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# Enterprise zone expansion proposed

By Crystal Vandegrift  
*The K-V Dispatch*

The Town of Victoria is proposing to expand its Enterprise Zone to add an additional 1.33 acres to the town's existing zone.

According to the Town of Victoria officials, The proposed additional area is located in the area bordered

by Main Street and Nottoway Boulevard.

The Virginia Enterprise Zone (VEZ) program is a partnership between state and local governments to promote economic development through job creation and real property investment. Enterprise zones can leverage private sector investment in targeted areas throughout

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Virginia when used in conjunction with other local, state, and federal programs. There are currently 45 designated Enterprise Zones in the Commonwealth.

VEZ accomplishes this by designating Enterprise Zones throughout the state and providing two grant-based incen-

tives, the Job Creation Grant (JCG) and the Real Property Investment Grant (RPIG), to qualified investors and job creators within those zones, while the locality provides local incentives.

Brian Ball, secretary of commerce and trade, stated that the program attracts many investments to Virginia's localities. "In the last five

years, firms receiving VEZ incentives in the 15 renewed zones created 354 net new jobs and invested over \$63 million in real estate improvements, and there is more investment to come with the renewal of the zones," said Ball.

The Town of Victoria and the Town of Kenbridge and

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## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK



# Season comes to an end for Central

By Matthew Hatfield  
*The K-V Dispatch*

At some point, it had to end. Coach Will Thomas knew that. Up until Nov. 24, his team had beaten all challengers. But the Central Lunenburg Chargers fell just one weekend short of extending their season into a fifth month as they were ousted from the playoffs in the Region 1B Championship by Riverheads, 42-13.

Riverheads rolled up 380 yards rushing with 169 of them and two touchdowns coming from bruising junior running back Cayden Cook-

Cash, the Shenandoah District Offensive Player of the Year.

"We had a good year, but they're at a different level. Riverheads is very good at what they do. They ran it down our throats. They know their assignments and they have tough kids," Thomas remarked after his team wrapped up the season at 11-1 overall.

"We fought, got on two fumbles. We could stop them every once in a while, put a good thing together and got some turnovers. You think you're in it and then triple C runs off a

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# Opioid numbers drop in County

By Brian Carlton and Crystal Vandegrift  
*The K-V Dispatch*

The numbers are dropping and that's a good thing. As of 2020, the latest data we have, an average of 43.3 opioid prescriptions were given out per each 100 people in the United States. Lunenburg County is far below that, coming in at 6.34, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). That's also lower than some neighboring counties, as 20.8 opioid prescriptions were given out for every 100 people in Prince Edward County. Charlotte County, meanwhile, came in at 25.2 prescriptions for every 100 people.

"Much of this trend is due to increased caution by many providers in prescribing opiates or any controlled substance," said Piedmont Health District Director Maria Almond. "Often, the preference now is for primary care providers to refer patients to a specialized pain provider, who balances the prescribing of opiates with other (alternatives)."

In fact, as some other Southside counties find their opioid problem growing, Lunenburg is headed in the opposite

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The federal government has placed another pause on student loan repayments amidst court battles that move to block loan forgiveness for thousands of Americans.

# Student loan repayments extended again

By Crystal Vandegrift  
*The K-V Dispatch*

For 45 million Americans who carry a total of \$1.6 trillion in outstanding student loans, the federal government has placed another pause on loan repayments making this the seventh time.

Student loan payments have been on hold since March 2020.

The latest pause was set to expire at the end of this year.

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# WFLO-AM set for relaunch this week

By Brian Carlton  
*The K-V Dispatch*

A familiar radio station will be returning to the airwaves later this week. Over the weekend, the new owners of WFLO-AM confirmed to *The Dispatch* that their purchase of the radio station has been finalized. The station is expected to start broadcasting on Thursday, Dec. 1 at 870 AM or via livestream, which you can connect to through their Facebook page. Just search for wfloradio.

