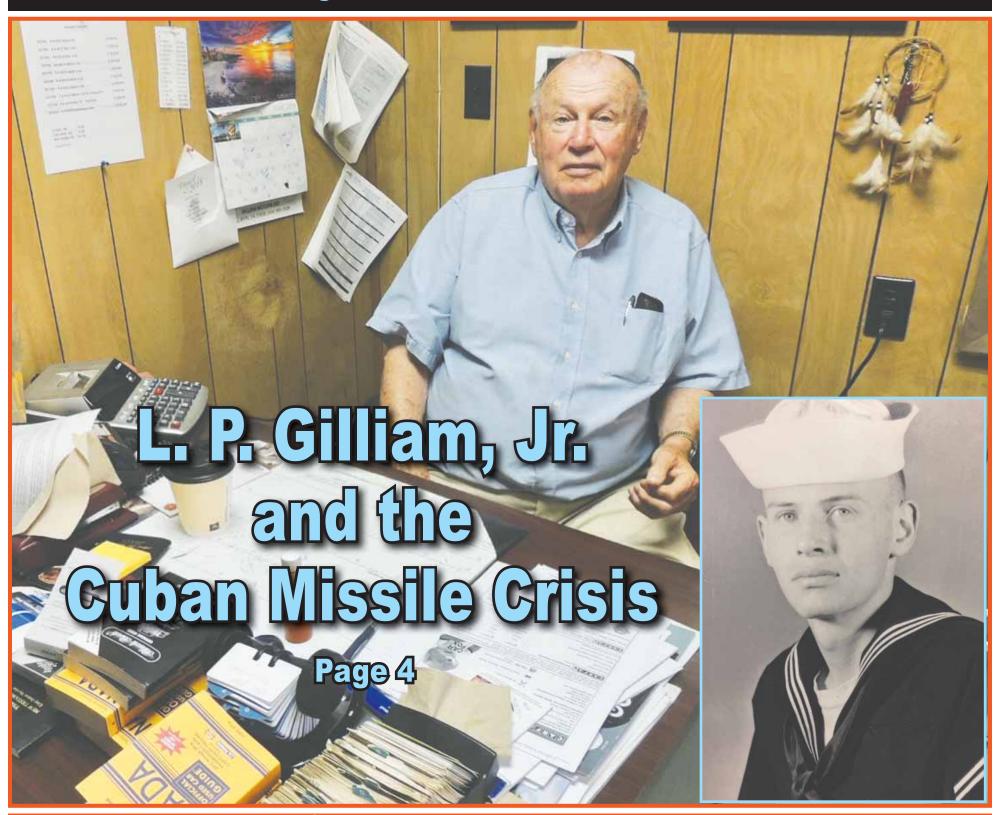
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. P. Gilliam Jr. is shown in his office at Gilliam Motors in Dillwyn. He and his wife Mattie have been running the business since 1973. His son, Cameron, is also involved in the business. Photo by Sue A. Mlles

Gilliam joined the Navy never realizing that he would be right in the middle of the Cuban Missile Crisis, one of the most historic events in the world's history. Photo submited by Gillium



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# Celebrating 25 Years With Virginia 4-H Program

Contributed by Ruth E. Wallace



Local 4-H Extension Agent Ruth Wallace. Photo courtesy of Ruth E. Wallace

ere you in 4-H as a youth? Are your children or grandchildren involved in 4-H now? 4-H is the nation's largest youth development organization. Through 4-H, youth grow and develop, learning new skills, gaining knowledge, and developing as leaders and citizens.

Local 4-H Extension Agent, Ruth Wallace, celebrates her

25-year anniversary with the Virginia 4-H program on October 25th of this year. Though that time, she has worked with countless youth and families. She started her career working the two counties of Buckingham and Prince Edward, and after six years another Agent was

hired for Prince Edward allowing Wallace to devote her time to the youth of Buckingham County. "The best part about my job is getting to watch the youth over the years as they learn and grow. I get to do some really fun things, too." Wallace said.

Join youth and adults throughout the area in celebrating Mrs. Wallace's 25th year with 4 H. Consider making a tax-deductible donation of \$25 or more in her honor to support Buckingham 4-H. Donations should be made payable to the Virginia Tech Foundation (memo Buckingham 4-H) and mailed to the Buckingham Extension Office at PO Box 227, Buckingham, VA 23921.



