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Virginia budget leaders look to federal aid in crisis

BY MICHAEL MARTZ  
RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH

General Assembly budget leaders hope to use federal COVID-19 relief funds to meet the state's most pressing needs in mental health and human services and avoid cutting existing programs or risking Virginia's AAA bond rating by dipping into reserve funds.

Faced with a \$2.7 billion revenue shortfall in the two-

year budget, the leaders of the assembly's money committees are resisting calls by some legislators and liberal advocacy groups to use reserves to pay for new spending initiatives three years after a national bond-rating agency put Virginia on credit watch for drawing down its "rainy day" fund because of a projected revenue shortfall.

"I think we will be reluctant to go into reserves and

we will not go into the rainy day fund," said Del. Mark Sickles, D-Fairfax, vice chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

Budget leaders also are unwilling to trade cuts in existing state programs to restore some of the more than \$2 billion in new spending initiatives approved in March, suspended in April because of the economic recession arising from the

coronavirus pandemic and now on the chopping block in the revised budget proposed by Gov. Ralph Northam for the assembly to consider in a special session. New spending included almost \$600 million to give raises to state employees, teachers, college faculty, sheriff's deputies and other state-supported local employees.

However, the governor See BUDGET, Page A5



Del. Luke Torian, D-Prince William (left) chairman of the House Appropriations committee, confers with Del. Mark Sickles, D-Fairfax as the Virginia House of Delegates meets.

BROTHER IN BLUE

K9 Jackson celebrated in retirement

BY ALLISON BROPHY CHAMPION  
CULPEPER STAR-EXPONENT

Recently retired Culpeper Police K9 Jackson on arrival bounded out of the back of a patrol car in pursuit of a bouncy red ball, with the energy of a puppy but the fierceness of a professional, at his recent retirement party at Mountain Run Lake Park.

The handsome but intimidating 10-year-old Belgian Malinois worked eight years on the local force alongside Master Police Officer David Cole, ever present and central to the dog's success. As partners, the pair located missing children and people in crisis along with assisting in hundreds of drug seizures and in one instance, apprehending a murder suspect.

Jackson, who survived heart surgery two years ago, is famous among local youth and adults for his regular demos and is clearly devoted to Cole, whose side he never left during the celebration Tuesday in a pavilion by the lake. The K9 remained in a work posture despite the play and will live out his years with Cole and wife Julia Cole, also a Culpeper Police Officer.

K9 Juno will succeed him on the job, alongside Julia Cole, and hopefully be a pal at home—although she said Jackson is none too excited about becoming a big brother.

"Jackson can never be replaced," said Major Chris Settle at the event, attended by around 50 people from local law enforcement, the legal system, government and wider community.

"Retiring a brother in blue," said retired detective Richard Brooking.

"One of our most important



Culpeper Police officers David and Julia Cole tend to K9 Jackson during the police dog's retirement party Tuesday at Mountain Run Lake Park. The 10-year-old Belgian Malinois served for eight years.

officers is retiring," remarked Vice Mayor Billy Yowell. "It's fitting to have a ceremony for him for the work and service he has given to the community."

Added Councilwoman Meaghan Taylor, "His success really is remarkable."

Chris Aycock, a top K9 trainer and president of the American Society of K9 Trainers

International, has worked with the Culpeper PD since the early 2000s on its dog certification and training programs. He has personally worked with Master Police Officer Cole for his entire partnership with Jackson.

"Culpeper Police Department has had some really good dog teams," Aycock said. "This is the best."

From a training perspective, Cole is "basically our local group welcoming committee for anyone who comes in out from out of state," Aycock said. Cole and Jackson's numbers for tracking suspects were "off the charts," he added.

Master Officer Cole "is like See K9, Page A6

Va. is due for hurricane rain, wind remnants

BY JOHN BOYER  
RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH

Virginia's outlook for this weekend remains unchanged despite Laura's last-minute intensification to a Category 4 hurricane bearing down on the Texas-Louisiana border tonight.

Laura's winds will be vastly weaker by the time it crosses the state from west to east on Saturday and Saturday night, as the system also merges with a cold front sweeping in from the Great Lakes.

The National Hurricane Center forecast expects Laura to be a tropical depression with winds near 30 mph by that time. But that could still cause some trees to fall in wet soil, especially in the higher elevations. In a high-end scenario some gusts may top 45 mph in a few locales, but it's unlikely that it would be that strong in widespread or sustained fashion.

The main concern in the potential for brief but heavy rainfall that could trigger more flash flooding in areas already soaked from this month's downpours.

Generally, totals are trending toward around 1 inch across Virginia, with locally higher amounts exceeding 3 inches. Areas along and west of the Blue Ridge Mountains could end up with the heaviest rain. Most of it would fall in the second half of Saturday or early Sunday morning. Fortunately, what's left of Laura will be moving quickly back out to sea, and rain would last for 6 hours or less in most areas.

A few tornadoes are also possible in the rain bands on Saturday afternoon and evening. As with the heavier rain totals and flash flooding, the exact timing and location of any tornado threats won't come into view until the system arrives on Saturday.

Sunday will be the driest and most comfortable day of the weekend in the wake of the cold front, but some breezy conditions could linger toward the Chesapeake Bay as the tropical remnants race out to sea.

