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Pink must have been the determined color for the young 5th grade men who attended the event. JeQuille Turner-Davis, Samier Gladden, and Sterling Smith (all in front) are escorted by their parents and/or adult escorts: Qanae Turner, Omie Gladden and Destanie Smith. Photo by Sue A. Miles

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The Accomplishments of the Class of 2019

By Sue A. Miles
Correspondent

Yes, graduation is over and now the Buckingham High School graduates are off into what is commonly known as the "adult world." Although the *Beacon* highlighted a few graduation moments in our last edition, our press deadline did not allow us to feature the accomplishments of some special groups in the class. We would be remiss not to note these very well-deserved achievements of Buckingham County High School's Class of 2019.



Honor Grads

Seniors who maintained an overall G.P.A. of 3.5 or better throughout their four years in high school were recognized as Honor Grads during the ceremony. That is quite an achievement as many were taking dual enrollment and/or honor classes while playing sports, participating in club activities or working part-time. Congratulations to the following Honor Grads for their strong academic success: Rear: Charmaine Battle, Thomas Joseph Steger IV, Jaquan Monroe, Jeffrey Stanley, Trevor Agee. Middle: Tamiyah Gough, Alyssa Gormus, Leah Moxley, Brayden Trimble, Sophia Rumsey, Jaycee Call, Caitlyn Amos, Joshua Meek, Emily Edwards, Hunter Dispanet, Kaleigh Jones, Dee Rose, Sarah Brown, Brianna Chapman, Samantha Poole. Front (sitting): Abigail Snoddy, Mollie Smith, Emma Love, Bailey Perkins, Mya Chambers, Wyatt Yoder, Diante Lee, Alexandria Ragland, Kaitlyn Martin, and Aniyah Butler. Not pictured: Overton Temple and Te'Keisha Chambers.



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Associates Degree:

If you haven't been in high school for a while, you'll soon see that much has changed. Buckingham High School offers many dual enrollment (DE) classes in cooperation with Southside Virginia Community College. These students took the required DE classes to qualify for an Associate Degree as well as an Advanced Studies Diploma from the high school. That's two graduations in one month! Congratulations to these industrious scholars. Rear: Leah Moxley, Caitlyn Amos, Thomas Joseph Steger IV, Jeffrey Stanley, Brianna Chapman, Kaleigh Jones. Front: Sophia Rumsey, Brayden Trimble, Emma Love, Mya Chambers, Wyatt Yoder, Diante Lee, Alexandria Ragland, Kaitlyn Martin, and Dee Rose. Not pictured: Te'Keisha Chambers, Sidney Mullins, and Overton Temple.



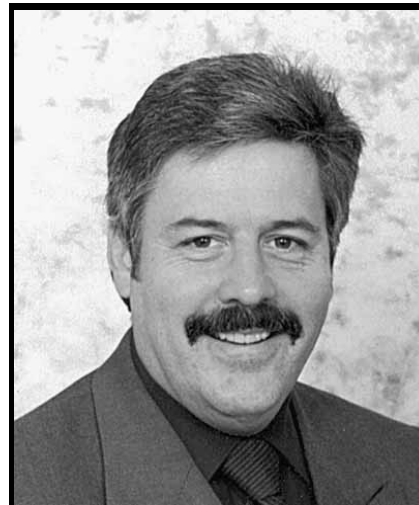
Certificates:

There's nothing like being ready for the job market right out of high school. Each of these students received a Certificate of Completion at Southside Virginia Community College, along with their high school diploma. Back row are students who earned a Certificate in Cosmetology and Barbering: Amya Agee, Mollie Smith, Jaden Bishop, Lauren Smith, Abigail Snoddy, Jevonte Johnson, Ketara Cain. Not pictured are Nicole Martinez and Rachel Reeves. Front row are students who earned a Certificate in Nurse Aide Career Studies: Jessica Oliver, Sakia White, Savannah Collier, Alyssa Gentry, Rha'Neisha Holman, and Nykeara Woodson. Ketara Cain, who is in the middle, earned certificates in both. Not pictured for Nursing is Jaycee Call.