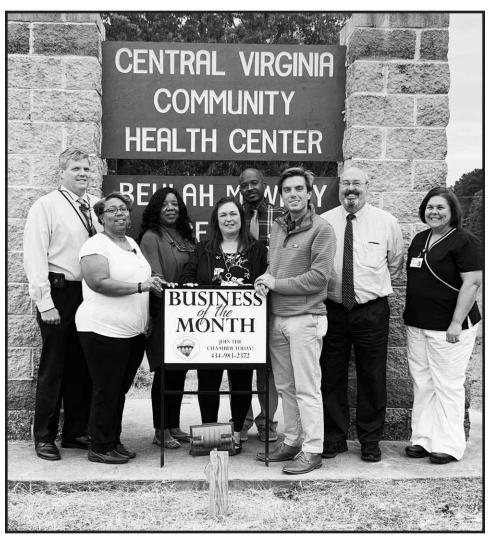
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Pictured are, from left, David Christian, Tracy Washington, Salonge Crenshaw, Kathy Tillett, CW Whindleton, Thomas Jordan Miles III, Dr. Randall Bashore, and Tammy Baird.

# CVCHS Named October Business of the Month

By Thomas Jordan Miles III Contributor

Central Virginia Community Health Services (CVCHS) has been named the October Business of the Month by the Buckingham County Chamber of Commerce. "The Health Center and CVCHS employs many of our county residents and takes care of our family and neighbors," said Chamber Vice President Thomas Jordan Miles III. "The Chamber is proud to recognize the system, the centers, its staff and all their clients for a job well done."

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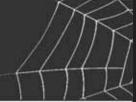
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Blackie Hanes built the Gilliam Motors building around 1945. This picture shows the building during that time. Photo submitted by Gilliam.

# L. P. Gilliam, Jr. and the Cuban Missile Crisis

By Sue A. Miles Correspondent

he mention of the October 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis can bring back many powerful memories to people in the United States and the world overall. The event, which took place just 100 miles from the tip of

Florida, is remembered as an extremely frightening time where the threat of nuclear war, with the former Soviet Union, was real and very close. Too close. One such Buckingham citizen who had an especially close encounter with the Crisis was Luther

Gilliam, Jr. As a Navy man, he was smack in the middle of the event as it played out between the two superpow-

Like all of us, Gilliam's story is also one of his heritage. His parents were Luther Pratt Gilliam and Susie Shepard

Gilliam. His father, raised in the Toga area, moved to Louisville where he wrote the sports column for the *Louisville Times*, while studying law. "My father and all of his six siblings

See Gilliam Page 6





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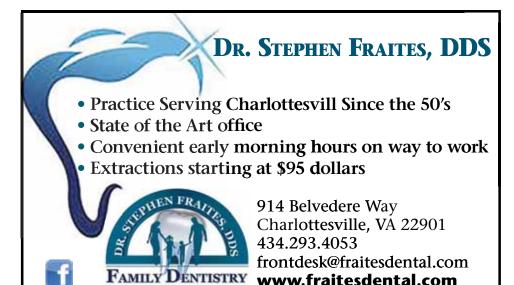


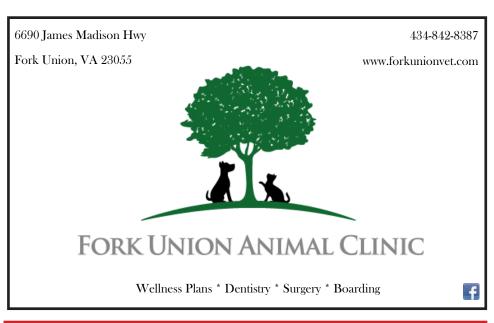
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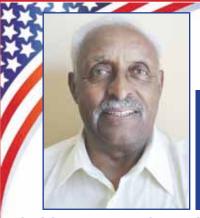




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Gilliam, shown here around 10 years old, was the only child of Luther and Susie Gilliam. Submitted by Gilliam

completed college," said Gilliam. Eventually returning to Buckingham, Gilliam's father farmed for a while before buying a Ford dealership, located where the old Murphy's Store used to be. "My father eventually moved the dealership to where the Dillwyn Pharmacy is now located and then, when he retired, sold it to Blackie Hanes." Gilliam's mother taught school. His father also was the superintendent of Buckingham Public Schools. At the age of 12, Gilliam's father died from a heart attack. By that point the family was living in his mother's home point the family was living in his mother's home place, just outside of the Dillwyn town limits.

