



Cleanup effort hauls more than 400 pounds of trash

Friends of the Appomattox and some helpful volunteers pitched in to clean up the Appomattox River and associated waterways on Saturday, Nov. 5. They managed to haul approximately 430 pounds of trash out of these pathways! Anybody who fishes, watches birds, or otherwise appreciates the plants or fauna of the area knows – Put Trash in its Place – “Be a Part of the Solution, not the Pollution.”



RONALD CARD

There's a Blood Moon on the rise

If you looked outside in the extremely early hours of Tuesday morning, you might have noticed the moon looked a bit different than normal. That's because it was a “Blood Moon”, a visual we won't be able to see again in full until 2025.

But first, what is a “Blood Moon”? Well, it happens when the moon is in a total lunar

eclipse. The moon sits completely in Earth's shadow, with a tiny portion of light (from Earth's sunrise and sunset) falls on its surface. Now because these light waves are spread out, they look red. But they don't always look the same.

In fact, each “Blood Moon” gives a different visual. What do we mean? According to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), how red the moon looks during this event depends on three things. First, how much pollution is in the atmosphere at the time. The more pollution, the darker

it will seem. Second, how much cloud cover is there. And third, how much debris there is in the atmosphere. Let's say a volcano erupts. All that ash sprays up into the atmosphere. If you're trying to look at the “Blood Moon” at that point, it'll look much darker than normal.

Retired photographer Ronald Card started taking pictures of the progression beginning at 3:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8 and finished at 4:30 a.m.

NASA says the next partial “Blood Moon” that we can see will be on Oct. 28, 2023. The next full version will be on March 14, 2025.

AARP warns of veterans scam

According to the Federal Trade Commission, reported fraud attacks against our nation's veterans and their families jumped 69 percent from 2020 to this year. And new scams are popping up every day.

The AARP sent out a notice on Tuesday, Nov. 8, warning about a benefits scam targeting veterans in connection with the Camp Lejeune Settlement. The Camp Lejeune Justice Act, which became federal law in August, lets veterans and their survivors pursue compensation if they developed serious illnesses from water contamination at the base. The scam involves someone calling and promising to represent you to get those benefits in exchange for a fee. To learn more about the Camp Lejeune Settlement, you can call the VA's toll-free number at 1-800-698-2411.

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A project good enough to eat

BY RACHEL AUSTIN
The Farmville Herald

FUQUA

Seventh graders at Fuqua School are taking a bite out of their science projects. Literally.

Brett Baird teaches middle school science at Fuqua School. While learning about the parts of animal and plant cells the students were able to display what they learned in a unique way.

Baird gave a popular assignment for seventh-grade life science, which is to make a model of a cell and label all its parts. However, instead of using construction paper, markers or styrofoam, the students used all edible ingredients.

The students had two weeks to

recreate either a plant or animal cell with all its organelles in an edible format. The students had the freedom to be creative and use different types of food. Most took a sweet approach using cakes, muffins, brownies, cookies, candies and pancakes to show off their cell. One student went the savory route and had a pizza with different toppings representing the different organelles and parts.

"I was in there for the presentations and who knew kids could get this excited for cells and science?" said Dara Tucker, head of lower and middle school at Fuqua. "They all did such a great job and they looked very good."

According to Tucker, this assignment was a great partnership with the parents who helped put these together. Many students told her stories about how their dad would steal a gummy worm that was supposed to be part of the project and other memorable moments from working on it together.

A big part of the assignment was to have something standard-driven and student-driven. According to Baird, being able to make this project their own helped them really learn the material.

"I enjoyed it and it's something I will do again with the class," said Baird. "I'd like to do more student-driven big projects like this."

Baird hopes that since this assignment lines up vertically with 10th-grade biology this creative project will help the students remember what they learned making the edible cells and it will stick with them for years to come.

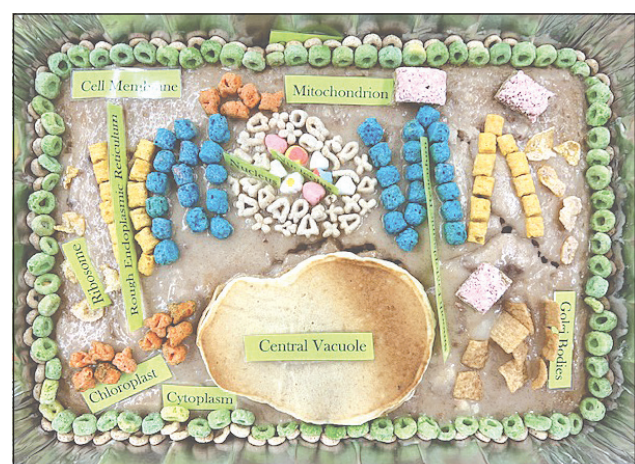
"One part that makes this project great is how the students were able to take initiative with the content," said Tucker.



