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Christmas tree recycling sites:

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The Cover

The Scottsville Volunteer Rescue Squad members participate in training exercise. Photo by Ron Smith.

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The James River is out of its banks causing a need for the pumping station to be in operation. Photo by Ron Smith

Field Office Coming

Town Administrator Matt Lawless announced at the town council meeting held in December 2018 that the James River Association will be setting up a field office in Scottsville for a three-year restoration project along the banks of the James River. For information on James River Association to to their webiste: jrava.org

The James River Watershed

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Matt Lawless

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The Scottsville Volunteer Rescue Squad Rescue unit truck. All photos by Ron Smith.

Council Hears Rescue Squad Concerns

By Ron Smith Correspondent

t the December meeting of the Scottsville Town Council, Scottsville Volunteer Rescue Squad (SVRS) Board Chairman John Waits presented a report outlining critical issues facing the SVRS with regard to the future of the organization.

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Waits began by stating the critical need for volunteers.

"This is not only a problem locally", he stated, "but it is a problem affecting all of Virginia and indeed the entire United States." With fewer volunteers the SVRS has not been able to provide 24/7 coverage for the local area for several months. "People have jobs, families and other responsibilities," he

said, and "it's hard for someone with those types of obligations to give up what little spare time they might have to volunteer."

And then there is the training aspect. Any position in which a volunteer assumes responsibility requires training for that position. Classes in basic aspects may entail months of training while more advanced training may take over a year to complete. Currently, paid professionals from Albemarle man the station during the weekdays but nights and weekends are, by design, the responsibility of volunteers. And, there seems to be a county statute which says that paid professionals my not volunteer their off time to



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serve with volunteer organizations.



Supervisor Rick Randolph, who has attended six meeting on this subject since August, said that "money was appropriated in the current budget for the daytime support of the SVRS by paid professionals, but there would have to be additional money (perhaps another \$2 million) to support more than what is currently being supported."

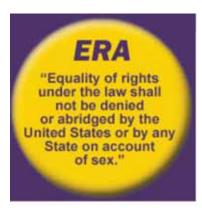
The SVRS has been around for 45 years. Volunteers are the reason it has been in existence for that long. need for volunteers is critical for the future of the SVRS, Rick Randolph Waits said.

In other Council actions, a request by town Police Chief Jeff Vohlwinkle to establish an auxiliary police officer program was, after a discussion with regard to training, passed. As Vohlwinkle stated, a candidate would have a structured training program, both classroom and field training, and would be assigned duties related to their level of training. The need for the program is because there are times when an Albemarle officer may be 20 -25 minutes away and the local officer may find the situation he is in escalating to a point where he needs additional help.



Police Chief Jeff Vohlwinkle

Two interesting resolutions were passed. The first dealt with "supersized" trucks on Virginia highways, one of which, Route 20, runs directly through town. The Virginia General Assembly will consider a bill this coming session which would allow tractor trailer trucks to haul loads with a gross weight of 90,000 pounds. The resolution by the town voices to the General Assembly the town's opposition to this bill since there is a significant number of tractor trailer trucks which pass through town daily and it was felt that the additional weight would cause damage to the surface of Valley Street and safety concerns. The resolution passed 5-1.



A second resolution by the town, again directed to the General Assembly addressed the town's support for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. The process of ratification has been going on since legislation for this (US) Constitutional Amendment was intro-duced in the early 1970s. The thinking behind the resolution was presented by Mayor Gill who said that "Virginia was instrumental in the formation of this country and by being the 38th state to ratify the amendment had the opportunity to establish in writing the fundamental

equality of all its citizens."

Mayor Gill also thanked "those who have been manning the pumping station" recently as that facility has seen more activity this year than in the past. And, like the SVRS, she "hoped the Volunteer Fire Department, which oversees the pumping station, could attract and train more volunteers for that organization." She also mentioned that the Southern Albemarle Health Initiative has been renamed the Health Equity and Access in a Rural Region and that the steering committee will be meeting in January.



