

Citizen Of The Year

Don Drake (right) is presented with the Buena Vista Lions Club's Citizen of the Year last Tuesday night by Dr. Louis Caddell, pastor at St. John's United Methodist Church. Debbie Gilbert received the club's President's Award the same evening. For the story, see page A8. (Ed Smith photo)



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TO LEXINGTON**

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Oh, Say We Will See

Fireworks Back On Schedule As Resident, Sponsors Step Up

By Kit Huffman

Instead of fizzling, as feared, the Lexington/Rockbridge Fourth of July fireworks display will once again dazzle and stir viewers this year.

Threatened with extinction after the Lexington Sunrise Rotary Club this winter announced it would be unable to continue its 22-year leadership of the event, the sky-filling

pyrotechnics were rescued through the initiative of a local bank employee and board member of Main Street Lexington, as well as prompt financial support from his employer and local business owners, governments and agencies.

In a Feb. 4 announcement, Sunrise Rotary President Liz Moss ex-

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Simon Heading To New Position In Texas

By Kit Huffman

After four and a half years as Lexington's city manager, Noah Simon will leave his position at the end of April to become deputy town manager of Westlake, Texas.

His departure was announced in a press release from city hall last Wednesday. On Thursday, City Council voted unanimously to accept his resignation, following a closed session.

"While we can't say enough about his leadership, vision, and work ethic, we wish to thank him for the progress our community has seen during his tenure," said Mayor Frank Friedman, in the press release. "His work to make government more responsive and efficient aided in our ability to utilize federal, state and local resources to improve the quality of life for our residents, make technological advancements and put millions of dollars into roadway improvements and other projects."

As part of the team that hired Simon, Friedman said

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City OKs Water Tower Sale

Project Offers Economic, Preservation Opportunity, Says Council

By Kit Huffman

Economic development trumped the concerns, doubts and hesitations of the handful of citizens who spoke at last Thursday's continuation of the public hearing before Lexington City Council to consider ordinances approving the sale of the old water tower property to Enfield View LLC for development, as well as the sale of the city-owned parcel as surplus real estate.

Council approved the ordinances unanimously.

A public hearing before the Planning Commission on the developer's request to amend the comprehensive plan and the zoning map for the project will be held April 11.

In last week's hearing, neighbor Rusty Ford, who had also spoken at the first stage of the hearing two weeks earlier, read aloud comments from Deborah

Lischer, who had spoken at the first meeting but could not attend last week, and then his own.

Lischer, noting that she'd not been contacted by the developer after her earlier comments, said that Councilmen Chuck Smith and David Sigler did reach out. She wasn't necessarily opposed to the project but did criticize the \$25,000 sale price as a "sweetheart deal" not open to the public. She also

wondered if repurposing the tower was realistic, given its dimensions and current condition "with snakes, skunks, bats and vultures as its primary residents."

While more "steps and stops" would take place at city hall before the project is finalized, she said it would be appropriate to know many details now, such as where the houses and access would be located and whether blasting would be necessary.

Ford had joined a recent gathering of citizens at the tower site. There, he'd learned that the city manager is satisfied with the agreement and that Ford, himself, was "incredibly misinformed" about the condition of the tower - a natural result of not being informed by any of the principals involved, he said.

Ford criticized the pro-

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Citizens Debate New Poultry House Regulations

By Ed Smith

Do poultry houses represent the future of farming in Rockbridge County? Do they provide a reliable source of income so that family farms can remain viable?

Or, does the confinement of tens of thousands of chickens in these facilities represent a transition to industrial farming that poses a hazard to the environment and human health?

These issues were debated during a March 13 public hearing before the county Planning Commission on proposed revisions to regulations governing livestock containment systems.

Sam Crickenberger, the county's director of community development, noted that the regulations haven't been updated since they were first written 25 years ago. The rules here are much more stringent than what's found in neighboring counties and other farming communities elsewhere in Virginia. Also, the local rules are out of synch with current state regulations.

"There are four projects in the pipeline - one that is under scrutiny," Crickenberger pointed out. "We want to get rid of the language that's debatable - make it cut and

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A Show Of Support

Sawera Khan finds herself in a group hug following the prayer vigil last Friday at Washington and Lee University for the victims of the mosque shootings in Christchurch, New Zealand. Khan, a sophomore at W&L, shared her experiences as a Muslim in the U.S. and a read a list of the names of those killed during the attacks on two mosques on March 15. For more photos from the event, see page B10. (Joann Ware photo)

Rainville Named To W&L History Position

Lynn Rainville, community initiatives fellow at the University of Virginia's Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities and former dean of Sweet Briar College, will be the inaugural director of institutional history at Washington and Lee University.

Rainville has worked at Sweet Briar for the past 18 years, as a member of the faculty from 2001 to 2008, and as research professor in the humanities and director of the Tusculum Institute for Virginia history and historic preservation from 2008 to 2019. She served as dean of



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'She was buried on vacant sloping ground, probably something like a potter's field, not otherwise used because it is sloping toward a creek.'



IN THIS 2008 PHOTO, forensic anthropologist Dr. Charles Boyd (center), with Lexington Police Chief Steve Crowder (left) and Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Lawrence Muir examine the jawbone of Ancient Jane, who was accidentally unearthed during excavation for the courthouse parking garage. (Roberta Anderson photo)



ANCIENT JANE'S bones are laid out on a table for study by forensic scientist Dr. Charles Boyd (right), observed by Lexington Police Chief Steve Crowder and Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Lawrence Muir. (Roberta Anderson photo)

'Ancient Jane' Coming Home

Skeletal Remains Found During Garage Work To Be Reburied

By KIT HUFFMAN

A promise made by the city of Lexington 11 years ago to respectfully rebury an anonymous female skeleton unearthed during construction of the courthouse parking garage is about to be kept.

"Ancient Jane," as she was dubbed by then-Police Chief Steve Crowder, in recognition of the skeleton's historical nature, sex and anonymity, was discovered on Jan. 9, 2008, by excavators digging footers for the garage. The bones were disarrayed and out of alignment, suggesting prior disturbance.

"Compacted clay encased her bones," wrote News-Gazette reporter Roberta Anderson, in her Jan. 16 article. No clothing or signs of a coffin were found, apparently having biodegraded over time, but one apparent coffin nail showed that "Jane" had once been properly buried.

While no identification was made, the bones were determined by forensic scientist Dr. Charles Boyd of Radford University to be those of a woman, probably dating back to the early 19th century. The remains were sent for further study to Radford's forensics lab, where they were further determined to be those of a young African American female, age 19 to 23.

Meanwhile, the city, whose building project had disturbed the body, promised



WASHINGTON AND LEE professors Ted DeLaney and Alison Bell (far left) make a slide presentation about Ancient Jane to Lexington City Council last Thursday, March 21. The slide shown here is the garden behind the Campbell House and the Castle on Randolph Street, a sloping area partly planted with periwinkle adjoining Ancient Jane's original gravesite. (Kit Huffman photo)

a respectful reburial, eventually.

Last Thursday, more than a decade later, Council learned that "eventually" has come. Council was alerted to Ancient Jane's imminent homecoming by Marilyn Alexander, whose email to the city manager asking if the city might donate the cost of opening and closing a grave at Evergreen Cemetery for the skeleton, and perhaps donate a grave as well, was forwarded to Council for its decision. Alexander noted that Washington and Lee professors Alison Bell and Ted DeLaney, as well as herself, had "made this our project to ensure she is properly and respectfully cared for at this point."

The city manager also provided an update on availability

and costs at Evergreen, where about 25 spaces remain, four for cremations only.

In last week's slide presentation to Council, Bell, an anthropology professor who researches historic cemeteries, explained that her role was that of a "middleman and messenger."

She provided additional information from Radford about the bones, which were those of a woman about 5 feet, 7 inches tall and in "poor health," based on the condition of her teeth, showing disease or malnutrition. Bell had attempted archival research to identify the body, but had not succeeded.

Showing a slide of the location of where the body was found, Bell noted that the area (now the gardens next to the

Campbell House and behind the Castle on Randolph Street) still contains a lot of periwinkle, a common graveyard covering. The body may not have been the only one in the area, Bell said, although there's no evidence that others were buried there.

While some of the buildings along the street were houses, many others in the period were considered shanties or tenements, probably rental properties, she said.

"She was buried on vacant sloping ground, probably something like a potter's field, not otherwise used because it is sloping toward a creek," she said.

Turning to costs, Bell reported that Pat Harris, a W&L carpenter, had volunteered to create a "period-appropriate

hexagonal coffin of red and white oak," for the reburial. Forensics anthropologists from Radford, where the bones are still stored, have agreed to lay the body out in an "anatomically appropriate position." But there will be costs of opening and closing the grave (if not donated) and the carving of a headstone by Hamric Memorials. Altogether, the cost could be \$4,890, Bell said.

DeLaney, a history professor who is a Lexington native, said that Ancient Jane may have relatives in the city. A molar has been sent to California for DNA studies, and more DNA studies are hoped to be performed on Lexington residents. Three of his four grandparents were born locally, meaning that, "Who

knows, I might be a relative of this woman myself," he said.

In reburying Ancient Jane, "We want to see if we can raise funds, but also to see if the city is willing to defray some of the costs," DeLaney explained. He said the city has "some moral obligation" to rebury Ancient Jane, since she'd been unearthed during excavation of the city (and county) courthouse.

Mayor Frank Friedman thanked them for the presentation about "our neighbor that we found." He deferred to city staff to work with Bell to sort through the details. Chuck Smith said it "sounds like a great idea." Bell will return to Council with a final request.

Alexander found time last weekend to share a few more thoughts about the woman she prefers to respectfully call "Miss Jane."

"Not knowing how she got to that final location at the courthouse construction site has always bothered me," she said, in an email. "I also wonder if more people were buried there but not found. I always felt it wasn't a natural death but possibly at the hands of someone or a terrible illness or neglect. Hard to say but she was someone's child nonetheless (age 19-23), so I truly feel it's our responsibility as Lexingtonians to do what we reasonably can to give her the final respect that possibly someone else didn't give."

"To consider that time period in our history as African Americans and how she may have met her fate gives me chills."



DR. TOM KLATKA (right), an archaeologist with the state Department of Historic Resources, watches as excavation for the footers for the courthouse parking deck continues in January 2008 after the unearthing of Ancient Jane. (Roberta Anderson photo)



DR. CHARLES BOYD and Police Chief Steve Crowder sift through clay soil in 2008 where the bones of Ancient Jane were found. (Roberta Anderson photo)

History

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the college from 2018 to 19. As dean, she was responsible for the college's academic programs, including 53 faculty, a number of academic areas, including the college's history museum and art galleries, and the oversight of a multimillion dollar budget.

W&L President William C. Dudley announced Rainville's appointment, which is effective July 1. It comes after a national search led by a seven-member committee composed of faculty and staff, with input from the campus and alumni community following a series of public presentations at W&L in February.

"I am pleased to find an accomplished scholar who is so well-suited for the scope and complexity of this work," said Dudley. "As the ninth-oldest institution of higher education in the country, Washington and Lee has 270 years of rich history to explore. Lynn's wide-ranging curiosity, expertise in Virginia history and infectious enthusiasm for her work, as well as her commitment to creatively involving students, faculty, alumni and the public, open up an exciting array of possibilities for taking full advantage of the educational potential of our campus."

As director of institutional history, Rainville will lead the process of envisioning and developing a museum to explore the university's history and its many connections to American history, and to create dynamic educational programming for the campus community and the public. Reporting to Dudley as part of his administrative cabinet, she will manage the assets, facilities, resources, staffing and planning associated with the university's historic galleries and the University Collection of Art and History (UCAH). She will also collaborate with faculty, scholars and the UCAH staff to support curricular development, research projects, and exhibitions.

Rainville is a public historian and anthropologist with a B.A. in anthropology and history from Dartmouth College and an M.A. and doctorate in anthropology and archaeology from the University of Michigan. Prior to joining the faculty at Sweet Briar, she held teaching positions at the University of Michigan, Dartmouth College and the University of Virginia.

As director of the Tusculum Institute at Sweet Briar, she partnered with the Department of Historic Resources for the commonwealth of Virginia, Preservation Virginia and other historic agencies to preserve the region's historic assets and promote the use of Virginia's historic legacy as an educational resource. She also worked with students, faculty and K-12 teachers to provide education and outreach to the wider community and region.

Rainville is a member of the Virginia General Assembly's African American Cultural Resources Task Force and treasurer of the Virginia History Forum. Her research is focused on sharing the untold stories of overlooked Virginians, studying enslaved communities, graveyards and cemeteries, segregated schools, World War I and town poor farms.

Over the past three decades, she has researched the histories of institutions including Dartmouth College, University of Virginia and Sweet Briar, curated exhibitions on slavery and segregated schools and partnered with architects to design a reconstruction of an 18th-century home that was to serve as the headquarters for the Tusculum Institute. She has written four books on Virginia history: including "Invisible Founders: How Two Centuries of African American Families Transformed a Plantation into a College" (Berghahn Press, 2019), "Virginia and the Great War: Mobilization, Supply and Combat, 1914-1919" (McFarland Press, 2018), "Sweet Briar College" (Campus History Series, Arcadia Publishing, 2015, with Lisa N. Johnston), and "Hidden History: African American Cemeteries in Central Virginia" (University of Virginia Press, 2014).

Her current work in Virginia history includes a survey of town poor farms and an effort to locate and preserve slave graveyards in the commonwealth.

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Red Newt Taking Biking To New Heights

Advocacy Big Part Of Couple's Mission

It's spring. It's time for getting outside and, for many folks, time to get their bikes out and hit area trails and roads.

And this spring, the Rockbridge area again has a bike shop to turn to for new bikes, repairs and advice.

Dave and Tasha Walsh opened Red Newt Bikes in the former library/WREL building – now called The Hub – last fall, filling a void left by the closure of Andy Hunter's bike shop just down Main Street after 42 years in business.

The couple will celebrate the new store with a grand opening this Friday.

For the Walshes, the store brings together a cycling journey they've both been on for years.

"We've lived in the area since 1989 and have always enjoyed the outdoors," said Tasha. "We raised our kids taking them camping and hiking, and then started cycling here about 15 years ago, trying to get more exercise and enjoy the beauty of our area at the same time."

"Dave began commuting to work on his bicycle from our home in the Alone Mill area, again for exercise as well as the mental peace it provided, and we slowly became 'cyclists,'" continued Tasha.

Dave became involved in the Virginia Bicycling Federation, an advocacy group working to promote safe cycling throughout the state, and began representing the issues and needs facing cyclists in the Shenandoah Valley. As he learned more about the po-

tential for cycling to be an economic driver for rural communities, he became more involved in advocacy and planning work.

Dave and Tasha are both Safe Cycling instructors certified by the League of American Cyclists. Several years ago, Dave helped start a National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) mountain bike team for middle and high schoolers in the area, and one of those young guys (Jackson Hotchkiss) is now No. 1 in the state.

Dave worked with Augusta County to form the Bike Box, a nonprofit organization where people can build bikes from used parts for low or no cost. He was the original chair of the Friends of the Chessie Trail, and has worked with that group to make cycling on the Chessie possible.

Dave changed careers and has been working in the bike industry for the past five years. The couple originally started with a bicycle tour company, Best of VA Bike Tours, and then added bike rentals a couple years ago with Shenandoah Rides & Rentals. Both of these were small efforts to highlight cycling in our community and bring outdoor tourists to our area.

Dave has also worked for Adventure Cycling Association and other national bike tour operators and was the director of the Shenandoah Fall Foliage Bike Festival in Augusta County for several years, during which the attendance grew to over 750 cyclists.

"When Andy closed the Lexington Bicycle Shop and retired, we decided to take the plunge and open Red Newt Bikes," said Dave.

"We are a full service bike shop," he explained. "We have bikes for rent and our bicycle sales is more of



DAVE AND TASHA WALSH will celebrate the grand opening of their Red Newt Bikes this Friday.

a concierge type approach. We have some bikes in stock, but will work with someone to custom fit the perfect bike for them."

Red Newt sells children's bikes and has established a buy-back program for growing cyclists, where parents can bring the bike back once the child have outgrown it for a discount towards a bigger one. The business also has a program for people who want to trade in an old bike for credit towards a new one. Red Newt also sells electric bikes and Dave is working toward becoming a certified Bosch electric motor mechanic.

"We aim to provide a friendly, encouraging experience for people renting or shopping for a bicycle," Tasha said. "We want folks to feel comfortable coming in and talking about bikes. We want them to feel valued, listened to, important, and a part of the outdoor community."

Red Newt will have a schedule of group rides for various levels of cyclists

and will be offering newcomer classes and cycling safety classes. The Walshes can also provide route suggestions and have maps in the shop of various places to ride.

"One of the most exciting things since we've opened has been the community's response," said Tasha. "Dave has gently pulled together and supported a group of people who are dedicated mountain bike trail builders and linked them with officials in Buena Vista and suddenly trails are being built in Glen Maury Park!" This group of mountain bike enthusiasts is forming the Rockbridge Trails Club to build and maintain bike trails in the area. Discussions are happening and plans being made to build a network of bike trails throughout the county.

"We see Red Newt Bikes as not just a shop, but a hub for growing and supporting the cycling community and those who want to take advantage of cycling in this beautiful area."

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OBITUARIES

SAMMY DONALD

Samuel Wilson Donald Jr., 76, passed away peacefully at Lewis Gale Hospital in Salem March 19, 2019.

A longtime resident of Lexington, he was the son of Samuel Wilson Donald Sr. and Lucille Hilda (Stocker) Donald.

Sammy was born in Wheeling, W.Va., Oct. 6, 1942. He worked as a handyman for S.W. Donald Electric, volunteered with his father at the Lexington Fire Department, and was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Lexington.

He is survived by many cousins and wonderful caregivers, especially Lois Green. Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, March 26, at Stonewall Jackson Cemetery by Pastor Joseph Cailles.

Memorial donations may be made to Lexington Fire & Rescue, 708 S. Main St., Lexington, VA 24450.

Arrangements were handled by the Harrison Funeral Home & Crematory. ☞



DAVID ROBERTS

David Roberts, 74, of Buena Vista, passed away Sunday, March 17, 2019, at his home.

Born Dec. 17, 1944, in Buena Vista, he was a son of the late George Roberts and Cora Vent Roberts.

He was also preceded in death by eight siblings, Maxine R. Clark, Mildred R. Clark, Percy Roberts, Maynard Roberts, Ralph Roberts, Elmer Roberts, Melvin Roberts and Curtis Roberts.

David was a graduate of Parry McCluer High School and was retired from Dana Corp.

Surviving are his wife of 42 years, Shirley Jane Roberts; son, Eric Roberts; daughter, Kendra R. Williams; one grandson; one great-grandson; five sisters, Louise R. Worley, Barbara R. Camden, Jean R. Camden, Mary R. Watts and Rosa Lee R. Chittum; and many nephews and nieces.

A graveside service was conducted Tuesday, March 26, at Green Hill Cemetery by the Rev. Dean Staton.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, March 29, at Blue Ridge Baptist Church.

Arrangements are being handled by Bolling, Grose & Lotts Funeral Home and Cremation Services ☞

EDWARD CRAWFORD

Edward Eugene Crawford, 52, of Woodbridge passed away Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at Mary Washington Hospital.

Born in Fairfax County, he was a son of Hattie Crawford and the late Albert Lee Crawford Sr.

Surviving are his son, Chris Crawford and fiancée Debbie Watson; former wife, Mary Crawford; siblings, Albert L. Crawford Jr., Frank Crawford, Rachel Austin, Lois Crawford, Carol Clark and Karen Crawford. He also had three nieces, three great-nieces, one great-nephew and great-great niece, four brothers-in-law and one sister-in-law.

He was employed with C&C Carpentry for over 20 years.

Special mention to the Proffit family, and special friends Chet Cary, Greg Litts, and Walter Richards.

The funeral was conducted Monday, March 25, at Bolling, Grose & Lotts Funeral Chapel by the Rev. David Bain. Burial followed at Green Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by Bolling, Grose, & Lotts Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

HAZEL McCOY

Hazel Mae Hall McCoy, 89, of Lexington passed away Monday, March 25, 2019, at her home on Hull's Mountain.

She was born July 19, 1929, the daughter of the late Blanch Hall Bogar and was the wife of the late Hunter G. McCoy. She was predeceased by a brother, Vernon Dean Bogar. She was a graduate of Effinger High School.

She is survived by sons H. Gordon McCoy Jr. of Lexington, Edwin McCoy (and Teri) of Buchanan, and James M. McCoy (and Teresa) of Lexington; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and several nieces, a nephew and several cousins.

She was a retired and accomplished seamstress with Rockbridge Interiors. The family would like to thank the staff at Heritage Hall, Rock-

bridge Area Hospice and Americare Plus.

Services will be private. Memorial donations should be made to Rockbridge Area Hospice, 315 Myers St., Lexington, VA 24450.

Arrangement are by Harrison Funeral Home & Crematory. ☞

JOHN DEMERS

John Norman Demers, 81 of Lexington died Saturday, March 23, 2019, in Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Born March 18, 1938 in Holyoke, Mass., he was a son of the late John Baptiste Demers and Agnes Peloquin.

John ran Demers Welding for many years.

Surviving are his children, Nathan John Demers, Valerie Grace Brads (Jonathan), Robert Demers (Mia), Michael Demers (Tiffany Kidd), Roxanne, Shane, Hedi, Robin and Annie; grandchildren Brianna, Jonmychael, Westin, Ahsean, Courtney, Nathaniel, Devi, Ariana, Carson and Gavin.

Friends may gather with the family from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 29, at Harrison Funeral Home. A memorial service will be conducted at a later date.

Arrangements are by Harrison Funeral Home & Crematory. ☞

KATHERINE KING

Katherine C. King, 85, of Buena Vista, passed away suddenly surrounded by family on March 23, 2019, at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. She was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew King.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Vickie and Paul Eppard; son, Andrew King; daughter, Kay King; son, Lee King; daughter and son-in-law, Katrina and Tim Butner; four grandchildren, Chris Tolley, Megan Clark, Brianne King Heisel, and Devon King; five great-grandchildren, Christopher Tolley Jr., Steven Tolley, Nathaniel Clark, Zoe Clark and MacKenzie Clark.

She leaves behind a wonderful legacy with her family, as well as cherished memories of her personality and life with her family and friends that will last a life time.

A celebration of life was held Tuesday, March 26, at Bolling, Grose & Lotts Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Bryon LePere officiating. Burial followed in the Green Hill Cemetery. ☞

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Schweizer Service Saturday

A memorial service for Amenie Phillips Schweizer will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 103 Davidson St., Lexington, on Saturday, March 30, 2019, at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Rockbridge Area Hospice. Donations can be made by visiting the website online at www.rockbridgeareahospice.org or by check, which can be sent to Rockbridge Area Hospice, 315 Meyers St., Lexington VA 24450.

ESTELLE BURNS

Estelle Staton Burns, 89, of Jacksonville, Fla., died Feb. 3, 2019.

She was born April 13, 1929, in Rockbridge County, a daughter of Charles A. and Anna B. Staton. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, George Burns.

She is survived by a son and a daughter as well as two brothers and one sister, Nadine Bingle Hartless of Buena Vista.

The funeral was conducted in Jacksonville Feb. 7. Arrangements were by Greenlawn Funeral Home.

DONALD MASON

Donald "Donnie" Eugene Mason of Buena Vista died on Sunday, March 10, 2019.

Born on March 24, 1948, to George "Buster" Mason and Muritta "Rene" McDaniel Mason, he was raised in Buena Vista. He retired from Advance Auto Parts.

In 1968, during the Vietnam War, he joined the Army where he served his country, stationed in Okinawa, Japan, for two years before receiving an honorable discharge.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his daughter, Stephanie O'Flaherty.

He is survived by his wife, Marlene Mason; three daughters, Lisa Mason Brown, Denise Mason and Charity Clark; 11 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, March 16, at New Beginnings Mosaic Church, 248 Poplar Hill, Lexington.

Donations may be made to the American Lung Association.

EUGENE PRICE

Eugene Jennings Price, 83, of St. Albans, W.Va., died Thursday, March 21, 2019, at his home.

Born in Rockbridge County, he was the son of the late Willard E. Price Sr. and Mary Helen Parker Price.

He was a member of Trinity Fellowship Church, St. Albans, W.Va.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Jacqueline Price.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia Hamblin Hart Price; four children, Paula P. Griffin, Charles A. Price, Annessa P. Litteral and Quentin E. Price; two stepdaughters, Charlena Fox and Anna Pifer; one stepson, Mark Dillon; 11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; sister, Caroline Ayers; and brother, James Price.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. today, Wednesday, March 27, at Bolling, Grose & Lotts Funeral Chapel by the Rev. Billy Griffin, the Rev. W. David Bain, and the Rev. Wesley Galford. Burial will follow at Glasgow Cemetery.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 30, at Trinity Fellowship Church, St. Albans, W.Va., at 1 p.m.

Arrangements are being handled by Bolling, Grose, & Lotts Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

IN MEMORY



IN LOVING MEMORY OF My husband, Burnett Bayne on our Anniversary, March 27

Today is filled with sad loving memories of that glorious day when we vowed our love, devotion and lives to each other. A many years come and go, many things change. The one thing that didn't change was our love, vows and commitment to each other on our wedding day. Through the years we discovered our riches, fuller and a more dedicated way of life. I cherish each promise that held us together all our earthly days. You were my live love then and will be forever.
Happy Anniversary
All my love, Helen



HAPPY BIRTHDAY SON Charles P. Nicely April 9, 2019

This is your 5th Birthday in Heaven. It will never be the same without you here. I know you are not in pain anymore. We love and miss you everyday!

Love your mom Doris & Joe, your brother Edward, cousins Kelly, Jr., Phillip, Brogan, Tabitha, Blake, Shane, Savannah, Kylee, uncle Jack & Joyce, uncle Stevie & Patty



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOM April 2, 2019 Stella Higgins

This is your 8th birthday in Heaven. It is not the same without you. We love and miss you everyday.

