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Val and Sal Talk Success

By Sue A. Miles
Correspondent

The Beacon would like to congratulate the graduating seniors of Buckingham County High School for their achievements and success. We caught up with the Class of 2019 Valedictorian Wyatt Yoder and Salutatorian Diante Lee, to ask them some final questions before they head out to another chapter in their lives. Wyatt (left) and Diante (right) are commended for their excellent academic records, hard work, and determination.

Wyatt Yoder, son of Westly and Donielle Yoder, is the Buckingham County High School 2019 Valedictorian. Yoder graduated with an Advanced Studies Diploma while also earning an Associate's Degree in General Studies from Southside Virginia Community College and attending the Southside Virginia Governor's School.

Where do you plan to attend college and what will be your major?

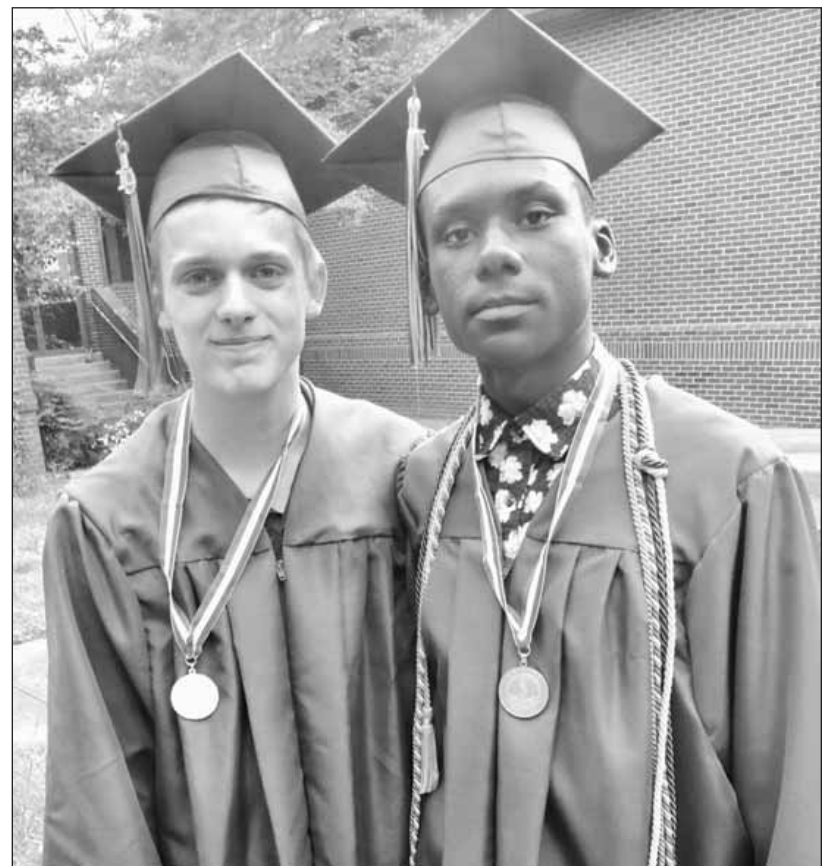
Yoder: I plan to attend the University of Virginia School of Engineering. There I plan to major in civil engineering.

What skills, talents, or academic habits do you attribute to your success?

Yoder: Planning ahead helped a lot. I always try to keep up with my assignments by planning definite times to get them done. Also, the Lord has somehow blessed me with an understanding of math. Anything having to do with math, from Algebra to Calculus, has always been super easy for me. I don't know why but math just comes really easy to me.

What has been your greatest academic or personal struggle in high school?

Yoder: My greatest struggle was coming back from Sri Lanka and entering 10th grade. I didn't know American culture, much less all that public school entailed. It took me a while to fully adjust to this new environment.



Wyatt Yoder (on left). Diante Lee (on right). Photos by Sue A. Miles

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Who is your role model and/or hero?

Yoder: I would say my dad is my role model. In everything he does, he does it to the best of his ability. I always tried to follow him in this trait. Also, my dad's upstanding character and strong faith have always been a great model to me.

What do you do as a hobby or pas-time to relax?

Yoder: I like being in the woods as much as I can. Also, my dad does a lot of different projects around the house, so I always like to help him out with those. However, if I am super tired then I will normally just watch a movie or play video games.

What is your favorite movie that you would recommend others to see?

Yoder: I just saw Avengers Endgame and that was a great movie. However, my favorite movie would have to be the Last Samurai. I highly recommend that you should watch it if you haven't.

What was your most embarrassing moment while attending school?

Yoder: I have had so many embarrassing moments I can't remember a most embarrassing moment. But I do get embarrassed a lot whenever I wake up after sleeping on the way to or back from Gov school. I sleep with my mouth like wide open and normally someone will get a picture of it on the bus.

What advice would you give an upcoming high school student?

Yoder: Work hard in everything you do. No matter who it is for or what is it, try your absolute best at it. Because if you try your best, then you know that the only thing you can do is accept the result.

