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The four officers of the Ruritan Club joined together one more time to figure out the logistics of closing down the club. Rear, left is club director, Charles Crews and president, Craig McPherson. Front is treasurer, Ed Wise, and secretary, Donna McRae-Jones. Photo by Sue A. Miles.

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## Volunteer drivers needed

# PSR Begins Medical Transportation Program

Contributed by Jordan Miles



PSRAAA Driver Wayne Gough, right standing, prepares to take Henry Fulcher, seated, and his wife Joyce, to a non-emergency medical appointment. Henry Fulcher was PSRAAA's first client of this new program, providing safe, reliable transportation for seniors in the seven-county service area.

**P**iedmont Senior Resources Area Agency on Aging (PSRAAA) has expanded its services to provide safe and reliable non-emergency transportation to senior citizens in its seven-county service region.

"Through a grant from the Department and Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) --- which included a local match --- we were able to secure funding for a five-passenger, handicap-accessible minivan," said PSRAAA CEO Justine A. Young, RN, BSN. "We've worked for many months with staff and DRPT and the Department of Motor Vehicles to make this dream a reality for the seniors of our community, who need and deserve a safe, affordable way to get to their doctor's appointments." Young gave special credit to the Centra Foundation, the Impact 1890 Foundation and Davita Dialysis, for their contributions and support.

PSRAAA provides companion services, Medicare insurance counseling, care coordination, home-delivered meals, friendship cafes, money management, and many other services to seniors who live in Amelia, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Lunenburg, Nottoway and Prince Edward counties.

According to Young, in past Health Needs Assessments and surveys done by Centra Southside and STEPS Inc. among others, transportation has been ranked in the top three needs locally.

"We've had more than 10 successful appointments to date --- appointments for seniors who are living on fixed incomes with barriers to transportation who may not have otherwise been able to get to their doctor or health care professional to address their needs. These are

seniors living in isolated areas with very isolated social interaction," said Thomas Jordan Miles III, PSRAAA Director of Nutrition and Transportation. "We want to increase that, and we're looking for clients and appointments."

The program is currently accepting appointments from seniors living in all seven counties in the PSRAAA region, though active service is only being offered currently to seniors living in Prince Edward and Farmville and surrounding neighborhoods traveling to doctors' offices in Prince Edward and surrounding neighborhoods. In the coming months, PSRAAA will offer active service to seniors living in all seven counties.

"This should not discourage our seniors from calling and getting their appointments on our schedule," Miles said. "All you have to do is call us, no matter where you live. You can go ahead and get your appointment on our schedule, even if it's several months out."

Miles said the agency is also looking for volunteer drivers to safely transport seniors to and from their medical appointments.

"For anyone who wants to give back to this community, this is a very easy, satisfying way to serve our senior population," Miles said. "Having driven appointments, I can tell you the social interaction is very, very rewarding for both the client and the driver."

PSR plans on transporting veterans to the Veterans Affairs Hospital once a month in the coming months.

Through 2020, PSRAAA has DRPT vouchers to offset the costs of service for seniors who qualify, using the Federal Poverty Guideline Siding Scale.

**For more information, call Miles at 434-767-5588, email [jmiles@PSRAAA.org](mailto:jmiles@PSRAAA.org) or visit [www.psraaa.org](http://www.psraaa.org).**





## Chamber recognizes leaders

# Agee, The Spa, Shapiro & Anderson receive high honors

Contributed by Jordan Miles, a director on the chamber board

**B**usinesses, people and events in Buckingham County were celebrated, recognized and honored Tuesday night (Jan. 22) during the Buckingham Chamber of Commerce's 2018 Annual Awards Banquet.

Held at the Dillwyn Volunteer Fire Department, the banquet saw the Chamber's Lifetime Achievement Award go to longtime Glenmore Volunteer Fire Department Chief Pete Agee; the Business of the Year Award to The Spa, owned and operated by Melissa Louis Wallace; the Volunteer of the Year Award to tireless fundraiser and organizer Betty Shapiro; and the Youth Achievement Award to academic standout and community supporter Jaylen C. Anderson.

Also during the event, Krishna Jo Melendez, was sworn in as Chamber president, along with Vice-President Jordan Miles, Board Chairman Eddie Slagle, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor Sandra F. Moss, Secretary Margaret Stout, along with directors Faye Shumaker, Janet Miller, Wanda Albrecht, Nan Holt, Jewel Harris and Barbara Wheeler.

The event also celebrated and recognized chamber members who go above and beyond the call of duty in setting up and organizing events, along with businesses named with the Community Pride Award throughout the year, along with others that participated in the Chamber's Business of the Month, in addition to the Chamber of Commerce acquiring the civic signs and displays from the Ruritan Club, seeking to replace and enhance the four sign locations across the county.

Miles, a Glenmore native, nominated Agee for the Lifetime Achievement Award.



Held at the Dillwyn Volunteer Fire Department, the banquet saw the Chamber's Lifetime Achievement Award go to longtime Glenmore Volunteer Fire Department Chief Pete Agee, second from left; the Business of the Year Award to The Spa, owned and operated by Melissa Louis Wallace, at right; the Volunteer of the Year Award go to tireless fundraiser and organizer Betty Shapiro, at left; and the Youth Achievement Award to academic standout and community supporter Jaylen C. Anderson.

