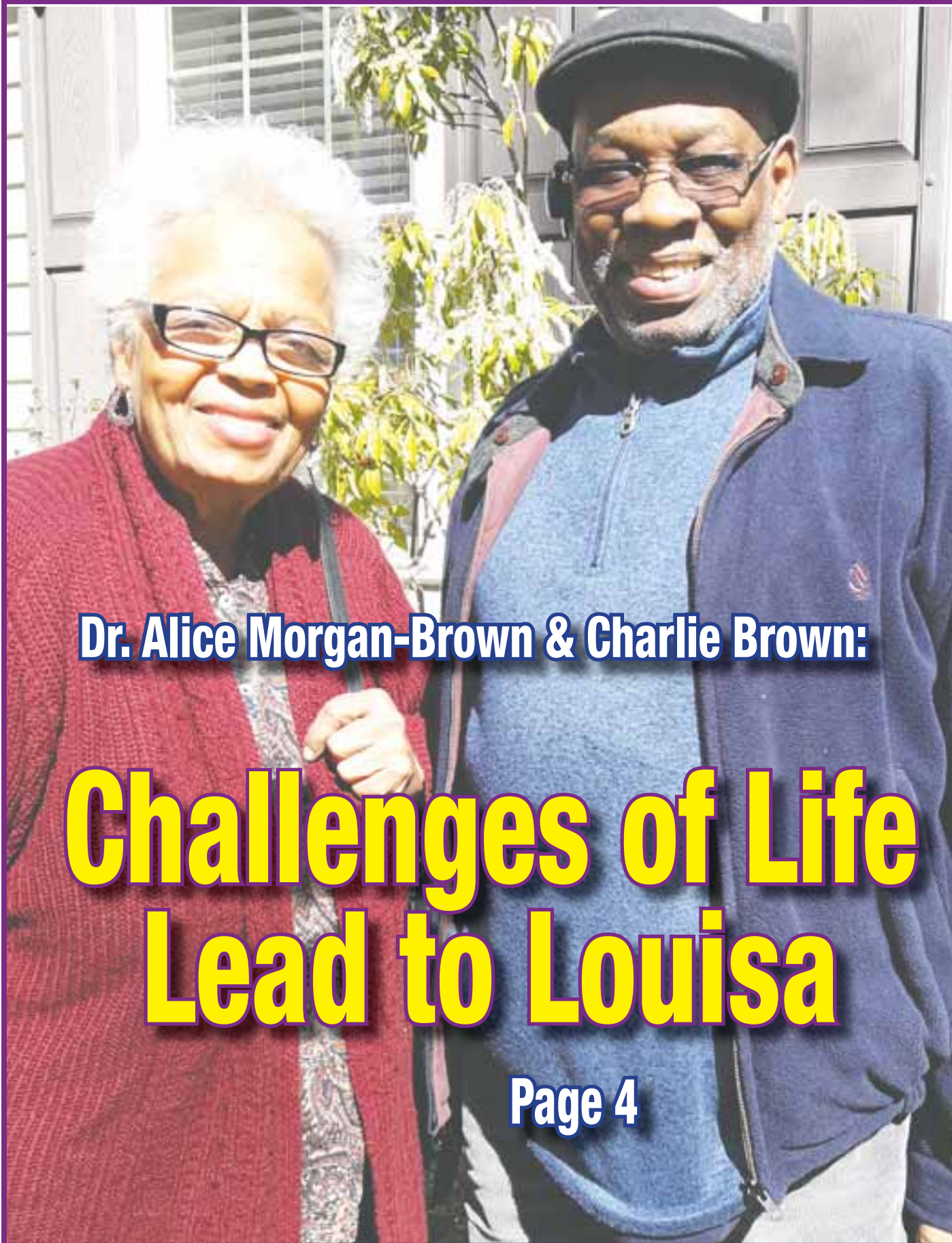


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Lake Anna residents Dr. Alice Morgan-Brown, an ordained minister, and her husband Charlie Brown. Photo by Linda Salisbury

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Store manager Pam Whitaker and Kristin Hicks, owner of Nourish Louisa and the new adjacent coffee shop. All photos by Linda Salisbury.