Collins Easter shows off her edible cell.



Alyssa Caruso shows off her edible cell.



Look at all the vibrant colors

I had originally planned to go in a different direction with this devotional, but driving around these days proved too much for my weak will in God's glory. Colors, colors, colors!

You have seen them, also, and they are glorious right now. This is even more of a gift to me as someone who has ritualized snapping the pics and posting on Facebook. One of my favorite sights is trees in splendid and vibrant transition when you have the full range of colors, when you see the tree's entire journey across the color wheel. The attached picture is one of my witnesses to this.

But here is the thing - as beautiful and wonderful and glorious as these colors are right now, they are all a herald of death. This is so strange to connect something so beautiful and sought out to something else not beautiful and mightily avoided. We wall know the extravagant beauty all around us is fleeting and headed in one direction. Winter is around the corner, and all of these gorgeous leaves will be dead and gone. The trees will still have nice days but nothing like now.

In my reading of 2 Timothy 4, I see something similar in Paul's thoughts to Timothy. At the very end of Paul's life there is this flurry of glory. He appreciates his running of the race and fighting the good fight. He sees his work in the Lord through gratitude and confidence.

DEVOTIONAL

He is a living drink offering that has been poured out. And he has a crown coming as do we all. The colors of grace in Jesus are vibrant and profound for him, but Paul is also nearly gone. Soon there will be no more Paul. His life will have walked through all the colors, and they will be but a memory.

One of my brothers in the Lord is nearing the end of his earthly walk right now, and this brought all of these thoughts to my mind. Maybe we can find the beauty of God's heart working through our lives in every season, especially the one that comes at the end. It is easier when someone has lived a good long life, but we all carry shades of God's goodness in our lived experience.

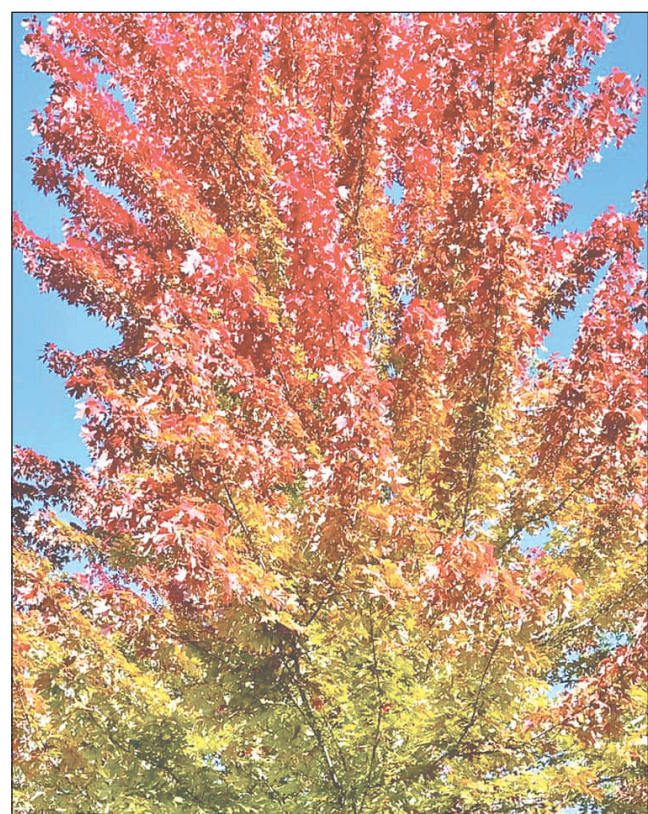
We are in a great progression to a glorious end. Maybe it is hard to see sometimes. Paul was executed. Maybe it is not as obvious as the trees all around us right now, but God's goodness, faithfulness, loving-kindness, and glory are most real in our last days. He was preparing to meet his

Lord in faith. This is an example to us all. There is something beyond beauty in the simple idea of finding ourselves in God's perfect and enduring embrace. May the glory around us remind us of the glory growing within us, and may our confidence in Jesus witness the glory to come throughout all of our days, even to the end.

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Suspect arrested in homicide

At 3 p.m. Monday, other law enforcement agencies aided Farmville police by arresting a suspect in connection with a homicide that took place in Farmville one day earlier.

“(The) suspect has been taken into custody without incident,” said Farmville Police Chief Andy Ellington in a statement.

That suspect is 20-year-old Prospect resident Tai’Juan A. Williams. Arrested in Buckingham County, he now faces one count of first degree murder and one count of use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Those charges stem from an incident that happened Sunday night. Officers were called to the 800 block of Early Street at 7:25 p.m.

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on Sunday, Oct. 30, after reports came in of shots being fired inside a residence.