Gilliam has many good memories of growing up in a small town. "It was a different life then," he said. "We've progressed a lot but we've also gone back a lot. When I was a kid, my parents would bring us to the town limits for Halloween, put us out, and then pick us up at 11 p.m." He also remembers going to the movie house next to where Foster Tire is currently located. "Movies cost 12 cents then," he said. \*Popcorn was a dime. We saw a lot of Lone Ranger movies. You were not allowed to speak. Mrs. Ponton

stood around with a flashlight and if you spoke she'd put you out."

Gilliam spoke about attending the "chicken house" schools. "I started school just when the Dillwyn Grade and High School burned," he said. "They took some abandoned chicken houses, stuck them together and had classes. I went there for seven years and then attended Buckingham Central, graduating in 1958." Gilliam has good memories of school. "The teachers were hard and I rebelled against school," he said. "I didn't play sports. I was busy having a good time."

While in high school, Gilliam worked for Clyde Davis as well as Cullen Rosen at

the Dillwyn Department Store. But, everything would change as the Cold War,

which began after World War II, intensified.

"I joined the military in 1959," he said. "I went by the draft office and was told I was a 1-3. I left that office, went to the post office where I ran into a Navy recruiter.

Gilliam received his basic training in Great Lakes, Illinois and then was assigned to the U.S.S. Lexington. "The ship was off the coast of China so I traveled to California, Hawaii, Wake Islands and then to Okinawa to catch up with it. That was quite an experience from someone who had not been out of Dillwyn."

Receiving on the job training as an aviation electrician, Gilliam worked on airplanes. "When we pulled back into the San Francisco port I applied to the U.S.S. . Saratoga in Jacksonville, Florida. I wanted to get back to the East Coast," he said.

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"I got approved and went into fueling up jets and props."

The Saratoga took Gilliam to the Far East, across the International Date Line ("I got the hell beat out of me when we cross, that's what they do") and on a number of other cruises. "I hit about every country you could hit," he said. Just after returning from a Mediterranean cruise, the Saratoga docked in Norfolk due to requiring

repair from a fire. It was September 1962.

"They announced on the ship, soon after we arrived, that Kennedy was putting a blockage on Cuba," said Gilliam. "This was about three to four days before the public knew. In the middle of the night our ship was ordered to head towards Cuba, which is usually against Navy regs." The sailors did not know they were actually heading to Cuba until after they were at sea and likely did not realize that they were

going to be part of such a dangerous international event.

The Soviet premier, Nikita Khrushchev, had made a secret agreement with Cuban president, Fidel Castro, to install nuclear missiles on the island in response to the failed Bay of Pigs invasion which had taken place the previous year. U.S. spy planes had provided the Kennedy administration with clear pictures of sites where surfaceto-surface and air-to-surface nuclear missiles were being installed. The U.S. also knew that Soviet ships were sailing towards Cuba with additional warheads. This basically meant that the Soviet Union had weapons that were in range of the United States up to as far as Canada. Kennedy sent a message to Khrushchev indicating that he would not allow weapons to be delivered to Cuba. He also went on national television to inform the American people of the impending crisis. The citizens of the United States, along with the entire world, waited to see how this crisis would

Perhaps to better understand the seriousness of the situation, this was a time when U.S. school children were practicing "duck and cover" drills and some fami-

lies had built bomb shelters at their homes in case of a nuclear attack.

That thought was certainly on the minds of Gilliam and all the sailors as they were sailing towards Cuba. "I got up one morning and went topside and there were hundreds of ships in the water," said Gilliam. "Squadrons of planes carrying nuclear warheads were in the air 24 hours a day for five or six days. Each squadron had to have at least five planes in the air at all times.