Richmond federal court rules again that restroom policies segregating transgender students are unconstitutional

BY SABRINA MORENO  
RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH

The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled on Wednesday that bathroom policies segregating trans students from their peers are unconstitutional—a win for transgender students like Gavin Grimm, who fought a five-year-long battle against a Gloucester County School Board policy that refused him the right to use the boys restroom at Gloucester County High School as a transgender man.

Grimm, a client of the American Civil Liberties Union, sued, citing a violation of equal protection and Title IX, which protects individuals from sex discrimination.

His case—a flashpoint for LGBTQ rights in education—reached the Supreme Court in 2017 but was sent back to the Fourth Circuit after the Trump administration rescinded Department of Education protections for trans students under Title IX, a federal civil rights law that protects individuals from sex discrimination.

On Wednesday, the court ruled that Title IX also applies to trans students and the school board's policy was unconstitutional, upholding its 2016 decision that also ruled in favor of Grimm.



Gavin Grimm.

"We are left without doubt that the Board acted to protect cisgender boys from Gavin's mere presence—a special kind of discrimination against a child that he will no doubt carry with him for life," wrote U.S. Circuit Judge Henry Floyd in the majority opinion.

Floyd added that the Board pushed forward prejudiced policies—without consulting medical professionals—even as schools across Virginia and the country implemented trans-inclusive bathrooms.

"How shallow a promise of equal protection that would not protect Grimm from the fantastical fears and unfounded prejudices of his adult community," continued Floyd.

U.S. Circuit Judge Paul Nie-

meyer wrote in the dissenting opinion that the Board's actions were justified since the law does not require high schools to do more than provide unisex restrooms for any student to use and the "mere presence" of Grimm would give way to an invasion of privacy.

The Board did not identify instances in which this occurred, according to the lawsuit.

In a statement Wednesday, the School Board—which adopted the policy Grimm sued against in 2015—said it has no comment and is reviewing the decision.

The policy stated students See TRANSGENDER, Page A6

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Jesus Christ Superstar

**SHOW 8:35 a.m.**  
This iconic rock-opera by Andrew Lloyd Webber portrays, through unforgettable musical numbers, the final seven days Jesus Christ lived on Earth, as re-enacted by a group of performers in Israel. Ted Neeley, Carl Anderson and Yvonne Elliman star.

The Price Is Right

**WTVR WUSA 11:00 a.m.**  
Comedian Drew Carey serves as host of this edition of the popular daytime TV game show. A fan favorite in the game show realm, the series features contestants competing to win cash and prizes by accurately guessing the price of a variety of products.



Holey Moley

**WJLA WRIC 8:00 p.m.**  
Rob Riggle and Joe Tessitore provide commentary as mini-golf masters put their skills to the test on an epic obstacle course with a \$25,000 prize on the line in this series' second season. Jeannie Mai serves as the show's sideline reporter.

Shaft

**HBO 9:00 p.m.**  
Shaft's (Samuel L. Jackson) son JJ (Jessie T. Usher) seeks out his estranged father after 25 years in order to get help in tracking down his friend's murderer. The father-son duo clashes over old- vs. new-school techniques and ideals.