The announcement comes almost a year after the operation shut down. The original WFLO-AM and FM broadcast for the last time on Dec. 31, 2021. Earlier this year, Educational Media Foundation (EMF) purchased both WF-

LO-AM and FM, along with its tower, from Colonial Broadcasting Company. Now WFLO-AM has been sold again, with EMF selling it to Heart of Virginia Communications LLC. The new owners said they're working on obtaining a new FM frequency, but as of now, the station will just operate on AM.

Chris Brochon will return to the station as WFLO-AM's general manager, with John Staton III as production manager. Francis and Chris Wood, along with Ron Moody, will all host weekly programs, the new owners say. Brochon and Staton will both also work as DJs, with Farmville native Danny Huskey coming in as the station's sales manager.

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# LOAN: 'The payment pause has been a lifeline'

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The Department of Education announced last week it is extending the pause of federal student loans until June 30, 2023, while legal battles to the administration's student debt relief program wage on in the courts.

The pause includes a suspension of loan payments, a 0% interest rate and stopped collections on defaulted loans. This policy does not apply to private student loans.

"The payment pause has been a lifeline that allowed millions of Americans to focus on their families, health and finances instead of student loans during the national emergency," said U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona. "As our nation's economy continues to recover from a deep hole, this extension gives students and borrowers the time they need to plan for the restart and ensure a smooth pathway back to repayment."

This fall, the Biden administration announced a student loan forgiveness plan that called for thousands of dollars of debt to be wiped away from borrowers.

The plan calls for up to \$20,000 to Pell Grant recipients and up to \$10,000 to non-Pell Grant recipients will be forgiven according to the plan.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, if education debt were slashed by \$10,000, student loan debt across the country would fall from \$1.7 trillion to \$1.3 trillion.

Borrowers are eligible if their individual income is less than \$125,000 or \$250,000 for households.

According to a Department of Education analysis,

the typical undergraduate student with loans now graduates with nearly \$25,000 in debt.

Two lawsuits blocking the Biden plan have been appealed by the Justice Department, but the legal process could take months which has caused the administration to extend the pause nothing that it was not fair to ask those with loan debt to begin repayments while details of the plan was hashed out in the court system.

Since taking office, Biden has approved more than \$17 billion in loan debt forgiveness for more than 700,000 borrowers including students with disabilities, public service workers and students who were defrauded by their schools.

Since 1980, the total cost of both four-year public and four-year private colleges has nearly tripled, even after accounting for inflation.

White House officials say Pell Grants once covered nearly 80 percent of the cost of a four-year public college degree for students from working families but now only cover a third.

This leaves students from low- and middle-income families with no choice but to borrow if they want to get a degree. Pell grants don't need to be paid back, but they often don't cover the full cost of college.

If you are faced with student loan debt, The U.S. Department of Education offers a variety of repayment plans.

For example, an income-driven repayment (IDR) plan is based on how much money you make. Under an IDR plan, payments may be as low as \$0 per month.

For more information on how to prepare for loan repayments, visit <https://studentaid.gov/articles/6-ways-prepare-repayment-begin-again/>.

# OBITUARIES

## Shula Fierce Davis

Shula Fierce Davis, 99 of Henderson, North Carolina, entered eternal rest on Wednesday, Nov. 23, at her residence. Mrs. Davis was born in Rehoboth on March 22, 1923 to the late Rev. Samuel A. and Alice Hayes Fierce.

She was a graduate of Lunenburg High School, Victoria. Mrs. Davis attended St. Paul's College and Virginia Union University, where she earned her Bachelors of Science in Mathematics. She furthered her education at Virginia State College and earned a Master's Degree in Secondary Education in Mathematics. She was a former mathematics teacher in Lunenburg and Loudoun County, retiring after 35 years of service.

Mrs. Davis was a member of Bethany Baptist Church in Kenbridge. In her spare time, she enjoyed community work and travel.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Davis was preceded in death by her husband, Leroy Davis, four brothers and six sisters.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory her niece, Anita Yvonne Ballard-Jones and a vast number of other loving relatives and caring friends.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 3, at Bethany Baptist Church, Kenbridge, with Rev. Carlton O. Clark Jr. officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Public viewing will begin on Saturday from 10 a.m. until service time.

