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CULPEPER COUNTY

Incumbents still lead in campaign fundraising

Constitutional officers outpacing competition

BY ALLISON BROPHY CHAMPION

Incumbents seeking reelection to Culpeper County constitutional offices continue to far outpace the competition in campaign fund raising.

Culpeper County Commonwealth's Attorney Megan Frederick received \$7,525 in donations in July and August compared to candidate Paul Walther's \$1,750

and candidate Monica Chernin's \$350, according to the State Board of Elections.

Mechanicsville-based Melvin Dabney Trucking was Frederick's largest contributor, giving \$3,500, followed by Rixeyville IT consultant Corey Ritchie, who donated \$1,000 to her campaign. Local funeral director Scott Found donated \$500.

Expenses incurred by the Frederick campaign in the last reporting cycle include \$2,000 to campaign writer Jeff Ryer, of Williamsburg, and \$2,650 to Lamar

Outdoor Advertising in Ruckersville.

Contributing to Chernin in the last reporting cycle were Illinois banker Richard Casas (\$250) and local car dealer Gary Fay (\$100).

Contributing to Walther were Tony Tharpe of Tony's Auto in Culpeper (\$500), the Miller Firm in Orange (\$500), local attorney John J. "Butch" Davies III (\$250) and Laura Campbell, of Culpeper (\$150).

Expenses incurred by the Walther campaign in July and August included \$167 for Facebook ad-

vertising.

In the sheriff's race, incumbent Scott Jenkins generated \$6,992 in campaign contributions to candidate C.J. Johnson's \$2,650 and candidate Pat Coffey's \$2,460, according to the recent filing. Candidate Mike Grant received no donations.

Sheriff Jenkins' contributions included \$1,942 from the State Theatre Foundation for a country music benefit concert and \$200 from Paul Bates' auto shop. Various law enforcement officials also donated to the incumbent's

campaign including Nick White (\$125), David and Patricia Meyer (\$250), Bernie Feaganes (\$250), Curtis Hawkins (\$300), Joe Carter (\$125), James Mack (\$125) and Ashley Baugher.

Federal agent Daniel Art, of Reva, donated \$1,000 to Coffey's campaign while Christopher Marchitelli, of NVA Signs & Striping in Manassas, donated another \$3,660 worth of campaign signs.

The Coffey campaign spent \$189 in the last reporting cycle

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CULPEPER POLICE DEPARTMENT

1 arrested in 'road rage' shooting

Man is charged with shooting from a vehicle, attempted abduction

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A Culpeper County man was arrested following what police describe as an incident of road rage in town early Saturday morning.

Tevin C. Brock, 21, of the 14000 Block of Rixeyville Road in Culpeper, was arrested and charged with attempted malicious wounding, abduction and shooting from a vehicle.

The Culpeper Police Department responded to the 800 Block of Willis Lane for a report of shots being fired at about 3 a.m. Saturday.

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BUILDING A FUTURE

Renovations of the former home of Clarke Hardware continued Tuesday morning inside of the circa 1900 building on East Davis Street owned by the Fairfax Masons. The project is slated for completion by the holiday season.

SPOTSYLVANIA

Former state Sen. Houck's son kills man, then himself

After a troubled past, the man shoots his ex-wife's boyfriend

BY JIM NOLAN

The troubled son of former state Sen. R. Edward Houck, D-Spotsylvania took his own life Tuesday after police said he fatally shot the boyfriend of his estranged wife during a confrontation at a Caroline County

motel.

Authorities said Todd T. Houck, 36, of Spotsylvania, confronted the woman and her boyfriend at a motel in Bowling Green around 8 a.m.

Officials said Houck fatally shot the boyfriend, Jeremy Gift, 36, of Stafford County, then abducted his 34-year-old estranged wife and fled north on Interstate 95.

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VIRGINIA

State joins multi-state effort to fight heroin

The commonwealth will work with a task force in unique collaboration

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The commonwealth of Virginia has joined the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Heroin Task Force, according to a news release Tuesday from Attorney General Mark Herring.

The group is a first-of-its-kind effort, fostering cross-state collaboration to leverage resources to combat heroin distribution and overdose deaths.

Virginia, through the Office of Attorney General and Virginia State Police, is the seventh state to join the Task Force after New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Maryland, and Maine, according to the release.

"The heroin epidemic doesn't recognize borders and it's more important than ever to coordinate with Virginia's neighbors to stop the influx of heroin," Herring said. "We're in this together and by sharing information and collaborating on leads we're better equipped to dismantle large-scale drug operations that are trying to profit off of addition. Traffickers and dealers can't hide behind borders."

New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said the problem demands a coordinated law enforcement response.

"Heroin traffickers are spreading addiction and death up and down the eastern seaboard and I'm pleased Attorney General Herring has joined our joint effort to help break up the multi-state drug rings that are poisoning our communities," he said.

The partnership provides Virginia's state and local law enforcement agencies with an additional means of leveraging the investigative and prosecutorial resources beyond our borders, according to Col. W. Steven Flaherty, Virginia State Police Superintendent.

"Successfully combating heroin distribution, use and overdoses requires a collaborative and comprehensive approach by public

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