Love your family Your daughter Doris Ann & Joe, your son Jack & Joyce, grandchildren & great grandchildren

Dabney's Medallion Of Merit Award's Back

The Dabney S. Lancaster Community College Local Board has reinstated the annual Medallion of Merit Award and is currently accepting nominations. The college stopped bestowing of the award in 2012, but at a recent board meeting, the local board voted to begin the recognition in 2019.

The Medallion of Merit was established in 1979 to recognize individuals or organizations that have made a significant contribution to the betterment of life to the world, nation, commonwealth, region, or DSLCC's service area.

Nomination forms are available through the president's office at DSLCC or on the college's website at www.dslcc.edu. The deadline for all nominations is Friday, May 3, by 3:30 p.m.

Examples of who may receive this award include individuals or organizations have achieved success, assumed leadership and supported their communities in very different ways – all reflecting the purpose of Dabney S. Lancaster Community College.

Past recipients have included the city of Lexington, G. Otis Mead of Lexington, Dr. James C. Bradford of Buena Vista, Wilford P. Ramsey of Buena Vista, DeWitt S. Worrell of Lexington (posthumously), Harold F. Kidd of Buena Vista, Linda Law Krantz of Rockbridge County, and Irma Blake Thompson of Buena Vista.

For more information, please contact the president's Office at DSLCC at (540) 863-2824.

Farm Bureau Members Part Of Ag Literacy Week

Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom celebrated its annual Agriculture Literacy Week March 18-22, and volunteers from Rockbridge Farm Bureau were among participants.

Judy Goodbar, Jade Knick, Roselea Potter, Tommy Harris and Russell Williams of Rockbridge County Farm Bureau joined volunteers from more than 84 other county Farm Bureaus, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Farm Credit, local FFA chapters and other agriculture organizations to read books about agriculture in their local schools.

Many read the book "Right This Very Minute" by Lisl H. Detlefsen and donated copies to school libraries. The book was selected as the 2019 Virginia AITC Book of the Year.



Coconut

Coconut is a wonderful white and gray kitty who is new to the shelter. She is about 2 years old and is ready for a home to call her own. Visit her at the Rockbridge SPCA. Don't forget about our rabies clinic at the SPCA all this week from 1 to 3 p.m.

NOTICE

Collierstown Presbyterian Church Cemetery

Notice to families or friends of individuals interred in the Collierstown Presbyterian Church Cemetery. In adherence to cemetery guidelines regarding flowers and decorations; all live or artificial flower arrangements and decorations are to be removed by April 7 of each year to facilitate mowing and maintenance operations. Any items not removed by April 7, 2019 will be removed by cemetery personnel.

For additional information please contact the Collierstown Presbyterian Church Cemetery committee at 540-463-5493.

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Green Hill Cemetery Notice

In preparation for the upcoming mowing season, Green Hill Cemetery is requesting that all flowers and accessories be removed from the graves by April 7, 2019. All remaining items will be removed and disposed. The guidelines during the mowing season for holidays state that flowers and other display items should be placed on the stone or monument only and may be placed 2 days before the holiday and remain for 1 week afterwards. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

City of Buena Vista
Green Hill Cemetery Management.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

CITY OF LEXINGTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

APPLICATION BY CATHERINE MORPHIS, AGENT, REQUESTING THAT THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BE AMENDED TO THE MIXED USE – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, RESIDENTIAL FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION AND TO THE MODERATE DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION AND THAT THE ZONING MAP BE AMENDED TO REZONE A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY TO THE R-LC (RESIDENTIAL-LIGHT COMMERCIAL) ZONING DISTRICT FOR TAX PARCEL 14-1-18

A public hearing will be conducted by the Lexington Planning Commission at a meeting to begin at 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 11, 2019 in the cafeteria of the Waddell Elementary School, 100 Pendleton Place, to allow persons to appear and present their views in response to applications by Catherine Morphis requesting the following:

That the future land use designation in the Lexington Comprehensive Plan be amended to change the designation for TM# 14-1-18 (water tower property along Enfield Road) from the Transportation, Utilities, Communications future land use designation to the Mixed Use—Professional Services, Residential future land use designation and to the Moderate Density Residential future land use designation, and

That the Zoning Map be amended to rezone the rear portion of TM# 14-1-18 (water tower property along Enfield Road) from the R-1 (General Residential) zoning classification to the R-LC (Residential-Light Commercial) zoning classification.

A copy of the applications, case numbers CPA 2019-01 and RZ 2019-01, are available for public review and examination between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in the Planning and Development Department located on the second floor of Lexington City Hall, 300 East Washington Street.

Arne Glaeser
Director of Planning and Development

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given per Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia and Section 802.03, 04 and 05 of the County of Rockbridge Land Development Regulations a public hearing will be held by the Rockbridge County Planning Commission on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at or around 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room in the County Administrative Offices, 150 South Main Street, Lexington, Virginia 24450, followed by public hearings by the Board of Supervisors on Monday, April 22, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the same location to consider the following applications

1. K.M. Hotels, 1260 Radford Street, Christiansburg Virginia, applying to conditionally rezone .17 acres from General Industrial District (I-1) to General Business District (B-1) to develop a hotel project per Section 605.02-7 of the Land Development Regulations. Property owned by Charles W. Barger & Son is located along the west side of Rocklawn Lane approximately 500 feet south of its intersection with East Midland Trail in the Buffalo Magisterial District and further identified as Tax Map 75-A-40.

2. Rockbridge County, 150 South Main Street, Lexington, Virginia, amending the Land Development Regulations, Section 302, Specific Definitions: Livestock Confinement Systems to include "layers" and to amend Section 710.00 - Livestock Confinement Systems, to remove provision for improvement or enlargement of facilities by special exception where parcel do not have sufficient acreage; to re-evaluate the required setbacks, including Section 710.03-1 for specification of the 150' setback from the edge

of public highway or road right-of-way and Section 710.03-1 for consolidation of the 600' setback from existing dwellings and public buildings (i.e. churches, graveyards, etc.), but exempting family cemeteries, as well as the property owner's dwellings; in Section 710.03-4, to provide for a 100' setback from water sources for a livestock confinement facility that is enclosed and under roof, and to remove provisions for setback reductions based on site plan evaluation; in Section 710.03-6, to specify the 100 year floodplain as the no-build area and update the date of the Federal Emergency Management Agency map to April 6, 2000, and to remove the Rockbridge County Zoning Map; and in Section 710.04, to provide that all Livestock Confinement Facility shall have a nutrient management plan meeting the requirements of the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and removing all County requirements for a Nutrient Management Plan, by striking Land Development Regulation Sections 710.04-1 through 710.04-6. The full text of the ordinance can be found on the County website www.rockbridgecountyva.gov under Public Hearings and copies are available at the Office of Community Development.

Information on these applications is available in the Rockbridge County Office of Community Development, 150 South Main Street, Lexington, Virginia.

By: Sam Crickenberger
Director of Community Development

PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING COMMISSION APRIL 9, 2019

Pursuant to Code of Virginia Section 15.2-2204 and the City of Buena Vista Land Development Regulations, notice is given that the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to receive comment on a Conditional Use Permit application for 2027 Magnolia Avenue, Tax Map 34-1-2-16-22. The Buena Vista Fire Department, located directly across the alley at 2010 Sycamore Avenue, proposes to erect a 12' x 21' metal carport to function as a grilling pavilion behind the building at 2027 Magnolia Avenue. A Conditional Use Permit is required because the use is not within a permanent enclosed structure, pursuant to Buena Vista Land Development Regulations 614.03-1.

The Public Hearing will be held in the City Council Chambers located in the Municipal Building located at 2039 Sycamore Avenue in Buena Vista during the regular monthly Planning Commission meeting at approximately 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 9th 2019. A staff report, and a copy of the Comprehensive Plan, are available from the Director of Planning & Community Development, Thomas Roberts, 2039 Sycamore Avenue, Buena Vista VA 24416 or (540) 261-8607 or troberts@bvcity.org.

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
CITY OF LEXINGTON
NOTICE OF LEXINGTON CITY
COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
TO CONSIDER A PRELIMINARY
SUBDIVISION PLAT APPROVAL FOR SECTION II OF
THE WEATHERBURN SUBDIVISION
LOCATED ALONG
THE UNPAVED PORTION OF
CHAMBERLAIN LOOP ROAD,
LEXINGTON VIRGINIA.**

The Lexington City Council will meet on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 8:00 pm in the cafeteria of the Waddell Elementary School, 100 Pendleton Place, to allow persons to appear and present their views in response to an application by Pierson Hotchkiss requesting approval of Section II of the Weatherburn subdivision. A copy of this proposal is available for public review and examination between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in the Planning and Development Department located on the second floor of Lexington City Hall, 300 East Washington Street.

Arne Glaeser
Planning Director

Moon Sworn In As Prosecutor

Chief Deputy Serving In Interim Role

Before a room full of court officials, police officers and area attorneys, Jared Moon was sworn in Monday afternoon as the interim commonwealth's attorney for Rockbridge County and Lexington.

Circuit Court Judge Anita Filson did the honors in the circuit courtroom. Moon, formerly the chief deputy commonwealth's attorney, is succeeding Chris Billias, who is becoming a general district court judge on April 1.

Moon has been an assistant commonwealth's attorney for Rockbridge County and Lexington since 2015. Prior to that, he was an assistant commonwealth's attorney in Danville prior to that.

He and his wife Jenny are the parents of four daughters who are ages 19, 17, 14 and 12.

Moon notes that he was a first-generation college student, not starting college until age 28 after working several years in construction. While attending college he worked full-time and was already raising a family. During law



JARED MOON is sworn in Monday as the interim commonwealth's attorney for Rockbridge County and Lexington by Circuit Court Judge Anita Filson.

school, he and his wife operated a small business out of their home to make ends meet.

Moon graduated from the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond in 2006 and received his bachelor's degrees from Southern Utah University in 2003.

Moon describes himself as a "seasoned prosecutor" who has a broad range of experience prosecuting all sorts of crimes. He said he is "passionate about what I do" and considers it a "great honor"

to stand by the victims of crime and see that the perpetrators are brought to justice.

"In working with victims of crime, I truly believe I have found my calling in life," he said.

Moon won't be the only new commonwealth's attorney in the Rockbridge area. Chris Russell, commonwealth's attorney in Buena Vista the past 15 years, is leaving this post to become a general district court judge in Alleghany County on July

1. His interim successor is expected to be named in the next several weeks.

Billias, commonwealth's attorney for Rockbridge County and Lexington the past four years, is succeeding General District Court Judge Gordon Saunders, who is retiring April 1.

There will be elections Nov. 5 for both Rockbridge area commonwealth's attorneys. Moon has said he will seek the Republican nomination to retain his post.

Simon

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he was "excited about the progress and accomplishments achieved over these past four-plus years."

"We will miss the Simon family, and wish Noah, Jen and Zoë all the best as they begin their next chapter in Westlake," he said.

The mayor anticipated that Council will seek an interim city manager and that he will be working with Council to appoint a committee to set a process and timetable to select the interim manager. The work of the search will begin at Council's next meeting on April 4.

Simon came to Lexington in October 2014, succeeding Jon Ellestad, who retired after managing the city for 24 years. During Simon's remaining weeks in Lexington, he plans to complete a number of projects, including priority items in the city's newly adopted strategic plan.

Among his accomplishments, Simon listed adoption of the strategic plan, development of Thompsons Knoll subdivision, improving the city's fiscal health, advancing technology with a new city website and budget visualization tool and nurturing the city's relationships with the city schools and Main Street Lexington.

He said he would have liked to accomplish the development of the VDOT property on Wallace Street, as well as other economic development projects.

Most missed will be his colleagues. "Lexington has an amazing team of people and I am so proud of what they do and how they do it," he said. "I will miss them tremendously and I have enjoyed working with each of them. We are a great work family."

He thanked the mayor and Council (current and past) "for giving me this opportunity, and thank you for believing in me." He also thanked the people of Lexington "for being engaged, for being passionate and caring about this special place. You all are what makes Lexington so great."

He thanked his wife and daughter "for letting work take me away from you too often. Thank you for supporting me and being there for me."

He will take up his post in Westlake in May. Westlake, located just north of Dallas-Fort Worth, has an estimated population of 1,480 and median household income of \$250,000. The town is home to a number of sports and music celebrities and high-profile businesses, including a recently announced future Charles Schwab corporate campus. In 2011, Westlake was named the most affluent community in the country by Forbes.

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Editorial

Responding To Hate On The Internet

The First and Second Amendments to the U.S. Constitution are not absolute. Although some people may argue otherwise, there are limits to the rights of free speech and bearing arms. Obvious limits have become apparent in an evolving phenomenon in which acts of extreme violence are broadcast on the internet while accompanied with messages of hate.

Once this despicable content is out in cyberspace, it is seemingly there forever. The companies behind the technology that have made this insidious practice possible have, to date, been unable or unwilling to stop the perpetrators or remove the content from their platforms.

Among those who have been victimized is the family of Alison Parker, a 24-year-old Roanoke television journalist who was fatally shot during a live broadcast from Smith Mountain Lake in 2015. Video of this murder can be found on various platforms online with messages suggesting that the shooting was a hoax – part of a conspiracy to seize individuals' firearms.

In a similar vein, internet trolls have targeted the parents of children slain in 2012 at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newton, Conn., and the teenage survivors of the school shootings last year in Parkland, Fla. Deplorable indi-

viduals have used these tragedies to advance on social media their sick agendas while heaping abuse and making threats against victims.

Another example of this cruel phenomenon is the recent massacre in New Zealand at two mosques in which the gunman broadcast the slaughter live on social media while spouting off a hate-filled rant on his white supremacist views. Lawmakers in New Zealand responded by banning the type of assault weapons used and making it illegal to post the gunman's manifesto on the internet.

In our country, we are seemingly powerless to do anything legislatively in response to these abominations. We can't even get laws passed to require background checks on the purchase of military-style weapons, let alone take measures to control their proliferation. Unfortunately, too many of our elected representatives have adopted an extremist interpretation of the Second Amendment.

Andy Parker, father of the TV journalist who was slain, has been advocating for sensible gun-safety reforms since his daughter's murder. He has now taken on a second cause – an effort to convince YouTube and Google to remove graphic videos of his daughter's death and related conspiracy content from



WHITE RIBBONS are tied to a wire at the conclusion of a vigil to honor the victims of the mass mosque shootings in Christchurch, New Zealand on March 22. The brief memorial service was held at Washington and Lee University's Colonnade this past Friday. (Joann Ware photo)

their platforms. He has enlisted the assistance of the Georgetown Law Civil Rights Clinic to get Google to stop the spread of this insidious material that has been appearing on its platforms. If he is unable to persuade Google to do this voluntarily, Parker plans to turn to Congress for help.

As he recently wrote in a published commentary, "This is not about stifling free speech. Odious free expression is lawful, but targeted harassment, defamation and slander are not. In fact, the relentless attacks against victims of mass shootings and their surviving loved

ones are meant to intimidate us and silence our speech."

The First Amendment does not protect threats, harassment and defamation. We suspect Google has access to technology that would make it possible to eliminate the hateful messages appearing on their platforms that are intended to do others harm.

There are indeed limits to the rights of free speech and bearing arms. Our wish is that our government and business leaders would recognize this and be responsive to the heartfelt pleas of a grieving father.

OUT OF THE PAST

50 Years Ago

March 26, 1969

Miss Dana Elaine Alford is crowned Miss Rockbridge 1969. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Alford of Glasgow. For her talent competition she performed a musical variety number from the Broadway musical "Annie Get Your Gun." She will attend Virginia Commonwealth University to study art.

A loan and grant from the Farmers Home Administration is received by the Rockbridge County Public Service Authority to finance a public water system in the Raphine community. The project will provide water to about 31 rural residences and three businesses in the community, including a large truck stop now under construction.

E.P. (Cy) Twombly retires after 48 years as athletic director at Washington and Lee University. He started as a swimming and physical education instructor in 1921, just after a summer of pitching for the Chicago White Sox.

25 Years Ago

March 30, 1994

Dr. Tom Peck is profiled as tools coordinator for the upcoming Kids Playce playground project.

Calf triplets are born on the Spring Valley farm owned by Francis Burk. They will probably have to be bottle fed.

Buena Vista officials are presented with a signed and fully executed agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a flood control project in the city.

QUID DE COGITATIONE?

GLENN ROSE

The Power of 'I'm sorry'

On Feb. 22, Robert Kraft, multi-billionaire owner of the New England Patriots football team, was arrested along with over a hundred other men as part of a human sex trafficking investigation that was being carried out by authorities in Florida. He was charged with two misdemeanor counts of soliciting prostitution.



The arrests followed a months-long probe of several Florida day spas and massage parlors suspected of being used for prostitution.

Investigators revealed that several of the parlors seemed to house "live-in" female employees, a practice that authorities believe indicate that the women, all foreigners, may have been victimized, lured to this country for employment as massage

therapists only to be forced into prostitution.

Sex trafficking, also known as sex slavery, would have brought another charge, if the authorities felt it was warranted.

Kraft and 24 other men also charged with soliciting prostitution (there were no charges of sex trafficking) were offered a plea deal last week. They could have their charges dropped in exchange for admitting they would have been found guilty, doing 100 hours of community service, completing a class on the dangers of prostitution, and paying \$5,000 per count.

Although there's no report on whether any of the other 24 men accepted the plea deal, Kraft declined it. He pleaded not guilty to the charges and has denied that he committed a crime.

Kraft has hired a team of lawyers, and with his money he can afford the best.

CNN reported that, "Authorities say Kraft was recorded on surveillance footage paying for and receiving sex acts at a day spa in Jupiter, Fla. The footage has not been released, and Kraft and other defendants want to keep it that way.

"Earlier this week, Kraft and 14 of the other men charged filed a motion seek-

ing to prevent the videos and other evidence from being released."

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/03/22/us/robert-kraft-video/index.html> According to C.N.N., "The real problem for Robert Kraft is the video, not the charges, experts say.

"What's in the defendants' best interest is ensuring the footage doesn't become public record."

Robert Kraft owns the stadium where his New England Patriots play. Gillette, the company that makes men's products, has a contract to have its name on that stadium and a deal with Proctor and Gamble, Gillette's parent company, that ostensibly keeps the naming rights in place until 2031.

A petition being circulated by a women's rights group states the charges against Kraft don't mesh well with Gillette's new ad campaign, which asks men to be the best they can be, and that P&G should pull the Gillette name off the stadium.

All of the legal machinations seem to be what one would expect of a billionaire trying to wiggle out of an embarrassing situation.

Except it would seem that the plea bargain offered

would have ended things there.

And there's the statement that Kraft volunteered last Saturday:

"I am truly sorry. I know I have hurt and disappointed my family, my close friends, my co-workers, our fans and many others who rightfully hold me to a higher standard.

"Throughout my life, I have always tried to do the right thing. The last thing I would ever want to do is disrespect another human being. I have extraordinary respect for women; my morals and my soul were shaped by the most wonderful woman, the love of my life, who I was blessed to have as my partner for 50 years."

Kraft, a widower, was referring to his wife, Myra, who died in 2011 at the age of 68 after a battle with cancer. The two are well known for their philanthropy, which Kraft continues.

He concluded, "As I move forward, I hope to continue to use the platform with which I have been blessed to help others and to try to make a difference. I expect to be judged not by my words, but by my actions. And through those actions, I hope to regain your confidence and respect."

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LETTERS

Renaming 'Disingenuous,' Dishonors W&L Benefactor

March 21, 2019

Editor, The News-Gazette:

I could not agree more with Neely Young's letter in this past weeks News-Gazette "Robinson Should Not Be Dishonored."

I wrote a letter to the editor of the Gazette a number of weeks ago which was published in which I opposed the re-naming of Robinson Hall. John "Jockey" Robinson was perhaps one of the greatest benefactor's in the history of Washington and Lee University. He left his land and slaves to the university with the provision that the slaves not be sold for a period of 50 years and the families not be broken up. As Mr. Young pointed out in his letter, the university violated Robinson's wishes 10 years later by selling the slaves and breaking up many of the families.

John Chavis, a black Presbyterian minister and a great American, apparently owned a slave or slaves himself. To remove Robinson's name from the building and replace it with the name Chavis Hall is not only irony in its finest form but disingenuous and dishonors John "Jockey" Robinson.

Mr. Young and his fellow W&L alumni recommended to the W&L board of trustees that Chavis-Robinson Hall would be most appropriate and honor each man equally. The board of trustees in their lack of wisdom failed to do the right thing and instead dishonored a fine man who was one of the school's greatest benefactors.

JOE WILSON
W&L class of 1965
Fredericksburg

'Times They Are A Changing'

March 22, 2019

Editor, The News-Gazette:

I suddenly realized today that it has been a year since the March for Our Lives took place in Washington, D.C., and elsewhere in the world demanding better gun control laws and safety for our young people in schools and public places. Of course, the Trump solution would be to simply arm the teachers rather than deny easy access to many of the nut cases and potential terrorists who already live with in our borders.

But Trump is a narcissist who truly listens to only one beat of the drum, his own. To maintain his twisted version of a man above any moral standard, he lies consistently and mercilessly, commits adultery with abandon and brags about it, shuts down the government like a child throwing a temper tantrum, putting the lives of thousands of government employees at risk, focusing on the demands of his minority hard core supporters while ignoring the majority who no longer support him.

But somewhere at the end of this long tunnel of darkness, a light has begun to shine. The light bearers are the droves of young people who came out to vote in our last election, enabling a change in the House from Republican to Democrat.

And this is only the beginning. With each year that passes, more 18-year-olds will be heading to the polls demanding the change they seek and using the power of the vote to get it. This may seem like a revolution to hard core Trump supporters, but it is much more than that. It is an evolution in human consciousness and spirit. It has been coming on for a long time now and has finally arrived. The lyrics Bob Dylan wrote more than 50 years ago during another turbulent time ring just as true as if they were written yesterday:

*"Come mothers and fathers throughout the land
And don't criticize what you can't understand*

Your sons and your daughters are beyond your command

*Your old road is rapidly aging
Please get out of the new one if you can't lend a hand*

For the times they are a changing"

The times indeed are changing.
So if you can't lend a hand, please step aside. The light will extinguish the darkness, regardless.

BETH HOUSER
Lexington

Jam Sessions Lift Your Soul

March 15, 2019

Editor, The-News-Gazette:

Living here in paradise allows one to have your soul lifted, not once, but twice a week. Besides Sunday (or Saturday), every Wednesday there is another experience which some of us might call religious.

Lexington's oldest floating Americana jam session is now in its fifth venue. After starting out more than a quarter of a century ago at a place called Harb's, it moved a few doors up Washington Street to the Lexington Coffee Shop, then detoured over to the Blue Sky bakery on Nelson Street before heading back on Washington to another blue spot, the Blue Phoenix. Currently the music, plus coffee, of course, is served from a church basement across the street. If this latest venue doesn't satisfy your soul, hold off until Sunday and try upstairs.

By the way, what is Americana music? A sign on the sidewalk once said bluegrass. However, it's more. It's country, folk, jazz, Jamai-

can — anything with a beat that causes a twist in your body your doctor can't explain. It's part of that necessary stuff that allows us to get through the week. Thus Wednesday. And it is pure American. Listen to a few bars. You will not hear Brahms, Beethoven or Bach. They serve up heady notes to chew on. American composers prefer to go straight to our hearts and souls.

So, the next time you need a lift (name me a time when you don't), direct an ear towards sounds which are "Made in America." Sure, those imports have lasted, but for this native there is nothing better than home cooking, the rhythms we hear in our local restaurants and coffee shops and especially on a summer evening on an open meadow and, would you believe, an old lime kiln.

As they say, music is medicine for the soul. Stay well.

DAVID REYNOLDS
Rockbridge County

'Let Go Of Your Bradford Pears'

March 25, 2019

Editor, The News-Gazette:

Would you plant kudzu? Or bamboo? Or English ivy? Or Autumn Olive? Well, that is essentially the type of assertive plant energy you are planting when you plant a Bradford/Callery Pear. Look around, and you'll see them big and blooming, everywhere! Yes, literally everywhere, because, even though they were (and still are) promoted to be sterile, they are not.

The Bradford Pear has become another one of our

humanly instigated environmental disasters. So, it's up to us to 1) not plant any more Bradford Pears, 2) cut down everyone we do have, 3) learn what is native to our area and plant better behaving trees. What about an oak or a hickory? A silverbell or a redbud?

There are better choices. The Bradford Pear is an insidious invader, as can easily be seen around our county currently. As these beauties can be seen along the road and clustering in the forests. They are choking out the beloved local trees, making thickets

and having up to four - inch thorns. This in turn reduces the production and value of farms and land.

Please be a responsible plant owner and remove your Bradford Pears. Look, I've been a gardener since I was 5. I've been a professional and private gardener all of my adult life. I don't make these statements lightly. Do your research. Do your due diligence. And let go of your Bradford Pears.

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Health Center Benefits Everyone

March 22, 2019

Editor, The News-Gazette:

Surprised at the mention in your March 20 edition that one of our Rockbridge County supervisors opposes Rockbridge Area Health Center's request for county support for the RAHC capital campaign, we are writing to strongly urge everyone -supervisors and citizens alike - to fully support RAHC's capital campaign and its continuing operations.

Your March 20 editorial makes a good case for such support, focusing on the health and financial security concerns of our low-income and uninsured neighbors, as well as citing some of the many economic benefits of the health center for our community.

We would like to add arguments in favor of supporting RAHC from the viewpoint of other segments of our community. Those of us currently served by our local health care providers, who still often have to travel to other areas for care, have a strong interest in keeping, and even increasing, the providers we have locally - and a successful RAHC is important for that. A successful RAHC also contributes to the strong local health care environment that is critical for attracting and keeping businesses, their employees, fami-

lies, and other members of our community here.