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Diante Lee is the son of Stanley and Deloris Lee is the Buckingham County High School's salutatorian. Lee graduated with an Advanced Studies Diploma while also earning an Associate's Degree in General Studies through Southside Virginia Community College.

Where do you plan to attend college and what will be your major?

Lee: The University of Virginia. I will major in media studies and then apply to the McIntire school of commerce and concentrate in Marketing with a track in Advertising and Digital Media.



Wyatt Yoder (on left). Diante Lee (on right) have some fun.

What skills, talents, or academic habits do you attribute to your success?

Lee: Being calm, realistic, and optimistic helps me during school. I feel a lot of people do not have these qualities, so I stand out. People get stressed so easily, but I try to be optimistic by smiling, and laughing in really weird situations. A laugh helps. I also love communication and organization as it makes everything so much better.

What has been your greatest academic or personal struggle in high school?

Lee: Being a part of the Dual Enrollment Associates program while doing so many clubs has been my greatest challenge. I have to prioritize and organize myself and my time. I learned a lot of balance which in the long wrong prepares me for the real world.

Who is your role model and/or hero?

Lee: Beyoncé, because I see a lot of myself in her. She is a silent leader and she knows what she is doing. She works with her team peacefully, individually, and attention to detail is exquisite. She also puts so much extraneous and hard work into anything she does, again, like

myself. She also has an inner diva that comes to life on stage. In contrast, with her sophisticated and Zen type of leadership style, she is also an amazing performer that inspires many others. I aspire to be on her level one day.

What do you do as a hobby or pas-time to relax?

Lee: Volleyball is my passion. When I am happy, I play volleyball. When I am mad, I play volleyball. I like to believe I am a good player as I set, spike, and serve. It can easily warm my heart and bring me to peace. I fought to start a boys' team at the school, but we simply do not have the space for it or the opponents for it. However, I do manage the girls' team at the school and play during practice. I truly can't wait to play in college and continue to receive good vibes and energy.

What is your favorite movie that you would recommend others to see?

Lee: I love The Incredibles. It is genius. Edna Mode is my favorite, the quote "never look back darling, it distracts from the now" and her iconic "no capes" line always gets me. It is a family movie, but also a movie that I can watch by myself over and over again. The suspense, the humor, and the

superpowers they have bring me happiness.

What was your most embarrassing moment while attending school?

Lee: Homecoming. Sophomore year, 2016. Work from Home by Fifth Harmony started playing and sophomore me decided to break out into dance. I began to do some classics, like the sprinkler, but also a few drops and splits too. I slowly felt the song become a part of me and slowly the crowd came too. Before I realized it, it was a group circle around me and I was the center of the dance. It was too late to back out, so I gave everyone a show as I embarrassingly and regretfully danced to Fifth Harmony. People still have videos and pictures of this tragedy and it haunts me till this day.

What advice would you give an upcoming high school student?

Lee: Enjoy it. It will fly by quickly. Don't get caught up in the drama, the stress, and the bad influences. You know yourself and what is best for you, but know that high school is weird. At high school, you learn more about yourself: who your real friends are, how you study, how to prioritize, how to communicate with administration and teachers, and so much more. It is a lot, but know it is gonna be rough. It is also going to be a great time and you better enjoy it, because soon there will be a time where you have to grow up, pay bills, and be an adult.



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Sallie Mowbray and Bud Whitten

By Martha Louis
Correspondent

Two of Buckingham's best loved neighbor's helped out at Mayfest (Buckingham Co. Day). Bud Whitten brought his mule team and buggy for

the traditional Village rides that everyone loves. Sallie Mowbray came and worked the Historic Buckingham table much of the day.

Both these wonderful people chose to come out and be part of this uniquely Buckingham event.

You see, Bud and Sallie, besides being good friends and always visible at Village events, have something else in common: both are undergoing chemo for aggressive forms of cancer. We love you, Bud and Sallie !



Sallie Mowbray and Bud Whitten.
A selfie photo by Sallie Mowbray.

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Bud Whitten and his mule team at Mayfest 2019. Although Bud is battling a diagnosis of lung cancer and had to push himself to stay the day, he wanted to be at Mayfest to give rides to one of the largest crowds ever seen at this event. That is the kind of person he is. Photo by Matha Louis.



Members of the Central Piedmont Virginia Master Naturalist attended Mayfest.

Mayfest 2019 (Buckingham Co Day) happened in spite of a gloomy forecast. In fact, it turned out to be the largest crowd ever for this event. All of the food vendors sold out, and after talking to the exhibits and non food vendors, they all said the crowd was great. I encountered quite a number of people who had never been to a event at the Village and they said they had a great time. The historic village has been open since 2007 and has worked up to 7 major events during the year. The village operates thru donations, and most of its events are free admission. **Check out our webpages: www.leewaysidevillage.com and www.historicbuckingham.org**



Sarah Haines and Kiana Allen at Mayfest.

