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Erin Root with a work by Katherine Jenkins. Photo by Ron Smith.

## Shared Space, Common Interest

By Ron Smith  
Correspondent

It's not unusual for more than one business or organization to share a space. Office buildings abound with myriad types of entities as their occupants. When 531 Valley Street became vacant after the Scottsville Supply Company moved to its new location, two occupants took over the space. It soon became apparent the two new residents each had talents and ideas what could help each other in meeting goals and objectives.

The James River Association is, as their brochures say, a "member supported nonprofit organization founded in 1976 to serve as a guardian and voice for the James River." The JRA is no stranger to Scottsville either. Many

local residents have participated in river cleanup events and planting projects sponsored by this group and a number are members. And, while their presence in the area has mostly been limited to special projects such as those cleanups and plantings, this time they will be here for three years with an office located at 531 Valley.

Anne Marie Roberts (she goes by Anne Marie) was recently named "Middle James Restoration Manager" and as such will be overseeing the James River Buffer Project, under the direction of Senior Watershed Manager Amber Ellis. This program began with several grants and now that it has

received a Virginia Environmental Endowment Grant can continue for at least the next three years.

"The James River Buffer Project," said Anne Marie, "will concentrate on the James between Powhatan and the western Nelson County/Amherst area." The goal of the project is to "reestablish forested stream side buffers by planting back native hardwoods, improving habitat, and using riparian forest buffers, called the kidneys of the stream, to filter pollutants and in turn improve river ecosystems, where runoff from farms and other adjacent property impacts the river."

In Virginia, The Chesapeake Bay Act



### The Cover

The Tomato Man, Jerry Jernigan, with winter behind him. In a couple of months this patch will be blooming with tomatoes, squash, and other summertime favorites.

Photo by Patrick Healy  
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Anne Marie Roberts, Middle James Restoration Manager, on the banks of Mink Creek behind her Scottsville office. Photo by Ron Smith.



## Ribbon cutting to open Take Root Design and James River Association Scottsville Office

Scottsville Mayor Nancy Gill cuts the ribbon to officially open Take Root Design and the James River Association Scottsville office. (l-r) Linda Lafontaine, President of the Scottsville Chamber of Commerce, Erin Root, Mayor Gill, Anne Marie Roberts, Middle James Restoration Manger and other JRA officials participate in opening of new Scottsville office.

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and Regulations addresses buffers and in 2000 the Virginia General Assembly enacted the Riparian Buffer Tax Credit, a program land owners should look into particularly if they harvest timber near the river or a tributary.

Erin Root is an architectural designer. She has been in town for a while, but her office was located in the rear of Gallery 527. Now Erin occupies the front half of 531 Valley and literally has a "window on the world" or at least on downtown Scottsville.

Erin holds Masters Degrees in architecture and landscape architecture and formerly taught beginning architecture at the University of Virginia. Through the National Institute of Health Erin was awarded a post doctoral fellowship to work in South Africa, working to improve water quality and global health. She worked in Linpopo, a small village with a big problem; the lack of fresh water.

In Linpopo Erin was instrumental in the design of a facility to produce ceramic water filters that would make the contaminated ground and surface water drinkable. "While looking at water quality and quantity," she "also came to realize the political and social implications when those in power control resources and in turn control the people those resources are meant to benefit."

She advocates "public interest architecture" where designs are focused on people and their needs. Erin's desires to use art, sculpture and landscape architectural design to "impact humanity in a positive way. The inner connectivity of humans and landscape can be directly related to water," she said.

Then came the day when Mayor Nancy Gill introduced Amber Ellis (JRA) to Erin and the obvious interest both had in water became apparent. With both Erin and Anne Marie sharing a space, Erin says her hope is that the space "can be a place to advocate for landscape, water and people."

And, while water is a primary interest of Erin's, her company, Take Root Design Studio, concentrates on "making a space your own and appropriating it to make it comfortable." She works with clients to plan how to adapt a space and commit the space to what is planned for that space.

Blending the topics of landscape architecture and water quality, Take Root Design

will host an exhibit, to coincide with the opening of both offices, titled Mineral Medium by Katherine Jenkins, an assistant professor of landscape architecture at The Ohio State University. The works in this exhibit "examine the displacement and transformation of iron oxide, the principal contaminant found in the outflow of acidic water from coal mines."

