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Murder charge dropped in Lake Monticello Shooting

BY HEATHER MICHON
 CORRESPONDENT

A murder charge and a charge of using a firearm in commission of a felony have been dismissed against Benjamin Camp in connection with a shooting at Lake Monticello last year, according to Fluvanna County Commonwealth's Attorney Jeff Haislip.

Haislip said the charges were nolle prossed, which means that though the charges are dismissed, they can be brought against Camp again. Haislip would not comment on why the charges were dropped.

The charges were dismissed before a preliminary hearing held at the Fluvanna County General District Court on Tuesday (Jan. 21).

Fresh details about the fatal shooting emerged during the hearing. Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Todd Shockley introduced witness testimony, photographs, and 911 recordings to support charges of

entering a house to commit assault and battery in the case of Joshua Bentham-Ball of Lake Monticello.

According to the Commonwealth, Bentham-Ball, 44, and his friend Jason Farren, 36, of Palmyra, entered a home on Axle Tree Road in Lake Monticello at around 8 p.m. on Oct. 29, 2019.

The home belonged to Deanna Raymond, who lived there with her 12-year old daughter. Raymond was working a late shift that night, leaving her daughter in the care of her boyfriend, Benjamin Camp of Charlottesville.

In vivid, profanity-laced testimony, Camp told Judge Theresa Carter that he was sleeping in an upstairs bedroom when he was abruptly awakened by Bentham-Ball.

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Joshua Bentham-Ball.

left the room, and exited the house. From the second-floor landing, he said he saw Bentham-Ball on the front porch "holding what I thought at that time was a baseball bat." Camp returned to the bedroom to retrieve a pistol.

Looking out the front door, Camp said he saw Bentham-Ball and Farren still standing on the porch.

"Come outside. We just want to talk," Camp testified Bentham-Ball told him. Camp locked the front door and dialed 911 as he walked to the rear of the house.

As he spoke to the dispatcher at the Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office, he heard Farren and Bentham-Ball reenter the house through the kitchen door. Farren was in front, with Bentham-Ball in the rear, he testified.

Camp said he raised his laser-assisted pistol and pointed it at Farren. "You're going to have to shoot me....," he testified Farren said.

As Farren moved towards him, Camp fired three shots, hitting Farren in the chest. Bentham-Ball ran out of the house.

"Get the...ambulance here," Camp told the 911 dispatcher. "I shot the (expletive)."

Multiple statements

Farren was pronounced dead at the scene. Camp and Bentham-Ball both surrendered to law enforcement without incident.

Shockley called Detective Scott Fielding, an investigator for the Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office, who interviewed Bentham-Ball for several hours after the shooting.

Fielding said Bentham-Ball told him that he was close friends with Raymond and was a frequent visitor

to the Axle Tree residence; Farren was Raymond's ex-boyfriend. That evening, Fielding testified that Bentham-Ball said the two men had tried to get in touch with Raymond and eventually decided to stop by to check in on her and her daughter. After parking on a side street and walking through a patch of woods, Bentham-Ball saw the girl watching TV through a window and she came outside to talk to them. According to Fielding's notes, Bentham-Ball alleged that he used a spare key hidden near the kitchen door to go into the house and make a snack for the girl.

The detective testified that Bentham-Ball "changed his statements two to three times" during the interview. At one point he said he had not entered the upstairs bedroom where Camp was sleeping, while at another point he said he had gone to the room to see if Raymond was home and asleep.

He said he found the stick, which may have been a broken broom handle, in the woods on his way to the house.

Bentham-Ball's attorney, David Lassiter, argued that his client had permission from Raymond to be in the Axle Tree house any time he wanted, which Raymond confirmed in her testimony.

The Bentham-Ball family "has always been welcome in my home," she said. "They know where the key is."

"There must be breaking" to support a charge of breaking and entering, Lassiter told the judge.

"Maybe Jason Farren broke into the house," he added in his closing argument, but his client was only there to check on the daughter and cook her some food.

Shockley argued that, particularly at night, the law didn't require active breakage to support the charge. "They were there for unlawful purposes," he said. "That negates any permission by the owner."

Carter certified the Commonwealth's charge against Bentham-Ball to the grand jury, which meets on Feb. 24. He is also facing a parole violation. He remains incarcerated at Central Virginia Regional Jail.

Correction

The Fluvanna School Board meetings will continue to be held on the second Wednesday of each month. The date was incorrectly reported in the Jan. 23 school board story.

Rudy talks Taxes

BY RUDY GARCIA, OWNER, RIVANNA WOODS FINANCIAL / TAX SERVICES

It is official. The 2019 Tax Season started on Monday January 27th. You can now electronically file your returns. Remember to call us at RWF Tax Services to assist you! Today I want to continue to highlight changes in the tax law that may positively affect your situation.

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Fundraiser launched for girl injured by rabid dog

New charges brought against owner

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

A GoFundMe campaign has been launched for a Fluvanna County girl injured by a rabid dog shortly before Christmas.

The girl, identified as "Erika," was reportedly walking from the school bus to her home on Dec. 19 when then dog suddenly charged her. As a result of the attack, she lost the index finger on her dominant hand. Both she and her father were also forced to undergo weeks of post exposure shots to protect them from developing the fatal virus.

"After the attack, Erika did not feel safe in her own yard," writes campaign organizer Kim Marston Barrett of Courtland, Virginia. "Her dad allowed her to pick out a fence that would make her feel safe so that she will only have a very short distance to get from the school bus to the

gate before she was within her 'safety zone.'"

The goal is to raise \$10,000 for the new fence and to pay for additional medical and physical therapy expenses as the young woman recovers from the incident.

Tricia Johnson, a former Fluvanna SPCA director who has been deeply involved in community response to the attack, has seen some skepticism surrounding the fundraiser on social media.

She notes that concerns about the validity of the request are natural, but "in this instance, I can assure people this is a legitimate request for a family truly in need."

The young woman is a "victim of someone else's irresponsibility," says Johnson, "and she will need a great deal of medical care to recover." Like

many households, the affected family will be hard-pressed to meet these sudden and unexpected costs.

"I have donated," she said. "I hope many others will as well."

The GoFundMe can be found at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/cx7t6h-erika>

New charges

The affected pit bull was euthanized by animal control officers shortly after the incident. Two other dogs and five cats were later seized from the owners and euthanized on Dec. 26 and 27. None were found to be infected with the rabies virus.

On Jan. 8, owner Ricahrd Shane Kelley was charged with four counts of failure to obtain a dog license and nine counts of failure to vaccinate for rabies. A single count of cruelty to

animals was added on Jan. 16. Kelley will appear in Fluvanna General District Court in February.

Local animal protection groups responded to the attack by holding a free rabies vaccination clinic at Pleasant Grove in early January that resulted in the vaccination of 440 local pets.

Along with the victim and her family, several deputies and members of the community sought post-exposure vaccination. At the Board of Supervisors meeting on Jan. 22, Dr. Denise Bonds of the Virginia Department of Health said her staff would issue an after-action report on the incident later this year.

