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2020 ELECTION

VOTER GUIDE

A breakdown of the local ballots

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ALL BALLOTS

PRESIDENT

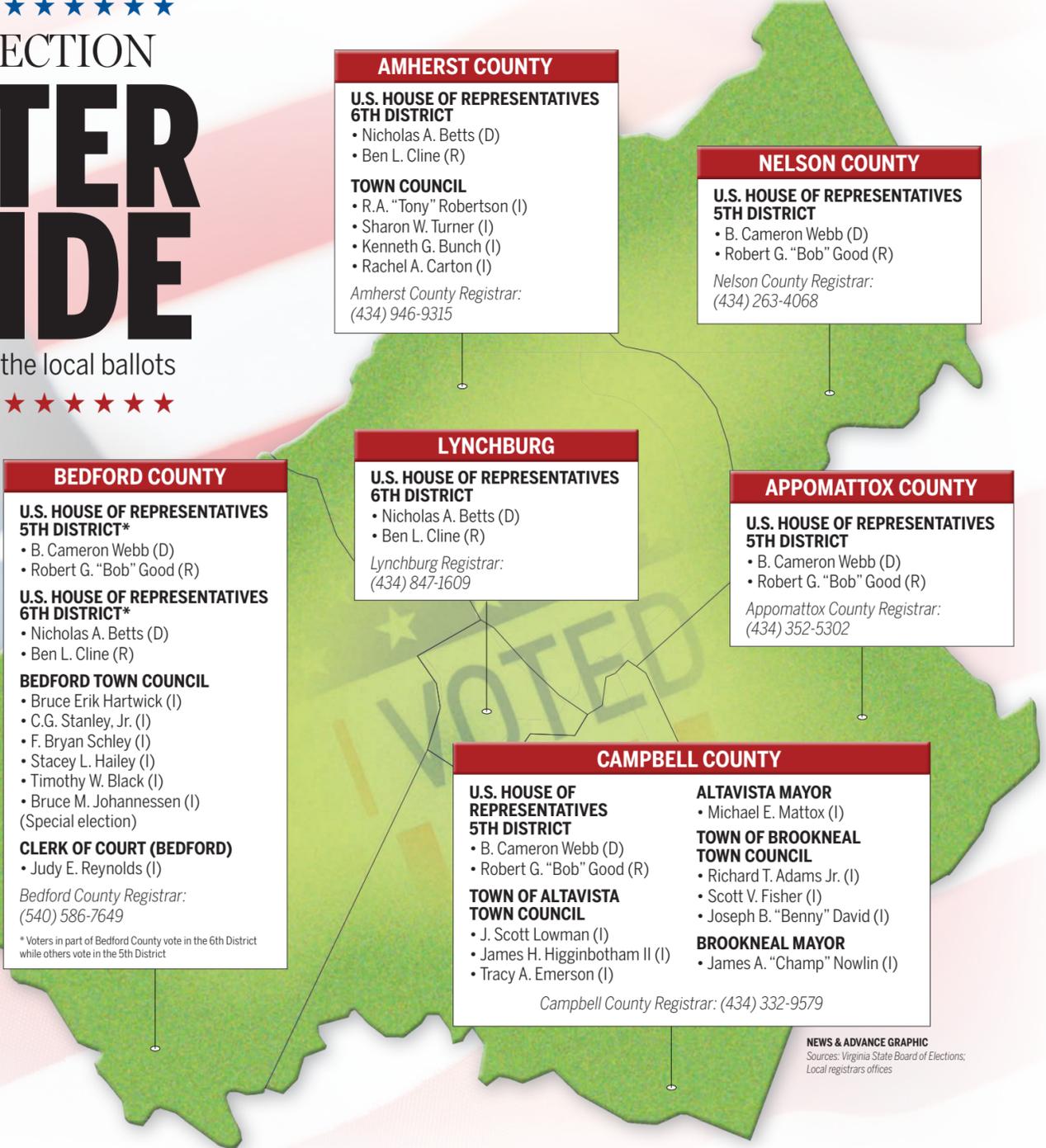
- Joe Biden (D)
- Donald Trump (R)
- Joe Jorgensen (I)

U.S. SENATE

- Mark R. Warner (D)
- Daniel M. Gade (R)

AMENDMENTS

- Redistricting
- Veterans/automobile tax (See ballot questions below)



AMHERST COUNTY

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 6TH DISTRICT

- Nicholas A. Betts (D)
- Ben L. Cline (R)

TOWN COUNCIL

- R.A. "Tony" Robertson (I)
- Sharon W. Turner (I)
- Kenneth G. Bunch (I)
- Rachel A. Carton (I)

