

## ORDER: Effective until June 10

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man in his 70s had died from the virus. The Piedmont Health District is made up of Amelia, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Lunenburg, Nottoway and Prince Edward counties. Northam pointed out that half of the diagnosed COVID-19 cases

are in people under 50. The Stay-at-Home effort is designed to reduce potential strain on the medical system. Virginia has approximately 18,500 hospital beds with 2,000 of those designated for ICU patients. "How many more (beds) we need depends on the actions we take right now," Northam

said. "But we know we will need more." Northam said the state is working with the Army Corps of Engineers to identify sites for temporary hospital facilities. VCU Health recently announced plans to re-open a closed hospital in South Hill to be used exclusively for COVID-19 patients. "We are at the be-

ginning of a period of sacrifice. This is an unprecedented and difficult time and it will be hard for people," Northam said. "But I have faith in you as Virginians. We need everyone to take this seriously and act responsibly and we will get through this together."

### LOCAL CHANGES

As a result of Northam's Stay-at-Home

Order, both Kenbridge and Victoria have closed their offices. Kenbridge residents needing town services may get information online at <https://www.kenbridgeva.net/> or call 434-676-2452. The town also has a drop box in its parking lot and will also set up a drop box inside the double doors of Town Hall. Victoria residents are encouraged to call the town offices at 434-696-

2343 with any questions or if assistance is needed. In-person appointments may be scheduled. Payments for utility bills may be made by mail, in the drop box in front of the town office, by automatic draft or online. The town also announced that the basketball court in Railroad Park is closed. Also, the Easter Egg Hunt and the first date for Music in the Park have been canceled.

## SMITH: 'I have big shoes to fill'

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daughter Emily Smith and her fiancé Curtis Berry; daughter Amanda Smith Holden and husband Stephen, granddaughter Hadleigh. Family is important to Allen, second only to his faith. Smith is a native of Victoria, living here most of his life. He graduated from Central High School with the Class of 1984. Smith is retired with 30 years of service with the Department of the Army in Fire and Emergency Service having worked at three different installations. Beginning at Fort Pickett, transferring to Fort Eustis in Newport News and then working the last 20 years of his career, until retirement, at Fort Lee in Peters-

burg. In working for the Department of Army Smith gained a lot of knowledge in the importance of structure and planning, forward thinking and the importance of service. The last 12 years of Smith's career was spent in the Fire Prevention and Inspections where he gained knowledge in the importance of impact study, site development, and construction of infrastructure, as well as building and fire code enforcement. Smith sees his past work experience as a contribution to the issues the Town of Victoria is facing during these economic times. Smith is currently employed with Virginia Marble Manufacturers, Inc. of Kenbridge, a strong, family, locally-owned business that has kept Victoria's citizens employed for 50 years through all economic times. Working at Virginia Marble, Smith said he sees the impact of today's world on

small locally-owned businesses. It is his goal as a community leader to help locally-owned business throughout the community. As Mayor Smith's goal is not only to be a leader, but also a team player to build a stronger community, one that all can be proud of. He said there will be change and decisions to be made at times that may not be popular, but will have to be done in the best interest of the town and its citizens. In being mayor, Smith said it will be his duty to be a good steward of the community, be an ambassador for the town, using networking skills, outside of the box thinking and looking at new and diverse ideas to attract and encourage businesses to look at the town, while all the time preserving the town's history and looking to the future. Smith said he looks forward to serving the citizens of Victoria, working with the town council members,

colleagues in the Town of Kenbridge as well as the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors. Smith believes that, as an elected official, it is his duty to protect

and build a strong community for the citizens. "There will be a lot for me to learn, and I know I will have large shoes to fill, as Mayor Watson has been at the

helm for many years," Smith wrote. "I encourage you to exercise your right to vote during any election. Making your vote count is a step in shaping our future."

## HOSPITAL: Surge is coming

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"Virginia will face a surge in cases that require hospitalization. Our efforts have been focused on running ahead of that surge trying to make sure our hospitals are ready." In addition to reopening the facility in South Hill, VCU is planning to add 150 beds at multiple facilities on the VCU Medical Center's downtown campus and up to 180 beds at the University's Monroe Park campus in a dorm facility that once operated as a hospital. "The number of cases and the need for hospital care can be reduced if everyone stays at home," Northam said.

### LUNENBURG COUNTY

MAY 5, 2020  
Town Election

**Due to the COVID-19 VIRUS you may vote absentee.**

**Tuesday: April 13th,**  
Last day to register to vote or receive application to register by mail and make name or address changes for this election.

**Tuesday: April 28th,**  
Last day to apply for a absentee ballot by mail.

**Saturday: May 2nd,**  
Open for in person absentee voting, May 2nd, last day to vote absentee in-person.

The Voter Registration Office is opened Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Photo ID:**  
The law requires voters to show an acceptable photo ID when voting in person. Voters who do not have an acceptable photo ID can receive a free Virginia Voter photo ID card from any local voter registration office.

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