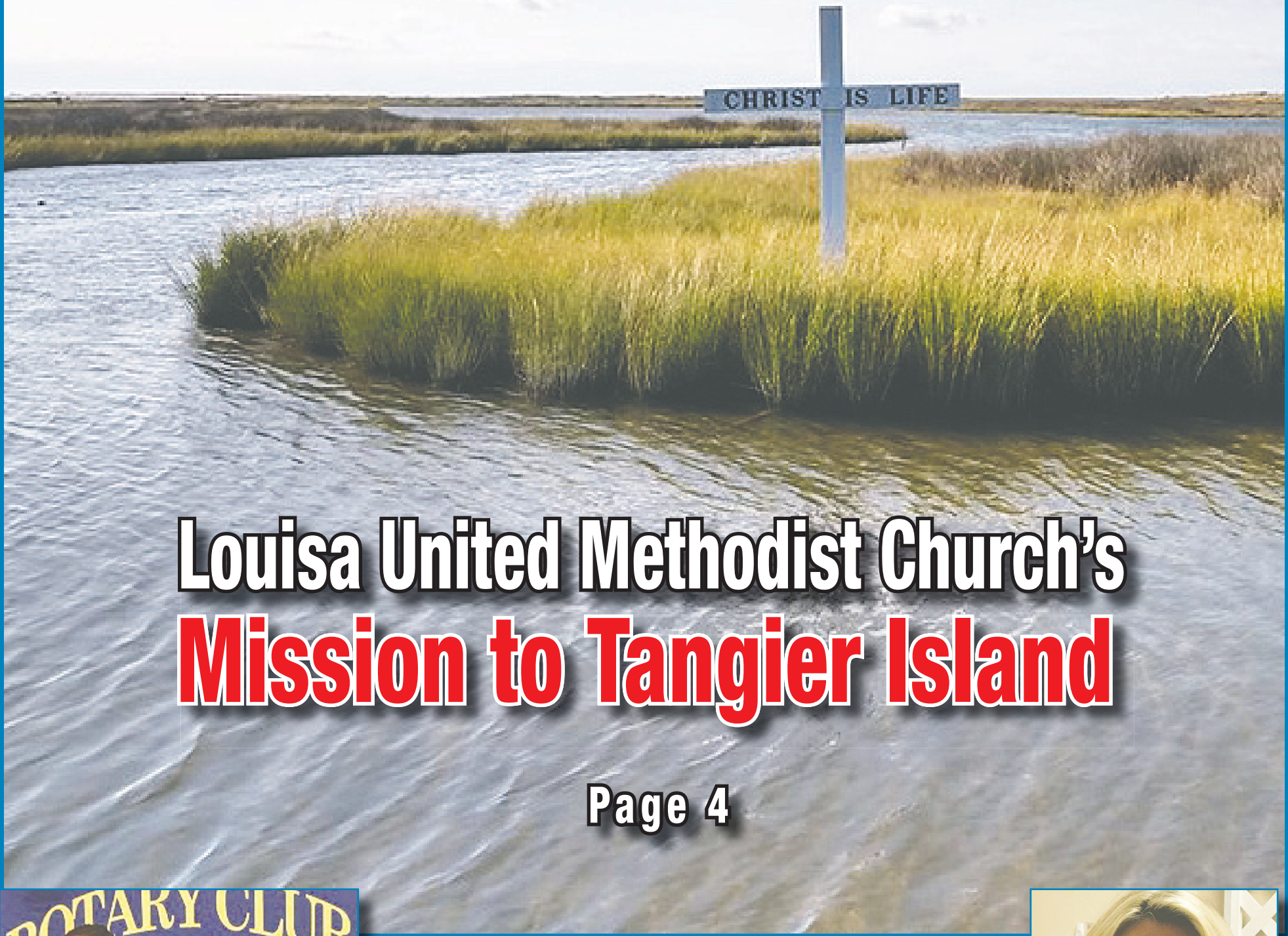


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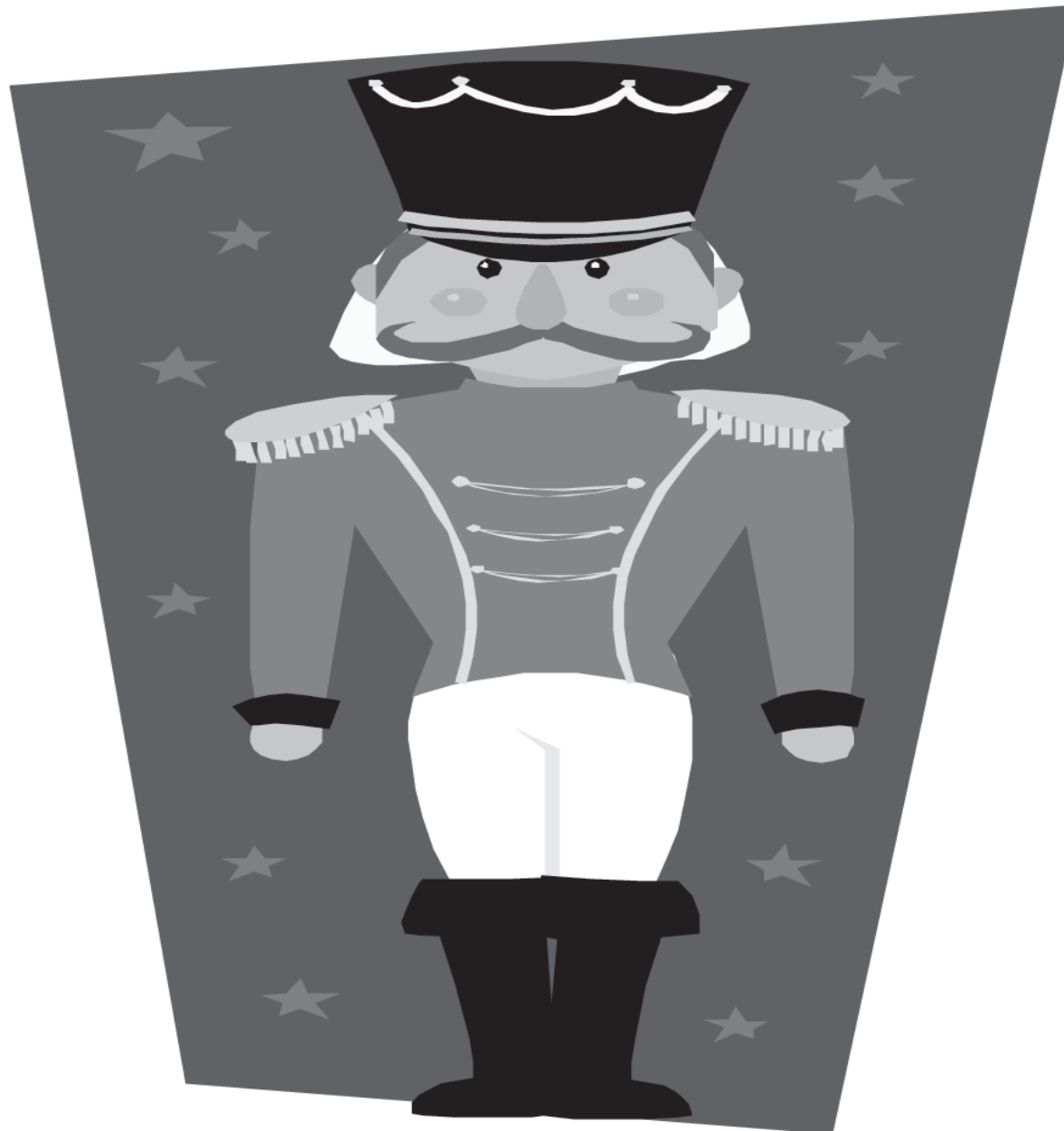
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A view of the Tangier Island beauty. Photo by Tangier Mission Team.