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FOR APPROVAL OF A WATER AND WASTEWATER
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICE CHARGE PLAN
AND FOR AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT
WATER AND WASTEWATER WWISC RIDERS
CASE NO. PUR-2019-00209**

- Aqua Virginia, Inc., has applied for approval to implement its first water and wastewater infrastructure service charge (“WWISC”) plan and for authority to implement a Water WWISC Rider with a revenue requirement of approximately \$137,000, and a Wastewater WWISC Rider with a revenue requirement of approximately \$150,000.
- A Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will hear the case on April 14, 2020, at 10 a.m.
- Further information about this case is available on the SCC website at: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

On December 6, 2019, Aqua Virginia, Inc. (“Aqua Virginia” or “Company”), pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5-20-80 of the State Corporation Commission’s (“Commission”) Rules of Practice and Procedure (“Rules of Practice”) and the Final Order entered in Case No. PUR-2017-00082 (“October 2018 Final Order”), filed an application for approval of a Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Service Charge (“WWISC”) Plan and for authority to implement water and wastewater WWISC Riders (“Application”).

Aqua Virginia asserts that the Commission authorized the Company to implement separate water and wastewater WWISCs over a three-year pilot period to enable the Company to make accelerated investments to replace mains and other aging infrastructure that have reached the end of their useful lives. Aqua Virginia further states that the Commission approved \$3,750,000 in WWISC projects over the three-year pilot period, specifically limiting same to \$1.765 million for accelerated water main replacement projects and \$1.99 million for inflow and infiltration (“I&I”) reduction projects. As noted by the Applicant, such approval was wholly subject to the specific safeguards recommended by the Hearing Examiner and adopted in their entirety by the Commission.

Aqua Virginia states that the October 2018 Final Order authorized the Company to begin deferring the costs of WWISC-eligible investment placed in service on and after March 1, 2019. In testimony accompanying the Application, Aqua Virginia describes the water main replacement projects and wastewater infrastructure replacement projects that the Company proposes to complete as part of its first WWISC Plan period beginning March 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2020, The Company requests that the Commission approve the first roster of WWISC- eligible investments.

The Company further requests approval of its proposed WWISC Tariff, including the proposed (1) Water WWISC Rider with a revenue requirement of approximately \$137,000, associated with approximately \$1,576,000 in water main replacement projects; and (2) Wastewater WWISC Rider with a revenue requirement of approximately \$150,000, associated with approximately \$1,382,000 in wastewater I&I projects. Aqua Virginia has proposed a rate of \$0.1317 for each 1000 gallons of water used and \$0.5778 for each 1000 gallons of wastewater billed. If the WWISC Plan and Riders are approved, the impact on customer bills would depend on usage. The Company estimates that implementation of its proposed Riders would increase the monthly bill of a residential water customer using 4,000 gallons per month by \$0.53, and would increase the monthly bill of an average residential sewer customer by \$2.31.

Aqua Virginia proposes to add the Water WWISC and Wastewater WWISC Riders to customer bills “effective for the period from 120 days after filing of this Application until the filing of the Company’s next WWISC proceeding or the effective date of interim base rates in its next base rate case.” Accordingly, the Company proposes a beginning date of April 6, 2020, for the first WWISC Rider Rate Year.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the Application and supporting documents for the details of these and other proposals.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Application and supporting documents and thus may adopt rates that differ from those appearing in the Company’s Petition and supporting documents.

Per the Company’s request and subject to true-up and the Hearing Examiner’s protections adopted by the Commission in PUR-2017-00082, the Commission has granted the Company’s request to begin charging customers for its WWISC related expenses for billings made on or after April 6, 2020 (\$0.1317 for each 1000 gallons of water used and \$0.5778 for each 1000 gallons of wastewater billed); and has done so with express notice that the Commission may lower such WWISC rates based on the final outcome of these proceedings.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing that, among other things, scheduled a public hearing to commence at 10 a.m. on April 14, 2020, in the Commission’s Second Floor Courtroom, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, to receive testimony from members of the public and evidence related to the Application from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission’s Staff. Any person desiring to testify as a public witness at this hearing should appear in the Commission’s courtroom fifteen (15) minutes prior to the starting time of the hearing and contact the Commission’s Bailiff.

Copies of the Application and the Commission’s Order for Notice and Hearing are available for public inspection during regular business hours at each of the Company’s business offices in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Copies also may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, John K. Byrum, Jr., Esquire, Woods Rogers PLC, Riverfront Plaza, West Tower, 901 East Byrd Street, Suite 1550, Richmond, Virginia 23219. If acceptable to the requesting party, the Company may provide the documents by electronic means.

Copies of the public version of the Application and other documents filed in this case also are available for interested persons to review in the Commission’s Document Control Center, located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission’s website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

On or before March 6, 2020, any interested person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the notice of participation shall be submitted to Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Anyone filing a notice of participation simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company at the address set forth above. Pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission’s Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by Rule 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2019-00209.

On or before March 6, 2020, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission and serve on the Commission’s Staff, the Company, and all other respondents, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of such testimony and exhibits shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Respondents also shall comply with the Commission’s Rules of Practice, including: 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2019-00209.

On or before April 7, 2020, any interested person wishing to comment on the Company’s Application shall file written comments on the Application with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Any interested person desiring to file comments electronically may do so on or before April 7, 2020, by following the instructions found on the Commission’s website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2019- 00209.

All documents filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission’s Rules of Practice.

The Commission’s Rules of Practice may be viewed at: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. A printed copy of the Rules of Practice and an official copy of the Commission’s Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding may be obtained from the Clerk of the Commission at the address above.

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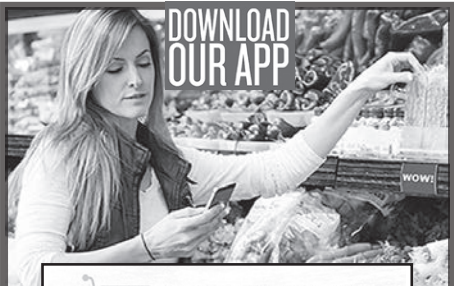
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Bill seeks to ban holding cellphones while driving in Virginia

BY ANDREW RINGLE
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

Karen Giles was proud of her 30 years as a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician, her daughter said, until she was killed last February when a dump truck driver looked down at his phone to text a friend about a Valentine's Day gift.

Giles' daughter, Meredith Spies, said she now forgives that driver. But in a press conference on Tuesday, she also said the current sentencing guidelines are not harsh enough.

"We need to put our phones down," Spies said. "And we need a punishment in place that will take over the need to eat, the need to put on your Chapstick, the need to answer that notification."

Spies spoke in support of House Bill 874, currently being considered in the Virginia General Assembly. The bill would prohibit holding a handheld personal communications device while driving a motor vehicle.

Current law prohibits reading or typing messages on a personal communications device while driving. However, holding such a device is legal, except while driving in a work zone.

The bill's sponsor, Del. Jeff Bourne, D-Richmond, called the resolve of Spies and others who are pushing for legislation to prevent distracted driving "truly inspiring."