**The exhibit runs until June 27th. The new office(s) opened with a ribbon cutting March 27th. Stop by 531 Valley Street, meet these ladies and learn about the unique talents of each. And remember, the James River is ours to enjoy but it is also ours to protect!**

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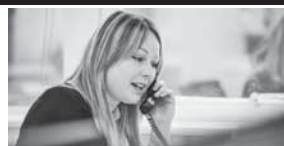


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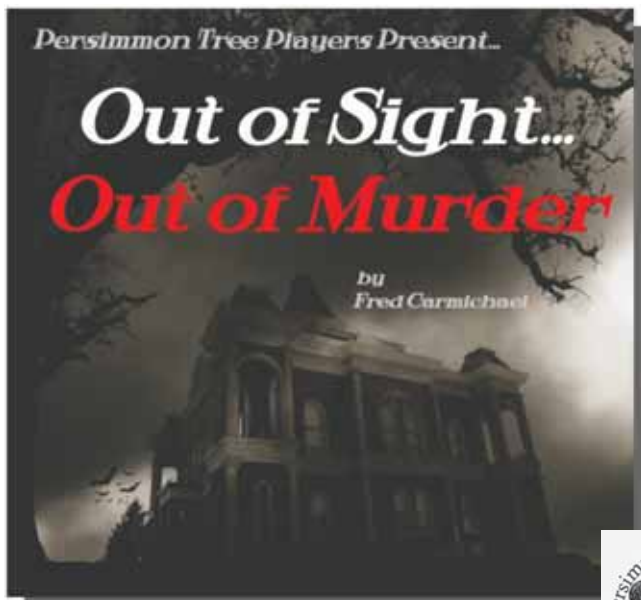
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**Cover Story**

Hens range freely at Buck Island Creek Farm, while the big guy surveys his domain.  
Photo by Patrick Healy

**The Town Character**

By Patrick Healy  
Correspondent

**F**rom time to time you'll hear people talk of the town character. But what does that mean? Well, as with so many other subjects, it depends on who's doing the talking. Naturalists will talk up the geology; how the underlying rock shelf caused the river to bend, and the subsequent native species to evolve, and thrive. Planners and preser-

vationists will center the discussion on the window mullions or cornice details of the older buildings. The script writer simply creates an eccentric fellow whose socks don't match: the Town Character. What your humble monthly journal knows is that the town character is each of us, wherever we happen to be at the moment, doing whatever we are doing, all of the time, in real time. Plus everything else; which is why newspaper content is so eclectic. Indeed, researchers pore through voluminous newspaper archives to find - you guessed it - a town's character.

Starting on April 6th, finding Scottsville's town character is the easiest thing in the world to do. Enjoyable too. Just head down to the Pavilion of a Saturday morning, rain or shine, and dive right into the Scottsville Farmers Market. Everyone else does. There's live music, and you can pick up almost anything: handmade doll clothing, quilts, beautifully crafted wooden items and jewelry, comestibles of every sort, soaps, cosmetics, candles...the list goes on. You'll find VFW Post 8169 on duty, supporting community and veteran's interests. The Jehovah's Witnesses, well, bear witness, offering gentle words of faith to any and all. Witness, Casey Carwile, enjoys his time at the market, and says that members of his congregation will be joining other volunteers to clean up the area before the April 6th opening day: bearing witness. People come from all over to hobnob and get their share of the goodies. In short, the Market is everybody, all the time, in real time. Scottsville Monthly recently caught up with a trio of producers, to catch the view from the other side of the table.

"Founding Member", Buck Island Farm, will be back for their tenth season. "We were there when it got started," says Buck Island's Jerry Jernigan. He and wife, Laura, were avid gardeners who decided to turn pro when Jerry retired from the Post Office. Laura traces the history of that transformation: "We enjoyed gardening and used to give away a lot of stuff to friends and neighbors. Then we upgraded massively. The chickens kind of came along with that." Starting about now, and through the fall it will be sunup to sundown for this couple. They'll be on the road, or working in their greenhouses, fields, or hen house. The Jernigans keep about eight dozen Red Sex-Link hens and, "one happy rooster." Jerry, who is known as the Tomato Man to his many customers, travels down-state when it's time to replenish the flock. "I know an Amish breeder who is the best," he says. Crack one of these eggs onto a hot skillet and you'll see his point. Fried up, the egg will look like a 5-ball on a clean, white hanky. Besides the tomatoes and eggs, Buck Island Farm produces a number of fruits and veggies, in season, and offers local honey as well. This being early spring, their market tables will be covered with green, in both onion and leafy forms, and those farm-fresh eggs.

