

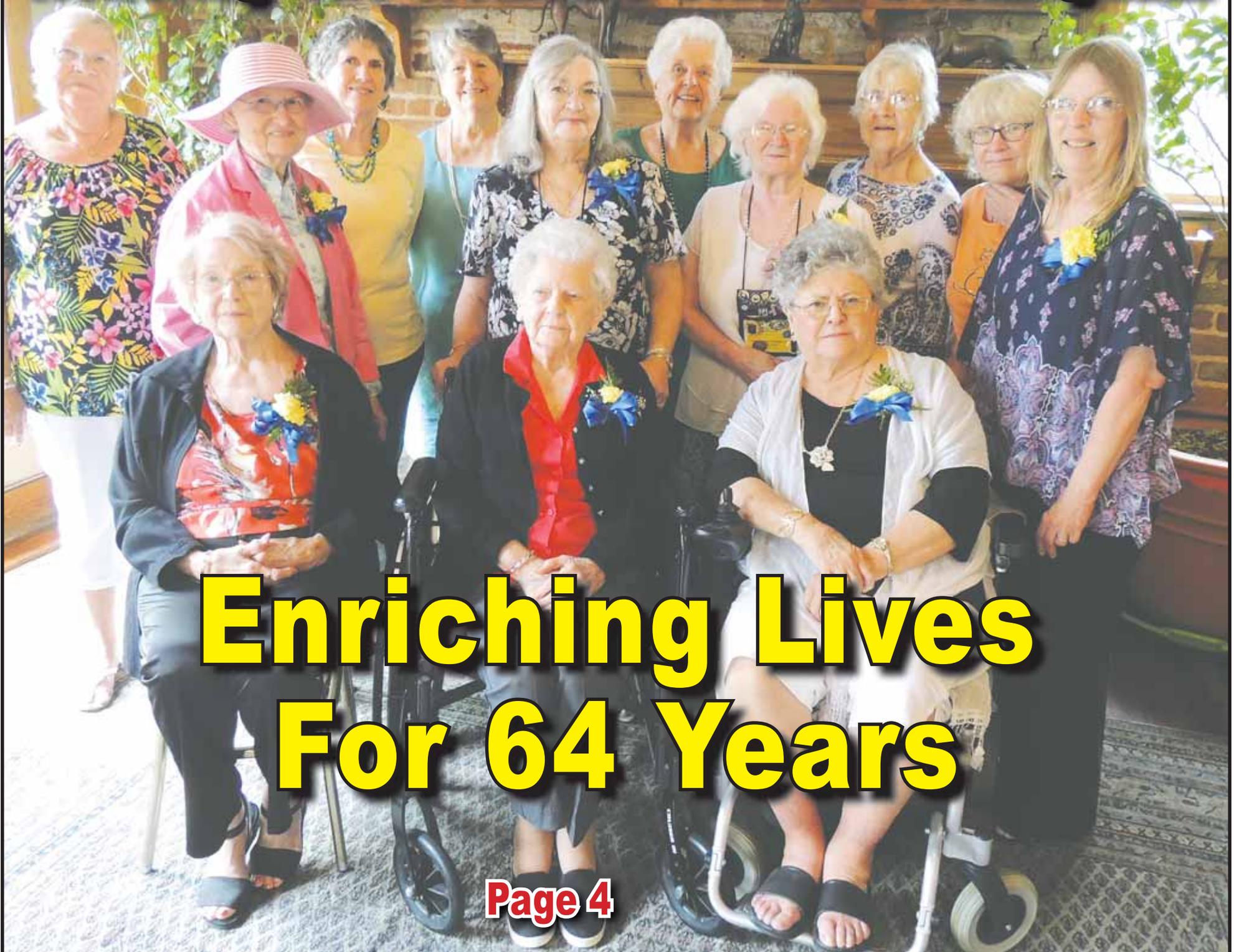
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The last group photo of the Woman's Club was taken at a local restaurant as they officially joined one last time before dissolving. The members each spoke of the importance of the club, not only for the community, but for themselves. Shown left to right (rear): Faye Wharam, Jackie Fairbarnes, Marianna Dennison, Patsy Miessler, Lois Atkinson, Mary Lohr, Agnes Cramer, Elfrieda Wolford, Marie Flowers, and Sharon Andrews. Front: Charlene Snoddy, Audrey Llewellyn, and Zanie Jamerson. Photo by Sue A. Miles

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Buckingham County Public Schools welcomes new staff

By Sue A. Miles
Correspondent

Buckingham County Public Schools welcomed new staff as the 2018-2019 school year began on August 8. From new pre-school students, to rising seniors who anticipate graduation in May, the school year brings excitement and energy. That excitement would also undoubtedly include the division's new staff and also returning and seasoned teachers.



Emily Hogge (left), newly appointed Director of Student Services for the Buckingham School Division, is shown with interim superintendent, Thelma Llewellyn. Mrs. Hogge has been teaching special education at the primary/elementary level for nine years in the Buckingham School division. During the past six years she has been the lead special education teacher at the Carter G. Woodson Complex. She is a graduate of Longwood University.



Buckingham Elementary School welcomes Chris Jones (fifth grade teacher), Holly Asal (third grade teacher), Shelby Franklin (cafeteria worker), Lucy Everett (fourth grade teacher), and Samantha Taylor (fourth grade teacher).

All photos by Sue A. Miles.