"Too many people are being affected, being killed, being harmed," Bourne said. "Families are being tormented by distracted driving and those accidents that result from that."

Last fall, Richmond City Council unanimously passed an ordinance to ban using mobile devices while driving. A bill hoping to curb distracted driving in the 2019 General Assembly session passed the Senate but failed in the House. If HB 874 can make it out of the House and Senate this session, then a signature from Gov. Ralph

Northam would make the same policy statewide law.

"We want to make sure that everyone is safe and that distracted driving goes down rather than up," Bourne said.

Richmond Police Chief Will Smith said during the press conference that his department supports HB 874 and that anyone with children shouldn't be surprised by the proposal.

"One of the very first things that we all talk about with our kids is, 'make sure that you leave your phone out of your hand and don't text, don't call until you get to your destination,'" Smith said. "Yet we, as an adult society, tend not to obey our own advice."

Smith said there were over 1,000 accidents involving distracted driving in the city last year, up from 950 in 2018. He said the ordinance passed by City Council last year mimics HB 874.

"We see this as a very positive opportunity to improve the safety of our traveling public, those who are pedestrians on our sidewalks and our cyclists in the streets," Smith said.

Sen. Scott Surovell, D-Fairfax, said during the press conference that using phones while driving has become an epidemic. It's currently legal to drive and use a phone to play "Angry Birds, or while browsing the internet," he noted.

Surovell believes HB 874, now at the hands of the House motor vehicles subcommittee, has a strong chance of becoming law. He thanked Bourne for his support of similar legislation over the past four years.

"While I certainly can't tell the future," Bourne said, "I'm very, very confident that at some point in 2020, we'll all be together again, watching the governor sign this bill into law."

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Romance author writes cozy mysteries

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT



Leslie Truex.

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Local author and romance writer Leslie Truex, who also writes under the pen name of Jenna Harte, is working in a new genre: the cozy

mystery.

Nowadays, like all genres, many have sub-genres. Mysteries are often about hard-boiled detectives and amateur sleuths. Truex explains that the cozy mystery involves an amateur sleuth usually in a small town. There is no violence, swearing, or sex (all that takes place off-stage). In most cases, the town and people are other characters in the book. Agatha

Christie was the mother of this invention.

Her new series, written under her pen name Jenna Harte, involves Sophie Parker, an intelligent but unsophisticated young woman who is

forced to return home to care for her elderly great-aunt after her father and brother go to jail for running a Ponzi scheme, and her mother runs off with her personal trainer.

"Sophie has a degree in folklore, with a love of fairy tales, which isn't helpful in the rural Blue Ridge Mountain town. That coupled with people being suspicious of her since the rest of her family are crooks, she's not able to get a job anywhere but as a waitress at the Booty Burgo, a pirate-themed sports bar."

She describes Sophie as book smart but sheltered and indulged while growing up in an affluent family. Sophie grows through her amateur sleuthing, solving murders, and learning life skills. "She finds her personal power. She's quirky and spunky."

She explains why Sophie has an offbeat and unique degree in folklore and fairy tales.

I'm a fan of folklore and fairy tales and I've read a great number of stories beyond the normal we hear about growing up or learn in school. I like to use the lesser-known ones in each of the books I write."

Cozy mysteries today also include a theme, like a coupon group, quilting, knitting, baking, or a book club which enhances the coziness of the mystery itself.

Truex can't recall the origin of the idea for the Sophie series.

"It evolved from a PI mystery idea that I had. I wanted to do a married PI couple, but my agent nixed the idea. So I worked on changes and eventually came up with Sophie and her story," she said. "The coupon group came from a cozy gimmick that hadn't been done, crafting, bakery...often the ideas evolve over time."

Truex is never without her romantic touch. AJ Devlin is Sophie's

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high school crush, who grew up poor but was able to get out of his circumstances through the military. He works as an airplane repo man. In the first book, "Death of a Debtor," he's the one who unintentionally puts Sophie in the situation of being a suspect for murder.

Characters are unique in cozies, often quirky, funny, and sometimes offbeat. Cozies do not get bogged down in personal drama, or ex-cops or detectives fighting with their personal demons or alcoholism. They are light, easy reading and the dialogue reflects the lightness and humor.

Aunt Rose, Sophie's curmudgeonly great-aunt, doesn't put up with nonsense and doesn't mince words. She's difficult, but when it counts, she supports Sophie. She likes to bake pies and nearly wins all the pie contests. Her nemesis is Carl Jackson, who she accused of cheating at Bunko at the Senior Center. This becomes the subject of her current book in the series.

Other characters in the book include Bull, a large biker-type man who works with AJ.

"He's scary looking, but inside is mush. He has a soft spot for Sophie and, eventually, her aunt."

The coupon group consists of a variety of women, including, Sophie's best friend Lani, who works at the sheriff's department, retired elementary school teacher Aggie, six-foot-tall Gwen, and sisters Tracy and Vivie, who is Sophie's arch-nemesis.

Every mystery has to have a real detective to help out the amateur sleuth and Sergeant Lawson Davis aka "Sergeant Scowl," nicknamed by Sophie, is the detective in the series.

"He and Sophie have a complicated relationship in that she always seems to poke her nose where it doesn't belong." Together the characters become the stories and are not that far removed from realism since they are very real in their assessment of their environment and the people around them. That's where the humor shines in Truex's cozies.

"My characters evolve out of necessity and through the writing." She got the idea for AJ after watching Airplane Repo. "I wanted a range of personalities for the coupon group, so I have the motherly person, the

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nemesis, the best friend, and two other members. Aunt Rose came from Sophie needing support and Bull was born from needing a second person to help AJ with repos. From there, it's just deciding the personalities, which in the case of Rose and Bull, are quirky and fun. They tend to be the two most popular that readers tell me about."

Later in the series, Bull and Aunt Rose become unlikely buddies through baking pies together.

An experienced romance writer, Truex admits that romances have their challenges.

"I have to make sure the motivations and conflicts are important enough to support a story, and keeping love scenes interesting. But I find mysteries are more challenging to write because I have to develop a puzzle to be solved, along with misdirection and red herrings. It's easier to write a romance by the seat of my pants than a mystery."

Currently, there will be three books in all and Truex has no plan for more in this series.

"Publisher's like series because if one sells well, it has a base of readers that will buy the future books. When I pitch to my agent/publisher, usually I have three book ideas in a series; one that is written and two that have a basic synopsis, including in the romance series. Even in self-publishing, most experts recommend writing a series to tap into future sales from fans."

She sees the series as an advantage for writers.

"Once you've developed the setting and characters, you just need to re-use them in new situations. Starting a book and series is more work because you have to build the characters and setting from scratch."

To hear more about Truex's work and her new cozy mystery series, she will be speaking to Friends of the Library on Feb. 5, at 10 a.m. at the Fluvanna County Public Library. "Death of a Debtor" by Jenna Harte, is available online at Amazon and Barnes and Noble. It's also available as an e-book through online book retailers such as Amazon.



