



LCPS has a new activity bus

Lunenburg County Public Schools (LCPS) rolled out its new activity bus last week. According to LCPS Superintendent Charles Berkley, Jr., the school administration has worked with Transportation Supervisor Jeffrey Whitehead to design the bus with students and drivers in mind. The bus will seat 40 students and a driver. Air conditioning and seatbelts are among the amenities aboard. According to LCPS administration, funds from various sources and savings helped to fund the activity bus. Above, CHS and LMS Athletic Director Wallace Owen stands with Whitehead and Berkley on Monday, Aug. 23.

COVID cases soaring

By Alexa Massey
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The rate of COVID-19 infections continues to soar across the area this week.

The number of virus cases in counties in the Piedmont Health District have been rising dramatically for some time. From Monday, Aug. 23, to Monday, Aug. 30, The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) reported a total of 22 new COVID-19 cases in Lunenburg for a cumulative total of 872 since the pandemic began.

Prince Edward County saw 80 new COVID-19 cases in the last week alone. The county has

been the source of 2,390 reported cases to date.

In Buckingham County, 30 new COVID-19 cases popped up this week, bringing the county's total number of cases since the start of the pandemic to 2,311.

Cumberland County jumped 18 cases this week for a total of 582 cases since the pandemic began. Charlotte County surged to 41 new virus cases this week for a total of 992.

State numbers have also remained on the rise. On Monday, Aug. 30, VDH reported a daily case total of 2,291 for Virginia, up from 1,975 new cases on the previous Monday. The state's

seven-day moving average sat at 3,113 on Monday, up from 2,490 the week before.

Acting Piedmont Health District Director Dr. Sulola Adekoya said Monday the area is continuing to see notable community spread due to the highly transmissible delta variant of the virus, adding the new school year is also contributing to case numbers.

"We know that with schools back in session, we've had several increases in cases across various schools."

Both Longwood University and Hampden-Sydney College have continued their COVID-19 dashboards into the new semester, keeping track of the virus'

movement throughout the campus community.

Between Aug. 15 and the dashboard's last update Aug. 29, Longwood University reported a total of 16 cases on its campus, 13 of which were students and two of which were faculty or staff. As of Monday, Longwood had nine active cases.

As of its last dashboard update Aug. 27, Hampden-Sydney College was reporting zero cumulative cases with four individuals actively quarantining.

Adekoya noted increasing staffing is a high priority for the health district as investigators work to perform the essential duties of contact tracing

OBITUARIES

Deacon William L. Reese

Sept. 1, 1930 – June 21, 2021

Happy Heavenly Birthday!



family and friends.

Funeral services provided by S.P. Jones & Sons.

Deacon Reese received his place in heaven on June 14, after 90 blessed years. Services were held at his beloved church, Gilfield Baptist in Kenbridge, on June 23. He was a well-known pillar of the community. His presence and infectious personality will be missed. He will be forever cherished by his

Joseph Douglas 'Joe' Ragan Jr.

Joseph Douglas "Joe" Ragan Jr., 80 of Kenbridge, and formerly of Springfield and Punta Gorda/Tampa, Florida, joined his family in Heaven on Aug. 25. He was the son of the late Joseph Douglas Ragan Sr. and Nina Ellis Ragan; brother of the late Tim Ragan; grandfather of the late Joseph Douglas Ragan IV and great grandfather of the late Liam Ragan.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Leona Edson Ragan of Kenbridge; children, Debbie Ragan of Newport News, Joseph D. "Joey" Ragan III and wife, Enid, of Austin, Texas, Daniel "Dan" Ragan and wife, Mary Beth, of Springfield and Donna Lang and husband, Scott, of Abilene, Texas, David Weikle of Terrell, North Carolina and Lynn Mazzello and her husband, Joe, of Lorton; his brother, Michael Ragan and wife, Beth, of Nashua, New Hampshire; his sister, Katherine Riley and husband, Steve, of Evanston, Illinois; in addition to 19 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Joe was a born entrepreneur who included many of his family members in the various businesses he started, managed and invested in. These various business ventures included, selling donuts door to door (with many family members helping out), a bakery, a printing business, commercial food service, a commercial purified water business, vending, commercial and residential real estate, a commercial office products business and the iconic "Joe Ragan's Coffee", which he started with his son Dan, serving the Washington D.C., Maryland and Virginia markets, ultimately becoming one of the largest and most successful family owned coffee and office products enterprises in the U.S. Joe also served as the first President of the Independent Coffee Dealers Association.

Earlier in life, Joe served proudly in the U.S. Army. In addition, Joe was active in local politics serving as Fairfax County Republican Party Chairman and as Chairman of the Fairfax County Housing Authority. In recent years, Joe moved to Kenbridge, which he loved and dedicated his time and energy to supporting growth and development of the area.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Aug. 29, at 2 p.m., at the Clarke Funeral Home in Kenbridge. Please consider memorial donations In Memory of Joe Ragan to the Episcopal Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew, P.O. Box 248, Kenbridge, VA 23944.

during this recent wave of COVID-19 cases.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported 176,742 new COVID-19 cases in the U.S. on Friday, Aug. 27, alone, a number not seen since January following the peak of the virus in the country.

Vaccination rates continue to creep upward throughout Piedmont. As of Monday, Aug. 30, the percentage of fully vaccinated people in each county was as follows:

Lunenburg: 42.9%
Prince Edward - 36.8%
Buckingham - 42.6%
Cumberland - 39.8%
Charlotte - 41.4%

KFS Cavaliers unstoppable over Warriors

In a 51-14 victory over Lawrence Academy Warriors on Friday, Aug 27, the Kenston Forest Cavaliers won their game.

"This team is not only talented, but they are extremely intelligent and aggressive," KFS Coach Joe Kaiser said. "I am super proud of them, and we are taking this season one week at a time."

The Cavaliers scored 51 points and racked up more than 500 yards of total offense before a cheering and enthusiastic crowd.

The Cavalier defense was stifling, having sacked the quarterback more than seven times and forcing six turnovers for the second week in

a row.

The defensive standouts were junior Tyler Turman with seven tackles and two forced fumbles and senior LB Ryan Whitehead with 18 tackles and two sacks.

The defense was bolstered by Senior Steve Dormady with 12 tackles and Junior Daniel Henshaw with 15 tackles and one interception.

Offensively, the Cavaliers came out slinging. Junior QB Tyler Turman and Senior wideouts Trey Lewis



Kendall Thorne finished with seven catches for 128 yards and two touchdowns during the Cavaliers win over Lawrence Academy.

and Kendall Thorne were

absolutely unstoppable. Turman finished with 423 yards passing, 76 yards rushing and five TDs. Trey Lewis had 132 yards receiving, three TDs and 203 all-purpose yards. Kendall Thorne finished with seven catches for 128 yards and two touchdowns.

The Cavaliers are 2-0 on the season and will host the Randolph Macon Academy Yellow Jackets this Friday, Sept 3, at 5:30 p.m. at Kenston Forest School.

LUNENBURG COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 9, 2021** beginning at **6:00 PM** in the 2nd floor Courtroom; Lunenburg Courts Building, Lunenburg, VA 23952 for public input on the following:

Route 635 Bike Lane VDOT Application – The County is considering submitting an application for federal funds to undertake the project. This item will serve as an action item on the agenda and the public will be given the opportunity to provide input on the project.

It is the intention of the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should you need special Accommodations, please contact the County Administration office at 434.696.2142 prior to the meeting date.

All who attend the Board of Supervisors meeting must adhere to the CDC guidance according to Governor's Executive Order No. 79. Written comments will be appreciated, in lieu of oral presentations.

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