, and thus upon his chief concern. Horace's atmosphere was infused with, as the Babylonians say, "iniquity and strife in the city, day and night. I shall surround me with anxiety and indignation as always in my midst" (Saturn 10.10-10.10.10). Even though he was now thirty miles away from the metropolis in the quiet, uneventful country of retirement, the urban turmoil was still living rent-free in his head.

In a recent interview, the screenwriter Tracy (best of Langmuir fame) explained the "disconnection" with my students: "The reason so many younger Americans have apparently no awareness of Shakespeare's 'TV shows' or 'TV shows' is because their parents (my generation) have been overwhelmed in letting them only access culture that's directly marketed to their age group."

It seems that we've joined the modernist crusade against the past. There is a senseless confidence that the "present" is superior to anything that came before, a subtle question-begging that I call "presentism." It is a quite modern consciousness that not only ignores the experience of the past, but it disables us from understanding it.

To be sure, our traditional writers (Horace included) have works aplenty. You can be offended most everywhere you look in the library of the past. It's become something of a cottage industry to unweave strands and oases in the labyrinth of old favorites. Some of my old favorites — like Plutarch's O'Connor and G.K. Chesterton — have been shown to be the most culturally sensitive, at least according to modern tastes.

And in our modern consciousness, our religion of presentism, the real motion on the floor is to immediately disqualify them completely, to excise them from our bookshelf, almost as though they were "unusable" for our current society's sensibilities. In, "censure and censure." Don't get me wrong. I think we should be honest about these wars. We should be courageously critical, and not engage in the sort of "Stalinist revisionism" that continues to play in Russia.

why the grand jury had not indicted the police officers for the death of Breonna Taylor.

It didn't matter that all the "fucks" passed by BLM for months were lies. It just didn't matter: Louisville was going to burn. BLM's truth would prevail.

Is Joe Biden choosing BLM's truth over the facts? I haven't heard.

Crude oil is a resident of Perquimans County.

our neighborhoods? Black Lives Matter and its supporters, with their bottomless obsession with racism, pretend to be leading us to a better future. But in fact, they are sending us into a spiral of self-destruction.

It was an intense struggle for me to get to America. I love it too much to stand aside and watch it be torn apart. Stand with me. I am not oppressed. I am a free American.

Nestle Kruga wrote this for Prager University.

progressivism, American exceptionalism, and compromise. IBI, said: I split my ticket. I always split my ticket.

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But at the same time, we should be reasonable. We should learn and practice the skill of recognizing wisdom and adopting it, even if it comes from a less-than-ideal source. Sure, there are artists and writers whom I read but would never hang out of. But so many of them are completely wonderful and perfect in (e.g., the South, Agnès, Mein Kampf, Andrew Macdonald, Mark Little Red Books).

STEM education can make you proficient in this. Learning to watch Netflix and keeping up to date on our social media profile can give you a day-to-day rush, at least for a moment. Memorizing baseball stats and watching NFL highlights can help you win at trivia.

It's a hard thing, though, when most of our knowledge is in the cosmic scheme of things, trivial.

Tranquility comes only from hard work, hard work, wisdom.

And wisdom, as Horace makes abundantly clear, comes from a humble and patient search through the memories of the past.

"He who would begin is half done already," Horace said. "So then to be wise, begin."

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## Settlement threatens absentee ballot protections

BY LINDSAY MARCHELLO  
For the Perquimans Weekly

A settlement in an election lawsuit strips absentee ballot protections, opening the door for election fraud, one election expert says.

Parties in the North Carolina Alliance of Elected Americans v. North Carolina State Board of Elections filed a joint motion calling on a judge to approve a settlement in the case.

The lawsuit, led by Democratic election lawyer Mary J. Adams, challenged a series of changes lawmakers made to the absentee ballot process in June.

But the settlement included only Democrats and the Democratic majority election board, leaving out the Republican-led General Assembly, which crafted the bipartisan election law.

The election is underway. Thousands of absentee ballots have already been mailed.

The settlement changes made after the lawsuit began, said Andy Jackson, election policy analyst at Civitas Institute, a conservative public policy organization.

Here's what the settlement would do:

- Reduced the deadline for local election boards to receive mailed absentee ballots.
- Allow an absentee ballot to be counted if it's either a) received by the county board by 6 p.m. on election day, Nov. 3, or b)

the ballot is postmarked on or before election day and received by nine days after the election.

• Direct the state election board to create a process to resolve errors on absentee ballots that could be fixed with an affidavit from the voter. Examples include a mailed absentee ballot, lacking a voter signature or a witness signature. The affidavit must be returned by no later than 6 p.m. Nov. 12, the day before counties canvass.

• Allow people who return ballots in person to verbally give information to election workers instead of writing in a log.

• Create a process for establishing a separate absentee ballot drop-off station at each non-stop early voting location and at the county board offices.

The settlement functionally does away with the witness requirement, Jackson said, opening the door for election fraud.

Getting rid of the witness requirement was on N.C. Elections Director Karen Brinson B.D.'s wish list.

In March, Bell sent a list of legislative requests to the General Assembly, which included reducing or removing the witness requirement to absentee ballots. The General Assembly agreed to some of the requests, wrapping them up in House Bill 1169, but ultimately failed to remove the witness requirement.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH  
DOCKET NO. B-22, SUB 599

REPORT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of )  
Application by Virginia Electric and Power )  
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Fuel-Related Costs Adjustments for Electric )  
Utilities )

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This 14th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION  
Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

## MILOT

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this country is systematically racist.

In a recent speech, he called America the place where "my people have thrived more than any other place on earth." He doesn't want to see it destroyed by a Marxist movement using violence and chaos to achieve its ends.

We're seeing in Louisville exactly what Robinson is talking about. Black Lives Matter was ready to riot, no matter which way the grand

jury ruled in the Breonna Taylor case.