ECMC Scholarships:

In our last edition, the Beacon recognized the many students who were awarded scholarships for college. We would be remiss if we did not note that these seniors were each the recipient of a \$6,000 scholarship from the ECMC Foundation. ECMC (Educational Credit Management Corporation) has been supporting Buckingham students for over 15 years. Congratulations to the 2019 ECMC Scholars. Ra'Neisha Holman, Jada Mallory, Luis Mendez, Quantarius Stanton. Front: Emma Love, Mya Chambers, Wyatt Yoder, Bailey Perkins, Aniyah Butler, and Shaeleah Whorley. Not pictured: Sidney Mullins.



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Sailing Away to Middle School

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Along with the dancing and a photo booth, the Sailing Away students and their escorts were fed a delicious spaghetti meal. Vernetta Bolden (rear, left) escorted Jayshawn Bolden. Tyree Bolden (front, right) was escorted by Albert Bolden.

The idea of sailing away may be appealing to many water affectionaires. That concept is also appealing to former Buckingham Elementary fifth graders as they leave the world of elementary school and get ready for his coming fall, when they will officially become middle schoolers.

In celebration of that rite of passage, the staff and administration of the elementary school hosted the students and their adult guests (either a parent, relative, or a significant adult in their lives) to a 5th Grade Formal, with the theme "Sailing Away."

All photos by Sue A. Miles

It was an exciting event as students arrived in their formal attire to share a delicious spaghetti dinner, dance to lively music, pose in the photo booth, and simply enjoy their last hurrah before the summer break.

"This is our third year having the event," said staff member, Staci Pierce, "and it's getting bigger every year." As the students and adults arrived, they presented their "boarding pass" ticket, allowing them access to the celebration. Greeting each other with hugs and compliments on their outfits, it appeared that the young children were turning in to pre-teens right in front of your face. Along with sharing a meal, prepared by the school's cafeteria manager, Carrie Holman, the students spent the evening in celebration of their rite of passage. Congratulations to all of the rising sixth graders (aka: former elementary students) who will soon be entering a new world of education this fall.



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Looking like they are ready for the Red Carpet, these three young ladies, along with their mothers, are dressed to the nines for the formal school dance. Shown left to right (rear) are Cassie Martin and Misty Palmore. Front is Harmony Martin, Makenzie Milbrath, and Abigail Palmore.

We're Happy to Welcome Dr. Morgan Menasco to our team!




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Antonie Glover (left) escorted Jayonna Saulisbury to the event. They were primed and ready to enjoy the photo booth, which was part of the many activities provided at the Sailing Away formal event.



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Central Virginia Christian School Recognizes Student Triumphs

By Sue A. Miles
Correspondent

Central Virginia Christian School, a fully accredited private school in Buckingham County, recently recognized their students for special achievements. Whether it was perfect attendance, All-A Honor Roll, or demonstration of physical fitness, these dynamic students have excelled.



CHAMPION FITNESS AWARD:

Along with strong academics and attendance, the Christian School promotes physical fitness in their program. These student Charger Champion recipients scored at or above the 85th percentile nationwide in four fitness categories including upper body strength, endurance, speed, and core strength. Front, left to right: Maddelin Trejo, Evan Shumaker, Ella Tindall, Sierra Petersheim, James Duty, Addy Auten, Jake Jacobson, Ty Wilkerson, Ethan Freeman, Jacob Freeman, Evelyn Jones, Luke Canipe, Samuel Sloane. Back: Sammy Ranson, Gibson Yoder, Ethan Lang, Gavin Yoder, Noah Jones, Micah Wilson, Ricard Huezo, Elizabeth Tomlin, Angelique Lightbody, Raven Gaulding, Mary-Sidney Heslip, Briana Wilson, Emma Ranson, and Larken Watson.



ALL A HONOR ROLL ALL YEAR:

Imagine getting all A's on every report card. That quite an accomplishment. That's what these very motivated students did in the 2018-2019 school year. Front, left to right: Deborah Jiang, Briana Wilson, Malia Charles, Emma Ranson, Piper Scialdo. Back: Sammy Ranson, Ty Wilkerson, Owen Irausquin, Gavin Yoder, Luke Freeman, Gibson Yoder, and Jacob Freeman.



