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Virginia budget leaders look to federal aid in crisis

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

advocacy groups to use reserves to pay for new spending initiatives three years unwilling to trade cuts in after a national bond-rating existing state programs to agency put Virginia on credit restore some of the more watch for drawing down its than \$2 billion in new spend-"rainy day" fund because of ing initiatives approved in

year budget, the leaders of we will not go into the rainy coronavirus pandemic and mittees are resisting calls by Sickles, D-Fairfax, vice chairsome legislators and liberal man of the House Appropriations Committee.

Budget leaders also are a projected revenue shortfall. March, suspended in April "I think we will be relucbecause of the economic revenue shortfall in the two-tant to go into reserves and recession arising from the

the assembly's money com-day fund," said Del. Mark 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



THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020

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 sus-

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 $outh is years with Cole \, and \, wife$ 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 can Society of K9 Trainers is the best."



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.

given to the community."

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

officers is retiring," remarked International, has worked with Vice Mayor Billy Yowell. "It's fit-the Culpeper PD since the early ting to have a ceremony for him 2000s on its dog certification for the work and service he has and training programs. He has personally worked with Master Police Officer Cole for his entire partnership with Jackson.

"Culpeper Police Depart-Chris Aycock, a top K9 train- ment has had some really good er and president of the Ameridog teams," Aycock said. "This

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

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 educationreached the Supreme Court in 2017 but was Fourth Circuit after the Trump

sent back to the Gavin Grimm.

administration rescinded Department of Education protections for trans students under Title IX, a federal civil rights law that protects individuals the country implemented 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 ed prejudices of his adult com-2016 decision that also ruled in munity," continued Floyd. favor of Grimm.



in the majority opinion. Floyd added that the Board pushed forward prejudiced policies—without consulting medical professionals—even as schools across Virginia and

trans-inclusive bathrooms. "How shallow a promise of equal protection that would not protect Grimm from the fantastical fears and unfound-

U.S. Circuit Judge Paul Nie-

"We are left without doubt meyer wrote in the dissentthat the Board acted to protect ing 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 pri-

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

> 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

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.

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ean Nate" 'TVMA

"Silverado" ★★

(: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'

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MLB Baseball Classics Game 6 N.Y. Mets vs Houston

(:15) "All Is Lost" ★★★★ (2013,Adventure) Rober

"Amy" ★★★★ (2015,Documentary) Amy

Redford. A sailor fights desperately for survival after crashing into a shipping container at sea. 'TV14'

Winehouse. Previously unseen footage shines a light on the life of superstar Amy Winehouse. 'TVMA'

"Dressed to Kill" ('80) Secret Apollo 18 mission; shows why the U.S. abandoned moon missions. 'TV14'

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reator issues a challenge to its players. 'TVPG

(4:30) "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone"
★★★★ ('01) 'TVPG'

Liotta. A man testifies against the mob. 'TVMA'

The Situation Room With OutFront 'TVG'

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(5:40) "Half Baked"

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"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'

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Louis Cardinals vs. Minnesota Twins 'TVG'

"Cheaper by the Dozen 2" ★★ ('05) The Baker family competes

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Men in Black 3" ★★ ('12) Will Smith. Agent J

travels back in time to save Agent K's life. 'TV14'

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Jesus Christ Superstar

sноw 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.

WJLA WRIC 8:00 p.m. Shaft

Holey Moley

Rob Riggle and Joe Tessitore provide commentary as minigolf 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.

нво 9:00 р.т.

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"

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Transgender

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could only use bathrooms that matched their "biological gender" and the Board opted to build single-stall bathrooms as an "alternative" for individuals with "gender identity issues," according to the lawsuit.

This followed public comment that included people who referred to Grimm as a "freak" and asked "must we use tax" a student their transcripts. dollars to install fire hydrants where you can publicly relieve yourselves?"

high school at the time.

