

City youth curfew

Council extends regulation after review of crime data. **LOCAL & STATE, B1**

High school football

Altavista falls to Essex in Class 1 state semifinal contest. **SPORTS, C1**



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BEDFORD CHRISTMAS PARADE BRINGS HOLIDAY CHEER



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Children wave to the crowd on a "Polar Express"-themed float during the Bedford Christmas Parade on Saturday.



Horse-drawn carriages pass by during Saturday's parade.



The Jefferson Forest High School marching band performs during the Bedford Christmas Parade on Saturday.

WATCH: For video from the Bedford County Christmas Parade on Saturday in downtown Bedford, point your smartphone at the QR code, then tap the link. **NEWSVU**

ELECTION 2024

Trump hints at expanded role for the US military

Signals aggressive agenda if he wins 2nd term; legacy law would give ex-president few guardrails in calling up units

GARY FIELDS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Campaigning in Iowa this year, Donald Trump said he was prevented during his presidency from using the military to quell violence in primarily Democratic cities and states.

Calling New York City and Chicago "crime dens," the front-runner for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination told his audience, "The next time, I'm not waiting. One of the things I did was let them run it and we're going to show how bad a job they do," he said. "Well, we did that. We don't have to wait any longer."

Trump has not spelled out precisely how he might use the military during a second term, although he and his advisers have suggested they would have wide latitude to call up units. While deploying the military regularly within the country's borders would be a departure from tradition, the former president already has signaled an aggressive agenda if he wins, from mass deportations to



Trump

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LYNCHBURG GENERAL HOSPITAL

Centra shines light on organ donations

New initiative serves a dual purpose in raising awareness, providing visual tribute to families

RACHAEL SMITH
The News & Advance

In an initiative to honor organ donors and raise awareness about their impact, Centra Health recently introduced a new display of colored lights at Lynchburg General Hospital (LGH).

The effort was spearheaded by Rhae Newbill, an advanced clinical nurse at Centra, who said the project has not only added a vibrant touch to the hospital's

façade but has become a symbol of hope for families navigating the challenging decision of organ donation.

"Organ donation is something that kind of has my heart and I have a passion for getting awareness out there," she said. "And so, because I cover the intensive care units, I cover all the patients that end up being donors."

Her son has a "small obsession" with the Liberty University

tower and its lights and always asks why it's lit up.

"And I thought maybe it would be cool to turn the tower green for organ donation," she said.

Initially considering collaborating with Liberty University, Newbill made the decision to focus on LGH.

The result is a display of lights that change colors every month to represent various causes, for example, in October, the lights are pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and in

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Lynchburg General Hospital is shown illuminated in green lights to bring awareness to organ donation. From the moment a patient is recognized as a donor until the organ transplantation process begins, the hospital's front building is lit up in green.

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FULL OF FALL FLAVOR

Apples can add sweet twist to the classic chicken pot pie dish. **BREAK, A10**



First lady remembered

Jimmy Carter, 99, makes a rare appearance at wife's service. **A8**

College football

Liberty to face New Mexico St. on Friday in CUSA title game. **B1**

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NATIONAL D-DAY MEMORIAL



PAIGE DINGLER, THE NEWS & ADVANCE

The Hoback Bible is pictured at the National D-Day Memorial on Tuesday.

'Moving testament'

Bedford Boy's Bible found on Omaha Beach is donated to collection

JUSTIN FAULCONER
The News & Advance

BEDFORD — A Bible carried by one of Bedford County's soldiers who died storming the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1944, is now a cherished piece of history in the National D-Day Memorial's artifact collection.

The memorial foundation announced Monday that Lucille Hoback Boggess, who lost her brothers Raymond and Bedford Hoback on D-Day, presented the family heirloom to April Cheek-Messier, the foundation's president, in a private meeting earlier this month. A soldier found the Raymond's Bible on Omaha Beach the day after the invasion.

