



## Macado's outside area now open

After more than a year of work, the outside deck and seating area of the Farmville Macado's opened for business on Monday, Dec. 9. The new outdoor area seats 76 and provides much-needed space for the busy downtown business.



## Play practice at Glenn Memorial

Glenn Memorial Baptist Church in Prospect will present "It All Happened in the Country" by Dennis and Nan Allen on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. The story surrounds a family of "city slickers" who are marooned in the country on Christmas Eve. Through the country family who helps them, they learn the true meaning of Christmas. The musical features adults, children and the choir. There is a touching Nativity scene at the end. Afterward, there will be a time of refreshment in the fellowship hall. The church is at 147 Harris Creek Road in Prospect. All are welcome. Pictured are cast members practicing for the upcoming performance. From left, Kathy Baldwin, Jim Schwerdfeger, Colton Bowlin, Cherrilyn Pollard and Denea O'Brien.

# Opinion

## I YOUR VIEWS I

### Appreciation of young people

**Editor:**

I am a senior citizen who has taken a class at Longwood University this semester. I graduated from college in 1965 and then graduate school in the 70s. I taught in public schools in Henrico County and Virginia Beach for 35 years.

So often, we hear negative comments about the young people of today. However, I must say my experience with the students at Longwood University this semester has been so positive and heart warming. These students have been caring, kind, positive and considerate, and I never heard a foul word spoken by any student the entire semester. I am so delighted with the positive and warm atmo-

sphere of Longwood University.

Dr. David Geraghty taught the class I took—Frontiers in the early American Republic. Again, I can't say enough good things about the wonderful teacher he is — excels in all areas including knowledge and enthusiasm of the subject, willingness to help students in any way and especially rapport and interest in the students as individuals.

Longwood University can be proud of teachers, students and overall atmosphere of the school.

**Patricia Armstrong  
Cumberland**

### Gratitude

**Editor:**

My name is Barrett Motter, and I was a member of the PEFYA Majors baseball team that played in the Dixie Youth League World Series this summer. On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the community members and local businesses who supported our team's travel to Ruston, Louisiana, as we represented Prince Edward County and the Town of Farmville.

Our team was the first Majors baseball team from Prince Edward County to qualify for the World Series in over 50 years! During our fundraising efforts I had many conversations with folks who knew someone

who played on that team, played on that team themselves, or just wanted to reminisce about their time with the great sport of baseball.

With your support, our team created our own memories, strengthened friendships, and took part in an event few baseball players from our area have had the opportunity to experience. It was an honor to represent this beautiful town as a member of the PEFYA Majors baseball team.

**Barrett Motter  
Age 13  
Prince Edward County Middle School**

### Medicaid work requirement

Gov. Northam announced that his administration has suspended negotiations with the federal government on the Medicaid work requirement, citing that "it is unlikely Virginia will move forward with funding a program that could cause tens of thousands of Virginians to lose health care coverage." The work requirement was agreed upon in good faith and it appears the governor is now backing off his agreement.

When Republicans reached across the aisle to pass Medicaid Expansion, we did so with the good faith expectation that Gov. Northam would follow through and work to obtain a waiver from the federal government to implement the work requirement.

Gov. Northam announced recently that he was suspending negotiations with the federal government, broadly



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**C. MATTHEW FARISS**

hinting that he was running out the clock until Democrats take control and can formally rescind the requirement.

Speaker Cox and the governor made personal commitments to each other. Republicans who voted for this measure did so with the assurance that this was to be long-term public policy.

It is now clear that the governor's negotiations over the cost of implementation were nothing but a stalling tactic, hoping for Democratic control of the General Assembly.

The federal government granted Kentucky a

work requirement for its Medicaid population and issued lengthy guidance to other states, opening the door for Virginia to pursue a work requirement of its own.

Our legislative language mirrored Kentucky's proposal as approved by the federal government. The work requirement as agreed upon would not apply to children under 18 or in college, the elderly, or the disabled.