"humiliating" and took mation for not just me, but Block said.

away from his education. for trans youth around the Grimm added that no one country." had ever questioned his ruling.

no school system can deny school."

out against the policy, in a statement following for all students. saying the requirement to the verdict. "Today's deci-

In a similar 2019 case in use of the men's bathroom the Third Circuit of Apprior to the School Board's peals, located in Philadelphia, the court ruled that Even after Grimm pro- trans students were not a vided state-issued orders threat to others and forcstatinghe's a man and pro- ing them to use separate vided the documentation restrooms would "pubto the school, the board licly brand all transgender did not agree to change students with a scarlet 'T,' his school records. The and they should not have court also ruled this as to endure that as the price unconstitutional, saying of attending their public

Josh Block, a senior staff "All transgender stu- attorney with the ACLU dents should have what I LGBT & HIV Project, said was denied: the opportu- Wednesday's ruling em-He was a sophomore in nity to be seen for who we phasized the school's obliare by our schools and our gation to create a safe and Grimm's parents spoke government," Grimm said welcoming environment

"Transgender students use the nurse's office was sion is an incredible affirbelong in our schools,"

"Shaft" ★★ (2019,Action) Jessie T. Usher, Richard

Roundtree, Samuel L. Jackson. A cybersecurity expert investigates his friend's suspicious death. 'TVMA' (:45) "Saw" ★★ ('04) 'TVMA'

Brown. Four men learn that their women are getting their relationship advice from Steve Harvey. 'TVPG'

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my dog scientist," added Police Chief Chris Jenkins. "He tells me everything I need to know 100 percent."

Jenkins thanked the drug dealers of Culpeper for wholly funding its K9 program: "We feel it is very fitting for them to pay for the ones who got them where they are in the first place."

K9s are the best employee a police chief can have, said Jenkins.

"They actually come to work because they enjoy it. They don't complain and they are the hardestworking," he said. "They do it all for a toy or a reward at the end of the day."

Roscoe Ford—for whom said: "He's very excited to

the police department behere today." is named—started the the 1960s with "Bob" back when training was held down at the former power plant on West Spring Street, Jenkins said.

Jackson's replacement, Juno, is a rescue dog: "He has some big paws to fill," the police chief said.

Most people wore masks and observed distance at the get-together, including the guest of honor-an imposing creature who stayed tightly on a leash and several yards away from the pavilion and all the people.

Officially retired since August 1, Jackson rode to the party in police car for the first time in a few weeks and barked the whole time, thinking he would be called upon to sniff out The late Police Officer narcotics, Officer Julia Cole

Jackson will retain his agency's K9 program in work posture and aggressive personality in retirement, Julia Cole said, noting he is a cuddle bug at home with she and her husband, but nobody else. She opened Jackson's pile of presents at the party, including a big bag of gourmet dog food and a squeaky hippopotamus toy that caused his ears to perk up across the way.

K9 programs are like a family unit, Chief Jenkins said, in that working and living with them requires devotion from the entire family, like at the Cole homestead.

"It's every day and a big commitment to taking care of that dog-and it's a pretty good dog," he said.

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Medic mom cares for community and her kids

BY ALLISON BROPHY CHAMPION

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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-yearold Aaron and 23-year-old See **MEDIC**, Page A4



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



SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020

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 associ-

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'

army on May 4, 1864, nurse Cornelia Hancock remarked, "What magnificent residences will rear their heads in these hills after the sounds of war ceases!"

Her forwardwasn't shared by local residents. No county in the added. country suffered more devastation from the American to "forward such supplies Civil Warthan 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.

On Nov. 6, Lee wrote Vir-dan on Nov. 8. Following

necessities of life."

"The farms and gardens have been robbed, stock and hogs killed, and these outrages committed. I am sorry to

looking optimism likely say by our own army ... as well as the Federals," he

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Lee asked the governor 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-

Departing Culpeper ginia's governor, saying, "I closely, the Union's Army of County with the Union find there is great suffering the Potomac, about 100,000 among the people soldiers, advanced across ... for want of the 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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with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, an inherited disorder of progressive muscular weakness, typically in boys. She also has a 25-year-daugther, Aspen, and a 5-year-old granddaughter, Maddison.

with special needs, she is Lillie spends her downused to being an advocate time taking her boys to for them. It's a trait Lille 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 24hour 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 compassion things: cardiac monitorsaving people's lives or to the brink where they don't die," she said. "It's really important to me that my patients get the best homes to hospitals. care when they are with me and when they get to transported a lot of pa-sionate with people," Lillie hospital.'

working 24 hours at a time to operate them," Lillie readers to continue to soby taking breaks when she said. The skill has served can to eat, rest her mind, her well during the cur- in public and keep hand recover from the last call. rent COVID-19 pandemic sanitizer in their car for ambulances clean. There support.

are sleeping quarters at night when no calls are received.