BLM had a U-Haul truck ready to go with signs and banners for the protesters, and Anita thought were armed with fire bombs and baseball bats, all true to BLM's goal of dismantling our economic, political, and social systems and transforming this country into a communist dystopia.

If we don't get our way, say BLM's leaders, we'll burn the system down. It didn't matter that Kentucky's Attorney General Daniel Claitor, a black man, explained in detail

## YUMGA

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people. They are about disappointing black people. Because when the fires stop burning, all that remains is hopelessness, anger, and shame. That's not empowerment. That's oppression.

Look at the innocent victims—the business owners, many of them black, who have lost their lives work to looting and arson. What are they supposed to do now? Who cleans up the graffiti and the shat-

tered glass? Who rebuilds? Who, after seeing their dreams go up in smoke, even wants to?

Every week in Chicago, New York, Baltimore, Washington, DC, black criminals kill black men, women and children—children. Do you know the name of a single one of them? Why don't their lives matter? Where are the protests for them? Why do we only get angry when a white police officer kills a black man, while dozens of our brothers and sisters are moved down every weekend in

## CURRY

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debates. Debates have been a bad idea as a method to pick between competing politicians since after Lincoln-Douglas. I'm free from "I'm Joe Biden/Donald J. Trump and I approve this

message." I'm free from giving a shit about who dies candidate flags, who defaces their plastic bumper with a sticker, I free from parades, from four-lapspenars. It's handy time to feel a bit of freedom. Enjoy it while it lasts. Oh, how did I vote? One of the gini's of

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# Butternut squash is a versatile winter vegetable

## Home Instead

SUBMITTED BY MARY MORRIS  
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Butternut squash is by far the favorite winter squash and with good reason. Its sweet, nutty flavor and smooth texture, reminiscent of butternut sweet potato, make it a great multi-use squash for fall dishes, including those that call for pumpkin. It is also very nutritious (Vitamins A and C), including the seeds.

Like all winter squash, butternut squash has a thick, hard skin and a seed cavity inside with large seeds. If you're new to squash, it might be a bit intimidating to select, peel, and turn a hard-shelled squash into something delicious. It doesn't have to be.

Choose squash that has a firm exterior and no soft spots or cracks. Unlike some fruits that develop an after-taste as they ripen, the rind of winter squash becomes even firmer as they mature. The skin should be matte and hard to pierce with your fin-



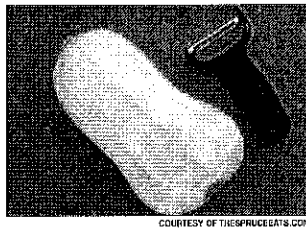
ger, not shiny and soft, which would indicate an unripe squash. A squash with soft areas, or a mushy stem is well past its prime.

You can use the tap test. Knock on the skin with your knuckle. If it sounds hollow, it is ripe; if it sounds dull, the squash may either be unripe or spoiled.

If you have purchased an unripe squash, place it in a warm sunny spot. Bunches of sunlight is key for the squash to ripen. If it is mature and ripe, store the squash in a cool dark area in your kitchen but do not refrigerate.

Although some squash may last several months in the right storage conditions, it is recommended to use them within one month for best flavor. One pound of squash becomes roughly 2 cups of cooked squash or 2 cups cubed.

There are a number of ways to peel it. The method



Peeling butternut squash.

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really depends upon the intended use. If it is to be used as a puree, it is not necessary to peel it at all. It can be sliced in half lengthwise, seeds removed, placed face-down in a lightly oiled baking dish, and baked in a moderate oven (350°F) until tender. It can also be microwaved or cooked in the Instant Pot in the same manner. After cooling, the soft flesh can be scooped out and used for pumpkin pie, soups, breads, and desserts. You can also use a vegetable peeler to re-

move the skin if you plan to cube your squash to roast in the oven. Butternut Squash is delicious roasted by this recipe from the "Meal Instead of Meat" website.

**Serves 6**  
Prep Time: 15 minutes  
Cook Time: 28-32 minutes  
Total Time: 43-47 minutes

**Ingredients**  
■ 2 pounds butternut squash, peeled, seeded, and cut into small dice  
■ 2 tbsp. olive oil  
■ 1 tsp. kosher salt  
■ ½ tsp. black pepper  
■ 2 tsp. fresh rosemary, minced  
■ 1 Tbsp. fresh parsley, minced  
■ 1-2 Tbsp. aged balsamic vinegar  
■ Cooking spray

**Directions**  
Preheat oven to 425 degrees F.  
1. Coat rimmed baking sheet with cooking spray.  
2. Peel butternut squash, cut in half and remove seeds. Core and cut into 1" cubes.  
3. In a large bowl combine squash, olive oil, salt and pepper. Make sure all the squash gets some olive oil on all the sides.

**Notes**  
■ Nutrition Information  
- Serving Size: 1 cup (163 grams)  
- Vegetables: 1.08 cups  
- Protein: 0 cups  
- Calories: 110 calories  
- Carbohydrates: 10 grams  
- Fiber: 2 grams  
- Protein: 2 grams  
- Fat: 5 grams  
- Sodium: 330 mg

**Source:** <https://www.bhg.com/recipes/vegetables-fruit/winter-squash/>; <https://blogs.extension.k-state.edu/extension/2018/10/18/how-to-select-peel-and-use-butternut-squash/>; <https://www.thefruitsof.com/oven-roasted-butternut-squash/>

## Oven Roasted Butternut Squash

Savory and delicious! This recipe for Oven Roasted Butternut Squash, shared with us by our friend Chef Ellen Cheung-Foley, will delight your

## FCA

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Along with supporting students, the FCA chapter also provides support to teachers and/or coaches in the region.