In counties across Virginia, residents are already sending a strong message to Richmond that they are deeply concerned with proposed and potential Democratic efforts to restrict their Second Amendment rights. As of this writing a total of 45 localities have passed resolutions.

Counties with passed resolutions include: Alleghany, Amherst, Appomattox, Augusta, Bland, Botetourt, Buchanan, Campbell, Carroll, Charlotte, Craig, Culpeper County, Dicken-

son, Dinwiddie, Town of Exmore, Giles, Gloucester, Goochland, Greensville, Halifax, Henry, King George, King William, Lee, Louisa, Madison, Middlesex, Norton, Nottoway, Orange, Page, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Powhatan, Rappahannock, Roanoke County, Rural Retreat, Russell, Scott, Southampton, Surry, Sussex, Tazewell County, Washington and Wythe.

The movement was started by Campbell County Supervisor Charlie Watts, and since then in the 59th District, Campbell County and Appomattox County passed resolutions. This resolution is on the agenda for meetings in Buckingham County and Nelson County as well. It has been discussed in Albemarle County but there are no plans to add it to the agenda.

**DEL. C. MATTHEW FARISS** represents Buckingham in the Virginia House of Delegates. His email address is DelMFariss@house.virginia.gov.

### 'Ain't ain't a word'

If you were ever in your life a young person growing up in the South then you undoubtedly have used the word "ain't" in a sentence only to have someone (perhaps an adult family member or aggravated English teacher) tell you that "Ain't ain't a word."

According to Dictionary.com, the colloquialism "ain't" is a nonstandard contraction of "am not," "are not," "is not," "have not," and "has not." While ain't ain't exactly a real word or "proper English" as your teacher might have told you, I think it's pretty ridiculous to limit such a word from a person's everyday vocabulary, especially if it's so obvious as to what they're trying to get across.



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**BY ALEXA I**  
**ALEXA MASSEY**

In fact, that's been a pet peeve of mine for some time. How often have you had to navigate your way through a tough sentence only to be told that something you said was not a real word?

I'm not talking about common mispronunciations such as saying "expresso" instead of "espresso" or calling that huge body of water that touches the west coast the "specific ocean." Haven't you ever accidentally mumbled out a new word like "flustrated" to describe yourself as both flustered and frustrated? Or perhaps in a moment of short-circuiting your brain forgot the word "aquarium" and you called it a "liquid zoo."

Whenever someone points out that something I said is not a word, I like to point them to good ol' William Shakespeare. We love to praise Shakespeare as one of the greatest literary minds to ever live, even though Shakespeare invented an unreal amount of words in his lifetime, including the word "unreal."

Litcharts.com cites that while it's impossible to determine all the words that Shakespeare invented, there are 422 bona fide terms that we are almost certain the old poet thought up himself. These include hundreds of words that we commonly use today, such as "amazement," "defeat," "flowery," "majestic," "shipwrecked," "gossip," and "unquestionable."

What's even more interesting is that Encyclopedia Americana suggests that there were only 50,000-60,000 words in the English language during Shakespeare's time. The Oxford English Dictionary cites that around 171,476 words are in (common) use today, although the number is closer to 700,000 if you count older and outdated terminology. Shakespeare, according to Litcharts.com, used a total of 31,534 different words in his collected writings, so he was really working with all that he had.

What do all of these numbers and quotation marks mean? It means that the next time someone tells you that you can't just go around making up words, point them to Shakespeare, hero of the English language. And while "ain't" is maybe not a good word to use in a college essay or in the presence of business partners, there ain't nothing wrong with using it at your own leisure. Now, let's talk about double negatives.

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## Unmussig resigns



**Donald Unmussig**

BY ALEXA MASSEY  
*The Farmville Herald*

Recently appointed Cumberland County Administrator Donald Unmussig has resigned.

Unmussig, who succeeded Vivian Seay Giles, began his post as administrator July 15.

Cumberland County Board of Supervisors Chairman David Meinhard stated that he became aware of Unmussig's resignation Thursday night.