Older residents (and would-be residents) who are planning their long-term living and health care futures are concerned about having a vibrant and sustainable health care system locally so they don't have to move to a larger market such as Charlottesville or elsewhere to feel secure that their long-term health care needs can be met -- and a successful RAHC is important for that.

It is difficult to see how our community and our government leaders would not want to do everything possible to assure ourselves, and those who may be attracted to move here, of local high-quality health care. We should remember how important the economic and social contributions of everyone are to our area - and a successful RAHC can benefit everyone. Without sustainable health care in our community, we won't need as many athletic fields or other very desirable amenities for which we otherwise could spend the money that is needed right now to support the success of RAHC as it expands and grows to meet our needs.

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Drake, Gilbert Honored By BV Lions

By Ed Smith

Retired forester Don Drake was named the Buena Vista Lions Club's Citizen of the Year and educator Debbie Gilbert was the recipient of the club's President's Award. The presentations were made Tuesday, March 19, at Southern Virginia University.

Drake, a Buena Vista resident whose career was with the Virginia Department of Forestry, has remained active in the community during his retirement years. He serves on the Natural Bridge Soil and Water Conservation board and

has been a member of both the Buena Vista Lions Club and St. John's Methodist Church for 46 years. He has been an elections official and a volunteer with the Boy Scouts and has helped with senior citizens services.

"Don is very civic-minded. He works to make a difference," said his pastor, Dr. Louis Caddell, who presented Drake with the award. "He shows a certain humility. ... He listens more than he speaks. ... He has a rare combination of knowledge, skills and motivation

to make a difference. He promotes a quality of life."

Gilbert, principal of Parry McCluer Middle School, has worked 38 years in the same building, including when it was Parry McCluer High School, noted Buena Vista Superintendent of Schools Dr. John Keeler. During that time, Gilbert has been a teacher, math specialist and principal.

"She has saved the division a lot of money," said Keeler, noting that she helped arrange a

donation of bleachers from Washington and Lee University to PMHS, convinced Mohawk Industries to donate carpeting for the schools and Lowes to provide kitchen equipment for a culinary arts program she resurrected at PMMS.

"Her greatest achievement is what she has done for the students," added Keeler. Because of her, PMMS "has happy students who want to come to school. ... She truly cares about our schools division and community."

Local Poet Wins Whitman Award

Leah Green A Visiting Professor At We&L

Leah Naomi Green, a visiting assistant professor of English at Washington and Lee University, was selected by Li-Young Lee as the winner of the 2019 Walt Whitman Award, given by the Academy of American Poets.

The award is for her manuscript "The More Extravagant Feast." Graywolf Press will publish her work, and it will be distributed to the trade by FSG (Farrar, Straus & Giroux) via Macmillan.

In his judge's citation for the award, Lee said of Green's winning manuscript: "This book keeps faithful company with the world and earns its name. The darkness and suffering of living on earth are assumed in this work, woven throughout the fabric of its lined perceptions and insights, and yet, it is ultimately informed by the deep logic of compassion (is there a deeper human logic?) and enacts the wisdom of desire and fecundity reconciled with knowledge of death and boundedness. These poems remind us that when language is used to mediate between a soul's inner contents and the outer world's over-abundance of being and competing meanings, it's possible to both transcend the nihilism of word games, thereby discovering a more meaningful destiny for language, as well as reveal the body of splendor which is Existence."

In addition to her manuscript's publication in 2020, Green will also receive \$5,000, and the AAP will purchase and send thousands of copies of her book to its members, which will make it one of the most widely distributed poetry books of the year. Green will also receive a six-week, all-expenses-paid residency at the Civitella Ranieri Center in Umbria, Italy, where she plans to begin work on her next book.

"My gratitude goes, in one direction, toward those who are reading and connecting with what I've written. The clearest joy has come in hearing from those who are touched by the poems," said Green on winning the award. "There is no poet in my life whose work has been more real to my writing and teaching than Whitman's."

Green's chapbook, "The Ones We Have," received the 2012 Flying Trout Chapbook prize, and her poems have appeared in Tin House, The Southern Review, Ecotone and Pleiades.

Green lives in Rockbridge County where she, her husband and their two young daughters homestead and grow food. She received her master's in fine arts in English, creative writing, from The University of California, Irvine.

The Academy of American Poets' Walt Whitman Award was established in 1975 and is designed to encourage the work of emerging poets. The annual award is one of the American Poets Prizes, a collection of 10 major prizes given by the Academy of American Poets.



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Math Challenge Winners

Rockbridge County Public Schools recently held the Math 24 Challenge Tournament, in which students make the number 24 from four numbers shown on a card by adding, subtracting, multiplying or dividing. Thirty-three students from the four elementary schools competed, with the top four medal winners pictured above. They are (from left) Ethan Erskine of Fairfield Elementary, first place; Alexis Samante-Asuncion of Natural Bridge Elementary, second place; Brennan McDaniel of NBE, third place; and Abigail Mayfield of FES, fourth place.

Input Session Thursday On Chicken Ordinance

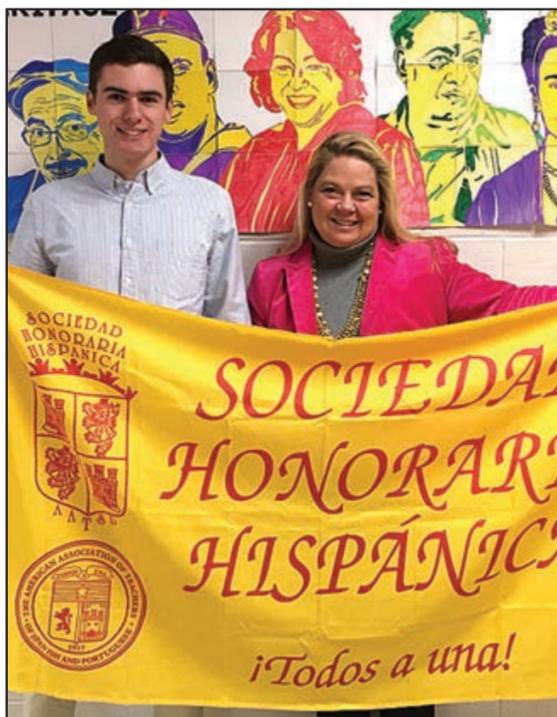
The Lexington Planning Commission is considering an amendment to the zoning ordinance that would consist of regulations for the keeping of chickens in the city. Before drafting any ordinance language regarding chickens, the Planning Commission would like to hear from the public.

A public input session will be held tomorrow, Thursday, at 5 p.m. in the Lylburn Downing Middle School cafeteria for the public to share any experience or expertise.

The session was moved forward from April 11 because of the later date's public hearing on proposed zoning changes for the development of the old water tower property on Enfield Road.

At tomorrow's input session, planning staff will also review the discussion that occurred in 2012 regarding chickens and provide a list of pros and cons that were part of that discussion. The list of pros and cons will be posted on <http://lexingtonva.gov/news/displaynews.htm?NewsID=397&TargetID=1>. The public is asked to review the staff-provided list and provide comment that will add to the discussion.

Those unable to attend are asked to send written comments to aglaeser@lexingtonva.gov, and their comments will be provided to the Planning Commission.



National Award In Spanish

Charlie Mayock-Bradley, a senior at Rockbridge County High School, has won the 2019 Joseph Adams Senior Scholarship from the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica (SHH), an honor society for high school students studying Spanish or Portuguese, for his dedication to the study of Spanish and excellent skills in that language. This national award is a prestigious honor for Rockbridge County High School. The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to only 60 students from over 2,400 SHH chapters across the United States. In Virginia, there were only two students chosen for this honor. He is shown with his teacher, Pamela St. Clair.

Fireworks

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plained that her club had been unable to secure a lead financial sponsor for the \$13,000 to \$15,000 needed to underwrite most of the fireworks costs. She offered the club's \$5,000 down payment already made toward the 2019 display to another group willing to lead the event.

The next week, the Main Street Lexington board was briefed by local tourism director Jean Clark that if an additional \$5,000 could not be raised by Feb. 15, the Sunrise Rotary down payment and reservation for the fireworks crew would be lost.

Robert "Bobby" Hobbs, a Main Street board member and commercial lender at CornerStone Bank, was appalled. "It was a very short three-day window and I got the distinct feeling that there were really no groups or individuals even trying to raise the funds at this point," he recalled. "It seemed the general consensus was that it was a lost cause."

However, the banker and community member found that he wasn't willing to give up, at least without trying. "I'm fortunate to be an employee of CornerStone Bank, one of the largest community sponsors and supporters in the area," he said. "The Fourth isn't the same without fireworks, and I figured that between the bank, our board members, and Main Street Lexington, I could get pretty close to the \$10,000 minimum pretty quickly."

He was more than correct.

By the end of Feb. 14, Hobbs had garnered \$11,750, including the Sunrise Rotary down payment, with commitments from CornerStone Bank, \$1,000; CornerStone board members and business owners Eric Spencer, \$1,000, and Jay Melvin and Ugo Benincasa, each \$500; Main Street Lexington; \$1,000; Rockbridge County, \$1,000 plus law enforcement and other municipal support; Bobby Berkstresser, \$1,000; and The News-Gazette, \$250 plus advertising and marketing.

Also, within the next couple of weeks, after going through a formal appropriation process, the Tourism board and Lexington City Council each approved \$1,000, for a grand total of \$13,250 - "Enough to hold the show," said Hobbs.

However, even with the funds raised, he realized he still needed to find an organization with enough manpower and desire to assume oversight and handle event logistics, as required for the handoff. "My list of potential groups was almost exhausted when Ben Worth, president of Rotary Club of Lexington Lunch and also a Main Street Lexington board member, agreed that his organization would be able to assume that responsibility," Hobbs recalled.

"It was really a powerful thing to see these individuals, businesses, and organizations step up the way they did to support this," he said. "I don't know that many folks realize how often and to what extent our local businesses, organizations, and citizens support this community both financially and with volunteer hours."

Among those sharing their feelings for the fireworks was CornerStone Bank President Steve Grist. "The thrill and beauty of fireworks have been a part of our community's Fourth of July celebration for decades," he said. "We all have shared memories of the way we feel and who we're with as we watch the fireworks burst above us. At CornerStone Bank we care about being able to continue this tradition and we're proud to join with the individuals and businesses that will make that happen in July 2019."

Berkstresser and Spencer, emailing jointly, said, "The Fourth of July is all about the independence and freedoms of our nation. It is a day to spend with family and friends and of course enjoy a fireworks show. Lee-Hi, Whites Travel Center, and Spencer Home Center are happy that this will continue in Rockbridge County this year and glad to help sponsor the event."

While Lexington City Council approved the funding request on March 7, Councilman Chuck Smith questioned departing from the city's policy of not responding to additional requests from outside groups. At their March 21 meeting, Council members agreed that the policy pertained to regular annual requests and that they would like the flexibility of being able to respond to one-time requests.

As for the Rockbridge Board of Supervisors, members agreed to the request after being contacted by County Administrator Spencer Suter, who identified available funds in the budget. "The Board of Supervisors readily agreed that the Independence Day celebration is important for the Community," said Board Chairman Jay Lewis, "Sharing the costs with like-minded businesses, individuals, volunteer organizations and Lexington City Council made great sense."

The Thursday, July 4, fireworks will start at 9:30 p.m., with viewers recommended to arrive at 8:45 p.m. to park and get situated. This year's event will be held at the Oakhill Farm property of the Virginia Horse Center, on the north side of Va. 39, with improved parking for attendees. The Balloons Over Rockbridge event with hot-air balloons will be held in the same location July 5-7.

"I was thrilled to see the fireworks location, providing great views of both the Blue Ridge and Alleghany Mountains," said Worth of the Rotary Club of Lexington Lunch, after touring the site. "I can't think of a more picturesque setting."

Given the short lead time for planning, there will be no entertainment from musical groups prior to the fireworks. A food vendor from the horse center will be invited to set up a concession stand.



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PM SENIOR Lance Fitzgerald rounds third base during the Blues' home doubleheader against Pocahontas County on Saturday. (Stephanie Mikels Blevins photo)



PM HEAD coach Bryan Loy talks to three of his players: (from left) Matt Kiely, Marcellius Dawson and Keaton Coleman. (Stephanie Mikels Blevins photo)



FIGHTING BLUE senior Zach Claytor swings at a pitch while teammate Matt Kiely waits on deck. (Stephanie Mikels Blevins photo)

Blues Wallop Warriors

BY JONATHAN SCHWAB

The Parry McCluer High School baseball team remained undefeated, cruising to victories in both games of a doubleheader with Pocahontas County on Saturday afternoon in Buena Vista.

In the first game, PM (4-0) earned a 10-0 victory over the team from West Virginia. The Fighting Blues then erupted for 13 runs in the first inning of the second game, on their way to a 21-3 victory over the Warriors (0-3).

A strong pitching performance and solid all-around hitting led the Blues in the first game. On the mound, Matt Kiely pitched all five innings to record the shutout, striking out 11 and allowing three hits and three walks. The Blues scored seven runs in the third inning and had eight total hits, led by Kiely and Zach Claytor with two each.

One of Kiely's hits was a triple on a fly ball to center field, which started the offensive surge in the third inning. After the Blues loaded the bases, Kaleb Floyd singled to center field to bring in Kiley and Marcellius Dawson, and Justin Wade then doubled on a grounder to right field to drive in Wheeler and Floyd, making it 6-0. The Blues would add three more runs in the inning, including two on a PC error, before scoring their 10th run in the fourth.

In the second game, after the Blues' big first inning and a run by the Warriors, Wheeler belted his first home run of the season with a shot over the center field fence to make it 14-0. The Blues scored six runs in the third and added two in the fourth.

PM racked up 14 hits, led by Kiely with four, Wheeler with three, and Claytor and Floyd with two each.

The Blues committed no errors in the first game and one in the second, while the Warriors had three in the first game and five in the second.

On the mound for PM, Wade pitched the first 2.2 innings, striking out four and allowing no hits, three walks and one earned run. In 2.1 innings of relief, Wheeler struck out five and permitted two hits, one walk and two earned runs. PC went through two pitchers in the first game and five in the second.

"I thought Matt Kiely gave us a good solid outing in the first game, and I was really impressed with Wade making his first varsity start in game two and then Tye Wheeler getting his first innings of relief," said PM head coach Bryan Loy. He added that, prior to his call to the mound, Wheeler also "made some very good plays for us at third."

On the challenge of playing a doubleheader, Loy said, "It's not something they're really used to. It makes for a long day for them, so luckily we were able to keep locked in."

PM 6, WF 4

Led by strong pitching by Claytor and clutch hitting the Blues earned a 6-4 win in eight innings at William Fleming on Monday of last week.

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ABOVE, PM pitcher Matt Kiely unwinds before launching a pitch during the Blues' 10-0 win in the first game of the doubleheader. Kiely pitched all five innings, striking out 11 and allowing three hits and three walks. AT RIGHT, Fighting Blue senior Austin Moore slides toward the bag to try to beat the throw. (Stephanie Mikels Blevins photos)



RC Girls Lax Romp

BY JEREMY S. FRANKLIN

The Rockbridge County High School girls lacrosse team improved to 3-1 on the young season with impressive road wins over William Byrd and Franklin County last week.

Last Monday, Kendall Nye poured in nine points, totaling seven goals and two assists, as the Wildcats cruised past William Byrd 19-5 in Vinton. Nye also scooped up nine draw controls in the victory.

Alexis Coleman recorded five goals, Zoe Camden racked up two goals and five assists and Tupu Mutilalo caused four turnovers for RC. While it was a good night for the Wildcats all the way around, RC head coach Susan Nye highlighted her team's performance in the mid-field and through its settled offense.

"We played well in transition, and our feeds to cutters inside of

the 8-meter [arc] led to a number of assists," Nye said.

The Wildcats kept things rolling with a 19-4 victory at Franklin County last Wednesday. Camden amassed 13 points in the game, scoring four goals and dishing out a whopping nine assists.

Nye notched four goals and four helpers, while Maelyn Eversole tallied four goals and 10 draw controls. Hannah Mayr led the RC defense with three caused turnovers. "This was an aggressive game with a lot of contact between opposing players," Coach Nye said. "It was the best offensive game the Rockbridge girls have played, with 16 assists off of 19 goals."

The Wildcats have put together a nice opening run without the benefit of a home game. That will change on Monday, though, when RC plays host to William Fleming at 5:30 p.m., with the girls' game preceding the boys' game.

RC Boys Snag First Lax Win

BY JEREMY S. FRANKLIN

The Rockbridge County High School boys lacrosse team picked up its first win of the young season last Monday, taking down William Byrd 16-5 in Vinton.

Aiden Mason-Velasquez totaled a game-high six points to pace the Wildcats (1-3), tallying three goals and three assists. Jake Blackburn scored four goals and dished out one assist, while Cody Faust also notched a hat trick.

Pierson Hull chipped in two goals and one assist for RC, and Griff Ray notched one goal and a pair of assists. Turner Stolarz added one goal and one assist, Alex Mahood and Jason Vess scored one goal apiece, and Noah Campbell recorded one assist. Finn Stewart played the first three quarters between the pipes and only let in four goals.

The Wildcats then lost a double-overtime heartbreaker at Charlottesville on Wednesday of last week, falling 8-7 to the Knights. Ray and Faust scored

two goals apiece for RC, while Hull notched one goal and two assists.

Charlottesville capitalized on a string of extra-man opportunities, scoring five of its eight goals on man-up chances. Despite the loss, first-year head coach Robert Hull was pleased with the way his charges battled throughout the night.

"I couldn't be more proud of the team's effort," Hull said. "Sometimes there are aspects of the game beyond a player's control. ... They could have folded, but proved they are a growing force with which to be reckoned. We coaches are excited at how things are moving."

The Wildcats, who were slated to visit Blacksburg on Monday, will wrap up a six-game stint on the road with a trip to Franklin County on Thursday. First faceoff is set for 5:30 p.m. RC will then play its home opener against William Fleming at 7:15 p.m. Monday, following the 5:30 p.m. girls' game.

Blues Among All-State Selections

Following their third consecutive state championship, three Parry McCluer High School girls basketball players received Class 1 all-state honors from the Virginia High School League last week, and head coach Adam Gilbert was named coach of the year for the third year in a row.

Senior guard Peyton Mohler and forward Madison Dunlap were selected to the all-state first team, and senior guard Hailey Huffman was named to the all-state second team. In the state finals on March 9 in Richmond, the PM girls, who went 26-4 this winter, defeated Surry County 58-45.

For the PM boys, senior guard Zach Claytor was selected to the all-state second team. At the end of the season, Claytor was named Pioneer District player of the year and was selected to the all-region first team.

PM Girls Open With Split

BY JONATHAN SCHWAB

The Parry McCluer High School softball team opened the season with a 9-0 win over Temple Christian last Monday in Buena Vista before falling at Riverheads 6-0 last Wednesday.

The Fighting Blues got off to a strong start in the opener, scoring four runs in the first inning, before adding three runs in the fourth. Seniors Makenna Smith and Jayla Baker each singled in a run in the first, and Ella Royer brought in two runs with a double to center field.

In the fourth, senior Channing Balsler belted a solo home run over the center field fence to extend PM's lead to 5-0. Smith then hit a grounder to second base to bring in two more runs. Freshman Kaitlyn Dudley's grounder to right field stretched the Blues' lead to 8-0 in the fifth, and junior Chloe Persinger scored the game's final run on a groundout by Smith in the sixth.

Smith led PM with two hits and four RBIs, and eight other Blues recorded one hit each.

Earning the shutout on the mound, Persinger pitched a complete game, striking out eight and allowing four hits and five walks.

Fifth-year PM head coach Troy Clark said he was pleased with Persinger's performance. "Sometimes she had a little trouble where the ball was high, but she adjusted." The coach added that Smith did a good job as catcher.

PM's batters had five strikeouts, but they made up for that by racking up 10 hits.

This was the Blues' first real competition because they hadn't had a scrimmage, with five of their players beginning practice with the team just two weeks ago after being part of the basketball team that won the Class 1 state championship on March 9. The Blues were playing without Peyton Mohler, who was recovering from an ankle injury suffered late in the basketball season. Mohler plays second base.

Riverheads 6, PM 0

The Blues struggled against Riverheads pitcher Emily Walker, who struck out nine and allowed six hits and just one walk.

On the mound for PM, senior Jayla Baker struck out five and permitted nine hits and four earned runs.

The Blues were scheduled to play host to county rival Rockbridge County last Friday, but that game was postponed to a later date due to inclement weather.

Looking Ahead

The Blues graduated two players from last year's team, all-region shortstop Kate Beverley and all-district third baseman Taylor Thompson, but they have a strong group of five seniors, three juniors, two sophomores and three freshmen.

PM returns nine players from a team that went 12-6 last year and made a run to the Class 1 state quarterfinals before falling 6-1 to Northwood.

In addition to Mohler and Smith, PM's seniors returning are first baseman Jayla Baker, center fielder Channing Balsler and outfielder Emma Camden.

Persinger returns for her junior season after she was named Pioneer District player of the year as a sophomore, along with receiving all-district and all-region honors and earning a selection to the all-state second team.

The Blues' other juniors, also returning, are right fielder Ella Royer and Grayson Shields, who played second base last week. Shields will split her practice time between softball and track and field, first she throws shot put and discus.

Sophomore Rheanna Lawhorn returns as a pitcher and left fielder after a strong freshman season. "She's tough," Clark said, noting she's also a strong hitter.

PM's other sophomore, Chloe Mohler, is new to the varsity level and played second base last week.

The Blues' three freshmen each registered a hit in the opener: Katie Claytor, Grayce Henson and Kaitlyn Dudley. Claytor started at shortstop, Henson started at third base, and Claytor came off the bench.

Returning to serve as Clark's assistant coaches are Wayne Beverley and Fred Fix. Mary Buzzard will help out as a volunteer coach at some games.

Last year, the Blues went undefeated in the Pioneer District before rainfall and thunderstorms canceled the district tournament. PM was runner-up to Auburn after a 3-2 loss in the Region 1C finals.

Clark said PM's goals include winning the district and making a run in the playoffs. Having coached the Blues to state titles in 2015 and 2016, Clark added, "Our ultimate goal's got to be a state championship. It's what we need to play for, but one game at a time."

PM was scheduled to play host to Alleghany yesterday and will play at Temple Christian on Thursday at 4:30 p.m. before traveling to James River Friday at 5 p.m. The Blues will begin Pioneer District action when they play host to Craig County on Thursday, April 4, at 5 p.m.

In Search Of A Goal

BY JEREMY S. FRANKLIN

The Rockbridge County High School girls soccer team fell to Northside and tied Alleghany on the road last week.

Last Tuesday, the Wildcats came up on the short side of a 3-0 decision against former district foe Northside in Roanoke. Emily Smith scored all three goals for the Vikings, while Aly Huntsman recorded 15 saves for RC.

The Wildcats then secured their first point of the season on Wednesday evening, battling Alleghany to a 0-0 draw in Low Moor.

RC (0-2-1), which had lost 1-0 to the Mountaineers in the two teams' season opener on March 14, has now played three matches without scoring a goal. The Wildcats have had a string of near misses, particularly in the two matches against Alleghany.

"It has been a frustrating start, since we have controlled each of our three games this year, but cannot manage to find the back of the net," RC head coach Sean Harrington said.

The Wildcats were scheduled to open up Valley District play at Fort Defiance yesterday. RC will play host to district rival Waynesboro on Friday, beginning with junior varsity action at 5:30 p.m.

'Cats Blank Alleghany, 5-0

BY JEREMY S. FRANKLIN

Caleb Mayr bagged a hat trick to lead the Rockbridge County High School boys soccer team to a 5-0 victory over Alleghany in Lexington on last Wednesday.

Daniel Cunningham tallied a goal and an assist and Matthew Roy also scored as the Wildcats (2-0-1) beat the Mountaineers for the second time in less than a week. RC had kicked off the season with a 4-0 win in Low Moor on March 14.

Zach Brown made seven saves to keep the clean sheet for the Wildcats, while Dylan Burton recorded five stops for Alleghany.

Mayr scored a true hat trick, notching the first three goals of the game. The sophomore striker – who collected four goals in a junior varsity match against the Mountaineers last year and had two more in the 2019 season opener – is quickly adjusting to the varsity level.

"He's always seemed to have success against Alleghany," RC head coach Scott Youngdahl said of Mayr. "He's becoming a better player. He's not the fastest person on the pitch any more, like he was in JV, so he's learning how to score goals."

Mayr's first strike highlighted an otherwise solid first half, as neither team created a great number of genuine scoring chances. But in the 32nd minute, John Elrod's direct through ball from the midfield played Mayr in on goal, and the center forward fired one in off of Burton's fingertips.

Blues

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In the season opener five days earlier at PM, the Blues had beaten the Colonels 7-5.

In the extra inning, the Blues broke a 4-4 tie when, with two outs, Claytor doubled on a pop fly to right field to bring home Keaton Coleman. Kiely then drew a walk, and Austin Moore scored on a passed ball. The Blues' infielders clinched the win with two groundouts and a strikeout by Claytor.

"It's always good to get a win in a tight game like that," Loy said.

In six innings of relief, Claytor struck out five and allowed four hits, one walk and two earned runs. "Claytor pitched really well for us," Loy said.

Moore pitched the first two innings for PM, striking out one and permitting one hit, four walks and two runs (one earned).

Claytor led PM with two hits and two RBIs, while Matt Eaton had one hit and one RBI for the Colonels.

The Blues were scheduled to play host to Grace Christian yesterday and will return to action with a home game against James River on Friday at 5 p.m.

The Mountaineers' best chance came with just over a minute left in the half, when Brown made a good positional save on a tight-angle shot from Roberto Juarez.