Williams highlighted the coaches' luncheon at Edenton's John A. Holmes High School.

The FCA has engaged members during the COVID-19 pandemic by providing online resources to students and coaches.

Williams highlighted students at Perquimans County middle and high schools who used the virtual resources to fellowship

during the pandemic.

The FCA NENC chapter aims to place two staff members in each region, along with one college representative in Elizabeth City.

The chapter's goal is to add seven staff members.

To invest in the FCA NENC chapter, the chapter asks individuals to send text messages "nenc20" to 66486, or go online to <https://nenc.org/online20> to send a donation.

During the coronavirus pandemic, the FCA chapter noted it hosted virtual events that featured East Carolina University football player Holton Akins, University of North Carolina basketball player LaMarr Harris.

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coach Hubert Davis along with Elizabeth City State University athletic director George Bright.

Former professional basketball player Lance Berkman, pro tennis player Elizabeth Fekly, professional football player Sam Acho, professional women's soccer champion Lori Krueger and former University of North Carolina men's basketball great Phil Ford made appearances in the virtual event.

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The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Soul Builders at 1807 N. U.S. Highway 17, Elizabeth City.

For more information, email Phelps at [brandeeall@hctmail.com](mailto:brandeeall@hctmail.com). For tickets, call South Town Trends at (252) 668-5088.

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## HORSES

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support her stable has received since people began finding out about the horses' illness.

"I can never thank the community enough for all the support that has shown our small farm," she said. "The outpouring of support has allowed us to seek out the very best specialist to solve this devastating mys-

tery."

Shanna Edwards of Oaks Veterinary Clinic of Smithfield, Virginia, is examining the animals.

Because care for the horses is expected to be expensive, New Hope Stables has set up a GoFundMe page at: <https://gofundme.com/2g9ygc>. Any leftover money raised by the effort will be used to care for other rescue horses in the area.

In addition, a barbecue and fried chicken fundrais-

er has been scheduled for Nov. 6 to help raise money to pay for the animals' care.

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## FOOTBALL

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Hill will be the designated conference game.

CCS was also without junior Brandon Tyler, who did not pass a physical.

"At halftime, I told them if anyone gets hurt and you can stand to your feet, just stand to your feet," Jackson said. "I'll call timeout and we'll just stand there. We had a chance to win the game and we'll do whatever we can to try to win it."

While CCS did do all it could to secure that elusive victory, Lawrence/Albemarle readily complied with the effort. The visitors put the football on the ground 11 times and lost six of those fumbles, including two on their first two possessions. That game was briefly interrupted by Winston-Salem's late dash to put Lawrence/Albemarle up 60 on its third touch. Taylor Powell added the two-point conversion as the CCS clock expired, mistakenly set the first quarter game clock to 10 minutes.

## SWEENEY

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all about the drum fishing with fish being caught up and down the surf. Puppy drum are right in the surf while the big bulls are further out.

Fresh mullet are the key for bait and most of the tackle stores are getting them in daily. We had

But past that, the Cyclones remained the beneficiaries of Lawrence/Albemarle's generosity. Junior Graham Noville scored on a five-yard plunge to put CCS on the board one minute into the regulated second quarter, with Beaumont adding the two-point conversion on the ground.

Capitalizing on successive fumbles, CCS went up 24-8 at halftime. Beaumont, who finished 8 of 16 for 162 yards and two TDs, dropped back and found senior tight end Jacob Harper on a quick dump pass. Harper, at 6-foot-4 and 285 pounds, did the rest as he shovelled off a tackle attempt and bowled his way into the end zone. Beaumont, also accounting for a trio of 2-point conversions on the ground, kept the defense to the corner to make it 16-8.

Senior wide receiver Trey Barnes took advantage of generous cushion after the Lawrence/Albemarle fumble, catching the slant from Beaumont and taking it 35 yards for a score. Beaumont's two-point run put CCS up 24-8.

"We just shot ourselves in the foot," Lawrence/Albemarle head coach Lee Hoffman said. "That's all it was. We had a lot of injuries from our last game and it just lived in their heads."

The terms exchanged fumbles to open the second half, but CCS emerged with a 24-8 cushion following Beaumont's 35-yard scamper off a fumble. Noville finished off the conversion.

On the ground, Beaumont tallied 137 yards on 19 carries. "I knew I had to do a lot of herding of the ball and move weight would be put on my shoulders to handle the ball and get it off," Hoffman said of the full-time move to quarterback. "I can't wait to get (Pierce) back. We need as many guys as we can get."

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## Horticulture Happenings

BY KATY SHOOK  
Area Horticulture Agent

As things continue to change in the world, so does our programming. Below are some of our Fall 2020 Happenings:

New to gardening and/or new to gardening in the area? Try your thumb at Gardening in the Albemarle. The course is offered every other year through the Chowan-Gates-Perquimans County Extension Horticulture Program. This year's course is free and completely online. Participants should register through the website <https://www.ncga.org/extension/horticulture>. NC Cooperative Extension is an equal

opportunity provider.

Lilly Datch is the 2020 recipient of the Katherine G. Shook Master Gardener Scholarship sponsored by the Chowan, Gates and Perquimans County Extension Master Gardeners. The recent graduate of John A. Holmes High School plans to pursue an agriculture degree through College of the Albemarle and N.C. State University. Funds from the annual Spring Garden Show support the \$1,000 award.

Soil Samples are still free! (But only for another month) Determine the pH and fertility of your soil by submitting a soil sample through the N.C. Depart-



ment of Agriculture. The Extension office can mail you a free test kit along with instructions.

Test results will aid in plant selection, soil preparation, and fertilization while reducing waste and pollution. For a free kit, call 252-452-0586. Shipping fees may apply.

Don't forget to call the Ask A Master Gardener Helpline with your gardening questions, 252-452-0586.