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"Yes, it's true," said Meinhard. "He resigned. ... He's experiencing some health problems and health conditions, and right now it's too much for him."

Meinhard stated that selecting the next appointee will be up to the board.

"As the board chairman, my thought on it is that we do nothing and leave it up to the newly elected board which

will be coming in January after the November elections," he said. "I mean, to me it is ridiculous to appoint or hire a county administrator for a 90-day period when you have a very good likelihood that there'll be a bunch of new people there in January who want to make their own decisions."

Unmussig retired in March 2019 from his position as command chief warrant officer for the Virginia Army National Guard.

Meinhard went on to say that Unmussig's health problems are related to his service in the U.S. military. "He is a veteran, and he has some health-related problems from his active duty service in Afghanistan."

Cumberland County Finance Director Jennifer Crews explained that she has the ability to sign paychecks if needed after Unmussig's resignation.

A closed meeting regarding the county administrator po-

sition has been scheduled for Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Cumberland County Circuit Courtroom A.

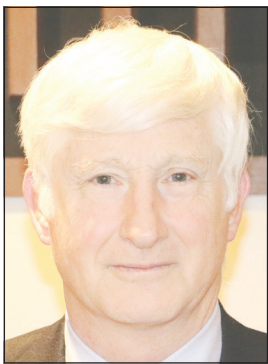
## Managing solar facilities

BY TITUS MOHLER  
*The Farmville Herald*

At the September Board of Supervisors meeting, Prince Edward County staff was directed to research and develop an amendment to the county zoning ordinance that would place controls and/or limits on solar and wind generation facilities.

County Administrator Wade Bartlett introduced the topic during the meeting.

"The Planning Commission met on Aug. 20, and they held a public hearing for a special use permit application to allow a solar generation facility to be



**Wade Bartlett**

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built on Piney Grove Road, which is in the Lockett District, I believe," he said. "The staff research into

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From left, civilians Dana Corona, Cheryl Davis and Donna McRae-Jones attended the active shooter training event Thursday to familiarize themselves with how to handle an active shooter situation.

## Active shooter training held

BY ALEXA MASSEY  
*The Farmville Herald*

**BUCKINGHAM**

The Buckingham County Farm Bureau sponsored a response to active shooter training event Thursday at the Buckingham Agriculture Resource Network (BARN) building.

The event, presented by Sgt. Eric King of the Virginia State Police, aimed to help educate Buckingham community members about active shooter situations and how to think and act appropriately in a moment of crisis.

King explained that his program was put together by Texas State University (TSU) Advanced Law Enforcement

Rapid Response Training (ALERRT), which helps to train first responders to be prepared for active shooter situations.

The event was a part of TSU Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) Avoid-Deny-Defend awareness program. A full-house of Buckingham residents gathered at the BARN to participate.

King's presentation opened up with a clip of teacher Patti Nielson's 911 call during the shooting that took place at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. During the sound clip, a panicked Nielson speaks to a 911 operator as

she attempts to hide a library full of highschool children from two gunmen.

King explained that Columbine was the day that changed the way that police respond to active shooter events. He went on to say that 10 of the 12 victims of the Columbine shooting were shot while hiding in the school's library and that many people who have found themselves in an active shooter scenario, like Nielson, were not prepared with a plan for such events.

"You guys are gonna have a plan," King told audience members Thursday night.

During his presentation,

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Tiny Tibetan yak Princess, left, seeks shade under Petunia.

## Missing yak killed by car

BY ALEXA MASSEY  
*The Farmville Herald*

A Buckingham family is facing hardship after its missing yak was struck and killed by a vehicle Friday.

Robert Cissell, owner of Nature's Bridge Farm in Buckingham, was taking two Tibetan yaks to town

for processing on the morning of Sept. 10. While in Nelson County and preparing to merge onto Route 29, Cissell stated that he looked in his rear view mirror to find one of the yaks, Meteor, walking behind his truck.

Despite tips from locals

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## Tyree seeks 3rd District seat

**CUMBERLAND**

Cumberland County School Board Vice-Chair Eurika Tyree has announced her intention to seek election to the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors 3rd District seat, which will be open following the impending retirement of Kevin Ingle.