New staff for Buckingham Primary are as follows: Dale Fulcher (special education teacher), Rene Perry (BP and BE reading specialist), Kathy Martin (special education para), Kimberly Woodson (pre-K para), Laura Holder (first grade teacher), Staci Guillemine (physical education teacher), Sarah Kennedy (school counselor), and Brittany Daulton (kindergarten teacher).



Charles Solterbeck, special education teacher, is a new staff member at Buckingham Middle School. Emma "Libbie" Ranson joins the high school staff as a school counselor, Anita Crawford is the new business teacher, and Alexandria Aldridge, also joins the high school counseling staff.

Pregnancy Support Center of Southside is Growing

Contributed by Kathleen Holsopple

The Pregnancy Support Center of Southside VA, PSC, is expanding its reach in order to serve clients in their home communities. This expansion will begin in Buckingham County with a satellite office opening Tuesdays at Ellis Acres in Dillwyn on September 18, 2018. The next community to come on board will be Appomattox in late October at our satellite office on 1977 Church Street. Appointments are available at all 3 locations by calling 434-392-8483 or 434-391-1011.

The Pregnancy Support Center, PSC, serves 8 counties: Amelia, Appomattox, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Lunenburg, Nottoway and Prince Edward. The main Center is located at 201 Main St, suite 1106, Farmville.

PSC serves pregnant and parenting women, men and their children providing free pregnancy testing, pregnancy support services, material goods, prenatal, infant care, parenting, and practical fatherhood classes. All of our services are free and confidential.

PSC's main fundraiser each year is the Walk for Life which takes place on September 29th at 8 AM on the High Bridge trail in Farmville. Forms to register or get sponsors for your walk can be found at pscfarmville.org.

Contact information: kathleen.holsopple@psc-support.org, 434-392-8483 or 434-391-1011

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Cover Story



Taken May 28, 1954 in front of Maysville Presbyterian Church in Buckingham Court House this photo is of true historic significance. Taken just two months after the Club started, it shows an array of civic minded women who were on a journey to give back to their community. Unfortunately, we are not able to identify everyone but have made an attempt to help the reader go back through a time in our county's history. Many thanks to 92-year-old Martha Ellen Homes (and one of the original members) for being able to recall many of the names. Rear (third from left) Josa Baldwin (black hat), rear (fourth from left) Dr. Margaret Pennington (glasses), Front row (left) Charlene Soddy, Charlene Hill (black hat), Nancy Agee (glasses and white hat), _____ LeSueur (left of Nancy Agee), Liz Jones (white hat), Edna Hanes Harvey (with pocketbook), Sallie Sutton Smith (white hat), Katherine Allen (directly behind Smith), Martha Ellen Holmes (black pocketbook), Edith Webb Steger (back of Holmes), Genevieve Agee (front, glasses), Unknown (poker dot dress), Audrey Childress Llewellyn, _____ Wood (behind Llewellyn, taught at Dillwyn), Unknown, Lucy Charlton (behind "unknown"), Sue West (white hat), Helen Forbes (rear, black hat), Unknown, Opal Elcan (black hat, second from right), Mary Dykes wife (last person on right). Photo provided by Woman's Club Archives.

A Sad Farewell to the Woman's Club of Buckingham

By Sue A. Miles
Correspondent



Agnes Cramer, who over the past ten years has been considered the core of the Woman's Club, reviews the many photo albums that has pages and pages of archives of the Club's activities over its 64 years.
Photo by Sue A. Miles.

Sometimes we simply take good things for granted; like the Woman's Club of Buckingham County. This group, which has enriched the lives of Buckingham citizens for over 64 years, has always been involved with and supported the arts, literacy, conservation, education and scholarships, and public issues of the county's citizens. And, sadly, this article is to report that the existence of this civic and social club is now over. Due to declining membership, the Woman's Club is now officially dissolved. Although the club still has a charter with the international woman's club, the local group is no more.

With the motto "Be rich in good works" (1 Timothy 6:18), over the past 64 years the good works that the Woman's Club members have done has been a true blessing to Buckingham County. The group's history is rich with service and activities. Begun on March 26, 1954, Mrs. M. Cleveland Jones (Liz) is credited as being the founder of the Buckingham Club with much support by Sue West, of the Gravel Hill area. The local group was part of the Alice Kyle Woman's Club District (which has 18 clubs in its jurisdiction) and the General Federation of Woman's Clubs, an international woman's organization dedicated to community improvement.

Throughout its existence, the Woman's Club has been involved with literacy and art contests for area students, has been a strong financial supporter of the Buckingham Arts Council, donated to the county's volunteer fire department, given scholarships for students to attend 4-H camp as well as an annual scholarship for a college bound student, annually supported a Girl's State representative, contributed to Madeline's House and the Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Plantation, and has



2018 Senior, Amari Butler, will be known as the last Buckingham student who received an academic scholarship from the Woman's Club. She is shown with Patsy Miessler (left) and Mary Lohr (right) at the Club's last event. Photo provided by Woman's Club Archives.

been a financial supporter of the annual After-Prom event. All of this mainly through their annual "Curious Corner," a weeklong fundraising event, held every November.

Over the years the Club has also distributed free tree seedlings to Buckingham citizens, funded the local schools art departments, collected and distributed school supplies to the local primary schools, made lap quilts for cancer patients, assisted with the bloodmobile, provided rides to church, doctors and hospitals for senior citizens, and worked to encourage citizens to vote and be engaged in the political forum. The Club has also been recognized many times in district and state competitions.

