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Henry Lee Carter, Chuck Mason and Richard Langford take a moment after their final Orange Town Council meeting.  
Photo by Eric Paddock.

## The End of an Era

By Eric Paddock  
Correspondent

**O**n June 18, when Mayor Harry C. Mason Jr. — Chuck to everyone he's met with his signature warm handshake — tapped his gavel to adjourn the Orange Town Council meeting, he was also closing an era.

It was the last time — probably — he and Councilmen Henry Lee Carter and Richard Langford would serve the Town of Orange in an official capacity.

Among them is a half century of service to the community, and it was a time for thanks. The three men whose terms of office would end at the end of the month, are not seeking re-election.

Two of them, Carter and Mason, have served as both councilman and mayor. Mason began his tenure on

Council July 1, 1996, when he took office as a councilman through 2004. He has served as mayor since 2010.

Carter served the town beginning in 1998 and served as mayor from 2006 to 2010, returning to his councilman position through the end of last month.

Langford has served as a councilman since 2014 and prior to that as a member of the town's planning commission from 2010.

It was an evening of some lighthearted ribbing, but also some moments of reflection, humility and contemplation of the achievements and community improvements that have taken place under those men's guidance.

During their tenures, the town saw significant improvements in quality of life with the design and completion of

the town's public works facility, the launch of the town's first public transit system, improvements to the town's infrastructure, including the development of a new raw water storage basin, and a new wastewater treatment plant, among others.

The last agenda item completed, Mason had a message: "Before we adjourn I just want to say one thing. I just appreciate the Town Council so much for letting me be mayor for the last eight years.

"It has not been a burden; it's not a job. I have considered it very much an honor."

Carter responded, "I'm not sure anyone else could have done it."

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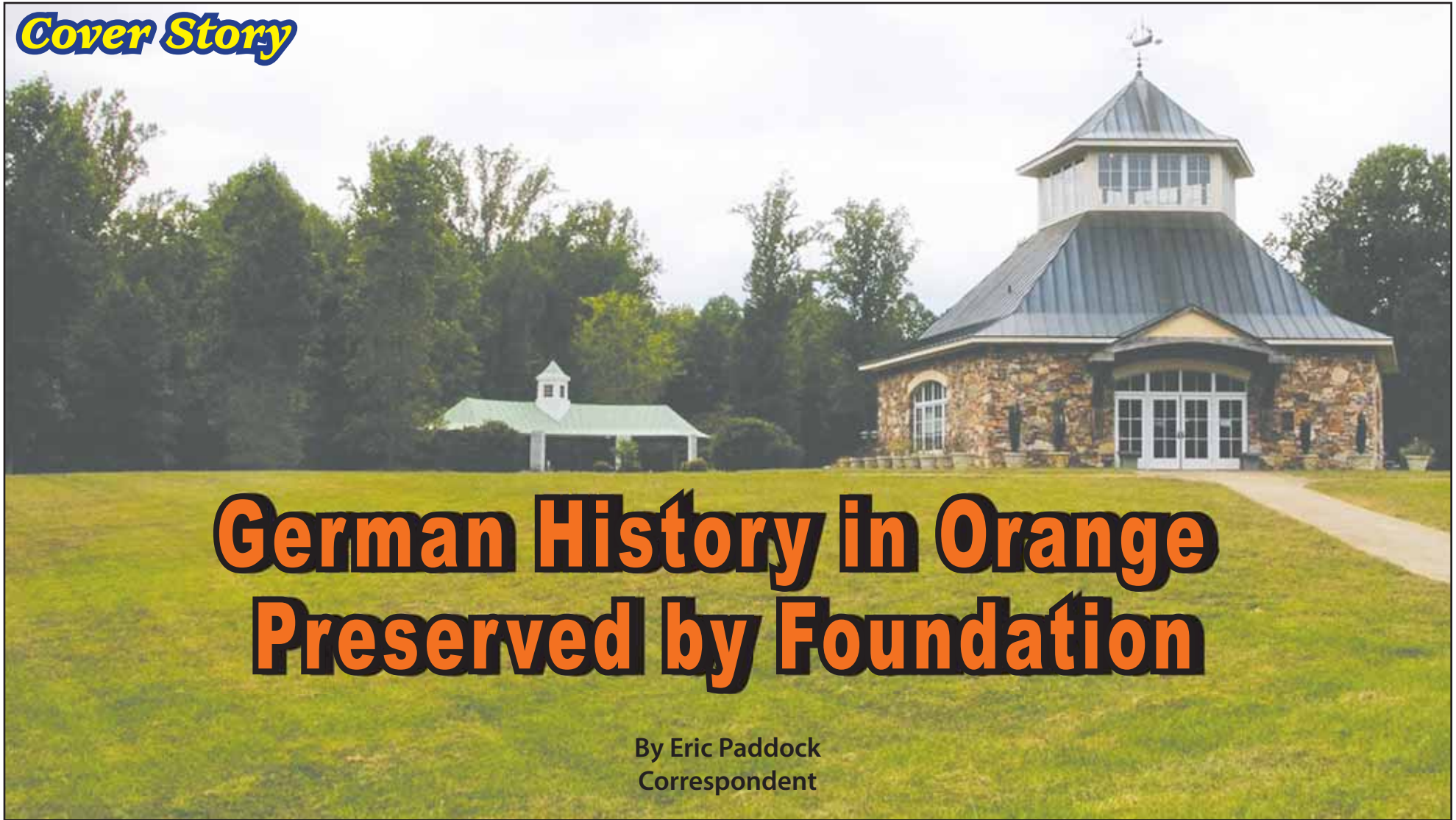
Visitors gather outside the Salubria manor house. Photo by The Germanna Foundation.