Perfect Attendance

The following students were recognized for perfect attendance. Front, left to right: Maddelin Trejo, Daniel Salinas, David Salinas, Abby Layne, Troy Hill. Back: Emma Ranson, Skylar Price, Noah Jones, Aubree Anderson, and Logan Drinkwater.

Miles runs for Maysville Supervisor

Thomas Jordan Miles III, who has served as a leader in numerous community and civic groups for many years in Buckingham County and the region, is announcing his candidacy for District Four (Maysville) Supervisor on the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors, according to a press release.

The election is Nov. 5.

Miles' campaign motto is "proven leadership you can trust."

His priorities include maintaining fiscal responsibility to preserve low tax rates, supporting public education, enhancing constituent communication, and promoting economic development while supporting existing small business expansion.

Miles, who lives on U.S. Route 60 in the Court House Village, is a native of Buckingham County, and was raised in Glenmore, where he attends church and serves as a Eucharistic Minister and Senior Warden at Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

Miles is involved in many activities and organizations in Buckingham County. As a member of the Buckingham Chamber of Commerce, he serves as vice-chairman on the board of directors while also chairing two chamber committees. He is director of nutrition and transportation at Piedmont Senior Resources Area Agency on Aging, a member of the Buckingham Lions Club, chairman of the Commonwealth Regional Council's Comprehensive Economic Development Committee, a member of the board of directors for the Buckingham Village Preservation Group, and was founder and director of Glenmore Day.

Miles formerly served as managing editor and reporter for *The Farmville Herald* and news reporter and announcer for *WFLO Radio* in Farmville.

"I'm blessed to say that my family has lived in Buckingham County for more than 250 years. I was raised in a log cabin my parents built in Glenmore, and I come from a long line of blacksmiths, farmers, merchants, business people and public servants," Miles said in a press release. "My heart is in this community. I am a proud graduate of Buckingham County Public Schools, where I received a great education that prepared me for Longwood University."

Miles said faith, trust and hard work are principles which have been instilled in him by his family, notably by his late grandparents, L.L. "Dick" Miles and Hazel Miles, who operated a general store for 40 years in Glenmore.

"They, along with my father and mother, taught me that these three principles can enable you do just about anything you want — and now I want to represent the good people of the Maysville District on the Board of Supervisors."

"Just as my grandfather was, I am a moderate Democrat," Miles said. "Like him, I stand for principled leadership, integrity, and faith in my fellow man and woman. Though being a moderate Democrat who is fiscally conservative may be my heritage, it does not define



Thomas Jordan Miles III

me. Being a public servant for the good people of the Maysville District does," Miles said.

"In my many roles of leadership, I've found that how you do something is just as important as what you are doing; that philosophy leads me in treating people with dignity and respect, listening to the issues and opinions of others, without judgement, and always, above all else, having a civil dialogue," Miles said.

Miles' platform for his campaign includes maintaining fiscal responsibility to preserve low tax rates, having consistent communication with constituents and community stakeholders, promoting economic development and job creation while seeking to assist small businesses in expansion, and being held accountable and accessible to the people.

Additionally, Miles wants to strive to make government more efficient in serving the people, collaborate with regional economic development and marketing entities, continue to invest in public education, its infrastructure and the county's youth, seek to improve communication between the School Board and the members of the Board of Supervisors, work to maintain the historical integrity of Buckingham Court House Village, and seek to restart the Anti-Litter Task Force Committee.

For more information on Miles' candidacy, contact him at 434-390-7023, email thomas.jordan.miles@gmail.com, or visit www.milesformaysville.com.

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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"



Cooking Class: for beginners who wants to learn how to cook.
 Mt. Tabor Baptist Church is sponsoring a cooking class for anyone wants to learn the basics of cooking. **This class will be offered once a month at 10:00 am until 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm** – depending on questions. It will be taught by the pastor who was a cook for three years at a missionary training center. He began learning by helping his mother in the kitchen. Then at the age of 16 he learned to make biscuits from a man who learned to make biscuits when he had to use a stool to get up to the counter.