**Drew Carey hosts "The Price Is Right"**

THURSDAY EVENING					A = Channel B = Comcast (Culpeper) C = Comcast (Fauquier) D = Comcast (Madison) E = Comcast (Orange)					AUGUST 27, 2020					
A	B	C	D	E	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	
WRC ④	4	4	-	13	News4 at 6:00 p.m. (N) 'TVG'	FOX 5 News (N) 'TVG'	NBC News (N) 'TVG'	Access H. (N) 'TVPG'	The Wall "Janeris and Jesenia" 'TVPG'		Law&O: SVU "Dance, Lies and Videotape" 'TV14'		2020Republican Live		
WTTG ⑤	5	5	-	18	FOX 5 News (N) 'TVG'	FOX5 News at 6:30 (N) 'TVG'	MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Washington Nationals Site: Nationals Park -- Washington, D.C. Live 'TVG'						FOX 5 News at 10:00 p.m. (N) 'TVG'		
WTVR ⑥	195	-	195	-	News at 6 (N) 'TVG'	News (N) 'TVG'	News (N) 'TVG'	Access H. (N) 'TVPG'	Big Brother (N) 'TV14'		Love Island (N) 'TV14'		Republican Convention Live 'TVPG'		
WJLA ⑦	7	7	-	-	ABC News (N) 'TVG'	News (N) 'TVPG'	Wheel 'TVPG'	Jeopardy! 'TVG'	Holey Moley "Love at First Stroke" 'TVPG'		To Tell the Truth 'TVPG'		Republican Convention Live 'TVPG'		
WRIC ⑧	-	-	193	-	News (N) 'TVG'	News (N) 'TVPG'	Wheel 'TVPG'	Jeopardy! 'TVG'	Holey Moley "Love at First Stroke" 'TVPG'		To Tell the Truth 'TVPG'		Republican Convention Live 'TVPG'		
WUSA ⑨	9	9	-	-	News (N) 'TVG'	News (N) 'TVG'	B. Johnson 'TVPG'	ET 'TVPG'	Big Brother (N) 'TV14'		Love Island (N) 'TV14'		Republican Convention Live 'TVPG'		
WWBT ⑫	-	-	194	12	News (N) 'TVG'	NBC News (N) 'TVG'	ET 'TVPG'	Inside Ed. (N) 'TVPG'	The Wall "Janeris and Jesenia" 'TVPG'		Law&O: SVU "Dance, Lies and Videotape" 'TV14'		2020Republican Live		
WDCA ⑳	13	11	-	-	Family Feud 'TVPG'	25 Words or TVPG'	Family Feud 'TVPG'	Family Feud 'TVPG'	Fox 5 News (N) 'TVPG'	Family Feud (N) 'TVPG'	Fox 5 News (N) 'TVPG'	Extra (N) 'TVPG'	The Big Bang 'TV14'	The Big Bang 'TVPG'	
WETA ㉔	99	10	-	-	BBC OS 'TVPG'	News 'TVPG'	PBS NewsHour (N) 'TVG'		PBS Convention Coverage "Republican National Convention" Judy Woodruff anchors live coverage of the 2020 Republican National Convention. Live 'TVG'						
WVIR ㉑	194	-	4	4	News (N) 'TVG'	NBC News (N) 'TVG'	Wheel 'TVPG'	Jeopardy! 'TVG'	The Wall "Janeris and Jesenia" 'TVPG'		Law&O: SVU "Dance, Lies and Videotape" 'TV14'		2020Republican Live		
WRLH ㉓	-	-	-	14	Family Feud 'TVPG'	Family Feud 'TVPG'	MLB Baseball Live 'TVG'							Fox News at 10:00 p.m. (N) 'TVG'	
WVPT ㉔	11	-	11	11	News 'TVPG'	BBC OS 'TVPG'	PBS NewsHour (N) 'TVG'		PBS Convention Coverage "Republican National Convention" Judy Woodruff anchors live coverage of the 2020 Republican National Convention. Live 'TVG'						
WPXW ㉒	12	18	-	-	Chicago P.D. "Ties That Bind" 'TV14'	"Ties That Bind" 'TV14'	Chicago P.D. "Good Men" 'TV14'		Chicago P.D. "The Forgotten" 'TV14'		Chicago P.D. "Pain Killer" 'TV14'		Chicago P.D. "This City" 'TV14'		
TBS	24	56	34	34	Family Guy 'TV14'	Family Guy 'TV14'	The Big Bang 'TVPG'	The Big Bang 'TVPG'	The Big Bang 'TVPG'	The Big Bang 'TVPG'	The Big Bang 'TVPG'	The Big Bang 'TV14'	Lost Resort "An Unwanted Surprise" (N) 'TVG'		
CSN	25	33	37	37	(4:00) To Be Announced	To Be Announced			To Be Announced				Training Camp 'TVG'	Training Camp 'TVG'	
ESPN	26	31	35	35	(4:00) Basketball	NBA Basketball Playoffs Live 'TVG'						NBA Basketball Playoffs Live 'TVG'			
PARMT	31	45	41	41	Two and a Half 'TV14'	Two and a Half 'TV14'	Two and a Half 'TV14'	Two and a Half 'TV14'	"Rocky" ★★★ ('76) Burt Young, Sylvester Stallone. A promising young boxer from the slums gets his chance for fame and self-respect. 'TVPG'						
TNT	34	52	40	40	(5:00) "Ready Player One" ★★ ('18) A video game creator issues a challenge to its players. 'TVPG'				All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) 'TV14'						"Ready Player One" ★★ ('18) 'TVPG'
SYFY	33	64	56	56	(5:05) "Lake Placid 2" ★ ('07) 'TV14'	(:05) "Lake Placid" ★★ terrorizes a small Maine town. 'TVMA'			(99) A gigantic crocodile terrorizes a small Maine town. 'TVMA'		"Men in Black 3" ★★ ('12) Will Smith. Agent J travels back in time to save Agent K's life. 'TV14'				
USA	35	50	28	28	(4:30) "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" ★★★★★ ('01) 'TVPG'				Canon "Canonballed" (N) 'TVPG'		Chrisley (N) 'TV14'	Chrisley 'TV14'	Chrisley 'TV14'	Chrisley 'TV14'	
COMEDY	36	63	62	62	The Office 'TV14'	The Office 'TV14'	The Daily Show 'TV14'	(:45) Office 'TV14'	(:20) The Office 'TV14'		(:55) Office 'TV14'	The Office 'TV14'	The Office 'TV14'	The Office 'TV14'	
A&E	38	39	29	29	The First 48 "Missing" 'TV14'	The First 48 "Secrets and Lies" 'TV14'			The First 48 "Fatal Mistake" 'TV14'		The First 48 "Skipping School/ Gamer" (N) 'TV14'	Court Cam 'TV14'	Court Cam 'TV14'	Court Cam 'TV14'	
AMC	39	71	55	55	(5:00) "Goodfellas" ★★ ('90) Joe Pesci, Ray Liotta. A man testifies against the mob. 'TVMA'				"Jurassic Park" ★★ ('93) Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum, Sam Neill. Genetically re-created dinosaurs break out of captivity and wreak havoc in a theme park. 'TV14'						
LIFE	40	40	30	30	Wife Swap "Costel Ives" 'TVPG'	Married at First Sight: Couples' Cam	Married at First Sight: Couples' Cam	Married at First Sight: Couples' Cam (N)	Married at First Sight: Couples' Cam (N)	Married at First Sight: Couples' Cam (N)	Married at First Sight (N) 'TV14'	(:05) Married at First Sight (N) 'TV14'	(:05) Married at First Sight (N) 'TV14'		