Tyree, a two-term member of the school board, is a life-long resident of Cumberland County, and is the daughter of Sarah Trent and Garfield Barksdale, Jr. She and her husband, Conrad, have two daugh-

ters, Octavia and O'Layna.

Ingle announced his endorsement for Tyree when he announced his retirement back in the spring.

"I am honored that Mr. Ingle thought of me for this position," said Tyree. "I look forward to serving the citizens of Cumberland's 3rd District in a new capacity, and will approach this position with



**Eurika Tyree**

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# YAK: 'We ask for privacy and understanding'

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and efforts from animal control officers, the yak evaded capture for more than two weeks before being struck by a motor vehicle on Friday.

"This morning we received a call that Meteor had been hit by an unidentified motorist and was severely injured," Cissell wrote in a Facebook post Friday. "By the time we could reach the scene, he had succumbed to his injuries. The driver did not stop nor notify anyone of the incident."

Cissell added, "Our greatest fears all along have revolved around his proximity to a major highway. We have spent untold hours searching the fields, forests and mountains around the county, assisted by local authorities, veterinarians, and other community members, who gave their time and energy to try and help us bring Meteor home safely. Meteor has been brought home to our farm, and laid to rest in a private location. His spirit is now free and has taken flight."

When asked about how Meteor managed to escape from the trailer, Cissell noted that the slide gate on the back of the trailer had somehow been opened. A closer look revealed that the spot where the gate's locking pin should be was bent out of shape.

The event has caused an uproar in international media, and has caused the Cissell family a significant amount of distress.

"It's a great story, when you can read it from an armchair," Cissell initially wrote in a Facebook post Sept. 15. "It's the movie Ferdinand, come to life, with an exotic animal that most people know nothing about. Disney couldn't have written it any better."

According to Cissell, many people made aware of the family's story via international news headlines had originally found humor in the tale of a yak that evaded slaughter at the last second.

Cissell's Sept. 15 Facebook post continues, "When you're a small family farm working hard day in and day out to raise clean, healthy food in a humane environment, this is a major loss. The story is not so funny then."

In 2018, Cissell left his full-time position as an IT worker and began dedicating his time to opening and operating Nature's Bridge Farm. He, his wife Mackenzie and their four children raise the Tibetan yaks, as well as Scottish high-

land cattle and sheep. "Mackenzie and I both run businesses from home, a farmer and an artist, so this situation has definitely been stressful and a distraction, but together we are handling it and not letting it stop us from working hard to achieve our goals," Cissell said.

The family, along with many of their close friends, often participate in the farmers markets of Charlottesville and Farmville.

Cissell originally stated that he and his family no longer had plans to slaughter Meteor upon his possible return to the herd.

According to Cissell, the farmer and his family take great pride in the thought and care that they put into raising the animals on their farm. They want to raise awareness about healthily-raised local meat.

"Most small family farms in the U.S. are humane and ethical when raising their own cattle and other animals. When the vast majority of those cattle are sold to the major feedlots and processors, the humane treatment becomes an afterthought to economies of scale and efficiency. Animals are crowded into environmentally disastrous pens with little room to move, given a steady diet of antibiotics along with subsidized feed to maintain health in unsanitary conditions. The major feed suppliers can pay artificially low prices for the corn and soy they use for feed, and American taxpayers are left to pick up the difference to cover the price which the government guarantees to large scale industrial farms."

Cissell added, "There are no extra payments coming in to supplement local family farms when a drought kills the grass and they need to buy extra hay to survive. Locally raised meats also allow you to meet your farmer, and in many cases even visit the farm itself. The meats are not shipped all over the country and even around the world before reaching your

plate." Despite their loss, the family hopes that their international fame can be used to help a friend in need.

In 2017, Cissell's son Remy suffered kidney failure. The difficult battle involved a two-week stay in the hospital that left Robert and Mackenzie away from their farm and three other children. Family friends of the Cissells, Liv and Eric, took care of the children and allowed the family to dedicate their attention toward Remy's health.