Kristin Hicks: Louisa's Visionary Cheerleader and Business Woman

By Linda Salisbury
Correspondent

Kristin Hicks is one of the town of Louisa's most entrepreneurial and visionary cheerleaders. A 2007 graduate of Louisa High School, she has been involved with not only the history of the community, but with its future. Hicks has her own historical consulting business, has worked for the Louisa Historical Society's Sargeant Museum, was director of the Mineral Historic Foundation, has been active in the local Rotary chapter, and fund-raising for the arts, helped establish the town garden and the Little Free Library there, and is now beginning her third retail venture as she hopes to help bring more retail activity to the downtown. She is just 30 years old, and not surprisingly, one of the 2019 nominees for the Louisa County Chamber of Commerce's Business Person of the Year.

Her first retail concept, For the Love of the Local, evolved in 2018 into Nourish Louisa at 205 W. Main St. And "nourish" it does, not only with fresh local farm products, including seasonal vegetables, local meats, breads, and surprisingly popular pimento cheese and special ice cream sandwiches. It's also a feast for the ideas with unusual, often colorful, gifts fashioned by potters, artists, jewelry and soap makers, and numerous options of wines. However, space was limited for all the workshops and events such as wine tastings, so Hicks, working with her also visionary landlady, Breese Brockman, talked about creating a coffee shop in the adjacent store recently vacated by

The Fabric Hut and Gift Gallery. Brockman owns The Boxley Place Inn and several commercial spaces on Main Street, and Hicks describes her as a "community treasure."

The coffee shop, expected to open this spring, will fill several needs in the town. Aside from having coffee, decaf and tea available starting at 6 a.m. most days, small plates, such as tapas, and other light snacks (soups, salads and sandwiches) will be available. The coffee shop will also offer high-speed Internet free to customers who make purchases, and for a small fee for those who want to buy time. Charging desks for laptops and other devices, and bathrooms will be wheelchair or handicap accessible, and Hicks is open to learn-

ing about other needs that will make the older building more available to people with other needs. "We want to create a place where everyone feels welcome," she said.

The coffee shop, seating about 30 people, also includes large and small areas in the back for rentable meeting or presentation areas.

Victoria Truhn, of Tried & Truhn Ceramics, from Arlington has designed a special coffee mug that will be available to the limited members of a "coffee club," and other potters will participate in other years, she said.

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Cover Story



Dr. Alice Morgan-Brown, with husband Charlie are Lake Anna residents after distinguished careers. (photo provided)

Challenges of Life Lead to Louisa

By Linda Salisbury
Correspondent

She made national news as the courageous principal who suspended 1,200 rebellious students. He is a retired police officer and private investigator, who was recently elected president of the Louisa Crime stoppers. In retirement, Dr. Alice Morgan-Brown and her husband, Charlie, share their experiences and new callings with the Louisa County community, after moving to his family's land at Lake Anna.

Alice had to get over her bitterness and anger at being forced into retirement after her mass suspension in 1997 of out-of-control students at Baltimore's troubled (violence, drugs, lack of respect for adults) Northern Senior High School. She had served for more than three years as principal, at her request, and had made great progress with both parents and students until the November day when suddenly more than half the students refused to return to their homerooms to pick up their report cards. The situation made the national news, and instead of backing her up, the administration pushed her into retirement, despite her stunning career as an educator, as teacher, administrator and principal. It was heartbreaking for this daughter of South Carolina sharecroppers, who had excelled academically despite all obstacles and had earned three academic degrees.



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Laurel Hill Baptist Church, where Dr. Alice Morgan-Brown is an ordained minister.