CNBC	41	44	21	21	Mad Money 'TVPG'	Shark Tank 'TVPG'	Shark Tank 'TVPG'	Shark Tank 'TVPG'	Shark Tank 'TVPG'	Shark Tank 'TVPG'	Shark Tank 'TVPG'	Shark Tank 'TVPG'	Shark Tank 'TVPG'		
CNN	43	42	24	24	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer 'TVG'	OutFront 'TVG'			America's Choice2020	America's Choice2020	2020 "Night 4" Live coverage of the Republican National Convention from Charlotte, North Carolina. (N)				
FNC	44	53	26	26	Special Report With Bret Baier 'TVG'	The Story 'TVG'			Tucker Carlson Tonight 'TVG'		Hannity 'TVPG'		The Ingraham Angle		
NICK	45	36	45	45	Casagrandes 'TVY7'	Loud House 'TVY7'	SpongeBob 'TVY7'	SpongeBob 'TVY7'	"Tooth Fairy" ★★ ('10) A hockey player is sentenced to be the Tooth Fairy after he steals a dollar from a child. 'TVPG'			Friends 'TVPG'			
Freeform	46	35	42	42	"The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1" ★★ ('11) 'TV14'				"The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2" ★★ ('12) 'TV14'						
DISN	47	68	43	43	(:05) Jessie 'TVG'	(:35) Raven 'TVG'	(:05) Raven 'TVG'	(:35) Bunk'd 'TVG'	Bunk'd 'TVG'	:25 Raven/:50 Raven	(:15) Raven 'TVG'	(:40) Bunk'd 'TVG'	(:05) Bunk'd 'TVG'	Gabby Duran 'TVG'	
DISC	48	38	47	47	Homestead Rescue 'TVPG'	Homestead Rescue 'TVPG'	Homestead Rescue 'TVPG'	Homestead Rescue 'TVPG'	Homestead Rescue 'TV14'		Homestead Rescue 'TV14'	Homestead Rescue 'TV14'	Homestead Rescue 'TVPG'		
FOOD	50	72	60	60	Beat Bobby Play 'TVG'	Beat Bobby Play 'TVG'	Beat Bobby Play 'TVG'	Beat Bobby Play 'TVG'	Beat Bobby Play 'TVG'	Beat Bobby Play 'TVG'	Restaurant: Impossible "Still Losing Money in Ohio" (N) 'TVG'		Beat Bobby Play 'TVG'		
CMT	55	46	65	65	Last Man St. 'TVPG'	Last Man St. 'TVPG'	Last Man St. 'TVPG'	Last Man St. 'TVPG'	"Cheaper by the Dozen 2" ★★ ('05) The Baker family competes with a rival family of eight while on Christmas vacation. 'TVPG'			"Big" ★★ ('88)			
TLC	58	37	48	48	Dr. Pimple "Pop Ups: Nose No Bounds" 'TV14'	Dr. Pimple Popper 'TV14'	Dr. Pimple Popper 'TV14'	Dr. Pimple "Pop Ups: An American Tail" 'TV14'	Dr. Pimple "Pop Ups: An American Tail" 'TV14'	Dr. Pimple "Pop Ups: An American Tail" 'TV14'	Dr. Pimple "Pop Ups: Dr. Pimple Popper" (N) 'TV14'	Pimple "Where Are They Now: Taylore" (N) 'TV14'	Pimple "Where Are They Now: Taylore" (N) 'TV14'		
APL	61	60	46	46	Deadliest Catch "Baptism by Fire" (N) 'TV14'	Deadliest C. "Supermoon Storm" (N) 'TV14'	Deadliest C. "Supermoon Storm" (N) 'TV14'	Deadly Catch "Greenhorn Overboard" (N) 'TV14'	Deadly Catch "Greenhorn Overboard" (N) 'TV14'	Deadly Catch "Greenhorn Overboard" (N) 'TV14'	Deadliest Catch "Turf Wars" (N) 'TV14'	Deadliest Catch "Turf Wars" (N) 'TV14'	Deadliest Catch "No Safe Harbor" (N) 'TV14'		
MTV	63	48	63	63	Jersey Shore: Family Vacation 'TV14'	Jersey Shore: Family Vacation 'TV14'	Jersey Shore: Family Vacation 'TV14'	Jersey Shore: Family Vacation 'TV14'	Jersey Shore: Family Vacation 'TV14'	Jersey Shore: Family Vacation 'TV14'	Busch 'TV14'	Busch 'TV14'	(:05) Ridiculu. 'TV14'	(:35) Ridiculu. 'TV14'	
BET	70	49	32	32	"To Be Announced"						"To Be Announced"				
ESPN	723	-	-	-	MLB Baseball Classics Game 6 N.Y. Mets vs Houston 'TVG'			MLB Baseball Classics 1987 World Series Game 7 St. Louis Cardinals vs. Minnesota Twins 'TVG'			MLB Baseball Classics 1987 World Series Game 7 St. Louis Cardinals vs. Minnesota Twins 'TVG'				
WGN	-	-	-	-	Blue Bloods "Town Without Pity" 'TV14'	Met Mother 'TV14'	Met Mother 'TV14'	Met Mother 'TV14'	Met Mother 'TV14'	Met Mother 'TV14'	Met Mother 'TV14'	Met Mother 'TV14'	Met Mother 'TV14'	Met Mother 'TV14'	
HBO	301	201	-	201	(5:10) "Jojo Rabbit" ★★ ('19) 'TV14'	The Vow "The Science of Joy" 'TVMA'	Real Sports With Bryant Gumbel 'TVG'		"Shaft" ★★ (2019, Action) Jessie T. Usher, Richard Roundtree, Samuel L. Jackson. A cybersecurity expert investigates his friend's suspicious death. 'TVMA'						
MAX	320	266	-	266	(:15) "All Is Lost" ★★★★★ (2013, Adventure) Robert Redford. A sailor fights desperately for survival after crashing into a shipping container at sea. 'TV14'				"The Thing" ★★★★★ ('11) 'TV14'			(:45) "Saw" ★★ ('04) TVMA'			
SHOW	340	221	-	221	(5:50) "Amy" ★★★★★ (2015, Documentary) Amy Winehouse. Previously unseen footage shines a light on the life of superstar Amy Winehouse. 'TVMA'				Shameless "A Bottle of Jean Nate" 'TVMA'		Becoming God Florida "Go Getters Gonna Go Getcha" 'TVMA'		We Hunt Together 'TVMA'		
STZ ENC	150	248	150	248	(5:40) "Half Baked" ★★ ('98) TVMA'	(:05) "Welcome Home, Roscoe Jenkins" ★★ ('08) An L.A. talk show host heads back home to the Deep South to reunite with his family. 'TV14'					"Think Like a Man" ★★ ('12) Gabrielle Union, Chris Brown. Four men learn that their women are getting their relationship advice from Steve Harvey. 'TVPG'				
TMC	350	231	-	231	(4:45) "Dressed to Kill" ('80)	"Apollo 18" ('11) Footage of NASA's secret Apollo 18 mission; shows why the U.S. abandoned moon missions. 'TV14'			"Silverado" ★★ ('85) Kevin Costner, Scott Glenn, Kevin Kline. Four drifters reluctantly unite to stop the injustices of a crooked New Mexican sheriff. 'TVPG'		"Mr. Brooks" ★★ ('07) TVMA'				