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## Playin' in the Park

The Sixth Annual Playin' in the Park Independence Celebration will be held July 7 at Booster Park, 1177 Bloomsbury Road in Orange (behind the Orange County Airport). This local celebration of our freedom will feature live music, Touch-a-Truck, children's activities, fireworks and more. Gates will open at 5 p.m., and fireworks will begin at dark. Website: <http://orange-countyva.gov/parksandrecreation>  
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# German History in Orange Preserved by Foundation

By Eric Paddock  
Correspondent

The Germanna Foundation R. Brawdus Martin Visitors Center. Photos courtesy of Germanna Foundation.



Descendants walk the grounds of Germanna.

**B**efore there was a Germanna Foundation, before there was virtually anything above the ground to indicate there had been an important segment of early Virginia history that played out in the extreme northeast corner of Orange County, there was a spirit of heritage shared by those of German ancestry who centered on the land.

It was sometime in the 1940s when a gentleman named R. Brawdus Martin began gathering some of the descendants of German immigrants for an annual informal picnic on the grounds of what is now the Germanna Settlement and Foundation.

Those picnics planted the seeds of what would become the Germanna Foundation, an organization dedicated to researching and preserving the history of a colony of German settlers who came to Virginia in 1714 and 1717.

This month, hundreds of descendants of those settlers will descend on the foundation's grounds for family reunions and tours to help them connect in a tangible way to their ancestors.

The Germanna Foundation's 61st Annual Conference and Reunion will be held July 12-15 on the foundation grounds, and is expected to draw more than 200 people of German ancestry.

According to Ashley Abruzzo, membership development manager of the foundation, there are thousands, perhaps millions, of direct and indirect descendants of the first 42 men, women and children who arrived on the banks of the Rapidan River in 1714 and the 80 to 100 others who arrived in 1717.

Of those original settlers, Abruzzo said, "Some of them were married; some of them were single. Many of them had a lot of children, so that gives us a really good network of Germanna descendants.

"And because of the beginnings of the Foundation in the '40s and '50s, even today we can have an individual who can say they began going to these gatherings when they first began," she said.

The stories or families, culture and traditions are passed on from generation to generation.

"That's something we continue to do today," she said. "We're trying to get new





Participants in the 2017 Germanna Foundation Annual Conference and Reunion gather for a program inside the visitors' center.

generations, especially millennials involved.”