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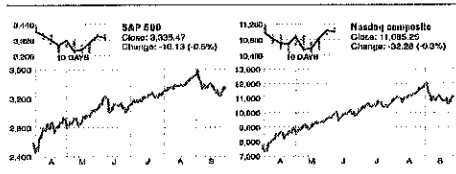
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## NATION &amp; WORLD

## MONEY &amp; MARKETS



Stocks Recap	NYSE	NASDAQ	DOW JONES	SP500	COMP	NYSE	NASDAQ	DOW JONES	SP500	COMP
Vol. (in mil)	3,208	3,244	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Pvt. Value	3,708	3,449	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Advised	608	1,058	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Unadvised	1,024	1,024	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Net Change	33	35	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Net Loss	58	58	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

Stocks of Local Interest	NYSE	NASDAQ	DOW JONES	SP500	COMP	NYSE	NASDAQ	DOW JONES	SP500	COMP
AAVE	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
ALTY Inc.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Arbitrum Inc.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Compound Finance	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Curve Finance	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Decentraland	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Enjin Coin	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Filecoin	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Flow	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Harmony	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
MakerDAO	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Neo	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Ontario	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Polkadot	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Quantum	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Solana	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Stellar	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Tezos	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
VeChain	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
XRP	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

## GOP senators meet with Supreme Court nominee

Senate expects to confirm Barrett before the Nov. 3 election.

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK AND LISA MASCARO  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican senators praised President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee Tuesday as Judge Amy Coney Barrett held one-on-one meetings at the Capitol, but Democrats said her conservative views are out-of-step with Americans as they object to a fast-track confirmation before the Nov. 3 election.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said he was "overly convinced"

of the pick after their brief meeting. Noting Barrett is a working mother of seven children, he scoffed at Democratic objections that the judge would put Americans' access to health care at risk or turn back the clock on women's rights. "What a joke," he said.

But the Republican leader declined to answer questions about whether Barrett should recuse herself if legal challenges in the election between Trump and Democrat Joe Biden land at the high court. Another Republican, Sen. Ted Cruz,

said that "the entire reason" why the Senate should rush to fill the vacant seat is if the eight-justice court is deadlocked over a contested presidential election. "The entire reason the Senate should act and act promptly to confirm a ninth justice is so that the Supreme Court can resolve any cases that arise in the wake of the election," Cruz told reporters at his meeting with the judge.

Democrats are confronting the limits of their power as they fight against the nomination and some have said they want next with Barrett, who is expected to be confirmed for the seat held by the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg by the end of October.

Ginsburg, who died Aug. 18 at the age of 87, was buried Tuesday in a private service at Arlington National Cemetery, but not beside her husband and near several other court colleagues.

With Republicans holding a 63-47 Senate majority, and just two GOP senators opposing a quick vote, that roll appears to have enough support for confirmation.

The White House formally submitted the nomination Tuesday.

"She's got a good chance of getting my vote," said Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, the former Judiciary Committee chairman who now helms the Finance Committee.

Ahead of one meeting, Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., the GOP whip, said the two were "going to talk about judicial philosophy and background and experience, and also whether or not she thinks 'Hobbes' is the greatest movie ever."

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer acknowledged Tuesday it will be an "uphill fight" to stop Trump's nominee. But he said Americans are on Democrats' side in preferring to wait until after the election so the winner can choose the next justice. He is among those refusing to meet with Barrett, calling the process "illegitimate," and said her conservative views on health care, abortion and other issues are "far outside" the mainstream.

"It's not over," Schumer said on ABC's "The View."

Barrett made no public remarks at the start of what is expected to be days of media-and-guest sessions with senators, a traditional part of the confirmation process. She also was to meet Tuesday with Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and other senators on the panel.

## Court to release grand jury record in Breonna Taylor case

BY DYLAN LOVAN  
The Associated Press

KENTUCKY, Ky. — Kentucky's attorney general acknowledged that he never recommended homicide charges against any of the police officers conducting the raid that led to Breonna Taylor's death, and said he didn't object to a judge's order to publicly release the grand jury's deliberations.

Amid outrage over the jury's decision last week to not charge any of the officers for Taylor's fatal shooting, Attorney General Daniel Cameron said Monday that he didn't object to the public release of the proceedings or to any members of the panel speaking publicly about their experience.

"We have no concerns with grand jurors sharing their thoughts on our presentation

because we are confident in the case we presented," Cameron said in a written statement.

A judge ordered the record released during the arraignment hearing for Officer Duett Hamilton, the lone officer indicted on the grand jury.

Cameron said the grand jury is meant to be a "secretive body," but "it's apparent that the public interest in this case isn't going to allow that to happen."

The attorney general said a record of the proceedings would be released Wednesday, and that the public "will see first over the course of two-and-a-half days, our team presented a thorough and complete case to the grand jury."

An attorney for Taylor's family released the need to release the complete record.

"Since the grand jury decision was announced, we've been saying that Daniel Cameron clearly failed to present a comprehensive case that supported justice for Breonna," attorney Ben Crump said in a news release Tuesday.

In his statement Monday, Cameron revealed that the only charge he recommended to the jury was unintentional endangerment. He had previously declined to say what charges he recommended.

The public also deserves to know if any other criminal charges were explored by the grand jury aside from that recommendation, said attorney Kenji Glogowski, who is representing a grand juror who said on Monday to have the recordings released and to allow the panel's members to talk publicly about their experiences.

Cameron has "yet to answer what was actually presented as far as the charges and the individual they were directed to," Glogowski said to reporters Tuesday. "I think that's important to know and my client feels the same."

The motion filed by the grand juror to release the

panel's proceedings accused Cameron of "using the grand jury to deflect accountability and responsibility for (the indictment) decisions."