New Store Presbyterian Church to turn 175 !
 On Sunday, September 29th, 2019, New Store Presbyterian Church will mark its 175th Anniversary of its founding with a church service at 11:00 am followed by lunch in the fellowship hall. All are welcome ! (New Store is at 230 New Store Rd., Dillwyn)

AA and Al Anon
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Shown (in front) holding her award, Abigail Bryant celebrates with (back, left to right) Lisa Shumaker, Buckingham Elementary's Safety Patrol Advisor, Haley Glynn, AAA Traffic Safety Educator, her mother, Katie Moss, and school principal, Bryan Jackson. Abigail's sister, Eva, is to her right. Photo by Sue A. Miles



Class of 1963

Buckingham Central High School Alumni from the Class of 1963 recently gathered at The BARN to celebrate their 56th year reunion. Front row, left to right: Edna Ragland Tinsley, Dot Adcock Ragland, Carolyn Seay Morris, Shirley Salmon Bolling, Pat Johnson (teacher), Barbara Waycaster Dunn, Gloria Steger Wood, Kaye Webb Cowen. Back row: E. B. Snoddy, Alex deBettencourt, Dale LeSueur, Donna Harris Stinson, Tommy Patterson, Irving Driscoll, David Fulcher, and Frances Durham Duty.

Camp Peaks Day Camp July 15-19 at Maysville Presbyterian



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Cost of the camp is \$70 per child/per week. The actual cost to the camper is only \$35/week because Maysville Presbyterian will pick up the balance. **Deadline for registration is July 7, 2019. Information (804)833-3333 or (434)547-2296.**

Applications are available at The Spa of Buckingham. Maysville Presbyterian is located in Buckingham Court House village at 12945 W. James Anderson Hwy.

AAA Safety Patrol Award for Abigail Bryant

By Sue A. Miles
Correspondent

Eleven year old Abigail Bryant, a rising sixth grader in Buckingham Public Schools, was recently recognized by the Virginia AAA organization as one of only six recipients in the Commonwealth to receive the 2018-2019 Outstanding School Safety Patrol Award. Haley Glynn, AAA Traffic Safety Educator for central and southern Virginia, traveled to Buckingham Elementary to meet with all of the school's safety patrol students and also to surprise Abigail with the award. Abigail, daughter of Katie and Ben Bryant, is a member of the National Honor Society and BETA Club, as well as a member of the school's Drama Club. As part of the recognition, Ms. Glynn shared these wonderful words about Abigail:

"As a member of Buckingham County's safety patrol, Abigail's leadership style centers around a personal approach toward her peers, as well as primary school students. During her afternoon duty, Abigail is responsible for helping primary students get safely to their buses. Taking a personal interest in all of the students she is responsible for, Abigail is often seen assisting with backpacks, tying shoes and holding hands to ensure the kids feel safe. Thought Abigail has the opportunity to leave school each day during parent pick-up, she chooses to prioritize the completion of her afternoon safety patrol duties, thus adding an additional forty minutes to her school day which demonstrates her commitment to being a safety patrol student. She has received numerous compliments from teachers regarding her outstanding leadership. They commend her for her diligence in her patrol duties and the extra attention she displays in ensuring she knows the names of each student she assists. It is clear that Abigail has earned the respect of the children as evidenced by their excitement in seeing her each afternoon. In her interactions with them, it is obvious that she cares as much for them as they do for her."

Buckingham County Library:

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Sat. Fri. July 5 - Late Night Library - Let the stars light your way! Create a constellation flashlight.