While the Club is not political and does not engage in political activity, it did have a mandate to educate voters on issues affecting public life. To that end, the Club has provided to its members and the public at large, award-winning programs featuring candidates for offices such as the Board of Supervisors, the School Board, House of Delegates and the U.S House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. The Club encouraged its members to register and vote, and conducted voter registration drives in election years.

All of that generous activity has been a blessing for Buckingham and its citizens, who have gained much from the good works of the Club members. But, it should also be noted that the club members have also gained from their involvement. Here are some testimonies from the last active members of the Club:

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Charlene Snoddy, charter member, first secretary and known throughout the county for her involvement in the arts: "Along with everything else it's done, the Club established the 'Welcome to Buckingham' signs, planted shrubbery and was involved in a Dillwyn clean-up program. We also sponsored the first historic house tour. Along with the numerous scholarships and annual art show, our organization has always encouraged the arts in the county."

Agnes Cramer, corresponding secretary and Art Department: "I've met the most wonderful women that have become family to me which is also one of the best features to me."

Patsy Miessler, recording secretary and Education Department chair: "I joined the Club in 2002. - The fact that I have been able to make an important impact on the lives of some students in several ways is a thrill for me. It's also been a treat to live, participate, and give back in a location where my contributions matter. This club has been able to unite women of different backgrounds and upbringing, and created a cohesive group which has been able to bring so much to the community and to each other. The Art Contest/Show has been wonderful, where the schools are concerned, and also among the residents. It's always such a joy to see the kids showing off their art to parents and grandparents. Other impacts on the County that I see are helping and advising on conservation and gardening. I think Curious Corner gave people a way to find inexpensive, albeit used, clothing and items. There were a lot of people who came in to browse and buy."



The Woman's Club was famous for its annual fundraising event: the week-long Curious Corner. Along with used clothing, books, baked goods and other items, they would also offer a delicious lunch. This event allowed the Club to support the many projects that were part of their civic contribution. Member Mary Lohr, and last president (left) is shown with Marie Bates at one of the November events. Photo provided by Woman's Club Archives.

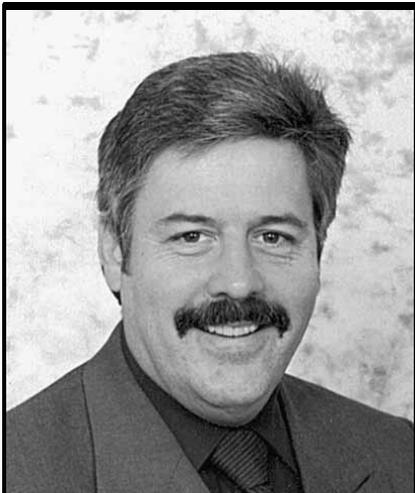
Lois Atkinson, who served on the Literacy Committee: "Best that I recall I joined WCBC about fifteen-sixteen years ago. I was newly widowed. I only knew people at my church and have always been grateful to have the club and its great members in my life since then. My special interest was the annual art show for the schools and adult residents. I found much diversity among members, local and, like me, adopted to the place. Interesting, dedicated women."

Jackie Fairbarns, Public Interest Committee: "I joined the club in 2010, shortly after moving to Buckingham County from Fairfax. I had picked up a copy of the Beacon and saw a note about a Woman's Club meeting before we had completed our move, and one of the first things I did was call the contact person. I wanted to support and be involved in the types of causes supported by the National Federation of Women's Clubs. Some 75% of the public libraries in the U.S. are the result of women's club initiatives. The drive for child

labor laws was initiated by clubwomen and pursued until laws were passed to protect children in the workplace. Clubwomen make up an international network that provides direct support to each other in cases of natural disasters and we support initiatives to combat human trafficking and elder abuse. Nearly all the people I know in Buckingham have been met through my Woman's Club and Garden Club connections."

Mary Lohr, most recent president of Club: "I joined the club in 2007. I was blessed with meeting special ladies that have become like family. We have become a sisterhood. The club has made me more aware of local organizations that need either volunteers or financial help. We worked hard with our projects but had a lot of fun and enjoyed doing them. All the money we made from our fundraiser was used for our local charities."

It is a sad farewell to 64 years of caring and giving women. Their impact is long-reaching and much appreciated. And, likely taken for granted. The legacy that the Woman's Club of Buckingham County is profound and impactful. Their many shoes will be very hard to fill. Thanks to all the past and current members of the Woman's Club of Buckingham County. We bid you a fond and sad farewell.



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One of the many projects that the Woman's Club sponsors is supporting the Virginia Girl's State. Miessler, who has been a faithful member of the Education Committee, is shown with Marisa Robinson (left) and Caitlyn Ragland (right), the 2015 representatives. Photo provided by Woman's Club Archives.

Historic Buckingham Inc. Presents a Mystery Photo

By Martha Louis
Correspondent

"Aunt Susan's Cabin"

Can you identify this cabin and the family who owned it? send your answers to marthalouis60@gmail.com

Each issue we will have a photo in The Buckingham Beacon from our collection in The Adams Museum Research Library with people or places we can't identify. We need your help!

"Aunt Susan's Cabin"
at Carters, Buckingham County - photo taken 1960.



Pictured presenting and accepting the award are, from left, Logan Hembree, Ashley Hembree, Barbara Wheeler, Willard Spurlock, Faye Spurlock, Janet Miller, Faye Shumaker, Hank Hagenau and Sandra Moss.