Arrangements are by Giles-Harris Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Chase City. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.harrisfhc.com](http://www.harrisfhc.com).



# CENTRAL: Building for next season

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50-yard run and you're down 21-0. The problem was we couldn't move the ball consistently. We were constantly in third-and-long, punting on our own 20, which would give it to them at mid-field and a short field. You can't do that against that team."

Nicknamed the Gladiators, Riverheads has now won 27 straight playoff games. Only one in that stretch came by single-digits, back in 2017 against Essex, their next opponent in the state semifinals.

### 'EVERYBODY UNDERESTIMATES THAT DEFENSE'

While Lunenburg found itself down 42-0 entering the fourth period, a large reason was because of the Gladiators bottling up their attack, which ended the regular season averaging 43 points and 336 yards rushing per game.

Both of the Chargers touchdowns came in the fourth quarter courtesy of run plays: a 35-yard run from Bam Jones

and 11-yard run by K.J. Watson.

"Don't get me wrong, their offense is phenomenal. But I think everybody underestimates that defense. We were fighting for every yard against them," Thomas said of a team that now sits two wins away from a VHSL record seventh consecutive State Championship.

"You don't do that, winning all those state titles in a row, by accident. There's no fall off for them. Coach [Ray] Norcross basically took over and has kept that thing going. We'll get away from them next year thankfully."

### READY FOR A JUMP

As Riverheads stays in Region 2B next year, Lunenburg jumps up to Region 2A. A new classification and region will present its own set of challenges, but most of all their postseason path becomes different since no longer will run into a squad that has eliminated them three times since 2015.

"We had good runs in 2011, 12 and 13. Our

district is not as strong as theirs obviously, but we were as good as we've been in about 15 years," pointed out Thomas.

What will stick out most about the 2022 edition of the Central-Lunenburg Chargers? The camaraderie and how they grew to overcome obstacles from the start to accomplish some significant goals.

"The kids, especially the seniors, worked together so well. They're friends, do a lot of things together, so that was awesome. There was no jealousy. Most of them had played together since they were sophomores because they got introduced during that spring season. Since there was no JV, they played varsity together since sophomores," Thomas noted.

"We've got a good group of juniors that will be seniors who started as freshmen. It was fun. We've been through quite a bit with COVID, the spring season and piecing everything together. It's the first district championship in a long time, undefeated in the regular season since

'95 and they mean a lot. They're a good group of kids that you hate to see them go."

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Victoria Town Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Victoria Municipal Building concerning the adoption of a solar energy ordinance.

A copy of the proposed ordinance can be seen at the Victoria Town Office or online at [https://clients.municipalimpact.com/documents/290/Victoria\\_Solar\\_Ordinance\\_DRAFT\\_11212022.pdf](https://clients.municipalimpact.com/documents/290/Victoria_Solar_Ordinance_DRAFT_11212022.pdf).

Inquiries concerning the above topic may be addressed to the Victoria Town Office, 1809 Main Street, P.O. Box 1421, Victoria, VA 23974, or by phone at (434) 696-2343 during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Nicholas Burdge was awarded a certificate in recognition of receiving a perfect score on his Virginia Studies SOL. Burge is pictured with LCPS School Board Chairperson Kathy Coffee and Division Superintendent Charles Berkley Jr. The remaining five students were not present for the recognition.

# Students honored for perfect SOL scores

By Crystal Vandegrift  
The K-V Dispatch

Lunenburg County Public Schools (LCPS) has something to be proud of when it comes to student success.

The division has had six of its students receive perfect scores on the most recent Standards of Learning (SOL) test.

The students were recognized for their achievements during the Monday, Nov. 14, school board meeting.

The following students were awarded a certificate in recognition of receiving a perfect score.