Photo courtesy of Buckingham Chamber

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At the Club's last official meeting, National Director, Susan Greisz, spoke to the audience in support of the good works of the organization. Shown with Greisz after the event are Donna McRae-Jones (secretary), Ann Fields (past secretary), Craig McPherson (president), National Director, Greisz, Ed Wise (treasurer). Not pictured is the club's director, Charles Crews. Photo by Sue Miles



Among many of the archives of the Ruritan Club is this picture of past presidents from the 1980s to 2013. Rear (l to r): James McDaniel, Jr., Robert H. Saxon, Sr., Charles P. Crews, Robert H. Saxon, Jr.. Front: Charles Lewis and Benjamin H. Johnson. Not pictured is Lanny R. Jones. McDaniel, age 89, was the longest living member when the Club ended. He joined in 1971. Photo submitted by Ruritans

# Goodbye Ruritan Club of Buckingham County

By Sue A. Miles  
Correspondent

**P**erusing through the archives of the Ruritan Club of Buckingham County is truly taking a walk through history. The many photos, newspaper articles, and documents showing the good work of the Club members over the past 80 years demonstrates the value and importance of this civic organization. However, this is all very bittersweet when you consider that starting with our new year, the Club is no longer. Due to low membership and in turn, limited resources, the Ruritan Club of Buckingham County has officially dissolved.

And, that will be a bitter blow to the county as the Club has proven, throughout the past 80 years, to be a huge supporter of the county and its citizens, schools, and organizations.

In early December the then current Club members had their last annual community meeting where many of the organizations and groups that they have supported over the years joined to celebrate their good works. And, to say thanks and farewell. Donna McRae-Jones, club secretary, shared the members' thoughts. "It saddens us tonight that this is our last gathering," she said. "But things do rise again, and we hope, in the future, that the Buckingham Ruritans will return."

It's actually a bit mind-boggling to see what the Ruritans have done for the community over the past 80 years. Based upon their historic documents here's just a few highlights:

- Established and sponsored the first economics courses in the county;
- Established and sponsored the first business course in the county;
- Sponsored the first typing class at the high school and helped purchase typewriters;
- Installed lights on the high school athletic field and then upgrading the installation the '80s;
- Transported high school athletes to practices and games;
- Sponsored a scholarship for local students;
- Sponsored a tonsil and diphtheria clinic;
- Sponsored the Ruritan Bowl - the annual game between Fork Union Military Academy and the high school;
- Donated the flagpole at the courthouse;
- Initiated the Buckingham County Forest Festival which was later changed to the Virginia Forest Festival by Governor Charles Robb's proclamation;
- Became the first civic organization to go on record in support of the county's public library;
- Provided the initial support for the county's historical society which is now known as Historic Buckingham, Inc.;
- Initiated a clean-up campaign that spawned the official Buckingham County Anti-Litter Task Force;



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The Ruritan Club would annually recognize Buckingham citizens for their good work in the community. This undated photo shows three such individuals who were recognized: Marie Bates, Dorothy Morgan, Sandra Moss. Submitted photo

- Initiated and sponsored the construction of three emergency helicopter pads in the county;
- Donated money to Boys Scouts, the public library, youth athletic league, 4-H, Special Olympics, volunteer fire and rescue squads and Virginia Boys State;
- Sponsor of the county Veterans Memorial (completed and dedicated in 1990);
- Established the logo mounting frames at the courthouse and Dillwyn town limits;
- Participated in Memorial Day ceremony while involving high school students and faculty in research and presentations honoring local veterans;
- Designed and presented the first Buckingham County flag to the county;
- Sponsored a trip to the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. for WWII vets.

What an incredible list of accomplishments and service to the community; many which will likely surprise

readers. Their service should make everyone realize what a true loss this is to our country. There are a number of groups who also want to note the important contribution to the county. Hear their words offered at the Ruritan's last meeting:

Laura Newell-Furniss, Director of Hunters for the Hungry (Bedford): They have allowed us to provide thousands of pounds of venison to those in need. The Ruritans are so compassionate and truly care about our community.

Jason Wharam, Chief of Dillwyn Volunteer Fire Department: We hate to see them go. They've been a big supporter of ours.

Moe LeSueur, First Lt. And Qtr. Master of Arvon Fire Department: We really appreciate what the Ruritans have done for us. Every little bit helps.

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The Ruritan Club's membership reflected a wide range of Buckingham citizens whose purpose was to better the country. This 2002 membership picture is a perfect example of the outstanding people who worked together for a common cause. Standing (l to r): Lewis Stinson, Cecil Benninghove, Tom Dennison, William Woodson, Donald Hudgins, Jerry Morgan, Jim McDaniel, Cliff Crews, John Holland, Alex Seaman, Earl Thomas, Charles Garland, Ed Wise, John Morgan, Charles Lewis, Dave Word, Ben Johnson, Vernon Robertson, Frankie Bryant, Mark Waldrop, Walt Geigert, Bob Saxon, Bob Parson and Bill Hudnall. Seated: Irene Ellis, Marie Bates, Gloria Garland, and Susan Holland. Photo provided by Ruritan Club



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### Ruritans from page 5

Mike Lily - Assistant Chief, Glenmore Fire Department: We appreciate the yearly donations they give to the fire department.

Rose Payne - Volunteer with the Buckingham 4-H: The Ruritans have given money every year for kids to go to camp. Allowing many children to go, where they might not otherwise. The money really has helped.

Kaitlyn Considine, Madeline's House Fville: They've been a big help to us through their donations. All of the money goes to shelter needs and to individuals in the shelters. Anything that our grants can't cover; clothes, gas, food.