"We get woken up by Brennan-were born tones," Lillie said. "Î 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 As a mom of children off, she's a full-time mom. 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,

Prior to working with ing, putting IVs in, giving Culpeper County Emerthem medicine—basically gency Services, Lillie spent 15 years as an EMT in keeping them from getting private transport for a physician's office. In that capacity, she transferred patients from nursing mild symptoms or they

tients on ventilators, so got said. Lillie paces herself pretty well-versed in how



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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. 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 disease. treats patients with COother, 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 can be admitted to the "For the last year, I ICU. Just being compas-

> The local EMT asked cial distance, wear masks stem spread of the deadly until it closed two months

Lillie said her sons may VID-19 symptoms like any eventually require ventilator support as the mustheir breathing, due to weakening of muscles. Brennan is supposed to be on a ventilator by now, she part in that.

stay up on the latest technology and the new things that come out," she said.

Crews are also responsible in which critical patients immediate hand washing and band member at Lo-services coordinator with for keeping the station and often require ventilator after being out, to help cust Grove Middle School Culpeper County EMS.

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 public. difficult calls, Lillie said she's able to let go of it after her work is done. She unwinds at home by run-Lake of the Woods.

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

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 has always been and will cular dystrophy impacts full-time EMS supplemental staff in response to growth in population and E911 calls.

To start, a few full-time said, but he's still breath- firefighters and EMTs ing on his own, beating the were hired, working out of odds. Again, Lillie played a volunteer stations in the early morning hours until "Because of my medical night to provide coverage background, I am able to for the county when volunteers were at their day jobs, according to information provided by Tonya Hooser, Learning how to home administrative manager school Aaron, a student and deputy emergency

As time passed, more

ago, has been a challenge, career staff were added Lillie said, similar to that to guarantee immedifaced by many parents at at e 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 aroundthe-clock support for the

EMS Director Bill Ooten also serves as Emergency **Management Coordinator** for the county, responsible ning, fishing and weight for the planning, coordilifting. She also likes craft- nation and updating of ing and spending time the all-hazards Culpeper with her dad and 25-year- County Emergency Opold daughter and grand- erations Plan. The plan acdaughter, who all live at tivates support functions for various emergency scenarios impacting the community, including the current COVID-19 crisis.

Culpeper County EMS Lillie said she loves her has been assisting in varijob and she would do it all ous ways since including over again, "because I love 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 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

CULPEPER STAR-EXPONENT

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 carlot 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



EMILY JENNINGS / CULPEPER STAR-EXPONENT **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 truck. Biche at 540/547-3673, ext. 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,' he said. The hotline number is 434/979-7143.

Fay said he started his business in 2000 on a fiveacre 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 takeout from local restaurants and bringing it back for all the employees at the dealerships," Fay said. "We try a different place every time."

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

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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.

Director Bill Ooten said Tues- to every time somebody gets cases worldwide. On the prepared to respond to a po-down this rabbit hole of COtential surfacing of the illness VID-19." here. "We've been working on this for quite a while.

"Please tell people don't response plan panic," he added. "We want want them to be educated, we want them to ask questions. We're here to guide "Absolutely," Culpeper them the latest information recently developed by Johns County Emergency Services we can. We don't want them Hopkins University showing

Emergency

In the local EOC control them to stay informed, we center on Tuesday afternoon, various TV screens broadcast the latest news of the virus while another screen them through this and give showed the interactive map

day when asked if his office is a fever or coughs to jump 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

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ALLISON BROPHY CHAMPION/CULPEPER STAR-EXPONENT

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

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__the illness caused by the virus __ while attend-

ing Christ Church in the Georgetown neighborhood of Washington, D.C., according to the local health depart-

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

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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 openening 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 on Sperryville Pike, the rolling hunting horses. point-to-point races made an hills of the western Culpeper

Mountains provided a scenic who approached the Rappah-Held on a farm of more than backdrop for a series of races annock Hunt to see if the point-800 acres off Durant's curve intended for thoroughbred

The farm, known as "The impressive return to the North- Country country side and Hill," belongs to Culpeper ern Piedmont area Saturday the view of the Blue Ridge resident Larry Levy, It was Levy

to-point races, which had been discontinued 12 years ago, could be revived.