Nicholas Burdge - Virginia Studies, Michael Elliott - Math, Kiersten Layton - Reading, Colby Medlin - Virginia Studies, Cannon Anderson - Virginia Studies and Joy Robertson - Civics 8 and Writing 8.

Standards of Learning assessments in English reading, mathematics, science and history/social science are made up of 35-50 items or questions that measure content knowledge, scientific and mathematical processes, reasoning and critical thinking skills.

English writing skills are measured with a two-part assessment that includes multiple-choice items and an essay.

Student performance is graded on a scale of 0-600, with 400 representing the minimum level of acceptable proficiency and 500 representing advanced proficiency.

On English reading and mathematics tests, the Board of Education has defined three levels of student achievement: basic, proficient, and advanced, with essential describing progress toward proficiency.

# LCPS to install security measures

By Crystal Vandegrift  
The K-V Dispatch

Lunenburg County Public Schools (LCPS) has been awarded \$169,600 as part of the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) School Security Equipment Grants.

According to the Department of Education, this grant will be used to protect students, faculty and visitors at Kenbridge Elementary, Lunenburg Middle and Victoria Elementary.

LCPS was one of 43 schools and 90 divisions to receive the grant.

According to LCPS administration, the grant will be used to cover the cost of installing keyless entry and cameras in the three schools.

"The systems and equipment purchased through these grants will help school divisions control access to school buildings, respond quickly to emergencies and maintain orderly learning environments for students," Superintendent of Public Instruction Jillian Balow said. "Every student and every teacher should feel safe in their classrooms, during school activities and when traveling to and from school. In many cases, the equipment purchased addresses vulnerabilities identified in annual school security audits."

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# Investigation continues into homicide

By Crystal Vandegrift  
The K-V Dispatch

An investigation into a body discovered in a shallow grave on Nov. 11 is still ongoing, according to the Virginia State Police. No arrests have been made and no more information has been released in the case.

Over the past week, *The K-V Dispatch* has received numerous calls and Facebook messages asking why it appeared the case was at a standstill. The simple answer is that as of press time on Monday, Nov. 21, the Virginia State Police has not released additional information concerning the case nor has the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Richmond released a positive identification of the body.

According to a release from the Virginia State

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# Central looks ahead to championship game

By Matthew Hatfield  
The K-V Dispatch

And then there were two. After months of competition, with teams pouring blood, sweat and tears into the games, we've reached the end of the high school football season. After picking up a win on Friday, Nov. 18, Central Lunenburg moves on to face Riverheads in the Region 1B state championship.

But to get there, first the Chargers had to stage a comeback last Friday, trying to avoid history repeating itself.

Trailing Buffalo Gap 14-7 after three quarters of play, it looked like the perfect dream season was coming to an end for Central Lunenburg. However, the Chargers had some magic left in them, scoring a touchdown in the fourth quarter,

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# Town, IDA to review lease for public works shop

By Crystal Vandegrift  
The K-V Dispatch

The Victoria Town Council voted last week to review a lease agreement between the town and Victoria's Industrial Development Authority (IDA) that would relocate the town's public works shop to the former STEPS building, bringing life to a building that

has been empty for more than two years.

During the October Town Council meeting, Victoria Town Manager Rodney Newton brought up the idea of using a portion of the STEPS building as the shop and leasing it from the IDA for a cost of \$26,000 a year.

Councilmember Dr. Ronald Mattox asked if the STEPS

building were to be sold in the future, where what would happen to the public works shop.

According to Newton, the IDA has voted that the building will be subdivided and will have multi-tenants that the IDA will maintain.

According to IDA Chairman Mike Walker, the IDA is looking at devoting 15,000 square feet to the town for use

of the public works shop. The remaining building is divided to make space for approximately four tenants with a maximum of 25,000 square feet.

Since STEPS left the building, there have been many repairs that the IDA has undertaken in an effort to get the building ready for tenants or sale.

Just a few months ago, an out-of-state company that was interested in purchasing the STEPS building pulled out of a deal with the IDA.