"We are so honored that the

family has decided to entrust us with this precious gift," Cheek-Messier said in a news release. "I have known Lucille all my life, and the story of Raymond's Bible still brings tears to my eyes. It is a story that resonates with our visitors who often become emotional when they hear about this unthinkable loss and a mother and father who clung to their last tangible connection to her son — the very Bible they had given him."

The events of D-Day devastated the Bedford community that lost 19 local men of the Company A, 116th Regiment, 29th Division, including the Hoback brothers, who died on Omaha Beach along with another man from Company F, all likely

killed in the first hour of the invasion of Normandy.

On July 16, 1944, the Hoback family were preparing for church when they heard the local sheriff knocking on the door, hand delivering a telegram to the Hoback brothers' parents informing them that their son Bedford was killed in action. The following day a second telegram arrived

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WATCH: For video on the donation of Bedford Boy Raymond Hoback's Bible to the National D-Day Memorial's artifact collection, point your smartphone at the QR code, then tap the link. **NEWSVU**

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL AUTHORITY

Two-year review of Va. liquor law regulations stalls

Concerns raised changes make it too easy for retail businesses to get a mixed drink license

MICHAEL MARTZ
Richmond Times-Dispatch

RICHMOND — A two-year review of Virginia's liquor law regulations has stalled at the Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority after a Richmond restaurateur and his legislative allies raised concerns about rule changes that they say could make it too easy for retail businesses to obtain licenses to sell mixed drinks.

Former Del. Tim Hugo, R-Fairfax, whom Gov. Glenn Youngkin appointed chairman of the authority's board of directors early this year, asked this month for a



Hugo

pause in the regulatory process. The process had begun in part in response to an executive directive the governor signed on his first day in office to require state agencies to reduce the regulatory burden on Virginia businesses by 25%.

Hugo acted in response to a half-dozen calls he said he had

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TOWN OF BEDFORD

Officials eye roundabout at U.S. 221-Va. 122 intersection

VDOT: Traffic circle a safer avenue to relieve congestion at junction

Virginia Department of Transportation, spoke to Bedford Town Council on Nov. 14 about exploring the idea for a roundabout

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JUSTIN FAULCONER
The News & Advance

BEDFORD — One of Bedford County's most congested intersections is ripe for a roundabout in upcoming years.

Todd Daniel, Bedford residency administrator for the

WATCH: For video of VDOT's presentation on the potential roundabout at the U.S.

221-Va. 122 intersection, point your smartphone at the QR code, then tap the link. **NEWSVU**

ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR

More hostages are exchanged for prisoners on fifth day of truce

Mediators convene in Qatar to try to extend temporary cease-fire

WAFAA SHURAFU, JACK JEFFERY AND LEE KEATH
The Associated Press

DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip — Hamas and Israel released more

hostages and prisoners under terms of a fragile cease-fire that held for a fifth day Tuesday as international mediators in Qatar worked to extend the truce and the United States urged Israel to better protect Palestinian civilians in Gaza if it follows through on its promise to resume the war.

In the latest swap since the cease-fire began Friday, Israel said

10 of its citizens and two Thai nationals were freed by Hamas and had been returned to Israel. Soon after, Israel released 30 Palestinian prisoners. The truce is due to end after one more exchange Wednesday night.

For the first time, Israel and Hamas blamed each other for an exchange of fire between troops and militants in northern Gaza.

There was no immediate indication it would endanger the truce, which has enabled humanitarian aid to flow into Gaza.

CIA director William Burns and David Barnea, who heads Israel's Mossad intelligence agency, were in Qatar, a key mediator with Hamas, to discuss extending the cease-fire and releasing more hostages, a diplomat said on

condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the talks. U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken was set to visit the region this week, also with an eye to extending the truce.

Israel has vowed to resume the war with "full force" to destroy Hamas once it's clear that no more

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Amherst County

State declares CVTC property in Madison Heights as surplus. **A2**

High school sports

Amherst and Jefferson Forest hold signing day ceremonies. **B1**



US ECONOMY

FED RAISES INTEREST RATE

Statement hints it may halt hikes amid fallout from bank implosions. **NATION, A7**

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'A child of Lynchburg'

Community rallies behind the family of six-year-old boy who was shot, killed on Monday night



PAIGE DINGLER PHOTOS, THE NEWS & ADVANCE

Family members and others hold candles during the vigil for six-year-old Kingston Campbell at Greater Peaceful Zion Baptist Church on Wednesday.