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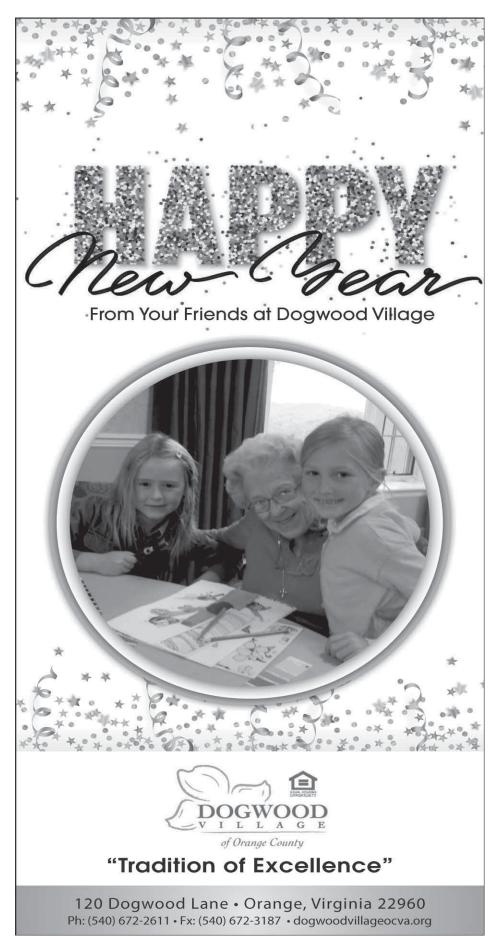
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Governor Northam Proposes Major Investments to Protect Virginia's Water Quality

Contributed by Christina Bonini, James River Association

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\$90 million each year for the Agricultural Best Management Practices cost share program and technical assistance to help farmers reduce runoff.

\$50 million each year for the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund to help local governments implement pollution reduction practices in urban and suburban areas.

An additional \$11 million for land conservation to conserve the farmland and forests that help filter our water, provide wildlife habitat and preserve historic places Virginians value

Clean water is something all Virginians can support. We applaud Governor Northam for listening to our farmers and localities and putting forward a serious plan with the strong and stable investment in clean water programs we need to reduce pollution and restore our rivers. The Governor has stated a goal for his term in office to dedicate 2% of Virginia's general fund towards protection of natural resources – a substantial investment which would help Virginia chart a course to truly achieve our water quality goals.

Governor Northam's proposal is only a first step in the process of preparing a final budget. The General Assembly will be grappling with a number of important issues that may impact funding levels. We need your help to continue advocating for clean water and urging our elected officials to finalize a budget that invests in clean water now and for future generations.

Here's how you can continue to help:

Tell your legislators that you support the Governor's plan for the future of clean water funding and that you're counting on them to pass a budget which protects water quality

Share why clean water is important to you at one of 4 regional public hearings happening January 3rd.

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Join our Action Network to stay up to date on this, and other important river issues. The General Assembly is right around the corner. Now is a great time to help strengthen the voice for the James.

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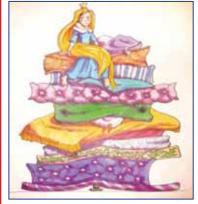


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January Warmth

Trey Jones, Bradley Cox and Davian Jones took advantage of a sunny afternoon Sunday, January 6th to work on their basketball skills at Dorrier Park. Photo by Ron Smith

Upcoming Events & Announcements



Free Happy New Year Community Dinner Saturday Jan 26th

Scottsville United Methodist Church will host a free Happy New Year Community Dinner on Saturday January 26th in the church's fellowship hall at 158 Main Street. Dinner will be served from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm, with a hearty menu that will include stuffed peppers, broccoli, tossed salad, rolls and desserts galore. A sing-along Gospel Jam will follow, featuring old-time hymns and con-

temporary praise songs. More information at 434-286-4736.