The grand jury charged Hamilton with three counts of wanton endangerment for firing through Taylor's apartment into an adjacent unit with people inside. No one in the adjacent unit was injured. Hamilton, who was fired from the force for his actions during the raid, pleaded not guilty on Monday.

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UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH  
DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 596

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of )  
Application by Virginia Electric and Power )  
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North ) PUBLIC NOTICE  
Carolina Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-131.2 and )  
Commission Rule 80-55 Regarding Fuel and )  
Fuel-Related Costs Adjustments for Electric )  
Utilities )

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing on an annual fuel and fuel-related charge adjustment proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.net. Members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing, on or before 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff via email at DENCpublicinput@ncuc.net or by calling 866-380-9816. When registering, provide your name, docket number (E-22, Sub 596), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

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

DENC filed an application and testimony relative to the subject matter of this proceeding on August 11, 2020. According to its application, DENC is requesting a total annual fuel revenue decrease of approximately \$15.4 million from the fuel and fuel-related costs currently to effect. Further, DENC proposes to make the fuel revenue decrease effective for service on and after February 1, 2021. DENC's proposed fuel revenue decrease, including regulatory fee, would result in the following decreases for DENC's customers: 0.395 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers; 0.394 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.390 cent per kWh for large general service customers; 0.355 cents per kWh for rate schedule M3 customers; and 0.407 cents per kWh for rate schedule GVP customers. The net effect of this request would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$3.95.

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

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The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection - Utilities, 9901 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-9901. Written statements may be emailed to utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov.

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Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rule 80-5 and file it 10 a.m. or before Monday, October 26, 2020. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Monday, October 26, 2020.

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## HUB

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structures are to be restored in the first phase of the project, which is scheduled to be completed by January 2023. The project also is slated to include new construction to be used for research and development, businesses and other offices, along with retail, residential areas and parking.

"We're building a destination here, a magnet," BCU President and CEO Ron Mitchell said. "It's a magnet that will attract talent. It's a magnet that will attract investment."

Elliot's company previously worked with the city to create a redevelopment master plan for jobsites along the 115-year-old Pritchard-Hughes warehouse. Elliot said potential occupants for the new jobsites already have been identified, although he does not expect to announce the names of any tenants until late November or early December.

"Some prospects have already been reaching out to us," he said, adding that Merrill Hunt, BCU's director of millennial campus planning, has helped to identify some prospective tenants. "And there's always the RNC Alliance, so there are a lot of us

working together to fill the ecosystem region, not just this project."

"We're looking for primarily research, engineering, tech, bio, pharma, those type of projects," Elliot said.

City Manager Ann Wall said the new development is expected to have a tremendous economic effect on the city.

"What it will essentially do is take non-tax-producing property and convert it into taxable property," she said in a recorded message made public at Tuesday's meeting.

According to statistics provided by BCU and Elliot's Sidelink Communities, with a \$300 million investment, tax revenues could exceed \$3 million annually. An estimated 1,600 jobs projected for the millennial campus could potentially have an economic impact of more than \$140 million a year, officials said.

"It will also provide additional place-making opportunities for Greenville as we really strive to make Greenville a place of destination," Wall said.

Plans for the project, which is located near where BCU is constructing a \$80 million Life Science and Biotechnology building, call for a boardwalk and a park area. In addition, a new, fenced section where the railroad ran through the property is slated for use as a hiking and biking trail.

"A lot of your research parks are on the outskirts of towns, and you have to

kind of build a building on a parcel. Then when you go to lunch you have to get in your car to go get a sandwich," Elliot said. "With this, we have the advantage of being right downtown. We're going to have a park right outside the door. There will be a bike trail to connect right over to the existing movement that's happening over in the Dickinson district."

"It is meant not to be an isolated office park that is on the outskirts of the city," he said. "This is to be a blended, urban park that meets the needs of young, millennial workers."

The developer has undertaken a comparable project in Rock Hill, S.C., to revitalize the site of a former textile mill near Winthrop University. Elliot's company decided to retain two smokestacks outside the South Carolina mill to preserve its historic appearance.

He has similar plans for a smokestack and water tower in Greenville's warehouse district.

"Imagine these are beautiful icons announcing this project in Greenville," Elliot said. "The project is the new gateway to downtown."

Under an agreement with BCU and the University of North Carolina system, Elliot Sidelink Communities will control the 10-acre property for 99 years, leasing it from the university. Afterward, the property will revert back to BCU.

Mitchell said no state funds or student money is

directly involved in the project, adding that Sidelink Communities is taking the risk for most up-front capital costs.

"We obviously had an asset, a great location, a tremendous value in land in the neighborhood of 20

acres, so we had some skin in the game and something to provide, but we're not professional developers," Mitchell said. "We didn't know exactly what to do with this parcel, and I think we really do know what to do with it now."

"It really does symbolize the transformation that has been ongoing within the region," he said. "It is just a great example of the symbolic transformation of our economy in the east."

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 560

## BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R-8-55 Regarding Fuel and Fuel-related Costs Adjustments for Electric Utilities	PUBLIC NOTICE

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## BIDEN

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leading individuals trained and in the workforce. Public education is free and that way we ensure students are educated, so now you move up to the next level of education for the workforce and transferring to the university."

Biden also mentioned her husband's connection to the Old North State through his longtime friendship with former Gov. Jim Hunt, who attended Tuesday's event with his wife.

Biden said Hunt met her husband when he was 30, meaning he's known him longer than she has.

Hunt said Joe Biden has been his friend for 40 years.

"I know he's the kind of moderate, mainstream, pro-education, pro-military Democrat that America needs," Hunt said. "He will help us build our economy back, help us create more jobs for North Carolina and the nation and make us again, the kind of country we want to be and must be."

Biden said as she has traveled, she has talked to many people about school reopenings and how educators who are parents feel they are filling both jobs.