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Rotarians Stress Community Service

By Pat Wilson
Correspondent

Chartered in 1938, the Louisa County Rotary Club has worked on local and international projects for over eight decades in the ongoing effort to follow their motto, "Service Above Self." International programs of the world's oldest service organization address health, poverty, illiteracy and the environment. But, the Louisa club's emphasis on youth through its unique and diverse activities provides the greatest benefit to the community.

The men and women who meet weekly to share their expertise, experience and willingness to get involved are as diverse as their projects. Under the leadership of Bill Konecheck, president, the club stresses the three focuses of the international organization.

"We work to end polio, promote clean water initiatives and increase literacy," he said. "We support Rotary International with dues and they, in turn, help us on the district level with grants."

The mission of the local club emphasizes literacy though its charitable foundation. Various projects are directed at different age levels and include not only public school students but also home-schooled youth and those attending private schools.

"Each year we give third graders at the four elementary schools, as well as some home schoolers, their own dictionary," said Konecheck. "In this age of 'Just Google it!,' it is amazing to see how much they appreciate them."

Rev. David Palmer heads the scholarship and contest committee. Seniors are eligible to apply for the \$1,500 awarded annually. Public and private school students residing in the county as well as home-schoolers are eligible. By April 10, 2020, applicants must complete the form which will be soon available on the club's website. The criteria include an essay with community service and financial need being considered. Rotarians also sponsor an essay contest for middle school students and a speech contest for high schoolers.

"The theme for the high school speech contest is 'Rotary Connects the World' and the winner receives \$100 and advances to the district competition where cash is awarded to the top three places," said Palmer. "Our local winner placed second in the district last



Club president Bill Konecheck thanked guest speaker Drew Tomajczyk after his presentation on Young Life.

year and another won the year before."

Seventh and eighth graders can participate in the essay contest on Rotary International's Four Way Test, which asks questions about truth, fairness, goodwill and benefits to society. Again, the local winner receives \$100 and is eligible for district level competition and cash prizes for the best three essays. Club members judge the competitions. The club's website and teachers will have information about both contests.

A major fundraiser is the annual Barter Theater Players performance and reception held at the Louisa Arts Center. Funds allow the actors to stage the play earlier in the day for middle school students at the Louisa County High School's Alan Jackson Theater and present another age-appropriate play for pre-K through third graders. Generous donations from businesses and individuals, including Dominion Energy, the producing sponsor, ensured the success of this project last February.

"It is perhaps the only opportunity for our kids to see a live on-stage performance," said Konecheck.

Other projects include a New Teachers Day catered dinner in September that Rotarians coordinate to welcome the personnel and give them information about the community and the club's projects to support their instruction. The group mans an informational booth at the Louisa County



Rev. David Palmer congratulated Kaylee Wash after she won the 2018 speech contest.

Agricultural Fair in August and provides a reception after the graduating class' baccalaureate service in May. Periodically, the club donates books to the public library. At Thanksgiving, members participate in "Done in a Day." Again, youth are involved.

"We put together food baskets to distribute to needy families after recommendations from the Louisa

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Mission Joins History in Tangier Island

By Carol Barfield
Correspondent



The pier at Tangier Island. Photo by Taniger Mission Team

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Tangier Island is a community at the edge of our country; almost all of its 500 residents are descendants of a group that came from the southwest coast of England. There are recurring names in the local cemetery to reflect this--Parks, Pruitts and Crockers--and the island accent still has strong inflections from those origins. Tide is pronounced "toid", and nurses, "noorses." Sometimes the conversation is difficult with the dialect; "you can listen to something three times and still not know what was said," confided one mission worker.

There is a strong bond in the community formed by isolation, tightly intertwined ways of living and a shared history. In 1812, the British built a huge fort on the south end of the island from which it attacked Baltimore and burned Washington, D.C.

Tourism also plays a part in the economy. Visitors can take a boat out of Maryland or Virginia to make the ferry trip to the island. There are several restaurants with delicious food, a small grocery store and two or three bed and breakfasts. A few cars and delivery trucks are in use, but golf carts, mopeds and bicycles are the primary modes of transportation. The island is different--a natural place, but it is the people who set it apart. Most residents have lived here all of their lives. Others have left to seek more job opportunities; some have returned because they missed the island and way of life. Education on the island is provided in one school, K-12 with about 50 children in attendance. The class of 2019 had only one graduate! The inhabitants tend to be warm and welcoming, and they center themselves on God and a conservative way of life. Evidence of their religion can be seen everywhere.