Over at Heart and Bones Hollow, LLC, the story is much the same. Since her partner works outside of the home, Karen Mann does the farming work, which is often long and hard, going

seven days a week. Many, if not most small farms work this way. So when the sun goes down and the paperwork beckons, there will always be forms with a line for nonfarm income. This will be Heart and Bones fifth season at the Market. For

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# CSX



The CSX Engineering material storage, as seen from East Main Street. Photos by Patrick Healy

## The State of the Yard

By Patrick Healy  
Correspondent

**I**t was almost 140 years ago that the railroad first came to town. Back then, the railroad's presence was a source of business optimism, and civic pride. But time, as is its habit, passed, and the town changed with its passing. These days, the railroad isn't much of a factor here. Its rail bed lies out of sight, behind the levee, and is only brought to mind when the trains pass by. The whoosh and thunder of the diesels, that evocative whistle, and the Johnny-Cash-rhythm of the rolling steel are all there is to sense, as the unimaginable freight tonnage flows along the riverbend, then fades away down the track. But neither the Town, nor the CSX Corporation are through with each other just yet.

"It was one of the first things I did when I came in," says Mayor Nancy Gill "That was 2016." What she did was to contact Randy Marcus, CSX's representative for the State of Virginia, and ask him if the company could do something about the state of their Scottsville rail yard. Their yard lies on the floodplain of the James, with a good-

sized patch spread out, for all to see, just past the downstream terminus of the town levee. A sign at the entry gate identifies the site as "CSX ENGINEERING MATERIAL STORAGE". A quick gander at the yard reveals equipment, materials, wholly unidentifiable dreck, and just plain trash scattered about on the ballast-stone covered lot. And Mayor Gill points out that, "Some of that junk hasn't moved in three years."

But progress may be at hand. Marcus showed up at Council's March work session for a first-time, face-to-face meeting with our councilors to represent the railroad's position and hear Council's concerns. According to Marcus, work crews need those materials right where they are in order to efficiently perform their tasks. Councilors wondered why the materials couldn't be stored nearby, and out of sight. Laura Mellusi pointed out that, "the only real view we have of the river is from Poplar Springs Road." and urged Marcus to go have a look from the Scottsville side of the yard. Council's retired railroad man, Eddie Payne, while sympathetic to the

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Karen, who was a customer before she was a vendor, there is something special here. "There is a real sense of community," she says. "I've had wonderful support from customers, and the other vendors. Among the vendors, it is almost like a family." She adds, with a farmer's practicality, "And it's a covered space." She is particularly proud that the lean cuts of free-range pork she offers are Certified Naturally Grown products. Her pigs root and graze over woodland and meadows once owned by Manns grandfather. There's that family thing again. Each year, at least five hogs will go to the butcher, at a svelte 250 lbs. each. Want big? Brood-sow, Micki, tips the scales at 450 lbs. Then there's Wendell. At 750 lbs. this is the boar that tells the 600 pound gorilla where to sit. It seems that at a certain time of year, Wendell is quite smitten by Micki. Mann reports that, "There is no confining him. When he wants to go somewhere, he just goes." So what's a nice farm lady to do about that? "Oh, he'll follow me wherever I go, if I carry a pail of milk."