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House committee tackles consumer protections and cybersecurity

BY MACY PRESSLEY
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

In one of the more modern meeting rooms at the over two centuries old State Capitol, 22 lawmakers gather on Mondays to confront the increasing cybersecurity threats looming over Virginia residents.

This session the House Committee on Communications, Technology and Innovation will consider a variety of issues, including managing data in an increasingly digital world, regulating devices for children in schools and enabling consumers with the right to access their data and determine if it has been sold to a data broker.

The committee will also hear proposals on a range of cybersecurity issues. These include House Bill 322 which seeks to create a cybersecurity advisory council. HB 524 aims to create a volunteer group of tech industry professionals to help localities and school divisions address information technology and cybersecurity issues. HB 954 requires businesses to take reasonable steps to dispose of customer records when the company no longer needs those documents.

The committee leadership has a host of expertise in technology and cybersecurity. The chair, Del. Cliff Hayes Jr., D-Chesapeake spent over 25 years working in the cybersecurity field, including time as the director of information technology for the Norfolk Sheriff's Office. Hayes Jr. said he was optimistic about Virginia's future in cybersecurity, but did not understate the risks.

"Anywhere in the world is at a high risk in this day in age," Hayes said. "We have to make sure we do everything we can to protect our infrastructure and those devices that are connected to it."

Vice Chair Del. Hala Ayala, D-Woodbridge, spent over 15 years working as a cybersecurity specialist for the Department of Homeland Security. She said the committee will work with the federal government to prevent cyber attacks from hostile foreign adversaries.

When it comes to cybersecurity, Virginians have reason to be cautious. Some of the biggest companies in the world such as Amazon store data in the state. Seventy percent of the world's daily internet traffic is routed through Loudoun County, according to Loudoun's department of economic development. Since 2010, Microsoft continues to expand its data center operations in Mecklenburg County. Facebook recently opened a 1 million square foot data center in Henrico, with plans to add another 1.5 million square feet.

Hayes said the committee plans to be proactive when it comes to dealing with the increasing cybersecurity threats.

"Historically, most of the cyber, artificial intelligence, unmanned systems, and all of those types of issues were referred to other committees for some reason," he said. "But now, those bills are going to be coming to this committee and we have an abundance of ex-



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pertise in this area.”

Virginia’s cyber investments aren’t invulnerable, especially given the growing threat of hostile foreign powers such as Iran. The Iranians have spent years cultivating a skilled team of hackers that could potentially threaten U.S. cybersecurity, according to a recent Washington Post survey of leaders from government, academia and the private sector.

“We’re trying to make steps at the federal level to strengthen our security infrastructure,” Ayala said.

At the state level, Ayala said the committee plans to protect consumers against potential breaches and advocate for consumer privacy.

“You’ll see a lot of privacy legislation come out,” she said. “We want to strengthen consumer data and protection.”

Del. Kathy Byron, R-Bedford, said the key to protecting Vir-

ginians against cybersecurity threats will be education.

“It’s critical that we continue to train young people so we have the workforce and workforce skills to be able to help companies,” Byron said.

Byron also said there were a number of steps Virginians could take to protect themselves from identity theft.

“Check daily for activity from your financial institutions to make sure someone hasn’t used that information,” Byron said.

Ayala said there are a number of ways to protect your online activities as well.

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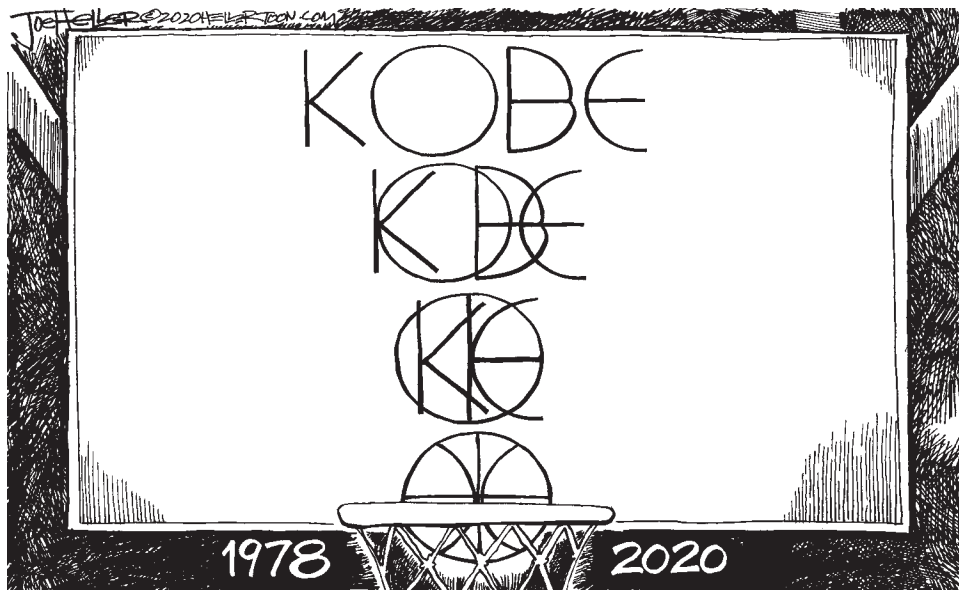
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The Second Annual Altered Book Exhibition, sponsored by the Friends of the Fluvanna County Library, is returning in March. Local artists of all ages will create works of fantasy, beauty or whimsy by starting with a book and reimagining it into a work of art, using the subject of the book as an inspiration for the art. There are no limitations regarding materials used.

Exhibits are to be dropped off at the Fluvanna County Library with

an entry form from March 16 – 21. Entry forms are available at the library. The Altered Books will be on exhibit from March 23 – April 4. The public can vote for their favorite Altered Books throughout the exhibit with awards being presented at a reception on April 4 from 1–2 p.m.

Please contact the Fluvanna County Library at 434-589-1400 with any questions.



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Fluco Indoor Track and Field teams are performing very well

BY DUNCAN NIXON
CORRESPONDENT



Fluco boys State qualifiers. Eli Hartzog, Ethan Yancey, Eric White, Leduc Reid and Cameron Holland. Photos by Duncan Nixon.

On Jan. 21, the Fluco boys and girls indoor track and field squads traveled to Fork Union Military Academy (FUMA) to compete in the 2020 Jerry Cutright Classic. The meet is named for a long-time cross country and track coach at Louisa County High. Louisa County hosted the meet. Five teams were on hand and the FUMA facility was packed with runners and jumpers and throwers and vaulters. The schools on hand were Fluvanna County, Louisa County, Western Albemarle, Nottoway and FUMA.

Since FUMA does not have female students there were four schools competing in the girls meet. The Flucos were up against strong teams from Louisa and Western Albemarle, but they held their own finishing with the second highest score in the meet. The only individual first place finisher for the Fluco girls was Emily Beckman who won the 3200-meter run by three seconds, finishing in 13:24.24. The Fluco girls also recorded a win in the 4X8000 meter relay. The winning team consisted of Evelyn DeMers, Kieri Hart, Skylar Solga and Hattie Lintecum. They won easily, by

about eleven seconds.