When the couple moved to Lake Anna in 2005, she was still bitter and struggling with the ramifications to her loss of career. She was thinking about writing a book, but she had to mull it over and gain perspective. Healing came through faith as she became an active part of Laurel Hill Baptist Church on Kentucky Springs Road where Charlie and his family attended. Then one day after

a meeting at the church, she felt called by God to become a minister. She found the pastor in the parking lot and said, "I

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Dr. Alice Morgan-Brown, a courageous educator. Photo courtesy of Richard Hinde Photography

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think God is calling me to be a minister." He said she should think about it. She walked away for a minute and returned. And told him she was sure. She earned her degree from Kingdom School of Ministry ("a joyous occasion"), and is now an ordained minister, teaches Sunday school, and preaches. And during the healing process, Alice was able to tell her story in her new book, "How to Bounce Back when Life Falls Apart," which will be published this spring.

Charlie's life had a different course prior to the Browns' meeting through a "blind" date in Baltimore in the mid-1970s. Although his parents had purchased 121 acres in Louisa County of

Moody Town Road, he was born in Washington, D.C., where his father worked for the Treasury Department's Bureau of Engraving. When he was nine, his family moved to Louisa County and he finished school in 1964. He lived in Richmond briefly after graduation, then moved to D.C. After moving to D.C., he worked in law enforcement and at the federal bureau of prisons until he had an accident.

Their view of how the couple met involves tender banter. Charlie said that Alice was "lonesome" when her girlfriend (his cousin) asked her to go with them to a Jerry Butler concert at a Playboy Club. "Best move she ever made," said Charlie.

Instead of inviting her out for a real date, "The next morning he came to my door for a cup of coffee." Morning coffees continued and on June 5, 1976, they were married.

After they moved to Baltimore, he opened a bar which he ran for 20 years, then was a private investigator for eight



Northern Senior High School were 1,200 students were suspended by Principal Dr. Alice Morgan Brown in 1997.

years. The couple's son, Justin, is a "joy of their lives."

By the time the couple moved to the lake, part of the farm had become waterfront property. Virginia Electric and Power needed about 80 acres of the Browns' land for its construction of Lake Anna that would serve the power plant.

In his retirement, he rode with Jesse Johnson, his neighbor, who had a large truck for hauling. Johnson convinced him that he should have his own smaller truck for hauling dirt and gravel. One was needed in the area. So, he started Charlie Brown's Hauling, LLC.

Besides writing her book and becoming a minister, Alice formed a consulting firm called When Right Is Right--Do it. Charlie also sings with The Sons of Praise Gospel Singers, which is working on a recording, and is a notary.

Alice wanted to be an oceanographer, but "that wasn't for black folk." The same with her hope to be a chemistry teacher, but that wasn't an option for the same reason. But then came other doors that opened and closed. Alice reflected that nothing in her life was actually planned. "I never have anything in my mind, but God leads you."

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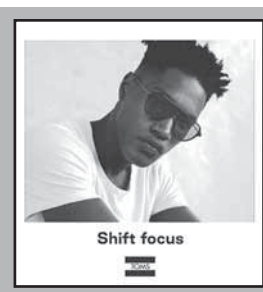


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Kristin Hicks stands in the large room that is being developed into a coffee shop. The coffee shop is a building formerly housing The Fabric Hut and Gift Shop.

popular wine tastings, art workshops and other community programs and it will be a place to go before shows at the Louisa Arts Center, she said.

But there is a broader vision at work. "If we want to have people come here (in the town), but also spend money, we have to create an environment where people can sit down indoors and be comfortable. It is about positive experiences, consistently." She added that it's about creating a chain, from farm to end product that is not mediocre. Excellence is key, from product to service. She wants everyone to feel good about their role her shops, from those who clean, to those who serve customers or grow lettuce. "I want people who are tending the land and animals to be successful," which is why she

supports primarily locally grown products and will explain where the ingredients for, say her soups, originate.