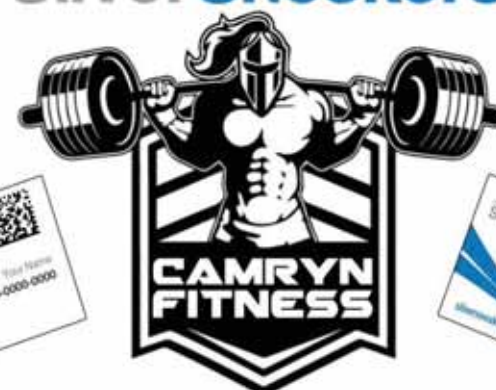
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Buckingham Chamber News:



Pictured are, from left, Nicci Edmondston, Chamber President Krishna Jo Melendez, Board Vice President Thomas Jordan Miles III and Bryan.

Development Projects

The Buckingham Chamber of Commerce hosted Buckingham's new Administrator of Zoning and Economic Development/Community Planning Nicci Edmondston and Board of Supervisors Chairman and District 2 Supervisor Donnie Bryan to discuss Nicci's new role and what the county is working on in terms of planning and economic development projects.

"We has a great turnout of business owners and supporters interested in what the county is doing to enhance business in Buckingham," said Chamber Vice President Thomas Jordan Miles III. "We also hear about Edmondston's new role and her responsibilities. We were glad to host them."



Pictured are, from left, Krishna Jo Melendez, Hank Hagenau, Thomas Jordan Miles III, Barbara Wheeler, Donna McRae Jones, Janet Miller, Eddie Slagle, Dr. Bryan Auten, Kristin Ober, Roo the Dog, Jenna Bragg, Kelley Koldewyn, and Margaret Anderson.

Slate River Veterinary Clinic receives Community Pride Award

Slate River Veterinary Clinic, located on Twin Creek Road east of Buckingham Court House, received the Buckingham Chamber of Commerce Community Pride Award on Tuesday.

"The Chamber is proud of Dr. Bryan Auten and his business, and the important role it plays in our local economy," said Thomas Jordan Miles III, Co-Chairman of the Community Pride Award Committee. "Small businesses like this are the backbone of our economy, and the Chamber is proud to support them."

Dr. Daisy Hicks addresses business leaders in Buckingham

Dr. Daisy Hicks, Division Superintendent of Buckingham County Public Schools, was the featured speaker during the May meeting of the Buckingham Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Dr. Hicks was appointed Division Superintendent of Buckingham County Public Schools in the fall of 2018.

Dr. Hicks spoke about her educational experiences in other Southside counties, her work in Buckingham, her goals and vision for the school division, and her dedication to the young people of Buckingham.

"We were pleased to have such a large turnout for our speaker and our general meeting," chamber officials said in a press release. "We share Dr. Hicks' enthusiasm about the future of our community's youth and their futures."

Dr. Hicks received her Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) in 2014. She has served as a principal at all levels (Elementary, Middle, and High School), she has served as a Central Office Administrator. She has taught at Prince Edward Middle School and J.S. Russell Middle School in Brunswick.

Dr. Hicks has taught and served as an administrator at several schools in Southside Virginia. Before being named superintendent in Buckingham, she was Director of Human Resources and Operations and Testing at Nottoway County Public Schools. She served as principal of Gold Hill Elementary from 2007-2009 and also has served as an assistant principal at Cumberland Middle School. She began her teaching career at Prince Edward Public Schools, but also worked in Brunswick and Amelia.

She was inspired to pursue her career in education while working in the Virginia Department of Corrections, where she saw young people entering the correctional facilities as inmates, where then she would ask herself, "What is going wrong? What can I do? How can someone make a difference?"



Dr. Daisy Hicks, Buckingham County Public Schools Division Superintendent, and Chamber President Krishna Jo Melendez.



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Slate River Ramblings

Joanne Yeck has been fascinated with Buckingham County for over twenty years. Since late 2012, she has shared her collection of Buckingham facts and photos on her blog, "Slate River Ramblings" (slateriverramblings.com). Her newest history, *Peter Field Jefferson: Dark Prince of Scottsville & Lost Jeffersons*, is now available locally and online (braughlerbooks.com).

Peter Francisco

Those of us connected to Buckingham County never tire of reading (and writing) about our local hero, Peter Francisco. Looking back over the decades, while his now mythologized biography changes in detail and emphasis, he remains ours.