So does this Market have, y'know, an Invisible Hand? Of course it does, in the person of Market Manager, Debbie Smith; though a behind-the-scenes hand is more like it. "People think the vendors just show up with everything, without realizing how hard they work every week to produce their goods. It's the same with what I do," says Smith. In other words, no, the Market doesn't just happen. Readers with exceptional memories may recall this article's promise of three producers. Debbie is Producer No. 3, and what she produces is The Market. How is that done? Lots of ways. Last season she started exhorting the Town Council to do something about the state of the parking lot and restroom facilities. Her persistence paid off. Last month,



the Town contracted to have the lot's drainage issues addressed, and the restroom/maintenance building brought up to the mark. You will see the results on opening day. Week-to-week, she organizes special events, balances the vendors/available stalls equation and, always, always, always promotes the Market. Smith is proud to report that, "Last year, The Rural Virginian named the Scottsville Market the best in its reader poll. In The Daily Progress poll we came in second, behind Charlottesville's market." She takes care of business, too. "The Market proceeds are turned into the Town weekly." Debbie has one request for everyone in the new season; this inspired by an unfortunate occurrence last season, referred to by Market insiders as "The Incident". Here, we will ask the gentle reader to imagine the Market through your dog's senses. "Ooooo! This is an aroma amusement park, a veritable olfactory playground of the gods!" Being a pooch, you naturally want to leave a bit of your own, ah, aroma behind and, what with this-n-that... Debby, stressing her own love of the noble canine, says, "We want dog owners here and are glad so many of them come. But please walk your dogs before coming among the market stalls and watch them while you are there." Sounds like advice we all can live with.

So, until such time as a spider climbs into the Pavilion rafters, and spins "SOME MARKET" into her web, we will leave you with this. A couple of years ago, Karen Mann, of Heart and Bones, was doing both the Scottsville and Charlottesville markets every Saturday. But it wasn't working out for her. "It was too much. We would run out of items. Even worse, we couldn't take the time with each customer that we really want to take. The service wasn't there. I couldn't live with that, and knew I had a decision to make." Karen's decision? "I picked the good one."

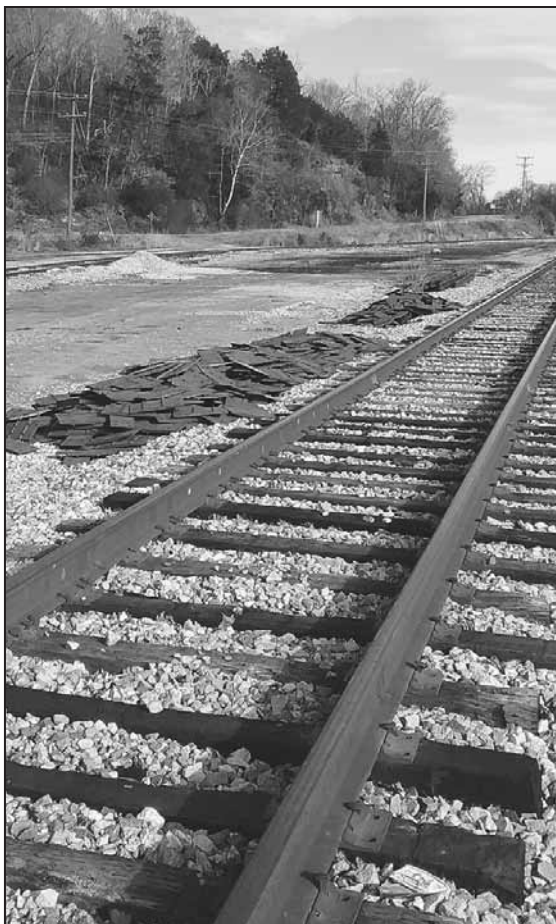


The CSX Engineering Material in portraiture.

railroad's needs stated, "that's not the way the yard ought to be." Marcus was drawn into some legal thrust-and-parry with Town Attorney Jim Bowling, as well as some administrative jousting with Matt Lawless, the town administrator. A meeting was arranged, between Marcus and Lawless, to work out the details of a satisfactory resolution of this matter.

All agreed that it was good to finally meet and, on that high note, Marcus departed. Mayor Gill sums it up thus: "We need to get along with them [CSX], but they don't see us as a priority. We do."

As we go to press, Marcus has met with Lawless and is bringing the resultant action items back to CSX. Among those are cleaning up the site, taking steps to prevent bank erosion and water contamination, and the creation of a riparian buffer (i.e. plant, and maintain trees along the bank). The Scottsville Monthly had a nice chat with Marcus who said that CSX has a communications official who would reach out us. The James River Association has not returned our call. So this story will have to be continued...