Sandra Moss, Jordan Miles, Barbara Wheeler, Coach Travis Hicks, Shumaker, Coach John Toney, Hank Hagenau, Janet Miller and Jewel Harris. Photo by Martha Louis.

Beauty Shop is August Business of the Month

Faye's Beauty Shop, a longstanding and well-known business in what's known as "The Bottom" on Main Street in Dillwyn, is the Buckingham County Chamber of Commerce's August Community Pride Award recipient.

"Willard and Faye Spurlock have added a tremendous aesthetic draw to the business, which known wide and far in Buckingham," said Thomas Jordan Miles III, Chairman of the Community Pride Award Committee. "The newlyweds have done a great deal of work to spruce up the business with most notably the well-maintained flowers that surround the building. We commend Faye and Willard for their hard work and their pride in what they do and the service Faye offers."

The Chamber holds monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings include outstanding guest speakers, as well as a light meal. A monthly newsletter goes out to all members with the location of the meeting, along with program and meal information.

Chamber membership dues are \$35.00 per year, and are an excellent investment in a network of like-minded and involved individuals who come together to help make Buckingham County better for everyone. **434-983-2372.**



Chamber Donation

The Buckingham County Chamber of Commerce recently presented the Buckingham County Youth League Majors with a \$500 donation for their advancement to the Dixie Youth World Series. "The chamber of commerce is proud to support the youth of our county," said Faye W. Shumaker, who serves as chairman of the board of directors. "We hope that this will serve as a challenge to other civic groups and organizations in Buckingham to support our youth at all levels — academic, athletic and extracurricular."



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Buckingham Chamber Picnic September 18th at Ellis Acres
Please RSVP for the Chamber picnic at Buckingham Chamber HOTLINE (434)983-2372



Buckingham Co. Friends of the Library Hold "Book and Bake Sale"

The Friends are hosting an exciting Book and Bake Sale beginning on Friday, September 28 from 4:00pm - 8:00pm and on Saturday, September 29th from 9:00am - 2:00pm to raise money for the new library. The event takes place at the VFW Hall on Rt 60 (14405 W. James Anderson Highway).

On Friday, from 10:00am - noon you can drop any book donations at the VFW Hall.

Delicious baked goods and a great book selection - come out and support the Friends in their efforts.



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Sept. 22, 2018

11:00 am to 4:00 pm

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The very next weekend, Oct 13th 11:00am – 4:00pm is the **much anticipated Indian Relic Show**. Collectors from all over the state and NC will be there with their tools, weapons, demonstrations, and more. There will be food available and music. This show will be held rain or shine. (If hard rain it will be at the VFW Hall. When local residents say there is never anything to do in Buckingham, we hope to change their mind by inviting them to our historic village and our 2 museums. www.historicbuckingham.org and www.leewaysidevillage.com

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"

AA meeting on Wednesdays 6pm Emmanuel Episcopal Church Howardsville Rd. Glenmore in Buckingham.

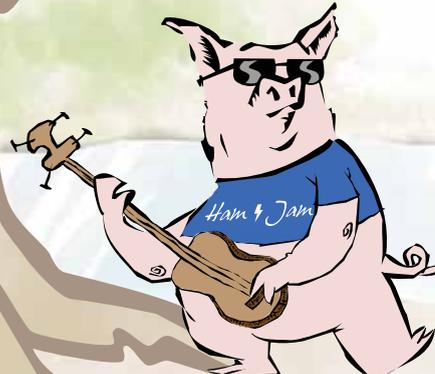
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Front row L to R: Liam Bingler, Brady Shumaker, Sophia Mendez, Christian Mendez, Victoria Mendez, Elizabeth Bingler, and Jack Grant. Phot taken by Martha Louis.

Cub Scout Troop Holds Family Fun Day

Cub Scout Troop 6535 held a "Family Fun Day" Sat. August 25th at the Historic Village. Scouting is growing in Buckingham with the start of the Lion program for kindergarten and the beginning of girls in the Cub Scout program. Over 36 children have signed up so far this year in the Cub Scout program. The scouts meet on Thursday nights at 7:00pm in the old Dillwyn Primary school across from Fas Mart through the end of October .and invite boys and girls.

K-5 to come join us. Contact information: (434)808-4506 or (434)315-3446.



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Local Student Among Graduates of Fort Hays State University

Local and area students from Virginia are among the 2,409 who completed associate, bachelor's or graduate degrees at Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kan., in the spring 2018 semester.

Susan Rene Liebl, of Buckingham earned a Master of Liberal Studies (geosciences).

Fort Hays State, one of six public universities in the Kansas Board of Regents system, does not release degree lists until transcripts have been verified as having met all requirements for graduation.

Upcoming Buckingham County Library Events:

Regular Activities:

Tuesdays @ 10:30 am Preschool Story Time
Tuesdays @ 12:00noon Lunch n' Learn Programs
Wednesdays @ 11:00am Computer classes start Sept 5th.
Thursday 3:30-5:00 After School Activites
Fridays @ 12 noon Family Movies

Special Activities:

Friday, Sept 7th @ 6-7pm abstract art "Name Painting" Turn your name into work of art. Adults can help younger children make a special and personal creation.

Sat, Sept 8th -10:00am -4:00pm APPLE Activities -Get the "in-CIDER info" on healthy apple snacks.