The Bread of Life Ministry - Scottsville Community Center

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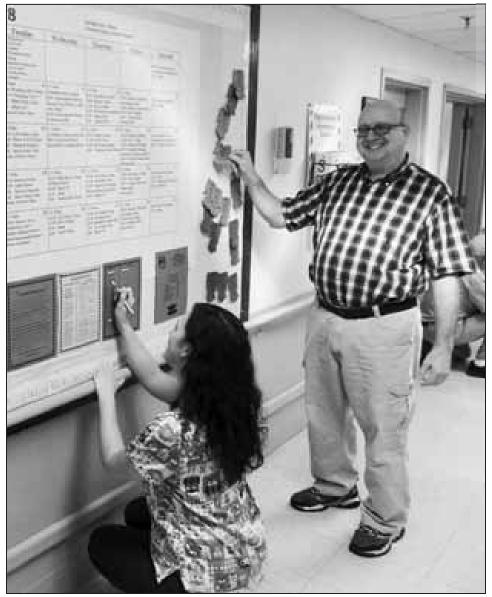
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Tom Grasso's Vital Role at Heritage Hall

By Sue A. Miles Correspondent



The monthly activities are always posted in the main hall of Heritage Hall for both residents and their families. December's calendar not only involved Christmas activities, complete with a visit from Santa, but also a Secret Santa party where residents were showered with gifts from staff and friends. Tom Grasso is shown with CNA Jennifer Presho reviewing the month's activities. Photo by Sue A. Miles.

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onsider how much fun it would be to have someone in your life in charge of entertaining you with activities, games, music, decorations, and fun things to do. Many families might call that person "mother". The residents of the Heritage Hall, American Health Care facility in Dillwyn call that person, Tom Grasso. Grasso has been the Center's activity director for the past four years. His role is vital in the health, happiness, and well-being of anyone who resides there, whether it be for a short rehabilitation visit or for a long-

Grasso, who is originally from Galveston, Texas, was brought to Buckingham by his wife of 27 years, Tammy, who is a nurse at Heritage Hall. "We attended the same college in South Carolina," he said. Grasso started at Heritage in the housekeeping department before taking on his current position.

And, quite a position it is when you consider the impact he has on the residents. "My most basic goal," said Grasso, "is to give them a better quality of life. To try to make things better for them." He also sees his role as one to not only entertain the residents but to also make them feel needed.

residents but to also make them feel needed.

"They say every person has the need to feel needed and wanted," said Grasso.

"I want to help the residents feel that they are not here just because they are outcasts, because they are older, but that they are still living. I want to make them feel that they are part of a community and family. I try to be like a nice 'brother' or 'son'. I'm here for them, this is their home."

That spirit of giving and love is reflected in everything that Grasso does in his role as activity director. That would be best reflected in the holiday decorations that were on display throughout Heritage Hall during the Christmas season. "December is a big month for activities," said Grasso. "We have an Angel Tree so that family, staff, organizations, and visitors can adopt a resident for the holiday." The climax of the season is a big Christmas party (this year on December 20th) with Christmas of the season is a big Christmas party (this year on December 20th) with Christmas music, singing, activities, food, and a special visit by Santa. The event is known to get quite lively.

However, Christmas is only one opportunity to shower the residents with love and attention. Every month starts out with a big birthday party for anyone born in that time period. If you should visit during February the halls and dining room will be full of red hearts and other decorations, along with the crowning of a Valentines' King and Queen and a candlelight dinner on Feb. 14. March sees the residents celebrating March Gras and St. Patrick's Day. April is Volunteer Appreciation Month while May brings in American flags as Memorial Day is celebrated, along with activities for National Skilled Nursing Care Week. Summer months bring in July 4th activities, along with the annual end-of-summer cookout.