However, while Cissell was out combing the woods for any sign of Meteor on Sept. 12, Liv was rushed to the hospital with acute appendicitis.

Cissell said, "Liv is an incredibly giving person and she and Eric were awesome during Remy's illness. She's a farmer, gardener, artisan, baker, etc., and is usually found on Saturdays at the Farmville Community Marketplace. ... High medical bills can be devastating to anyone without insurance, both in the short and the long runs, so anyone who is able to help Liv in her time of need is greatly appreciated."

Cissell added in his Friday Facebook post, "Meteor's story has brought a lot of attention to our farm and our family. We did not seek out this attention, which has been both positive and negative. To those who have taken the time to hear our story and engage us in constructive dialog, even where our opinions differ, we thank you. Being able to disagree, but do so civilly and without rancor, allows us to be our best selves, and in this time of pain and tragedy, it lifts our spirits. At this time, we ask for privacy and understanding. It's hard to say our lives will just go back to normal, but we must make the effort, especially for our children."

Donations to Liv's Go Fund Me can be made by going to <https://tinyurl.com/livfundraiser> or by going to [gofundme.com](https://gofundme.com) and searching "Liv's Recovery Fund."

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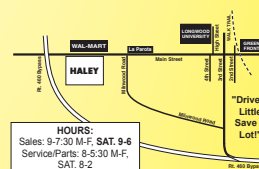


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## Second Amendment sanctuary declared

BY ALEXA MASSEY  
The Farmville Herald

**BUCKINGHAM**

At its Dec. 9 meeting, all six present members of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors voted to declare the county a Second Amendment sanctuary. District One Supervisor Robert "Bobby" Jones was unable to attend and therefore did not vote on the resolution.

The sanctuary means that Buckingham county will not expend resources to enforce certain gun control measures perceived as violative of the Second Amendment. The decision comes after many similar resolutions were passed in other counties following a new Democratic majority in the General Assembly that gun supporters fear may put their

right to bear arms in jeopardy.

Both county residents and state activists gathered Monday night in preparation for the vote. Members of the Virginia Citizens Defense League stood at the door to hand out pamphlets and large orange stickers that read "Guns SAVE Lives." Hundreds of individuals packed the administration complex as Board Chairman Donnie Bryan read aloud the resolution declaring Buckingham a Second Amendment sanctuary.

The full version of the resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution reads: "A

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Many audience members stood up and raised their hands in order to show support for making Cumberland County a Second Amendment sanctuary.

## Sanctuary resolution adopted

BY ALEXA MASSEY  
The Farmville Herald

**CUMBERLAND**

At the Dec. 10 Cumberland County Board of Supervisors meeting the board, voted unanimously, 3-0, to pass a resolution declaring Cumberland County to be a Second Amendment sanctuary. District Two Supervisor Lloyd Banks was not present at the meeting and therefore did not participate in the vote.

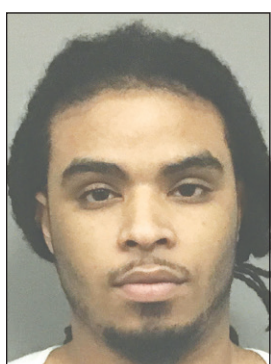
The full resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution reads: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed," and,

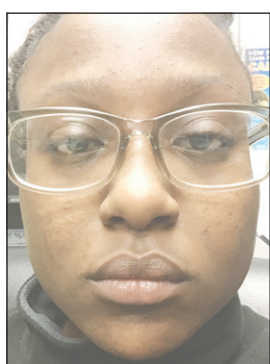
WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), affirmed an individual's right to possess firearms, unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home, and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in McDonald v. Chicago, 561 U.S. 742 (2010), affirmed that the right of an individual to "keep and bear arms," as protected under the Second Amendment, is incorporated by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment against the states, and