The second half was a different story altogether. RC looked much sharper on the ball, creating numerous scoring chances – and ultimately sticking four more in the back of the net.

"I just think we came out a little more aggressive, and we just played a little smarter," Youngdahl said. "We used our speed well. We started passing the ball a little bit better, threading some stuff to get our guys some shots on goal."

Mayr doubled the Wildcats' advantage less than five minutes after the break, collecting a deflected pass at the top of the 18-yard box, luring Burton off his line and tapping into an open goal.

He then completed his hat trick in the 56th minute, striking a pinpoint header on Cunningham's cross from the right touchline.

Cunningham grabbed one for himself four minutes later, chipping in from the left side on a free kick from just outside the penalty area. Roy would complete the scoring in the 78th minute, drilling one in from 15 yards out after two previous RC shots had been blocked by Alleghany defenders.

The Wildcats closed the match with a 23-10 advantage in shots and a 4-0 edge in corner kicks. Though there's still room for growth, Youngdahl likes what he's seen from his team in the early stages of the season.

"We're looking to improve some things on defense," the RC coach said. "Just covering for each other a little bit better – and we can always work on communication."

Northside 5, RC 0

Northside pulled away from a scoreless deadlock at halftime to defeat RC 5-0 in Lexington on Tuesday of last week.

Evan Caldwell scored two goals for the Vikings, while Daniel Pereira-Gil, Aaron Lambert and Giovanni Maffucci-Murillo notched one goal apiece. Zach Brown made 10 saves for the Wildcats.

Although RC didn't get the right result, Youngdahl was pleased with the way his team competed. The quality of Northside – the Wildcats' former Blue Ridge District rivals – should also provide a measuring stick for how RC might measure up against the top teams in the Valley District.

"That was great for us," Youngdahl said. "We played well; we played with heart, and we just didn't give up. ... They were a very good team, but we weren't afraid of them."

The Wildcats' match against Parry McCluer, which was scheduled to take place at RC last Friday, was postponed to a later date due to inclement weather.

RC was slated to open up district play at home against Fort Defiance on Tuesday, and the Wildcats will visit Waynesboro for a Valley District match on Friday before playing host to Spotswood on Tuesday. Both nights will start with junior varsity action, scheduled for 5:30 p.m.



ABOVE, PM sophomore Kaleb Floyd takes a swing while Lance Fitzgerald waits on deck and other Blues watch. AT LEFT, Making a catch is PM sophomore Justin Wade to get Pocahontas County's Dalton Hendrick out. (Stephanie Mikels Blevins photos)

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RC JUNIOR Kate Spencer (left) and PM senior Maggie Patterson shake hands before their match at No. 1 singles while Spencer's coach, Andy Coffey, brings them a can of tennis balls. Watching is Patterson's coach and father, Rad. Maggie won 9-7. (Ronnie Coffey photo)



BENDING FOR a backhand at the net is RC's Kate Spencer. (Ronnie Coffey photo)



WILDCAT SENIOR Libby Knowles hits a backhand shot during her match at No. 3 singles. (Ronnie Coffey photo)

PM Girls Prevail At RC

BY JONATHAN SCHWAB

The Parry McCluer High School girls tennis team won its season opener, defeating county rival Rockbridge County 6-3 on Thursday at the Lexington Country Club courts. Also last week, the Wildcat girls defeated Northside, 6-3.

The Fighting Blues, who made it to the Class 1 state semifinals last year, won four of six singles and two of three doubles matches against the Wildcats (2-1), who are in Class 3 with larger schools. The closest matches of the day were at the top two singles spots, won by PM, with Maggie Patterson overcoming Kate Spencer 9-7 at No. 1 and Sophie Dryden defeating Abby Kline 8-6 at No. 2.

PM won four of six singles matches and all three doubles contests.

"We played well. I'm very pleased with the first match," said PM head coach Rad Patterson.

First-year RC head coach Andy Coffey said his team hadn't struggled much in their first two matches this season. "It was good to be challenged," he said. "It helps us out for district play. That was the biggest thing about today, learning, playing against good competition."

Coffey was the girls tennis coach at PM three years ago when Dryden and Maggie Patterson were freshmen and advanced to the state semifinals in doubles. "I enjoyed watching them play again," he said. "It's been a couple years since I've gotten to see them play. It was cool to see how they've developed over the years."

He said that his top two players competed well against Dryden and Patterson. "Kate played Maggie great," he said. "Abby's been playing tremendous tennis lately. She still has a few errors that she needs to work on, but good stuff."

Patterson, who is Maggie's father, looks to build on the success of Melissa Cobb, who coached the Blues the last two years and led them to the Pioneer District title and the first regional title in school history before they lost to Class 1 state champion Auburn in the state semifinals. Under Cobb, Maggie Patterson and Ashlen Hazelwood won the state doubles title last year for the first state tennis title in school history for the Blues. Hazelwood is a freshman tennis player at Shenandoah University.

Seniors joining Dryden and Patterson on the Blues' roster are Hannah Nieman at the No. 3 singles spot and Jade Rowsey at No. 4. Completing the top six are sophomore Shenandoah Whitehurst at No. 5 and freshman Sydney Cullen at No. 5. Adding depth to the roster are sophomores Hannah Fauber and Madison Lilly.

Due to inclement weather, the Wildcats' match that was slated for Friday at Harrisonburg was rescheduled for Monday, April 29.

The Wildcats were scheduled to begin district action yesterday at Fort Defiance and will play host to Turner Ashby today. The Blues' first home match is scheduled for Friday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southern Virginia University courts.

PM 6, RC 3

SINGLES – Maggie Patterson (PM) d. Kate Spencer (RC) 9-7; Sophie Dryden (PM) d. Abby Kline (RC) 8-6; Hannah Nieman (PM) d. Libby Knowles (RC) 8-3; Jade Rowsey (PM) d. Megan Feldman (RC) 8-2; Sophie Godfrey (RC) d. Shenandoah Whitehurst (PM) 8-2; Courtney Towle (RC) d. Sydney Cullen (PM) 8-3.

DOUBLES – Patterson and Dryden (PM) d. Spencer and Kline (RC) 8-3; Nieman and Rowsey (PM) d. Knowles and Feldman (RC) 8-2; Godfrey and Haley Pitzer (RC) d. Whitehurst and Madison Lilly (PM) 8-4.

RC 6, Northside 3

SINGLES – Spencer (RC) d. Tiana Keeling (N) 8-3; Kline (RC) d. Jocelyn Santiago Barrios (N) 8-1; Brooke Bess (N) d. Knowles (RC) 8-5; Feldman (RC) d. Alex Cruz (N) 8-6; Godfrey (RC) d. Lisette Nucamendi (N) 8-5; Audri Thomas (N) d. Haley Bowyer (RC) 8-2.

DOUBLES – Spencer and Kline (RC) d. Keeling and Bess (N) 8-3; Knowles and Feldman (RC) d. Santiago Barrios and Erika Gibson (N) 9-7; Godfrey and Bowyer (RC) d. Cruz and Nucamendi (N) 8-4.



RC'S KATE Spencer serves. (Ronnie Coffey photo)



PM SENIOR Jade Rowsey reaches for a forehand in her win at No. 4 singles. (Ronnie Coffey photo)

Blues Notch Second Shutout

BY JONATHAN SCHWAB

The Parry McCluer High School girls soccer team remained unbeaten, earning a 3-0 road win over Bland County last Wednesday.

The Fighting Blues (2-0-0), who had won their season opener 6-0 over Bland County nine days earlier in Buena Vista, matched their win total from last season. Scoring a goal each for PM were Maia Baldrige, Jillian Wheelock and Montana Flint, who was assisted by Wheelock. PM goalkeeper Madison Kirkpatrick made six saves.

Reviewing the game, PM head coach Eric Hanson said it was "definitely more sloppy than our first game, but overall a good effort from everyone."

PM had 24 total shots, with seven on target. "Good work on offense generating chances," Hanson said. "We just need to finish more of our chances."

The Blues were missing two key players, India Greene and Eme Shiraki, both out injured. "We had to try some [players] in new positions, and they stepped up," Hanson said.

PM's match against Rockbridge County, which was scheduled to take place at RC last Friday, was postponed to a later date due to inclement weather. Check www.thenews-gazette.com to find out the rescheduled date.

The Blues are scheduled to return to action toward the end of spring break with a match at Altavista on Saturday, April 6, at noon. They'll then travel to Auburn for a 5:30 p.m. match on Monday, April 8.

RC, PM Boys Victorious In Tennis

BY JONATHAN SCHWAB

The Rockbridge County and Parry McCluer high school boys tennis teams both won 6-3 on Tuesday of last week, with RC earning a home win over Northside and PM winning at Robert E. Lee.

Playing in their season opener at the Lexington Country Club courts, the Wildcats won three of six singles matches and all three doubles matches. RC's singles winners were senior Gabriel Slayton at No. 1, junior Jacob Feldman at No. 2 and freshman Ben Haskett at No. 4.

"I thought we played well for our first match of the season," said second-year RC head coach Holden Branham. "The first match is never easy against an opponent that you rarely play against. I was very impressed with the way we played in doubles after splitting singles."

Branham looks for the Wildcats to build on the success of last year's team, which went 15-6 and became the first RC boys tennis team to advance to the state tournament, falling to Hidden Valley in the Class 3 state quarterfinals. The

Wildcats, who finished third in the district tournament, advanced to the state tournament by pulling off two upsets as the No. 7 seed in the Region 3C tournament.

The RC coach knows it will be a challenge, though, as the Wildcats graduated their top two players from last year's team, Shane Kearney and Noah Gyscek.

"It will be hard to follow up the historic season we had last year, but it can be done if we put the work in," Branham said. "Our team goal is to win districts this year and take one match at a time."

Slayton is the Wildcats' captain. "He's grown a lot as a player and person since I started coaching him last year," Branham said. "Great kid on and off the court."

Other players starting in the Wildcats' top six this season are sophomores Michael Shires at No. 2 and John Shomo at No. 5, and junior Noah Sullivan at No. 6.

In the closest match against Northside, Shomo and freshman Zach Bean teamed up at No. 3 for a 9-8 (10-6 tiebreak).

Adding depth to the Wildcats' roster are junior Robert Schwartz

and freshmen Nicholas Earhart and Daniel Humphreys.

For PM, which evened up its record at 1-1 with the win over Robert E. Lee, first-year head coach Garrett Turner said, "We had a great match. There's a lot of room for improvement but we'll take it. It's important to get these W's early in the season to build confidence."

All three of the Blues doubles teams won. Praising his top doubles team, which won 8-1, Turner added that he thinks Kagen Roberts and Troy Coleman "will be a force to be reckoned with. Their chemistry and communication is really what makes them special."

Toward the end of spring break, the Blues will travel to Alleghany for a 4:30 p.m. match on Friday, April 5.

The Wildcats are scheduled to play at Turner Ashby today before playing traveling to Northside on Thursday, with both matches scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

RC 6, Northside 3

SINGLES – Gabriel Slayton (RC) d. Paolo Cruz (N) 8-4; Jacob Feldman (RC) d. Brandon Jester

(N) 8-4; Spencer Rice (N) d. Michael Shires (RC) 8-2; Ben Haskett (RC) d. Noah Alderman (N) 8-2; Neil Patel (N) d. John Shomo (RC) 8-3; Mason Huffman (N) d. Noah Sullivan (RC) 9-7.

DOUBLES – Slayton and Haskett (RC) d. Cruz and Jester (N) 8-3; Feldman and Shires (RC) d. Alderman and Rice (N) 8-2; Shomo and Zach Bean (RC) d. Patel and Huffman (N) 9-8 (10-6 tiebreak).

PM 6, REL 3

SINGLES – Mac MacCaron (REL) d. Stone Huffman (PM) 8-3; Kagen Roberts (PM) d. Matt Wallace (REL) 8-0; Jo Williams (REL) d. Alex Milanese (PM) 8-5; Bryant Wilhelm (PM) d. Gabe Freeman (REL) 8-1; Troy Coleman (PM) d. Trevyn West (REL) 8-2; Maurice Johnson (REL) d. Trevor Wright (PM) 9-7.

DOUBLES – Roberts and Coleman (PM) d. Kendrick and Williams (REL) 8-1; Huffman and Wilhelm (PM) d. Williams and Freeman (REL) 8-1; Milanese and Wright (PM) d. West and Brown (REL) 8-3.

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PM Track Starts Strong

Nine Individuals, Two Relays Win At Riverheads

BY JONATHAN SCHWAB

With nine individual victories and two relay wins, the Parry McCluer High School boys and girls track and field teams had a strong first meet last Wednesday at Riverheads.

The boys won three races. Junior Dylan May set an outdoor personal record (PR) in the mile, finishing in 4:43 and winning by 15 seconds. Teammate Trevor Tomlin followed in third in 5:03.

Junior Holden Kerr won the 400-meter dash in 57 seconds, and sophomore Brenden Plogger claimed the 800-meter run in 2:12.

Also running well in the 400-meter dash was senior Caleb Workman, placing fourth in 1:01.3. Freshman Isha Davis made his debut in two sprints, placing ninth in the 400-meter dash in 1:13 and finishing 13th in the 200-meter dash in 30.1 seconds. Senior Jacob Zimmerman came in 11th in the mile in 6:19.

The Blues won the 4 X 400-meter relay in 3:55.7. Team members were May, Kerr, Workman and Plogger. Longtime PM head coach Chris Poluikis said the Blues will also have a 4 X 800-meter relay team this season.

It was a strong day for the PM throwers. Senior Jason VanBrocklin won the discus with a heave of 126 feet, 6 inches. PM throwing coach Danny Cole, assisted by Matt Douglas again this season, looks forward to VanBrocklin's progress. "He's very determined," Cole said.

Junior Colton Staton, coming off a seventh-place finish at the state indoor track and field meet in late February, won the shot put with a toss of 44-11.5. "Colton has made long strides since indoor [season]," Cole said, adding that he believes Staton will shatter his PR of 46-5.

Sophomore Zavery Wallace, undergoing physical therapy after coming off a pulled hamstring, placed second in the shot put with a throw of 42-8.5. Also stepping up was freshman Trey Orren, finishing third in the discus with a heave of 108-10 and coming in fifth in the shot put with a toss of 37-3.

Other top PM throwers were junior Brendon Conley (fourth in shot put, 37-4; 15th in discus, 72-4), and sophomores Forrest Vassar (fourth in discus, 105-9; ninth in shot put, 35-9), Jordan White (11th in shot put, 33-11) and Omar Massenberg (13th in discus, 75-8).

The added depth will help the Blues attempt to follow the example of the Blues' past two state shot put and discus champions, who are both Division I throwers: 2017 PM graduate KJ Cook and 2018 PM graduate Josh Fischer.

For the PM girls, freshman Kensey May, the runner-up at the Class 1 state cross country meet last fall, made her track debut, winning the mile in 5:38, gradually increasing her pace and running negative splits. Senior Sophie Dryden followed in second in 5:42, and sophomore Cloey Mazingo finished fourth in 7:24.

Fresh off her third consecutive state championship with the PM girls basketball team, senior Hailey Huffman won the 800-meter run in 2:46.3, and Mazingo placed fifth in 3:30.9. Senior Valencia Harden took first in the 100-meter hurdles in 17.8 seconds.

The PM girls won the 4 X 400-meter relay in 4:54.8. Team members were May, Dryden, Huffman and Harden.

For the girls' throwers, senior Tristen Clark won the shot put with a toss of 33-11.5, with only three days of practice after catching the flu following basketball season. Junior Grayson Shields finished third in both the shot put (29-5) and the discus (78-3). She is also playing softball this season, but Cole said, "She's still going to be strong. She's going to make some noise."

PM sophomores Jenna Porterfield and Hailie Montgomery tied for 12th in the shot put with throws of 22-9. Montgomery placed seventh in the discus with a heave of 60-4, and Porterfield finished 12th with a throw of 49-8. Sophomore Skylar Hartless placed ninth in the discus with a heave of 56-7.

Cole said he looks forward to working with a mostly young group of throwers with great potential.

In the team standings, Riverheads won the boys' meet with 74.5 points, Hargrave Military Academy placed second with 52.5, and PM finished third with 40. Riverheads won the girls' meet with 101 points, followed by the Blues with 30.

Today the Blues will play host to Pioneer District teams for their only home meet of the season, starting at 4:30 p.m. They will then take their top athletes to Lynchburg for the Rod Camden Kickoff Meet on Saturday at E.C. Glass.

RC 'Grinds Out' Two Wins

BY JONATHAN SCHWAB

The Rockbridge County High School baseball team won a pair of road games against their former Blue Ridge District foes last week, defeating Northside 13-8 last Tuesday before overcoming Alleghany 7-4 on Thursday.

Against Northside, in a game shortened by darkness to five innings, the Wildcats (2-1) built on their strong play from the season-opening 8-7 loss at Lord Botetourt five days earlier.

"Great win for us tonight and we're really proud of the way the guys continued to grind at the plate," RC head coach Justin Wenger said. "They took the best from the Botetourt game and built on it. That's a sign of a team embracing the grind and recognizing the need to do so."

Wenger said the Wildcats need to continue that "grind" mindset. "Honestly, that's where I think we are at our best — taking nothing for granted, making no assumptions and going into each game knowing it's about execution and grinding. After 21 years of coaching I can tell that the 'grind' form of baseball isn't always the prettiest, but it sure is fun."

Brinson Mullis earned the win on the mound. In 3.1 innings, he struck out four and allowed six hits, six walks and six runs (five earned). RC's relief pitchers were Adam Webster and then Cole Higgins.

Ben Balisteri led RC's hitters, going 3-for-4 with two RBIs. Mullis recorded two hits and three RBIs, and Bryce Patterson had two hits and

two RBIs. Tyler Camden and Treyce McCormick each added one hit and scored two runs each.

Cory Sigmon had two hits and three RBIs for the Vikings, while Cole McLain added four RBIs and on hit.

RC 7, AHS 4

The Wildcats earned a 7-4 win at Alleghany last Thursday, with Patterson driving in three runs in the seventh to break a 4-4 tie.

Freshman Sullivan Holmes pitched the first four innings for RC, striking out eight and allowing three hits, four walks and three runs (two earned). Garrett Huffman pitched the next 1.2 innings, permitting one hit, one walk and one earned run. Patterson was clutch in the final 1.1 innings, striking out three and allowing just one hit, one walk and no runs.

Patterson recorded two hits and scored two runs. Adding two hits each for the Wildcats were Balisteri and McCormick, and Camden and Huffman each had one hit.

Colby Skidmore and Cooper Rice led the Mountaineers with two hits each.

The Wildcats were scheduled to play host to Fort Defiance yesterday and will have a home game against Northside on Thursday at 5 p.m. before returning to Valley District action at Waynesboro on Friday at 5:30 p.m. They'll start next week with two home games, both at 5 p.m., against Alleghany on Monday and Spotswood on Tuesday.

Two Softball Wins For 'Cats

BY JONATHAN SCHWAB

With strong pitching and hitting, the Rockbridge County High School softball team won two road games, beating Northside 10-7 last Tuesday before breezing to a 15-0 win over Alleghany on Thursday.

Against Northside, the Wildcats (2-1) got an outstanding performance from Kennedy Clemmer. On the mound, Clemmer pitched a complete game, striking out five. She also had two hits, including a two-run home run.

Savannah McDaniel added a base hit and a two-base error.

Jennifer Caudle led Northside's batters, going 3-for-4 with a double and an RBI, and Candace Hicks had two hits and drove in two runs.

RC 15, AHS 0

Powered by an 11-run third inning, the Wildcats cruised a 15-0 win over Alleghany in a game that

ended in five innings due to the 10-run mercy rule.

Wildcats Jaydyn and Kennedy Clemmer, Margaret Dudley and Savannah McDaniel combined for 10 hits, five home runs and 12 RBIs. Jaydyn Clemmer belted two home runs and had a double and four RBIs, while her older sister Kennedy had three hits and three RBIs. Dudley went 3-for-3 with two RBIs, and McDaniel had two hits and two RBIs. Hitting one home run each were Dudley, McDaniel and Kennedy Clemmer.

Seniors Kennedy Clemmer and Madison Ruley each recorded their 100th career hit during the game.

The Wildcats were scheduled to play host to Fort Defiance yesterday and will play at home against Northside on Thursday at 5 p.m. before returning to Valley District action at Waynesboro on Friday at 5:30 p.m. They'll start next week with two home games, both at 5 p.m., against Alleghany on Monday and Spotswood on Tuesday.



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Pioneer Honors, PM Girls, Coach

Eight seniors from the Class 1 state champion Parry McCluer High School girls basketball team received all-district honors, and head coach Adam Gilbert was named district coach of the year. The Blues, who went 26-4 this winter, also won the Pioneer District and Region 1C championships.

Forward Madison Dunlap was named player of the year and was selected to the all-district first team, along with guards Peyton Mohler, Hailey Huffman and Emma Camden. Blues making the all-district second team were guards Maggie Patterson and Allison Coleman and forward Makenna Smith. Forward Tristen Clark received honorable mention honors.



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Third grade

All A's - Adalee Brown, Calvin Clark, Makenzie Clemmer, Madeline David, Makayla Davis, Alexander Driver, Lyla DuPaix, Lydia Eddy, Anna Feldman, Cole Hartless, Haven Hawley, Tanner Hickman, Mikayla Jackson, Phoebe Jackson, Jacob Lin, Casadee Mauck, Harvey Presnell, Carson Slaydon, Elinor Swinson, Chase Wallace, Asher Wells, Parker Zollman.

A/B - Mary Jude Beacham, Francesco Benincasa, Kolin Bennington, Aubrey Blackwell, Adrianna Bowyer, Matthew Brittain, Mariyah Burnett, Caleb Chittum, Olivia Clark, Morgan Derr, Holden Dorey, Sophie Dreyer, Ryan Flint, Chance Gaines, Katelynn Hartless, Keylie Hayslett, Jaycee Hostetter, Brody Julian, Kayleigh Knick, Chloe Marlatt, Jackson Meads, Ariana Mitchell, Bryan Mohler, Charlotte Obyrne, Tavia

Ruley, Annalise Smith, Brennen Tomlin, Estin Tomlin, Elizabetha Watkins, Jaiden Wood, Blake Wunder, Chloe Zollman.

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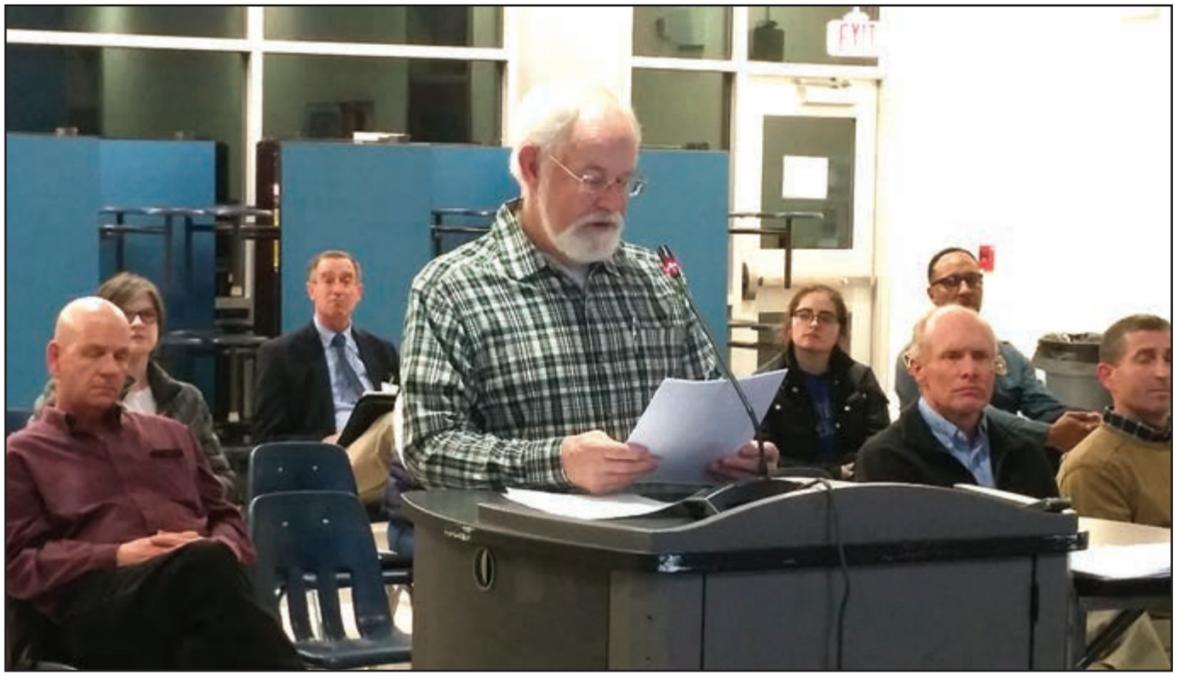
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A/B - Chelsea Beard, Charles Black, Sydney Black, Conner Bohn, Isobel Boling, Rachel Burke, Ashlyn Camden, Peyton Camden, Jessica Camper, Collin Caputo, Alyssa Cornwell, Brian Crews, Ella Dorsey, Edith Gallardo-Garcia, Carson Gantert, Rauf Glass, Adrianna Grue, Georgia Hamilton, Emma Hartbarger, Hannah Ivins, Celia Jones, Jewlz Jordan, Ashlyn Long, James McIntyre, Colin Murphy, Risa Penney, Rocky Perlozzo, Brody Price, Kyle Ramsey, Maliya Richardson, Colin Stanley.

Fifth grade

All A's - Ella Brown, Erin Carrington, Jackson Crutchfield, Quinn Cutlip, Mary Deacon, Megan Dorsey, Judson DuPaix, Henry Hirt, Amelia Kelland, Dorothy Lewis, Mackenzie McCormick, Elyse Raynor, Harrison Tanner, Aaliyah Thomas, Linda Wright.