In April of 1958, Charlottesville's *Daily Progress* ran an article recounting the story of the American Revolutionary hero Peter Francisco. Unsigned, it was sent to the newspaper from Ransons, Buckingham County and offers a glimpse of the Francisco legend as it was preserved into the mid-twentieth century. The title, "Unusual History Remains Behind Peter Francisco," prepared the reader for the hero's mysterious beginnings. The article opened: "There is an old home near the Buckingham-Cumberland County line which is fast returning to dust. It was once the home of Peter Francisco, a giant of a man who served as a Revolutionary war soldier and friend of Gen. George Washington and the patriot Lafayette."

The reader was informed about a tall, granite monument in Greensboro, North Carolina which marks the spot where Peter Francisco, "a giant of incredible strength," killed eleven British soldiers, single-handedly. His final resting place, after many adventures, is in the Shockoe Hill Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia.

The article recounts the oft-repeated tale of the orphan Francisco crossing the Atlantic Ocean to be put ashore at City Point, Virginia. The small boy, aged five or six, could not tell the Virginians much about his life somewhere across the sea. According to the article, he had "flashes of memory" of a "splendid home and kind parents." He even recalled a little sister.

Soon, the boy was discovered by Judge Anthony Winston of "Hunting Towers" (Buckingham County). The judge took Peter home with him, reared and educated him, and did not prevent him at the age of sixteen from volunteering in America's fight for freedom.



Locust Grove (1997), restoration in process. Courtesy Virginia Department of Historic Resources.

According to the article, among his friends was Gen. Nathanael Greene, who had a "razor case" made especially for Francisco. In 1958, it was on display in the Hall of History in Raleigh, North Carolina. Gen. George Washington had a five-foot sword made for the giant Francisco, which became the property of the Virginia Historical Society.

Francisco's life following the Revolution was marked with sadness and, according to the unidentified author, his life was often "shrouded by loneliness." His first wife died. Later, he found "comfort and companionship" in a second marriage, living at one of the several plantations in Buckingham County named Locust Grove. The legend continues that this humble house attracted such men as Chief Justice Marshall and Henry Clay, who apparently consulted Francisco on important matters of the day.

Eventually, Peter Francisco moved to Richmond. According to the article, he helped save lives in the 1811 theater fire in Richmond. The article's unnamed author vividly recounts the scene, "When he saw people being crushed by the panic and others being burned, he returned to the blazing building and carried many back to safety. One lady whom he rescued testified that Francisco had saved 30 people to her positive knowledge."

Puzzling historians, Francisco, in his humility, requested that his name be omitted from the list of rescue workers . . . a convenient detail for those who wish to place Peter Francisco and his good deeds in many settings.

Late in life, he became the Sergeant-at-Arms in the Virginia legislature, dying on Sunday, January 16, 1831. The House of Delegates adjourned for the day in respect for the great man.

Annually, four states—Virginia, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Maryland—celebrate Peter Francisco Day on March 15. Slate River Ramblings is delighted to remember him today. He left big shoes, complete with silver buckles, to fill.

For much more about Peter Francisco consult, "From Waif to Legend: Peter Francisco," in my book, *"At a Place Called Buckingham."*



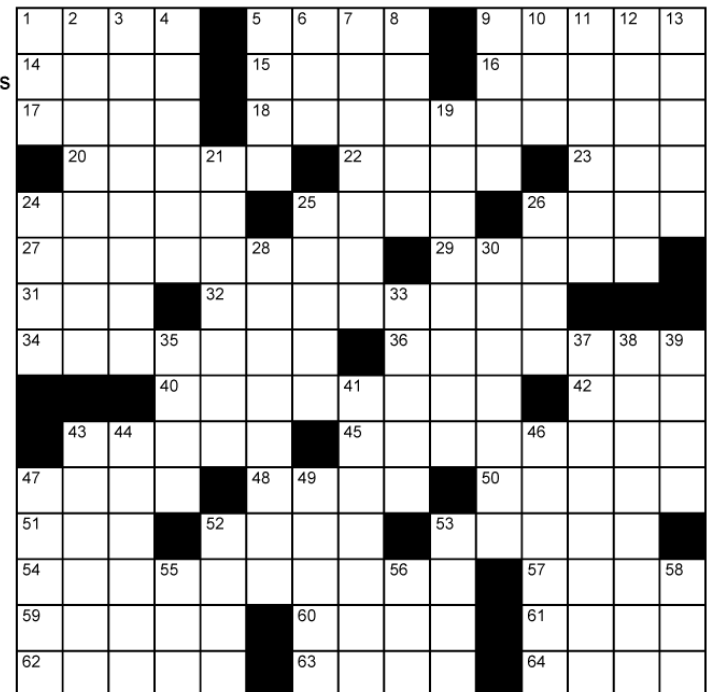
Painting of Peter Francisco. Courtesy Society of the Descendants of Peter Francisco.

Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Soldiers' meal
- 5 Like kitten videos
- 9 Charley horse, e.g.
- 14 Malicious
- 15 Soon, to a poet
- 16 Woodshop machine
- 17 Largest city on the island of Hawaii
- 18 USPS manager
- 20 Common wild card
- 22 Be full of
- 23 Curved path
- 24 Shakespearean barmaid
- 25 No walk in the park
- 26 Lean and sinewy
- 27 Hosted a newscast



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- 29 Literary twist
- 31 Hotel freebie
- 32 Digitally enhance, as a recording
- 34 Patio of sorts
- 36 Try
- 40 Stretch out
- 42 Rat's place
- 43 Lodge resident
- 45 From now on
- 47 Reclined
- 48 Break bread
- 50 Unsavory
- 51 Frequently, in verse
- 52 Remote button
- 53 Guts
- 54 Paternal
- 57 Take a needle to
- 59 October 31 option
- 60 Anagram for "wane"
- 61 Opera solo
- 62 Char
- 63 Shoved off
- 64 Indian flat bread
- 7 Taqueria offering
- 8 Set foot in
- 9 Hit hard
- 10 Faux ____ (blunder)
- 11 Reach, as a goal
- 12 First #1 hit for The Four Seasons
- 13 Compassion
- 19 Practice Zen
- 21 Harmonized hymn
- 24 Hold on!
- 25 Macho guys
- 26 Donned
- 28 Flute's kin
- 30 PRNDL pick
- 33 Barber's offering
- 35 Bride attachment
- 37 Lotion ingredient
- 38 Corsage flower
- 39 Do as directed
- 41 Bona fide
- 43 African adventure
- 44 Litter member
- 46 Ethel of Broadway
- 47 Hay holders
- 49 Hubby's mom, for one
- 52 Parcel
- 53 Small salamander
- 55 Old crone
- 56 Boy toy?
- 58 Rather, for one

Crossword Answers page 15



Cuba is known for its classic cars which evolved due to Fidel Castro's ban on importing cars after the 1959 Revolution. During the era of Batista (president of Cuba before Castro) many wealthy Americans living on the island imported luxury cars into Cuba which they abandoned when fleeing when Fidel Castro took over. In spite of the classic car image very few Cubans actually own cars. Most depend upon bicycle and horse taxis, which along with walking, are the main means of transportation on the island. All photos by Sue A. Miles



Maggie and Vernon are shown at the coast of the Bay of Pigs, located near the town of Playa Larga, on the southern coast of the island. The historic bay is where Cuban exiles landed in 1961 in a failed attempt to take back the island from Castro. The group, backed by the United States' CIA, had hoped that the Cubans on the island would rise up against Castro, while also expecting the U.S. to back them up, if needed. Neither happened. That event and the Cuban Missile Crisis led to a commercial, economic and financial embargo on the country that began in 1962 and continues as of today.

Cuba Tour

By Sue A. Miles
Correspondent

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There are many reactions by individuals when they hear that several friends and I recently travelled to the island of Cuba for nine days. Mainly because of Cuba's history with the United States over the past 100 years; think the Spanish-American War, the Cuban Revolution, Bay of Pigs, and the Cuban Missile Crisis and of course the 60 year economic embargo that the U.S. has on the island.