Historians indicate that the wording to the U.S.'s action was actually a quarantine, as saying it was a blockade indicated that the countries were in a state of war. But, blockade it was. Kennedy was being advised to strike the missile sites while other advisors were suggesting negotiation. In the meantime, the Soviet ships were head-

ing towards Cuba.

"People don't realize that this was 'real time'," said Gilliam. "The Russian ships got within a mile of us before they turned around. We never saw the ships but we knew what the possibilities could be. I didn't sleep on a bunk or take a bath for five or six days. We worked around the clock. Everyone on the ships knew there was a pending war."

Being on a carrier, Gilliam was aware that in wartime a carrier's lifetime was about 20 minutes. "Enemy subs want to destroy the carriers as planes need them to land and be re-fueled," he said. "Our planes were loaded with nuclear weapons.

to land and be re-fueled," he said. "Our planes were loaded with nuclear weapons. We were seeing them when we were fueling up the planes."

The world literally waited in fear of a nuclear war between the two superpowers. Due to a complex set of negotiations between both countries, the Soviet Union ordered its ships to turn around. "We stayed for some days after the Russians turned back and then remained in the area for a couple of months," said Gilliam.

Serving for a total of four years, Gilliam eventually returned to the U.S, attending Elon College and then transferring to RPI (now VCU) where he studied Business Administration and Economics. "There was no G.I. Bill available then," he said. "I borrowed money to finish college." What really brought Gilliam to Richmond was Mattie Blanks, a Buckingham native who was also living in the city. They married in November 1966 and had one child, Cameron. in November 1966 and had one child, Cameron.

After working in various jobs in Richmond, including the *Richmond News Leader*, Reynolds Metal, and Phillip Morris, L. P. and Mattie returned to Dillwyn, where Gilliam managed the shoe factory. "In 1973 I bought the Ford dealership from Mr. Porter. Blackie Hanes had built the building around 1945. I've been here ever since."

As of this fall, Gilliam will no longer be a dealership, but instead be an independent dealer. "There used to be hundreds of dealerships in the U.S.," he said. "Now they are closing down and bigger conglomerates are taking over. It's sort of like how all the Mom and Pop stores have closed." Gilliam, who just turned 80, does not talk about retiring. "I like working with the public. I like people. You get to be family to your customers." He admits that the hardest part of running the business is keeping up with the changes in the automotive industry. "There is a lot of training that has to be done for the auto technicians. When you're a franchise, you have to

do the same training as the bigger dealerships and have all the tools."

Gilliam, who currently has a staff of 21, first started out with six or eight. "I quit about ten years ago for about two years," he said. "I felt I was burnt out and was tired of people. Funny part is I came back because I missed the people." Gilliam's son works with his dad, buying and selling cars for him as well as other dealers. Mattie is the company's vice president and Gilliam noted how valuable she is to the

Gilliam is an avid hunter, loves to fish, and enjoys cutting firewood. He is famous for his summer garden, and is a very proud grandfather to his three grandchildren, Hunter, Grant, and Faith. And, he hasn't had a vacation in 35 years. He said that if

hunter, Grant, and raith. And, he hasn't had a vacation in 35 years. He said that if he had to give advice to younger people it would be to know that "every choice has consequences. You either make good or bad ones."

It would be safe to say that Gilliam is a bit of an institution in the country, known by many, especially for his business success. He certainly had a unique experience in his military time and was very much on the front line of an extremely historic event while serving in the Navy. He did return from those travels with a better sense of what the world had to offer. Yet, Buckingham is indeed where he's happiest to be "The best thing about Buckingham is that it's a rural community that you est to be. "The best thing about Buckingham is that it's a rural community that you can get to know everyone," he said. "I went all over the world and couldn't wait to get back." Smiling he added, "I couldn't get the red mud off my shoes."



Shown at the check-in table are Adelyn Jones, Kaylei Jones (parent), Peyton Jones, Christopher Jones (parent), counselors Cathy Lightfoot and Sarah Kennedy (seated).

Kayli Bryant and Brody and Ryder Bryant are shown on the right.

Photo by Sue A. Miles.