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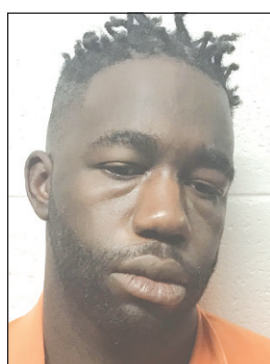
Christopher Johnson



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## Four arrested for B&E of Rebel Sporting Goods

BY CRYSTAL VANDEGRIFT  
The Farmville Herald

Following an investigation, the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office has arrested and charged four individuals with the attempted breaking and entering (B&E) of Rebel Sporting Goods Ltd. in Keysville that occurred on Nov. 26 and Nov. 27 in the early morning hours.

According to investigators an additional suspect is still being sought.

Christopher Johnson, 19 of Farmville was arrested and charged for both the Nov. 26 and Nov. 27 incidents. Johnson has been charged with one count of misdemeanor property damage, one count of felony property damage, one count of conspiring to break and enter, and one count of breaking and entering. Johnson

has posted bail and has been released.

Selina Robert, 21 of Cumberland was arrested and charged with both the Nov. 26 and Nov. 27 incidents. Robert has been charged with one count of misdemeanor property damage, one count of felony property damage, two counts of conspiring to break and enter. Robert has been released on her own recognizance.

Treyanna Randolph, 20 of Farmville has been arrested and charged with both the Nov. 26 and Nov. 27 incidents. Randolph has been charged with one count of misdemeanor property damage, one count of felony property damage, two counts of conspiring to break and enter. Randolph was released on her own recognizance.

Xavion Kemp, 25 of Rice, has been arrested and charged

with the incident on Nov. 26. Kemp has been charged with one count of misdemeanor property damage and one count of conspiring to break and enter. Kemp is currently being held in the Charlotte County Jail.

According to the sheriff's office, the first B&E occurred around 1:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 26, when individuals tried to enter the store by cutting a lock off the front door with a power tool. In doing so, an audible alarm was triggered, and the suspects fled the scene.

A second attempted breaking and entering (B&E) at Rebel Sporting Goods Ltd. in Keysville occurred on Nov. 27, around 4 a.m. Two individuals gained entry into the display window of the store.

In both incidents outside surveillance cameras captured images of the individuals.

## 8-year-old strip searched at prison

BY ALEXA MASSEY  
The Farmville Herald

**DILLWYN**

Gov. Ralph S. Northam has temporarily suspended a policy allowing for the strip search of minors in Virginia prisons following the strip search of an 8-year-old girl at the Buckingham Correctional Center in Dillwyn on Nov. 24. Virginia Department of Corrections (VDOC) officials say that the staff member

who authorized the search didn't have the authority to do so and an investigation is underway.

"Strip search of a minor is extremely rare, and in this case Department procedures weren't followed," said VDOC Director of Communications Lisa Kinney in a statement to *The Herald*.

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## A focused special meeting set

BY TITUS MOHLER  
The Farmville Herald

**PRINCE EDWARD**

Prince Edward County residents will be given a platform and the priority when the county Board of Supervisors holds a special meeting Tuesday, Dec. 17, in the Prince Edward County High School Auditorium to consider a proposed resolution that, if adopted, would declare Prince Edward a Second Amendment sanctuary county.

Many other localities in Virginia have adopted the

resolution, motivated by the prospect of Democrat Gov. Ralph S. Northam passing significant gun control legislation once the General Assembly features Democrat majorities starting in January 2020.

Declaring itself a Second Amendment sanctuary signals a move on the part of a county to insulate itself from the effects of gun control legislation deemed

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# SANCTUARY: 'Time to send a message to our lawmakers'

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well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed;" and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 13 of the Constitution of Virginia provides "that a well-regulated militia, composed of the body of the people, trained to arms, is the proper, natural, and safe defense of a free state, therefore, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed; that standing armies, in time of peace, should be avoided as dangerous to liberty; and that in all cases the military should be under strict subordination to, and governed by, the civil power"; and