During the October Victoria Town Council, Newton told members that if funds had not been invested into the STEPS building, it would have been

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**Third solar facility looks for green light**

By Crystal Vandegrift  
The K-V Dispatch

A third solar development company is looking at Lunenburg as a home for its next project.

A project that could net the county over \$5 million.

Palladium Energy, LLC, a Florida-based renewable energy developer and investment company, has submitted a Conditional Use Permit application to the County for a 130-MW solar facility in the Meherrin River District of the county.

Approximately 297 acres will be inside the fence line.

According to Palladium officials, the company has partnered with Renewable Energy Services, LLC, to develop the project.

The proposal that Palladium is leasing for the solar facility are primarily used to grow timber, with most of the acreage being cleared in the last five years.

According to the CUP application, Palladium says that the solar project will produce 14,000 megawatt-hours per year, increasing by 10% every five years, generating over \$5 million in revenue.

Developers submitted their applications for Red Brick solar in April 2020.

After more than two years of work and negotiation, the BOS acted on a CUP and siting agreement for the County the \$500,000 within 60 days after the County's approval of the CUP.

In addition, the developer will pay the County the amount of \$183,334 within 30 days after the Virginia

will be dispersed immediately after the County's approval of the final building permit, and the County the amount of \$1,083,333 immediately after Commercial Operation.

Developers Apex Solar and E&S Solar intend to construct and operate a 4-megawatt medical center solar facility on Dogwood Lane located just outside of Kenbridge.

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# Historical Society set up Christmas tour

We now have a date in place for this year's Holiday Heritage Home Tour. The event, organized and ran by the Lunenburg County Historical Society, will be held at Woodland on Saturday, Dec. 3 and Sunday, Dec. 4 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Built by Dr. Sterling Neblett Jr. in 1854, Woodland was home to the prominent Neblett family in Lunenburg for several generations. The house is located at 5572 South Hill Road, aka State Route 138, the main road between Kenbridge and South Hill.

The home is owned by Bryan Isaacs and his wife, who will be available to extend their personal hospitality to visitors.

"It's our pleasure to share this wonderful home that has such a rich history," Bryan Isaacs said.

The tour will enable guests to see how a well-constructed antebellum home can meet the needs of 21st century residents.

After Woodland, tour goes will

learn about Brickland. Many people in Lunenburg and vicinity are familiar with Brickland, which is located only a few miles from Woodland. Brickland was built in 1822 by Dr. Sterling Neblett Sr., the father of Dr. Neblett Jr., the original owner of Woodland.

The Neblett son's home contains a number of sophisticated influences similar to what is found at Brickland, his father's residence. Remodeled in 1968 by the Whitmore family to include a Mount Vernon style porch, Woodland still retains elegant examples of plaster and woodwork; much of the original structure was carefully preserved.

Visitors to Woodland can also explore the grounds where they will find the old cemetery, containing the graves of many members of the Neblett family. Handouts that will be distributed to guests on the tour also contain a great deal of historical information about the Neblett family and their times.

Those who have a copy of Antebellum Homes of Lunenburg, by Evelyn



Historic "WOODLAND," at 5572 South Hill Road (state route 138), will be open for tours on December 3 and 4.

Ferguson Arvin, may want to refer to the chapter on Woodland (beginning on page 165) to get a sense of the history of the place, starting with "Old

Woodland" (no longer standing) which was built on this same property in the 1700s by the grandfather of Dr. Sterling Neblett Jr.

## DAR meeting 'comes up roses'

The national flower of the United States of America is the rose. The proclamation naming it the national flower in 1986 read, "More often than any other flower, we hold the rose dear as the symbol of life and love and devotion, of beauty and eternity." Thus it was fitting that members of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution learned more about roses during their Oct. meeting in Victoria.

Members of the William Taylor Chapter welcomed two experienced growers of roses to present a fascinating program. Julie Ashman of Amelia County, a new member of the DAR chapter, grows 150 roses on her family farm. Joan Reid, an avid gardener since youth, grows over 200 roses, an

outgrowth of a project to restore her family's formal rose garden. Both ladies are active members of the Richmond Rose Society and the American Rose Society.

