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Court: Marriage for all lovers in Va.

Gays in community rejoice at hearing federal decision

Associated Press

RICHMOND — Virginia's same-sex marriage ban is unconstitutional, a federal appeals court ruled Monday in a decision that could overturn similar prohibitions in the Carolinas and West Virginia.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond is the second federal appellate court to overturn gay marriage bans, after the Denver circuit, and is the first to affect the South, where

states' rights have held particular sway for generations.

Local gay residents rejoiced at the ruling. The community in the Augusta County area includes a lesbian couple who have challenged the ban in federal court and another who did so in person by applying for a marriage license in Staunton and Augusta courts.

Teri Beasley, an academic adviser for the adult degree program at Mary Baldwin College in Charlottesville, said her office was abuzz with excitement they heard the news.

"I closed the door and cried I was so happy," she said. "I was so emotionally moved."

Beasley married her partner four years ago in Washington,

D.C. and said the news is a huge step for Virginia. Sarah Norris and her wife, Dawn, said they were thrilled with the news.

"We realize there is more work to be done, but this is a huge step in the right direction," Sarah Norris said.

The couple has been together for almost 16 and were married in 2010 in Massachusetts.

A resident of Waynesboro, Sarah Norris said she was overjoyed and grateful with Virginia moving forward in striking down the gay marriage ban.

"I felt that I was living in the right place, and Virginia had really pulled through," she said.

In Monday's 2-1 opinion,



Linda Royster, right, and Barbara Kinsman wait inside Staunton Circuit Court to submit their application for their marriage license in February.

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"THE NEED IS GREATER THAN ITS EVER BEEN"



Phyllis Campbell, 76, of Staunton, waits Monday at the Touch of Beauty hair salon for the transportation services offered by the TED Program (Transportation for the Elderly and Disabled). HOLLY MARCUS/SPECIAL TO THE NEWS LEADER

LOCAL SENIORS COUNT ON TED

Transport service is in need of drivers

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STAUNTON — Seventy-six years old and blind, Phyllis Campbell at least once a week relies on the area's Transportation for the Elderly and Disabled (TED) Program for trips to the bank, a doctor's appointment or to get her hair done.

"It's a wonderful deal," the Staunton woman said Monday morning prior to a scheduled TED pick-up.

Campbell has used the van service for six years, but she and other senior riders could see their access to the outside world curtailed if additional drivers don't step forward to help.

The TED service, provided for free by Valley Program for Aging Services (VPAS), finds itself in dire need of volunteer drivers. In December 2012, the agency's driver pool had dipped to about 37 drivers. Nineteen months later, that number has slid even further.

To learn more about the TED Program, or to become a volunteer driver, contact TED Volunteer Coordinator Jacquie Horton for more information at 949-7141 or jacquie@vpas.info.

"I'm down to about 20," said Jacquie Horton, the TED volunteer coordinator. "I've lost several."

The TED program serves both Waynesboro and Staunton. Augusta County residents also are served, but only for medical appointments.

Waynesboro routes have been firmly established since the mid-1990s, but Staunton's TED services only recently expanded to four days a week within the last 18 months. A Staunton TED volunteer is leaving this week, putting its

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nTelos projected earnings fall short

Hyde resigns as CEO, Dir takes interim post

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WAYNESBORO — nTelos earnings came up 7 cents short of the market's projected forecast for the second quarter of 2014.

A separate report Monday announced the resignation of President and CEO James A. Hyde. nTelos Director Rodney D. Dir will serve in his position as a search commences to find a replacement.

Michael A. Huber, board chairman, will oversee strategic relationships and external communications, and will be performing a search for a new CEO, the release said.

nTelos is a regional provider of nationwide wireless voice and data communications. The company is the fifth-largest employer in Waynesboro, and its biggest source of tax revenue.

Monday's earnings report was just one in a line of disappointing numbers for nTelos. During the first quarter of 2014, analysts estimated earnings per share to be 30 cents, but nTelos reported 6 cents per share.

Analysts estimated earnings per share for the second quarter to be 19 cents, but nTelos reported just over 12 cents.

By mid-afternoon, stocks were reported to be down 4.7 percent.

Operating revenue for nTelos dropped 3.5 percent to \$117.8 million in the second quarter, down from \$122.1 million in the first quarter. Second quarter operating revenues were \$2.1 million less than the \$119.9 million reported for the same quarter last year.

Adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization were \$34.4 million for the second quarter,

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Goodlatte speaks to community leaders at luncheon

Discusses possible GOP suit vs. Obama, immigration issues

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STAUNTON — U.S. Rep. Bob Goodlatte spoke to a group of about 50 community leaders during a luncheon Monday at the Holiday Inn in Staunton.

Goodlatte, R-6th, addressed the crowd, which included members of the House of Delegates, Waynesboro City Council, the Augusta County Board of Supervisors and other elected officials, about current government issues and took questions from the audience.



Goodlatte

Goodlatte spent the majority of his time talking about the pending lawsuit being brought against President Barack Obama by congressional Republicans.

This week, before the U.S. House of Representatives leaves for its August recess, the GOP majority is expected to approve a lawsuit against Obama. Goodlatte said Monday that it will accuse the president of unconstitutionally abusing his ex-

ecutive power by delaying the federal health care legislation requirement that larger companies provide health insurance or pay a fine — the so-called employer mandate.

"It's not about this particular issue of this particular president," Goodlatte said, adding that it's an issue of a branch of government abusing its power.

"I think the courts should be more aggressive," he said.

Audience members asked

questions about Internet speed, various bills and immigration. Although the latter came up during the discussion, it was focused on the national issue of immigration, rather than the local issue of unaccompanied child immigrants staying at the Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Center in Verona.

Goodlatte said that Obama needs to take a stand and say, "If you come into the county illegally, you will be sent back."

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