When they went inside, officers found a male victim who had been shot multiple times. That victim, 25-year-old Dennis D. Dubose of Farmville, was pronounced dead at the scene. According to information from Chief Ellington, officers remained on scene throughout the night, processing the scene for evidence and interviewing witnesses. It was at this point Williams was first identified as a suspect in the case.

Anyone with information related to the

case is asked to call Detective Sgt. D.A. Ragland at (434) 392-9259 or the Farmville Emergency Communications Center at (434) 392-3332.

Information can also be submitted anonymously through the Tip411 program on the web by visiting www.tip411.com/tips/farmvillevdp/new or by going to the Farmville Police Department’s website and clicking the “Report a Crime” link found on the homepage.

This marks the first murder in Farmville in more than a year. There have been incidents since then in Prince Edward County, but none reported in the actual town.



Tai’Juan A. Williams



DR. ALEC HOSTERMAN

Communication students from Longwood University visited the Dunnington Mansion to create a video documenting its history. Harper Melton, Peyton Schaffer, Nicole Ardivino, Audrey Biringner, Heather Beach of the Dunnington Mansion Foundation, Lucas Freitas, Gretchen Wiggins and Dr. Ryan Stouffer.

Students tell an old story

BY RACHEL AUSTIN
The Farmville Herald

LONGWOOD

You can trace the history of Dunnington Mansion all the way back to 1748, when Richard Woodson bought 1152 acres of land from King George. A group of students from Longwood are creating a video to tell its story.

Communication students at Longwood University have two goals here. First, the

assignment is to share the history of Dunnington, from its beginning on Manor House Drive to the present. Second, the hope is for the project to raise awareness about the property and attract preservation minded buyers, as it will soon be listed for sale by the current owners.

A group of two professors and six students came on

Wednesday, Oct. 26, to get video images of the current state of the mansion.

“I found the mansion exploring Farmville with friends my freshman year,” said Audrey Biringner, student lead of the project. “Sophomore year, I found myself returning on nice days to walk around the property, and I just felt I needed to share it with more people.”

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Tax relief coming to residents

BY BRIAN CARLTON
The Farmville Herald

PRINCE EDWARD

Residents in Prince Edward County could see some tax relief coming soon. During their Tuesday, Oct. 25 meeting, the Board of Supervisors set this year’s Personal Property Tax Relief (PPTR) percentage at 37.5%, reducing what residents will owe.

What does that mean? In Virginia, cities and counties go by what’s called the Personal Property Tax Relief Act. The state law orders that all localities have to subsidize at least a portion of the taxes owed on the first \$20,000 of a vehicle’s assessed value. Each year, the city or county sets their PPTR rate, reducing the final bill owed by a resident. For example, let’s say

a city or county sets the PPTR rate at 24%. That means for a car assessed at a value of \$20,000, the resident would owe \$684. Then if the next year, the city or county sets the rate at 35%, if the vehicle’s value remains the same, that resident would only pay \$585, saving nearly \$100.

In Prince Edward County, the PPTR rate was set at 30.5% this year. But after seeing changes happen, especially in the used vehicle market, county officials decided it needed to go up.

WHY ARE USED CAR PRICES CLIMBING?

This year, prices for used vehicles have climbed,

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Kaine endorses Eggleston

BY BRIAN CARLTON
The Farmville Herald

For the second time in less than a week, a national politician has weighed in on the Farmville mayoral race. U.S. Senator Tim Kaine announced over the weekend that he was endorsing Carl Eggleston for the position.

“During the three decades I have known Carl, I have seen his dedication to improving his community,” Kaine wrote in a statement. “Carl has the leadership, integrity and experience to strengthen and boost Farmville.”

A Farmville native, Eggleston served on the town council from 1984 to 1988. Since then, he’s served on the Farmville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Prince Edward County NAACP, the Randolph Lodge Masons and

the Governor’s Commission on State Domestic Programs. He also runs Oliver & Eggleston Funeral Establishment. Kaine pointed to Eggleston’s community efforts as further reason to endorse him in the race.

“Carl’s steadfast commitment to his community shows that he has the vision and intuition needed to improve Farmville and its people’s lives,” Kaine said. “I am pleased to endorse Carl for Mayor of Farmville.”

Kaine joins fellow Virginian and U.S. Senator Mark Warner in endorsing Eggleston. They are the first members of Virginia’s Washington delegation to offer endorsements in any of the races taking place this year in the Town of Farmville, Prince Edward,

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Candidate Q and A’s

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY DISTRICT SEVEN SUPERVISOR RACE



Cannon Watson

As we move into mid-October, early voting has already started and for those who want to wait, it’s less than a month until Election Day. With that in mind, we’re reaching out to candidates in all contested races across our coverage area, asking them to answer several questions. Each candidate in a race receives the same questions and the same amount of time to send answers in.

In this edition, we’re focusing on the race to be the next representative for District 7 on the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors.

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