Dale Senger. President of Toga Volunteer Department: The Ruritans have been very supportive. Not just in money but what they've done for the community. Hate to see them close. Hopefully if the good Lord is willing it can get started again. They've been a great support and very generous.

Spencer Adams, Boy Scouts: They've been supporting the Scouts for years, which is deeply appreciated. Children are given opportunities through their donations that they wouldn't get to do otherwise.

Bill Kemp, Habitat for Humanity: They've given us wonderful cash donations and that is a big help as we strug-



gle to raise funds.

So sadly, we say goodbye to the Buckingham County Ruritan Club. Although many may not have known about the club, it would appear obvious that the closing will create a deep hole in the service to the country. As National Director Susan Greisz, National said at the end of the final meeting in December: "I pray that you continue. I personally believe that you're never finished serving the Lord or the community either with other organizations or as an individual. I believe that all clubs have peaks and valleys. I believe that the youth want to do community service but just in a different format. We need to relook at how we can inspire them to be part of something greater than themselves."



He called Agee "one of Buckingham most quietest and humble leaders."

"This man, a gentleman, I might add, is fixture in the Glenmore community of Buckingham, and has served with the Glenmore Volunteer Fire Department since 1968 — merely one year after it's being founded. Soon after, he'd become the department's chief — a role he's held since he was first appointed, putting him among the longest serving fire department chiefs currently serving in Virginia."

Miles highlighted Agee's humble beginnings, and strong work ethic, along with his dedication to this family and his community.

"Pete is more than a fire chief and a volunteer firefighter. He's an inspiration," Miles said. "To wit, he's inspired his son and his son's son, Trevor, to serve alongside him in the Glenmore Volunteer Fire Department — marking a unique ongoing and present three-generations of dedicated service to the community."

"Who would have thought that our small town would have such an outstanding business?," began Melanie Farrish, who nominated The Spa for the Business of the Year Award. "People from all ends of Buckingham and beyond come here to relax and enjoy The Spa, located right here in Dillwyn!"

"I have gone to Melissa Louis for every month for five years," Farrish said. "It's a pleasure to be a client. I always feel like she tries to tailor my sessions specifically to my needs. I have had issues with sciatic pain and she worked with me until I felt relief!"

Farrish interviewed five clients of the business, all of whom offered excellent reviews, including, "I've been a customer of Melissa's since she started her business. She has created an atmosphere of peace and tranquility for her customers. Her services leave you feeling very relaxed and rejuvenated!" and "The Spa staff is always extremely professional. I appreciate that she seems to always be trying new things to help benefit her clients. I very much like that she is flexible and has the reminder system in place."

Another client noted that "Melissa has always conducted her business in a very business-like manner. When the need arose for additional staff, she reached out and hired trained professionals. In this way she is able to offer a variety of services and has kept her client base covered when she is not available."

Dillwyn Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jason Wharam nominated Betty Shapiro for the Volunteer of the Year Award. His wife, Donna, read his nomination letter Tuesday.

Jason nominated Shapiro "in recognition of her outstanding leadership and tireless efforts to the Dillwyn Volunteer Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary and many other community-based activities. "Because of Betty's hard work and efforts, she has earned the respect and gratitude of those around her in many aspects of her life. Betty has inspired and motivated many members of the Dillwyn Volunteer Fire Department to always give their best in all conditions," Jason Wharam wrote.

Shapiro, who joined the auxiliary in 2007, became a member of the group because she wanted to give back to the community, Jason wrote. Shapiro is the incoming president and treasurer and president of the auxiliary.

"Betty works tirelessly through extreme heat and smoke-filled areas to ensure firefighters have water and snacks, and in the bitter cold, to sell calendars throughout the community to benefit the department's operations," Wharam wrote.

Wharam noted Shapiro is a significant contributor to the barbecue events at the firehouse, and coordinates with department members, the auxiliary and members of the community to ensure great events, all which support the department.

She has been a "significant contributor" to many fundraising events for the department, including the womanless beauty pageant, cash bingo, and many other events, Wharam wrote.

"Betty works hard, loves people and always lifts the spirits of those around her. Betty is very compassionate about everything she involves herself in and continually exceeds expectations to this community with the service and support she provides," Wharam said. "...Betty's hard work and efforts should not go unnoticed as she makes a difference in our community and has positively impacted those around her in so many ways," he concluded.

Miles, who nominated Anderson for the Youth Achievement Award, said Anderson is a 9th grade student at Buckingham County High School. "Since he was in elementary school, this young man has been highly involved in his school, church and community," Miles said.

"He is the 9th grade Student Council Association representative at the high school. Jaylen, who is 14, volunteers in the concession stands at Friday night football games and is extremely active in the church (he sings in the choir, leads children church, reads announcements, leads prayer, and serves as a Youth Worship leader). Maintaining his service since was in elementary school, he still volunteers with Buckingham Active Seniors, taking pictures at their events. Jaylen has helped senior citizens complete absentee voting ballot applications and, then has assisted them with their voting. He currently tutors a classmate in Spanish II, and recently volunteered at Ellis Acres. This is just the tip of his academic and extracurricular iceberg."

Miles said Anderson has done all this while maintaining an "A" average in classes and perfect attendance.

Miles said the middle school asked him to come back for two meetings to help the students there, a request he was happy to help with. "Jaylen helps design of his church's posters via their church page. He recently helped a church in Fluvanna County with typing their church's meeting notes and developed their program for



Youth Achievement Award recipient Jaylen C. Anderson, right, smiles with Jordan Miles, who nominated Anderson for the award.

their Pastor's Anniversary."