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NEIGHBORING landowner Rusty Ford, in comments about the proposed sale of the former Lexington water tower property before Lexington City Council last week, asked that the public be given access to all documentation about the condition and proposed development of the site. (Kit Huffman photo)

Tower

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posed agreement as unclear and "provid[ing] no safeguards for the neighbors at all." With the current city manager soon to depart (as announced the day before), Ford recommended the agreement be put off until the arrival of his successor, who could then revise it if needed.

Ford asked that the public be given access to all documentation about the condition and proposed development of all features of the site, including any environmental and engineering reviews. The developer should also provide detailed drawings of the project, accompanied by a preliminary engineering report.

Speaking for the first time about the proposal was Elizabeth Daystar, who lives in another part of the city but lamented the sale of "one of the last, most beautiful (undeveloped) parcels in Lexington possibly sold for one-tenth of its appraised value."

"Why not put it on the market for someone to buy?" she asked. "All of us need to know why. People feel uneasy - they don't understand what's going on and why this is being rushed."

Joan Joyce, a neighbor, was concerned about adding more traffic to Enfield Road, where she was already counting from 10 to 20 cars per minute passing by as she walked. She asked if the water tank next door had ever burst.

Mayor Frank Friedman offered his thoughts, saying that approving the sale ordinance was the "first step in many steps toward the development of this property."

He recalled a contrasting effort by the city to dispose of its vacant land on Spottswood Drive by sending out a request for proposals, resulting in "a lot of time and effort by the developers, and the city then decided they didn't want to sell." That effort, he said, had been "very public and very open."

"But economic development is a different story," he continued. The devel-

oper had "identified the water tower," a property "seemingly ignored by most people" and made the offer that Council was now considering. In doing so, the developer could keep his plan "private and confidential until he has the plan under contract."

"No one in the city is trying to be less than transparent," the mayor said. "The deal includes the preservation of a historic tower, which is a higher and better use, and that's why the process is different. There is no rush, except to help the developer get it under contract." He said he expected the developer to "do all he can to make a good neighbor."

Leslie Straughan noted that the city's strategic plan (adopted last January) directs the city manager to explore the best use of currently undeveloped city property in order to diversity the tax base and reduce taxes for residents. She said the project, which "restores and repurposes a landmark," would be "very challenging, but was a "wonderful idea." She made the motion to approve the ordinances, seconded by Michelle Hentz.

Dennis Ayers agreed that the proposal was the "best economic use of the property," to have "new taxed residences on this property." He heard the concern about more development on Enfield Road, but felt the project was "good for the city overall."

Marylin Alexander asked if there would be a need to blast rock at the hilltop site for the proposed housing, but suggested this would likely be impossible because of the nearby water tank owned by the Maury Service Authority. However, City Manager Noah Simon said that while not blasting there would "seem to make sense," he didn't know the answer to her question. He added that he'd heard that blasting can be done near such structures, if smaller charges are used.

David Sigler asked to clarify what would happen to the property if the tower is not converted into apartments, as pro-

posed. While the agreement spells out what happens if the work never starts within the construction period, in which case the city would have the option to require title, it doesn't say what happens if work starts but isn't completed. Simon said that in the latter case the property would remain private property. When Sigler later defined the question as what happens "if the tower is not worked on," City Attorney Josh Elrod replied that the developer would be required to commence work on the tower (if deemed feasible in a study period), and that the developer has a good track record for completing projects in other areas.

Sigler also expressed his disappointment that the developer, Edwin Gaskin, had not contacted all of the neighbors, as he had said he would after attending the first hearing.

"On the other hand," Sigler continued, "this is economic development" - a process not used, he said, on Randolph Street, for example, where the historic Sheridan House, gutted years ago in a fire, still stands empty, "although there had been an idea to tear it down and building something new." "But here we are, with nothing done," he said of that building.

In contrast, he said, the Enfield proposal "is an opportunity for the water tower to come back to life. Gaskin does these kinds of projects and towns are fortunate to have him invest in their towns." There will also be revenue to the city from property taxes and water fees, he noted, and the property is surplus to the city. A suggestion last summer to turn the property into a dog park had been "shot down," he recalled. Finally, he said, an upcoming project by the city to spend \$68,000 to tear down a pump station on the property could now be dropped, saving the city that cost.

"But I feel bad that the developer didn't make contact," Sigler said again, just before casting his vote.



Tables For The Pavilion

As work begins on a timber-framed pavilion at Waddell Elementary school, Boy Scouts of Troop 5 built four large picnic tables for the pavilion over the weekend as part of an Eagle Scout project led by Kevin Squire. Participants included (sitting, clockwise from front left) Scottie Martin, Andrew Lemmer, Kevin Squire, Alex Miller, Ryan Maxwell, (standing, from left) James Baker, John Lindberg, PT Calomeris and Tom Maxwell.

HONOR ROLL

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The following students were named to the honor roll at Rockbridge Christian Academy for the third nine-week grading period of the 2018-19 school year:

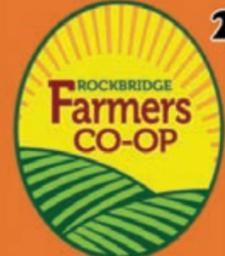
First grade - Annabel Gibson, Bradley Henson, Aislynn Overstreet, Rosalie Renalds, Kaylee Richmond.

Third grade - Sydney Henson, Jayda Lucas, Araceli Quintero.

Fifth grade - Nicholas Clark. Sixth grade - Ryan Seaman. Seventh grade - Gail Evans, Nicole Kidin.

10th grade - Heather Harris, Eric Martinez.

11th grade - Katelyn Cason. 12th grade - Ethan Blevins.



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Poultry

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dry, a little more consistent. ... Discretionary language puts us in a bind."

The project he referred to that's under scrutiny is a pair of poultry houses planned by Robert Whipple and Fred Whipple Jr. of Dairy Air Farm off of McElwee Road in Rockbridge Baths. An application with an affidavit for the farm structures was submitted to the county on Dec. 7. The proposal was to build two houses measuring 63 by 624 feet each and a waste storage facility that would be 68 by 82 feet.

A neighbor, Gregg Amonette, also of McElwee Road, took issue with the plans and the county regulations governing such facilities, including the absence of a requirement to have a public notice about specific proposals. The county subsequently began working on amending the regulations, but the resulting draft was not to Amonette's liking. Amonette filed a lawsuit in Rockbridge Circuit Court on Feb. 11 seeking to halt the Whipples' plans and have the county rewrite its regulations. Named as defendants are the county Board of Supervisors, Crickenberger and the Whipples.

In the suit, Amonette describes the Whipples' plans as "large-scale, industrial-style poultry farming operation." He says each house would hold "24,000 birds complete with attendant sound, air and water pollution ... spread over 25 acres of sensitive environmental area at the base of a 500-plus acre watershed at the confluence of four or five separate drainage channels or streams." Crickenberger, he claims, "has proposed to unlawfully relax the statutory and zoning ordinance requirements in order to approve the project." Such actions, the suit asserts, "violate the plaintiff's constitutional right to due process, violate his property rights and exceed the zoning administrator's authority."

The Whipples withdrew their application for the poultry houses on Feb. 13 as county officials moved the process forward to revise the regulations.

Proposed Changes To Rules

Poultry houses are a by-right use in agricultural districts but they must conform to site plan regulations. The proposed revisions that were taken to a public hearing on March 13 include clarifying setback requirements as they relate to public road frontage, reducing setbacks from water sources, eliminating discretionary language and deferring to the state oversight of nutrient management plans.

Under the current ordinance, setbacks must be 300 feet from property lines and 150 feet from public roads. A proposed revision would clarify that a containment system that is 150 feet from a road did not have to be 300 feet from a property line on the other side of the road.

Also under existing rules, the facility must be 600 feet from water sources, including sinkholes. However, the ordinance gives the zoning administrator discretion to reduce the setback if it can be justified based on evidence generated by certified experts. A proposed revision would reduce the required setback to 100 feet and eliminate the discretionary provision.

The proposed ordinance amendment acknowledges that the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation has authority for developing nutrient management plans for livestock containment systems.

Public Comments Aired

Nearly 20 people spoke at the March 13 public hearing offering a wide range of opinions on the subject. The farming community was well represented, as were those who share Amonette's concerns about purported environmental risks associated with poultry houses.

"I have a big objection to reducing the 600-foot setback from water sources to 100 feet," said Rachel Johnson of Kerrs Creek. "It's hard to not impact the water table with our karst topography. Why should we lessen our standards? Why go back?"

"There are tremendous economic benefits to poultry houses," said Hobie Bauhan, president of the Virginia Poultry Federation. "It's helping keep family farming alive, preserving open space. In Rockbridge County, it's limited by topography. Poultry farmers are good stewards for the environment."

Amonette admonished Commission members to "set high standards for poultry houses to protect human health. We should follow best practices for how waste is stored and handled. We should use fact-based evaluations and common sense. ... We should have high standards – not the lowest common denominators of other localities."

Tom Stanley, county Extension agent, said poultry houses do not pose public health or safety risks and that the facilities themselves "are not a significant source of pollution. Enclosed and climate controlled, modern poultry housing are a safe addition to our rural community."

According to Stanley, "Contract poultry production is the 'engine that pulls the train' of Shenandoah Valley agriculture. The profits and cash flow availed by poultry production contracts are the underpinning of numerous farm enterprises that benefit our local economy." Of the five planned poultry production farms in the county, he said, "four of them will have a person under the age of 35 as the principal owner and operator. For now, contract poultry production is the one farm enterprise where a young person can secure financing and capture a viable living income within 18 months of construction."

Lee Merrill of Kerrs Creek suggested the Planning Commission appoint a study group to "determine what's reasonable" regarding revisions to the regulations, "rather than dropping all the way back. What is a reasonable setback?"

Louise Ward said she moved to Lexington from Rockingham County, in part, to get away the preponderance of poultry operations there. "It's very hard to go much distance without recognizing the smell," she said. "It lowers the water quality. Take a field trip to Rockingham County and you'll see what the impact is. ... Lowering the quality of living is not forward thinking. There are other ways to support farming."

Jon McDonald of Walkers Creek said his family farm includes poultry houses. "Nobody complains of the smells. There are no health risks. The waste is enclosed. It's regulated by the [Department of Environmental Quality] and DCR. The waste is a very valuable organic fertilizer. [The poultry operation] allows us to keep farming full-time."

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Commission deferred taking action, directing staff to readvertise proposed changes to the ordinance to include more information. The Commission will again take up the issue at its next meeting on April 10.

County Looking At 3-Cent Tax Hike

Current Draft Includes Funds For RAHC

By Ed Smith

A 3-cent tax hike is under consideration by the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors.

Although a decision won't be made until April 8 on what rate to advertise, a consensus of the Board of Supervisors on Monday appeared to be to favor taking to an April 22 public hearing an advertised real estate tax rate of 73 cents per \$100 value. The current rate is 70 cents.

Based on the present rate, the gap between planned expenditures and projected revenues for fiscal year 2020 stands at \$545,316. Steve Bolster, the county's director of fiscal services, told the supervisors that a tax rate increase of 2.2 cents would be needed to fill the gap.

Increasing the tax rate a full 3 cents would generate an additional \$219,000 in revenues over expenditures. The supervisors indicated they would like to put these excess funds into a restricted account earmarked for capital improvements.

Buffalo Supervisor John Higgins suggested setting up this account so they wouldn't have to continue dipping into unencumbered reserves when confronted with capital expenses. The account would be designated for county projects, including ones for the schools, said Higgins.

Also Monday, the supervisors offered staff guidance on four specific spending requests. They decided to spend \$21,000 on professional services for federal consulting, appropriate \$15,000 for the Rockbridge Area Transportation Services, take \$100,000 from unassigned reserves in fiscal year 2020 for the building/expansion project of the Rockbridge Area Health Care Center, and approve a one-time \$10,000 appropriation for Boxerwood Gardens.

As he did at the supervisors' previous meeting, Natural Bridge Supervisor David Hinty stated his opposition to contributing \$100,000 to RAHC's capital campaign. Kerrs Creek Supervisor Dan Lyons pointed out that Hinty's Natural Bridge district has the most resi-

dents of any of the county's magisterial districts who utilize RAHC's services. Hinty said he didn't mind spending money on health care but not on a campaign for a "pretty building." Lyons replied that the health care providers at RAHC "can't practice outside."

At a joint meeting of the supervisors and county School Board last Wednesday, March 21, members of both boards were in agreement on the level of local financial support for the schools next year.

Because the state is increasing its support for the county schools by an estimated \$849,301 next year, the local appropriation for operations is slated to go up by only \$32,244. The local appropriation was expected to go up by a slightly higher amount – \$71,806 – but that number was lowered when health care costs didn't go up by as much as was projected earlier.

Still, health care costs for the division's employees are rising by 13.4 percent. To minimize the impact on employees, the division is budgeting \$231,131 to soften the financial blow. School Board members made it clear that they want employees to be able to fully realize the 2 percent pay raises that they're getting.

"Raises are a primary goal," said School Board Chairman Wendy Lovell. "We worked very hard last year to bring salaries up to the middle [of our cohorts] so that we're competitive. I don't want to see us slip from the middle. Other [comparable divisions] are looking at 2 to 3 percent raises. We have great teachers and we want to keep them."

Also at last week's meeting, the supervisors were asked if the schools could take \$80,000 in leftover funds at the end of this fiscal year to pay for a trailer to house the schools' transportation offices on Greenhouse Road. Those offices are having to move from their present location, in a Virginia Department of Transportation building on Waddell Street, because this space won't be available much longer.

Hinty suggested the division look into how much it would cost to get a prefab building instead of a trailer. "We've got 90 days to get out," responded Randy Walters, the schools' transportation supervisor.

Threat Against PMHS Under Investigation

By Mattie Marsh

An alleged threat against Parry McCluer High School initiated concern this week, as well as a police presence on school premises.

After one student made a post regarding PMHS on social media, a fellow student responded to this post with worries of a school shooting. A concerned citizen contacted Buena Vista schools administrators Monday afternoon and alerted them of the potential threat.

"A young man made a post on social media regarding something he was upset about," said Buena Vista Police Chief Keith Hartman Tuesday. "This event happened at the school. Later a young woman made a post on social media in response to the other student's post, worrying that the student would be taking a gun to school."

Both students were questioned by authorities and the juvenile accused of the threat will not attend classes or school functions while authorities finish the investigation, according to a statement about the alleged threat from Superintendent Dr. John Keeler sent out to parents late Monday.

Keeler said that police and schools determined it was safe for the school to open on Tuesday, March 26. However, a police presence will remain at the school for the rest of the week.

Buena Vista schools reported average attendance across the division on Tuesday.

Journey Ends For 'Idol' Hopeful

Area residents finally got their chance to see SaraJane McDonald Sunday night on "American Idol."

But, as the aspiring country music singer posted on Facebook that evening, the episode represented the end of her "American Idol" journey.

After competing against thousands of contestants to earn a golden ticket for "Hollywood Week," McDonald had performed as an individual for the judges in the first phase of the Hollywood Week competition.

For those watching for a glimpse of McDonald on Sunday, however, the results may have been confusing. Her name, "SJ," was called out and she was seen stepping forward among a line a contestants, leading many to believe she had made it onto the group singing round.

However, as her mother Jane McDonald pointed out, "[American Idol] changed it up and sent the back row through instead of those they called to the front; those were sent home."

In her Facebook post, SaraJane explained, "As things seem a little unclear, I unfortunately didn't advance through Hollywood Week."

Even so, McDonald is grateful for the experience. "It was so cool that they showed my line and skimmed over me, even saying my name," said McDonald in her post. "All in all, I am so grateful for this experience. I had an absolutely ball during my time on Idol. I wouldn't change a thing!"

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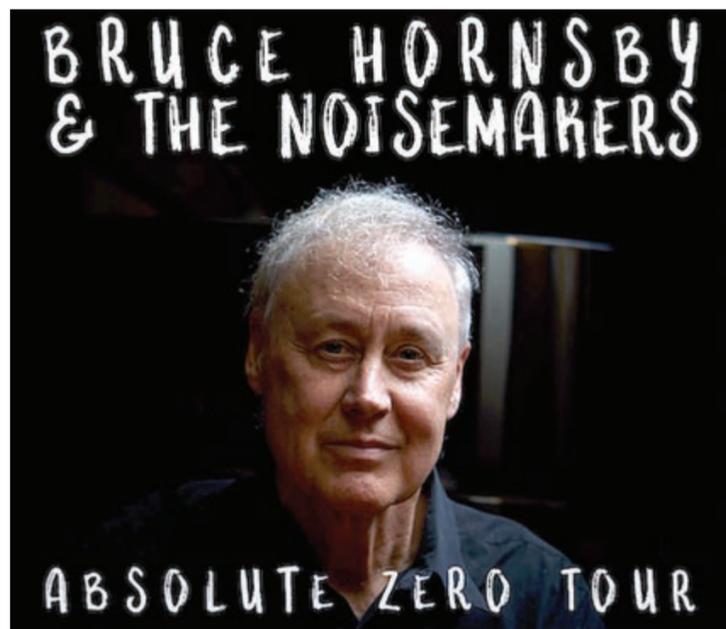
Hornsby, Grey Added To Kiln's Lineup

Lime Kiln Theater has announced two additions to its 2019 schedule: Bruce Hornsby & The Noisemakers with opener Sam Amidon on Sunday, June 23, and JJ Grey & Mofro on Thursday, July 18.

Tickets for both shows are on sale now at www.limekilntheater.org. Both shows will be ticketed separately and are not included with the season pass.

Advance tickets for Bruce Hornsby & The Noisemakers are \$65. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Every ticket for this show includes either a digital download or CD copy of Bruce Hornsby's forthcoming album, "Absolute Zero." Ticket buyers will receive an email with more details about this offer approximately seven days after their purchase.

Advance tickets for JJ Grey & Mofro are \$35, while tickets will be \$40 at the door.



Leaping Leprechauns

Seventy-five runners participated in the third annual Leprechaun Leap 5K sponsored by the Lexington Rotary Club Saturday. The event started and ended at Central Elementary and benefited the Rockbridge Area Christmas Basket Program. Bagpipe music accompanied the runners once again as they ran across the campus at Virginia Military Institute. The overall male winner was 17-year-old Josh Wawrzyniak of Lexington whose finishing time was just over 19 minutes and the overall female winner was 16-year-old Karalyn Timmes of Lexington in just over 21 minutes. For full race results, visit commonwealthtiming.net. The top winners of the different age categories are pictured below. (Claudia Schwab photos)



'Dumbo,' 'Captain Marvel' Kick Off Hull's Season

This winter has definitely left its mark on the area with the rain, snow and the sometimes bitter cold temperatures, but the best sign that spring is just around the corner is opening weekend at Hull's Drive-In Theatre.

After four-and-a-half months, Hull's is set to open the gates on the 69th season of movies on Friday, March 29, which also marks the 20th anniversary of Hull's Angels – the member-supported nonprofit organization that keeps the outdoor movies coming to Rockbridge County.

This year there is a wonderful lineup of movies coming out of Hollywood so Hull's leaders are hoping that Mother Nature will cooperate and give them a great season of weather to go with the great movies.

"We have so many movies that are expecting to be big hits such as 'Avengers: Endgame,' 'John Wick 3: Parabellum,' 'Godzilla: King of the Monsters,' 'Toy Story 4,' 'Aladdin,' 'Shaft' and 'Spider-Man: Far From Home,' just to name a few," said Lauren Summers, executive director.

"We will also be holding a 50-year reunion tribute to Woodstock on the weekend of Aug. 16-18," she continued. "We are opening with 'Dumbo' and 'Captain Marvel,' which are great family movies."

Memberships to Hull's Angels are available with lots of additional benefits this season, including several free Member nights. Individual memberships are \$20 and family memberships are \$50. These funds help sustain the mission of providing quality and affordable family entertainment for the community, said Summers.

"The concession stand will continue to have all the great items at very affordable prices and there are sure to be new items and specials throughout the season," she said.

Double features this year will continue to be only \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 5-11 and free for children 4 and under. Hull's accepts credit cards at the gate for tickets with a 50-cent per transaction fee.

Also this year, Hull's will be offering a community market to crafters, vendors, flea marketers, bake sales and all other interested parties on Saturday, May 18, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Space rental will be \$20 and applications will be available beginning April 1.

All the information concerning the movies, the community market and other events at Hull's Drive-In can be found at www.hullsdrivein.com. Movie information is also available by calling the movie line at 463-2621 or following Hull's Drive-In on Facebook and Twitter.

Singers Stage Highland Fling In Spring

W&L Group To Preview Scotland Tour

Washington and Lee University's University Singers, under the direction of visiting choral director Morgan Luttig, will perform a concert on Tuesday, April 2, at 8 p.m. in the Wilson Concert Hall. The Department of Music at Washington and Lee invites the public to see this preview concert of the singers' upcoming tour of Scotland.

This ensemble is recognized as one of the finest collegiate a cappella choirs on the East Coast, touring nationally or internationally every year. This year on their tour of Scotland, the University Singers will perform at locations such as Rosslyn Chapel, St. Andrew's, and Stirling Castle's Chapel Royal.

The tour program will feature a variety of works broken into four larger sets. The first set, titled "Through the Life," examines sacred experience of Holy Week — exploring

the Christ story from before the birth in Jubilate Deo by Giovanni Gabrieli through the crucifixion depicted in Daniel Elder's "Seven Last Words from the Cross."

The first set will then transition silently into "Let My Love Be Heard" by Jake Runestad, beginning a set on "Humanness in Grief." The first half of the performance will culminate in Tim Brent's "Peace Song."

It is tradition for The University Singers' international tours to include a set of repertoire from home, as well as repertoire from the country to which they are traveling. The second half of the program will begin with a Scottish mouth-music piece titled "Fionnghuala" by Michael McGlynn, testing the limits of how fast a singer can articulate Gaelic text. The altos and sopranos will join forces in a moving arrangement of "The Parting

Glass," followed by the tenors and basses taking on the Scottish traditional, "Annie Laurie." The Scottish set will culminate in Jonathan Quick's "Loch Lomond," truly bringing the "bonny banks of Loch Lomond" to Lexington.

The concert will round out with an all-American set, featuring pieces from the Appalachian mountain tradition, a spiritual titled "My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord" arranged by Carol Barnett, and other folksong favorites. The performance will end with the University Singers traditions, Stephen Paulus's "The Road Home" and James Erb's "Shenandoah."

Tickets to the Scotland Kickoff Concert are free, but required. Call the Lenfest Center box office at 458-8000 to reserve tickets.

From Bob Dylan To Aerial Tangos

W&L Dancers Take The Stage This Weekend

The Washington and Lee University Department of Theatre, Dance and Film Studies will present the W&L Repertory Dance Company Friday and Saturday, March 29 and 30, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 31, at 2 p.m., in a program of multifaceted dance works created by nationally renowned choreographers.

This fully produced concert of six works contains the fruit of three artistic residencies that occurred throughout the semester. Nationally renowned choreographers Taylor Mitchell, Jessica Tomlinson, and Shaun Boyle D'Arcy each spent four days at Washington and Lee offering master classes and holding intensive choreographic rehearsals with W&L dance students.

Artistic director Jenefer Davies, speaking about curating this performance, said, "Bringing together guest artists, faculty and students creates a beautiful synergy. A palpable force of teaching and learning is created through the artistic process."

Mitchell is a Chicago-based dance performance artist and international educator who is recognized for his physical theatre/clowning technique. His work, "All I Need Is ...," is a spoof on love and human relationships.

Tomlinson is currently on faculty at Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, the Hubbard Street Youth Dance Program, and The Joffrey Academy of Chicago. Her work, "Homesick Blues," is an abstract composition for 10 dancers. The dance has four distinct sections, each with a different feel, inspired by and set to the music of Bob Dylan.

D'Arcy has danced with Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet Company and BalletMet, among other companies, and has performed in David Dorfman's "Underground" at the BAM Nextwave Festival, and in the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay performances in England. Her dance, "Gambaru," is based on a Japanese expression that refers to perseverance and enduring difficult times. It was commonly used during the 2011 earthquake and tsunami recovery.

Davies Strakse (W&L '19) collaborated with Spencer Alascio (W&L '19) and professor Davies on an aerial bungee dance that incorporates new technology and brings aerial innovation to the Keller stage.

Strakse's idea for her piece was developed during an independent study project that sought to reframe a typical tango by approaching the duet with one dancer rigged to a single point bungee performing with an untethered partner. This concept was made possible by the creation of new rigging technology that consists of a 20-foot truss that Davies, who is tethered to Strakse, climbs in order to raise and lower her. Constructed by professional aerial riggers and overseen by theater department technical director Tom Hackman and professor Shawn Paul Evans, it's a new step toward broadening and deepening the aerial program at W&L.

The evening also includes a restaging of Davies' 2006 work, "Blame Game."

The performance will be held in the Lenfest Center for the Arts. Tickets can be purchased at 458-8000 or online at <https://www.wlu.edu/lenfest-center>.



Gallery Opens At Y

Sharan Simkins (at front right) talks about a painting entitled "Maury River Bridge from Jordans Point" with artist Paisley Griffin. With Simkins (to her left) are Mary Sayre and Paul Belo (in front) and Pauline Mason (in back) at the March 17 opening of the Y Art Gallery, a museum quality space displaying art and photography at the Rockbridge Area YMCA. "We might be the only Y in the land to have a gallery of this kind," said Simkins. She and Griffin were two of the four contributing artists; others were Susan Harb and Laure Stevens-Lubin. Their work will remain on display for six months before a new show will take its place in the space. (Claudia Schwab photo)

Art Historian To Discuss 16th Century Combat Imagery

An art historian specializing in the visual arts in Northern Europe during the early modern period will give a lecture at Virginia Military Institute Wednesday, April 3, at 8 p.m. in Marshall Hall's Gillis Theater.