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Medic mom cares for community and her kids

BY ALLISON BROPHY CHAMPION  
CULPEPER STAR-EXPONENT

Culpeper County medic and firefighter Wendy Lillie pursued a career in lifesaving after enduring a very complicated pregnancy with her middle child more than 20 years ago. It was the beginning of a lifetime of courage and loving care both at home and in the public.

"I first wanted to become a nurse because I had a doctor who was really good and I felt like I was grasping the medical stuff pretty quickly," said the 46-year-old mom of three and grandmother of one.

But when Lillie took a ride along in an ambulance, she changed course, pursuing instead a emergency medical technician EMT certification through Northern Virginia Community College. She started volunteering right away in Prince William County and earned firefighter credentials, and now is also an instructor.

Lillie's contributions continue in her personal life as well.

Her two sons—12-year-old Aaron and 23-year-old See MEDIC, Page A4



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Culpeper County medic Wendy Lillie (right) holds her granddaughter, Maddison. At left are Lillie's children, Brennan, in the wheelchair, Aaron and daughter, Aspen.

Culpeper's Hispanic population has been hit hard by COVID-19

'People are dying... We shop at the same places'

BY ALLISON BROPHY CHAMPION  
CULPEPER STAR-EXPONENT

COVID-19 is excessively impacting the Hispanic community in Culpeper County, including many people deemed "essential" greenhouse, farm and nursery workers.

Advocates say economic necessity and fear as well as lack of testing and access to healthcare is driving the rise in serious, and sometimes, deadly cases among local Spanish speakers.

"We need tests and we need to give priority to these essential workers and it needs to be done now—it cannot wait another week," said 20-year Culpeper resident, Yanet Garcia, who is Latina, a U.S. citizen, a small businesswoman and an activist for the local Hispanic community.

"Government officials need to take charge ... there is no action at the end of the meeting and no plan. I've been on those calls for the past three weeks, and still no action," she said, referring to public-accessible



JOE MAHONEY/TIMES-DISPATCH

A medic trains the Va. National Guard in COVID-19 testing. More testing is needed in Culpeper, officials say.

town and county meetings she has been observing virtually and watching on Culpeper Media Network.

She said two Hispanic men living in Culpeper, including a construction worker in his 40s and a nursery worker in his 70s, have died from the novel coronavirus in the past several weeks. The illness, according to Garcia, has sickened dozens of local Latino people and quarantined another 250 family members or close associates.

Most recently, a Hispanic mother and Culpeper greenhouse worker in her 30s, very sick in the hospital as of Friday morning, had died by Friday afternoon, Garcia said.

On Saturday morning, the Virginia Dept. of See HISPANIC, Page A5

Pilots rev up for Culpeper flyover



KIM ATKINS FOR STAR-EXPONENT

In America and Europe, millions rejoiced on May 8, 1945, when the Allies declared they had vanquished Nazi Germany's military.

In Culpeper County on Friday, hundreds waved as fliers swept across the skies to salute the heroism of those who served in World War II and are now serving on the front lines of the U.S. coronavirus epidemic. The occasion was the 75th anniversary of

WWII's Victory in Europe Day.