"Jaylen most currently served on the committee (one of only eight people) for his church's new Pastor Installation, held in October, where, like a true gentleman, escorted the pastor's daughter into the church," Miles said.

This is all Jaylen's most recent leadership activities. Let's look back at what he's already done.

Anderson has had perfect attendance every year.

"He was the Buckingham Middle School's Chief Editor of the Yearbook. He's completed well over 100 Community Service hours. He was a member of the middle school's Color Guard. Jaylen was the first person in recent Buckingham history to serve as an usher at a Buckingham High School Graduation Ceremony who was not a rising senior. He's tutored younger students, participated in Gifted and Talented Showcases, writes to veterans and assembles care packages, and serves as president of the Third Liberty Baptist Church Youth Choir."

Miles noted Anderson's career plan he penned for himself when he was in eighth grade.

"It goes something like this. Jaylen's career goal is to become a microbiologist. He's laid out his actions to complete this goal in his three-page plan he penned last year, which include taking the necessary classes in school needed and being 'accepted in a top college that offers my major/career choice.' Actions completed toward this goal include receiving all As, being on the honor roll, keeping a 4.0 GPA and having perfect attendance all year and every year."

"With Jaylen's track record of success thus far, I have no doubt he'll go farther than he realizes, serving his community and his family, maintaining his deep Buckingham County roots, and staying true to the adage that hard work pays off, and it's not what you get that matters, but it's what you give," Miles said.

"Being a member and serving on the Chamber Board has been a wonderful experience," Melendez said regarding being named Chamber President. "We pride ourselves with our skilled members, informative meetings, good food, and community-building events. I feel privileged to be elected the next president of the Buckingham Chamber of Commerce. I look forward to growing our chamber and serving our community to best of my ability."

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### Central Va Gold Prospectors to hold February meeting

CVGP meeting February 9th at the VFW. Starts at 10.00 am. Snow date is February 23 2019, starts at 10.00 am at VFW.



### Alexander Hill Baptist Church Preservation Committee Receives Bama Works Fund Grant

The Trustees of Alexander Hill Baptist Church along with the Preservation Committee are excited to be the recipient of an \$8000 gift from the Bama Works Fund of Dave Matthews Band at the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation. Many local churches, church choirs, private citizens have also made donations in 2018.

The plans have always been to have the oldest African American church in the county serve as an educational tool for the public and school tours, but also to be reestablished as a place of worship.

For more information or to make a donation, call (434)547-2296 or [marthalouis60@gmail.com](mailto:marthalouis60@gmail.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"



### Town of Dillwyn Rehab Project Receives Grant

The Town of Dillwyn received grant money of over \$400,000 from the Virginia Dept of Housing to improve conditions for the town residents. Surveys were sent out to the town residents and community meetings held to explain the project. Six houses qualified for the project which was income based. Bids have been submitted and a contractor approved.

The work will be done in cycles. Cycle One will begin at the end of January. One house is receiving updates to cabinets and appliances. The other house will be torn down and new construction will be built. The next cycle will also include a demolition and reconstruction. The work being done will include Culberth, White, Conner and Hancock Streets.



### County Christian Fellowship plans trip

Something exciting is going to happen in 2019. The Buckingham County Christian Fellowship Association, a non-profit organization, is sponsoring a 3 day 2 night trip to Lancaster Pennsylvania on Tuesday, April 2nd through Thursday, April 4th.

The trip includes a round trip motor coach transportation, two nights lodging, two deluxe continental breakfasts, two dinners, a 2-hour farmland tour, time for shopping and the show "Jesus", at sight and sound Theater.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Wine and Cheese with Silent Auction Benefit for Buckingham Library

On Saturday, March 23, 2019, a Wine and Cheese with Silent Auction benefit will be held to raise funds for the furnishings, fixtures and equipment for the new library in Buckingham County. The benefit will be held at the Buckingham VFW Hall located at 14405 W. James Anderson Highway.

The event begins at 6 PM and will continue until 8:00 PM. Ticket price includes wine, non-alcoholic beverages, and hors d'oeuvres. Items for the silent auction will be open for bids until 7:30. Tickets are \$15 each. Buy at the door, from a member of the Fundraising Committee or at the Buckingham County Public Library, 1140 Main St., Dillwyn. For further information email: bclfr@gmail.com or phone Pat Howe at 434-969-4886.

The Buckingham Friends of the Library are accepting new, quality items or gift vouchers for the silent auction. If you have items, please

contact Pat Howe at bclfr@gmail.com or 434-696-4886. The Friends will be accepting items until March 15th which can also be delivered to the library to the attention of Amy White, Branch Manager.

Join us for an enjoyable evening and support a worthy cause! All proceeds go towards the funding of furnishings, fixtures and equipment for the new Buckingham County Public Library.

### Thistle Gate Winery

March – December Open: Friday & Saturday 12 Noon – 5:30 p.m. / Sunday 1:00 – 5:30 p.m. Over the winter months we will be open for bottle sales and growler refills regularly. Please check our website for information on hours – www.thistle-gatevineyard.com



**Buckingham Preschool Registration**

Help give your child a jumpstart to success in Kindergarten!