Last year's reunion, the 300th anniversary of the second influx of immigrants, was record-setting with more than 300 attendees, including some 150 first-time attendants.

Theirs is a heritage and story integral and important not only for Virginia, but for America as a nation.

The annual reunion and conference actually begins for those who have registered on Thursday, July 12, with an open house and two family reunion gatherings, informal get togethers for the descendants of two of the original Germanna families.

The major events are planned for Friday and Saturday and include tours of the sites of the first colony of German immigrants who arrived in 1714 and the second colony that arrived four years later. There also will be a tour of the Frontier Museum, which preserves the roles Germanna and its benefactor Alexander Spotswood played in the westward expansion of Virginia and what would become the United States.

Along with those tours, conference sessions on Saturday will include presentations about the distribution of the first Germanna families to other parts of North America, short stories, both humorous and tragic, about those first settlers.

And, since the capture of the fabled pirate Blackbeard was linked to Spotswood's "reign" over Germanna and Virginia at the time, there will be a presentation exploring the mysteries and myths about the feared and notorious mariner.

Programs like these attract a wide audience of German descendants.

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The open-air, roofed cloister in the Memorial Garden provides a shady, protected place for quiet contemplation or ceremonial commemorations.

“Every year the programming changes a little bit, and it always gets more people coming,” Abruzzo said. “Every year we always have first-time attendees.

“It’s something that has been going on for over 60 years, but it started as a very small, modest gathering,” she said.

Pre-registration is available through the Foundation’s website: [germanna.org](http://germanna.org). The site also contains extensive information about events and news affecting the Foundation.

Although pre-registration is required for scheduled events by July 8, the Germanna Foundation’s grounds and visitor center is open to the public year-round. The Brawdus Martin Visitors Center is open Tuesday through Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m.

The trail network on the Foundation’s grounds is open all the time and consists of the Blue, Orange and Red trails and the Chimney and Wilderness Trails where, Abruzzo noted, there is still a physical vestige of the first reunion. A platform that was erected for speakers at that event is still located at the beginning of the trail.

The Germanna Foundation owns about 170 acres of land on the original Germanna peninsula, on the south side of the Germanna Highway, State Route 3, (about 15 miles east of Culpeper and 20 miles west of Fredericksburg, Virginia) surrounding the 100-acre Locust Grove campus of the Germanna Community College, which was donated by the Germanna Foundation to the Commonwealth of Virginia for the purpose of founding the College.

This property is the Germanna Foundation’s Siegen Forest, with several hiking trails and thousands of feet of frontage along the Rapidan River (also named after Queen Anne – the Rapid Anne). This property is also the site of the Foundation’s Brawdus Martin Visitor Center, which houses the Germanna museum and the Evelyn C. Martin Genealogical Research Library.

In 2013, the Foundation acquired the 62-acre archaeological site of the original Fort Germanna, and containing Spotswood’s Enchanted Castle remains, on the northern side of Route 3. The Foundation has restarted archaeology at this historically significant site.

The Foundation is hosting public access days at the Fort Germanna archaeology site for the summer 2018 season. While not open to the public on a daily basis, these access days allow for visitors to see the progress made while they work to uncover the fort that was commissioned by Lt. Governor Alexander Spotswood in 1714 and settled by German colonists who assisted Spotswood in beginning his mining operation.

## The current schedule of public access days are:

- Thursday, July 12, 1-5 p.m.
- Thursday, July 26, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- An August date to be determined
- Tuesday, Sept. 11, 9 a.m.-noon

Visitors can stop anytime between the scheduled hours, but need to visit the Fort Germanna Visitor Center (Germanna Highway/Rt 3) to pick up a map with directions. Reservations are not required and there is no fee, but donations are encouraged.

The visitor experience includes: a tour of the dig site with Germanna archaeologist Dr. Eric Larsen; learning about frontier life within the fort; viewing active dig sites; and, talking with summer interns and field school students about their recent finds and experience.