"Parents want to have all the answers for our kids, but over all these months so many parents have told me they have more questions than answers," Biden said.

"They ask how to keep their family safe, what happens if there is a school shooting or if they lose their jobs, she said. Or how they can tell their children to be kind when the nation's leaders are not."

"All of us find the chaos of this moment, the magnitude of the loss around us. But we still keep going," Biden said. "We keep helping our neighbors and showing up for each other. We keep hoping for something better. What else can we do?"

Biden said her husband understands this. She described watching him dress and steel himself to return to work as vice president four days after his son's funeral.

"That's just who he is. And there are so many times I just couldn't imagine how he did it. How he put one foot in front of the other of the other. But I understand why he did it," she said.

He did it for the daughter who missed work to take her mother to a cancer treatment, she said. He did

it for the community college student who faced homelessness and abuse but is finishing her degree.

"He does it for you, he does it for us," Biden said. "Joe has spent his entire career listening and bringing people together. He will be a president for all Americans."

Biden said her husband not only has been plans for affordable college education, but for creating a public health insurance option so everyone can afford care, and for reducing prescription drug costs. His plans mean creating millions of good-paying jobs.

After their son's death, Biden said her husband hosted a broken family.

"It's the same way you heal a nation, with love and understanding and small acts of kindness. With bravery, with unwavering faith," she said.

Cynics said the nation is too divided and the differences can't be reconciled, she said. But there is a darker message underneath those words.

"Beneath that there is another message, your voice can't fix it, you vote doesn't matter. But that is not who we are, is it?" Biden asked. "In this pandemic we are coming together and holding on to each other and finding money and grace in the moments we might once have taken for granted."

"We are less than 30 days away from the most important election in our lifetime," U.S. Rep. G.K. Butterfield said in the lead up to Biden's speech.

"We are a battleground state indeed and every single vote matters indeed," Butterfield said. He encouraged people to vote in person during the early-voting period.

"The deadline is Friday to register to vote on Election Day, which is Nov. 3. Individuals who haven't registered by that time can register and vote on the same day during the early-voting period."

North Carolina's early voting period starts on Oct. 15 and runs through Oct. 31. Voting sites are:

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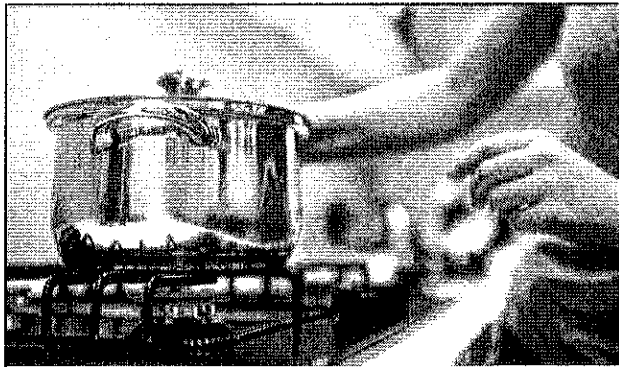
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# After Taylor case, a search for hope

Black American in pain after no officers charged for killing

By CLAIR GALEOPARD  
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Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Chen Woolfolk searched the crowd until she found the face of the woman she'd come to regard as a second mother. And then she watched the tears roll down Rose Henderson's cheeks.

Looking into Mama Rose's eyes, Woolfolk could see that her heart was breaking.

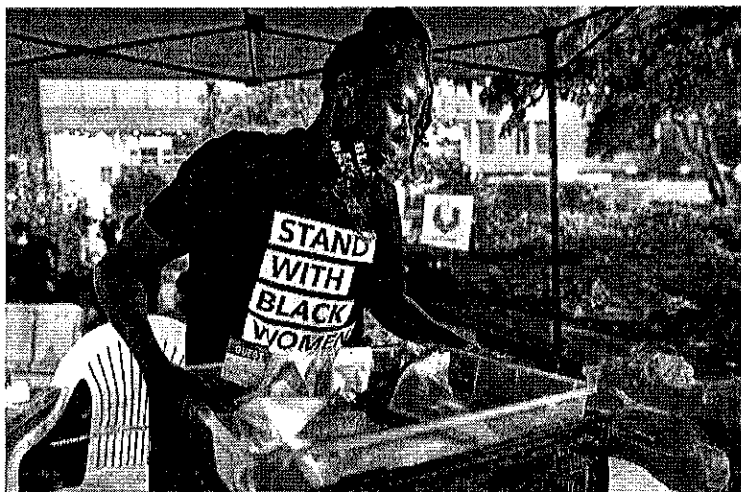
This formidable woman looked off balance, like she might topple. Mama Rose has been the matriarch of "Justice Square," a black downtown that protesters, many of them Black women, have occupied for 120 days.

They have been tear gassed by police together, arrested, threatened online, shot with pepper bullets. They lost jobs and friends to show up every day because they had hope, that there would be justice for Breonna Taylor, the 26-year-old emergency medical technician shot and killed by police when they burst into her house in the middle of the night in a botched raid. And that in pursuing justice for Taylor, America would signal that their lives and the lives of other Black women have value.

Now they were standing in the square, listening together as the Commonwealth of Kentucky announced no charges would be filed against officers for Taylor's death.

"That broke me," Mama Rose cried, and that agony rippled across the crowd as protesters took to the streets for days to say Taylor's name and to display rage, despair, powerlessness, exhaustion.

"It was like sitting at a funeral, it was a collective feeling like someone died, and everyone was grieving," said Woolfolk, a 45-year-old



"That broke me," said Rose Henderson of the grand jury decision in the Breonna Taylor case. Above, she helps out at a booth Thursday in Louisville, Ky.

radio personality who documented the movement from its early days.

She didn't expect then that she would be back every day for four months, and that she would come to refer to the protesters as "us," that she'd be enveloped in what would become a family.

