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RANDOLPH COLLEGE



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Kim Phuc Phan Thi receives Randolph College's Pearl S. Buck Award on Wednesday.

Napalm survivor is honored

Kim Phuc Phan Thi, subject of iconic Vietnam War image, given Pearl S. Buck Award

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The News & Advance

Kim Phuc Phan Thi, known for being the girl in the famous “napalm girl” photo from the Vietnam War, was honored with the Pearl S. Buck Award at Randolph College on Wednesday.

Phan Thi is the eighth recipient of the honor, named after the award-winning author who graduated in 1914 from what was then called Randolph-Macon Woman's College. The award recognizes women who exemplify the ideals, values and commitments of its namesake.

The evening event honoring Phan Thi kicked off with the showing of a short documentary film made about the events of June 8, 1972, when a South Vietnamese Air Force napalm attack killed two of Phan Thi's cousins and two other villagers. Phan Thi received third-degree burns after her clothing was burned by the napalm fire.

“Knowing our honoree's story, I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this particular honor,” Randolph College President Sue Ott Rowlands said at the event. “Her life and her work un-



Guests applaud Kim Phuc Phan Thi as she receives the Pearl S. Buck Award on Wednesday.

doubtedly exemplify the ideals, values and commitments of Pearl S. Buck.”

Nick Ut, the Associated Press photographer who won a Pulitzer Prize in

1973 for the photo, also was in attendance at the event. He took photos of

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AMHERST COUNTY

Public hearings slated for battery energy storage facility ordinance

Proposal aims to establish sites as a land use in area; comp plan revision mulled

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The News & Advance

Two public hearings are set for the Amherst County Board of Supervisors' Sept. 16 meeting on energy storage facilities, including an ordinance establishing them as a land use in the county and a measure to encourage them to locate east of U.S. 29 Business.

Tyler Creasy, director of community development, gave the board a first reading of the proposed ordinance and an update to the comprehensive plan, a guide for county growth and development, during the Sept. 2 meeting. Creasy said the ordinance's purpose is to allow battery energy storage facilities through a special exception permit in the M-1 industrial districts only and set forth development standards and requirements for such facilities.

The proposed standards include setbacks, screening, fire and safety protections, such as requiring an emergency

response plan and soil testing, revenue sharing and decommissioning the facility when it is no longer in use.

Creasy said about a year ago, a company came to the county looking to pursue an energy storage facility at

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WATCH: For video of the board of supervisors discussing energy storage systems in Amherst County, point your smartphone at the QR code, then tap the link. **NEWSVU**

CHARLIE KIRK

Officials: Suspect in killing arrested

Authorities: 22-year-old man ‘more political’ in the run-up to shooting, opposed activist

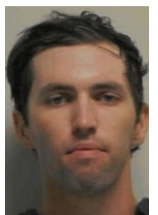
ERIC TUCKER, ALANNA DURKIN RICHER, JESSE BEDAYN AND HANNAH SCHOENBAUM
The Associated Press

OREM, Utah — A 22-year-old Utah man who was arrested and booked on murder charges in the assassination of Charlie Kirk held deep disdain for the conservative activist's provocative viewpoints and indicated to a family member that he was responsible for the shooting, authorities said Friday.

The arrest marked a major break in a case that shocked the country and raised fresh alarms about political violence in a deeply polarized United States.

Tyler Robinson had become “more political” in the run-up to the shooting and mentioned during a dinner with family that Kirk would be visiting Utah, Gov. Spencer Cox said at a news conference. The Republican governor cited as evidence engravings on bullet casings found in the rifle that authorities believe was used in the attack, as well as chat app messages attributed to the suspect that a roommate shared with law enforcement.

The governor credited Robinson's family with helping turn him over to authorities.



Robinson

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APPOMATTOX COUNTY

Man will serve 6 years in 2024 home invasion

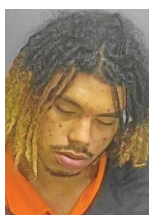
19-year-old pleaded guilty to attempted murder and other charges connected with case

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An Appomattox man was sentenced Thursday to six years in prison after pleading guilty to attempted murder and other charges in connection with an October 2024 home invasion that led to a high-speed chase to Lynchburg and arrests of five other co-defendants.

Dylan James Carter, 19, was found guilty in Appomattox Circuit Court on Thursday on charges of armed breaking and entering, use of a firearm in commission of a felony, attempted first-degree murder, gang participation and felony property damage.

Appomattox County Commonwealth's Attorney Les Fleet said Carter is the nephew of the victim in the case, Harry Carter Jr. Fleet said at about 7 a.m. Oct. 24, Harry Carter Jr. was at home on Hummingbird Lane in Appomattox County when he heard



Carter

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