

SOLAR: 'I have serious concerns over the buffer zones'

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effect on what people in Lunenburg pay for their electricity either more or less," he said.

Hodsoll said Red Brick's plan would be to connect to an existing transmission line that runs from Chase City to Lunenburg.

The facility is expected to generate enough energy to power more than 26,000 homes.

In casting his yes vote that the project was in accordance with the county comprehensive plan, Supervisor Wayne Hoover did say he had concerns about the environment.

"I'd be remiss if I didn't say I have serious concerns over the environment," Hoover said.

"I have serious concerns over the buffer zones and, I'm only a way at this point to see the rest of the story. I'll be honest with you, I was a little disappointed in the two to three-page envi-

ronmental report."

Vice-Chairman Bacon said he saw the project as a significant investment in economic development, while Supervisor Alvester Edmonds said he believed in progress for the county.

Now that the BOS

has determined the solar project is substantially in accord with the county's comprehensive plan, Red Brick will submit a conditional use permit (CUP) application to be reviewed through a public hearing process with the Planning Com-

mission and Board of Supervisors.

Assuming the CUP is approved, the Red Brick Solar project will still need to obtain state-level water and environmental permits from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

ELECTION: Supervisor seats unopposed

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District Supervisor Robert G. "Bob" Zava.

The Lunenburg County School Board also has several offices up for election this November, including seats for the Beaver Creek District and Meherrin River

District.

Sharon L. Hinkle has filed to run for the Beaver Creek District. Beverley P. Hawthorne currently holds this seat on the school board.

According to Parsons, Hawthorne's name is not on the list of candidates who have filed.

Amy Newcomb McClure is seeking reelection to her seat for the Meherrin River District and is running unopposed.

Jordan A. Spiers will appear on the ballot as the only candidate for commonwealth's attorney.

Spiers took over the position following the retirement of Robert Clement in December of 2020.

SUCCESS: 'It's been fun so far'

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That has since grown to about 2,000 plants on two acres of lavender.

"My love is growing lavender," Wells said. "But last year when COVID hit, and everyone was stuck at home, I had to find something to do."

With so much lavender on hand, Wells said she always wanted to take a class to learn how to make products infused with lavender.

"I had the time, so I took a formulating class online," Wells said, "I started just giving my products away to family and friends, and they began to want more."

Wells, a professor at Southside Community College, said her new craft is a stress reliever for her.

Wells spends her free time making everything from soap, lotions, candles, and her newest product line, bath products for pets, right in her kitchen. She features oatmeal-based



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natural soap (no detergent) with lavender and tea tree.

Lunenburg Lavender products can be found at New 2 You Consignments in South Hill and Reenie & Co. Hair Salon in Victoria or visit online at www.lunenburglavender.com.

So, what's up next for the crafter turned entrepreneur?

"I'm waiting on

my enclosed trailer to arrive," Wells said, "I hope to have a mobile bouquet that I can take to craft shows starting this fall."

Wells said her new venture had taught her a lot, and she is still learning.

"It's been fun so far," Wells said. "I've learned so much. It has kind of taken on a life of its own."

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Clary named to JMU dean's list

Brodnax resident, Christian Clary, has been named to the dean's list at James Madison University (JMU) for the spring semester. Students who earn dean's list honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of between 3.5 and 3.899. Clary is majoring in political science.

Established in 1908, James Madison University is a community of 22,000 students and 4,000 faculty and staff, nestled in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. JMU offers 124 degree programs at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels, keeps classes small with a 16:1 student-to-faculty ratio and has the highest six-year graduation rate among its peer institutions at 84%. JMU is quickly gaining a national reputation, and ranks as the most recommended university in the nation by students.

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