# Buckingham Public Schools Open House

By Sue A. Miles Correspondent

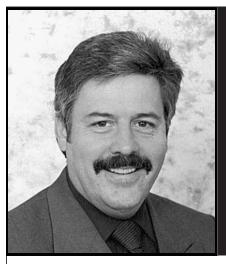
Buckingham Primary and Elementary Back to School Night was a huge success as parents and their children came to the Carter G. Woodson Complex to meet with community resource vendors, attend a PTO meeting, and visit their teachers' classrooms. The event was packed with opportunities for participants to learn more about community resources including the Scout program and the James River State Park facilities.



Left to right: Craig White, Michelle Ford, Adrian Jones, Chrissy Burnery, Cheryl White Hicks, Gerald Washington, Chrissy Burnley, and Basil Gooden. Photo by Sue Miles

# **Shelton Store Community Gathering**

For the 12th consecutive year, over 200 people gathered in the Shelton Store area of Buckingham County to celebrate their community and the good works of its citizens. Along with music, games for children, and a wide variety of delicious food, the community joined together to talk about historic events that have taken place in the area and to recognize people in the past as well as present who have offered their service to the area. Over nine area churches also supported the event. Shown is the planning committee who made the event a success.



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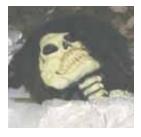
**Halloween Dance** Hosted by Cumberland Vol. Fire Dept. Auxiliary Saturday, October 26, 2019 at 8 PM - 11:55 PM

Cumberland Volunteer Fire Department,

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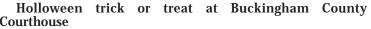
Our annual Halloween Dance is coming up! Our friend, Bob Huddleston from Buckingham will be the DJ! He always does a fantastic job and keeps people on the Dance Floor! Cumberland Vol. Fire Dept. Fixing Nonprofit

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Oct 20-25 - Movie "It's the great pumpkin charlie brown" at 2 pm

**Tue. Nov. 5** - Home-school games

Fri. Nov. 8 - 5:30-6:30 - Late Night Library





Fall Weaving Workshop Oct 20 at 3 PM – Oct 23 at 1 PM Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center 1267 4-H Camp Road, Appomattox, Virginia 24522 Tickets: www.holidaylake4h.com Beginning/Intermediate Weaving Class



Annual Unity With The Community Event October 19, 2019 10:00 am – 2:00 pm 1174 South Constitution Road, Buckingham

That time of year has come again. This is our annual Unity With The CommUNITY day! We are thrilled and expecting a great turnout. We have several community partners and vendors who will be displaying a variety of products and services. Ice cream truck, BBQ, Paparazzi, Mary Kay, Pops Shop, just to name a few. We will kick off our Unity walk from the Carter G. Woodson Complex at 9:45 and walk on the highway down Rt. 20 to the Straight Street facili-

ty. Call: 434-350-4029. Unitywiththecommunity.org

The Buckingham Triad meets second Thursday of every month at 1:30pm at the Buckingham VFW building off of Route 60. "Triad is based upon the partnership between the Office of the Attorney General, police chiefs, sheriffs, older Virginians, and senior service providers. Triad provides a forum to exchange information and forge community solutions that combat crime through education and prevention. "In a nutshell, "reducing crime against the elderly"



Photo by Sue A. Miles

# **Volunteering for Habitat**

Employees of Boxley, Inc., recently spent the day in Buckingham where they volunteered at a Habitat house being built in the town of Dillwyn. Boxley, which has locations throughout central and western Virginia, produces aggregate, asphalt, block, brick, hardscapes, concrete and slate. The volunteers worked on the future home of Doreen Jones (rear, fourth from left) with the help of Habitat construction manager, Dennis Burley (rear, left). For more information on Habitat and how you can volunteer contact 434-392-6627 or go to their website at https://piedmonthabitat.org.

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# WHO and WHAT is Historic Buckingham?

By Martha Louis Ćorrespondent

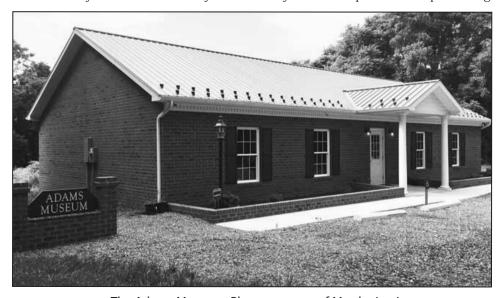
istoric Buckingham was organized in 1976 and has grown from a group of citizens who established the goal of preserving Buckingham history in its many forms from pieces of slate and kyanite to dolls and toys of the 19th century. All of it is representative of the past and HBI provides a home to display it.