Saturday, Sept 22nd - 11:00am -4:00pm The library will have a craft & game table at "Vino in the Village" (The Historic Village at Lee Wayside)

Fri. Oct. 5th 6:00-7:00 Library Amazing Race - see if your team can make it through

Saturday Oct. 6th 10:00-2:00 The Library will have a craft & game table at "Fall Farm Fest" (The Historic Village at Lee Wayside)

Saturday, Oct. 13th 10:00am- 4:00pm - Pumpkin painting - Decorate a pumpkin to enter in our contest for gift card to a local business.

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Vino in the Village

Historic Buckingham kicks off with the third annual "Vino in the Village" wine festival. This year's festival will include 6 vineyards, BBQ, Seafood, Italian, Amish bakery sweets, fresh squeezed lemonade, Feng Sway jazz, Farm Use String Band, Kid's Craft area and a fine art show. The festival is held rain or shine on Sept 22nd 11:00am-4:00pm. Tickets are \$15 for tasters and \$10 for non tasters. Tickets are available at the gates and only cash or check. www.historicbuckingham.org and www.leewaysidevillage.com



3rd Annual BBQ on the Bend

The 3rd Annual BBQ on the Bend Competition is being hosted by James River Reeling and Rafting (GSCC)! This people's choice competition will feature some of Virginia's best BBQ teams smoking up some of their pulled pork for you to try and rate your favorite! Proceeds from this year's BOTB will benefit the Virginia Wheelin' Sportsmen.

River Town Fest: Scottsville Community Day

When: Saturday, September 8; 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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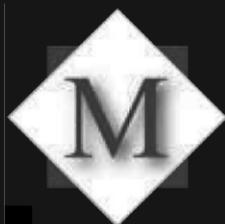
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Randy Toney's Photo Wins Best In Show

The Buckingham Chamber of Commerce has held a photo contest for the past few years with incredible entries from amateur photographers all over the county.

This year was no exception. There were 22 entries in 4 categories. The photographs were judged by an impartial judge from outside of the county. This year Randy Toney entered for the first time and won Best in Show with his beautiful shot of a Dillwyn sunrise. The Chamber met in the Art Center so that all the photographs could be displayed. Everyone enjoyed a meal together and waited till the end of the meeting for the photography contest winners. All of the entries will be up on the Chamber website. The Chamber meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month normally at the VFW Hall. Their next meeting will be their annual picnic at Ellis Acres on Sept 18 at 6:00pm. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert.



Here is a list of the winners:

Wildlife/Domestic Animal category:

- 1st- Bobby Hudgins
- 2nd -Marie Slagle
- 3rd- Betty Shapiro

Landscape/Rural Images category:

- 1st- Betty Shapiro
- 2nd- Randy Toney
- 3rd- Donna McRae-Jones

Only in the Ham category:

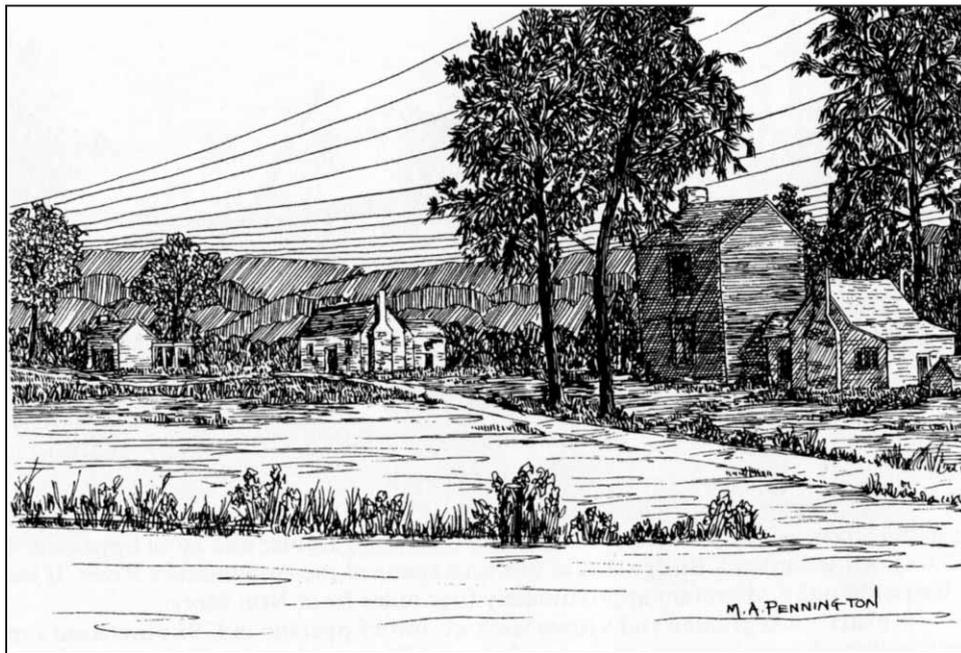
- 1st- Randy Toney
- 2nd- Betty Shapiro
- 3rd- Bobby Hudgins

Events category:

- 1st- Randy Toney
- 2nd- Bobby Hudgins
- 3rd- Betty Shapiro



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).



Osceola. Courtesy Historic Buckingham.