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Military Seniors

Sue A. Miles
Correspondent

As Buckingham seniors graduate a number will be committing to serving their country through the military. These young people have officially signed up with the military, all for active duty. Left to right, rear: Alysso Gentry and Enoch Matthews. Front: DaQuan Tindall, Jaycee Call, and Nathan Price. All have committed to the Army, except Matthews, who will serve in the Navy. Photo buy Sue Miles.



Your Future Letters

By Sue A. Miles
Correspondent

Just days before leaving high school, Buckingham County High School seniors become part of the yearly tradition of being presented with a "Your Future" football letter that they were asked to write when in William "Buck" Gough's Career Planning middle school class. As seventh graders, Mr. Gough, who has been teaching for 27 years, has each student write a letter to themselves. Students are instructed to write about what life will be like in five years, what's still "in", what movies are popular, what is the price of gas, and what are their graduation plans, including what university or college they may attend. Even though, at the time, they are told that they will get back their letter, seniors are always totally surprised when Gough delivers the self-penned letters to the high school, a few days before graduation. "Hopefully it will motivate more students to think about their future before their senior year," said Gough. Hopefully so, as that time has now arrived. This is the 20th year that Gough has delivered the letters to seniors. Shown with Gough are seniors (rear) Jevante Johnson and Octavius James and (front) Alysso Gormus, Aniyah Butler and Antony Banton. Photo by Sue A. Miles.

2019 FFA Southeast Area Middle School Contest

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

Buckingham Middle School competed in five events at the Southeast Area FFA Middle School Rally. Teams from Buckingham placed first in the Small Animal Care Career Development Event and the FFA Quiz Bowl Tournament. The Food and Fiber team placed second and the Plant Science team placed fourth. Two Buckingham teams also placed third and fourth in Agriscience Technology Mechanics Career Development Event. All events were held April 18, 2019 at Charlotte Central Middle School. All teams were coached by Mrs. Sherry Dorrier. The mechanics teams were also coached by Mr. Andrew Schmitt from Buckingham Career and Technical Center.

The FFA Small Animal Care Career Development event concentrates on the identification, health, and nutrition of household pets. Participants also demonstrated their knowledge of scientific terms used in the animal care industry, new technologies in animal care, ethical concerns related to animal welfare, and career opportunities related to small/companion animals. Small animals include cats, dogs, rabbits, aquarium fish, guinea pigs, birds, and other small household animals. The contest consists of four individual events. The individual events are a written test, breed identification, feed and equipment identification, and skill assessment performing a task such as reading nutrition labels, selecting a pet, use of equipment and training. The team consisted of Justice Steger, Jordan Dorrier, Courtney Agee and Gwyneth Mitchell. Buckingham placed first in this event as a team. Individually Jordan placed 6th and Justice placed 1st.

The FFA Quiz Bowl contest is designed to guide students in developing knowledge of the activities, organization, and history of the National FFA Organization. The event consists of a written exam and an oral team tournament. The team placed 1st in the oral team tournament. The team consisted of Tucker Motley, Emma Staton, Daniel Farrish, and Nathan Shippee. Individually Emma placed 3rd.

The Food and Fiber event is designed to provide students an opportunity to explore the agricultural industry with an emphasis on products created for consumer use and consumption. Students will be able to determine the use and commercial importance of agricultural products focusing on processing, distribution and marketing systems. The contest consisted of a written test, product identification, and product source identification. The team consisted of Camden Allen, Haylie Hucks, Caroline Browning, and Jacob Palmore




Pictured from L to R
Front Row: Justice Steger, Haylie Hucks, Emma Staton
2nd Row: Caroline Browning, Summer Garrison, Jacob Palmore, Jacob Carter, Hunter Branch, Joseph Love, Camden Allen, Ethan Martin, Jordan Dorrier
3rd Row: Jordon Johnston, Jenna Oliver, Emily Long, Holden Tyson, Nathan Shippee, Daniel Farrish, Quintin Page
Back Row: Gwyneth Mitchell, Tucker Motley, Liberty Johnson, Courtney Agee, Eli Bryant


which placed 2nd overall. Individually Camden placed 5th and Caroline placed 3rd.

The Plant Science contest is designed to introduce students to the growth process and development of plants used in the agricultural and horticultural industries. The contest consisted of a written test, plant and tool identification, and individual skills assessment. The team consisted of Liberty Johnson, Jenna Oliver, Summer Garrison, and Emily Long which placed 4th overall. Individually Liberty placed 6th.

The Agriscience Technology Mechanics event challenges students to explain and demonstrate safety practices, read and interpret directions, identify and use basic woodworking hand tools, select and use measuring devices, perform measuring skills, and solve problems. The individual events are a written test, tool identification, measurement activity, and a laboratory skills assessment performing a task such as project layout, and/or project construction and completion. Team A consisted of Quintin Page, Holden Tyson, Eli Bryant and Ethan Martin which placed 3rd overall. Team B consisted of Jordon Johnston, Hunter Branch, Joseph Love, and Jacob Carter which placed 4th overall. Individually Ethan placed 6th.

