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Vandals tear apart signs

LPD begins probe into damage to signage for city council candidates

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Nearly a dozen political campaign signs for three candidates running for Lynchburg City Council — Mayor Larry Taylor, At-large Councilwoman Stephanie Reed and Chris Boswell — were

vandalized Monday night on Langhorne Road, Rivermont Terrace and Rivermont Avenue.

The candidates are running as a ticket called Team Lynchburg for the three at-large seats on city council. The three are Republicans who are running as independents.

The vandalism included damage to both large and small signs for the candidates along a stretch of Langhorne Road, from the Ed Page entrance to Rivermont Avenue, via the Blackwater Creek trail.

A campaign sign for U.S. Rep. John McGuire also was vandalized on Langhorne Road near Rivermont Avenue.

“Anyone who has ever volunteered on a local campaign knows these signs don’t magically appear on street corners and in front yards,” Reed said in a statement Tuesday. “Our volunteers spend countless hours getting them out across the city. Our supporters

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Several campaign signs for the three city council candidates running as Team Lynchburg were vandalized along Langhorne Road on Monday night.

ELECTION 2026

3 council hopefuls endorsed by league

Civic organization backing group of Dems running as Lynchburg Better Together

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The Lynchburg Voters League on Tuesday revealed the names of the candidates that it is endorsing in the upcoming general election, along with how it is encouraging residents of the Hill City to vote on the three constitutional amendments on the ballot.

For the three at-large seats on Lynchburg City Council, the voters league endorsed the Democrats who are running under the Lynchburg Better Together banner: Christina Delzingaro, Nat Marshall and Dave Henderson.

About 25 to 30 members of the Lynchburg Voters League participated in the endorsement process, according to Desmond Mosby, president of the organization.

The voters league is an African American civic organization, dedicated to voter registration, political education and civil rights advocacy. The organization has traditionally endorsed candidates for city council and hosted candidate forums.

“The Lynchburg Voters League has a proud history as an African

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The moon shines over Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg on Sept. 15.

LYNCHBURG

City man gets a life sentence for attack

Receives 55 years for other charges in deadly stabbing

JUSTIN FAULCONER

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A Lynchburg man was recently sentenced to life in prison plus 55 years in connection with a November 2023 fatal stabbing of a woman at a Boonsboro residence.

Tony Lee Brown, 46, was charged with first-degree murder in the stabbing that killed Nicole D. Rosser, 42. Lynchburg police officer Brian Knowles was the first to respond to the call from a neighbor reporting the stabbing at a residence in the 5100 block of Boonsboro Road, Lynchburg Commonwealth’s Attorney Bethany Harrison has said.

Knowles heard a woman screaming and crying for help as he came upon Brown and Rosser on the ground, according to Harrison.

Brown also was charged with two counts of breaking and entering with the intent to commit a felony and a count of violating a protective order in relation to the incident. He was sentenced to life in prison on the murder



Brown

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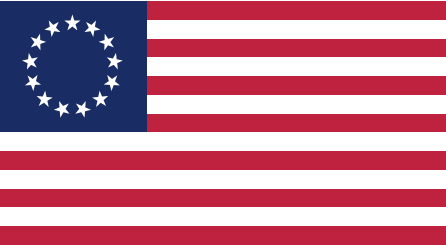
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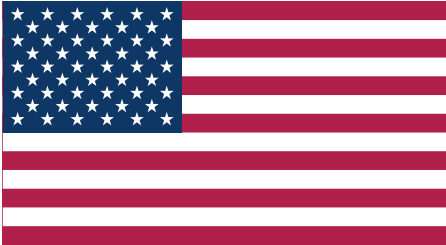
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