That is where some of the help to this isolated community comes. Although there are beautiful homes, there are also many structures in disrepair, and there are needs on the island that can't be provided from within. Outreach connects them to churches on the mainland through their Methodist roots. For five years, Louisa United Methodist Church has formed a relationship through mission to the people of the island. A mission trip has many parts. In the first, a mission team member is



What the winds and water can do. Low tide on one side of the island .



Handicapped ramp addition built by the Tangier Mission Team.

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selected from various churches to connect with Nancy Creedle, the island's primary contact for these relationships. Nancy, known as "The General," is the secretary and much more for the Tangier Swain Memorial United Methodist Church. She knows the needs of the community and determines which projects need to be done. Some of what can be accomplished depends on the ability of the people who volunteer, and the price of materials. Secondly an advance team takes measurements and enumerates supplies for the projects on tap in order to prepare for the trip. Lastly, the mission is funded by a participation fee to make the trip possible. This fee covers the boat ride, meals and insurance; anything left over helps to pay for the projects.

The mission team was composed of enthusiastic LUMC members Janine Desrochers, Shirley Mann, Steve Markovits, and Judy Kauffman, who joined forces with other churches to form a mission of 17 participants. Fully loaded with supplies, they boarded a charter boat, the Sharon Kay II, which serves to link the community to the mainland. There is always a bit of trepidation about the journey—the boat is small, with lawn chairs for seats. Cushions are placed on top of the lifejacket bins, and

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On their way to Tangier the mission team was composed of enthusiastic LUMC members Janine Desrochers, Shirley Mann, Steve Markovits, and Judy Kauffman, who joined forces with other churches to form a mission of 17 participants.



Steve Markovits, Nancy Creedle the awesome secretary and Hoot by new ramp.

supplies are stuffed in every available corner: wood for projects, a kitchen cabinet, tools, luggage, and coolers for food. The loaded down boat can dip as close as 4" to the water. (On the mission trip this October, the churn of water returning to the mainland was rough enough to challenge stomachs and turn complexions green!)

Shirley Mann became a believer in mission work on her first trip to Tangier in 2015, when she shared the heavily loaded boat with a single bed, mattress and box springs. They delivered the bed to a young lady named Angel, who lived with her sister, disabled grandmother, and grandfather in a trailer. She had been sleeping on the floor or couch. The new bed was set up by the mission team; a local church member provided a spread and pillows, and Angel had a wonderful surprise that was also a life-changing event. A local teacher shared that after she received her bed, Angel came to school for the first time dressed up and noted that she would sit

on her new bed and do her homework. "We get back way more than we give," Shirley confided; "it's an amazing experience. You expect to be the one delivering the blessings, and we always come home with more blessings than I can count."

Shirley puts on a spaghetti dinner fundraiser with support from her church to fund the purchase of more supplies for mission. Ladies volunteer to bring salad, dessert, bread and drinks with meatballs, pasta and sauce made in large quantities. Hungry locals generated close to \$1,000 this year, which was supplemented by donations from the Ladies Circle, church members, and Mission Fund. Spaghetti paid for a beautiful ramp, built for a lady who can't climb stairs any longer. Another family with four youngsters received a sturdy fence in their front yard. One of the children has special needs and was an escape artist who ran the mother ragged; now the children are contained and safe, and their mother has regained some peace of mind. "Another thing we did this year was replace the refrigerator in the social hall kitchen, which was small, damaged, and cooled unevenly." Shirley had a twinkle in her eye as she added, "we bought it from Best Buy, and arranging for delivery was a real hoot. I told him he would be delivering it to a dock by the bay and needed to get the captain of the boat to sign for it!" The mailboat comes once a day, and islanders meet at the post office to receive mail, catalog orders and supplies.