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A tug of war exercise at Camp Peaks. Photo courtesy of Martha Louis.

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Wise Wins Grand Champion With Market Lamb Pair

By David Wise
Contributor

Tanner Wise, of Poplar View Farm LLC and a 9th grader at Buckingham County High School, competed at the Piedmont Area Jr. Livestock Show on Saturday, April 27, at the Blackstone Livestock Market showing two Katahdin Market Lambs, and two Ewe Lambs that he raised on his family's farm. Tanner won 1st place & Grand Champion with his Market Lamb Pair, 4th and 5th place Market Lambs (120-125 lb. class as individuals), 2nd place Ewe Lamb (90-110 lb. class), 2nd place Ewe Lamb (120-125 lb. class) and 3rd place in the Intermediate Showmanship class. Wise is President of the Buckingham/Cumberland 4-H Livestock Club where he has been showing livestock for seven years.



Tanner with his Grand Champion Market Lamb Pair. Tanner is the son of David and Sherri Wise of the Willis Mountain area of Buckingham County.

Virginia Lamb and Goat Symposium

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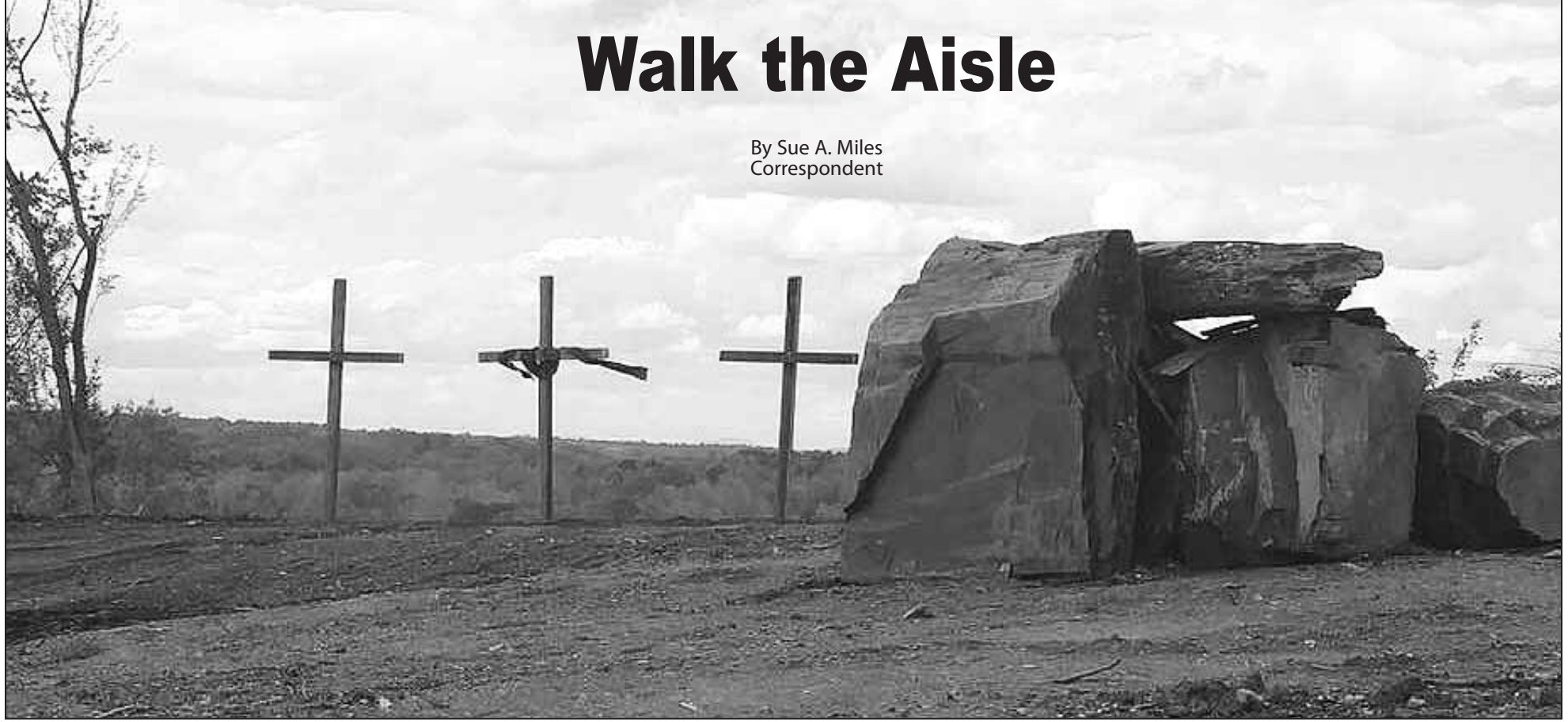
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Walk the Aisle

By Sue A. Miles
Correspondent



Sometimes it takes years and many life connections and experiences to make things clear and meaningful for us as individuals. This is a story about such a situation. The individual featured in this story has asked to remain anonymous but his words and deeds certainly identify him as a man of faith.