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

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Spotsy resident tests presumptive positive for COVID-19

CULPEPER STAR-EXPONENT STAFF REPORT

A Spotsylvania County resident has tested "pre-ment of Health, hospitals, sumptive positive" for and health care provid-Department of Health anto work with the Centers nounced late Monday.

also reported another VID-19 cases in the Comidentified person from Norman Oliver, MD, MA Fairfax County. With the in a statement. "Through

positive cases in Virginia.

"The Virginia Depart-The health department Prevention to identify COnot related, there are a statewide response, the pahannock Area Health stable, according to the

total of five presumptive Commonwealth is well- District, and testing for physician providing care. prepared to respond to the novel coronavirus was positive COVID-19 cases as they occur."

The Spotsylvania Councoronavirus, the Virginia ers statewide continue ty who tested positive The positive test result and work with their close for the infectious virus for Disease Control and is in their 50s, according to VDH. The individual developed fever, cough, sumptive positive, pend- MPH in a prepared statepositive case on Monday - monwealth," said State shortness of breath, and ing confirmatory testing ment. the spouse of a previously Health Commissioner, M. subsequently sought by the Center for Disease medical attention.

two new cases, which are a strategic, coordinated, the attention of the Rap- under medical care and

done by the Division of with our health care part-Consolidated Laboratory Services in Richmond. came back Monday af- contacts," said Rappahanternoon. The positive test nock Area Health Director result is considered a pre- Brooke Rossheim, MD, Control and Prevention. The case was brought to The patient is currently

"We are working closely ners and the state to monitor the patient and identify The city of Fairfax resi-

dent recently diagnosed was in close contact with her husband, who tested

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Captain George Keefer, met Tuesday afternoon at headquarters to share information about the county's newly developed emergency response plan to the coronavirus. The document will assist coordinated local efforts in addressing health concerns related to the respiratory illness. Partners include several local, state and federal groups as well as local urgent care and long-term health facilities.

The response plan was developed over the past few days, with likely distribution to all partner agencies Tuesday night. The plan builds on established resources in the county emergency management plan.

A fluid document that is subject to change, the response plan covers various aspects, including Culpeper County employee considerations, medical and health response, mass care, resource management, prevention, detection and testing, quarantine and public dissemination.

"Anybody that has gone through their EMS training has already been trained on this. The plan reinforces that," Ooten said. "It's up to each individual EMS agency in Culpeper to ensure their staff is up to date on all of the information and training. They will follow their infectious disease protocol."



From left, Culpeper County Emergency Services Director Bill Ooten and his deputy coordinators, Capt. George Keefer and **Capt. Thomas Dawson, discuss the local coronavirus response** during a briefing Tuesday in the emergency operations center.

Beware of rumors

Ooten about a report that a ties Act. pair of travelers from Italy in Culpeper on business travel had self-quarantined themselves in a local hotel. The emergency services director said he had heard the same to public safety there are through the local rumor mill, but had no direct information about it.

"I cannot verify that," Ooten said. "If it's being mitigated by the health department, they will notify me and give me the specifics. We are very careful about not trying to spread rumors. We don't want people panicking or freaking out. I have no direct information to share with that right now. Even if I did, unless it's relevant to a public safetymatter, I can't really get into it."

VDH Spokeswoman Lorrie Andrew-Spear said the health department could not

confirm the report. agnosed with the coronavi-

Ooten said, as protected by The Star-Exponent asked the Americans With Disabili-

> 'We don't want to hang a red flag out in front of somebody's house, because we don't want people to panic. If it's not an immediate threat times I might ask a question but will not be provided that answer," Ooten said. "But rest assured any immediate threat to the public will be disseminated to me."

Facts about the virus

Though it spreads like the flu and can have similar symptoms, coronavirus is marked by respiratory issues.

"Symptoms can include fever, cough, shortness of breath. Severe cases can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure and death,' said Ooten, reading from the response plan.