Reconstruction in Buckingham County

In 1867, Lt. Col. John W. Jordan, stationed in Farmville, Virginia, was asked by the Freedmen's Bureau to locate six white men and six African-American men to recommend as potential public servants in post-war Buckingham County. One was named John R. Gilliam. He is probably the John R. Gilliam, age fifty-three, who appeared on the 1860 census, enumerated in Buckingham County's District 1. Gilliam's post office was at Buckingham Court House and he lived with Margarete A. Mathews and what are probably her children, although the census does not indicate the relationship of the individuals living in the household. Gilliam may be a widower and Margarete may be his widowed daughter. He was a prosperous farmer, owning \$11,600 in real estate, consisting of over 1,000 acres, and \$24,755 in personal property, including thirty-three slaves living in six dwellings. These details make Gilliam an incongruous candidate for the post-war government, at least on paper. . . . Did he really resist the Rebel Cause?

According to L. D. Phaup, "John R. Gilliam lived at Osceola, where I was raised. The house is located on State Route 609, in the Francisco District of Buckingham County, and still stands. It is one of the oldest homes in the county going back to the 1740s and was a stage coach stop on the road from Richmond to Lynchburg. The remains of the road can be seen today. I believe John R. Gilliam is buried in the family cemetery located close to the home."

Lt. Col. Jordan also promoted Dr. Charles E. Davidson of Maysville (a.k.a. Buckingham Court House). The 1860 slave census indicates that Dr. Davidson owned no slaves. Not being a planter, he had no need of field labor and, apparently, did not own a domestic servant.

During 1861-1862, Davidson was an Assistant Surgeon for the Confederate States Army, working at the Globe Hospital (a. k. a. General Hospital No. 11) and at General Hospital No. 21, both in Richmond, Virginia. By September of 1865, he served in the medical department of the U.S. Army and became a Freedman's Bureau agent in November of 1865.

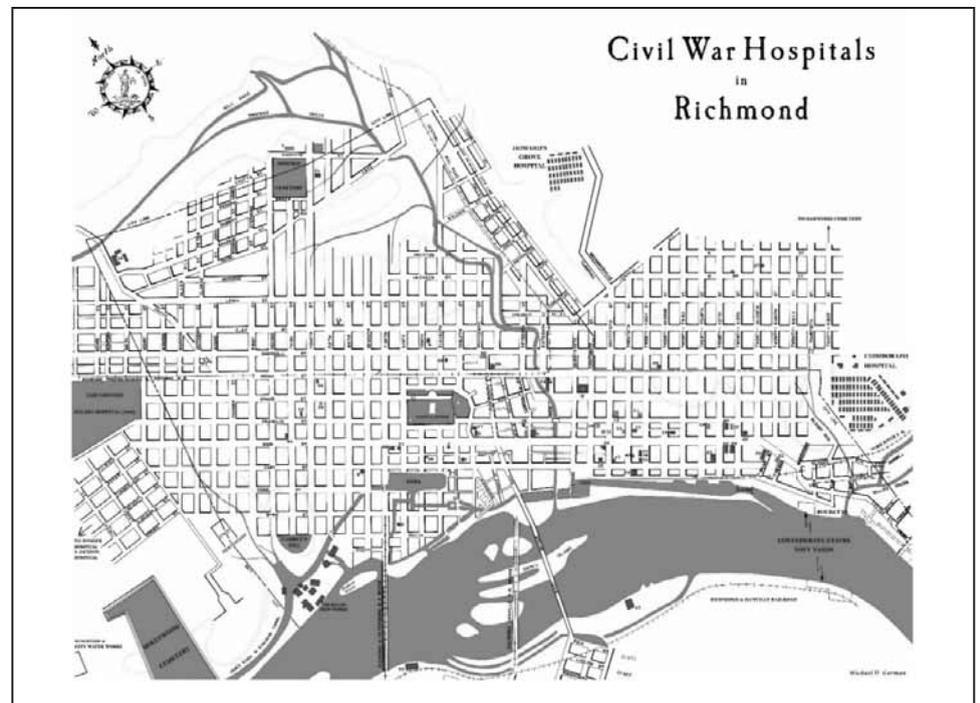
Richmond Hospital Map. Courtesy Civil War Richmond.

In 1870, he reported \$1,800 worth of real estate and \$300 worth of personal property. He lived with his wife, Eveline, and four young children in Maysville Township, Post Office: Curdsville. He died later that year.

Of all the white men listed by Jordan, Dr. Davidson appears to have the longest involvement in Buckingham County politics and county government. In 1860, he was named among the county's prominent Whigs. During 1865, he publicly expressed loyalty to the Federal Government and was appointed to join the Overseers of the Poor. Additionally, he was a delegate to a convention held in Fluvanna County for the purpose of nominating a candidate to represent Buckingham's Senatorial District. In 1868, he served the county as a Superintendent, representing District 1.

An obituary for his charming widow, Eveline (Parrack) Davidson, appeared in the March 22, 1905 issue of the *Appomattox and Buckingham Times*:

Buckingham, Va. March 20. —Departed this life on Tuesday night, March 14, 1905, at her late home in this village [Buckingham Court House], Mrs. Eveline Davidson, widow of the late Dr. C. E. Davidson, and sister of Mrs. Mary E. Shaw and the late David A. Parrack, at the ripe old age of eighty years. Mrs. Davidson would have reached her eightieth year had she lived until April 11, 1905. She was possibly one of the most widely known ladies of this section. Of a striking genial and cheerful disposition, with happy expression for every one with whom she came in contact, and was an inspiration to



Richmond Hospital Map. Courtesy Civil War Richmond.