"It was probably one of the hardest moments I've ever felt in my life," Woolfolk said.

Beyond Louisville, the decision reverberated widely across Black America. For months, Taylor's name has been a rallying cry for activists who hoped Black women and their deaths at the hands of police would finally receive the same attention given to cases concerning the extrajudicial killing of Black

men.

And to some degree, that has happened. Panned politicians, actors, athletes and politicians said her name and called for the arrests of the officers involved in the raid that killed Taylor.

Then, on Wednesday, the grand jury decision came down to charge one officer with three counts of wanton endangerment for firing wildly into the apartment building. But the charges were for endangering Taylor's neighbors. No one was charged in connection with Taylor's death.

There followed the kind of coast-to-coast protests not seen since the slant of summer, along with a rising sense of doom and despair. On social media, some noted that the decision came 65 years after the day

after an all-white jury acquitted white men of murdering Emmett Till, a Black teen from Chicago who was lynched in Mississippi in 1955 after he was said to have whistled at a white woman.

"I am completely mortified that our criminal justice system has failed Breonna Taylor, her family and friends, and frankly, it has failed our country," said Parissa Cullors, co-creator of Black Lives Matter and executive director of its network of BLM chapters.

The grand jury's decision was "just another ramrod of how the system doesn't value Black life," said Zelle Thomas, a BLM organizer in Paterson, New Jersey, who led a vigil Thursday night in the aftermath of the announcement.

The Taylor case "is a watershed moment for the Black Lives Matter movement," said Arvin Tillery Jr., an associate professor of political science at North Western University. "The activists are going to have to supplement their disruptive protests with political organizing and voting. If they are going to change the environment in Kentucky."

Some Louisville activists say their goals remain unchanged. They want the immediate firing and revocation of the pensions of the officers involved in the raid that killed Taylor (one of whom has been fired already, defending or disavowing from the Louisville Metropolitan Police Department and creating independent civilian oversight of police.

But to the stalwarts in the Louisville square, Taylor is much more than a rallying point. Even if they never met her, they feel that they've known her deeply, that she could have been any one of them.

"It's reassuring to me that my life does not matter, that I'm useless," said Millie Calhoun, a therapist who started a counseling network for the movement.

For months, protesters came to her describing panic attacks and nightmares; they couldn't eat or sleep.

Now, she worries fatigue and hopelessness could settle in.

"You get tired of fighting after a while," she said. "We want to make sure hope stays alive, so we can keep going."

## Portland right-wing rally draws fewer than expected

By GILLIAN FLAGGUS  
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — About 200 people, dozens of them wearing militarized body armor, gathered in Portland, Oregon, for a right-wing rally Saturday — far fewer than the thousands expected to show to support President Donald Trump and his "law and order" reelection campaign as tensions boil over nationwide following the decision not to charge officers in Louisville, Kentucky, for killing Breonna Taylor.

Dozens began to show up two hours before the rally that began at noon, some packed into the beds of pickup trucks. Many were wearing some sort of militarized body armor, including helmets and protective vests. Many flew American flags or black flags bearing the words of the Three Percenters, another right-wing group, and some wore Make America Great Again hats.

The Proud Boys, a group that has been designated as a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center, described it as a free speech event to support Trump and the police, restore law and order and condemn anti-fascists, "domestic terrorism" and "violent gangs of rioting felons" in the streets. Local and state elected officials forcefully condemned the event and rushed to shore up law enforcement ranks as left-wing groups organized several rallies to oppose the Proud Boys' message.

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown on Friday said she was sending state troopers to help the Portland police and was creating a unified command structure among city, regional and state law enforcement — a tactic that essentially circumvents a city ban on the use of tear gas as a



Members of The Proud Boys and other right-wing demonstrators rally in Portland, Oregon, on Saturday.

crowd-control measure. "The state police and a 'massive influx' of troops would be in Portland by Saturday morning."

"This is a critical moment. We have seen what happens when armed vigilantes take matters into their own hands. We've seen it in Charlottesville, we've seen it in Kenosha and, unfortunately, we have seen it in Portland," she said, referencing deaths in Virginia, Wisconsin and Oregon during clashes between those on the right and left of the political spectrum.

"The Proud Boys and Patriot Prayer groups have come time and time again looking for a fight, and the results are always tragic," said Brown, a Democrat. "Let me be perfectly clear: we will not tolerate any type of violence this weekend."

The Proud Boys are self-described "Western chauvinists" and they have held multiple events in Portland since Trump's election alongside other right-wing groups such as Patriot Prayer that often end in violent clashes with left-wing counterdemonstrators.

Last month, Aaron "Jay" Danielson, a Trump supporter and Patriot Prayer follower, was shot and killed after some vehicles in a pro-Trump car caravan

you crossed paths with left-wing activists. The suspect in the shooting, a self-described anti-fascist, was killed the following week by law enforcement as they tried to arrest him in Washington state.

The Proud Boys mentioned Danielson in their pamphlet application, as well as Kyle Rittenhouse, the 17-year-old charged in the shooting deaths of two Black Lives Matter protesters in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Some attending Saturday's rally carried signs that said "Free Kyle Rittenhouse."

Rittenhouse's attorneys have said that he was acting in self-defense. The rally comes as Portland approaches its fifth month of almost nightly protests against racial injustice and police brutality. Demonstrators want the city to take millions from the police budget and reallocate it to support the Black community. Some also are angry with the mayor, who is also the police commissioner — for allowing police to use tear gas until recently and for what they call overly aggressive police tactics. Wheeler has also refused to cede control of the police bureau to a Black city councilwoman with a decadal record of activism around police reform.

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 390

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
Application by Virginia Electric and Power  
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North  
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Commission Rule R-55 Regarding Fuel and  
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Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

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Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available on the Commission's website at [www.ncuc.nc.gov](http://www.ncuc.nc.gov).