October's Halloween is a big event in Heritage Hall as trick-a-treaters are invited in. "We had over 300 children come in last year," said Grasso. In order to provide condy for the regidents to hand out. Crosse looks for denotions from staff, families.

candy for the residents to hand out, Grasso looks for donations from staff, families, and others. Thanksgiving is also a special time as residents invite family and friends

in for a delicious turkey dinner.

All that activity would seem to satisfy the average person. But, there's more. Throughout the month Grasso has a regular series of activities taking place; movies

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Linda LaFontaine

(every Tuesday), ice cream socials, soda floats, cook and cocoa socials (in the winter months), Happy Hour (with non-alcoholic drinks), cheese and cracker socials, a men's poker club (which meets every week), and bingo three times a week. "They love bingo," said Grasso. "They take it very seriously.

Along with these activities Grasso is responsible for working with the many community volunteers who come to the facility. "We have a devoted group of people in the community to help us out," he said. Along with therapy dog visits, the students of the Central Virginia Christian School visit once a month to sing and the Country Cutups (Nancy and Clayton Faxon) perform monthly. You will likely also see a karaoke performance on the 2nd and 4th Friday with Grasso and volunteer, Thelma Horne Bennett. There are also a number of community churches who come in on a regular basis to visit, sing or provide a Bible service for the residents. "It's a very busy place if you consider all of the activities," said Grasso.

When considering his role in the lives of the residents, Grasso become reflective. "I'm here for them," he said. "This is their home and we are here as their guests whether they officially invited us or not. It's important to gain their trust. Some give it easily, others you have to earn it. Once you get it, it's a pretty strong bond. My goal is to not break that trust.

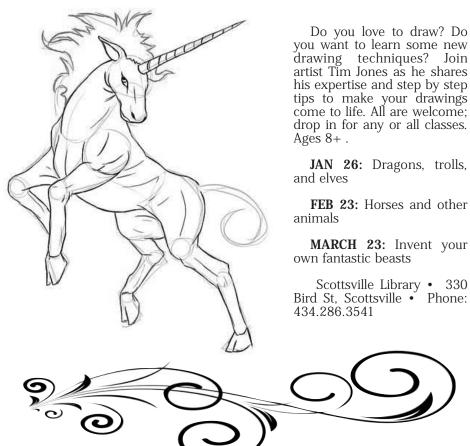
Over the past four years Grasso says that he's had moments that he knew he was making an impact. "We have a resident who has physical and mental issues and you couldn't get a lot of words out of him. Sometimes he sits and doesn't have a lot of reaction to the activities. But if you put on the right music, he will start dancing in his chair, his face will light up, and he'll sing. When I first saw that, I said wow." Grasso said that he enjoys his work. "The job, being that my focus is on the residents, is a joyful thing. To know like I make a difference in their lives makes me feel like I'm doing something right.'

As the season ends, we'd like to salute Tom Grasso for his energy and dedication as the activity director of Heritage Hall. How wonderful to have such a person who makes each day, and every week, month, and season special and fun. He's obviously a welcome guest for the residents of Heritage Hall, who benefit from his presence on a daily basis.

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Grasso is shown in his office surrounded by decorations and accruements that he uses throughout the various seasons of the year for the residents of Heritage Hall. His goal is to provide activities and events that make each