Cuba and its history with the United States is simply too complicated to try to expound on for this article. It's complex with many layers that can get blurred and tangled and, for some, a bit emotional. However, it's a country that my friends and I had a keen curiosity about. That interest perked when Obama visited the island in 2014 while also easing up on long-time restrictions. However, in 2017, Trump cancelled Obama's actions, bringing the counties relationship back to square one.

In spite of that reversal and its implications for the Cuban people we had no problem planning a trip. With the help of another friend who had visited the island the year before we used her travel contact, Cuban Adventures, allowing Maggie and Vernon Snoddy, Alison DeWitt, and me to book our trip and take off for an adventure of a lifetime. The trip was affordable, very well designed, covering a variety of activities while giving us an excellent picture of a beautiful island with amazing people who have a strong and vibrant culture.

In order to tell the story of our trip, the Snoddy's were kind enough to allow me to use them as the focal point of the information presented. So, buckle your seat belts, relax, put on some salsa music, maybe mix a libre (rum and coke) and join us on a trip of a lifetime.

If you're interested in learning more about a possible trip to Cuba go to <http://www.cubagrouptour.com/> to discover a variety of travel opportunities to this wonderful island.



Havana (or Le Habana, as the Cubans say) is the capital of Cuba and the country's largest city, with a population of 2.1 million.

Cuba's capitol building, El Capitolio, or the National Capitol Building (Capitolio Nacional de La Habana), completed in 1929, is one of the most visited sites in Havana. The design was inspired by the U.S. Capitol. During our visit it was in the process of being restored. Havana is a beautiful city that has plazas, cobblestone streets, and sections that make you feel that you're in Spain.



Visiting Cuba takes travelers back to a different era. Although there are tractors on the island most of the smaller farm land is plowed by oxen. This team was turning the soil in the Vinales Valley.



There's no way you can travel the island without experiencing the famous Cuban cigar. The tour group visited a tobacco farm where they learned more about the process of creating the iconic cigars which are coveted all over the world. Along with watching the process of rolling the cigars the group had the opportunity to try a sample smoke. Apparently there is even a way to hold the cigar depending upon gender. Maggie is shown demonstrating the art of smoking one of the cigars at the tobacco farm. Tour members, Rachel and Brian, from Philadelphia, are shown to her left.



One image that is ever present throughout the island is that of revolutionary, Ernesto Che Guevara. Guevara, born in Argentina and trained as a physician, joined Castro and the Cuban revolutionary group to overthrow Batista's corrupt government in 1959. Serving as a major figure in the revolution, Guevara served in Castro's government but eventually went to Bolivia, where he was killed by their military, with U.S. backing. Guevara's face is the true symbol of the Revolution as Fidel Castro, who died in 2016, decreed that no memorial be built in his honor nor any building or school be named after him.



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Little Learners Childcare

By Sue A. Miles
Correspondent

On Saturday June 8th, dozens of citizens and businesses in Scottsville joined forces to sponsor a fundraiser in Dorrier Park. Young children and their families played in large trucks of all shapes and uses, including this fire truck, manned by volunteers from Scottsville Volunteer Fire Department. The event was organized by Little Learners Tricounty Child Development Center, a non-profit 501c-3 corporation, supported by a Board of Directors available to citizens of Albemarle, Buckingham, and Fluvanna counties. Little Learners promotes teaching life values, self-help and positive self-esteem to children from six weeks of age through five years. The school was established in 2016 at Christ Church to meet the growing need for quality childcare in the Southern Albemarle and surrounding areas. Little Learners is able to enroll up to 34 children and is comprised of 5 classrooms and abundant outdoor space. The mission of Little Learners is to provide a stimulating, nurturing environment where children are encouraged to explore, create and learn about their world and to interact with others in a caring atmosphere that fosters intellectual, social, spiritual, emotional and physical development. If you have any questions about the program or would like to join our school, please contact Taryn Evans, Program Director, at: littlelearnerstricounty@gmail.com or (434) 286-8888.



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