During the five years the LUMC team has worked, they have re-roofed, replaced ceilings and floors, and redone bathrooms and showers. The people are always tremendously happy that they have come, and grateful for what they do. Mission teams stay next to the gorgeous church in a two-story building that houses the Sunday school. A big social hall on the first floor has a kitchen and great room for eating and meeting. Upstairs and down are rooms with bunk beds and places for blow up beds and cots. Three bathrooms and one shower are shared by the group. The team is enveloped into the life of the church family and eat, congregate, and have meetings together. The island people are always bringing delicious food; this year it was a big pot of crab soup and five different desserts!

There is a favorite meeting on Tuesday called the Prayer Band. The women of the island and mission team pray together and share joys and prayer requests. Silent prayer begins, then someone begins singing a hymn while others join in. The atmosphere is spontaneous and rich in spirit. Relationships are formed that last far beyond the mission trip. Shirley shared, "when my daughter died, Nancy called me, and the Tangier church members prayed for me daily." Finally, to close the session, Pastor Nona, a tiny and amusing person, preached a Bible chapter that came to life in its simplicity.

Unfortunately, the biggest problem facing the island can't be fixed by a mission team. Tangier needs a \$30 million seawall on the western end of the boat channel. Rising sea levels, storms and erosion lead some in the scientific community to predict that in 50 years the island will be gone. Mission workers attested that flooding from winds delivered from the edge of a hurricane made it impossible to walk down some of the streets. Earl Swift, an author who visited Tangier Island in 2000, returned in 2015 to write *Chesapeake Requiem*, a book on 'a year with the watermen of vanishing Tangier Island.' He says that Tangier has lost 2/3 of its land mass since 1850. Part of the island is now uninhabited due to erosion.

On a Sunday shortly after the mission team returned, the congregation was treated to a report on the mission trip they had supported. Every member of the team was unanimous in their thoughts that they received much more than they gave. The



Typical low tide surrounds the foundation of the home.



A local bed and breakfast.

people of Tangier are special people. You may want to visit, you may want to join a mission trip to Tangier or elsewhere through a church of your choice. It will leave an indelible mark on your life. As Shirley puts it, "It's hard to shut me up when it comes to Tangier Island. I could go on and on...and please pray for the people...and the seawall."

Mission trips are also run by other local churches. Louisa Baptist Church has an ongoing mission to Panama that leaves in February 2020.



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Brenda Christensen and Betty Wimer collected Declaration of Support signatures at the Fall Harvest Festival in mid-October, including one from the Emily Hamilton family.



FLCA supports an enclosed structure for the junior Olympic-sized pool at the Betty Queen Intergenerational Center to permit year-round swimming.

Pooling their Efforts

By Pat Wilson
Correspondent

Year-round water aerobics; a local practice location for the high school and Gators swim teams; lap lanes for fitness exercise, and schools able to include swimming lessons and water safety in P.E. curriculum are just a few of the benefits of a covered and heated swimming pool. And the Friends of Louisa County Aquatics hope that the Betty Queen Intergenerational Center facility, operated by Louisa County Parks, Recreation and Tourism, will soon be a site to meet these options.

The project's reality needs funding by the board of supervisors and the on-going support of proponents of an all-season pool. The county estimates that a permanent-style enclosure for the junior Olympic-sized pool can be constructed for \$800,000 and potentially would more than double the number of annual visitors to the facility. Original architectural plans for the pool included the option. Fees for pool use are estimated to cover a majority of the expenses for maintenance and staffing.

Two years ago, advocates began attending the county's comprehensive planning meetings as capital improvements program projects were prioritized. The pool enclosure is in the five-year plan, but still needs funding approval.

FLCA also attained not-for-profit status that allows tax-deductible contributions from business and individuals. A GoFundMe page has been set up or donations can be sent to FLCA, P.O. Box 532, Louisa, VA 23093-0532.

The group has obtain over 1,350 Declaration of Support signatures and anyone interested in signing one can find copies at the Betty Queen Center entrances or request one at FriendsofLouisaAquatics@gmail.com. FLCA plan to display the support forms as a show of community interest for the board's 2020 budget discussions.