In the 1970s, the group got a grant to restore the Housewright House right across from the Courthouse. It is a charming house with two rooms over two and a very narrow staircase in the hallway. There is a child's room upstairs filled with toys and

items of the 19th century. The first floor is filled with Buckingham history and some fascinating exhibits. We welcome everyone to enjoy the exhibits on Wednesdays and Saturdays 1:00-4:00pm April thru December.

Just behind the Housewright Museum is the newly dedicated Adams Museum which also houses the HBI Research Library. This building and its collections are a wife to the public from the generacity of Sagnerary Adams and his late wife. Winning gift to the public from the generosity of Spencer Adams and his late wife, Winnie. Their extensive collections are just amazing and include Native American tools, masks, pipes, pottery, baskets, weapons, maps from all over the world, along with an antique doll collection, doll carriages, and more. There are antique candy dishes, dolls made by Native Americans, and by the Christmas Open House there will be an addition off the beak filled with more of Spencer and Winnie's collections. This

addition off the back filled with more of Spencer and Winnie's collections. This building is also open Wednesdays and Saturdays 1:00-4:00pm April thru December. In the 1980s, the UDC donated 40 acres of property and Rose Cottage museum located beside the Lee Wayside. Unfortunately the museum was Struking and was completely destroyed several years after the donation. Nothing was done with this property which also contained the Word/Shepherd cemetery. A plan was devised by several members and the idea to create a village was formed. Fundraisers were begun and the first buildings were moved in from all around the county. The Village opened officially in 2007 and now contains the following building which were transported to the property: Andersonville Post Office, Corn crib, LeSueur –Richmond Slate Office, Union Grove School, Toney-Hudgins Store, Smokehouse, Toga Tobacco barn and a Courthouse privy. The following buildings were built on the property: Village Stage, the Abbott Forge, a restroom facility and the newly dedicated Morgan Museum. The Historic Village at Lee Wayside is open and staffed by volunteers Saturdays and Sundays 1:00-4:00pm weather permitting



The Adams Museum. Photo courtesy of Martha Louis





The Housewright Museum. Photo courtesy of Martha Louis

April thru first weekend in December.

There are 7 major events held at the Village most of which are free admission. Mayfest, Primitive Technology Day, Vino in the Village, Fall Farm Fest, Indian Relic Show, Spooky Hollow Drive Thru, and Christmas Market. HBI strives to be a place

for families to come and enjoy the exhibits and festivities.

We invite you to be a part of HBI. We hosts Reunions, tours, school tours, during the year. It is a wonderful place to bring visiting relatives and friends. There is no admission fee at any of our venues with the exception of Spooky Hollow and Vino

in the Village.

The WHO is anyone who has an interest in preserving the past for the future. The WHAT is all of the above venues which HBI offers to the public. Over 2000 visitors come thru these 3 venues during the year and the number is growing. TOURISM is a huge business in small rural counties like Buckingham. Tourists buy gas, they eat, sometimes stay over, and leave. And many times if they have a good time they come

HBI is a 501C3 organization and depends on donations for operation. Visit our

www.leewaysidevillage.com and www.historicbuckingham.org (434)547-2296



The Historic Village at Lee Wayside. Photo courtesy of Martha Louis



#### **Slate River Ramblings**

Joanne Yeck has been fascinated with Buckingham County for over twenty years and shares her collection of Buckingham facts and photos on her blog, "Slate River Ramblings" (slateriverramblings.com).

**Buckingham County Hazards** 

While exploring in the woods in Buckingham County, my Virginia cousins impressed upon me a new respect for snakes. Some, of course, can be poisonous and they are the last thing you wish to encounter while looking for grave sites or foundations of ancient dwelling houses. In 1908, the Appomattox and Buckingham *Times* printed this snake-related story:

A few days ago a young lady of this place [Buckingham Court House] had occasion to go to her dining room between meals and on reaching the table to get what she went for she put her hand on a snake. She didn't scream, she didn't faint, as most women would have done, but there being no man in the house she called in a gentleman friend who took the snake up in the tongs and killed it. It was an unusually large specimen of its kind and the frightened inmates of the house imagine a snake is around to frighten them all the time.