First, we must take a ride. Head north on Highway 15 until you're almost at the county line. Turn left on Bridgeport Road. Go about a mile and turn right into the RMA Enterprise, Inc. site (11045 Bridgeport Road). James River Slate Company will be directly across on the left. As soon as you turn into RMA, look to your left and follow the newly made road up towards a slight hill.

There you will come upon what is known as Meditation Hill - where there are three tall wooden crosses and to their right, a large tomb created out of very massive and beautiful Buckingham slate.

Once you walk to the site you will understand why the individual chose this location to place the crosses and slate tomb. It is peaceful and tranquil with a vista, looking west, that is stunning. As is the site itself.

The three 18 feet, 8" x 8" crosses stand silently on the hill with the majestic tomb completing the picture. Although still an obvious work in progress, the site indeed has a meditative tone; which is exactly what the individual who built it wanted. "This past year has been very challenging for me," said the individual. "My father died at the age of 64 and I turned 64 in April. I know my father was a Christian man who had an impact on others and I think about him every day. I also had some other challenging situations take place this year. It came to me that I needed to create this Meditation Hill for myself and also as a place for people to come."

The individual notes that the company, RMA, welcomes any and everyone who wishes to visit the site. There are no gates, so you can drive right in. "You can come alone, bring a friend, relative, or minister." said the individual. "If someone doesn't know how to access this site I believe that God will allow them to find me," he said. "If only one person benefits from this site, it's worth it to me. I will eventually plant grass and would like to put in a gazebo along with some scripture."

Here are the individual's words about the site and why he built it. If, after reading his testimony, you are so inclined, take a ride to Meditation Hill and see for yourself its beauty and splendor.

Some have seen the crosses and tomb on (Route) 652 at the old Solite site, and some may wonder why they are there. So, I want to witness. I feel the need to and explain their meaning.

To me, Easter is the greatest time of all because God gave His only son to die on the cross so our sins could be forgiven. This sacrifice is too hard to imagine, especially if you are a parent. Some know what it feels like to lose a child, and I am sorry for that.

I lost my best friend (Dad) when he was 64 and it broke my heart. I had a real hard time with it. I remember he always said, "I have to go before any of my kids." One thought I remember going through my mind was how disappointed he must have been in me for things I have done or had not done. He and my mother were real good Christians and tried hard, to get me to do right, in other words "Walk the Aisle."

During the day before the funeral of my Dad, a cousin, whom I was close to, had been saved, so he and his preacher outside my parents' house in a car read some scriptures and had a prayer and asked me questions. He said I was then saved, but I did not feel it. But I could tell it was a beginning of a different way I saw things.

So years have passed. I have three wonderful kids and a great wife and six grandchildren, whom I am very proud and thankful for. (I have) a lot of family who I love very much — in-laws included.

So, this is what inspired me to write this about the crosses and tomb site (I created, located on Route 652). The site is another one of God's beautiful creations overlooking fields, rivers and the mountains. The idea is if someone needs time to meditate at the foot of a cross but not in a church, they are welcome. If someone wants to walk Walk the Aisle, but can't bring themselves to do it at church for the first time, here, you are welcome any time with family or friends or by yourself.

The point is since that time of grieving my Dad, I have walked the Aisle twice and it has made a lot of difference in my life. I would like to encourage everyone to walk the Aisle and to put God first in your life. For a parent, there is no better feeling than to see your kids or loved ones Walk the Aisle. So if one person gets something out of all of this, I'm happy!



Fundrasier Held for Relay For Life A Success

The 6th Annual BCHS Alumni Car and Bike Show was held on April 27. The proceeds were raised for Relay for Life that was held Friday, April 26 and this is our check presentation in the amount of \$1,980 for Relay For Life. Pictured is Donna Mcrae-Jones (Relay for Life organizer), Travis Toney, Scotty Edwards, and Jennifer Shumaker.



**On The Move
With Joanne Yeck**

Slate River Ramblings

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).