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Louisa Celebrates Fall

By Pat Wilson
Correspondent

Photos by Richard Hinde and Pat Wilson

The end of summer does not mean the end of a variety of activities in Louisa County. Cooler fall weather has led to festivals, yard sales, youth sports and other outdoor adventures. Meanwhile Louisa Parks, Recreation and Tourism offers an abundance of indoor options including crafts and hearth cooking, as well as exercise and youth programs. Area churches and civic organizations will sponsor dinner specialties from chili to grilled chicken.

As the Christmas season approaches, look for theme bazaars and businesses' open houses. The Courthouse Christmas tree will be lit on the evening of Friday, December 6, and Santa Claus will join the festival and parade on Main Street the next day, Saturday, December 7. Details on a myriad of events are available at the website, www.LCPRTinfo or on Facebook. Or, pick up a copy of Leisure Times, now in boxes outside many area post offices and stores.



Vicar Lura Kaval of the Church of the Incarnation, Mineral, blessed local pets at the Mineral Farmer's Market on Saturday, October 5, a tradition celebrated near the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi.



Emma and Abigail Delbridge of Bumpass were among the exhibitors at Oakland Heights Farm's September horse show.



Michelle Hottinger arranges pansies at Hottinger Greenhouse and Garden Center in Trevilians.

Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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Karen stands in the lobby with calendar of events and an issue of Louisa Life featuring activities at the Center. Photo by Rachel Cleal

Meet Karen Welch

By Carol Barfield
Correspondent

“Louisa Arts Center is really the jewel in the heart of Louisa,” says Karen Welch, executive director of the Center since April. Those who have visited the Art Center Gallery know it is full of light, cheer and beauty. Karen reflects that same nature in her friendly personality, cheerful demeanor and lively, well-informed manner.

Karen trained in the United Kingdom, earning a degree in operational management and a post-graduate degree in strategic management. Based out of London,



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Karen Welch at the Box Office - The Louisa Arts Center.

she traveled to 14 countries to manage and support her teams who were teaching skills of effective leadership and management to working managers and college students.

Her experience in business spans over 30 years, initially as an human resource manager in the commercial world. Later, in an attempt to balance her work and homelife as a mother of two, she decided to use her business acumen in the service of non-profit and educational entities. "Working in the commercial world gave me a great start to my career and I learned a lot, but I realized it was not for me. It became important to me to give back to the community I lived in, wherever I was in the world." She did this as executive director of an educational non-profit in London and as chairman of Action Deafness, a charity for the deaf and hard of hearing in the U.K.

Before emigrating to America, Karen traveled several times to the states with her children Tom and Charlotte, seeing Disneyworld, checking out Phoenix and Tucson, and New York. They also went on several trips to Michigan and North Carolina to visit friends. "From all the countries I have visited and lived in, America was where I wanted to make my permanent home," Karen stated.

Karen's now grown children were very focused and followed their dreams from an early age. Tom, age 28, currently works in Amsterdam with Nike; Charlotte, 27, teaches physical education at an all-girls school in England. They enjoy visiting Virginia for summer holidays and the occasional Christmas.

While working at the British Embassy in the U.S., Karen met an Australian, Darren Welch, and in 2018, they married in Louisa. Darren owns a construction business, Edge Concrete Company Inc., based in Manassas, which serves a wide area including Maryland, Richmond and Washington, DC. The newlyweds have a home on Lake Anna and absolutely love the water. Swimming, boating and jet skiing figure into the fun. "We love taking friends out on the pontoon boat—champagne and nibbles at sunset is a favorite of ours," says Karen.

Karen continued to work at the British Embassy and commute, but a conversation with Darren encouraged her to envision a different future. "He told me he knew I still wanted to support the Embassy, but said that my community was here in Louisa now, and perhaps I could look into local opportunities to volunteer and share my expertise."