She credits her willingness to take risks and invest her energies in Louisa to her upbringing. Her family never told her that she couldn't do anything! After starting coursework in the master's degree program in cultural sustainability at Goucher College, she applied her wide-ranging interests to developing businesses and working for the betterment of Louisa County. Her curiosity with genealogy and digging through history is a skill that also applies to running a business. On a March day, as workmen were sawing and hammering in the new coffee shop space, Hicks said she had studied her records of what had been best-sellers during the winter months. The results: the pimento cheese, and despite the cold dreary winter weather, customers purchased over 500 specialty ice cream sandwiches.

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Organized by the Louisa County Historical Society in conjunction with Louisa County Parks, Recreation and Tourism, the sixth annual event offers hands-on experiences including creating corn husk dolls or needlework samplers, playing period games and even attempting to shell corn or send a telegraph message.

While strolling through the grounds, participants can listen to woodworkers, blacksmiths, Civil War women who worked behind the lines and a hide dresser as they demonstrate their skills. A school marm will conduct math and reading lessons in the restored schoolhouse and members of the Hearth Guild will explain colonial cooking techniques and equipment in the Michie House. Louisa Herb Guild members will show off the plants in their well-tended garden. A Jack Jouett reenactor will tell of his heroic ride to warn Thomas Jefferson of approaching British soldiers.

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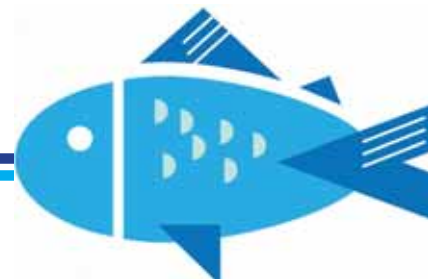


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Neglect Your Herbs?

By Pat Wilson
Correspondent



Or, at least “Be mean to them!” claimed Pat Willis, one of three presenters and a Louisa Herb Guild member, as the Louisa Extension Master Gardeners sponsored a Backyard Gardening seminar on the plants. Dozens of enthusiasts attended the morning session on Saturday, March 9, in the Louisa County Office Building’s extension meeting room to learn about the varieties, propagation, care, preservation and even history and folklore surrounding herbs as they add taste to food and grace gardens.

“Herb gardens can be relaxing and rewarding, add to your health and give flavor to your food,” said Tina Chaleki, master gardener. “Your garden can be simple, precise or elaborate and should contain whatever herbs you choose to put in it.”

Chaleki then explained the three types of gardens that herb growers strive for – typical kitchen for culinary use, fragrant to attract bees, butterflies and hummingbirds or specific to use in herbal teas. She emphasized that herbs in a kitchen garden should focus on ones that appeal to the cuisine of the consumers such as Italian, Southern, Hispanic or Asian. Basil, dill, garlic, mint, oregano, sage, rosemary and thyme were among the most popular.

Herbs that flower, including lemon balm, anise hyssop, lemon verbena, lavender and pineapple sage, will attract butterflies and hummingbirds. Several of these are used fresh in salads, as well as dried for potpourri and sachets. Herbal teas, including ones brewed with bee balm, chamomile, lemon grass or mint, are also valued in infused waters.

“I suggest that you start with just seven or so, ones that you know you will use,” said Chaleki. “Some, such as basil, have a variety of choices, for instance lemon and Thai.



Bobbi Lynch and Edna Musser sample butters, jellies and cookies prepared using herbs as presenters Marie Greco and Pat Willis observe.

Location, Location, Location

The site is important to a successful herb garden. A kitchen garden should be close to the house to allow a quick snip of a few stems or leaves when cooking. Container or patio gardens are better options for a novice than a spacious field. “A sunny spot with six to seven hours of sunlight and good draining soil is vital. Herbs do not require a lot of fertilizer and should only be lightly mulched, about an inch or so,” said Chaleki. “I strongly suggest a soil test before deciding where to put a garden and to help decide what the soil needs. Make sure to include the purpose of the soil when sending a sample.”

Echoing her statement “Be mean to a plant,” Willis stressed that they do not need constant care and should not be allowed to bloom but be pruned or picked often, to prevent “the taste going to the flower.” She advised watering sparingly as indicated by the specific herb.