Lithia Springs

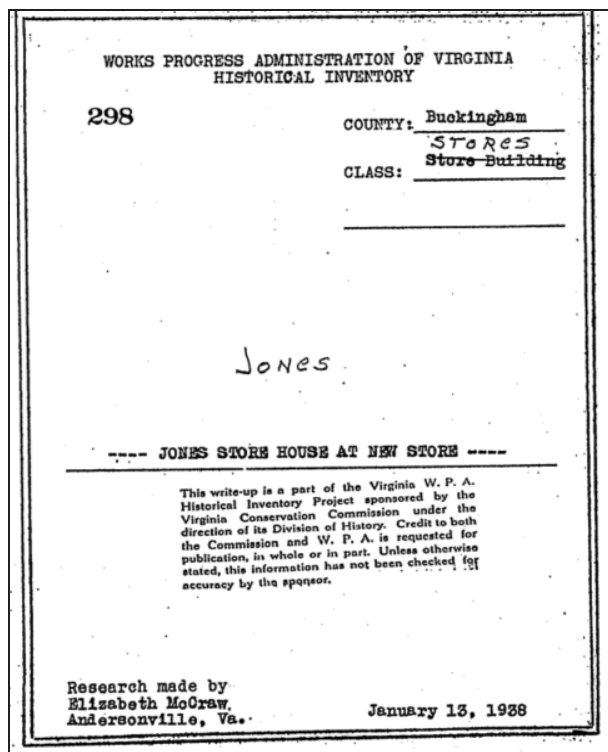
In 1905, the *Appomattox and Buckingham Times* ran an article about the founding of Lithia Springs near New Canton in Buckingham County. Located on the farm of Mr. W. L. Boatwright, the newspaper claimed that the springs were very valuable, proclaiming:

For a hundred and fifty years they have been flowing from large rock on the outside and water has been used by the people in this county and others for stomach, liver and kidney troubles, and skin eruptions. The use of the water was so beneficial to all who drank it that Mr. Boatwright was persuaded to have it analyzed. A sample was sent to Dr. Wm. H. Taylor, State Chemist and when the analysis was completed it exceeded all expectations and proved this water to be one of the most valuable in the world. The springs are now in the hands of a number of capitalists and business men who have formed the Buckingham Lithia Springs Co. They are now rapidly shipping this water to various parts of the United States, and the springs and grounds are being prepared for buildings and baths to accommodate demands for admission from sufferers with these troubles. At present the hospitable home of Mr. W. L. Boatwright has been procured to accommodate all visitors to the springs and a man is kept on the grounds to furnish people who come to the springs for the water.

Curious about health spas and springs in Buckingham County, Virginia? Consult "Going to the Springs" in Buckingham County," in my book, "At a Place Called Buckingham," Volume Two.

Buckingham County: Jones Store

In 1938, Elizabeth McCraw of Anderson, Virginia, surveyed "Jones Store House at New Store" for the Virginia Historical Inventory. Located on Route #609, Mrs. McCraw estimated the building was built about 1800, noting as usual that the courthouse records in Buckingham County had been destroyed by fire. She identified the Venable family as the first owners, followed by the Jones family in about 1818. At the time of the survey, C. L. Jones was the proprietor. Her description of the architecture was thorough:



"Jones Store House at New Store," Virginia Historical Inventory.
Courtesy Library of Virginia.

Wide planks are noticeable in the floor. There are two rooms to the back and one to the side of the large store room. Two of the smaller rooms were for storage and one was the "Counting Room." The Counting room has a large fire place, over which is a high, plain mantle. The three six panel doors have large iron locks and "HL" hinges. Very wide planks are in the floors. The rooms are ceiled with wide planks too. Overhead the heavy sleepers are left out or exposed, and these are black with the exposure of many years.

In 1938, when Elizabeth McCraw surveyed "Jones Store House at New Store," she was doubtless excited about its historical importance, writing:

From the store, [the village of] "New Store" received its name. Mr. Sidney Venable, a Presbyterian Minister from Hampden-Sydney, said his great grandfather built this store house. William Dribell Jones, was married in 1818, kept store here before his marriage, and as the Venables were before him, the store was evidently built in the early 1800s.

An old account book, dated 1821, which belonged to William D. Jones included purchases by perhaps Buckingham County's most famous son, Peter Francisco. His

accounts reveal that Jones kept a general store, stocking contents that ranged from molasses, brown sugar and pepper to gunpowder and shoe tacks. You could purchase a curry comb for your horse or pair of shoes. There were yard goods for sale, including Irish linen. Mrs. McCraw continued:

William Dibrrell Jones conducted an extensive mercantile business at New Store. He bought country produce of any kind, including furs and livestock. It is known that he had on hand at one time, as many as 3000 hogs. He sent great wagons to New York with country produce for sale from his seat of business at New Store in Buckingham County, Virginia.

The great-grandson of William Dibrrell Jones, the fourth generation to conduct a store under the Jones name, has his store at Sheppard, Virginia, about four miles distant from the first one. The old store building at New Store is vacant. New Store is a voting precinct and the Democratic Primary is held in this building, as well as the General Elections.