Hart and Solga finished second and third respectively in the 500-meter run. Another second-place finisher for the Fluco girls was Shea Hart in the 55 meter hurdles, losing by only one second. The Fluco girls had some strong performers in the field events as well. R'Tia Payne and Lintecum were second and third in the high jump. Amina Wilson was third in the pole vault, while Hannah Feith and Payne were second and third in the triple jump. Elle Dudzik was second in the shotput, missing the top slot by just an inch.

The boys' team held its own against very strong squads from Louisa County and FUMA, finishing close to both teams. On the track, Leduc Reid was a winner in the 55-meter hurdles by a second. He also finished in a dead heat for a joint win in the 55-meter dash. The Flucos' Aidan Girard was a winner in the 300-meter race, also winning by exactly one second.

The Flucos also did well in field events. Ethan Yancey and Jariq Hensen tied for first in the pole vault, both clearing 12 feet. In the long jump, Fluco Cameron Holland

was easily the best. His leap of 22 feet was almost three feet better than the second-place finisher. Eli Hartzog was just as impressive in the shot put. None of the big strong boys from FUMA were even close, although they did finish second, third and fourth. Hartzog's throw of 51 feet was best by a huge nine feet.

Fluco boys' Coach Steve Szarmach and girls' Coach Rose Brogan said that a number of their athletes have already met the requirements for participation in the State meet at the end of the season. On the boys' side, Reid has qualified in the 55-meter hurdles, Hartzog in the shot put, Holland in the long jump, Yancey in the pole vault and Eric White has qualified in the 500 meter.

On the girls' side, Wilson has met the State qualifying standard in the pole vault. Lintecum, has qualified in the high jump, as has Payne and Jules Shepherd. Shea Hart has qualified in high jump and in 55-meter hurdles.

Like the vast majority of public high schools, Fluvanna County High School does not have an indoor track facility. Luckily, nearby FUMA does have an excellent facil-

ity and the Flucos have competed in three straight meets held at FUMA this season. On Jan. 25 the Fluco teams competed in the St. Christopher's meet in Richmond and on Jan. 30 they are traveling to Woodberry Forest just north of Orange. The District meet is Feb.5. The Region meet is on Feb. 19 and the State meet is Feb. 28.



Fluco vaulter Amina Wilson (left).



Fluco backpacks at FUMA.

Supervisors take on tuition, trash, rabies and sewage

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on Wednesday (Jan 22) was relatively brief, with only two items up for a vote and number of presentations and updates. Supervisor Tony O'Brien (Rivanna) was away for the evening.

Among the highlights of the meeting:

- Supervisors approved policy manual updates on the County's tuition reimbursement policy by a vote of 4-0. Human Resources Director Jessica Rice said she had worked with other departments to refine the policy that had existed since 2006 "to make it more equitable." Funding for tuition reimbursement will be put under her department's budget, rather than individual departments. The program will be open to any full-time employee with 12 or more months on the job. There will be a cap of

\$500 per employee, and would have to be reimbursed if the employee leaves in the 12 months after they receive the funds.

- Supervisors also approved a \$50,000 budget transfer from the Board of Supervisors Contingency Fund to the Convenience Center budget by a 4-0 vote. The department is facing a shortfall due to unexpected increases in trash hauling and recycling charges. Management analyst Liz McIver said they had initially anticipated hauling fees for the year would be around \$70,000, but it was looking like it was going to "be closer to \$160,000."
- Assistant County Administrator Kelly Berlinger Harris gave a status update on the 2018-2019 Strategic Initiatives, a master list of projects and priorities designed to improve county services. Harris recommended a new format for categorizing and

updating the initiatives that she would like to phase in over the next year or two.

- Dr. Denise Bonds of the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) gave a brief update on services provided to the county over the last year, including community health services, immunization clinics, and family planning services. "I think our location can sometimes be a barrier for people coming in because it's located right here in the courthouse," she said. With talk of the county potentially building new office space or changing the configuration of services, she said having Health Services and Social Services in the same location is considered best practices in the delivery of public health care. She also noted the recent rabies case within the county and said would be producing an after-action report on the

incident and the public health service response.

- Dr. Bonds and County Administrator Eric Dahl also updated supervisors on a sewage issue in the former town of Columbia. An open sewer was discovered along Rt. 6 with no clear evidence of which homes were connected to it, but after substantial testing, the county narrowed it down to just two houses. Dr. Bonds explained that because of the small size and configuration of the two lots, it would be challenging to install holding tanks on those properties, much less a full septic system. Dahl said that the resident of one of the homes had moved out and the county will continue to work with the second property owner to fix the problem.

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Piedmont Virginia Community College (PVCC) has set February and March "Getting Started" information sessions for prospective students. Outreach Manager Denise McClanahan will introduce degree and certificate programs and provide information on placement tests, student services and other resources to help students get started at PVCC.

The sessions are free, open to the public, and do not require pre-registration. Sessions are available at the dates, times and locations below:

- Saturday, February 8: Piedmont Virginia Community College

Main Campus (includes a tour), Charlottesville, 10-11 a.m.

- Monday, February 10: Crozet Library, Crozet, 6-7 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 11: Northside Library, Charlottesville, 6-7 p.m.
- Thursday, March 5: Scottsville Library, Scottsville, 6-7 p.m.
- Monday, March 9: Nelson Memorial Library, Lovingson, 6-7 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 10: Louisa County Library, Mineral, 6-7 p.m.

For more information, and the most up-to-date list of upcoming sessions, visit www.pvcc.edu/outreach or call 434.961.5275.

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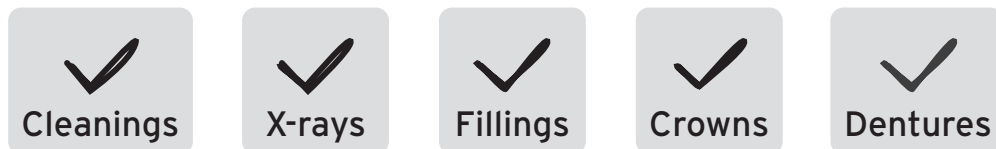
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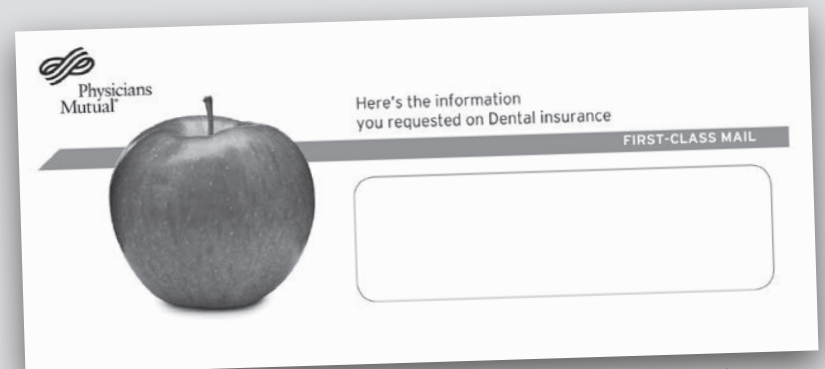
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PUBLIC HEARING
Fluvanna County Planning Commission
 Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 7:00 pm