It is good to know that our unidentified young lady retained her composure and that her gentleman friend was chivalrous.



Harris Cemetery. Green Creek, Albemarle County, Virginia. Photo by Joanne Yeck.

When exploring family history, the death of children is especially moving. In the case of Buckingham County resident Henry St. George Harris, he lost his only son to a deadly snake bite. In 1862, Harris wrote to his mother, Mary Woods (Harris) Harris, of the death of her grandson, Hampden:

It is my sad and [afflicted] lot to record the death of my beloved little boy Hampden,

which took place on yesterday about 4 o'clock in the evening. His death was caused by the repeated bites of a venomous moccasin snake on his foot, the evening before, as he

was returning out of the cellar from the supper table.

This awful occurrence has fallen with overwhelming effect, upon every member of my little household. I can scarcely realize the fact that my bright, my beautiful, my lovely little boy, gifted with a degree of intelligence and sprightliness that I have never seen surpassed, has passed away from Earth forever, no more to give joy to our vision or gladden our hearts again. I intend to place his dear little remains today by the side of the loved little ones and their Grandparents, who have gone before. Adieu my mother, my love to all.

Hampden Harris was buried in the Harris family graveyard in Albemarle County, near Green Creek.

**Buckingham County Schools: Humanity Hall** 

Many advertisements in 19th-century newspapers described Buckingham County as both prosperous and healthy. Compared to the malaria-ridden waters further east in Virginia, residents of Buckingham enjoyed a comparatively healthful environment, making it a safer place to send children to be educated. Elisha G. Hanes, founder of Humanity Hall Academy, stressed this in his frequent notices in the Richmond newspapers. Perhaps just as important to prospective parents was the fact that a country education removed their children from various dangers of city living. This particular advertisement ran in late 1850:

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# **Breakfast for Class of 2020**

Fueled for a successful year by a generous breakfast provided by local churches and community members, the Class of 2020 has a clear vision of their senior year. Along with anticipating graduation in May, the seniors are also in the midst of applying for college or attending career and technical schools. Others are simply hoping to have a job when they complete high school. No matter, the annual breakfast, which took place at the Dillwyn Volunteer Fire Department, is only one of many activities that the soon-to-be graduates will be involved in this school year. Submitted photo



Eight students from Buckingham County High School's drama program will present a student original one act play on Friday, October 25 at 7:00pm. The one act, titled *The Counselor's Office*, was written by senior, Tajhmir Gough, who also wrote last year's one act, *Love is Broken Glass. The Counselor's Office* is an "edgy" look into the lives of today's teenagers. Teen suicide, school shootings, drug use, and broken families are some of the issues that are raised in this intense dramatic presentation of post-millennials. Tajhmir's gifted writing skills quickly draw the audience into the characters' situations and help us all to get a glimpse of the ways that modern teenagers respond to the troubled world around them. Please come out to support these young people. The students will perform in competition at the VHSL One Act play festival on **Saturday**, **October 19** at Stuart's Draft High School. The performance for the Buckingham and surrounding communities will be on **Friday**, **October 25 at 7:00pm** at the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$4.00 at the door. Running time is approximately 30 minutes. The actors are seniors: Tajhmir Gough, Emma Auten, and Jade Cyr; juniors: Erin Webber and Cheyenne Eldridge, and sophomores: Kaitlyn Hucks, Eve Moxley, and Liana Friedel. Due to sensitive content, smoking, and language, the performance is not recommended for children under 12.



Jane Monsma with grandma Jamie Bisesi looking on. Photo by Martha Louis

#### **Fall Fest Fun**

On October 5th, a crowd of over 150 strolled through the Historic Village to enjoy cotton candy, milkshakes, doughnuts, fish fry, brats and burgers, hotdogs, Amish bakery items, funnel cakes, pork rinds, and more! There were lots of games for the kids to play, arts and crafts, corn grinding, along with some ducks, piglets, rabbits and goats to see. The cool weather made for a lovely day which was enjoyed by many.