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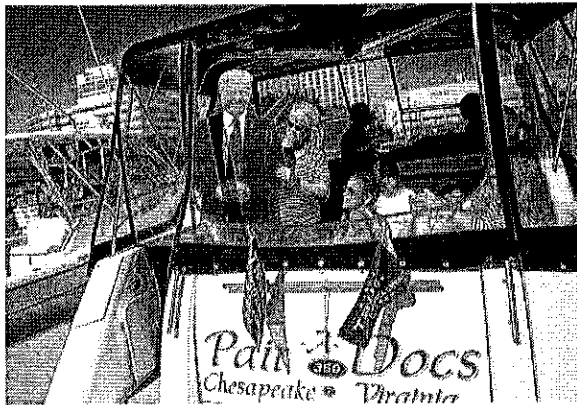
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Colleen Hoffman and friends show off their life-sized cutout of Donald Trump on Saturday at Waterside in Norfolk.

## Trump boaters go on parade

Show of support  
from Crumey  
Island to Waterside

By GARY A. HARRIS  
Staff writer

As President Donald Trump remained in the hospital Saturday for COVID-19 treatment, local supporters gathered for a boat parade on the Elizabeth River.

Boats with Trump flags paraded slowly from Crumey Island to Waterside, the Tidewater Fleet Marine and back early Saturday afternoon.

"This is all about President Trump," said Gladys Ewing, one of the event's organizers. She talked to The Virginian-Pilot by phone Friday prior to the parade, which was planned well before the president got sick. "I've never seen anything like this for other presidents."

Ewing said their first Elizabeth River Trump

boat parade in June taught them to go slow to keep the wake from endangering any boats from sinking, as they had at a similar event in June.

"When you've got that many people, it's like herding cats," said Brent Gooding, who participated in his 35-foot Regal Cruiser.

"I think all the people out there are avid boaters and they have respect for the water and they have respect for their fellow boaters."

In an interview Friday, Gooding said many of the boats in the parade were owned by Navy veterans. Gooding was a Navy captain himself.

"Obviously there's a lot of Navy here," he said. "And all the Navy folks I know are solid supporters of the president."

During said there wasn't much concern about spreading the coronavirus because the boats were spread out on the water and usually each contained one family or a few

close friends. She added that Trump's infection was putting a different spin, but not a damper on the parade.

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Charlie Burke, a former Navy Commander, participated in the parade. He said the scheduled service interruptions, contractors will be installing counterweights to maintain tension in the overhead wires throughout the season, that said.

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being on the water and he loves the president. These lines left completed the Great Loop — a year-long excursion on a continuous waterway that takes boaters up up the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, through the Great Lakes, down to the Gulf of Mexico, around the Florida Keys and back.

"I'll go boating at the drop of a hat, just for the heck of it," he said in a phone interview Friday. "And this is a good excuse to go boating."

## Tide trains to see service interruption

Repairs force  
reduced hours  
through October

By JESSICA NOLTE  
Staff writer

The Tide light-rail trains in Norfolk will experience temporary service interruptions throughout October to allow contractors to repair weather-related damage.

Heat during the summer months caused copper wires to expand in the overhead catenary wire system — used to power the trains — according to a news release Friday from Hampton Roads Transit. The expanded wires have sagged slightly, which means operators have had to slightly reduce train speeds.

During the scheduled service interruptions, contractors will be installing counterweights to maintain tension in the overhead wires throughout the season, that said.

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Summer heat caused copper wires to sag, requiring slowdown speeds.

will not be available after the last train departs at 10 p.m. The Tide will operate its weekday hours Monday through those two weeks — 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The light rail trains will not operate Friday and Saturday, but shuttle buses will be available to transport people between stations from 6 a.m. to midnight Saturday and from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday. The buses will run about every 30 minutes.

The last scheduled interruption for the month is Oct. 24. The Tide will not operate that day, but a shuttle bus will be available about every 30 minutes from 6 a.m. to midnight.

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## Woman charged after fatal I-264 accident

22-year-old man  
pronounced  
dead after crash

A 37-year-old Norfolk woman was charged with involuntary manslaughter after a motorcycle died in a crash on Interstate 264 near Lynnhaven Parkway in Virginia Beach.

The crash happened just after midnight Saturday, according to a news release from Virginia State Police. Troopers say Call

Ly Vu Huynh, of Norfolk, was driving a 2014 Jeep Cherokee westbound on I-264 when it struck a 2017 Yamaha FZ-07 motorcycle.

The driver of the motorcycle, a 22-year-old man, was pronounced dead after the crash. He has not been identified.

Police say alcohol was a contributing factor to the crash. Huynh is being held at the Virginia Beach City Jail without bond.

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 588

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
Application of Virginia Electric and Power  
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North  
Carolina for Approval of Renewable Energy  
and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standards and  
Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and  
Commission Rule R-8-67 } PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual Renewable Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standards (REPS) cost recovery application and compliance report filed by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 590, which is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at [www.ncuc.net](http://www.ncuc.net). Members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff via email at [PublicStaff@ncuc.net](mailto:PublicStaff@ncuc.net) or by calling 866-380-9816. When registering, provide your name, docket number (E-22, Sub 588), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

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This proceeding is being held pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R-8-67 to consider DENC's application for approval of REPS cost recovery and compliance with the REPS requirements during the 2019 calendar year. Public written testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R-1-4(h).

On August 11, 2020, DENC filed direct testimony and exhibits in support of its application for REPS cost recovery and 2019 REPS compliance report. By its application, DENC proposes to implement the following total REPS rates, including regulatory fee, effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2021: a \$0.14 charge per month for residential customers; a \$0.42 charge per month for commercial customers; and a \$5.37 charge per month for industrial customers.

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