Ashman often writes articles for rose and garden publications and enjoys giving presentations. Reid meanwhile has an additional passion for photography and has won numerous awards for her photography as well her roses. Both ladies shared their areas of expertise with the group. Ashman gave wonderful tips on the cultivation of roses and ways to keep them healthy and flourishing, while Reid concentrated on tips for taking successful photographs of roses, using her own photographs as examples.



Rose enthusiasts Joan Reid, left, of Varina and Julie Ashman of Amelia shared their vast knowledge of rose cultivation with members of the William Taylor chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

## GAME: Chargers riding first undefeated season since early '90s

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hitting the Bison with a trick play on a go-ahead two-point conversion, and then holding on in the closing moments to stage a memorable 15-14 victory in the semifinals of the Region 1B playoffs.

For 48 minutes, the two squads exchanged blows and fought tooth and nail with neither getting up more than a touchdown on the other. The win served as a sweet taste of revenge for the Chargers, who last year saw their season come to an end in a 44-20 loss at Buffalo Gap in the regional semis.

"A lot of defense and a lot of tackling," said Central coach Will Thomas of the 2022 postseason rematch. "There were a lot of three-yard gains by both teams, but not too many turnovers. We fumbled once and stopped them on downs one time on fourth down in their own territory, which is how we got one of our scores. Our boys played good and I'm super proud of the effort."

It now puts Lunenburg at 11-0 overall for the first time since 1993, when they made it all the way to Pearisburg before falling to Giles in the State Championship.

Buffalo Gap arrived to Charger Stadium in Victoria late, but it didn't keep them from jumping out to the early lead. In fact, the Bison used a reverse pass to set up one of their two touchdowns.

"They're so well-coached. They made some incredible passes and we were covering them," Thomas noted. "They ran a sweep, handed it off to the

split-end and he threw it down the field to get inside the five. It couldn't have been a prettier pass."

The Chargers were able to get to half-time tied at 7-apiece, thanks in large part to junior running back Thomias Morrison busting off a 50-yard touchdown run up the middle.

Morrison finished with 65 yards on three carries. Seniors K.J. Watson (12 rushes for 58 yards) and Bam Jones (11 rushes for 57 yards) complimented him in the running game. It would take the defense stepping up and stopping Buffalo Gap when they decided to go for it on 4th-and-3 from their own 35-yard line in the fourth quarter.

With under seven minutes to play, Bam Jones scored a touchdown with under seven minutes to play to pull the Chargers within a point. Rather than tie it up, Thomas decided for a gutsy gamble that paid off with a fake extra

point, where senior Antwaun Jones ran in the two-point conversion to give them a 15-14 lead.

Lunenburg tried to run the clock out with a one-point lead when they got the ball back, but was stopped on fourth-and-short inside the 20 of Buffalo Gap. On the next play, the Bison completed a 65-yard pass, where the Chargers had to make a shoe-string tackle to prevent a touchdown.

Buffalo Gap reached the Lunenburg 16-yard line. Yet, the Lunenburg defense rose to the occasion. Instead of opting for a 33-yard field goal, Buffalo Gap left their offense on the field in hopes of scoring a go-ahead touchdown in the closing seconds.

"When we didn't see the field goal kicker come out on the field,

we said, 'Well, here we go.' We did call a time-out just to get our stuff straight because we knew they didn't have any time-outs left," Thomas stated. "So they threw it to the end zone, we fortunately knocked it down and pulled it out."

Outside linebacker Seth Bishop led the defensive charge with 13 total tackles, two for loss. Fellow senior Jamel Alexander added 12 tackles, one for loss. Bam Jones and Antwaun Jones had 11 total tackles apiece. Senior DB Lattrell Johnson, who added 10 stops and one for loss, deflected the fourth down pass in the end zone.