# **Joyce Gooden - Old Friends**

By Sue A. Miles Correspondent

Joyce Gooden had no clue when she took an unknown cell phone call from Portland, Oregon that she would be reunited with a special friend from over 45 years ago. Gooden, who had worked at the Central Virginia Community Health Center in 1971-1974, was tracked down by Private Investigator Lloyd Rash of Formost Investigations, Inc., who was trying to link up two friends from the past. "My friend Alyce (Dingler) Irving, had won a prize that allowed her to ask a private detective to locate someone in her past. Alyce and I had worked together at the health center before she moved to Portland, Oregon," said Gooden. We hadn't seen each other in over 35 years. It was quite an honor that Alyce choose me as the person to reconnect with." Once that connection was made the two friends got together on the East Coach. Gooden, who then recently traveled to the West Coast then visited Alyce in Portland. The two friends took advantage of the time together to reconnect, share memories of their time together in Buckingham, meet the investigator who reconnected them and share special memories of their time together 40 years ago. Shown left to right are Alyce, Investigator Rash, and Gooden. Photo by Sue A. Miles



SCOPE Flowers: Prince Edward's SCOPE Friendship Café enjoys their flowers. Pictured are, from left, standing, Jordan Miles, Evelyn Moody, Ruth Dennis, Nikki Dean, seated, Dianna Eanes, Elayne Sink, and Blanche Brown.

### **Special Touch Design** donates to seniors

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tion," said PSR Director of Nutrition and Transportation Thomas Jordan Miles III, "for brightening the days and the lives of so many older adults. This donation was in celebration of Teleflora's Make Someone Smile Week. Teleflora donated the mugs and Special Touch donated their flowers and their time. PSR

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### **Buckingham Preservation Group Celebrates the Community**

By Sue A. Miles Correspondent

In today's busy world, it's nice to take time to slow down a bit and connect to your neighbors. That's exactly what happened at the Maysville Manor, in the Buckingham Court House Village, when residents of the historic hamlet gathered

together to celebrate their community.

Sponsored by the Buckingham Village Preservation Group (BVGP), the event brought together not only residents of the Village but also individuals who were recognized for their support of BVGP's goals. Issue and as safety and traffic calming. historic preservation, beautification projects, and support of local businesses are some of the goals that BVPG focuses on in their monthly meetings. At the event, along with discussion on those important issues, the organization had displays throughout the Manor to show a visual history of the Village, including a table-top "highway" that showed all of the current and past historic homes along highway 60.

Along with good conversation and light refreshments, the BVGP recognized individuals in the sheriff's department and county administration who have played a positive role in helping to make the Village safe and well maintained. If you'd like to know more about the Buckingham Village Preservation Group, contact Pattie Bailey at towerhill5@yahoo.com.



### **Buckingham FFA Attends Training Conference**

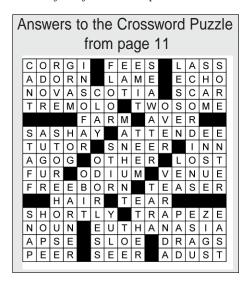
Local FFA chapters, including Buckingham Middle's, attended the Southeast Area Chapter Officer Leadership Training Conference hosted at Dinwiddie High School on September 25th. These members received training on their office duties, improved their team building skills, and socialized with other FFA members. The workshops were taught by the current Virginia FFA state officer team. The students enjoyed meeting new people, and are excited about what they were able to bring back to their chapters. Members who attended are back row (L to R): Liberty Johnson, Vice President; Jacob Carter, Sentinel; Jenna Oliver, President. Front row (L to R): Kaleigh Haines, Secretary; Andrew Dorrier, Treasurer and Sydney Oliver, Reporter.

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Sheriff William "Billy" Kidd, Jr. (left) and maintenance worker Roy Bartee, Jr. were two of the individuals honored at the Village gathering. Others honored were Mary Gough, Eva Gough, Billy Price, Tina Toney and Daniel Queen. Pattie Bailey, president of the BVGP, presented the recognition certificates. Photo by Sue A. Mlles

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