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# Upcoming Events & Announcements

**Scottsville Town Council**  
**When: Upcoming: Monday, April 15; 7:00 p.m.**, Regular sessions recur on the 3rd Monday of each month and there's a public forum at every meeting.  
Where: Victory Hall (401 Valley St, <https://www.scottsville.org/scottsville-town-government/town-council-and-staff/>)

**Cuba Travelogue**  
**When: Friday, April 5; 7:00 p.m.**  
Where: Scottsville Presbyterian Church (148 Bird St., Scottsville)  
More info: Call Gay at (434) 409-3324  
Join us for a Cuba Travelogue, led by Stots Reele. Refreshments following.

**Free No-Fooling First Friday Dinner**  
**When: Friday, April 5; 6:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**Where: Centenary United Methodist Church** (2247 South Constitution Route (5 miles south of Scottsville) **More info: (434) 286-2519**  
Centenary United Methodist Church will host a free No-Fooling First Friday Pot Luck Dinner in the church's fellowship hall. All are invited to share a pot luck dinner with a menu that will include two church-provided Easter season main courses plus pot luck side dishes and desserts. Good conversation and board games will follow.

**19th Annual Scottsville Meals on Wheels Fish Fry**  
**Friday April 12, 2019 - 5:30-7:30pm**  
Scottsville United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (158 Main St. Scottsville, VA 24590)  
Cost - Adults \$10 Children 12 and under \$5 Take Out Available  
Tickets are available for purchase at the door or from Scottsville Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian Churches; St Anne's Parish and St George Catholic Church Information 434-286-2762  
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**Easter Egg Hunt in Centenary on April 20**  
Centenary United Methodist Church will host a free Easter Egg Hunt for kids and kids-at-heart at 2 pm Saturday April 20 on the church's grounds at 12247 South Constitution Route (5 miles south of Scottsville). All are invited to bring their Easter baskets, join in the fun of hunting for prize-bearing eggs, and enjoy refreshments after the hunt. More info at 434-286-2519.



**Scottsville Lions**  
**Lions Bingo Night in Scottsville April 24!**  
**7:00 PM**

The Lions Club of Scottsville is sponsoring a fundraising Bingo Night starting at 7 pm on Wednesday April 24 at the Fellowship Hall of Scottsville United Methodist Church (158 Main Street). Each winner of the ten games to be played will have a choice of valuable prizes donated by local merchants. Suggested player donations are \$5 for one bingo card and \$20 for 5 cards good for all ten games, with all proceeds going to Lions charity projects. A snack bar will be open throughout the fun-filled evening. For more info, please email [stotsreele@aol.com](mailto:stotsreele@aol.com) or phone 757-719-4424.



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### Events coming up in April:

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As perseverance ruled, Nicks career in music moved forward enough to put together his first album EP in 2012. From there, Nick's songwriting and music production have since led him to write his latest album called "Just A Preview."



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April 7, 2019 • 2-4 PM

The Scottsville Museum will open for the 2019 season on Sunday, April 7, at 2 pm. Our featured speaker, Maxwell Johnson, who will talk about research he did on the community of Esmont, while working as a Museum intern during the past year. Mr. Johnson studied all aspects of the town of Esmont, interviewing local residents, photographing historic buildings, and researching documentation on various properties. His research took him to Richmond, Charlottesville, and Washington, D.C. You can see some of the results of his project on the Museum website (<https://scottsvillemuseum.com/esmont/home.html>). Mr. Johnson is a fourth-year student at the University of Virginia. He comes from Midlothian, VA, and graduated from Midlothian High School. At the University he is studying anthropology and American studies with a minor in French.



Maxwell Johnson

Join us for free refreshments and our program and celebrate the re-opening of the Museum. From April through October the Museum will be open on Saturdays from 10 to 5, and on Sundays from 1 to 5. All are welcome and admis-

sion is free. We also open for special tours at other times-just let us know when you want to visit (E-mail: [smuseum@avenue.org](mailto:smuseum@avenue.org), or Tel: 434-286-2247).



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Every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at 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, 6:00 p.m. at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Howardsville Rd., Glenmore, in Buckingham

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# Chamber is given tour of James River Boys and Girls Club

By Ron Smith  
Correspondent

On March 25, 2019 the James River Boys and Girls Club hosted the Scottsville Chamber of Commerce for a tour of the club. Mia Woods, Boys & Girls Club of Central Virginia along with Director of Volunteers Cynn timer Davis and Board of Directors Member Meghan Murray explained programs offered by the Club, led tours of the facility and explained how the business community could help with programs and proposals for new programs.