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The Lynchburg community mourned together Wednesday night over the loss of a six-year-old boy, rallying behind the family of the child whose life was cut short late Monday night as a result of gun violence.

In the parking lot of Greater Peaceful Zion Baptist Church in Lynchburg, just steps away from the home where the boy's life was taken, a large crowd gathered to support the family of Kingston Campbell, the six-year-old who was killed late Monday night following a shots fired incident in the 1500 block of Floyd Street.

Wednesday night's vigil paid honor to the life of Kingston, with leaders from the city and faith community coming up one-by-one to offer their con-



Attendees hold hands in prayer during the vigil for six-year-old Kingston at Greater Peaceful Zion Baptist Church.

dolences to the family, as well as charge the residents of Lynchburg with one question: "What is it going to take?"

"It's unnatural for any mother

to have to bury their child," Mayor Stephanie Reed said during the vigil Wednesday. "It's the greatest fear of every parent to lose a child ... from a mother

to a mother, my heart breaks for you and for your family."

Lynchburg Police Chief Ryan Zuidema offered his thoughts and prayers to the family, saying, "I'm sad being here. I'm sad we have a young man who will never see his seventh birthday, or any birthday after that."

The police chief said one way to help the family heal is by finding, arresting and prosecuting the individuals responsible for his death.

"If a six-year-old young man in his own home being shot and killed does not provoke you to

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WATCH: For video of the vigil, point your smartphone at the QR code, then tap the link. **NEWSVU**

BEDFORD COUNTY

Commission recommends denial of halfway house

Crowd mostly opposes proposed treatment site in Goode; nearness to school cited as key worry

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BEDFORD — A proposed halfway house for substance abuse treatment on Lowry Road in Goode was met with heavy opposition from a packed crowd at a public hearing Tuesday, an emotional zoning review process that resulted in a 4-2 recommendation of denial from the Bedford County Planning Commission.

Sobrius Curea, LLC is requesting a special use permit to

establish a high intensity chemical dependency program with 16 residents for 30-day inpatient treatment on two acres zoned Agricultural Village. Jason Stevens, CEO and founder of Sobrius, said

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WATCH: For video of the public hearing on the halfway house permit request, point your smartphone at the QR code, then tap the link. **NEWSVU**



JUSTIN FAULCONER, THE NEWS & ADVANCE

A large crowd overflows the public meeting room of the Bedford County administration building Tuesday during a public hearing on a proposed halfway house operation in Goode.

LYNCHBURG | FY2024 BUDGET

Council eyes cuts to school funding

Under new proposal, city would contribute \$1.4 million less than original \$43M figure

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As Lynchburg City Council's fiscal year 2024 budget reconciliation period draws to a close, the body settled in Tuesday night on a reduced local contribution to the city's school division, giving council the ability to eliminate departmental cuts and provide tax relief to property owners citywide, while making an "unprecedented" investment in public safety.

In an effort to reduce the \$9.1 million budget gap, according to Chief Financial Officer Donna Witt, which exists should council maintain its support for City Manager Wynter Benda's full public safety proposal and a 5% general wage increase for non-sworn employees, council is looking at reducing its level of local funding from an originally proposed \$42.9 million in the budget and performance expectations sheet, to a total of about \$39.4 million, a \$1.4 million reduction from its fiscal year 2023

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DELTA STAR, INC.

Manufacturer will expand its operations in Lynchburg

\$30.2M investment to bring in 149 new jobs

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Gov. Glenn Youngkin announced Wednesday that Delta Star, Inc., the largest American-owned medium transformer manufacturer in the United States and a premier manufacturer of mobile transformers in North America, will invest \$30.2 million to expand its manufacturing and headquarters operation in Lynchburg at 3550 Mayflower Drive.

According to a news release, the expansion involves 80,000-square-feet of

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