The Foundation also owns a nearby 18th century mansion (ca 1757), Salubria, in Culpeper County, once the home of Governor Spotswood’s widow, who had married the Rev. John Thompson. In Fauquier County, the Foundation also owns and maintains the historic Hitt Family cemetery.



# Edward Jones Named One of the 100 Best Workplaces for Millennials

Financial-services firm Edward Jones was recognized as one of the 100 Best Workplaces for Millennials in the country by *Great Place to Work and Fortune magazine*, according to Yvette Ruiz, an Edward Jones financial advisor in Locust Grove, Virginia.

Edward Jones ranked the No. 3 best workplace for millennials, a generation defined from 1981 through 2001.

"As our firm grows significantly, we can all feel particularly proud that we have maintained the values and culture that have set us apart from the beginning," said Edward Jones Managing Partner Jim Weddle. "Edward Jones offers a life-long career opportunity for the next generation of associates who want to make a difference in the lives of individual investors and their families. Millennials have much to offer our firm, and as a career destination we have much to offer them."

The ranking considered input from more than 434,000 employees from Great Place to Work-Certified companies. Great Place to Work, a research and consulting firm, evaluated more than 50 elements of team members' experience on the job. These included employee pride in the organization's community impact, belief that their work makes a difference, and feeling



Yvette Ruiz Edward Jones financial advisor in Locust Grove.

their work has special meaning.

"Great Place to Work is proud of these Best Workplaces that give their Millennial employees the tools they need to succeed," said Michael Bush, CEO of Great Place to Work. "Organizations like Edward Jones set the bar for other workplaces seeking to

retain and develop the next generation of leaders, and prove that giving Millennials jobs with purpose and meaning drives them to give their best at work, benefitting the company as a whole."

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Mason then turned the moment to some light-hearted ribbing. Referring to Carter, "He only hired four town managers; I hired one. My first choice was the best," a point punctuated by laughter throughout the meeting.

Mason's next act, a single rap of the gavel, may have ended the meeting, but it didn't end the community service for the men leaving council.

When asked what lies beyond, Mason pointed to his involvement with the Orange Rotary and his desire to see the James Madison Museum get the appreciation and prominence it deserves.

Carter said he will continue his involvement with the Orange County Historical Society.

Also that evening, Council extended thanks and a farewell gift to Gertrude C. Smith, who is retiring after 19 years of service to the Town of Orange Police Department as its records clerk.

Outside of the meeting, Jeff Curtis, executive director of the Orange Downtown Alliance, heaped praise on long-time council members Mason and Carter, calling them "champions of the community."

"If you know Chuck you know of his passion for his family, his business, and his town. He is heartfelt in his compliments.

"He is calm and attentive. He is a diplomat and a thinker. And he is generous in supporting almost every event, activity, and cause that benefits the community," Curtis said.

Of Carter, he said, "He is a diplomat and a thinker. But mostly he is a gentleman. I cannot remember a time when Henry hasn't had the courtesy to say hello and shake my hand at Town Council meetings.

"And, while he is a fighter, he has always exhibited reasonableness and intelligence during council discussions and always kept the well-being of the community as priority."

Three new Town Council members will take their seats in July. They are: Donna Waugh-Robinson, Timothy Bosford and Elliott Fox.

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By Diana Paddock, Correspondent



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**Date: Friday July 6, 2018 through Sunday July 8**

**Time: 9am - 9 pm**

Location: Skydive Orange, 11339 Bloomsbury Rd. Orange VA 22960

Website: <http://www.skydiveorange.com/event/4th-july-sis-boogie/>

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**Time:**

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Location: Oakland Heights

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Website: <http://oaklandheightsfarm.com>

More Info: (540) 222-1824

## Liberty Mills Farm Summer Fest

**Date: Saturday, July 29, 2018**

**Time: 10 am-3 pm**

**Location: 9166 Liberty Mills Rd Somerset**

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Youth Guitar Lessons for ages 8 to 17 will be held at the Sedwick Building in the OCPD Office each Tuesday, Aug. 28 through Oct. 16. Register by Aug. 17.