In tight formation, a dozen historic aircraft flew from Culpeper Regional Airport over downtown, Culpeper National Cemetery and Culpeper Medical Center before returning to the airfield. Most of their pilots were from the Culpeper and D.C. areas, but some came from greater Richmond, even Atlanta. See Tuesday's Star-Exponent for the full story, and more photos.

A look back at May 1864: Culpeper 'trodden with war'

BY CLARK B. HALL

Departing Culpeper County with the Union army on May 4, 1864, nurse Cornelia Hancock remarked, "What magnificent residences will rear their heads in these hills after the sounds of war cease!"

Her forward-looking optimism likely wasn't shared by local residents. No county in the country suffered more devastation from the American Civil War than Culpeper.

Seven months earlier, when the Confederacy's Army of Northern Virginia withdrew into Culpeper, Gen. Robert E. Lee observed its people's desperate, starving plight.



CLARK HALL

On Nov. 6, Lee wrote Virginia's governor, saying, "I find there is great suffering among the people ... for want of the necessities of life."

"The farms and gardens have been robbed, stock and hogs killed, and these outrages committed, I am sorry to say by our own army ... as well as the Federals," he added.

Lee asked the governor to "forward such supplies of flour and meat as can be obtained to Culpeper Court House."

Union forces defeated Lee and his army at Rappahannock Station on Nov. 7, 1863, and the Confederates withdrew south across the Rapi-

dan on Nov. 8. Following closely, the Union's Army of the Potomac, about 100,000 soldiers, advanced across the Rappahannock River.

For the next six months, the "heel of the invader" obliterated much of that which remained of Culpeper County, Virginia.

After three years of all-out conflict, Culpeper's population dropped to fewer than 10,000 people in late 1863, with those remaining about evenly divided between black and white inhabitants.

Consider, please: There are today about 52,000 inhabitants of Culpeper County. The reader is urged to gauge how he or she might react if more than 100,000 soldiers (with guns) showed up at sunrise tomorrow and

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Medic

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Brennan—were born with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, an inherited disorder of progressive muscular weakness, typically in boys. She also has a 25-year-daughter, Aspen, and a 5-year-old granddaughter, Maddison.

As a mom of children with special needs, she is used to being an advocate for them. It's a trait Lillie carried into her career.

"I don't care where my patients come from. [They may be] homeless, or I have treated senators in my lifetime," she said. "Anybody can be in the back of that bus—that's what we call the ambulance—getting treated at any time and they get the same treatment."

A medic with Culpeper County Emergency Services for more than four years, Lillie works a 24-hour shift, followed by two days off, then another 24-hour shift and four days off.

"Riding on the medic unit we are helping patients, doing all kinds of things: cardiac monitoring, putting IVs in, giving them medicine—basically saving people's lives or keeping them from getting to the brink where they don't die," she said. "It's really important to me that my patients get the best care when they are with me and when they get to hospital."

Lillie paces herself working 24 hours at a time by taking breaks when she can to eat, rest her mind, recover from the last call. Crews are also responsible for keeping the station and ambulances clean. There

are sleeping quarters at night when no calls are received.

"We get woken up by tones," Lillie said. "I describe it as a big loud alarm clock that makes a big noise and the lights come as well. You get used to it."

She is also a member of Volunteer Fire & Rescue at Lake of the Woods, where she lives, and on her days off, she's a full-time mom. Lillie spends her downtime taking her boys to appointments or picking up medicine, fixing meals and taking care of their basic needs.

"My son can't pick up his hand to brush his teeth so I do it for him," she said. "In between, we try to make it as normal as possible. If my kids do something bad, they get punished. They don't get a break just because they have a disability."

A morning caregiver provides help around the house as well as her husband, also a fire & rescue volunteer. He works in hospital transport, but is currently furloughed.

Experience, compassion

Prior to working with Culpeper County Emergency Services, Lillie spent 15 years as an EMT in private transport for a physician's office. In that capacity, she transferred patients from nursing homes to hospitals.

"For the last year, I transported a lot of patients on ventilators, so got pretty well-versed in how to operate them," Lillie said. The skill has served her well during the current COVID-19 pandemic in which critical patients often require ventilator support.



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Culpeper County EMS staff with their families (from left) are: P. Read- FF/Medic, M. Jacobs- FF/Medic, J. Williams- FF/EMT-Basic., W. Lillie- FF/Medic and S. Imel- Lieutenant.

HOMETOWN PROFILES SERIES

The Star-Exponent "Hometown Profiles" series seeks to identify those in our community who are making a difference in this tough and unusual time—whether medical staff or grocery store stockers, delivery people or business owners—all those going out of their way to provide a unique service or do something out of the ordinary to help others.

Features will appear about these community heroes on Sundays through June 14, when a special section will recognize additional individuals and businesses.

If you wish to nominate someone, entries may be submitted by email to [news@starexponent.com](mailto:news@starexponent.com). The name, locality and phone number of the person submitting the nomination must be included, as well as name and contact information for the person being nominated.

The local medic said she treats patients with COVID-19 symptoms like any other, except that she's in full medical gear.

"I am not scared. I want to help them. I feel bad for them. They have this illness and they don't know what to expect. It can be mild symptoms or they can be admitted to the ICU. Just being compassionate with people," Lillie said.