From an old Account book of 1821, kept by William D. Jones at New Store, are noted purchases of PETER FRANCISCO, the best known character in Buckingham's history. Following are a few items from his account:

May 8, 1821	per self one Gimlet
May 23,	per son Ben, 1 gal molasses, 75¢
	1 handkerchief, silk, 6¢
May 30,	20½ lbs brown sugar, 17¢ 3.48
	½ lb pepper, 25¢
June 4,	per son Ben ½ lb gun powder 31¢
	Shoe tacks 05¢
June 16,	per son, 1. curry comb 25¢
	Paid Frank 1 pair shoes, \$1.38
June 21,	1 pair leading lines 25¢
June 26,	per son Ben, 2½ yds Irish linen 1.25
	1 scyole blade 2.00
July 31,	per son Ben, 2 yds Brown Holland 84¢
	1 pr fine shoes 2.75
Aug. 6,	per son Ben, 2 chamber pots 2.00
	1 lb shot, ½ lb powder 48¢
Oct. 19,	per son Ben, 2 lbs wrought nails 36¢
	1 quire paper 31¢
July 3,	Charged to Benj. Morris, per Mrs. Francisco, 1 pr ladies shoes. (Mrs. F. had she said, M's order for the above but lost or misplaced it) 1.75, etc, etc.

Courtesy Library of Virginia.

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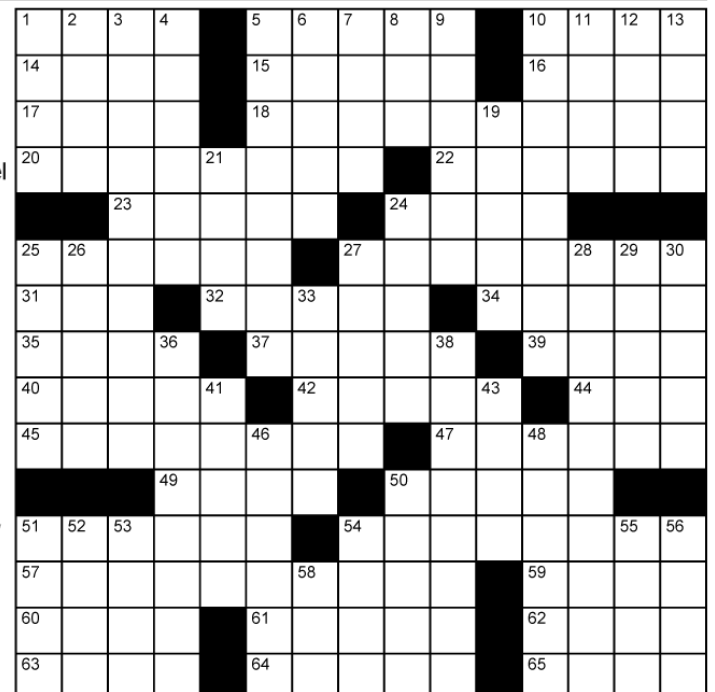
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Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Cracker spread
- 5 Billiards bounce
- 10 Play the lead
- 14 Verve
- 15 Antipasto morsel
- 16 Legal lead-in
- 17 Yearn
- 18 1984 Olympics locale
- 20 Not to mention
- 22 Work boot feature
- 23 Slack-jawed
- 24 Kind of ring or swing
- 25 Get tangled up
- 27 Renounce firmly
- 31 Cattle call?
- 32 Tally, in Britain
- 34 Philly footballer
- 35 Bloom County penguin
- 37 Illustrious
- 39 Meditative exercise
- 40 Tithing portion
- 42 Big commotions
- 44 Scoundrel
- 45 Female hormone
- 47 Attractive
- 49 Bit of news
- 50 Like one who errs?
- 51 Type of voyage
- 54 Lunatic
- 57 Speed up
- 59 Highchair feature
- 60 Chipping choice
- 61 Hulu offering
- 62 Zombie-stopper



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| 63 Bad impression? | 10 Place for a race | 38 Word file, e.g. |
| 64 Quite proficient | 11 It's softer than gypsum | 41 Setting for "The Shining" |
| 65 Masseur's target | 12 Square feet, eg. | 43 Vague amount |
| | 13 Coarse file | 46 Taxonomic categories |
| | 19 Gander's mate | 48 Words to live by |
| | 21 Bringing up the rear | 50 In a lather |
| | 24 Scooter's kin | 51 Hotel worker |
| | 25 Over-dramatize | 52 Farmland unit |
| | 26 Slangy refusals | 53 Coin anagram |
| | 27 Collapsible bed | 54 Put forth a challenge |
| | 28 Self-absorbed | 55 To ___ his own |
| | 29 Like pond scum | 56 TV legend Dick Van ___ |
| | 30 Rough-and-___ | 58 Skelton of comedy |
| | 33 Tribal pole | |
| | 36 Hard on the ears | |



Left to Right Back row - Ms. Thompson (teacher winner), Sean Metzger, Jacob Willoughby, Hannah Savage, Veronica Houchens, Lauren Stone, Vallerie Houchens, Emma Staton, William Carter. Front Row - Dakota Robertson, Caroline Browning, Isabelle Halliday, Andrew Dorrier, Thomas Snoddy, Elly Abruzzo, Jacob Crawford. Not pictured: Mrs. Hanes, BCMS Librarian.