Dr. Larry Silver, Farquhar professor of art history, emeritus, at the University of Pennsylvania will give the talk "Maximizing the Military: 16th-Century Warfare Imagery by Emperor Maximilian I."

In the early decades of the 16th century, the Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I commissioned many works of art from prominent German Renaissance artists that served

to promote and commemorate his military campaigns. Focusing particularly on woodcut images of warfare, Silver will examine Maximilian's artistic patronage and propagandistic self-fashioning as a military leader.



SILVER

This talk is sponsored by Sigma Tau Delta, VMI's Department of English, Rhetoric, and Humanistic Studies, and the Dean's Academic Speakers Program.

Lee Relative, DeLaney To Meet In W&L Talk

BY KATHERINE WEAVER

Washington and Lee history professor Ted DeLaney and the Rev. Rob W. Lee, a distant relative of Robert E. Lee, will meet for the first time to discuss changes at Washington and Lee University in a public conversation at the law school Thursday.

The event will start at 3 p.m. in the Moot Courtroom. If extra seats are needed, an additional classroom with a video feed will be available.

W&L law school professor Carliss Chatman found inspiration for the meeting when she met Lee, the great-great-great-nephew of Robert E. Lee, in Washington, D.C., at a protest against Lee-Jackson Day.

In conversation, she learned that the Rev. Lee, an Episcopal minister, had never been to Lexington, despite his family's history with the city. That's when Chatman got the idea to introduce him to DeLaney, a fourth-generation Lexingtonian and graduate of its former segregated black public high school.

Chatman said that the goal of the meeting is to expose Lee to the positive aspects of the Lexington community using DeLaney's personal story.

"We've diversified," she said. "It's not all rich kids, you know; people have these stereotypes they keep perpetrating, but they've never been here to get exposed to it."



DeLANEY



LEE

"It's been home to me for nearly my whole life, and it's been good to me," DeLaney said about W&L.

The Rev. Lee has publicly spoken out against Gen. Lee's slave ownership and allegiance to the Confederacy. Rather than dedicating statues and buildings in his name, the Rev. Lee has called for reform.

"As a pastor, it is my moral duty to speak out against racism, America's original sin," Lee said at the 2017 MTV Video Music Awards.

In his book, "Stained-Glass Millennials," he emphasizes the sin in white supremacy. Lee's second book, "A Sin by Any Other Name," will be published April 2.

Chatman said that she hopes Lee will appreciate the university's strides toward honoring other historical figures.

"I think getting him here to see it's not the place it was when his parents were here, and it's not even the place it was 10 years ago is important," she said.

Chatman will be moderating the discussion between DeLaney and Lee, and she said that she hopes it feels as if the audience is "eavesdropping" on a casual conversation between the men.

Editor's note: Katherine Weaver is a sophomore at Washington and Lee University.

Cultural Awareness Program At Dabney

A Cultural Awareness Program will be presented at Dabney S. Lancaster Community College on Wednesday, April 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students, staff, and community guests will host informal table presentations on their native country, state or tribe, family heritage, or tourist destination.

At noon, special guest Darly Panebianco will dance in traditional Peruvian costume.

The program will be presented in the Moomaw Center. Sonny Side Café will sell food on the main campus between 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, March 27
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Program, "A New Look at Human Trafficking Through a Community Lens," Moomaw Center on DSLCC's Clifton Forge campus and via teleconferencing at the Rockbridge Regional Center.

3:30 p.m. - Meeting, **Rockbridge Area Community Services Board**, 241 Greenhouse Road.

Thursday, March 28
3 p.m. - Public conversation, **W&L history professor Ted DeLaney and the Rev. Rob W. Lee to discuss changes at the university**, Moot Courtroom, W&L law school.

7:30 p.m. - Play, "Arsenic and Old Lace," Chandler Hall Auditorium, SVU.

8 p.m. - Concert, **University Jazz Ensemble**, Wilson Concert Hall, Lenfest Center, W&L, free.

Friday, March 29
Noon - Concert, **MRSC's Pickers and Singers**, presenting "Music of the Irish" and "Music of the Month," Maury River Senior Center.

7 p.m. - Performance, **W&L Repertory Dance Company**, Lenfest Center.

7 p.m. - Play, "Soviet Souls," presented by the Washington and Lee Russian Area Studies language students, Stackhouse Theater, Elrod Commons, W&L.

7:30 p.m. - Play, "Arsenic and Old Lace," Chandler Hall Auditorium, SVU.

Saturday, March 30
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - "What Does It Mean to Become Beloved Community," a workshop with Greg Jarrell, Grace Episcopal Church.

1 p.m. - Panel discussion, "Perspectives on International Crises: Humanitarian Intervention," Center for Global Learning, W&L.

6 p.m. - **Cakewalk**, 50/50 drawing and raffle drawing, door prizes, food available, cake donations appreciated, sponsored by the Ebenezer Methodist Women, Rockbridge Baths Fire Department.

7 p.m. - Performance, **W&L Repertory Dance Company**, Lenfest Center.

7:30 p.m. - Play, "Arsenic and Old Lace," Chandler Hall Auditorium, SVU.

6 to 9 p.m. - **Cakewalk**, to support the Southern Gospel Festival in July at Glen Maury Park, sponsored by Greater Vision Pentecostal Assembly, at the Buena Vista firehouse.

Sunday, March 31
10 a.m. - **Oxford forum**, discussion on the best hikes led by Horace Douty, Oxford Presbyterian Church.

2 p.m. - Performance, **W&L Repertory Dance Company**, Lenfest Center.

4:30 p.m. - **Jazz concert** with musicians from Charlotte N.C., including saxophonist Greg Jarrell and singer Dawn Anthony, question-and-answer and education session for young people at 3 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church.

Monday, April 1
8 p.m. - Concert, "Within Our Reach," Washington and Lee University Wind Ensemble, Wilson Concert Hall, Lenfest Center.

Tuesday, April 2
6 p.m. - Program, "Confident Steps to Homeownership," Toria Brown, Piovano Room, Rockbridge Regional Library.

8 p.m. - Concert, **University Singers**, preview of group's upcoming tour of Scotland, Wilson Concert Hall, Lenfest Center, W&L; free, but tickets required by calling box office.

Wednesday, April 3
8 p.m. - Talk, "Maximizing the Military: 16th-Century Warfare Imagery by Emperor Maximilian I," Larry Silver, Gillis Theater, Marshall Hall, VMI.

Thursday, April 4
4 to 6 p.m. - Open house, **Blue Ridge Parkway season preview**, Virginia Horse Center.

7 p.m. - Spring concert, **W&L's Bluegrass Ensemble**, Stackhouse Theater, Elrod Commons.

Saturday, April 6
8 a.m. to noon - **Kids Fishing Day**, children 12 and under only, Natural Bridge State Park.
10 a.m. to noon - **Volunteer training for Hoofbeats**, at the Hoofbeats barn, Virginia Horse Center; call 464-3337 for information.

1 to 5 p.m. - **Bull & Oyster Fest**, benefit for Rockbridge Area Health Center, at the Virginia Horse Center; tickets available by calling 464-8700, ext. 7118, or at rockahc.org.

5 p.m. - **Barbecue chicken dinner**, meal includes coleslaw, green beans, apple sauce, dessert, tea or lemonade, \$10, Raphine firehouse.

Sunday, April 7
10 a.m. - Oxford forum, Christian Haskett on Buddhism, Oxford Presbyterian Church.

7 p.m. - Concert, "Hallelujah!" **Festive Music by Handel**, Rockbridge Choral Society with chamber orchestra and soloists, Lexington Presbyterian Church.

Saturday, April 13
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Red Cross blood drive**, Natural Bridge firehouse, sponsored by Natural Bridge Ruritans.

1-3 p.m. - **Build-a-Better-Birdhouse competition**, a fundraiser for Boys Home of Virginia, Grace Episcopal Church; to register, call (540) 965-7703 or visit www.boyshomeofva.org.

Sunday, April 14
10 a.m. - Oxford forum, "The Idea of Confession in the Confessions of St. Augustine," Kevin Crotty, Oxford Presbyterian Church.

Tuesday, April 16
6 p.m. - Spring music program, "At the Bandstand!," Mountain View Elementary School.

7 to 8:30 p.m. - Meeting, **Rockbridge Camera Club**, Tom Cerul to discuss stacking and photographing wildflowers, Piovano Room, Rockbridge Regional Library.

Saturday, April 27
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Blue Ridge Garden Club's Lexington-Natural Bridge House and Garden Tour**, as part of the 2019 Virginia Historic Garden Week.

10 a.m. - **Great Strides for Cystic Fibrosis walk**, check-in begins at 9 at Jordans Point and walk begins at 10; sign up at cff.org/greatstrides or call Dick and Karen Emrey at 463-1961 or rckjemrey4@comcast.net.

Happy spring to everyone. Hope everyone has a great few months.

I want to apologize for taking a break from writing for the paper. There has been a lot going on, but I'm back now and things will move forward. Pastor Ken Chorle resigned from Falling Spring Presbyterian Church on March 10. The Rev. Hardy (from Roanoke) filled the pulpit this Sunday.

Also, Wes Shepherd, Marjorie Austin and Marla Kay Fauber were elected to the elder class of 2021; Shirley

Carr was elected to the elder class of 2020 to fill a vacant spot by an elder who resigned. Linda Pollock, Joyce Arthur and John Raynel were elected to trustees.

Lenten luncheons are being held on Wednesdays at noon at Glasgow Presbyterian Church all the way to the week of Easter. You bring a packed lunch and sides; drinks, and desserts are provided.

Mr. and Mrs. David Pollock recently celebrated 51 years of marriage. Celebrating birthdays are Travis Emore, Anne Tyree and Ed Coffey.

GLASGOW
Carolyn Bradley, 258-2720

This week's speaker for the Lenten Luncheon at Glasgow Presbyterian Church will be Kaye Wass from St. John's Episcopal Church. Come join them, bring a bag lunch, beginning at noon. Drinks and desserts are provided. Next week's speaker

will be Mariana Gopadze, a retired Presbyterian minister.

That pesky stomach virus paid a visit to our house this past week - first my hubby, then me. My heart goes out to those who have experienced this. I wouldn't wish it on my worst enemy.

Parkway Open House At VHC

The National Park Service is inviting the public to attend a Blue Ridge Parkway season preview, an open house style event highlighting Parkway activities and upcoming projects, at the Virginia Horse Center on April 4 from 4 to 6 p.m.

The open house is one of only two to be given by the Park Service; the other is in Blowing Rock, N.C., the day before.

National Park Service staff will be on hand to provide a "behind the scenes" look into the Parkway with over 20 information stations.

Representatives from Parkway partner groups, including the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation, Friends of

the Blue Ridge Parkway, Eastern National and other nonprofits who support the Parkway, will also be on hand to discuss the roles each group plays and how to get involved in this work.

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Esther Pennington, 291-2629

High Bridge Presbyterian Church appreciated having Joe Hawes as guest speaker this past Sunday while the Rev. Jason Grimes and family attended a wedding in South Carolina.

High Bridge extends sympathy to the family of Faye Worley in the passing of her mom, Shirley Brown of Vinton. Mrs. Brown's memorial service was held Friday in Vinton.

Thursday, March 28, at 7 p.m., High Bridge continues the Bible study, Exploring Christ's Church, taught by the Rev. Grimes.

Saturday, March 30, the deacons have scheduled a

church/manse grounds cleanup day. Rain date is April 6.

The High Bridge Presbyterian Women will host the spring gathering for the Roanoke Valley, Highlands, and New River Valley neighborhoods on Sunday, April 7, beginning at 2 p.m. with registration; the meeting begins at 2:30 p.m.

Community weekly Lenten services continue Wednesday, March 27, at noon at Glasgow Presbyterian Church. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Kay Waff, pastor at St. John's Episcopal Church, Glasgow. On April 3, the guest speaker will be the Rev. Marina Gopadze, retired pastor from Buchanan Presbyterian Church.

The Natural Bridge/Glasgow food pantry distribution day will be Saturday, March 30, from 9 to 11 a.m.

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Homebuyers Program At Library Next Tuesday

The Rockbridge Regional Library will present "Confident Steps to Homeownership" with Toria Brown of Old Dominion Realty on Tuesday, April 2, at 6 p.m. in the Piovano Room.

Brown will discuss important steps potential homebuyers should take when beginning their search for a house. She will also provide information that will make the process less stressful and answer common questions home buyers have.

Brown is a native of Rockbridge County and a graduate of Bridgewater College. She now lives with her husband and two children on a beef cattle farm in the county. Brown has been a licensed Realtor since 2016.

For more information, call Katie Ramsey, adult program specialist, at 463-4324 or email her at KRamsey@rrlib.net.

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Jazz Ensemble Concert Features Premieres

The University Jazz Ensemble will present an evening of exciting sounds, including some world premieres, in its 2019 winter term concert. Director Terry Vosbein will lead the band in this free concert on Thursday, March 28, at 8 p.m. in Wilson Concert Hall at Washington and Lee University.

The all-student band will perform in a wide range of styles. The big band era will be well-represented, but so, too, will more modern times. Tower of Power's "Soul Vaccination," one of the band's favorite numbers to funk-out on, shines the spotlight on Chad Thomas, '21. Quincy Jones's theme from the hit TV show "Ironsides" and Hank Levy's theme from the recent movie "Whiplash" add to the punch.

Two students, junior Simon Marland and senior Joe Wen, will have their compositions premiered. Wen's "Escape From Dreamscape" features his own masterful guitar, and Marland's "Soul Vacation" was written in preparation for next season's collaboration with the W&L Dance Department.

Cellist Hyun Song, a sophomore, will showcase her sound on a new jazz version of Saint-Saëns's "The Swan." Another sophomore, Carissa Petzold, will wield her clarinet through Artie Shaw's version of "Begin the Beguine" and Benny Goodman's "Let's Dance." Duke Ellington's ballad "In a Sentimental Mood" will feature pianist Tommy Williamson, a senior. Freshman Leslie Sparling will recreate Louis Armstrong's masterpiece "West End Blues." And everyone in the band is in the spotlight on Vosbein's original "Sirens."



Bluegrass At Stackhouse

Washington and Lee University's Bluegrass Ensemble will offer its spring concert on Thursday, April 4, beginning at 7 p.m. in Stackhouse Theater. The concert is open to the public and no tickets are required. This year's songs include traditional bluegrass and blues tunes, one of which, "Soldier's Joy," actually dates back 200 years to Scotland. The repertoire ranges from the Grateful Dead to Dolly Parton, the Stanley Brothers to Toto, and features a version of "Shallow," recently recognized by the Academy Awards as Best Original Song. An original song, "Watch Me Run," composed by W&L senior Zack Ely, will be debuted as well. The five W&L students and three staff members have worked all semester preparing for this performance.



International Crises Panel This Saturday

A panel discussion, "Perspectives on International Crises: Humanitarian Intervention," will be sponsored by Washington and Lee's Student Association for International Learning and Rockbridge Interfaith this Saturday, March 30, at 1 p.m. in the Center for Global Learning on W&L's campus.

This event provides an opportunity to learn more about how people can and have helped others during times of global crisis or need.

Presenters include Dr. Mohamed Kamara, who will speak on the issue of the 1991-2002 civil war in Sierra Leone; Maggie Haskett, who will address humanitarian intervention from the Jewish teachings on the call/command to engage in this issue; Dr. Mark Coddington, who will look at crisis response and the use of digital tools to coordinate humanitarian efforts; and Dr. Marcos Perez, who will look at the political consequences of the working-class decline.

With a focus on humanitarian intervention, participants will hear about these four different perspectives, then break into focus groups to have a more in-depth discussion based on one of the presentations they found particularly interesting.

Lunch will be provided on a first come, first served basis from Napa Thai. Those planning to attend should RSVP their preference for the breakout group prior to the event at bit.ly/2EMGHEE to help ensure there is plenty of food. Parking is available in the W&L parking garage or in Virginia Military Institute visitor parking spaces.

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Into The New Space

ABOVE is the new entrance to the Rockbridge Area Health Center as construction of the new center enters its second phase. Last week, staff members began moving from their old space into the new addition so that the old space can be renovated. AT LEFT are three of those staff members moving supplies, Dr. Karen Lyons, registered nurse Shon Vance and counselor Angie Hamilton. (Claudia Schwab photos)

Glasgow Eying New Sports Complex

BY LISA PERRY

The town of Glasgow is exploring creation of a new baseball and softball complex at the old carnival grounds.

Interim Town Manager Jon Ellestad said the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors approved \$15,000 to help fund the project. Town Council members approved a matching \$15,000 at the March 12 Town Council meeting. Ellestad had presented a design concept to the Board earlier this month to help organize the project, which is still in the preliminary planning stages.

The owner of the property has agreed to donate it to the town with a deed of gift in the near future. The money will be

used for site development, including an upcoming site survey for a cost of \$900. Rollback taxes on the land use will total \$400 or so to get the project underway, Ellestad said.

Additionally, Council agreed that studies on which baseball and softball leagues and tournament directors would actually use such a facility would need to be completed. Also under scrutiny would be potential revenue that the diamonds would bring to the town.

"That's a big piece of property," Ellestad told Town Council early in the project planning stages. The town is responsible for the property's maintenance and mowing.



'Within Our Reach'

The Washington and Lee University Wind Ensemble will perform its winter term concert, "Within Our Reach," on April 1 at 8 p.m. in the Wilson Concert Hall. The concert is free. On the program are works by Frank Ticheli, John Philip Sousa, Anthony O'Toole and the consortium premiere of the latter's "Electron's Dancing." Heather Ainsworth-Dobbins, bassoon, joins the UWE in a performance of William Pagan-Perez's "Concertante Boricua No. 2" with the composer in attendance. The world premiere of "Within Our Reach" for narrator and wind ensemble will also be performed. The piece, written by Carl Holmquist and presented with Dr. Gregory Parker, narrator, draws its text from the speeches given by President Barack Obama during his time in office.

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REPRESENTING WADDELL at the Virginia State Scholastic Chess Championships were (back row, from left) Luke Drumb, Edison Rahl, Graham Shester, Noah Alexander, Beckett Miskinis, (front row) Sammy Eastwood, Asher Mason, and (not pictured) Theo Rahl.



RCHS STUDENTS PARTICIPATING in the Virginia State Scholastic Chess Championships were (from left) Joe Harrison, Cameron Gaval, Jack Harrison, and Robbie Danforth.



REPRESENTING LDMS at the state chess championships were (from left) Paul Drumb, James Hanstedt, Kalu Abah, Nicholas Faulds, Thomas Ayoub-Winder, and Liam Courtney Collins.

Local Chess Experts Take On The State

Members of the Lexington City Schools Chess Club and the Rockbridge County High School chess club spent the weekend of March 9-10 in Charlottesville participating in the Virginia State Scholastic Chess Championships.

Students from Waddell Elementary School competed in the K-3 under 600 section of the tournament ("600" refers to the participants' U.S. chess rating) and in the K-5 under 1,000 section. Students from Lylburn Downing Students

competed in the K-8 under 1200 section, and students from Rockbridge County High School competed in the K-12 under 1,400 and in the K-12 championship section.

Waddell's K-5 team finished in second place in their

division, out of 17 teams from across the state; Beckett Miskinis placed fifth individually, and Edison Rahl seventh individually, out of a total of 83 players in that division.

Lylburn Downing's K-8 team finished in third place

in their division, out of 14 teams, and RCHS's K-12 under 1,400 team finished in fourth place out of nine teams. RCHS student Joe Harrison finished in fourth place in his division.

Two Professors Win State Council Awards

An associate professor of economics at Virginia Military Institute and a professor of biology and research science at Washington and Lee University have won 2019 Outstanding Faculty Awards from the State Council of Higher Education of Virginia. They were two of only 13 to win the state honor.



I'ANSON DIMITROVA-GRAJZL

Lt. Col. Valentina Dimitrova-Grajzl, associate professor of economics and business at Virginia Military Institute, and Helen I'Anson, John T. Perry Professor of Biology and Research Science at Washington and Lee University, received the awards at an awards luncheon at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond earlier this month.

SCHEV has presented the award every year since 1987. It recognizes superior accomplishments in teaching, research and public service among faculty at Virginia's public and private college and universities. There were 86 nominations from across the state this year.

Dimitrova-Grajzl is VMI's seventh faculty member to receive the award and is the school's first female recipient.

"There are so many people at VMI that deserve this award," said Dimitrova-Grajzl. "It's really a very holistic approach that VMI faculty take to teaching, research, and service."

Along with teaching a full course load in economics during the academic year, Dimitrova-Grajzl, who is from Bulgaria, has established a summer study abroad course in central Europe. She is currently developing a new study abroad program that will take students to new and old members of the European Union and connect the history, economics, and politics of the region.

Locally, she is also active in connecting cadets with the community, co-founding the VMI service club Building BRIDGES. What began as the VMI Women Build with Habitat Initiative expanded into a

program that engages cadets with service organizations throughout the community, including Project Horizon, the SPCA and the Rockbridge Area Relief Association.

During her seven years at VMI, Dimitrova-Grajzl has published 16 articles. Her extensive research into economics and social science is informed by her childhood. She grew up in Bulgaria as it transitioned from communism to capitalism, and her research has included the impact of the historical origins of institutions in today's post-socialist nations.

Dimitrova-Grajzl was one of three VMI faculty members nominated by the dean's office this fall. Part of her submission included letters of recommendation from VMI faculty and former students.

"The biggest award for me was the letters of support from the alumni," said Dimitrova-Grajzl. "It's very rewarding to do what we do."

One of them, written by Casey Field '17, described Dimitrova-Grajzl's dedication to community service.

"Dr. Dimitrova-Grajzl develops relationships with her students that extend far beyond the classroom," said Field. "I deeply respect her as both a professor and mentor."

I'Anson, the other local recipient of an Outstanding Faculty Award, joined the W&L faculty in 1995, teaching 14 different courses, primarily in physiology and neuroscience. She served as chair of the biology department for six years and is currently serving as acting department chair. She was the primary author and director of two Howard Hughes

Medical Institute grants awarded to the university.

"Helen I'Anson is without question exemplary of the teacher-scholar model at Washington and Lee," said W&L Provost Marc Conner. "Her work as a dedicated teacher of science and as a recognized scholar in her field is impressive, yet she goes beyond this in her leadership of major university initiatives, such as the IQ Center, the HHMI program, and the Advanced Research Cohort (ARC) and Advanced Immersion and Mentoring (AIM) projects."

In addition to her instrumental roles in the development of the IQ Center, and the ARC and AIM programs, she also serves as the HHMI program director and St. Andrews University Biology Program coordinator. She has demonstrated a commitment to making science accessible to all students, including non-majors, through hands-on, inquiry-based experiences.

"Helen is dedicated to enhancing the diversity of our students within the sciences and across the university, and she works tirelessly to enrich the learning experience for every W&L student," said Conner. "She has immersed herself in many major university-wide projects and her contributions to Washington and Lee have been profound and transformative."

I'Anson has published 32 research articles in refereed journals, often in conjunction with undergraduate students, and has made 55 presentations at national and international science meetings.

She holds a bachelor's degree in botany and zoology from the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, U.K.; a Graduate Education Certificate from the University of Reading, U.K.; and a doctorate from the University of Kentucky. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

All State

Colby Ervin has been selected to the 2019 All State Band for saxophone. A junior at Rockbridge County High School, he is taking advance placement classes and seeking an Advanced Studies diploma. Colby is also a member of the 2019 W&L Wind Ensemble.



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Straw Tapped To Lead BV Arts Council

Buena Vista Arts Council has a new director, Sarah Straw, who will be responsible for organizational and funding management, as well as membership development and marketing.



STRAW

"I was attracted by BVAC's mission to build community through the arts," said Straw. "I'm so thrilled to be back in the arts world and part of this growing organization."

Straw brings over 10 years of nonprofit and arts management, with expertise in fundraising, marketing, and general operations. After earning a bachelor of arts in theatre and a master of business administration, she held positions with a small theater company and more recently with a nonprofit supporting higher education.

"Over the last several years we have been building our capacity and programs to become an integral part of the Buena Vista community," said BVAC Board President Tom Roberts. "Sarah's background and experience are fantastic and will really help take us to the next level as an organization!"

Organized in 2015, the BVAC, said Roberts, "seeks to bring hope to Buena Vista and the Rockbridge region through art and creativity. We are dedicated to community, and believe in cultivating a sense of beauty in the everyday."

Headquartered at 2037 Magnolia Ave., the BVAC's activities include organizing Mountain Day annually, offering art workshops, sponsoring a scholarship, hosting Artapalooza, and a range of other community-oriented arts activities.

The BVAC is supported financially by the city of Buena Vista, the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the Washington and Lee University Foundation.