The women offered additional tips. Herbs can be grown from cuttings, root division or seeds. Propagation should be done in the spring as warm soil is vital. Some herbs easily share the same container. Never plant varieties of mint near each other! Perennials will normally survive winter weather while annuals need

replacement each year. Also avoid cultivar varieties as they may have been cross-pollinated.

“Some herbs grow better from seeds than others,” said Willis. “It’s best to buy seeds from a local, reliable source such as Southern Exposure Seed Exchange.”

Herbs are best harvested in the morning after dew has evaporated. A rule of thumb is to cut back one-third or less of the growth from a 12 to 15-inch plant. “Drying and freezing are two methods of preserving herbs, but extra herbs can be made into vinegars, jellies, herbal oils, herbal salts, pesto and butters,” said Chaleki.

Culinary Uses

Presenter Maria Greco noted that herbs can be fine or coarse chopped, minced



Maria Greco, who lectured on the culinary uses of herbs, pointed out a pesto and several jellies to Dot Kehm.

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Jennifer Cavedo sampled a peppermint, spearmint and tarragon infused water

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or torn for use in every aspect of cooking from appetizers to desserts. Choices, often used in combination, are up to the desired taste that the cook hopes to attain. Personally, she likes to grow herbs in containers in her kitchen, not just for the convenience, but also for the decorative and aromatic aspects.

Greco emphasized that fresh herbs will give the best flavor, but, since they are seasonal unless grown inside, drying or freezing can extend their use for six to nine months. Fresh herbs can be preserved for about a week in zip-lock bags with a paper towel and stored in a refrigerator. Dried herbs should be placed in airtight containers and kept in a dark place. Greco suggested placing herbs in ice trays, adding water and freezing. Later, they can be tossed in when preparing soups and sauces.

"Just remember the two-to-one ratio. Generally, two tablespoons of fresh is equal to one tablespoon of dry," she said. "More importantly, when you cook, you should add the amount and type of herbs that suit your personal preferences. Herbs can add minerals, vitamins and other nutrients to a dish, but primarily they just add to the taste."

Herbal Folklore

According to Willis, "If you want parsley to grow, you should steal it from someone else's garden." Greco told of other folklore involving herbs. Basil should be served to visitors to ensure a safe journey. Rosemary will help retain memory and youth. Thyme is a remedy for melancholy and will dispel nightmares. Placing bay laurel leaves in a pocket means the person will get money. Some herbs were touted to have magical powers to ward off evil spirits or avoid death during plagues. Others were associated with witchcraft.

And Willis' final justification for being mean – "Most herbs will survive despite how we treat them!"

Louisa Extension Master Gardeners

Louisa Extension Master Gardeners is a program affiliated with Virginia Tech and the Louisa County Extension Service. The group offers classes, workshops and periodically a help desk at the extension office. In addition, LEMG holds plant clinics at various festivals and on Saturdays from early spring into the fall at varying locations in the county. More information and a schedule of activities are available at www.louisacvmg.org.

The Louisa Herb Guild is affiliated with the Louisa County Historical Society and maintains a demonstration kitchen garden which features herbs and vegetables typical of the 18th and 19th centuries in Central Virginia. The garden is located at the Heritage Farm adjacent to the Sargeant Museum in the town of Louisa. The group meets twice a month and more information is available at www.louisahistory.org. Members will participate in Heritage Day on Saturday, April 27.



Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Wait state
- 6 Normal beginning?
- 10 Lot size, maybe
- 14 Archer's ammo
- 15 Erelong
- 16 Type of rug
- 17 Crowning ceremony
- 19 Tattered duds
- 20 Part of BTU
- 21 Grant
- 23 Director's cry
- 24 Over-the-hill horse
- 25 Bee or Em
- 26 Take on, as a challenge
- 28 Shocked
- 30 Prophetic
- 32 Engrave on glass
- 33 Make a sweater
- 34 Coastal bird
- 35 Blue hue
- 37 Have a hunch
- 39 ___-ran
- 42 Vegan no-no
- 44 Office note
- 47 Feature film preceder, once
- 49 Sarcastic
- 51 Move unsteadily
- 52 Forest dweller
- 54 Chic getaway
- 55 Polished off
- 56 Strip
- 58 Study all night
- 59 Name as a source
- 61 Breakfast melon
- 63 "I had no ___!"
- 64 Get the pot going