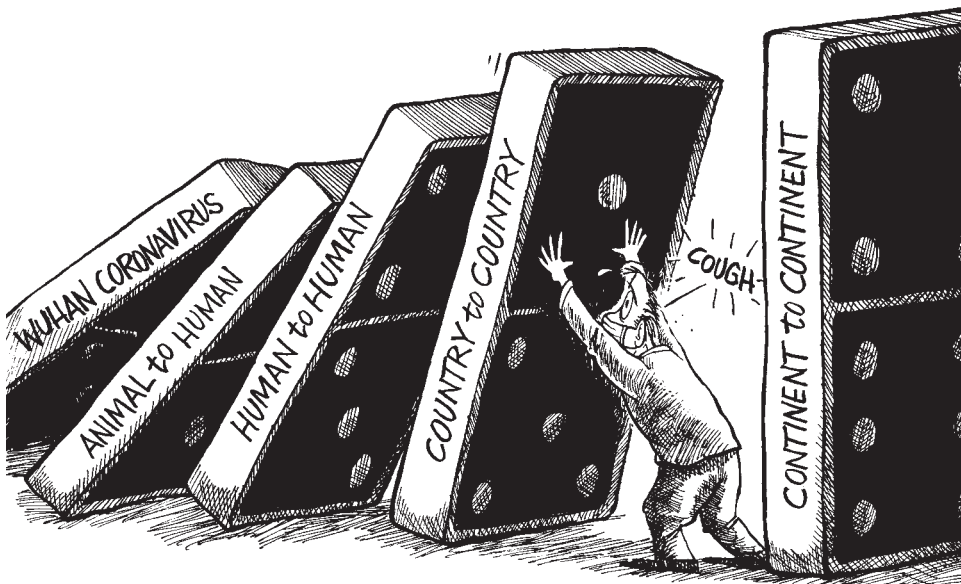
Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2204, a public hearing will be held in the Morris Room of the Fluvanna County Administration Building in Palmyra, Virginia for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to appear before and be heard by the Planning Commission for the following items:

ZMP 19:02 – 2428 Richmond Road LLC – A request to conditionally rezone, from A-1 Agricultural, General to I-1 Industrial, Limited, of Tax Map 4, Section A, front portion of Parcel 27. The property is located along Richmond Road (U.S. Route 250), approximately 0.16 mile west of the intersection of Zion Road (State Route 627) and Memory Lane (State Route 698). The portion of the parcel is within the Zion Crossroads Community Planning Area and the Palmyra Election District.

ZTA 19:04 – Fluvanna County Zoning Ordinance – Vehicle Impound Facility – An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 22 Zoning Of The Fluvanna County Code By The Addition Of A Definition under 22-22-1 Definitions; Uses Permitted By Special Use Permit in A-1 zoning under 22-4-2.2, in B-1 zoning under 22-9-2.2 and in I-1 zoning under 22-11-2.2 and Uses Permitted By Right in I-2 zoning under 22-12-2.1 to permit a Vehicle Impound Facility.

Copies of the complete text of the above ordinances and associated plans are available for public review at the Office of the Fluvanna County Administrator during normal business hours. The public is invited to attend the hearing at which persons affected may appear and present their views. Questions or comments may be directed to the Planning and Community Development Department, at (434) 591-1910.

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF FLUVANNA

WALLACE WELLS,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. CL19000829-00

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ESTATE OF JANET ESTELLE VAUGHN a/k/a JEANETTE GORDON, Deceased,
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PARTIES UNKNOWN, including without limitation, the HEIRS OF RANDAL WELLS, HARRY WELLS, JANET ESTELLE VAUGHN a/k/a JEANETTE GORDON, and any other named Defendant who may be deceased, or, if said heirs be dead, their heirs, devisees, and successors in title,
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Defendants.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of the above-styled suit is to quiet title to that certain real property located in the County of Fluvanna, Virginia, as more particularly described as follows:

All that certain tract or parcel of land, with improvements, thereon and appurtenances thereto, situated in the County of Fluvanna, Virginia, containing 36 acres, more or less, as shown on a plat by Luther R. Payne, S.F.C., dated July 7, 1873, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Fluvanna, in Deed Book 21 (OS), page 447. LESS AND EXCEPT the off-conveyance of 5 acres, more or less, by deed recorded in Deed Book 32, page 329. FURTHER LESS AND EXCEPT that certain strip on parcel of land conveyed to the Commonwealth of Virginia by instrument recorded in Deed Book 58, page 56. The subject is further depicted on Fluvanna County Tax Map 48, as Parcel A-43 (the "Property").

This is proceeding *in rem* and the entire *res* is located fully within the jurisdiction of the Court. Further, upon exercise of due diligence, the location and addresses the named Defendants have been unable to be identified. Although Plaintiff has no actual knowledge of any additional parties claiming title to the Property, there may be other parties whose names and addresses are unknown who claim an interest in the Property, who are made parties defendant by the general description of "PARTIES UNKNOWN, including, without limitation, the HEIRS OF RANDAL WELLS, HARRY WELLS, JANET ESTELLE VAUGHN A/K/A JEANETTE GORDON, and any other named Defendant who may be deceased, or, if said heirs be dead, their heirs, devisees and successors in title."

UPON CONSIDERATION of the Plaintiff, by Counsel, moving this Court for a judicial order of publication, and

IT APPEARING by affidavits filed in accordance with Va, Code Ann. § 8.01-316 (1950) that (i) diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the named Defendants and their addresses remain unknown, and (ii) there may be other parties claiming an interest in the Property identified as "PARTIES UNKNOWN, including, without limitation, the HEIRS OF RANDAL WELLS, HARRY WELLS, JANET ESTELLE VAUGHN A/K/A JEANETTE GORDON, and any other named Defendant who may be deceased, or, if said heirs be dead, their heirs, devisees and successors in title" who, after due diligence, cannot be identified and their addresses remain unknown, it is therefore

ORDERED that the defendants appear on February 13, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in this Court to protect their interests.

And, it is further ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in the Fluvanna Review, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Fluvanna, Virginia, and a copy of this Order be posted at the front door of the courthouse of this Court.

The Clerk of this Court shall cause copies of this Order to be posted, mailed, and transmitted to the Fluvanna Review within twenty (20) days after the entry of this Order. Upon completion of such publication, the Clerk shall file a certificate in the papers that the requirements of Va. Code Ann. § 8.01-317 (1950) have been satisfied.