*Applicants must reside in Buckingham County and be four years old by September 30, 2019.*

**Registration Location:** Buckingham Preschool

**Dates:** Friday, March 1, 2019 ~ 9:00-2:30 & 4:00-6:00 p.m.  
Friday, March 8, 2019 ~ 9:00-2:30

**Bring the following to registration:**

- **CHILD**- we need child present for registration as there will be a 15 minute screening during registration
- Birth certificate
- Two (2) proofs of residency (ex: utility bill, driver's license, etc.) -with matching addresses -must be physical address (No P.O. Boxes)
- Legal guardianship paperwork (if applicable)
- Proof of income (W2 or IRS form 1040)
- Physical Examination Report -Must be dated within 12 months of the first day of school
- Immunization Records -Immunizations must be up-to-date -Same immunization requirements as for Kindergarten

### Watching Your Weight

Yes it's true. The loss is happening on the scales at a Weight Watchers meeting every Thursday afternoon which takes place at the beautiful Wiley Fitness Center in The Central Va Community Health Center. The group lost 226 pounds in 12 weeks !! The meetings are on Thursdays with weigh in beginning at 2:30pm and meeting at 2:45-3:15pm.

Contact alex.butterfield@weightwatchers.com for more information.

### AA and Al Anon

Every Tuesday at 7:30 pm - Scottsville United Methodist Church. AA meets in the Fellowship Hall and Al Anon (for families of problem drinkers) meets in the Sunday School Room.

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



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Volunteer opportunities are available in Farmville and surrounding areas. Training is required to become a hospice volunteer and is typically done in two four-hour sessions or one seven-hour day on Saturday.

### Registration:

To register for volunteer training, contact Malinda Miller at 434.315.5052 or email malinda.miller@centrahealth.com.

### CLASS DATES

#### DATES:

Tuesday and Wednesday,  
February 26 and 27  
10 am to 2 pm

or

Tuesday and Wednesday  
April 9 and 10  
10 am to 2 pm

Lunch provided.

#### LOCATION:

Centra Hospice Farmville,  
1705 E. Third Street,  
Farmville, Virginia



# Local Health Centers Receive Funds for Women's Health

Contributed by Amanda Morgan

**T**wo local health centers are pleased to partner with the Virginia Department of Health in a new contraceptive initiative. Central Virginia Community Health Center (CVCHC) and Health Center for Women and Families (HCWF) are participating in the initiative which will allow low-income, uninsured women to receive long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARC) free of charge. The program is open to uninsured women and individuals do not have to be health center patients to receive the service. Those who are interested may call the health center for more information. **Information from CVCHC may be obtained by calling 434-581-3271 or from HCWF by calling 434-392-8177.**



CVCHC and HCWF are all part of Central Virginia Health Services (CVHS), a non-profit community health center - Virginia's first community health center. Services vary by location and include family medical, dental, prenatal, and behavioral health services. Community health centers such as these are community-based and patient-directed organizations that serve populations with limited access to health care because of geography, lack of insurance, poverty, or other factors. Along with other health care safety net providers, the health centers play a key role in the community's health. The health centers take most insurance plans and offer an income-based discount for services for low-income families.

# James F. McDaniel, Jr. Recognized for 20 Years of Service

Contributed by Sherry S. Ragland



Mr. James F. McDaniel, Jr. receives recognition award from Dr. Wilkie Chaffin, Area V Chair for the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

**T**he Virginia Association of Conservation District Employees has recognized James F. McDaniel, Jr. for 20 years of service as an elected Director for the Peter Francisco Soil and Water Conservation District. Prior to serving as an elected Director, Mr. McDaniel served as an Associate Director for 7 years, from 1992-1998. In January 1998, after the resignation of an elected Director, Mr. McDaniel was appointed to fill the remainder of that unexpired term, to be served through December 2000. After successful completion of that term, Mr. McDaniel ran for the elected Director position for Buckingham, to be effective January 2001. In that same year, he was nominated by the Board of Directors to serve as the Treasurer for the District. He still performs the duties of that position today.

Mr. McDaniel brings to the District years of agriculture experience, having served as the Executive Director with Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), now known as Farm Service Agency (FSA) from 1968 until his retirement in May, 1990. His organizational skills in conducting meetings and serving on numerous committees within the District has been instrumental in the success of the Peter Francisco SWCD. His availability to the staff in the office on short notice is one dedication to fulfilling his responsibilities as Director on the Board.

Sherry Ragland, District Manager for Peter Francisco Soil and Water Conservation District said, "Mr. McDaniel has a memory like an elephant and can remember things that happened years ago. That knowledge base is how the District stays on top of things. He is one of the most professional gentleman of all times and I can say I'm very proud to have worked under his leadership."

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On The Move  
With Joanne Yeck

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 (braugherbooks.com).