**Cruise-In Saturday**

A Good Time Cruise-In will be held at the Locust Grove Town Center from **5 p.m. until dark Saturday, July 14**. Presented by the Locust Grove Town Center Shops, with many restaurants to enjoy during the show, the cruise-in will be hosted by Good Time Cruisers Car Club, which supports local charities. Participants can attend for free but are encouraged to donate cash or bring canned goods for the local food pantry. The evening will include oldies played by a disc jockey, a 50-50 and door prize drawings, awards for cars in multiple categories, and a favorite "Diamond in the Rough" car. No alcohol, bicycles, skateboards/hoverboards or drones will be permitted in the lot, and no burnouts, donuts or racing will be allowed. The club will sponsor cruise-ins at this location on the second Saturday of each month through October. For information, visit [www.goodtimecruisers.webs.com](http://www.goodtimecruisers.webs.com), or visit them on Facebook.



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and breakfast. Hike in the Shenandoah National Park or kayak down the river. Taste Virginia wines. Stroll along quaint town streets and enjoy fine dining and eclectic shopping. Explore Civil War sites and historic landmarks. Learn more about the many experiences that await you in Central Virginia!

## Signature Tour

Daily tours are offered at James Madison's Montpelier, with the Signature Tour, including the "Mere Distinction of Colour," Madison and the Constitution Tour, and the Enslaved Community Tour. **The Journey from Slavery to Freedom Walking/Driving Tour is held at 2:30 p.m.** each Saturday beginning at the visitor center. This free tour outlines the experience of the African American from slavery to freedom with stops at sites and buildings that illustrate "how citizenship in America evolved from slavery to Emancipation through Jim Crow" to today. The tour includes stops on site as well as the Gilmore Cabin and the train depot.

**On July 7, peel back 250 years** of landscaping, one layer at a time, to learn how the grounds of James Madison's Montpelier became a trove of champion trees and unique plantings, cultivated with great care and attention over generations of care and preservation. This tour begins at the David M. Rubenstein Visitor Center at 1 p.m. **This event is free.**

**On July 8, Join Montpelier Horticulturist Sandy Mudrinich at 2 p.m.** for a hike through Montpelier's Landmark Forest—a rare hardwood old growth forest consisting of towering poplars, stately oaks, and sprawling beeches. Learn about ecology, conservation, and Madison's role as an early environmentalist. The trail is a gentle 1-mile loop. Dogs on leashes are welcome. There is a \$5 fee for non-members. Tour begins at the David M. Rubenstein Visitor Center.

**Jayne Blair, author and historian, will talk about "Our First American Government – The Articles of the Constitution" at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 8,** at Montpelier. Following the Declaration of Independence, our constitutional government held us together during the Revolution. The Articles formed a loose confederation of sovereign states, so our states were more powerful than the federal government. Participants should make a reservation for this event; call (540) 672-1776 or email jamesmadisonmuseuminfo@gmail.com.

**July 15 — Venture deep into the Montpelier Demonstration Forest** on a two-hour hike with experts in forest conservation. Learn about conservation and cultivation strategies that generate mutual benefit to man and nature, both in the Madisons' time and today. Fee is \$5 per person; Montpelier members are free.

Montpelier is planning "Constitution 101: A More Perfect Union" this fall, on Sept. 29. This program, which is free to members, will be led by Robert H. Smith from the Center for the



Constitution and will focus on the basics of America's defining promise. Through lectures and group discussion, participants will explore history, Madisonian philosophy and the aspirational commitment to build a more perfect union.

For more information and updates on these events, visit [www.montpelier.org](http://www.montpelier.org).

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The art of Rose Mary Walls

**At the art center**

The art of Rose Mary Walls is on exhibit in the Morin Gallery at the **Arts Center in Orange through July 28**. Rose Mary was born in 1934 and grew up on a cattle ranch in Arizona, according to the art center. She attended boarding school and dreamed of being an artist, but, at her mother's urging, she became a teacher. Her marriage to Rex Walls was documented in her daughter Jeanette's book, "The Glass Castle" which later was made into a movie starring Woody Harrelson and Naomi Watts. Rose Mary Walls' paintings witness time and place, and tell a story.