**CHAMPIONSHIP GAME  
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Next up for Central

is a trip to Riverheads (9-1), winners of six straight state titles and 26 consecutive playoff games, for the Region 1B crown. The Gladiators responded from falling behind early against Sussex Central to win comfortably, 47-20 in the regional semifinals.

"We know it's going to be tough. Basically, if you stand a chance, you have to play mistake-free and catch a break. They've not been beaten by a Single A team since Galax in 2015. We've lost to them twice and people tell us you can't beat

them, but it's not like anybody else has beaten them either. They're phenomenal, well-coached and have tough kids," Thomas commented.

"We usually don't do that well against those Shenandoah teams and have scrimmaged against some of them here and there. But we finally beat one, even though it isn't Riverheads. Sussex took some chances the other night and ended up scoring on them. When you get this far, nothing is for certain. We're going to have to play lights out."

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### LUNENBURG COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors will hold their monthly meeting on December 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the **Kenbridge Town Hall** 511 East 5th Avenue, Kenbridge, VA 23944 Room 200 (Council Chambers)

**\*\*Please note this is a change in location.\*\***

The Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at this meeting, on December 8, 2022 beginning at 6:00 PM or shortly thereafter, to receive public input on the following:

**CUP 4-22: Conditional Use Permit** for SBA Communications to recertify and alter the existing 250-foot Wireless Telecommunication facility on tax parcel 085-0A-0-5, 871 Long View Drive, Brodnax, VA 23920, consisting of 0.23 acres in an A-1 Agricultural zone.

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.

Written comments will be appreciated, in lieu of oral presentations. Please send comments to tgee@lunenburgva.gov or Lunenburg County Administration, 11413 Courthouse Road, Lunenburg, VA 23952.

# Chargers remain undefeated, look to Randolph-Henry next

By Matthew Hatfield  
The K-V Dispatch

For the first time since 2014, the Chargers are off to a 4-0 start. So far, they have outscored opponents 178-51, with a 22-8 victory over William Campbell as the latest victory. They led 14-8 entering the fourth quarter and held strong to preserve their closest win of 2022.

"I'm thankful. We had some turnovers that hurt us, but I'm not going to take anything away from

William Campbell. They're good at what they do and always give us problems," said Central Lunenburg coach

Will Thomas. "A lot of times we play each other in the regular season and see each other again in the playoffs. They're young, but play tough and were responsible for causing those turnovers."

## CENTRAL LUNENBURG DEVELOPING DEPTH

The biggest weapon for the Chargers so far this year has been their depth. Thomas also credits some new staff members for helping the offense develop.

"We've had so many injuries. Our best offensive tackle, Collin Burke, it was his first game playing because he had surgery on his hand in August and

has been out like eight weeks," Thomas said. "We have a new offensive coordinator in Stanley Christopher and things have been a little different, but in a good way."

Thomas added that the team has built some depth on the offensive line and because of those injuries, some others had a chance to step up and play well.

"It's been a really good surprise," he added.

Senior running back Bam Jones had a couple of touchdowns Friday and the Chargers also found the end zone on a pass from junior Conner Mattox to senior K.J. Watson.

Thomas pointed to senior defensive end Jamel Alexander as being a standout defensively. Both Watson and Jones have been solid on defense as well from the linebacker spot. Another two-way performer is Mattox, who Thomas says is "extremely valuable," to what they do.

"He's a three-year starter and has

started since he was a freshman. He plays a little DB, some linebacker and we even put him up on the line and let him rush the quarterback at times," Thomas said of Mattox.

"Fortunately, our defense has played well and we've been getting to the quarterback most nights by rushing four."

## UP NEXT

Their next test at unbeaten Randolph-Henry, which has won 11 straight in the series, will be a different kind of challenge.

"We told them the other night, all these other games are over with and it's going to get tougher every week," Thomas stated. "We figured that Randolph-Henry would be undefeated when we played them at their place and it's our first district game. That's always a good grudge-match and I know Randolph-Henry will be amped up, confident and ready to go. It's not going to get any easier for us."