"look on the bright side." Mrs. Davidson leaves two sons—Mr. D. Elwood Davidson, now of Boydton, Va., and Mr. T. J. Davidson, of this village.

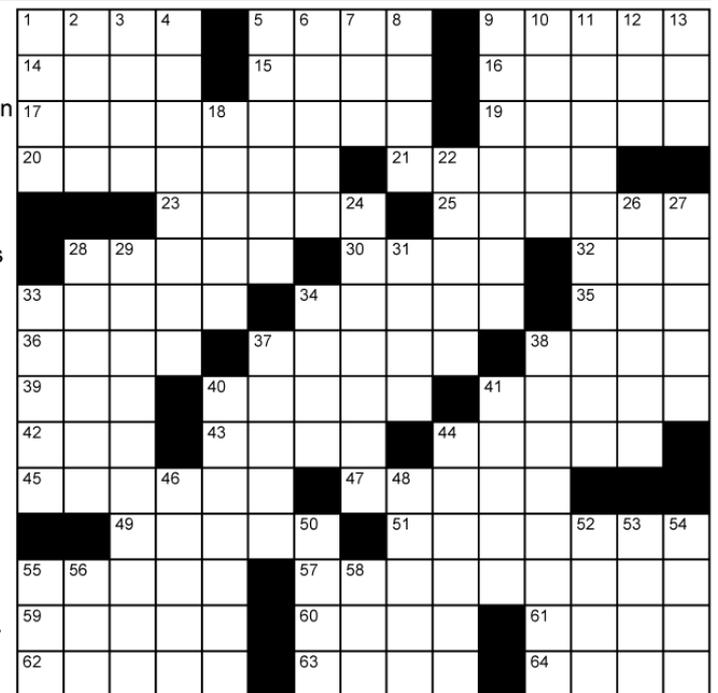
A small collection of letters written by Dr. Davidson survives, archived at the Virginia Historical Society (The Virginia Museum of History & Culture).

Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 They may be graphic
- 5 Stones' frontman
- 9 Ship renovation
- 14 Library item
- 15 Auth. unknown
- 16 Wax theatrical
- 17 Bond's business
- 19 Bad treatment
- 20 Anti-nuke pact
- 21 Avid
- 23 Zoo favorite
- 25 Doc
- 28 High-society group
- 30 Prayer ender
- 32 Part of DNR
- 33 Collect
- 34 California slugger
- 35 Primitive shelter
- 36 Gossip, slangily
- 37 Shrinking
- 38 Alan of a 60's sitcom
- 39 Colony member
- 40 Pumped up
- 41 Lost cause
- 42 Ring thing
- 43 Golf bag item
- 44 Unrefined
- 45 Political fugitive
- 47 Finn's creator
- 49 Indigent
- 51 Like the Empire State Building
- 55 Jeer
- 57 Listen in
- 59 The "U" in UHF
- 60 Greek god of war
- 61 Look like a wolf



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- 62 Clean up, in a way
- 63 His partner
- 64 Egg on
- DOWN**
- 1 Help, as a hoodlum
- 2 Kate's "Titanic" role
- 3 Motown Four
- 4 Easily startled
- 5 Get by somehow
- 6 Lacking substance
- 7 Gear tooth
- 8 Patella's place
- 9 Lab chemical
- 10 Plant firmly
- 11 Necktie knot
- 12 Computer pros
- 13 Golf gadget
- 18 Passing remarks?
- 22 Modify, as a bill
- 24 Attire
- 26 Grand ___ Dam
- 27 Playful swimmer
- 28 Slim Shady
- 29 Like some changes
- 31 J-Lo's "___" in Manhattan"
- 33 Words of wisdom
- 34 Early copter
- 37 Beat
- 38 Elvis classic of 1956
- 40 Bug
- 41 Southern breakfast staple
- 44 Gentle stroke
- 46 Category
- 48 Be indecisive
- 50 Slangy assent
- 52 As a result
- 53 Fountain drink
- 54 Pundit's page
- 55 Soaking spot
- 56 Sinatra song, "___ The Way"
- 58 You-here link



Small Animal Care Team: Alana Ballowe, Trenton Snoddy, Haley Peins.



Plant Science Team: Justice Steger, Courtney Agee, Jordan Dorrier, Cadence Campbell.

FFA Chapter Competes at State Convention

Contributed by Sherry M. Dorrier, Agricultural Education Instructor/FFA Advisor,
Buckingham County Middle School



Food & Fiber Team: Griffin Haines, Haylie Hucks, Jacob Palmore.

Members of the Buckingham Middle School FFA Chapter competed in several competitions June 18-21 at the 92nd State Convention held on the campus of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg.

FFA competitions are designed to use knowledge and skills the competitors have learned in their Agricultural Education courses. This year there were five teams from the middle school that competed. The members spent many hours outside of class practicing and preparing for their contest. They did very well representing Buckingham Middle School. The Middle School Small Animal Care team placed 3rd overall with Alana Ballowe placing 3rd individually. Other teammates included Haley Peins and Trenton Snoddy. Sherry Dorrier coached the team.

Middle school members also competed in the Plant Science, Food & Fiber, FFA Quiz Bowl, and Agriscience Technology and Mechanics, career development events. The Plant Science team placed 10th overall. The team consisted of Jordan Dorrier, Courtney Agee, Justice Steger, and Cadence Campbell. The Food & Fiber team placed 18th overall. The team consisted of Griffin Haines, Haylie Hucks, and Jacob Palmore. The Quiz Bowl team placed 10th overall. The team consisted of Emma Staton, Nathan Shippee, James Motley, and Daniel Farrish. The teams were coached by Sherry Dorrier. The Mechanics team placed 20th overall. Team members included Eli Bryant, Thomas Page, Holden Tyson, and Camden Allen. The mechanics team was coached by Sherry Dorrier and Andrew Schmitt.