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- 65 Speck in the sea
- 66 Fender bender result
- 67 Fortune teller
- 68 Over yonder
- 10 Berne's river
- 11 One of a cereal trio
- 12 Bar fixture?
- 13 Tampa's time zone
- 18 Have an edge against
- 22 WWII female
- 25 Pale as a ghost
- 27 Butcher's offering
- 29 Approach boldly
- 31 Break in relations
- 33 Kind of pad
- 36 NBC show, "___ Got Talent"
- 38 Ruler of the east
- 39 Stomach remedy
- 40 Danger for small boats
- 41 Add sugar to
- 43 How some prefer their pasta
- 45 Govern badly
- 46 In theory only
- 48 Roulette bet
- 49 Software test version
- 50 Germ cell
- 53 Aromatic compound
- 57 Wind instrument
- 58 Brit's bludgeon
- 60 Chow down
- 62 Liquored up

DOWN

- 1 Manuscript gap
- 2 Period when forging began
- 3 Dream guy
- 4 Tony Lama item
- 5 Part of MYOB
- 6 Eucharistic plate
- 7 "Friends" actress
- 8 ___ canal
- 9 Comment on, in a way



Teagan Bounds' favorite color must be yellow as she decorated a river rock.



Walking past the festival's center attraction, visitors marveled at the letters.

A Letter Perfect Festival

Photos and article by Pat Wilson

Retired art teacher Ginna Cullen's inspiration developed into the theme for the 2019 Louisa County Arts Festival. Her suggestion of TEXT led county art teachers and students to create a world of letters and words in various locations throughout the Louisa Middle School on Saturday, March 30.

"Texting in some form has existed throughout history," she said. "We are celebrating writing and its diversity."

The always popular event featured walls filled with the artistic work of students from the four elementary schools, as well as the middle and high schools. Hands-on booths provided visitors opportunities to explore their own talents at such projects as basket weaving, letter printing, rock painting, hieroglyphics and stamping. Various choruses, ensembles and the cast of *Seussical the Musical* delighted audiences in the forum.

"Text is something our students are all about these days, but we have put a more traditional spin on it," said Gail Carlin, Louisa County Middle School art teacher.

The annual festival is an outgrowth of National Youth Art Month and Music in Our Schools Month with a goal of recognizing the importance of visual and performing arts not only in schools but also in other youth organizations.



Decoan Bomgardner concentrated as he worked at the Illuminate a Letter table.

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Thomas Jefferson Elementary School fifth grader Elliott Moreno used the word Achieve for his work.



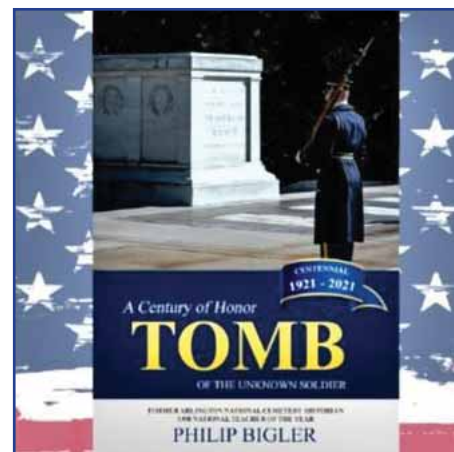
Covered with "paint powder" after running the 5K Color Run earlier in the day, high school softball players Emily Hall and Olivia Shemault relaxed at the basket weaving booth.

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The book "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" was the motivation for a tree crafted by Jouett Elementary School students and their teacher April Lee.