# CHARGES: Sheriff says more charges coming

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Criminal Investigation, Appomattox Field Office.

Assisting in the arrest were Deputies from the Lunenburg County Sheriff's Office and Troopers from the Virginia State Police Bureau of Field Operations.

Sheriff Townsend expressed his gratitude to the law enforcement community "for their dedicated work in bringing this investigation to a close

and removing dangerous drugs and weapons from Lunenburg County."

He added that "pursuit of violators of the laws regarding dangerous drugs and illegally-possessioned firearms is never-ending."

If anyone has information regarding narcotics distribution or other crimes please call the Lunenburg County Sheriff's Office at (434) 696-4452, Charlotte County Sheriff's Office at (434) 542-5141, or the Virginia State Police at (800) 552-0962.

# REBATES: When will my rebate arrive?

FROM PAGE ONE

the state budget passed earlier this year. But not everyone will get the rebate.

Here's a breakdown of who's eligible, when the money will arrive and a few other things to know about the rules surrounding this payment.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Before we go over when the money arrives, let's talk about who qualifies for this payment. Here's the biggest question: have you filed your taxes this year yet? If not, you have to file by Nov. 1 to even be considered. If you file by Nov. 2 or 3, sorry, but it's too late. Beyond that, it depends on if your salary passes the threshold. In Virginia, anyone who earns no more than \$11,950 as an individual or \$23,900 as a household doesn't owe any taxes. So if you earn more than that at your job, you qualify for this payment. If you're not sure about being eligible, you can go to tax.virginia.gov/rebate and get an answer.

There's one more thing. If you owe a debt to any local or state agency, the tax rebate won't be headed your way, even if you are eligible. Instead, it will be applied to pay that debt off. The Virginia Department of Taxation will send you a letter if this is the case, explaining where the money went.

## WHEN WILL IT ARRIVE?

Now this part depends on you. When did you file your taxes? Basically, the Virginia Department of Taxation says they'll be sending the payments out on a first come, first serve basis.

"We are processing the rebates "first in/first out." Those who filed by July 1 should expect their rebate to arrive in late October," the department said in a statement released to the media. "Those who file between July 1

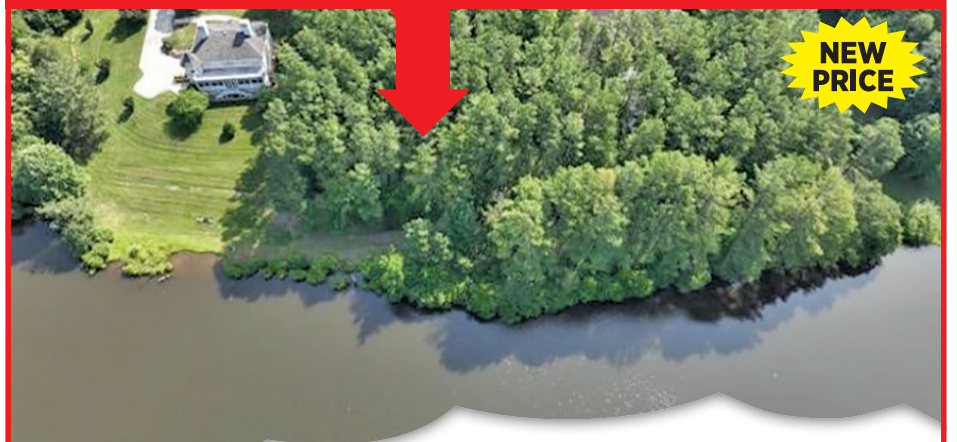
and Nov. 1 will receive their rebate within four months of their filing date."

There is an asterisk beside that claim. The payments could arrive much sooner, as the department started doing test runs over the weekend. If those prove successful, checks could show up in early Octo-

ber, if not sooner.

Regardless of when it happens, the rebate will arrive one of two ways. If you received a state tax refund this year by direct deposit, the rebate will arrive in the same bank account. If your tax refund arrived by a paper check, the same thing will happen with this rebate.

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