**Day Camp planned**

**The 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp will be held July 30-Aug. 2** at the Northern Piedmont Research Center from 9 a.m. to noon daily. Cost, \$35 per child, will include supplies, a camp T-shirt and a daily snack. For information or registration, call the Orange Extension Office at 672-1361.

**Start or strengthen a business**

Free Business Advice and Counseling will be offered by the Central Virginia Small Business Development Center (SBDC) **on July 18 by appointment only, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.** on a first-come first-served basis. **Call (434) 295-8198 to make an appointment.** The SBDC's mission is to enhance the economic vitality of the region through effective client-oriented counseling, business information and training. Experienced advisors will assist owners of established firms and aspiring entrepreneurs with advice to guide their business toward good decisions, achievable goals and long-term success. Entrepreneurs will meet with Betty Hoge, director of the SBDC, for a free and confidential session of counseling and advice in Orange.

**At the Madison Museum**

**On July 8, historian and author Jayne E. Blair will talk about "The Articles of Confederation,"** at the James Madison Museum, 129 Caroline St., Orange. The Articles were our first constitution, and Blair will discuss how they were formed and their challenges.

**On Aug. 19, Ann Miller, historian and author, will present a talk on "Virginia's Covered Bridges & Trusses."**

Lectures and book chats are held at 3 p.m. Admission to the museum for non-members is \$5.50. Interested persons are invited to visit the museum from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For information, visit [www.thejamesmadisonmuseum.net](http://www.thejamesmadisonmuseum.net) or call (540) 672-1776.

**At the libraries**

Orange County Public Libraries will host Kim Stocker teaching teens how to make a ceramic mug using clay, banding wheels and a variety of tools. Students will decorate their creations with theme, textures and colors of their choice. **The classes will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. July 16** at Wilderness Library (call (540) 854-5310 to register); **July 19** at Gordonsville Library (call (540) 832-0712 to register); **and July 20** at the Main Library (call (540) 672-5040 to register).

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**Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

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**Crossword**

by Margie E. Burke

**ACROSS**

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- 5 Two-masted sailboat
- 9 Swit's sitcom
- 13 Leave behind
- 14 White as a ghost
- 16 Quartet member
- 17 Send packing
- 18 Genetic duplicate
- 19 Fertile soil
- 20 Bakery offering
- 22 Disapprove of
- 24 Kerrigan or Kwan, e.g.
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- 27 Held back, as breath
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- 38 Good times
- 39 Language of Hasidic Jews
- 42 Baseball stat
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- 45 Street in Paris
- 46 Beckham's sport
- 48 In high spirits
- 51 Foot the bill
- 52 Beer, after a shot
- 55 Suspect showcase
- 57 Speaker's platform
- 59 Shrewd
- 62 Poker stake
- 63 Heated conflict
- 65 A or B, on a 45
- 66 Bob of The Grateful Dead
- 67 Long-necked bird
- 68 20-20, e.g.
- 69 Instrument for Orpheus
- 70 Printing block
- 71 Doctor's order
- 6 Out like a light
- 7 Doctor of sci-fi
- 8 Extend credit
- 9 Colorful duck
- 10 Distant
- 11 Maze word
- 12 Cozy
- 15 Unnecessary
- 21 Expensive car, slangily
- 23 Quid \_\_\_ quo
- 25 Unfair treatment
- 27 Enthusiast
- 28 Fluish feeling
- 30 "Fantasy Island" prop
- 32 Photo touch-up tool
- 35 Open to ideas
- 36 Region
- 37 Sour-tasting
- 40 Library date
- 41 Suite spot
- 44 Like monastery life
- 47 Squad car
- 49 Part of MPH
- 50 In \_\_\_ shape (perfectly fit)
- 52 Slow traffic pace
- 53 Pooh's passion
- 54 Moving
- 56 Not a soul
- 58 Sprinter's event
- 60 Day to remember
- 61 Red coin?
- 64 Give it a go



A group of StreamSweepers prepares to go to work.



trail of tires salvaged from the Robinson River creates a trail up a slippery bank.