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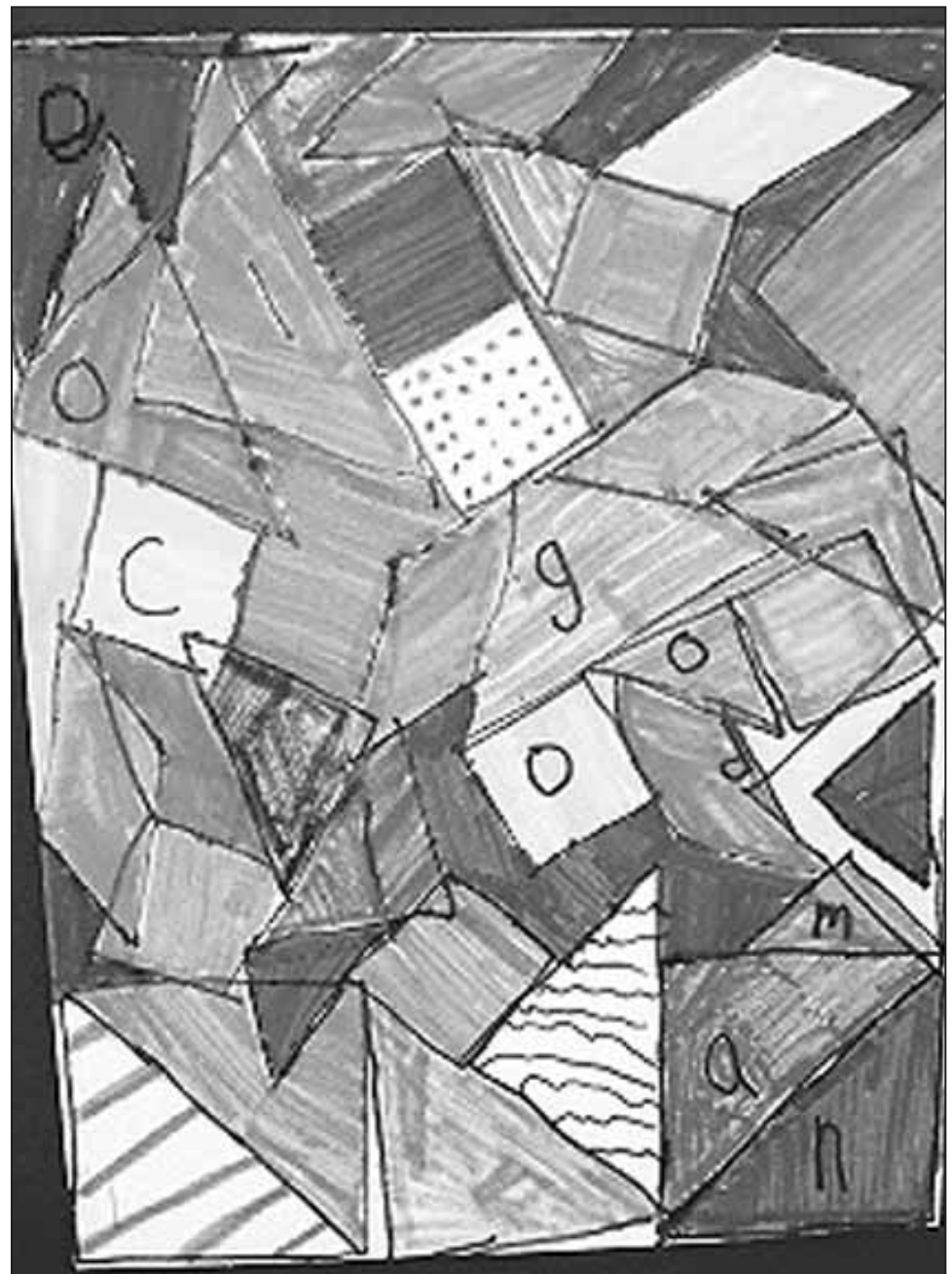
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At the potter's wheel, high school art student Talia Tanner helped Torileigh Torrice form a bowl.



"Find the Name" was the theme for the word puzzle created by Cole Gordon, a third grader at Jouett Elementary School.

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