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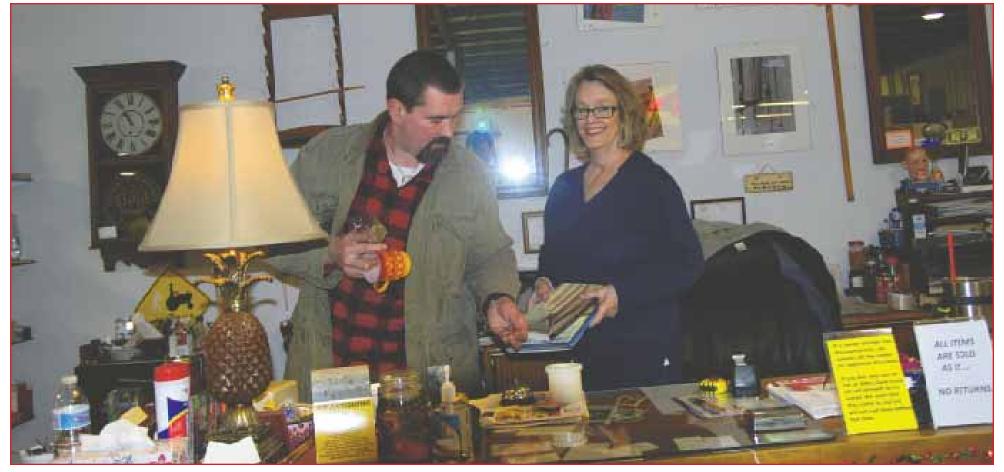
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River Town Antiques opened in 2009 and has been under new management since 2014. John Emilut and Ann Hamner are now the new management of River Town Antiques.

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River Town Antiques

Like Visiting Another Time

By Ron Smith Correspondent

hen people use the term "antique" they are usually talking about something old, perhaps a piece of furniture or some work of art like a painting or sculpture. And they are most often thinking in terms of that object being at least 100 years old and their condition pretty much close to original. A true antique is an item that is thought to

condition pretty much close to original. A true antique is an item that is thought to have value not only for its age, but also for its historical significance. Automobiles are an exception to the 100 year rule.

In 1930 the United States actually gave "antique" a legal definition. The Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act defined antiques among other things as "works of art, collections in illustration of the progress of the arts, artistic antiquities and objects of ornamental character or educational value which shall have been produced prior to the year 1830."

The year 1830 was considered the beginning of mass production in the US and items produced prior to that year would more likely be genuine or "vintage" items.

Walk into River Town Antiques in Scottsville's uptown shopping district and you find yourself walking into another era, really many different eras since there are hundreds of items on display, some are "antiques" and some not.

River Town actually came into existence in 2009. A large store space became vacant in the Scottsville Shopping Center when the IGA supermarket closed. The space was ideal for something, but what? Eventually a plan was developed by the center's previous manager to divide the space into individual stalls that could be rented to individuals for the sale of antiques, collectibles and other items.

Local residents Jack and Ann Hamner have been involved with historical items, collectibles and antiques for over 40 years. At one time they operated a shop, Valley Street Antiques, in town offering the types of items in which they had the most interest. With the aid of a metal detector Jack has unearthed many items of historical significance, some of which are on display at the Scottsville Museum.

In June of 2014, shopping center assistant manager John Emilut and Ann took advantage of an opportunity to take over the River Town operation and have been successful in growing the business to where it is today. Ann says, "we have such a variety of items, not all of which are antiques." Items for sale span the early 1800s to late 1900s. John added that "there is everything from farm equip-

ment to quilts, to records, jewelry and clothing!"

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The great thing about River Town is that it is not a "thrift store" it is a place where there is no "junk". Antiques, particularly the furniture, are something you would not be opposed to seeing in your own home. And the collectibles are unique items that may elicit memories from childhood or a special occasion, such as a doll, toy or model train.

The other thing about River Town is that no one hovers over you as you take your time looking. River Town is open 10 am to 5 pm, Tuesday through Sunday. Ann and John like to talk with their visitors and answer questions but while looking at the many treasures you are on your own; and if you take all day to look that's fine with them.

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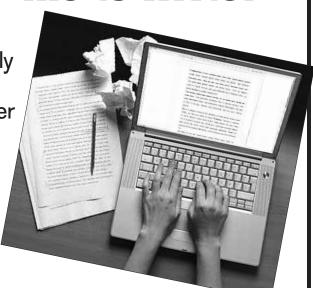
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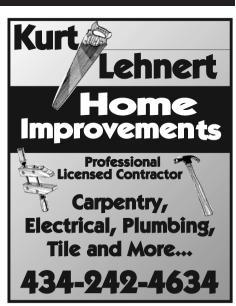
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