## StreamSweepers

# Cleaning Up the County's Rivers

By Eric Paddock  
Correspondent

**A**bout six years ago Mike Collins was fishing on a beautiful spring day in the Robinson River, a lovely tributary that meanders through the Virginia countryside.

But, Collins was appalled. The Robinson's banks and stream bed were cluttered with refuse, everything from old tires to old appliances, from furniture to beer cans. A magnificent example of nature was sullied by human disrespect.

"I kind of got lost in the zone and all of a sudden I just looked around and both banks had appliances and propane tanks and tires everywhere. And I thought 'this is just disgusting.'"

Collins is the Executive Director of the Center for Natural Capital, beginning his career as a tenured science teacher with Culpeper County Public Schools. He was co-founder of Virginia Groundwater, a science-based well drilling firm that continues today as The Center for Sustainable Groundwater (CSG) in Charlottesville.

"So we try to be an ecological entrepreneur, so maybe we could make some kind of non-profit business out of it," the kernel of an idea that became StreamSweepers, a Job Corps program providing river cleaning and assessment services.

"We got together with some of our local supporters and friends and directors, and they said, 'yeah, let's do it,' and that's how we got started," he said. "There was no track record, no plan, no budget. A handful of special people pulled out their wallets and said let's make this happen." They were Teddy and Emily Grennan, Randy Hudgins, Mark and Ann Kington, Garnett and Lucille Morton, David and Elizabeth Perdue, Somerset Plantation, and Charlotte Ticken.



A large truck tire is removed from a river.

Since then, large stretches of the Rappahannock, Rapidan, Hughes and Robinson rivers have benefited from the Sweepers' efforts.

Deb Manzari, program director of StreamSweepers, explained the program relies heavily on sponsors, and hires mostly students during the summer months to do the work.

It's wet. It's dirty. It's rewarding far beyond the \$10 an hour they are paid.

She estimated each StreamSweeper lifts an estimated 300 pounds of trash per day out of a river. That translates to 10 to 20 tons of refuse each summer.

### What's included in that?

Here are the totals from last year's

cleanup of the Rappahannock River:

6 extra-large tires (more than 200 pounds each), 85 large truck tires (semi and dump truck size), 178 regular car tires, 12 tire rims, 2 car batteries, 9 chairs, 11 plastic floats, 119 golf balls, 4 fishing poles, 13 items of clothing, 2 large tarps, 1 metal table pedestal base, sump pump, radiator, space heater, electrical conduit 10 feet long, mini fridge, house siding, hub cap, 3x4 metal bar, 2 large VDOT barrels, 10 gallon bucket, metal grill, iron plates from railroad, 1 corrugated heavy duty tube 10' x 2.5 inches diameter, volleyball, patio umbrella, old fashioned metal milk jug, sleeping bag, tent, go green reusable

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Register: <https://bit.ly/2tzmCNB>

A fee of \$10 will be charged to secure your spot and a light breakfast will be served.

This workshop will be held in the Basement Meeting Room of the Gordon Building, located at 112 West Main Street, Orange, VA 22960.



StreamSweepers removes a tire from middle of river.



A large pile of junk and debris is on a trailer waiting to be hauled away.

construction trash bag, large rigid plastic sheet 5'x2', blue 50 gallon barrel, pvc pipe 1'x5", Large Landscape Cloth, 2 pieces of rubber molding, Large Area rug, table top, 5 gallon bucket, porta potty door, go-cart axle with wheels, small wheel, pvc pipes, rubber truck floor mat, propane tank, orange traffic cone, 1 pvc pipe about 4'x5", entire porta potty, sleeping bag, 300 lbs. of metal including: (motors, wheels, rail-road spikes, tools, cast iron sign frame, metal kids wagon, 5' x2.5" diameter metal rod, chicken wire fence coil 3'x15", 3'x8' chimney pipe, top of clothes dryer), another 300-500 pounds of metal waste loose and in 3 trash bags, motors, bed spring, bicycle frame, pipes, old car parts, metal rim, washing machine tub, 1 metal molding strip about 7' x 1". Forty-nine bags of trash containing 734 aluminum cans, 344 glass bottles, 169 plastic bottles, and 246 plastic bags.