WHEREAS, certain legislation introduced in the 2019 session of the Virginia General Assembly, and certain legislation introduced in the current session of the United States Congress could have the effect of infringing on the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors is concerned about the passage of any bill containing language which unconstitutionally infringes upon the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Buckingham County; and

WHEREAS, the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its deep commitment to the rights of all

citizens of Buckingham County to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its intent to stand as a Sanctuary County for Second Amendment rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitutions of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict the constitutional rights of the citizens to keep and bear arms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BUCKINGHAM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS hereby expresses its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Buckingham County and hereby expresses its intent that public funds of the County not be used to unconstitutionally restrict Second Amendment rights or to aid in the unconstitutional restriction of the rights under the Second Amendment of the citizens of Buckingham County to keep and bear arms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors hereby declares its intent to oppose unconstitutional restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms, and that the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors hereby declares the County a "Second Amendment Sanctuary"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the County staff to the Governor of Virginia, to Virginia legislators who represent Buckingham County, and to the Virginia Associa-

tion of Counties.

District 6 Supervisor Joe Chambers made a motion to pass the resolution. The crowd erupted with loud cheering and applause after the vote was deemed unanimous.

"I made the motion to pass it because I feel that we should support our citizens," said Chambers the following morning. "I had no problem with it, so I made the motion to pass the Second Amendment rights sanctuary. I thought it would be good for the county and the citizens."

Chambers also suggested at the board meeting that the county send a letter to Governor Ralph S. Northam expressing the county's opposition of possible Second Amendment restrictions.

After the resolution had been passed, several individuals spoke about their happiness regarding the board's decision during the public comments portion of the meeting.

"I do appreciate you all following through on the Second Amendment sanctuary," said District Six resident Jason Gwatowsky. "... We cannot stress enough that while this resolution may not be a binding thing of such that has any teeth, it does send a very clear message that we're done playing and we're not putting up with it anymore."

District Five citizen Cam Edwards, editor at bearingarms.com also spoke about his joy regarding the board's decision, as well as his frustrations with the current political climate of the state and his move

from Northern Virginia to Buckingham County. "Buckingham County was like a breath of fresh air with a whiff of gunpowder," he stated. "... I do believe that now is the time to send a message to our lawmakers in Richmond that our right to keep and bear arms will be acknowledged and protected here in Buckingham County."

There were those that expressed discontent with the board's decision to pass the resolution. Quinn Robinson of District Four stated, "As we learned and we learn every four years or so, elections have consequences and the consequences are change, and you may not be able to keep up with it or agree with it, but that's the way it works. And it's not a matter of rebelling and swearing not to obey ... It's unfortunate to me that we went ahead and this county passed this."

"I want to tell you that I am very disappointed that you all passed

this," said District Three resident Marie Flowers. "... The only thing that I

think you need to have guns for is a rabid fox in your yard."

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# PRISON: 'I am deeply disturbed by these reports'

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Kinney explained that protocol states that only a parent or legal guardian can approve of the strip search of a minor, and that the adult visitor accompanying the child who signed the consent form for the minor to be strip searched wasn't actually the minor's parent or legal guardian.

"The staff member who authorized the search of the minor following a K-9 alert didn't have the authority to do so. We take this matter very seriously and will be taking immediate disciplinary action against the person responsible ... The incident is deeply troubling and represents a breach in our protocol. We sincerely apologize to this child and her family."

Northam was troubled by the reports of the strip search of the young girl. His statement regarding the issue is as follows:

"I am deeply disturbed by these reports — not just as governor, but as a pediatrician and a dad. I've directed the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security to suspend this policy while the Department conducts an immediate investigation and review of their procedures."

Kinney added that strip search policies for visitors to prisons are in place to keep offenders, visitors and staff as safe as possible by reducing the contraband smuggled into state prisons, such as drugs, cell phones or weapons. She explained that strip searches are requested when a K-9 has alerted on a visitor, and that visitors are always free to deny the strip search request and leave the facility.



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It is our prayer and intent to present a full production of the Live Nativity in 2020. Thank you for your prayers and patronage.