Chili Time

During the annual Chili Cook-Off fundraiser for Rockbridge Area Habitat for Humanity Sunday, Robin Hayslett (above) of Beamme Up BBQ serves chili to one of sons of Eric Lewis (standing in back), whose family is a recipient of a Habitat house being built in Greenhouse Village. Beamme-Up BBQ was one of eight eating establishments participating in this year's event, which was held at Spencer Home Center. AT TOP RIGHT, Cattleman's Market chef Keith Walker accepts the People's Choice Award from Lynn Harris, Habitat director of community relations. He also won first place in the judges' awards. Second place went to John Musselman of Chef's Catering. AT RIGHT, some of the 175 people attending enjoy sampling the chili. The event raised just under \$5,000. (Claudia Schwab photos)



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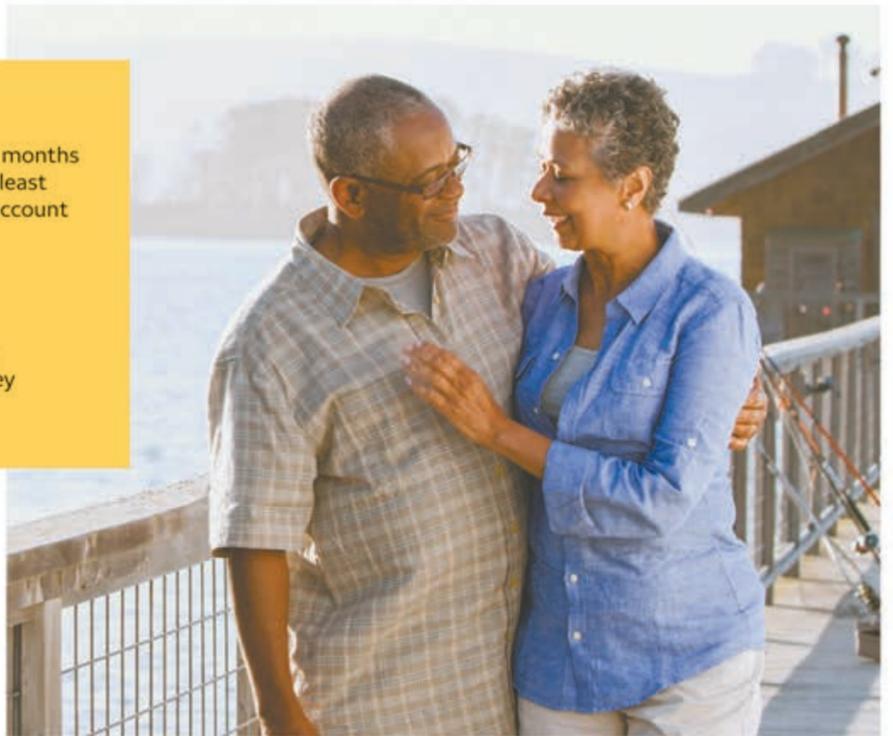
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About Healthy Eating

Local families came to The Community Table room Saturday to learn about nutrition and enjoy pancakes in an event sponsored by The Community Table and the Happy Kids Healthy Kids Chapter. Among the scenes were (clockwise, from above) Anna Feldman, 9, and her sister Rachel, 7, choosing healthy snack food items; Extension agent Rebecca Wilder watching as Michael and Matthew Swift place food group magnets in their proper column; Clay Devening explaining charts on dental health, good nutrition and healthy eating; Yael Torres, 7, sampling flavored water; and Tucker Whetstone, 5, accepting his plate of pancakes. (Claudia Schwab photos)



KERRS CREEK

Rachel Clark, (630) 607-9938 RevRachelClark@gmail.com

Jennifer and Wayne Smith of Radford visited her mother, Josephine McCown, last Saturday and attended the Spring Fling dinner at the Effinger Volunteer Fire Department. Jennifer recently retired from her job as radiology technician at New River hospital in Radford after 32 years of service.

Ready to hunt for some Easter eggs? New Monmouth Presbyterian Church is hosting an Easter egg hunt for children 12 and under on Saturday, April 13, at 3 p.m. We will have games and snacks, as well as the hunt for hundreds of eggs so come and join the fun. New Monmouth folks, if you would like to make cookies, cupcakes, provide drinks or help out with a game, call Janeen Welsh at 460-8147.

There will be a spring retreat for all the members of the church the weekend of May 17-18 at Grace Bible Camp.

Hurricane relief work is scheduled June 19-22 in Tarboro, N.C. There is work available for all skill levels and plenty of lodging available so please consider joining the mission team. Other ways to contribute include supporting the team through prayer, providing a casserole for a dinner or breakfast, or donating money for on-site food and materials. For more information, contact Janeen Welsh.

The Kerrs Creek Ruritan Club met at Bethany Lutheran Church on Tuesday, March 19. Ladies served a spaghetti dinner. Don Hasfurther, executive director of the Historic Lexington Foundation, was the guest speaker. He talked about the preservation of Stonewall Jackson Cemetery and Evergreen Cemetery. May is National Preservation Month. He also spoke about the preservation of old barns in our area. Contact Don to find out more or visit the HLF website.

The Ruritan club participated in the community cleanup on Saturday. Please keep our roadways and community clean. Thanks to Janet Drake and Bob Williams for putting this together. Household hazardous waste collection will be held on Saturday, April 6, at Maury River Middle School. Thanks to Wayne Spencer and Roger Williamson for getting the chuckwagon out of storage and getting it ready for another active year.

MURAT

Evelyn Ayers, 463-2727

Jeff and Marianne Salb, Brian and Susie Steffel and Bruce and Sheila Williams were received as new members of Oxford Presbyterian Church during worship service on Sunday, March 24.

Dr. Horace Douty will talk about the best trail hikes at the adult forum at Oxford Church on Sunday, March 31, at 10 a.m.

There will be an organizational meeting for vacation Bible school on Sunday, March 31, at 2 p.m. at Oxford

Church. Kari Corazza will be the director.

If anyone would like to have a lily in Oxford Church on Easter Sunday, April 21, contact Evelyn Ayers or Marty Rockett. The cost is \$7.

The Mt. Horeb and Collierstown United Methodist churches will have their annual Easter sunrise service at The Seclusion at 7 a.m. on April 21.

Participants are needed to help at the Rise Against Hunger event on Saturday, April 13, at the Effinger firehouse.



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Cleaning Roadsides In NB

The Natural Bridge Ruritan Club held its annual Community Trash Pickup Day on March 16. A total of 28 bags were collected. Members and guests helping out included (from left) Brad Myers, Kathy Gilbert, Drake Breeden, Owen Breeden, Bob Gilbert, Patricia Powell, Scott Hannah, Craig Campbell, Ann Germain, Kip Germain, Russ Orrison and Karen Orrison. Not pictured is Dane West.



CENTRAL ELEMENTARY second grade teacher Sarah Loving accepts books from Catie Austin-Brown, representing the new organization Rockbridge Advocates for Tomorrow, for the Read Across America program in February.

New Group In County 'Making A Difference'

Advocacy Organization Tackles Projects

The newly formed community organization Rockbridge Advocates for Tomorrow (RAFT) is working on completing its "Difference Maker No. 3."

RAFT was founded with the intention of fulfilling community based "Difference Makers" each month within Rockbridge County. For Difference Maker No. 1, the organization donated books to local teachers for Read Across America Week.

Difference Maker No. 2 found members reading about famous American women in local libraries, bookstores and after-school programs.

For Difference Maker No. 3 in April, the group

is seeking community support as it creates baskets to donate to Project Horizon that contain critical items that women and children need as they transition back into the community. The group wishes to fill baskets with bed linens (queen and twin size), towels, stuffed animals, paper towels, laundry detergent, 13-gallon trash bags and similar items.

Donations may be dropped off at Rockbridge Republican Headquarters, 205C S. Main St., Lexington, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 until 5:30 p.m. from April 2 through April 18.

Catie Austin-Brown is the chair of the new formed organization. To learn more about RAFT or becoming a member contact her at brown4delegate@gmail.com.



Huffman Honored

Buena Vista Fire Department President Herbie Huffman presents Walter Coleman with a life membership award at an appreciation dinner March 4. Coleman, a 92-year-old veteran, has served as an active member of the fire department and his community for 36 years. The meal was provided by Elevation Church.

Remember To Recycle

Workshops For Nonprofits Planned At DSLCC

A series of two-hour workshops designed for nonprofit organizations is being hosted by Dabney S. Lancaster Community College's Workforce Solutions and Community Education division, with DSLCC President Dr. John Rainone as the instructor.

Three workshops have been scheduled to date. All will be held in Room 502 in McCarthy Hall on the DSLCC Clifton Forge campus, on the following Tuesdays from 3 to 5 p.m.

"The Responsibilities of Nonprofit Boards" on April 30 offers essential training for new and experienced board members, providing them with practical information, resources, and tools that they can use right away to further their organizations' missions.

"The Nonprofit Board's Role in Fundraising" on May 28 provides a clearer understanding of roles and responsibilities of nonprofit boards as it relates to fundraising.

"Making the Ask" on June 25 will focus on the science and art of that magic moment – and the steps leading up to it. Based on practice and theory, this will help nonprofit professionals and board members in making the fundraising process effective and efficient.

Each workshop will carry 0.2 Continuing Education Units (CEUs). Those completing at least seven of the workshops in the series – a total of 10 workshops are planned -- will earn a certificate of completion, in addition to a total of 1.4 CEUs.

To register and pay for these classes online, or for more detailed information about each workshop, go to www.dslcc.edu/workforce.

For more information, contact Robin Jennings, DSLCC Workforce Solutions and Community Education, at (540) 863-2899 or email rjennings@dslcc.edu.



TIMELY TOPICS

TOM STANLEY Emerald Ash Borer Update

Virtually all of Virginia's forests are now being impacted by the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). In Rockbridge County, it is now difficult to find an Ash tree that does not show at least some damage from this tiny, but devastating pest that singles out this one type of tree.

Projections are that most of the Ash trees in Virginia will be dead within 10 years. There is still some hope that the EAB will encounter a naturally occurring disease or predator that brings the EAB into equilibrium with its environment. It is possible that those folks, who in recent years have been treating their select favorite Ash trees with a systemic insecticide, may one day be able to cut back to treating every three-to-five years. But for now, annual treatment is still recommended.



In an effort to preserve at least a small population of Ash trees, the Virginia Department of Forestry is offering a 50 percent cost-share reimbursement treating Ash trees that qualify. Eligible applicants include individual landowners, as well as organizations such as; municipalities, non-profits, schools, universities, and homeowner associations. Only trunk injection treatment of an emamectin benzoate product will qualify for cost-share.

A quote/bid must be obtained from a certified Pesticide Applicator to be submitted with the Cost-Share Application Form 6.5 (available at www.dof.virginia.gov). Prior to treatment, a VDOF forester must inspect and approve the tree(s) of interest, then submit documentation to VDOF state office. Applicants will be notified of the status of their request.

Applications will be prioritized using the following criteria. Ash trees that qualify for the program must be at least 12 inches in diameter at chest-height, and not display canopy loss greater than 30 percent (larger ash trees and trees exhibiting minimal canopy loss will be more heavily prioritized). The applicant should demonstrate

a need for protecting the genetic, ecological, historical or public value of the ash trees in question.

The application (Form 6.5) should include a detailed and sustainable 'Ash Preservation Strategy' which demonstrates how the applicant has cared for the trees to this point, and the plans to do so in the future. Proposed projects that are located where EAB presence confirmed in 2015 or later will be preferred (this includes Rockbridge County).

VDOF recommends treating ash trees with trunk injections of emamectin benzoate, the most effective treatment currently known. The treatment time-frame that must be followed for reimbursement payment, upon approval, is May 15-July 31. Smaller Ash trees can be effectively treated with a commercially available soil drench containing imidacloprid or other approved systemic insecticide, and should be applied between April 15 and June 15 for best results.

Copies of this article and related documents are available at the Rockbridge Extension office. For more information on the cost-share program you should call the Virginia Department of Forestry at 463-5253.

HONOR ROLL

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The following students were named to the third nine weeks honor roll at Natural Bridge Elementary School.

Second grade

All A's - Reagan Coleman, Hollie Graves, Aiden Manning, Cameron McClure, Weston Moore, Noah Raper, Brody Rapoza, Amirialyn Taylor, Camila Vassey.

A/B - Carmen Branham, Kaylee Frazier, Ella Gibson, Selena Gibson, Destany Haigler, Eli Lane, Hayden Nicely, Olivia Nicely, Alea Ogden, Jace Roberts, Aden Sanderson, Colton Slagle, Alyssa Smith, Amber Sorrell, Brennen Strowbridge, and Hayden Wood.

Third grade

All A's - Aaron Black.
A/B - Olivia Childs, Wyatt Conner, Isaiah Ezell, Zane Fisher, Emmalee Grimm, Jacob Hinson, Liam Justo, Anastasia Markie, Emma Mazingo, Holly McKinney, Kylee Propst, Noah Reynolds, Sophee Ryan, and Averie Siler.

Fourth grade

All A's - Jakob Bailey, Gemma Batis, Amira Pelter, Chloe Rogers, and Alexis Samante-Asuncion.

A/B - Sierra Boxler, Aden Camden, Kimora Carter, Noah DiMarzio, Memphis

Johnson, Alysa McNeil, Christian Musto, Savannah Nicely, Abigayle Reed, Jordan Roberts, Trenton Robinson, Nathaniel Tolley, and Katie Whitmer.

Fifth grade

All A's - Schuyler Coleman, Lela Crookshanks, Sydney Henk, Channing Kilgore, Avery McDaniel, Brennan McDaniel, Sadie Moore, Haley Plogger, Alison Rager and Sarah Seay.

A/B - Kaleb Ashcraft, Alyssa Bell, Brooklyn Beverly, Abigail Bouchard, Katherine Braford, DeLana Breeden, Destiny Camden, Kayleigh Funkhouser, Cody Grimm, Pelaina Hedrick, Madison Hill, Kendrick Johnson, Allena Lee, Damien Middleton, Daniel Reed, Natalie-Blair Samante-Asuncion, Anna Sanderson, Tanner Thrasher, and Lillian Woody.



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It's All About Community

Musician, Author To Lead Workshop, Concert At Grace Episcopal

"What Does It Mean to be Beloved Community?" will be the question at the center of a conversational, interactive workshop, led by author Gregg Jarrell, at Grace Episcopal Church on Saturday, March 30.

Jarrell's 2017 book "A Riff of Love: Notes on Community and Belonging," draws much of its inspiration from his experience as a jazz musician, and he will also lead a notable group of fellow musicians in a concert on Sunday, March 31, at Grace Episcopal.

He describes a riff as "the essence of the melody, the foundation of the whole work" — the core of jazz improvisation — and he will be sharing that improvisational skill, central to his life as a community organizer, author and musician, in the workshop and concert. Both events are free.

"A Riff of Love" recounts how, arriving in the Enderly Park neighborhood of West Charlotte, N.C., Jarrell found a community facing economic and political challenges: poverty, substandard public education, and the threat of neighbors' lives together dissolving as housing prices rose.

And yet, he found his new neighbors thriving. Jarrell and his wife, Helms, had come with their two young sons to serve as



JAZZ MUSICIAN and author Gregg Jarrell (right) will lead a workshop and a concert this weekend at Grace Episcopal Church.



DAWN ANTHONY will perform as the vocalist for this Sunday's concert at Grace Episcopal.

recognize the abundance that enables change and growth. Participants may attend the morning session, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, or plan to stay for lunch and a wrap-up session concluding at 1:30 p.m.

The concert, at 4 p.m. on Sunday, will feature Jarrell on saxophone, vocalist Dawn Anthony, and a band of the region's finest jazz musicians.

Jarrell often speaks of how improvisation helps musicians to take a theme and develop it for all its emotional and expressive power. "A Riff of Love" in concert will use themes from jazz, the blues, and modern songwriters to explore joy, lament, justice, and faith — and to weave songs to inspire, strengthen, and encourage. Young people and their families are invited to attend a pre-concert discussion and Q&A, starting at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

The Saturday workshop will be in the Grace Episcopal parish hall. The Sunday youth discussion and concert will be in Grace Episcopal Church. For more information and to make reservations for lunch, call 463-4981.

youth ministers in 2005, opening the doors of what is now QC Family Tree. "I started a hospitality house," he says, "and then found myself welcomed into a family far beyond my own."

Jarrell's workshop will explore how communities get stuck or sidetracked in seeking to open to diversity, and ways to rec-

Rev. Hubbard Preaching Next Lenten Service At Manly

The Rev. James Hubbard of Grace Episcopal Church will give the Lenten message this week at Manly Memorial Baptist Church. The 20-minute service will begin at 12:10 p.m. on Thursday, March 28. The Rev. Bill Klein of Lexington Presbyterian Church will serve as worship leader.

A light lunch will be served in the fellowship hall of the church following the service. The suggested donation for the lunch is \$5. Lenten services will continue each Thursday through April 11 at Manly Memorial.

For more information, call the Manly Memorial Church of fice at 463-4181.

Children's Ministry Sunday At Mt. Olivet

Mountain Moses Ministries, a traveling ministry of storytellers, puppeteers and a child evangelist, will be at Mount Olivet United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 31, at 10 a.m.

Children of all ages are invited, and a potluck lunch will follow the service.

The church is located just south of the Rockbridge-Botetourt County line on U.S. 11. For information, call 291-2146 or 570-3938.

COLLIERSTOWN

Deborah Potter McCormick, 463-7652

The Staunton District's United Methodist Church's Laity Banquet was held at Virginia Military Institute's Center for Leadership and Ethics on March 22. Attending from the Collierstown church were Amy Hayslette, Aubrey and Carolyn Manspile, Junior and Linda Painter, Delores Rhodenizer, and Lewis Straub. The Mt. Horeb church was represented by Ronnie Hall and Bob Leshner, and Pastor Bill Bearden representing the Collierstown Charge.

The 150th anniversary of the United Methodist Women was celebrated by the Staunton District UMW at the Granbery United Methodist Church in Covington on Saturday. Attending from the Collierstown church were Amy Hayslette, Carolyn Manspile, Linda Painter, Delores Rhodenizer and Sandy Deacon of the Mt. Horeb church.

The Effinger Ruritan Club would like to thank all the volunteers as well as the club's members who assisted with the community roadside cleanup held on Saturday. The community is asked to make this an ongoing project by keeping our roadsides litter-free in the weeks ahead.

Charlie and Joan Potter have returned home after visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Bert and Susanne O'Neal, and their children Addie Gray, Louise, and Bo. The O'Neals live in Atlanta, Ga.

The Collierstown United Methodist Women will be making candy eggs for Easter beginning April 1. Four-ounce eggs will be available in peanut butter, coconut and chocolate favors at a cost of \$3 each. For more information or to place an order, call the church office at 463-7717 or call 570-3408.

The Collierstown Presbyterian Cemetery Committee requests all flowers (real or plastic), monuments, figurines, flags, and other memorials be removed from grave sites by April 7 in preparation for the start of the mowing season.

The communitywide Rise Against Hunger! packing day is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Effinger firehouse. Those interested in making a donation or being a part of the packing day's team should contact the Rev. Bill Bearden, pastor of the Collierstown and Mt. Horeb United Methodist churches.

The community Palm Sunday worship service will be held at the Effinger firehouse on Sunday, April 14, at 11 a.m.



In Memory Of Those Lost

A solemn service of remembrance was held this past Friday, March 22, in front of Washington and Lee University's Colonnade to honor the victims of the mass mosque shootings in Christchurch, New Zealand, on March 15. The attacks began at the Al Noor Mosque in the suburb of Riccarton and continued at the Linwood Islamic Centre. Fifty people were killed and 50 more were injured. During the vigil sponsored by Amnesty International at W&L, interfaith expressions of support were expressed and prayers were offered. At the conclusion of the vigil, a ribbon ceremony was held to pay tribute to the victims of the attacks. (Joann Ware photos)



Rockbridge Area Worship Services

Please note, denomination divisions do not reflect subdivisions among the major categories of churches.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN

Union View Advent Christian Church
4574 Turnpike Rd.
Lexington, VA
Pastor: Rev. Robert W. Daniel, Sr.
540-862-1417
Sunday Services: 11:00 a.m.

ANGLICAN

St. Paul's Anglican Church (REC)
103 Davidson St., Lexington, VA
540-463-1597
Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. before Holy Communion
Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Holy Communion: March 31, April 7, 14 & 21
Morning Prayer: March 24 & April 28

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Life Chapel AG
70 Hines Lanes, Lexington, VA
540-464-LIFE (5433)
Lead Pastor: Rev. Timm Ziegler
Service: 10:00 a.m.
Check website for details about other programs offered throughout the week
www.lifechapelonline.com

Stonebridge Community Church
NB Gym (Community Center)
42 NB School Rd.
Natural Bridge, VA
540-460-1323
Minister: Raymond Newton
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night: 7 p.m.
Center Court Youth Ministry
www.stonebridgeva.org

BAPTIST

Bible Church at Rockbridge
3 W. Whistle Creek, Lexington, VA
2 mi. W. of Lex. on Rt. 60 Midland Trls at Whistle Creek
540-463-6210; 540-463-1688
Minister: Rev. George Warden, Jr.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Wed. 7:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge Baptist Church
150 11th Street, Buena Vista, VA
540-261-2005
Minister: Ralph Coleman
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Buena Vista Baptist Church
2173 Chestnut Avenue, Buena Vista, VA
540-261-2516
Minister: Rev. Bryon LePere
Morning Worship: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Collierstown Baptist Church
3926 Collierstown Road, Lexington, VA
540.463.4012
Pastor: Jesse Krystowiak
540.464.1449
<http://collierstownbaptistchurch.com>
Sunday School, K-Adults, 10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M.
Choir Rehearsal, Sunday, 6:00 P.M.
Sunday Evening Worship, 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday Evening, 7:00-8:00 P.M.
Children's Club, 7:00-8:00 P.M.
Ages: 3 & Up

Faith Mountain Baptist Church
270 Valley Pike, Lexington, VA
(1/4 mi. from Rt. 39 on Rt. 647 (Valley Pike))
540-464-3300 (leave message)
Pastor: Bill Thomas
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:45 a.m.
with Children's Church & Nursery.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Study, Youth Meeting,
Praise Kids, Campus Ministry
Wednesday Worship Service: 7:00 p.m.
Prayer and Bible Study
Nursery & Toddler Church Each Service

First Baptist Church
P.O. Box 1009
103 N. Main Street, Lexington, VA
540-463-4854 - Leave message
Pastor: Rev. McKinley A. Williams
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study/Prayer Meeting:
Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Glasgow Baptist Church
805 10th Street, Glasgow, VA
540-258-2655
Pastor: Rev. Jeremy Kilgore
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. (all ages)
Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Wed: Prayer Mtg/Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.
Children's choir practice: Sun. after worship
Adult choir practice:
Wed. after Bible study

Goshen Baptist Church
51 Baptist Hill Lane, Goshen, VA
540-997-9467
Minister: Rev. Scott Reese
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Youth Group: Wed. 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Bible Study: Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Listen to an encouraging & uplifting message every Friday @ noon.
Tune into: globalgospelradio.com

Kerrs Creek Baptist Church
66 Franks Lane, Lexington, VA
540-463-9211
Pastor: Bryan Volpe
Sunday Morning Breakfast: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Dinner: 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

Lexington Baptist Church
75 Old Farm Road, Lexington, VA
540-463-5911
www.lexingtonbaptistchurch.org
Email: LBC@lexva.church
Lead Pastor: Michael Saunders
Worship Pastor: Glenn Kuhar
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church: 10:45 a.m.
Prayer Meeting: 6:00 p.m.
Sundays during the school year:
Awana Children's Program:
2 yrs. of age-8th grade - 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Youth Journey: Class 9th-12th Grade
5:30-7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Studies: 7:00 p.m.

Magnolia Avenue Baptist Church
2205 Magnolia Ave., Buena Vista, VA
540-261-2484
Minister: Rev. Don Martin
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Prayer & Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

Manly Memorial Baptist Church
202 South Main Street
Lexington, VA
540-463-4181
Minister: Dr. J. Michael Wilkins
Regular Hours:
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Natural Bridge Baptist Church
36 Bell Tower Lane, Natural Bridge, VA
540-258-1120 (Pastor's phone)
Minister: Rev. Randy Smith
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service: 7:00 p.m.

Neriah Baptist Church
1891 Old Buena Vista Rd.,
Buena Vista
Minister: Pastor David Bain
540-460-0358
540-817-3971
Summer Worship Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Spring Valley Baptist Church
411 Mackey's Lane, Fairfield, VA
Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Children's Church: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday: Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

BRETHREN

First Brethren Church
100 E. 29th Street, Buena Vista, VA
540-261-6425
Pastor: Michael Hamilton
firstbrethrenbv@centurylink.net
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Women's Bible Study: Mondays 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Children, Youth & Prayer Meetings

Stone Church of the Brethren
2162 Forest Avenue, Buena Vista, VA
540-261-6946
Email: office@bvstonechurch.org
Pastor: Rev. Galen Combs
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Kids Club: 2nd & 4th Sunday, refreshments provided.

BUDDHIST

Bodhi Path Buddhist Center
12 Galloping Path, Natural Bridge, VA
540-464-5117
www.bodhipath.org
Sunday Meditation: 10:30 a.m.

CATHOLIC

St Patrick Catholic Church
221 West Nelson Street, Lexington, VA
540-463-3533
Pastor: Fr. Joseph A. D'Aurora
Campus Minister: Chad Baron
Holyday Mass Schedule:
12:15 and 5:30 p.m.
Weekend Mass: Sat. 5:00 p.m.; Sun. 8:00, 10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m.
(late mass is only when campuses are in session)
Weekday Mass: Mon. 12:15 p.m.
Tues. -Wed. 7:30 a.m.; Fri. 12:15 p.m.
Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation:
Sat. 4 p.m.; 1st Fri. 1:00-2:00 p.m.;
1st Sat. 9:15-10:00 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lexington Church of Christ
522 S. Main Street
Lexington, VA
540-463-7737
Minister: Page Barnes
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Bible study: Wednesday, 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Rockbridge Community Church of the Nazarene
2155 Sycamore Ave, Buena Vista, VA
540-264-0063
Minister: Pastor Kris Peaden
540-460-6108
Sundays: 10:30 a.m.

EPISCOPAL

Christ Episcopal Church
2246 Walnut Avenue
Buena Vista, VA
Church Secretary: Nancy Hartless
540-462-7627
All Sunday Services: 10 a.m.