ENTER: 12/20/19

Richard E. Moore
 Judge

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Prepare, as tea
- 5 Work well together
- 9 Run, as colors
- 14 One for the road
- 15 Animal featured in 2019's "Long Gone Wild"
- 16 Baby insect
- 17 Address every four years
- 19 Gabriel, for one
- 20 Run to mom about
- 21 Ring thing
- 23 Star Trek android
- 25 Surfer's stop
- 26 Wound covering
- 29 Looks out for, maybe
- 31 Invitation letters
- 35 Innkeeper
- 37 Resentment
- 39 Envelope abbr.
- 40 Software buyer, usually
- 42 Big fuss
- 43 Of serfs and manors
- 45 Locker room speeches
- 47 Hunt and peck, perhaps
- 48 Prefix for "net" or "state"
- 50 WWII milestone
- 51 Sheet of ice
- 53 Pack of paper
- 55 Undying flower
- 59 Butter portions
- 63 Embroidered loop
- 64 Where Rosies served during WWII
- 66 URL character
- 67 Anagram for "lean"
- 68 Kind of code
- 69 High-society group
- 70 Budget item

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- 71 Give the eye
- DOWN**
- 1 Angler's supply
- 2 Ancient letter
- 3 List-ending abbr.
- 4 Aspiring
- 5 Snagglepuss is one
- 6 Make a goof
- 7 Heroin, on the street
- 8 Most healthy
- 9 Dynamite time?
- 10 Miner's light
- 11 Thus
- 12 Roulette bet
- 13 Chip's chum
- 18 ___ few rounds (spar)
- 22 Give a false account of
- 24 Sacked out
- 26 Mine tunnel
- 27 Small flock
- 28 Enjoyed immensely
- 30 Act volcanic
- 32 Burn badly

- 33 White Russian ingredient
- 34 Dull, as text
- 36 Grassy meadow
- 38 It may be framed
- 41 Oracle
- 44 Clear, as a windshield
- 46 Nimitz of WWII
- 49 Like some regions
- 52 Wood-turning tool
- 54 Law enforcement org.
- 55 Altar spot
- 56 Grain grinder
- 57 Antioxidant-rich berry
- 58 Pocket problem
- 60 Apple part
- 61 Joint with a cap
- 62 Celeb
- 65 O'Toole film, ___ of La Mancha

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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SHERIFF'S REPORT JAN. 10-23

NATURE OF INCIDENT / TOTAL

911 HANG UP	19
911 MISDIAL	17
911 OPEN LINE	5
ANIMAL CONTROL CALLBACK	17
ANIMAL CONTROL FOLLOW UP	14
ADULT WELFARE/PUB SAFETY CHK	9
AGGRESSIVE ANIMAL	4
ANIMAL BITE	2
ANIMAL CARCASS	2
ANIMAL WELFARE	9
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	6
ASSAULT WITH INJURY	1
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE RECEIVED	3
BE ON LOOKOUT	17
SHERIFF'S OFFICE CELL CHECK	2
CHILD WELFARE/ABUSE/ENDNGMNT	4
CIVIL INFORMATION REQUEST	5
CIVIL PAPER RECEIVED	11
CIVIL PAPER SERVICE	101
COMMERCIAL BURG ALARM	18
COMMUNICATIONS OFC CALL OUT	1
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY	3
DIFFICULTY BREATHING	1
DISABLED VEHICLE	9
DISTURBANCE	14
ECO TDO CALL	1
FINGERPRINTS	8
FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION	17
FRAUD	5
GUN PERMIT RECEIVED	4
HARASSMENT PHONE/OTHER	1
VCIN CHECK	1
LARCENY/THEFT	3
PHONE CALL RETURN	92
LIVESTOCK CALL	2
MAGISTRATE WALK IN	8
MENTAL WELFARE CALL NO INJURY	1
MVC WITH INJ OR UNKNOWN INJ	7
MVC WITH NO INJURY	4
MVC W/ ANIMAL	3
LOUD NOISE COMPLAINT	2
NUISANCE DOMESTIC ANIMAL	1
OPEN DOOR	1
OTHER LAW CALL	29
OVERDOSE	3
PEDESTRIAN IN ROAD/INTOX PEDES	3
PRISONER TRANSPORT	5
PROJECT LIFESAVER RELATED CALL	2
LAW PUBLIC SERVICE	1
REPOSSESSION	2
RESIDENTAL BURGLAR ALARM	8
SELECT PATROL	101
SHOTS HEARD	2
STRAY CAT	1
STRAY DOG	13
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY / PERSON	35
TIPS/ INFORMATION RECEIVED	1
DIRECT TRAFFIC/FUNERAL TRAFFIC	35
TRAFFIC HAZARD	8
TRAFFIC STOP	141
TRESPASSING/HUNTING TRESPASS	1
VCIN HITS RECEIVED	3
VCIN QUERY RUN	3
WARRANT CHECK IN/OUT	9
WARRANT RECEIVED	5
OUT SERVING WARRANT	24

TOTAL INCIDENTS 890

CRASHES

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MVC INJURY/UNK	09:50:46 01/21/20
10860 BLK JAMES MADISON HWY	
MVC INJURY/UNK	19:31:05 01/20/20
3150 BLK SOUTH BOSTON RD	
MVC INJURY/UNK	19:34:31 01/19/20
600 BLK LITTLE CREEK RD	
MVC NO INJURY	08:14:30 01/19/20
JAMES MADISON HWY & HADEN MARTIN RD	
MVC W/ ANIMAL	18:16:29 01/17/20
340 BLK HADEN MARTIN RD	
MVC W/ ANIMAL	23:10:28 01/15/20
2780 BLK JAMES MADISON HWY	
MVC INJURY/UNK	15:52:39 01/13/20
COURTHOUSE RD & LYLES CHURCH LN	
MVC NO INJURY	21:35:18 01/11/20
COURTHOUSE RD & CARYSBROOK RD	
MVC INJURY/UNK	15:58:40 01/11/20
OLD DRIVERS HILL RD & WEST RIVER RD	
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TOTAL CRASHES 13

ARRESTS

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Emily Pross Feels the Need for Speed

BY CAROL BARFIELD
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People who love what they do are magnetic; whether it's a teacher who loves teaching, a doctor who loves healing, or an athlete who loves their sport. Their riveting energy and passion is very attractive to others.

Emily Pross, 5 times International Downhill Federation female champion and champion of the World Roller Games, has that energy for skating, and one only has to speak with her about it to understand that it is her passion.

Emily, 23, grew up in Sussex County in a remote part of New Jersey about 50 miles from New York City. A snow skier since her early elementary school days, she graduated to snowboarding when skiing got "too easy". Emily also became fascinated with the street skating (luge) scenes from the "Extreme Goofy Movie" around the same time. She smiles as she relates, "I was obsessed, and watched it two or three times a day!"

Near her home was a steep hill, which became her reenactment zone for those racing scenes. Atop a cheap Walmart skateboard, Emily began to hone her skills, bringing the same persistence to that pursuit which has become a hallmark of her current style and dedication. Many people have their old skateboards molding in a dusty

corner, but Emily wore hers out, and when it broke, her parents, Charles and Grace, purchased a longboard at her request. A longboard has a longer deck, bigger wheels for speed, and is softer for better gripping capabilities.

With her new longboard, she began to advance and push herself to go even faster, learning new skills of "drifting, sliding, carving and bombing hills". She joined a local skate group, the Sussex County Shredders. "I wanted to race, but my parents were not keen on this; they were protective, and too much transportation was involved."