Symptoms may appear The identity of anyone di- two to 14 days or longer after initial exposure. Individuals

from the mouth or nose or from touching infected surfaces, he said.

As for prevention, the emergency services coordinator—like the VDH and CDC—recommended against people wearing masks who are not ill.

"People going out and puling all the N95 respirators and masks is not necessary. The people who are going here. Those who contract to need those the most are coronavirus but without lifegoing to be healthcare workers," Ooten said.

Culpeper County has stockpile of masks and proresponders, he said.

very comfortable. We've done inventory on all of that and pulled our reserves," Ooten said.

He emphasized the local agency is following the VDH algorithm for coronavirus testing.

"People cannot just go to their doctors and say, hey test me for coronavirus. It doesn't work that way," Ooten said of current protocol.

Instead, a doctor, following an exam, must recommend testing someone showing signs and symptoms of the illness. From there, Ooten said, VDH will make a test kit available.

"There are not enough test kits right now to randomly test everyone in the U.S.," he

Quarantine scenarios

The county's emergency rus will remain anonymous, can contract the virus from response plan to the corona-

others and it can spread from virus includes a section about person to person via droplets allowing county employees to telecommute, if needed, to help stop a potential spread. It also considers a flexible leave policy for sick family members or those who don't have adequate sickleave.

The plan addresses selfquarantine and the possibilityofestablishinga shelterin a public building, for example, to quarantine travelers to Culpeper without a home threatening symptoms are encouraged to stay home.

Those who are older or have existing health conditective equipment for its first tions and are made very ill by the virus could be quaran-"At this point now, we feel tined in the the local hospital, Ooten said.

Culpeper Human Services and other partners like the Red Cross would organize staff at such shelters, as they do in other emergencies. The CDC and VDH would lead the establishment of such shelters, if needed, Ooten said, coordinating food, medical supplies and support for quarantined people.

E911 dispatchers are trained to ask callers about potential signs of coronavirus so that first responders can don appropriate protective gear before entering someone's house. Patients will be transported to the hospital ER and the transporting ambulance immediately taken out of service to be decontaminated, as is done for all transports, Ooten said. Cleaning supplies are on the ambulance.

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attended services there have been asked to selfquarantine.

The Loudoun County patient is currently doing well and is isolated at home, the department said in a news release.

In Virginia Beach, the local health department announced that two residents had tested positive.

The patients, a male in his 60s and female in her 50s, had traveled on a Nile River cruise that recently reported COVID-19 cases, according to the Virginia Beach Health Department. They returned to U.S. on Thursday and were tested at a Virginia Beach hospital Sunday.

Positive tests by state health departments are sent to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for confirmation.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes only mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia.

Separately Tuesday, the Navy announced that a civilian employee at the U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Falls Church had tested posi-

The individual is currently at a hospital in northern Virginia, according to the statement, which said personnel the individual immediately identified having close contact with have been notified and are in self-isolation.

That person has already been counted among the eight reported by the state health department, said Cmdr. Denver Applehans, a bureau spokesman.

The other cases in Virginia are: a Fairfax husband and wife who recently returned from a Nile River cruise; a resident of Spotsylvania County in their 50s; an Arlington County resident in their 60s; and a U.S. Marine being treated at Fort Belvoir, just outside of the nation's capital.

Spotsy

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positive on March 7. The exposure is not the result of community transmission, pleted. The positive result according to VDH.

The woman was on the same Nile River cruise as her husband. On March 5, when her husband was tested, she was asked to self-quarantine, stay home and avoid contact with others and has been compliant. When she developed minor respiratory illness symptoms, the $\;$ gation to date, the individual $\;$ produced when an infected Health Department de- hadlimited contact with oth- person coughs or sneezes. warranted and specimens ill so the risk to the general tory germ spread, including situation, and information is

were sent to the Virginia state laboratory on March 8, according to VDH.

The woman is currently doing well, but was hospitalized while testing was comreturned Monday is considered presumptive, pending confirmation by the CDC.