Mayor Nancy Gill discusses Club programs with Boys and Girls Club officials.  
All photos by Ron Smith



(l-r) Meghan Murray, Cynn timer Davis and Mia Woods address the Scottsville Chamber of Commerce.



Meghan Murray and Larry Barnett discuss how local business owners can help.

## Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

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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  
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55 Polished off  
56 Strip  
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59 Name as a source  
61 Breakfast melon  
63 "I had no \_\_\_!"  
64 Get the pot going

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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  
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# Stranger: A Friend You Haven't Met

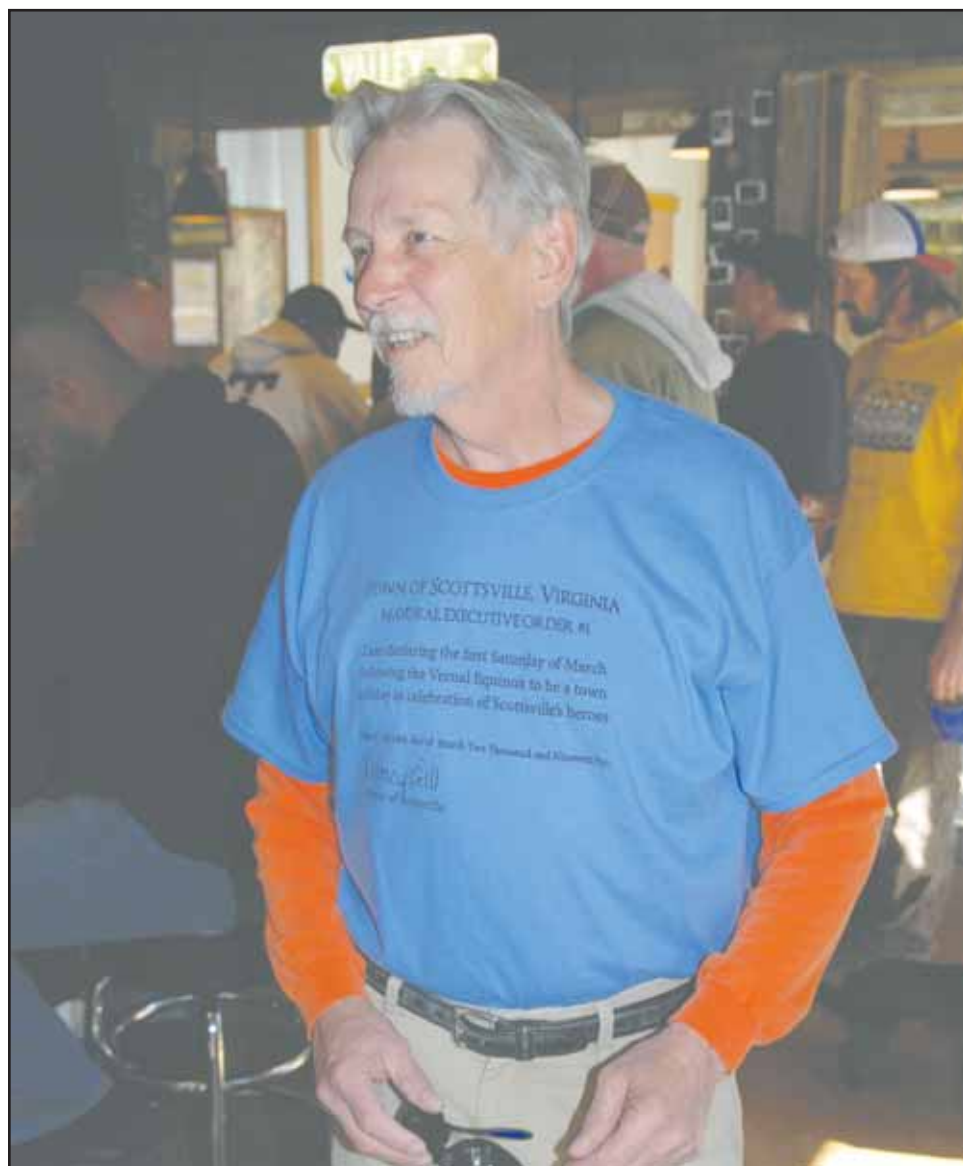
By Ron Wilson  
Correspondent

**H**ow many times have you met someone you “don’t know from Adam” only to find you may have a common interest or know the same person or have some other connection? Sometimes these chance meetings take place in a coffee shop, library, on a plane or traveling on a ship. And, sometimes these encounters lead to a lasting friendship. But what if the stranger you met was saving you from drowning in the frigid waters of the James River!

