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Fauguier County Sheriff's Deputy Brock Smith, 25, of Amissville, was seriously injured in the crash. He was taken to Mary Washington Hospital for treatment.

# Married couple killed, deputy injured in crash near Goldvein

**By Liam Bowman** 

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A married couple was killed Feb. 25 when their vehicle collided with a Fauguier sheriff deputy's cruiser on U.S. 17 between Morrisville and Goldvein. The crash occurred only a few yards away from their home.

Brian and Mary Dangerfield, both 65, were traveling west on Granite Street in a 2018 Toyota Camry when they stopped at a stop sign at the intersection with U.S. 17, according to Virginia State Police Sgt. Brent Coffey. The Camry entered the northbound lanes of U.S. 17 at 10:20 a.m. in an attempt to cross the highway; it was struck on the driver's side by a Fauquier



The force of the crash caused the Dangerfields' vehicle to overturn and skid off the road.

County Sheriff's Office cruiser, which was "not able to avoid striking the Toyota," Coffey said. The impact caused the Dangerfields' Camry to overturn and skid into the median, scattering debris across the highway.

The sheriff's office cruiser stayed on the road during the crash and came to a stop a few yards beyond the Camry.

Brian Dangerfield, the driver of the Camry, died at the scene. His wife Mary Dangerfield, who was a passenger, later succumbed to her injuries after being transported to Mary Washington Hospital, Coffey said. Both had been wearing seatbelts.

Public records indicate that the couple shared a residence in the Rock Run Estates subdivision close to where the crash occurred.

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### People in crisis waiting days for help

Staff shortages in mental health hospitals to blame

By Robin Earl

FAUQUIER TIMES STAFF WRITER

Warrenton Police Department Chief Michael Kochis is frustrated – very frustrated — about how acute mental health crises are handled, locally and throughout the state.

He explained that when his office gets an emergency call about a person in crisis, the person may be taken to the Emergency Department of Fauquier Hospital. (The person could also go there directly to get help.) When an emergency custody order is issued by a magistrate, it means they have to be evaluated within eight hours; they are seen by a professional with Rappahannock-Rapidan Community Services (serving Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange and Rappahannock counties).

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**Warrenton Police Chief** Michael Kochis

The bridal season opens with a wedding showcase in Delaplane. See page 8.









Hung Cao, of Purcellville, left, greets a voter outside the Gainesville Middle School polling place during the May 21 GOP "firehouse primary." PHOTO BY



## Hung Cao wins Saturday's GOP 10th District 'firehouse primary'

By Jill Palermo, Cher Muzyk and Colleen LaMay

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Retired U.S. Navy Captain Hung Cao came out on top of the "firehouse primary" Republicans held Saturday to pick their nominee to challenge U.S. Rep. Jennifer Wexton (D-10th) in November.

Cao, of Purcellville, garnered 52.3% of

the vote in the ranked-choice contest – or the support of 7,729 voters after the 10th round of ballot counting.

Jeanine Lawson, a Prince William County supervisor representing the Brentsville District, came in second place with the support of 5,000 voters or about 34%.

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#### Judge moves 'Trip' Bopp murder trial to Loudoun County

By Coy Ferrell

FAUQUIER TIMES STAFF WRITER

Citing, in part, "the multitude of security deficiencies that exist in the current" Fauquier County Circuit Court building, a judge has ruled that the four defendants in the April 2021 homicide of 'Trip' Bopp of Remington will be tried jointly this September by a jury in Loudoun County. The trial is expected to last three weeks.

Two of the defendants had requested the change in venue, but Fauquier prosecutors argued that the trial should take place in same county where the homicide occurred. The Office of the Fauquier County Commonwealth's Attorney will continue to

"An overwhelming maiority of those vulnerabilities [in the circuit court building] continue to be unaddressed with little or no action by the county."

> **20TH CIRCUIT JUDGE JAMES PLOWMAN**

prosecute the case even though the trial has been moved to Loudoun.

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# Davóne Tines finds his voice as an opera superstar



PHOTO BY MARK ALLEN

Davone Tines' grandfather was the first to realize, "I think we may have a voice here."

### 'I'm Black; I'm gay; I have something to say.'

**By Constance Lyons** 

SPECIAL TO THE FAUQUIER TIMES

Davóne Tines, a rising superstar in the world of opera, is 36 years old, six feet two inches tall, lithe and lean, graceful, elegant. He is a careful, attentive listener and a reflective responder. And he is Black, a fact that informs his artistic choices and has been a pivotal factor in shaping his career. "Blackness can never be left out of it," he said in a recent interview.

The New York Times calls him a "brilliant bass baritone." He was also the subject of a lengthy New Yorker article. "A timbre at once grand and fraught, potent and vulnerable," the writer said.

Born in Portsmouth, Virginia, Tines moved with his mother to Annapolis, Maryland, when he was 3. When he was 6, the family broke up. His mother remarried, and she gave custody of her son to his grandparents, who lived in Orlean. "Preppy horse country," he called it.

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### Man who provided fatal drug dose to his wife sentenced to more prison time

By Robin Earl FAUQUIER TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Sept. 27 sentencing hearing for Kenneth Hayden Olenslager was unusual because everyone who testified asked for leniency for the defendant – even the victim's family. "In my experience, that's very rare in a case of homicide," defense attorney Blair Howard said.

Olenslager, 28, pleaded guilty June 27 to involuntary manslaughter and distributing a drug as "accommodation to another individual" after providing his wife, Lydia McGarry, with a fatal dose of fentanyl in a



Kenneth Olenslager

Warrenton hotel room where they lived. His conviction marked a rare occasion in Virginia when an individual is held criminally responsible for providing a fatal

dose of drugs to another person.

McGarry, who was 25, died in that hotel room on July 31, 2021, from an overdose of fentanyl and alprazolam (Xanax). Despite her

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**Family ties** Stephanie Ulloa poses with her son, junior homecoming court member Jayden Ulloa, during the homecoming ceremony held at halftime during Liberty High School's Oct. 7 football game against Sherando. See more photos, page 2.

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