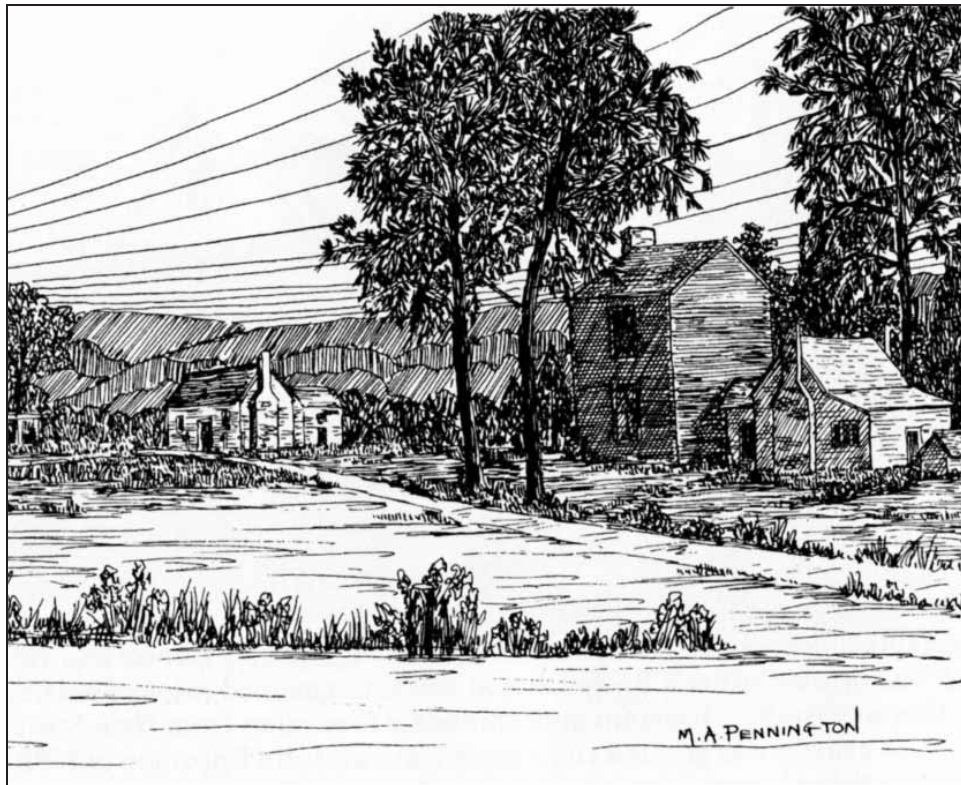
Albemarle or Fluvanna Co.—his wife Ann & his lands on both sides of the river—Hardware, I think. The family tradition is that he was a Rev. [War] soldier. So he would probably be listed from one of those 3 counties as a soldier.

Thanking you for any trouble,  
Sincerely yours,  
Alice V. D. Pierrepont.

Does a Slate River Rambling reader know what became of the Duncan orphans or more about the life and death of Marcus M. Duncan? If so, please contact me at slateriverramblings.com.



Marcus M. Duncan (1808–1864)  
Mardisville Cemetery, Talladaga, Alabama.  
Courtesy ancestry.com.



Sketch by Margaret Pennington. Courtesy Historic Buckingham.

John R. Gilliam, who was recommended to serve Buckingham County as a Magistrate during the Reconstruction Era, lived at Osceola in Buckingham County. Spellings for the farm have varied over the years, including "Osie Ola," which is how it appeared on the survey for the Virginia Historical Inventory. In 1937, Rosa G Williams wrote the following:

*This is one of the oldest homes in Buckingham County. It seems the house has been added to several times. The original rooms numbered only three and later it is thought a shed room was added to the southern end of the house and one room added to the east. Many years later two rooms were added to the north. The gable ends face north and south which gives the house a very ancient appearance.*

*You enter the house through a small square front porch. From there you go through six panel handmade doors. The doors to the original rooms were put together with wooden pegs while the doors of the other rooms were put together with shop made nails and wooden pegs. The downstairs rooms are very large and are plastered with a thirty-six inch wainscoting and about a six-inch chair rail. There is a fire place in each room with the exception of two.*

*There are no original outbuildings standing at the present time, but you may see piles of rock and fallen chimneys darted about the place where slave cabins once stood. The Gilliam family had many slaves.*

A comprehensive website, "Gilliams of Virginia," includes numerous records about the Gilliams of Buckingham County, such as: links to Bible pages available at the Library of Virginia; burial information; personal property and land tax records; transcriptions of Virginia Historical Inventories pertaining to the Gilliam family—Millcote, "Osie Ola," and Plank Road Academy. There is a transcription of Richard Gilliam's Buckingham County will dated 1833 and of Richard C. Gilliam's Buckingham County will dated 1855—both precious Buckingham County records predating the courthouse fire in 1869.

This link will take you to a wealth of information about the Gilliam family: <http://www.gilliamsofvirginia.org/Buckingham/Buckingham.html>

## Buckingham County: The Duncan Family

When Slate River Ramblings published posts about the Clay family and their home, Pleasant Grove, Dave Duncan commented with more information about Junius Clay, who became the guardian for the Duncan orphans living in Buckingham County. When Marcus M. Duncan died in 1864, Junius Clay was still alive, married and about sixty-years old.

This handwritten note was found on the back of a letter dated Oct. 1, 1921, written from Violet Bank Studio, Petersburg, VA, provided a bit more about the Duncan family:

*I wish I could give you the information desired as to George Duncan. This is all I know. My grandfather Marcus Monroe Duncan was the son of George Duncan. He was born in Buckingham Co., VA. He & his brother George & sister Eliza were left orphans at an early age, Mr. Junius Clay being guardian. The Buckingham records were destroyed & our family Bible burned. I think my gr. gr. grandfather was also George Duncan of*

## Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

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- 5 Herringlike fishes
- 10 Leave in, to an editor
- 14 Ancient Andean
- 15 "Water Lilies" painter
- 16 Fiesta fare
- 17 Go to great heights
- 18 Itsy-bitsy bits
- 19 How one might run
- 20 Spanish gentleman
- 22 Mac maker
- 23 Wife, jokingly
- 25 Hindu soul
- 28 Aspen aficionado
- 29 Word after pocket or loose
- 31 Deliberate destruction
- 36 They may be pulled
- 38 Dilbert's workspace
- 39 Erotic
- 41 Early English comedy, "\_\_\_\_\_ Gurton's Needle"
- 42 "Get lost!"
- 44 Minuscule
- 45 Accept responsibility
- 50 Unaccompanied
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- 56 Parlor piece
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| 61 Nothing but                 | 11 Buccaneers' home                 | 37 Guaranteed             |
| 62 To the point                | 12 Reason for a food recall         | 40 Russian urn            |
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# Celebrating Glenmore Fire Departments 50th anniversary

By Sue A. Miles  
Correspondent

**O**n a beautiful fall Sunday afternoon in November, 2018 a very special celebration, full of energy, fond memories, and well-deserved recognition took place as friends and family gathered to honor Glenmore Volunteer Fire Department's 50 years of community service.