"We know the risk of coronavirus disease increases among close contacts of infected persons," said Fairfax Health Director Dr. Gloria Addo-Ayensu in a prepared statement. "Based on the results of our contact investitermined that testing was ers outside the home while Tolower the risk of respira-

The coronavirus that causes COVID-19 can cause mild to more severe respiratory illness. In a small proportion of patients, CO-VID-19 can cause death, particularly among those who are older or who have chronic medical conditions. Symptoms include fever, cough, and difficulty breathing. Symptoms appear within 14 days of being exposed to an infectious person. CO-VID-19 spreads primarily through respiratory droplets

Fairfax community remains COVID-19, the Virginia Department of Health encourages the following effective behaviors: Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer only if soap and water are not available; Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth; Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your coughing or sneezing; Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces; Stay home when sick; Avoid contact with sick people and avoid non-essential travel.

This is a rapidly changing

being shared as it becomes available at cdc.gov/coronavirus or vdh.virginia. gov/coronavirus/. see =vdh. virginia.gov/coronavirus for the latest number of CO-VID-19 cases in Virginia.

Fairfax County Health Department has a public informationline, 703/267-3511, for questions from its residents. sleeve (not your hands) when The call center is open until 9 p.m. Tuesday.

> The Virginia Department of Health has also activated a public information line, 877-ASK-VDH3, for questions from residents about

Louisa County teen indicted in slaying

BY FROM STAFF REPORTS

A Louisa County grand jury has indicted a Gordonsville-area teen on firstdegree murder charges in the November shotgun slaying of an 82-year-old Louisa man and the wounding of his wife.

Cameryn Anthony Dickerson, 17, was indicted Friday on the murder charge, aggravated malicious wounding, burglary with intent to commit robbery and using a firearm to commit robbery, according to Louisa County Circuit Court records.

Dickerson originally was charged in the county's Juve-

nile and Domestic Relations Court but was ordered to be charged as an adult after a February hearing.

State code requires juveniles 14 and older charged with capital murder, first or second degree murder, lynching or aggravated malicious wounding to be automatically transferred to the circuit court level to be tried as an adultDickerson is charged in the Nov. 12 death of Roger Wood Payne Jr. and the shooting of Payne's wife, Nancy Payne, 73, as well as the theft of money and the couple's car.

at Dickerson's Feb. 4 hearing, Nancy and Roger Payne were shot in the face with a shotgun in their backyard near a railroad track. Nancy Payne was able to able to get to a neighbor's home, where the neighbor called 911 and relayed information from Payne to the dispatcher.

Nancy Payne said via the neighbor that a man broke into the couple's home through a side door and forced them to hand over all their cash, which amounted to around \$300. He then forced the couple to walk to needed to call the police.

According to testimony the train tracks behind their home, telling them he did not plan to hurt them before then shooting them.

"Nancy told me that she and Robert had been shot by the boy who lived across the street," Peggy McClary, the neighbor who made the call, testified in February.

Two days prior to the shooting, McClary said Nancy Payne told her they had been visited by the assailant, who asked the couple if he could use their phone and told them that his girlfriend had been kidnapped and he

Crimes piling up for Stafford woman

BY KEITH EPPS

THE FREE LANCE-STAR

An 85-year-old woman serving a 12-year prison sentence for her role in stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars from a Fredericksburg business picked up seven new felony convictions Monday, but apparently won't have to serve any extra

Mary Catherine Parr of Stafford was convicted of

show. She had been convict- Heating and ed of seven counts of grand Cooling on larceny in Loudoun County in 2013.

She was sentenced Mon-icksburg. day to a total of 35 years in Parrhandled prison, with all but 12 years suspended. But court records show that the 12 years the compathe 12 she's already serving, meaning she will be allowed to serve both sentences at the sametime.

seven felony probation viola- Janis Bowen, have been ortions Monday in Loudoun dered to make restitution of ajury. Circuit Court, court records more than \$836,200 to I.C.E.

Central Road in Frederaccounts receivable for Parr



will run concurrently with ny between 2013 and April 2018, while Bowen was in charge of accounts payable.

Bowen is serving a six-year sentence for her role in the Parr and her daughter, thefts. She pleaded guilty, while Parr was convicted by

The evidence showed that

the women used a stamp signature to write company checks that ended up in their personal accounts. They insisted that the money they took wasn't near the amount attributed to them.

The evidence showed that Parr used at least some of the money to pay restitution she owed from the Loudoun thefts.

Both Parr and Bowen had criminal records prior to being employed by I.C.E. Parr's criminal record dates back