Determined to compete, Emily signed up for New York's Windam Mountain Downhill Longboard Race without her parents' permission, enlisting a friend to do the driving. It is easy, watching videos of longboard racing, to see why the sport might cause some parental concern. Going 45-50 mph or faster, racers speed downhill, controlling their descent by alternately standing, crouching or sitting, occasionally flapping their arms up and down for balance. They use foot breaking to reduce speed, hug curbs and at times crash into hay bales set up at especially treacherous turns.

Two weeks before the competition, Emily decided to come

clean. She told her parents she had all the equipment and was determined to race. Resigned to the inevitable, they chose to drive her there themselves. The results— first place winner of "I Love Downhill": Emily Pross! She was now, as one might say, off to the races! In 2013, at The Gravity Festival in Madison County, Munnsville, New York, Emily won the women's division again. This second win proved Emily's success was no fluke; the new girl on the skating circuit, self-taught on her own home hill, was a threat and a contender.

Emily fits in well with the skating world; she listens intently and learns from her conversations with other skaters. The average long boarder is a free spirit, open-minded and welcoming. It is a niche sport, with a common theme: it's all about speed. In fact, she has a little bit of a lead foot outside of skating events as well... 110mph is her non-skateboard record— (BTW top speed achieved on the longboard by Emily is 83.89 mph!)

Longboarding started in Hawaii in the 1950s, as an effort to bring surfing to the land when the waves were too small for a good ride. Shortening the board, adding wheels and experimenting with accessories happened slowly; then the internet helped link aficiona-

dos and popularize the sport. Today, the serious longboard racer wears a leather suit specially designed for mobility and a full-face racing helmet similar to a motorcycle helmet, but lighter in weight. Emily replaces her helmets at least twice a year (guess why?!). The downhill tracks are 1-1/4 to 2 miles in length on average. Often, skating gear is the prize for winning, and Emily owns 10 boards set up and ready to ride, four of which are race-ready.

After the Gravity Festival win, Emily's fire was truly lit. Sponsored by Original Skateboard out of Sussex County, she entered the Central Massachusetts Longboard Festival in August 2013. "They were not expecting me to be good. I beat a professional female rider by a board length, but she claimed I touched her which threw me into second, just on her say so. Draw your own conclusions."

She was allowed into the World Circuit in 2014 and competed in the Maryhill Festival of Speed in Goldendale, Washington, placing fourth. At Acme Downhill in Port Jervis, New York, Emily took first place against the current reigning women's world champion. Racing the access road to the luge track at the Whistler Longboard Festival in British Columbia, she took second, and at Pike's Peak Downhill in Colorado, again placed first against



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the women's world champion.

Emily reached an important milestone in August 2014, at the Killington Downhill Throwdown on the east coast of Vermont, where she won the women's category and placed well in the "open" category. The

open category is a much higher level of competition with men, women, juniors and masters divisions all competing together. She placed in the top 16, permitting her to race in the International Circuit.

Emily loves traveling; "In 2015, I raced in North America, then in the Kozakov Challenge, Czech Republic, and in Norway, and Canada. At times I was racing in both women's and open categories, which is exhausting." Once Emily made the open final "A" bracket, she did not have to race in the smaller "qualifier" races. This allowed her to concentrate her energy for the final bracket races on the last day of racing. In Kozakov, she raced in both categories and took first in women's, and later in 2015 won the world title at the end of the season. Her open performance placed her in the top 25 in world rankings. Emily is the first woman to win an open International Downhill Federation race. Facing world champions Tiago Gomes and Carlos Paixo of Brazil, she states triumphantly, "I beat them both! The race was in the Phillipines on the Seaside Track—120 degrees and 100% humidity—it was brutal. That year in 2018, by the end of the season, I received fifth place overall in men's/open rankings."

Emily's excitement and success comes coupled with a darker and painful downside.

A concussion in the spring of 2013 caused her to lose her memory for the two weeks prior and two weeks after the incident—gone for good. At the end of 2014, while skating in a neighborhood with no center line in the

road, she came up fast on a car that had stopped in the middle of the road and could not avoid contact. "I clipped the tire and wrapped myself around the back tire of the vehicle. I could not walk for a week." Once during a fall, she lost her balance and landed head down. On another occasion racing in Massachusetts, she was hitting 70 mph on pavement that was uneven, bumpy and wavy. She miraculously made it out without incident but had an ominous feeling while navigating the treacherous terrain. Falls are inevitable in the push for speed and the win,

which is why protective gear is so important. Emily falls about three times a year within races and falls with varying frequency while practicing. This is why she declares she is "100% helmet...all the time."

To be in the best shape for longboarding, she skates as much as possible and works out every day, focusing on form with high repetition. All the lower body work on quads, hams, glutes, calves and lower back muscles strengthens her body

and minimizes a condition known as "burn," which occurs in the leg muscles of skaters. Emily's emphasis on conditioning increases her burn-free time during races. For cardio, she does high intensity interval training. She also does indoor rock climbing as a hobby, which she believes has helped her avoid shoulder dislocations, a common injury amongst longboarders.

Although skating is her passion, she is pursuing a degree in marketing and communication through Berkeley Online College, which offers her some flexibility in turning in assignments while pursuing her sport. In her spare time, Emily enjoys brewing and drinking kombucha, a fermented tea with a reputation for promoting good bacteria in the digestive system. "I

currently have 7 gallons of it fermenting on my mom's counter," she laughs. Emily also is a fan of spending time at the family home in Louisa. Her parents purchased her grandpa Charles' home, where they have lived together since her grandma Julia's passing. Relatives Uncle Richard and Aunt Debbie also live nearby. Emily has a sister, Sarah, who lives in Illinois, and the family owns three German Shepherds.

Although there is not a lot of

money in longboarding, Emily has been sponsored since 2017 by Kebbek Skateboards of Montreal, Quebec, who compensates her for travel and expenses. Looking to the future, Emily is hoping for downhill skateboarding to be admitted as an Olympic sport. In the meantime, Emily aspires to win the World Cup this

year and rate as one of the top three skaters in open rankings, where the competition is fiercest. "I'm here to have fun; I'm here to advance the sport and while I'm doing my thing, I want to inspire other women. I like to do cool and empowering things and want others to go and above and beyond in anything they do...no matter what anyone says."

On the website "Girl is NOT a 4-letter word," Emily is featured in a video, skating in her powerful style. Her journey from daring little girl to champion is an inspiration for future generations of young athletes.

To view exciting videos of Emily in action go to:

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1. 2019 World Roller Games (WRG) Women's Podium. (Emily Pross of Mineral, Virginia shown in the middle) Photo Credit: Ras Sarunas
2. Emily Posing with her pro model board at Kebbek Skateboards in Montreal, Canada. Photo Credit: Gael Abudarham
3. Emily getting a qualifying lap in at the 2019 IDF Maryhill Race in Goldendale, Washington. Photo credit: Jon Huey
4. Emily powers off the start line in an Open/Men's heat at the Kozakov Challenge in the Czech Republic. Photo Credit: Tyler Topping
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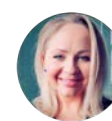


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