Amherst County Registrar:
(434) 946-9315

NELSON COUNTY

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 5TH DISTRICT

- B. Cameron Webb (D)
- Robert G. "Bob" Good (R)

Nelson County Registrar:
(434) 263-4068

LYNCHBURG

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 6TH DISTRICT

- Nicholas A. Betts (D)
- Ben L. Cline (R)

Lynchburg Registrar:
(434) 847-1609

APPOMATTOX COUNTY

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 5TH DISTRICT

- B. Cameron Webb (D)
- Robert G. "Bob" Good (R)

Appomattox County Registrar:
(434) 352-5302

CAMPBELL COUNTY

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 5TH DISTRICT

- B. Cameron Webb (D)
- Robert G. "Bob" Good (R)

TOWN OF ALTAVISTA TOWN COUNCIL

- J. Scott Lowman (I)
- James H. Higginbotham II (I)
- Tracy A. Emerson (I)

Campbell County Registrar: (434) 332-9579

ALTAVISTA MAYOR

- Michael E. Mattox (I)

TOWN OF BROOKNEAL TOWN COUNCIL

- Richard T. Adams Jr. (I)
- Scott V. Fisher (I)
- Joseph B. "Benny" David (I)

BROOKNEAL MAYOR

- James A. "Champ" Nowlin (I)

NEWS & ADVANCE GRAPHIC
Sources: Virginia State Board of Elections;
Local registrars offices

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

BALLOT QUESTION FOR AMENDMENT NO. 1

• Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to establish a redistricting commission, consisting of eight members of the General Assembly and eight citizens of the Commonwealth, that is responsible for drawing the congressional and state legislative districts that will be subsequently voted on, but not changed by, the General Assembly and enacted without the Governor's involvement and to give the responsibility of drawing districts to the Supreme Court of Virginia if the redistricting commission fails to draw districts or the General Assembly fails to enact districts by certain deadlines?

BALLOT QUESTION FOR AMENDMENT NO. 2

• Should an automobile or pickup truck that is owned and used primarily by or for a veteran of the United States armed forces or the Virginia National Guard who has a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability be free from state and local taxation?

High schools, colleges work to educate first-time voters

Lynchburg-area institutions offer information to public, organize student registration drives

BY JAMEY CROSS
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For Matthew Gillett, a junior at the University of Lynchburg, this election year is different.

While it's not the first time the political science major has voted in an election, it is the first time he's voted for a presidential candidate. Gillett said he voted in the 2018 midterm election and has always followed politics, but voting in the 2020 election, albeit absentee and not in person, felt gratifying.

"I felt like to actually have my voice heard this year was something very special," Gillett said.

In the midst of an especially polarizing election year, area teachers, professors and student organizations are working to ensure first-time voters in high school and college are registered, informed and casting their ballots.

Gillett serves as the president of the University of Lynchburg Democrats, a student organization that works to connect college students to Democratic candidates and campaigns. This year, he said, the organization hosted socially distanced watch parties and discussions and partnered with the university's Center for Community Engagement to hold a voter registration drive on campus in October.



Gillett said he noticed this year many students were already registered to vote before coming to college, but that event aimed to help anyone who was not registered to vote get registered before the Oct. 15 deadline and to help students request absentee ballots if they are not registered at their college address.

"We talked to a lot of students outside our student center and made [sure] we stayed safe while getting these resources to students," Gillett said.

The University of Lynchburg athletic department also encouraged members of athletic teams at the university to register and vote

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Virginia DMVs face 5-month backlog as visits pushed to 2021

BY SABRINA MORENO
Richmond Times-Dispatch

RICHMOND

Taciya Brown's only option was to wait three months to get her first-time driver's license. She followed the instructions, booked an appointment in August and chose the next available date: Oct. 28.

She walked into the Richmond Central location of Department of Motor Vehicles on Broad Street on Wednesday, her files with city residency documents and proof of identity and social security buckled under her arm.

Brown had waited 18 years for this, and now, only a road

skills test separated her from loosening the strain of finding a ride to her job at Walmart — a 20-minute drive away.

Then the DMV clerk told Brown, 18, her appointment wasn't in the system. The next available slot was in January.

Eight months into the crisis, all 73 DMV centers open are by appointment-only, and most in Virginia are booked three months out. Statewide, residents are traveling past their county's lines — and beyond — to access an available date, though depending on the service needed, such as license renewal or vehicle titles, some locations in the

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Mostly sunny
Weather **B8**
52°
35°

Abby.....B4 Jumble.....B4 Opinion.....A6
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