During this time of discernment, the couple met Stephanie and Jon Koren through the Lake Anna Business Partnership and LOLA (Ladies of Lake Anna). She asked Stephanie about volunteer needs in the community and learned that Steph's passion was the Arts Center in Louisa. "She introduced me to a fabulous team of people including LaVahn Hoh, the interim director, and Meagan DuBois, the director

of programming. I saw the amazing building, met the Board of Directors who were helpful and enthusiastic, and thought I could use my management and business acumen to be of help to the community here."

After meeting Karen, the board whole-heartedly agreed and offered her the position of executive director.

Karen speaks of the Arts Center in glowing terms. "So many people don't realize this exists; we have a gallery for showcasing art, a theater for both local productions with local acting talent and for external performing artists and musical acts, as well as for concert musicians. We have an art room with popular classes for both young people and adults."

Karen has found working with the people of Louisa a joy. "Their passion, enthusiasm and generosity with their time as well as their money has astounded me. I find the board encouraging and I have a fabulous staff who are a pleasure to work with. Everyone has been supportive, even when I have to deal with difficult situations."

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Events

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 **Breakfast with Santa Dec 14th**

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Blue Ridge Bankshares Inc. and Virginia Community Bankshares, Inc. Announce Regulatory Approvals for Proposed Merger

Blue Ridge Bankshares, Inc. ("Blue Ridge") (OTC Pink: BRBS), headquartered in Luray, Va., and Virginia Community Bankshares, Inc. ("VCB") (OTC Pink: VCBS), headquartered in Louisa, Va., today jointly announced the receipt of regulatory approvals from the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, and the Virginia State Corporation Commission to move forward with the proposed merger of VCB with and into Blue Ridge. The proposed merger remains subject to shareholder approval and special shareholder meetings for both companies are expected to be held on December 12, 2019.

About Blue Ridge Bankshares, Inc.

Blue Ridge is a single-bank holding company headquartered in Luray, Virginia. Chartered in 1893 as the Page Valley Bank of Virginia, today Blue Ridge Bank, N.A. has additional branches in Charlottesville, Drakes Branch, Harrisonburg, Martinsville, Shenandoah and Stuart, Virginia, and also does business as Carolina State Bank in Greensboro, North Carolina. Additionally, Blue Ridge Bank, N.A. has mortgage operations in Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, and Florida. Celebrating 126 years as a locally owned, independent community bank, Blue Ridge Bank, N.A. provides a wide range of financial services. Visit www.mybrb.com for more information.

About Virginia Community Bankshares, Inc.

VCB is a bank holding company headquartered in Louisa, Virginia. VCB primarily conducts operations through its wholly owned subsidiary, Virginia Community Bank, a Virginia-chartered commercial bank that provides a full suite of banking services through its offices in Louisa, Orange, Mineral, Culpeper, Troy, Fredericksburg and Gordonsville, Virginia. Visit www.virginiacommunitybank.com for more information.

Additional Information About the Merger and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed merger, Blue Ridge has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a registration statement on Form S-4 to register the shares of Blue Ridge common stock to be issued to the shareholders of VCB. The registration statement includes a joint proxy statement/prospectus that will be mailed to the shareholders of Blue Ridge and VCB.

SECURITY HOLDERS OF BLUE RIDGE AND VCB ARE ADVISED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-4 AND THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS INCLUDED WITHIN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED OR TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC IN CONNECTION WITH

THE PROPOSED MERGER, AS WELL AS ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THOSE DOCUMENTS, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT BLUE RIDGE, VCB AND THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. Security holders may obtain free copies of these documents, once they are filed, and other documents filed with the SEC on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Security holders will also be able to obtain these documents, once they are filed, free of charge, by requesting them in writing from Brian K. Plum, Blue Ridge Bankshares, Inc., 17 West Main Street, Luray, Virginia 22835, or by telephone at (540) 743-6521, or from A. Preston Moore, Jr., Virginia Community Bankshares, Inc., 408 East Main Street, Louisa, Virginia 23093, or by telephone at (540) 967-2111.