The Buckingham Middle Chapter was also recognized with the Superior Chapter Award silver rating and a public relations award.



Quiz Bowl Team: Nathan Shippee, Daniel Farrish, James Motley, Emma Staton.



Mechanics Team: Eli Bryant, Holden Tyson, Camden Allen, Thomas Page.

The 2018 Buckingham All- Star Team

Contributed by Crystal Martin

Summer of 2018 for the boys from red clay country will be remembered as historic. On July 10th, the Buckingham Majors squad clinched the state championship in a come-from-behind victory against Amelia paving the way for its World Series run in Lumberton, North Carolina representing Virginia. The Majors squad swept the tournament 5 – 0 at the county’s own beloved Gene Dixon Sr. Memorial park in front of an impressive hometown crowd. The Virginia (Buckingham) team then joined the host team and 10 other state champions in Lumberton, NC over the first weekend in August for the 12-team World Series play.

In events leading up to the games, the players and coaches were able to meet other players and representatives from other Dixie Youth states in the south east during a banquet held in their honor. Teams were also able to trade commemorative pins with other states during the event. The opening ceremonies showcased teams in three divisions from 11 states and the host team at the Lumberton High School football stadium complex.

In opening day play, held at the Dr. Raymond B. Pennington Athletic



Front row: Jake Carter, Avery Schaeffer, Nick Allen, Bubba Garceau, Wyatt Bickford, Camden Allen.
Back row: Walter (Juniebug) Edwards, Ethan Martin, Daniel Farrish, Cam Newton, Justin Gunter, Rocco Raynor, Harrison Mitchell, and Travis Hicks. Photo submitted by Crystal Martin.

See Team, page 15

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Team from page 13

Complex, the Virginia (Buckingham) squad fell 4-0 to Louisiana, despite holding the game at 0-0 going into the top of the fifth. The team marched into Sunday's game and got the bats cranked up, eliminating Arkansas 12-2 via mercy rule. Monday's game saw more of the same with solid offense and defense earning the team a victory over host, Lumberton, 10-1. Tuesday's play against North Carolina would result in elimination for Virginia as they dropped the game 3-0. The Buckingham All-Star team finished the summer an impressive 7-2 and is the first team from Buckingham to win more than one game in the World Series. The Virginia team was also named as the 2018 Danny Jones Sportsmanship Award recipients for this year's tournament. This award is presented annually to the World Series team in each worth Series which, to the greatest degree, demonstrates the character and traits for which this (Dixie Youth Baseball) program was organized, the organization's website explains. An award presentation was held at Gene Dixon Sr. Memorial park hosted by Phyllis Johnson, State Director and D.D. Edwards, Assistant State Director. Mr. Edward's summed up the accomplishments of this team by offering these words, "I think I speak for every person in central Virginia, that as much as I was proud of their accomplishments on the field, I am even prouder of them doing it the right way and winning the Sportsmanship Award!"

The 2018 Buckingham All-Star Team was led by manager, John Toney, coaches, Travis Hicks and Walter "Juniebug" Edwards, Jr. and was comprised of players Camden Allen, Nick Allen, Wyatt Bickford, Jake Carter, Daniel Farrish, Shawn "Bubba" Garceau Jr., Justin Gunter, Ethan Martin, Harrison Mitchell, Cameron Newton, Rocco Raynor, and Avery Schaeffer.

The team would like to thank the individuals and businesses who supported them during the state and world series tournaments.

Reflecting on the boys of summer from red clay country, manager John Toney offered his highest praises,

"This year's Buckingham majors were made of well rounded young men who loved baseball. They worked hard every practice and played their hearts out every game. I am very proud of these young men and how far we went this year. I also had a great coaching staff, Travis Hicks and Walter "Bug" Edwards by my side. We might not have won the World Series, but in my eyes, we were the champions and actually won the Sportsmanship award showing exactly how respectful, hard working and mannered these boys and coaches are. This team made history for not only Buckingham County but for the State of Virginia as well. I know they will do great things and make major accomplishments in their baseball career." Sounds like a summer well spent.

Answers to the Crossword Puzzle from page 11

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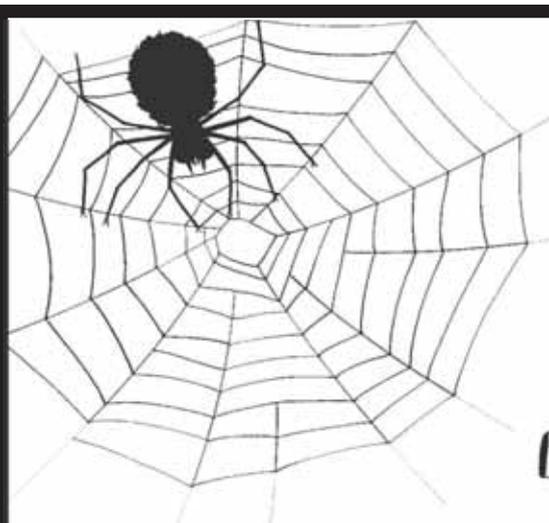
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