### And, it never ends.

During maintenance sweeps, the crews find surprising amounts of new materials, even just a year later. "Granted, we may have missed some because of water conditions, and new stuff comes in from tributaries during high water events, but there is still dumping," Manzari said.

Along with the cleaning effort, the Sweepers use GPS instruments to accurately map the river's current bends and turns, catalog species of vertebrate and invertebrate species, as well as predominant species of plants along the shorelines.

The program couldn't happen without the financial and in-kind support of local organizations and businesses. They include Dominion Energy, Orange County, Caroline County, Russell County, Northern Piedmont Community Foundation, St. Paul - A Moving River Experience, Luck Companies, Coastal Canoeists, Give Local Piedmont, Clean Virginia Waterways, Paulson Charitable Trust, Laughlin-Beers Foundation, and Piedmont Environmental Council. Adjacent landowners on the rivers contribute as well.

Publicizing the efforts and the amount of junk collected makes the public aware of the broad scope of the problem and sometimes leads to a different perception of those waterways.

"These rivers, people start to think of them as assets, rather than sinks," Collins said.

Cleaner streams and rivers make for much nicer places for canoeists, kayakers, fishermen and hikers to enjoy.

Hence, Collins has been working with Madison and Orange counties on a proposal for a Blueway designation for the Rapidan River.

### Blueway

"Communities all over the country in an effort to turn their river into an asset have made them what they call a river trail. A river trail has dedicated access at a put-in that's handicap accessible and take-out.

"And often there is an intersecting trail to a community, so it sort of becomes this bonifide treasured recreational asset for a community," Collins said.

The idea is not an effort under the National Wild and Scenic Rivers program. In that program it can in some ways sort of hamper the future plans of a jurisdiction.

"Now, trying to build on what's been done with the Rapidan in terms of cleanup and assessment and moving into a sort of moving into an eco-economic development program is kind of what this effort is about," Collins said.

He has secured the backing of some local officials, and the Town of Orange has expressed interest in bringing a trail out from the river in some way to link the commercial assets of the town for river users.

"So it certainly seems like the stars are in alignment for some time in the future for a feasibility study to be done, what we're calling the Rapidan Blue/Green Way.

Manzari pointed out that the local proposal is not a new invention; there are other blueway- and greenway-type programs, but it's not a state-run program.

"DCR in Virginia has lost a lot of funding," she said. "They used to run an Adopt-a-Stream program — and it wasn't just a stream, you could adopt a section of river. Last year it was completely de-funded.

However, some local communities are taking up the challenge.

For instance, there is a Rappahannock River walking trail in Fredericksburg and the Rappahannock Water Trail. The Rappahannock River, the longest free flowing river in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, extends from its origin at Chester Gap in the Shenandoah National Park of western Virginia to Stingray Point in the Chesapeake Bay, a total of 195 miles.

Development of a water trail along a portion of the Rappahannock is being coordinated by the Friends of the Rappahannock in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. The water trail will cover historical paddling trips from Kelly's Ford to the Fredericksburg City Docks -- the middle section of the river.

"What we're looking to do now, this month and next month, the three jurisdictions, Madison, Orange and the Town of Orange, are considering resolutions to at least support the concept. That, in and of itself, is a major thing — getting jurisdictions to work on anything is a big deal.

"Assuming that happens, the next step is concept-level planning study," Collins said.

But for now, at least, the removal of tons of debris — all of it unsightly, some of it dangerous — makes the Rapidan, the Rappahannock, the Hughes and Robinson rivers much more inviting destinations for canoeists, kayakers and fishermen.

And, for just folks who like to sit beside a meandering river and think.

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