The department, located on Firehouse Road in the village of Glenmore, was established in 1967 on land donated by L. L. "Dick" and Hazel Miles. In 1968 a 40 foot by 60 foot block building was built. Over the years vehicles and updated equipment have been added, along with an addition and a storage building. Of the thirty-five original charter members, the five who are remaining were recognized at the event: Jack Ragland, Gordon Rush, Linwood Agee, Jimmy Ragland, and Pete Agee. Agee has also been serving as the fire chief for the past 47 years - an accomplishment in itself.

Tom Steger, current president (for the past 25 years) and a 40-year member of the department, spoke to the audience of the sacrifice and dedication of the volunteer member. "We've come a long way over the past 50 years," said Steger. "Members have responded to a multitude of fire and rescue situations, many in the middle of the night. Over the past 50 years we've worked with different fire departments within and outside of the country." Steger also spoke of the additional hours dedicated to training requirement. "The next time you talk to a volunteer fire fighter make sure you thank them. They are very much like our local veterans. They sacrifice and put their life on the line for others."

Among the guest speakers was State Senator Mark Peake who noted the sense of community. "I can tell this is a strong community who works together," said Peake. "I am honored to be part of this celebration and wish to commend all of the volunteers in the fire department."

Cassandra Stish, whose husband, George, is a member of the Glenmore department, presented a check for \$3,500, as the result of the recent annual Thor's Hammer fundraising effort. "Each of the four county fire departments will receive this amount," said Stish. She also noted that Toga Fire Department, who won the Thor's Hammer competition in September, was receiving an additional \$1,000 from the Stish's fundraising effort in their son's memory.

As the program continued, speakers shared memories about the many delicious chicken bar-be-cues, the community dances at the firehouse, and about members who have passed. Stories were told about how the alarm to alert the volunteers were originally located at Palmore's Garage, before moving to the building and about the first fire truck being a used vehicle donated by the Dillwyn Volunteer Fire Department. The dedicated support of the Woman's Auxiliary, currently headed by Faye Bryant, was also noted.

During the official program, slate clocks were presented to the five charter members, while ten year plus members were also recognized with plaques. After the event, everyone joined together for a delicious meal prepared by the Woman's Auxiliary. Although the recognition of the fire department was the initial theme, it became obvious that the afternoon's event was actually a celebration of a community itself. The friendship, love, and a core dedication to the village of Glenmore and its people was the obvious guest of honor at the event.



Among many of the individuals honored at the Glenmore event were the men of the Agee family, who have given a total of 83 years of volunteer service: Chief Pete Agee (left) 50 year member and Chief for 47 years, his grandson, Trevor (middle), three year member, and Pete's son, Keith, 30 year member and current captain represent the true spirit of giving back to the community. Photo by Sue Miles.



## Scholastic Bowl Team Winners

For the first time in Buckingham County High School's history, the Scholastic Bowl Team has reached a level where they are competing in the regional competition. These young students are answering math, science, social studies, and English questions under the clock against like-minded students - all who want to be academic champions. In mid January, at the Region 2C Subregional Tournament, using a round robin format, Buckingham defeated host Appomattox 255 to 100, Gretna 225 to 115, Dan River 190 to 150, and Chatham 205-155 to finish first. Chatham and Buckingham will move on to the Regional Championship to be held at Appomattox on February 2nd. Congratulations to these outstanding young people and good luck. We hope to be able to give a good report in the next Beacon. Ryan Peede, social studies teacher and Scholastic Team sponsor (center) is shown putting the students through a practice match. Shown left to right of Peede are: Samantha Poole, Morgan Small, Rachel Bardon, Dylan Price, Jane Cyr, Brianna Chapman, and Wyatt Yoder.





# Winning The Spelling Bee

Just put yourself in a situation where you're facing a large crowd and you have to spell words like haberdashery, barbarous, offal, reprimand, and jefe (whatever that word is) and you're in elementary or middle school. Well, these amazing young people did just that as they completed in the annual Richmond Times-Dispatch Spelling Bee in January at the Buckingham County Middle School. It was an amazing night full of nervous contestants and nail-biting parents.

The winner? Eighth grader, Chance Woodson, who has now won the local contest four times. Chance will now head to Richmond in March for the Regional Bee. Congratulations to all contestants for their good work! And, good luck to Chance.

Shown left to right (rear): Emmalee Woods, Diana Sanchez, Daniella Cosme, Jasmine Allen, Dakari Barker, Jacob Shippee, Chrishaun Russell.

Middle: Kimora Johnson, Chance Woodson, Bailey Gentry (who came in second), Quadir Minor, Tanner Haines.

Front: Ja'Ziyah Harris, Harmani Holman, and Abria Bolden.