Blue Ridge, VCB and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of Blue Ridge and VCB in connection with the proposed merger. Information about the directors and executive officers of Blue Ridge and VCB will be included in the joint proxy statement/prospectus when it becomes available. Additional information regarding the interests of those persons and other persons who may be deemed participants in the transaction may be

obtained by reading the joint proxy statement/prospectus regarding the proposed merger when it becomes available. You may obtain free copies of each document as described in the preceding paragraph.

This release does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or a solicitation of any vote or proxy in favor of the merger, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of such jurisdiction.

Forward-Looking Statements

This release contains forward-looking statements regarding Blue Ridge, VCB and the proposed merger. Forward-looking statements are typically identified by words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "target," "estimate," "continue," "positions," "prospects," "potential," "would," "should," "could," "will" or "may". These statements include, without limitation, Blue Ridge's and VCB's expectations regarding the combined company's increased products and services, the benefit from expanding the business footprint, the quality and financial standing of the respective

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Louisa Arts Center from page 13

During her time off, Karen enjoys traveling the United States. "Every state in the U.S. is like a different country!" she enthuses. She and Darren were fortunate enough to travel to Hawaii and Florida earlier in the year and are planning an Alaskan cruise next year with friends. They also enjoy traveling to see their families in England and Australia.

Karen believes that a successful new member of a community adjusts and adapts to the ways and laws of the culture. She does not have to work very hard to fit into Louisa County, and she brightens the community with her vision of growth for the Arts Center, her candid and open way of dealing with people and her determination to be a responsible non-profit director.

"I take my responsibility to the donors very seriously and want to make sure that we caretake every penny we receive, using it in the best possible way. The big

challenge is to grow, and to fundraise for growth. We are heavily reliant on sponsors and donors and need to spread the word on all the diverse activities we offer at the Arts Center. We would not be able to operate without the fabulous group of volunteers who help us on a daily basis, and we are always looking for people to join our wonderful team!"

* The Art Center 2019-2020 Season opened in September featuring Skystone Bluegrass Band. The annual Silver Tie Gala fundraising event followed in early October, to include a cocktail reception, silent auction, and music by December '63, a quartet of exciting singers who showcased favorite songs from Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. Also in October, The Original Rhondels performed with outstanding vocals, powerful brass and exciting showmanship to a sold-out crowd. On November 1, Blue Highway bluegrass band

will take the stage, followed by Married to Broadway starring the Sharpe Family Singers on November 22. Currently, The Purcell Gallery features the exhibition "Geometric Sandbox," which showcases the intriguing work of Monty Montgomery, a native of Louisa who now has a gallery based in California. Plenty of wonderful programs are scheduled for the rest of this year and for the new year as well.

Let Louisa Arts Center 'Brighten your Life!'

Come and meet Karen Welch, new Executive Director at: 212 Fredericksburg Avenue, Louisa, VA. 540-967-2200.

For more information on the wonderful programming, please check out the website at louisarts.org

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At a reception prior to A Barter Theater Players performance in February, Patrick Hanley (second from left) chatted with sponsors and guests including Kathy Swarthout, Dr. Jack Manzari, David Lund, Steve Swarthout and Cary Lund.

Resource Council and the commanders of the local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars," said Bob Baker, area 7610 assistant governor and past club president. "We involve Interact Club members, who are high school youth, in helping with distribution. As sponsors of that club we also engage them in other projects during the year."

Interact Club members help plant, weed and otherwise maintain the Downtown Gardens, a beautification project on a small plot of land between stores on Main Street. The site also has a Little Free Library kiosk from which visitors can select a book or leave one. The group is also responsible for maintaining the greenery around the high school's roadside marquee.

For its past efforts, the Louisa club has received numerous awards on the district level for community service and vocational international.

"Last year we were named the 'Best Small Club' in the district," said Baker. "There are 58 clubs in our district divided into groups based on size."

Meeting attendance is not mandatory and members have two weekly options. On Wednesday morning, a group meets at the Dapper Cat on West Main Street at 8 a.m., and evening meetings are held at 6:30 at Roma's Restaurant.

For more information about the Louisa chapter, visit the website, www.louisarotary.org, contact Konecheck at bill461@verizon.net or attend a Wednesday meeting and introduce yourself to the friendly members.

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