The local EMT asked readers to continue to social distance, wear masks in public and keep hand sanitizer in their car for immediate hand washing after being out, to help stem spread of the deadly

disease.

Lillie said her sons may eventually require ventilator support as the muscular dystrophy impacts their breathing, due to weakening of muscles. Brennan is supposed to be on a ventilator by now, she said, but he's still breathing on his own, beating the odds. Again, Lillie played a part in that.

"Because of my medical background, I am able to stay up on the latest technology and the new things that come out," she said.

Learning how to home school Aaron, a student and band member at Locust Grove Middle School until it closed two months

ago, has been a challenge, Lillie said, similar to that faced by many parents at the moment.

She admitted she doesn't know how to instruct him on playing his clarinet.

"I'm not the band teacher—I don't know if he's off key!" she said.

As for her job and the difficult calls, Lillie said she's able to let go of it after her work is done. She unwinds at home by running, fishing and weight lifting. She also likes crafting and spending time with her dad and 25-year-old daughter and granddaughter, who all live at Lake of the Woods.

Lillie will spend Mother's Day with them. "My daughter has a surprise for me," she said.

Lillie said she loves her job and she would do it all over again, "because I love people."

Primary mission: protecting citizens

Culpeper County for many years operated under a strictly volunteer fire and rescue response system, a time-honored tradition that continues today. In 1999, the county added full-time EMS supplemental staff in response to growth in population and E911 calls.

To start, a few full-time firefighters and EMTs were hired, working out of volunteer stations in the early morning hours until night to provide coverage for the county when volunteers were at their day jobs, according to information provided by Tonya Hooser, administrative manager and deputy emergency services coordinator with Culpeper County EMS.

As time passed, more

career staff were added to guarantee immediate response for emergency calls. The Office of Emergency Services now supports 24/7 coverage by highly trained and experienced staff members working with volunteer stations to ensure around-the-clock support for the public.

EMS Director Bill Ooten also serves as Emergency Management Coordinator for the county, responsible for the planning, coordination and updating of the all-hazards Culpeper County Emergency Operations Plan. The plan activates support functions for various emergency scenarios impacting the community, including the current COVID-19 crisis.

Culpeper County EMS has been assisting in various ways since including fit testing and provision of PPE to multiple volunteer agencies and nursing home staff.

The department conducts weekly decontamination of first responder stations, including for the Culpeper Police Department and Sheriff's Office.

"Our primary mission has always been and will continue to be to protect and support the citizens of Culpeper County," Ooten said in a statement.

"This health crisis has presented many challenges that both we and our partners have never experienced before," he added. "As such, it has never been as important as it is now, for us to work together. Although it has been very taxing at times, I am pleased with the effort put forth by everyone involved."

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Local auto showroom to host its first blood drive

Social distancing not a problem here, with new Red Cross setup

BY EMILY JENNINGS  
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Battlefield Automotive of Culpeper will be hosting a blood drive this Thursday and Friday, May 14 and 15.

"We were looking for ways we could help the community during this challenging time," said Gary Fay, the dealership's owner and founder in an interview on Friday. "When I heard they needed a place with a lot of open space for a blood drive, I thought, this is perfect."

Fay said they've been renovating a building destined to become the showroom for a used car lot as part of his auto sales empire at 10411 James Monroe Highway, the furthest south showroom of several along Route 29 driving south after the Madison Road exit.

"I called up the Red Cross and they came and looked at it immediately," Fay said. "She said it was just what they needed."

When the May 14 blood drive was advertised on the Red Cross website, every donation appointment from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. was booked almost immediately, so they added a second day on Friday, May 15, for the same time-frame.

Those who wish to donate may schedule their appointment on the Red Cross website, or by calling Battlefield Executive Assistant Rachael Biche at 540/547-3673, ext. 302.



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Battlefield Automotive owner Gary Fay stands in a new auto showroom that will provide space for a blood drive.

Jonathan McNamara, regional communications director for the American Red Cross said with hospitals resuming non-COVID-related medical procedures and their associated lab work, the Red Cross is responding accordingly. The demand for blood will increase as medical facilities continue to return to normal.

"We're keeping in close contact with hospitals and medical facilities across the state," McNamara said in a phone interview. "We've begun to increase the number of our drives and are on the lookout for new places to host them that can comply with our need to spread out and provide ample social distancing for those who donate."

McNamara said the Red Cross is also accepting convalescent plasma donations.

"We're seeking people to donate who have had the virus," he said. "And we have an antibody screening process for those who believe they had the virus, but were never actually tested for it. If they qualify, they can give too."

McNamara said plasma donations require a separate process and are not conducted at a regular blood drive like the one at Battlefield Auto this week.

"If you believe you qualify you can call our hotline or learn more at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org)," he said. The hotline number is 434/979-7143.

Fay said he started his business in 2000 on a five-acre lot. In September he will celebrate 20 years in business with several dealerships on 22 acres.

"The Culpeper community has been good to us," Fay said. "We want to give back, and maybe be an example for other businesses to do the same."

Battlefield has used its social media influence during the pandemic to promote local restaurants, sharing information about meal specials, delivery and pickup.

"We've been buying take-out from local restaurants and bringing it back for all the employees at the dealerships," Fay said. "We try a different place everytime."