It’s been a year, but it wasn’t the first time Dan Hemmings had been out in his kayak with a fondness and a purpose. Like most others who go to the river to enjoy a quiet journey along a beautiful waterway, Dan picks up trash and debris as he paddled upriver and lets the current take him home. And even though it was March and spring had already sprung, residents of this area know how March is in this part of Virginia. Anything is possible weather wise. The river was up, running at a good



Dan Hemmings with former strangers, his rescuers  
(l-r) Joey Salee, L. J. Harmon, Dan Hemmings and Stephen Bryant. Photo by Ron Smith



Dan Hemmings at the party he threw for the three men who rescued him from the frigid waters of the James River.

pace and both the air and the water were COLD!

Dan, a native of southwest Virginia, grew up in the Tidewater area and has lived around water for much of his life. After retiring from the University of Virginia he had more time to spend in his kayak on the river he loves. Although his wife usually accompanies him on his kayak trips, this time he went out alone. “I’ve been out on the [James] river probably more than 200 times over the past three or four years,” he says. “I enjoy the good feeling I get while letting the natural flow of the currents transport me along,” he said, and he knows “how important the river is to the town, and I also know it is a valuable resource and should be

respected and kept clean.”

March 26th of last year could have literally been his last trip on the James. “The weather being cool, but not too cold,” he related, “I put on extra clothing and that overdressing proved to be a mistake!” While picking floating trash from the water he spotted a piece of plastic dangling from a branch that was hanging over the river. He reached out to gather in the plastic and the next thing he knew he was in the water, his kayak upside down, and the water was cold!

Whether it was luck or divine providence, no one will ever know, but three Scottsville friends, Joey Salee, L. J. Harmon and Stephen Bryant had decided to grab a pizza and just relax on the south bank of the James near the bridge. As they enjoyed each other’s company and the pizza, one of them though he heard someone calling for help.

As Joey wandered along the riverbank again he heard something. “Could it be a bird?” he wondered to himself. Then he saw it. The figure of a person trying to hang on to an overturned kayak and most definitely in distress. He yelled for his friends. There was a person in the river and in trouble, apparently getting weaker by the moment.

“I was losing the feeling in my limbs, and you know the strange thing,” Dan says, “is that while there is the feeling of panic due to the situation you are in, the coldness of the water at the same time brought a calmness over me; something that is difficult to explain to those who have never experienced it.”

Although the water was deep and cold, these three strangers were more concerned about the “stranger” in the river than themselves. Although the water was deep and cold, these three strangers were more concerned about the “stranger” in the river than themselves. At one point Dan remembers telling them to “save themselves” rather than risk their lives to save him! Joey (Salee) had gone into the water but he too was struggling with the cold. When I told him to “save himself, I saw Joey make it back to shore and thought I could make it also. It was about that time that LJ (Harmon) came into the water with a stick he had picked up for me to grab.” As LJ got closer, Dan was able to grab a “very small” branch and with the help of the others make his way to shore. Stephen was trying to find dry clothing in their truck; he found a blanket

They got him out of the water, got some dry clothing on him, wrapped him in the blanket and took him home. Dan’s kayak was gone, floating alone down the river never to be seen again, but that was a small price to pay for being rescued. On the anniversary of this event, Dan honored those strangers, now his friends, with a party at the James River Brewery.

And as an additional honor, Mayor Nancy Gill issued Mayoral Executive Order No. 1, an executive decree naming Salee, Harmon and Bryant as Scottsville Heroes and making hereafter the first Saturday of March each year a day to honor all Scottsville heroes.

Dan hasn’t shied away from the James. He still has a high regard and a deep respect for the river. He will continue to try to make it the asset it is by keeping it clean. And, he will continue to enjoy the friendship of those “strangers” who were in the right place at the right time.

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