## Ossie Harris Resolution

Ossie Harris, Jr. was well loved and respected in the county. That high regard was displayed at Buckingham's January School Board meeting when Harris' good works was noted in an official resolution by the school system. Harris, who passed away in November, served students, parents, and staff as a teacher, counselor, principal and an administrator at the central office for 35 years. He also served in the U.S. Army, was on the Dillwyn Town Council, worked with Boys Scout Troop #6535, and was a member of the county's Ruritan Club. Harris's son, Ossie Harris, III (middle) is shown accepting the resolution for his family from school superintendent, Dr. Daisy Hicks and Thomas Hutcherson Jr., Chairman of the School Board. Photo by Sue Miles

## Kelly Jones Snoddy Elected President Of VACDE

Contributed by Sherry S. Ragland



Kelly Jones Snoddy

Kelly Jones Snoddy was elected President of the Virginia Association of Conservation District Employees (VACDE) at the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts' Annual Meeting in December, 2018 at the Hotel Roanoke. The VACDE has a mission to provide professional development, leadership and a voice for communicating issues and solutions on behalf of conservation district employees, and a vision to be a professionally accepted and integrated workforce of employees dedicated to the conservation of natural resources. The VACDE is affiliated with the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the Southeast Conservation District Employees Association (SECDEA) and the National Conservation Districts Employee Association (NCDEA). It's membership consists of conservation district employees and directors, as well as personnel from partnering agencies.

Snoddy has been the Conservation Specialist for the Peter Francisco Soil and Water Conservation District, which serves Buckingham and Cumberland Counties, since 2005. In addition to her duties locally, she has been a voice for District Employees across the state by serving as the Area V Representative (liaison between the VACDE Executive Committee and the employees) for VACDE since 2008 before being elected as Vice President in December 2016. Her current term as President is for two years.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts were created during the Dust Bowl of the 1930's to solve soil and water conservation needs. The Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (VASWCD) is a private nonprofit association of 47 soil and water conservation districts in Virginia. The 47 soil and water conservation districts are divided among six geographic areas.

Ms. Snoddy is passionate about her work with the employee's association. To give an example, she engaged in a friendly competition during December's VASWCD Annual meeting with Richard Street, Chairman of the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board, to see who could collect the most swag tags. Swag tags are ribbons denoting funny sayings that can be attached to name tags and they are sold as a way to raise money for the VASWCD's Education Foundation. The Swag Tag competition ended in a tie with Richard and Kelly both collecting 170 ribbons each, and raising approximately \$300 for the Education Foundation. The VASWCD Education Foundation is nonprofit and classified as a 501(c)(3) organization and uses all contributions to support educational efforts within the Commonwealth. Funding is provided for activities such as the Envirothon and Youth Conservation Camp, as well as college scholarships. To find out more about the opportunities offered through the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts please visit [www.vaswcd.org](http://www.vaswcd.org) or Peter Francisco SWCD website at [www.peterfranciscoswcd.org](http://www.peterfranciscoswcd.org).



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Coming up is our Annual Dogwood Festival Pageant "2019 Junior Court Selection", with 5 age divisions: 3 to 15 years. Applications available on our website: <https://www.cvilleddogwood.com/>. Application deadline is Saturday, February 16. Pageant will be held Saturday, February 23, 2019, starting at 10 a.m. at the Double Tree Hotel, Charlottesville. A \$5 admission fee at the door, children 5 and under free.

**VALENTINE DINNER & AUCTION:** At Bybee's Road Baptist Church, 4989 Bybee's Church Road, Troy, VA, on Saturday, February 16, starting at 5

p.m. RSVP to (434) 589-2824. Auction and variety show to raise funds for mission programs. Soup & salad will be provided. Themed gift baskets and desserts will be auctioned, followed by show. Lots of fun for all!

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# Academic Jackets Presented



As winter is making its presence known, it's perfect timing for some very outstanding students to be honored with Academic Jackets. Buckingham County High School seniors, shown with Principal Rudy Roethel (front right) and Assistant Principal Patti Branch (front left), were recently honored at a school board meeting for earning an overall 3.75 g.p.a.

Congratulations to these outstanding young people as they begin their last semester in high school. Left to right (rear): Jeffrey Stanley, Sarah Brown, Thomas Steger, Trevor Agee, Diante Lee. Second row: Brianna Chapman, Kaleigh Jones, Dien Dang, Leah Moxley, Mollie Smith. Third row: Caitlyn Amos, Joshua Meek, Overton Temple, Wyatt Yoder, Samantha Poole, Kaitlyn Martin. Front row: Charmaine Battle, Aniyah Butler, Te'Keisha Chambers, Emma Love, Mya Chambers, Sophia Rumsey, and Brayden Trimble. Photo submitted.

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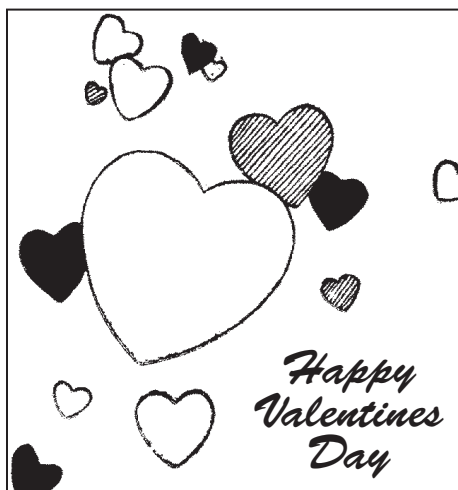
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