On Thursday and Friday during the blood drive, food trucks will be on hand for visitors to rejuvenate after losing so much vital fluid—Two Smooth Dudes Gourmet Tater Tots, and Burman's BBQ, as well as a shaved ice truck.

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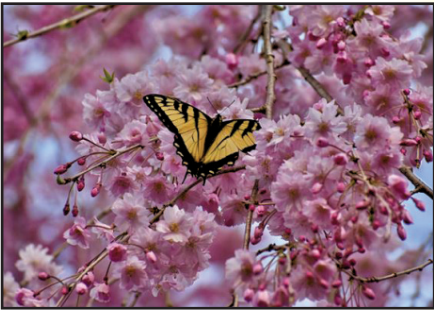
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Culpeper County develops coronavirus emergency response plan

BY ALLISON BROPHY CHAMPION  
CULPEPER STAR-EXPONENT

Don't panic. That is the latest message from Culpeper County government and emergency management officials as presumptive cases of coronavirus—COVID-19—continue to increase on an hourly basis in Virginia, the U.S. and around the world.

"Absolutely," Culpeper County Emergency Services Director Bill Ooten said Tuesday when asked if his office is prepared to respond to a potential surfacing of the illness here. "We've been working on this for quite a while."

"Please tell people don't panic," he added. "We want them to stay informed, we want them to be educated, we want them to ask questions. We're here to guide them through this and give them the latest information we can. We don't want them to every time somebody gets a fever or coughs to jump down this rabbit hole of COVID-19."

**Emergency response plan**

In the local EOC control center on Tuesday afternoon, various TV screens broadcast the latest news of the virus while another screen showed the interactive map recently developed by Johns Hopkins University showing cases worldwide. On the large conference table were various documents from the Virginia Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control & Prevention outlining the latest about the illness that apparently originated in a Chinese fish market.

Ooten and his two deputy coordinators, Captain Thomas Dawson and See **PLAN**, Page A4

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**Culpeper County Emergency Services Director Bill Ooten talks about the county's response plan to coronavirus during a briefing Tuesday in the emergency operations center.**

Blue Ridge a scenic backdrop to horse races



Eddie Keating (right), riding steeplechase thoroughbred steed Highway Prince, leads the field during the opening race of the day at Saturday's Rappahannock Point-to-Point Races at The Hill farm. Keating went on to win the race by a head.

Steeplechase returns to Culpeper farm after 12-year absence

BY VINCENT VALA  
FOR THE CULPEPER STAR-EXPONENT

After a 12-year absence, the Rappahannock Hunt's point-to-point races made an impressive return to the Northern Piedmont area Saturday afternoon.

Held on a farm of more than 800 acres off Durant's curve on Sperryville Pike, the rolling hills of the western Culpeper Country countryside and the view of the Blue Ridge Mountains provided a scenic backdrop for a series of races intended for thoroughbred hunting horses.

The farm, known as "The Hill," belongs to Culpeper resident Larry Levy. It was Levy who approached the Rappahannock Hunt to see if the point-to-point races, which had been discontinued 12 years ago, could be revived.

"This used to be done in See **HORSES**, Page A6

New cases of coronavirus confirmed in Virginia

At least 8 people have tested positive

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND—At least eight people have tested positive for the new coronavirus in Virginia, according to announcements Tuesday from state health officials.

The latest cases confirmed by the state Department of Health were a resident of Loudoun County in northern Virginia and two residents of Virginia Beach, for the first diagnoses in the Hampton Roads region.

The Loudoun County individual is a person in their 40s who is believed to have come in contact with a person infected with COVID-19 while attending Christ Church in the Georgetown neighborhood of Washington, D.C., according to the local health department.

The rector of that church, the Rev. Timothy Cole, announced Sunday that he was the District's first confirmed case. Hundreds of people who See **VIRUS**, Page A1



**VCU HEALTH HALTS TACTICS**  
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Spotsy resident tests presumptive positive for COVID-19

CULPEPER STAR-EXPONENT  
STAFF REPORT

A Spotsylvania County resident has tested "presumptive positive" for coronavirus, the Virginia Department of Health announced late Monday.

The health department also reported another positive case on Monday—the spouse of a previously identified person from Fairfax County. With the two new cases, which are not related, there are a total of five presumptive positive cases in Virginia.

"The Virginia Department of Health, hospitals, and health care providers statewide continue to work with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to identify COVID-19 cases in the Commonwealth," said State Health Commissioner, M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA in a statement. "Through a strategic, coordinated, statewide response, the Commonwealth is well-prepared to respond to positive COVID-19 cases as they occur."

The Spotsylvania County who tested positive for the infectious virus is in their 50s, according to VDH. The individual developed fever, cough, shortness of breath, and subsequently sought medical attention.

The case was brought to the attention of the Rappahannock Area Health District, and testing for the novel coronavirus was done by the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services in Richmond. The positive test result came back Monday afternoon. The positive test result is considered a presumptive positive, pending confirmatory testing by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. The patient is currently under medical care and stable, according to the physician providing care.

"We are working closely with our health care partners and the state to monitor the patient and identify and work with their close contacts," said Rappahannock Area Health Director Brooke Rossheim, MD, MPH in a prepared statement.

The city of Fairfax resident recently diagnosed was in close contact with her husband, who tested See **SPOTSY**, Page A4

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