Grace Episcopal Church

123 West Washington St. Lexington
540-463-4981
Website: www.graceepiscopallexington.org
Father James Hubbard, Rector
James Keane - Chaplain
Sundays
Holy Eucharist: 8:00, 10:30 a.m.
(Nursery available 10-12)
5:00 p.m. Taizé Eucharist every 2nd Sunday
Christian Education for Children/Adults:
9:15 a.m. (Sept-May)

St. John's Episcopal Church

1002 Blue Ridge Rd., Glasgow, VA
540-258-2959
Worship with us on Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

FOUR SQUARE GOSPEL

Lexington Foursquare Gospel Church
21 Snowy Egret Lane
Lexington, VA
540-463-5456
Minister: G. Hunter Phillips
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

LUTHERAN

Bethany Lutheran Church
1320 Bethany Road, Lexington, VA
540-463-5516
Minister: The Rev. Jim Youngblood
Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Concordia Lutheran Mission (LCMS)
Meets @ Ben Salem Presby. Church
34 Ben Salem Lane, Buena Vista
540-784-5622
Pastor: Rev. Mark Schroeder
The Divine Service: Saturdays 5:00 pm
concordiakoinonia.com

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran

617 S. Main Street, Lexington, VA
540-463-2021
Sunday worship with Holy Communion:
10:30 am
No Bible Study during Summer Months
Children's Sunday School during the service
www.goodshepherd-lexingtonva.org
www.facebook.com/goodshepherdlexington

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Concord Church
48 Concord Lane, Fairfield, VA
Located 2.5 miles east of Fairfield,
Red Hill Road.
Information:
540-377-2515
Sunday Service: 11:00 a.m.

Grace Chapel

3595 Catalpa Ave., Buena Vista, VA
540-261-2254
Pastor: Joseph "Butch" Grow
Associate Pastor: Thomas Johnson, Jr.
Sunday School: 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

New Beginnings Christian Church

Borden Grant Trail (intersection w/
Mackey's Lane)
Pastor: Brandon McClung
Visit our Facebook page at:
@Newbeginningsrockbridge
Children's Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.

New Beginnings Church Mosaic (NBC Mosaic)

248 Poplar Hill Rd., Lexington, VA
540-650-4150
Senior Pastor: Rev. J. Hamilton
Braninburg
Pastor: Rev. Gentry Hinojosa, Sr.
www.nbcmosaic.org
Sunday Morning Live: 10 a.m.
Children's Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Bible Study: Wed. 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Rockbridge Church

See our website for location:
www.rockbridgechurch.net
Sundays service: 10 a.m.
540-339-7985

METHODIST

Beth-Horon United Methodist Church
7 Beth-Horon D., Natural Bridge Stn.
291-3279
Minister: Pastor Lucy Jackson-Hughes
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

73 McCurdy Lane, Rockbridge Baths, VA
Mailing address: P.O. Box 150,
Rockbridge Baths, VA 24473
Pastor: Jody Lipham
(540) 460-1304
Email: jodylipham@vaumc.org
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Fairfield United Methodist Church

5622 North Lee Hwy, Fairfield, VA
Pastor: Rev. Valerie Ritter
Phone: 540-810-6907
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church

Pullen Rd. off Blue Grass Trail
Lexington, VA
Minister: Rev. William Bearden
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.
Worship: 11:15 a.m.

Randolph Street United Methodist Church

118 South Randolph Street
Lexington, VA
Pastor: Rev. Reginald A. Early
Church: 540-463-7417
Pastor: 703-297-6463
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Worship: 10:00 a.m.

St. John's United Methodist Church

351 E. 21st Street, Buena Vista, VA
261-3304
Email: stjohnsbv@embarqmail.com
Minister: Rev. Dr. Louis Caddell
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m.
FREE Blankets available to those in need. Call or stop by.

Trinity United Methodist Church

147 South Main Street, Lexington, VA
Minister: Rev. Joe Cailles
Office Phone: 463-4053
E-mail: trinlex@yahoo.com
Website: www.trinumc.org
Communion Worship Service: 9 a.m.
Traditional Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Home of Shenandoah Preschool -
Rebecca Saunders, Director
Shen. Preschool: 463-7195

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

Buena Vista Pentecostal Holiness Church
1702 Chestnut Ave., Buena Vista
540-261-6596 - bvphc@yahoo.com
bvphc.com
Senior Pastor: Rev. William A. Mills, Jr.
Sunday
Celebration Services I: 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Celebration Service II: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday
Adult Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.
Awaken Student Ministries
(Grades 6-12): 7:00 p.m.
(A staffed nursery and children's classes are provided during each service)

Greater Vision Pentecostal Assembly

258 E. 41st St., Buena Vista, VA
434-729-7930
Minister: Pastor Steve Ramsey
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7:00 p.m.
Monday Evening Prayer: 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Adult Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
grvisn@gmail.com

Lexington Pentacostal Holiness Church

408 Houston Street, Lexington, VA
Pastor: Rev. George Close
540-521-1166 - Cell
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.

Mt. View Pentacostal Holiness Church

845 Borden Grant Trail, Buena Vista, VA
All are welcome to worship the Lord!
Pastor: Rev. Sheldon Sorrels
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wed.: 1st & 3rd: Open Choir 6:00 p.m.
Wed.: 2nd & 4th: Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Natural Bridge Christian Fellowship

21 Gilmore Mill Road-P.O. Box 126
Natural Bridge Station, VA
540-291-2332
Minister: Pastor Wes Galford
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Youth Group: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Group: 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

New Grace Church of God of Prophecy

920 Fitzlee St., Glasgow, VA
540-258-1924
Pastor: Bishop Lewis McDaniel
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.

Redeeming Life Ministries

1102 Glasgow Hwy., Buena Vista, VA
Pastor: Roger Smith
540-330-2586
Sunday Worship: 10:30-12:00
Sunday Evening Service: 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Evening Service: 7 - 8:30 p.m.



Mt. View Pentecostal Holiness Church
The Mountain View Pentecostal Holiness church was established in 1929. The Pentecostal Holiness Church believes the Bible is the Word of God, the complete revelation of the plan and history of redemption. We believe in the virgin birth of Jesus and three definite experiences of Salvation, Sanctification, and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. We believe in divine healing, and the imminent second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. As a believer it is our responsibility to carry out the work of the Great Commission. We welcome you to worship with us.

PRESBYTERIAN

Ben Salem Presbyterian Church
34 Ben Salem Lane, Buena Vista, VA
(Behind Food Lion)
540-261-2627
Pastor: Bob Miles
540-463-9804
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.

Bethesda Presbyterian Church

90 Bethesda Road
Rockbridge Baths, VA
540-348-5314
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m. at Bethesda

McElwee Chapel

Sunday School: 7:00 p.m.
Worship: 7:45 p.m.

Buena Vista Presbyterian Church

303 E. 24th Street, P.O. Box 406
Buena Vista, VA
540-261-6210
www.bvpres.embarqspace.com
Email: bvpres@embarqmail.com
Minister: Dr. Howard Boswell
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Collierstown Presbyterian Church

31 Church Drive, Lexington, VA
540-463-5918 - Office
434-422-0489 - Cell
Pastor: Rev. Kevin Channell
Email: revkev1959@gmail.com
www.collierstownpres.org
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Ebenezer ARP Church

788 Ebenezer Circle, Lexington, VA
540-292-0206
Minister: Rev. Bill Harris
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Falling Spring Presbyterian Church

410 Falling Spring Rd., Glasgow, VA
540-258-2647
Minister: Rev. Kenneth Choré
Website: www.fallingspring.church
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Fairfield Presbyterian Church

5508 N. Lee Highway, Fairfield, VA
540-377-6697
Minister: Helen "Punker" Robertson
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Glasgow Presbyterian Church

908 Anderson Street, Glasgow VA
540-258-2055
Minister: Rev. Dr. Wayne Meredith
434-929-0832
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Grace Presbyterian Church (PCA)

www.gracerockbridge.org
40 Village Way (Off Greenhouse Rd.),
Lexington, VA
540-463-2374
Minister: Paul Carter
Assistant Pastor: Nat Davidson
Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages: 10:00 a.m.

High Bridge Presbyterian Church

67 High Bridge Church Rd.
S. US 11, Exit I-81 - 175, Natural Bridge, VA
540-291-2625
Pastor: Rev. Jason Grimes
Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church

3809 Walkers Creek Rd., Middlebrook, VA
(across from the Zack, Va. sign)
540-348-5790
Pastor: David Taylor
Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Lauderdale ARP Church

300 S. Main Street, Lexington, VA
540-463-4661
Minister: Rev. Benjamin Dowling III
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Evening Prayer Meeting: 6:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS-CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

BUENA VISTA WARD
9-11 AM
725 N 29th St, Buena Vista
Bishop Eric Hanson
eric.hanson@svu.edu

LEXINGTON WARD

9-11 AM
1340 Thornhill Rd, Lexington
Bishop Brian Poulsen
bkpoulsen@gmail.com

ROCKBRIDGE WARD

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
1340 Thornhill Rd, Lexington
Bishop Jason Harris
sirrah.llc@hotmail.com
Missionaries - 304-342-8332

If your church is not listed, please submit information on location, pastor, phone number and service times to The News-Gazette, Attention: Church Directory, P.O. Box 1153, Lexington, VA 24450. There is a \$99.00 per year fee for this listing.

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AUCTION. Gray Auctions Co. VA#1104 Sat, March 30, 2019 @ 9 A.M. 14089 Robinson Road, Stony Creek, VA 23882. For all info Visit: www.graycoservices.com or Call Joe Gray at 804-943-3506

12 Antiques

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20 Yard Sales

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30 Automotive

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130 General Help Wanted

PRONTO CAFFE is currently taking applications for part-time barista. We are looking for a hard working, energetic, person to join our team. Must be 18. Please apply in person or online at: www.prontogelateria.com 540.464.1472. 26 South Main St, Lexington

130 General Help Wanted

DISHWASHERS: We are looking for motivated, quality oriented and responsible individuals to join our team. Please apply in person between 2 pm and 4 pm, Southern Inn Restaurant, 37 S Main St, Lexington, VA 24450

PART TIME House Keeping, Brierley Hill Bed and Breakfast, is looking for an energetic, detail-oriented person to help with house keeping while learning the daily operations of a Select registry BNB. Join our team, for a great working environment. Weekend and Weekday positions available. Call, 540-464-8421

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GENERAL ASSIGNMENT REPORTER - responsible for developing and maintaining sources for stories within assigned beat areas; for developing story ideas from a variety of sources to be relayed to editor; for covering regular meetings and events within beats; for writing stories in a professional style to specifications (length, etc.) assigned by editor for print and digital publications; for taking images, still and video, to accompany assigned stories or as enterprise features. Reporters must have serviceable vehicle and valid Virginia driver's license. Residence within Rockbridge County is not required but highly preferred. Intermediate computer skills required, including and not limited to familiarity with MS Word, Email software, use of Internet browsers, and social media posting. Meeting coverage and breaking news stories may require some evening or weekend work. A general understanding of local government organization, an ability to understand basic budgets and a strong curiosity about people, the local area and the world are all positive attributes. Full-time position with limited benefits. Prior media experience helpful but not required; demonstrated writing ability is required. Submit resume and writing samples to publisher@thenews-gazette.com or mail to Reporter, P.O. Box 1153, Lexington, VA 24450.

COOKS, WAITRESSES, DELIVERY PERSONS AND CASHIERS NEEDED AT Big John's Grill in B.V.
Stop in on Monday, April 1, 2019 between 3PM and 6PM for interview at 1240 Magnolia Ave, B.V.

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The Maury Service Authority Is looking to fill a full-time position, Wastewater Operator. Having an active license is a plus. The successful applicants must have a high school diploma, be at least 18 years of age, possess an active Virginia driver's license, must pass a DMV check, back ground check, drug screening, and be able to lift 50 lbs. Mandatory work schedule is subject to rotation which will include working some weekends and Holidays. Applicants with no prior experience will need to pass an aptitude test. Pay is commensurate with experience. Position is opened until filled. Applications can be picked up at 130 Osage Lane Lexington VA 24450 or you can call 540-463-3566

Payroll and Accounts Payable Assistant - Washington and Lee University is accepting applications for a Payroll and Accounts Payable Assistant. Visit our website at jobs.wlu.edu for full position details and instructions on how to apply. Washington and Lee is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

130 General Help Wanted

BLUE RIDGE RESOURCE AUTHORITY LANDFILL COLLECTION CENTER ATTENDANT

The Blue Ridge Resource Authority is accepting applications for a part-time Collection Center Attendant.

Minimum Requirements:
 · Must be 18 years of age or older;
 · Must be able to lift 40 lbs.;
 · Must have excellent customer service skills;
 · Valid Virginia driver's license;
 · Neat appearance.

Candidate will be responsible for the following:

- Greet and assist citizens and contractors with unloading household waste and debris;
 - Maintain records for collection center;
 - Clean and maintain equipment and grounds;
 - Assist in maintenance of landfill facilities and grounds;
 - Operate light tractors, attachments, push mower, weed eater and articulated loader;
- Applications and detailed job description can be found at www.rockbridgecountyva.gov or at the Blue Ridge Resource Authority Office. Completed applications should be returned to the Blue Ridge Resource Authority, 225 Landfill Road, Buena Vista, VA 24416, ATTN Fred Dudley. Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

BACKUP MAILROOM WORK/ TRUCK driver needed for Tuesday evening/ Wednesday morning from approx. 5:30 pm to 8:00 am. Must be dependable and able to lift 50 lb bundles of newspapers. Must have valid driver's license with good driving record (No DUIs). Initial employment may be as substitute but leading to regular employment. Serious inquiries only. Apply in person to: The News-Gazette, 20 W. Nelson St., Lexington, Va or email publisher@thenews-gazette.com with resume. No phone calls.

CONTRACTORS FOR WESTROCK IN LOW MOOR, VA HIRING A INDUSTRIAL MACHINIST

FULL TIME ANIMAL Care Attendant with benefits. \$8.00 per hour. Will train, must be at least 18, love animals and willing to work weekends and holidays. Come into the Rockbridge SPCA to pick up an application. You even get a cake on your birthday!



CONTRACTORS FOR WESTROCK IN LOW MOOR, VA HIRING A INDUSTRIAL MACHINIST

Experience: Applicant must have 3 to 5 years experience required working as a Machinist, some mechanical knowledge & welding skills. Daylight hours with possible overtime, must have your own tools. Benefits: Paid Holidays, Health, Dental, Life Insurance, & 401k Retirement with company match incentive, and Paid vacation, as well as Safety Attendance Celebration and a Christmas Bonus.

Apply: Please send resume to - P.O. Box 196, Low Moor, VA 24457. OR email david.nicelyjii@westrock.com or denise.meggins@westrock.com

FULL TIME SERVERS: We are looking for motivated, quality oriented and responsible individuals to join our team. Offering paid vacation, health benefits and IRA contributions. Great earning potential for experienced servers and bartenders. Please apply in person between 2 pm and 4 pm, Southern Inn Restaurant, 37 S Main St, Lexington, VA 24450

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130 General Help Wanted

LEXINGTON MOOSE LODGE PT Cook wanted. Call 540-460-1665, two nights a week, \$12/hr.

The Maury Service Authority is looking to fill a full-time position, **Lab Specialist.** Having an active license is a plus. The successful applicants must have a high school diploma, be at least 18 years of age, possess an active Virginia driver's license, must pass a DMV check, back ground check, drug screening, and be able to lift 20 lbs. Mandatory work schedule is subject to rotation which will include working some weekends and Holidays. Applicants with no prior experience will need to pass an aptitude test. Pay is commensurate with experience. Position is opened until filled. Applications can be picked up at 130 Osage Lane Lexington VA 24450 or you can call 540-463-3566

The MSA offers a generous benefit package of Holiday pay, VRS retirement plan, time off, and sick leave accruals. The MSA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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140 Work Wanted

YARD MOWING, Painting, Window washing, etc. Reasonable and references. 540-319-0494

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APPLICATIONS BEING accepted for 3BR, 1 bath home in county w/ stove, refrig., includes W/D hookup, lg. yard, \$750/mo. 540-460-7181, no texts

180 Wanted

WANTED TO BUY - Standing Timber. Will cut on percentage. Top prices paid. Also, buying hardwood & pine pulpwood. Boundary or percentage. Call 540-958-1652

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200 Entertainment

SPAGHETTI DINNER
Saturday April 6, 2019
From 2pm-7:30pm
At Effinger Fire House
All you can eat
 spaghetti dinner to benefit the **Rockbridge Bear Hound Hunter Association**
 \$10 Adults \$5 Kids 12 and Under
 Includes all you can eat spaghetti, garlic bread
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220 Auctions



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Fairfield Vol. Rescue Squad
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Fairfield, Va. 24435

DIRECTIONS: From I-81, take Exit 200 onto Sterrett Rd. to Rt. 11 North to Sale on left. SIGNS POSTED!
The Undersigned will have The following Personal Property Auctioned for The Living Estate of William Ray Painter.
 Furn: Glass Door Display Cab., Trunks, D.R. Table & Chairs, (2) Grandmother Clocks, Oak Washstand, Antique School Desk, Spot

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Firearms: Browning Light 12 ga. (Ser. # 22209), Raven Arms 25 Cal. Pistol (Ser. # 521490), Western Six 22 Cal. Revolver (Ser. # K36108), Titan 25 Cal. Pistol (Ser. # 217916), Stevens 12 ga, Double Barrel.
Tools: Craftsman 10" Radial Saw, Foley Belsaw Sharp All, Craftsman 12" Wood Lathe, Craftsman 15 1/2" Floor Model Drill Press, Craftsman 6" Floor Model Belt Sander, Craftsman Floor Model Router, Craftsman Scroll Saw, Craftsman 10" Table Saw, Craftsman 8" Floor Model Planer, Pipe Glue Clamps, Hardware, Hand Tools, Craftsman Elec. Nailer, Craftsman Bench Grinder, Craftsman 12" Floor Model Band Saw, Craftsman Bench Sander, Floor Model Sharpner, Craftsman 230 Stick Welder and Stand.
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POWER OF ATTORNEY: Thad & Jeanne Painter

The contents of the following storage units located at **Valley Storage, 2376 N. Lee Highway, Lexington, VA 24450** will be sold through a public online auction at **www.lockerfox.com** to satisfy the owners' lien on **4/12/2019 at 9:30 AM** for non-payment of rent. Auctions are available ONLY online. Terms: Cash Only. Buyer has 72 hours to pay and remove items from premise. We reserve the right to reject all bids.
Auction end times are followed by the unit number.
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230 Public Notices

PUBLIC SALE
Thursday, April 11, 2019,
5:30 pm
Sale will be held at Your Own Bin, Inc.
136 McCorkle Drive Extension Lexington, VA
 The following units will be sold for non-payment of rental agreement:
 Units 17, 25, 60, 69, 85, 93, 118
 The units may be redeemed by owners prior to sale by cash only.
Terms: Cash Only

230 Public Notices

ABC NOTICE
 Steeles Tavern Hospitality LLC Trading as: **Steeles Tavern Manor 8400 N Lee Hwy Steeles Tavern, VA 24476, Steeles Tavern Rockbridge Virginia 24476.** The above establishment is applying to the **VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY** for a Bed & Breakfast license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.
Albert J. Tumminello and Dana S. Tumminello
Owners
NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at **www.abc.virginia.gov** or 800-552-3200.

230 Public Notices

ABC NOTICE
Family Dollar Stores of Virginia, Inc. Trading as Family Dollar #20053, 2717 Beech Avenue, Rockbridge, Buena Vista, Virginia 24416.
 The above establishment is applying to the **VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC)** for a Wine and Beer Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.
Sandra Boscia
Assistant Secretary
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Subscribe to **The News-Gazette** for your answers. Call **463-3113**.

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- **Certified Nursing Assistant** – 36 hours per week, three eight hour evening shifts and one 12 hour night shift including every other weekend
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If you are interested in being considered for either these positions, please email your resume to **mchager@kalex.kendal.org**, apply at **kalex.kendal.org**, or stop by 160 Kendal Drive, Lexington, VA and fill out an application. These positions will close on April 9th, 2019. Please call Human Resources at 540 464-2608 with any questions.

Home Care RN Opportunities
Lexington, VA area

Are you ready to make a career change? We invite you to join our Home Care team, whose goal is to improve the quality of life for both the patient and the family. Our Home Care team members enjoy flexibility in scheduling and mileage reimbursement as well as the ability to work independently.

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FIRE SPRINKLER HELPER

Magic City Sprinkler is hiring in the Lexington area. Currently need helper to assist lead sprinkler foreman that lives in Lexington area-must be able to meet foreman in Lexington and then commute to jobsite, must have reliable transportation and valid driver's license, clean drug screen is required. Positions are full time with benefits, some overnight travel could be required. Apprenticeship program available with pay incentives after each level of completion.
 Pay based on experience, starting at \$12.00 per hr. Interested persons can apply within, email or mail to Magic City Sprinkler Inc. 1601 Granby Street, Roanoke, VA 24012. No phone calls please.

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230 Public Notices

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE
193 Bunker Hill Mill Road,
Lexington, VA 24450

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated October 6, 2005, and recorded at Instrument Number 050005270 and a Loan Modification recorded on May 2, 2016 at Instrument Number 160001057, in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court for Rockbridge, VA, securing a loan which was originally \$104,000.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTION TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at front steps of the Rockbridge County Courthouse, 20 South Randolph Street, Lexington, VA 24450-2552 on:

April 16, 2019 at 10:30 AM improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of All that certain lot or parcel of land together with improvements located thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying in the County of Rockbridge, Virginia, and being more particularly described as follows: Being all that lot or parcel of land together with the improvements thereon located on the southeast side of Secondary State Route #700 in Buffalo Magisterial District of Rockbridge County, Virginia, and being all of Lot #2 as shown on a plat prepared by Gregory E. Vess, LS, dated October 21, 1992, which plat is attached to a Deed of Trust of Record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Rockbridge County, Virginia, in Deed Book 500, at Page 175, and as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of \$20,000.00, or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, in cash or cashier's check payable to the SUBSTITUTION TRUSTEE will be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTION TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee.

230 Public Notices

All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of \$445.00 for review of the settlement documents. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rosenberg & Associates, LLC (Attorney for the Secured Party) 4340 East West Highway, Suite 600 Bethesda, MD 20814 301-907-8000
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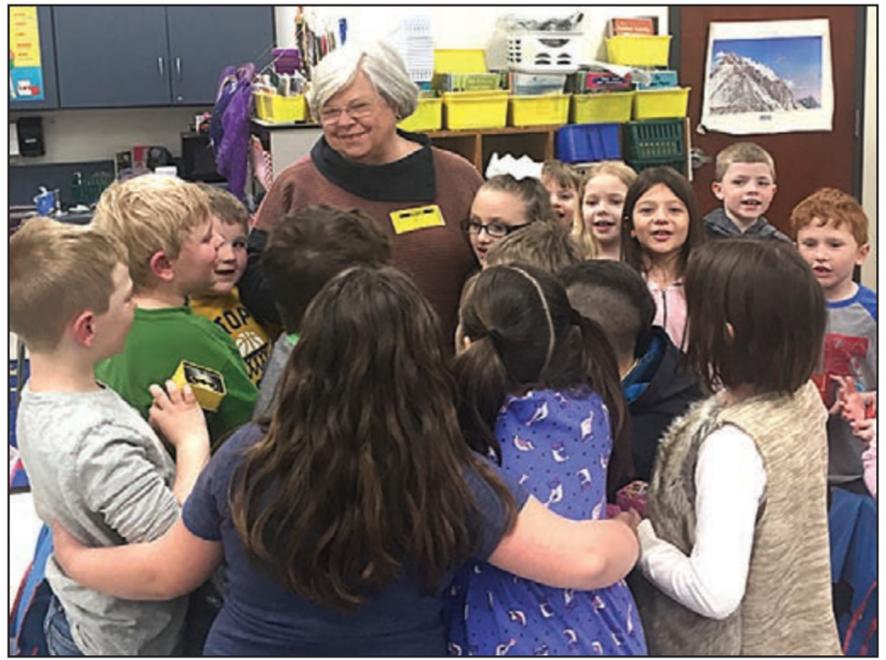
TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1575 PINE AVENUE, BUENA VISTA, VA 24416. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated April 11, 2006, in the original principal amount of \$105,420.38 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Buena Vista City, Virginia as Instrument No. 060000320. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the building housing the Circuit Court for Buena Vista City, 2039 Sycamore Avenue, Buena Vista, Virginia on April 26, 2019, at 11:15 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THOSE CERTAIN LOTS OR PARCELS OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, RIGHTS OF WAY EASEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING, SITUATE IN THE CITY OF BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA, SHOWN AND DESIGNATED UPON A PLAT ENTITLED, SUBDIVISION OF THE LAND OF THE BUENA VISTA COMPANY INTO LOTS WHICH PLAT IS OF RECORD IN THE CLERKS OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA. IN DEED BOOK 2, AT PAGE 107, TO WIT: LOTS 14 AND 16, BLOCK 38, SECTION 3; SAID LOTS FRONT FIFTY (50) FEET EACH ON PINE AVENUE AND EXTEND BACK THIS EVEN WIDTH A DISTANCE OF ONE

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Watching Their Time

Mountain View Elementary School students in Rebecca Freshman's class gather around Lexington Sunrise Rotary President Liz Moss. Moss visited the school to present each first grade student with an analog wristwatch as a reward for learning to tell time on an analog clock. Lexington Sunrise Rotary provided a wristwatch to all the first grade students at Central, Natural Bridge, Fairfield and Mountain View elementary schools. Rotary District 7570 awarded a 50/50 grant to the club to support this project. "The students were so excited to receive their wristwatches and proud of their achievement," said Moss. "Lexington Sunrise Rotary is delighted to support the efforts of our teachers in helping the students reach their educational goal and develop an important life skill."



At King Of The Mat

Parry McCluer High School head wrestling coach Jeremiah Brockenbrough talks to young wrestlers at the inaugural King of the Mat Takedown tournament on the weekend of March 8-10 at PMHS. Attending the tournament were more than 130 students from Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina and New York. (photo courtesy of Jeremiah Brockenbrough)



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Heading Off

Making a seeming zig-zag across the field and onto the street behind the starting point at Central Elementary School, runners in the Leprechaun Leap 5K Saturday morning head onto Morningside Drive to begin their run through the streets of Lexington. (Claudia Schwab photo)

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