Accelerated Reading BMS Limo

By Sue A. Miles
Correspondent

Nothing like a ride in a stretch limo - especially if you don't even have a driving permit of your own! These very motivated Buckingham Middle School students (grades 6th - 8th) were recently treated to a ride in a stretch Hummer limo and a meal at The Tavern on the James for reading a total of 388 books under the school's Accelerated Reader (AR) program. Throughout the school year, participating students would read books and earn points for passing quizzes about each book they read. Emma Staton, Isabelle

Halliday, and Elly Abruzzo were the top earners for their grade levels with Emma Staton having the most for the entire school. These fifteen students successfully tested on a combined total of 388 books! Over the years the limo ride acknowledges students while serving to motivate all children to read more. The middle school reading program would not be possible without the generous donations from Bear Garden, Cody Moss with Aflac, Food Lion, and The Farmer's Bank of Appomattox. Students pictured were the top five from each grade level.

Buckingham County Chamber of Commerce

Chamber recognizes Kyanite as good stewards of the community



Pictured are, from left, Chamber leaders Donna McRae Jones, Eddie Slagle, Faye Shumaker, Janet Miller, Jordan Miles, Hank Hagenau, and Kyanite staff Casey Gunter, Javannah Taylor, Ashley Glenn, Dan Batchelor, Sallie Mowbray, and Michael Wells.

Kyanite Mining Corp. was recognized Monday for the business' efforts in keeping the roadways across Buckingham County clean and litter-free. The Buckingham Chamber of Commerce bestowed its Community Pride Award for the month of April to Kyanite Mining, one of Buckingham's largest employers.

This is the first time this year the award, which seeks to commend and recognizes businesses for continued or new improvements to their grounds and facilities, has been presented.

"Kyanite Mining, whose employees recently picked up more than 600 bags of litter along more than 20 roads in an effort to keep Buckingham beautiful, is very, very deserving of this award from the chamber," said Community Pride Award Committee Co-Chairman Jordan Miles. "The chamber is proud to have Kyanite, not only as an active member of our organization, but a great partner and asset to Buckingham. Kyanite supports its people, no matter if they live and/or work here, but also the community as a whole. This recognition is very due to this terrific group of people and a fantastic business."

According to Kyanite, a majority of employees were out during the day-long litter pickup, which included a picnic to celebrate the employees.

Kyanite is a family-operated and privately-owned company based on U.S. Route 15 near Dillwyn. The firm is the world's largest producer of industrial kyanite and calcined kyanite (mullite). The company mines kyanite-bearing quartzites associated with felsic and mafic volcanic rocks of the Chopawamsic Formation in the central Virginia Piedmont region.

"Kyanite employees work, live and enjoy life in Buckingham County, and we're proud they're here," Miles said.

For more information on the Buckingham Chamber of Commerce, call 434-983-2372 or email info@buckingham-chamberofcommerce.com. Dues for membership are only \$35 a year

Chamber of Commerce's Community Pride Award

Herbert E. Maxey Jr. PC Attorney at Law is the May recipient of the Buckingham Chamber of Commerce's Community Pride Award.

Maxey's offices, located in the Buckingham Court House village on U.S. Route 60, are very noticeable due to the visible signage and professional and historic character.

"Herb Maxey's offices and grounds that surround it are always trimmed, blooming, and well-kept," said Community Pride Award Co-Chairman Thomas Jordan Miles III. "We're proud to have Maxey's law firm as a Chamber member."



Pictured are, from left, Sabra Haislip, Hank Hagenau, Victoria Harris, Herbert Maxey, Janet Miller, and Tina Maxey. Photo by Thomas Jordan Miles, III



Gwyneth Mitchell, Camden Allen, Emma Staton and Jordan Dorrier.

BCMS Competes in State FFA Forestry CDE

Buckingham Middle School FFA members competed in the State FFA Forestry career development event held Wednesday, April 24th, at Dabney S. Lancaster Community College Clifton Forge, VA. The team consisted of Gwyneth Mitchell, Camden Allen, Jordan Dorrier, and Emma Staton. They were coached by Sherry Dorrier, Casey Davis and Henry Paris. These FFA members spent the afternoon determining the diameter of trees; deciding the number of saw logs a tree can produce; identifying forestry equipment and common trees of Virginia; calculating the value of standing timber; and proving their knowledge of topographical maps. The Buckingham team placed 1st overall in the Southeast Area event to qualify to compete at the state level. The team placed 6th in the state level event.

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Scholarship Group

Photo by Sue Miles

In early May Buckingham High School held its annual Senior/Scholarship Night. Along with recognizing Honor Graduates and students who earned Associate Degrees and Certificates, a large number of students were awarded scholarships from local groups, organizations, and businesses. Here are just a few of the students who were awarded money for college. Congratulations to these incredible young people for their success.

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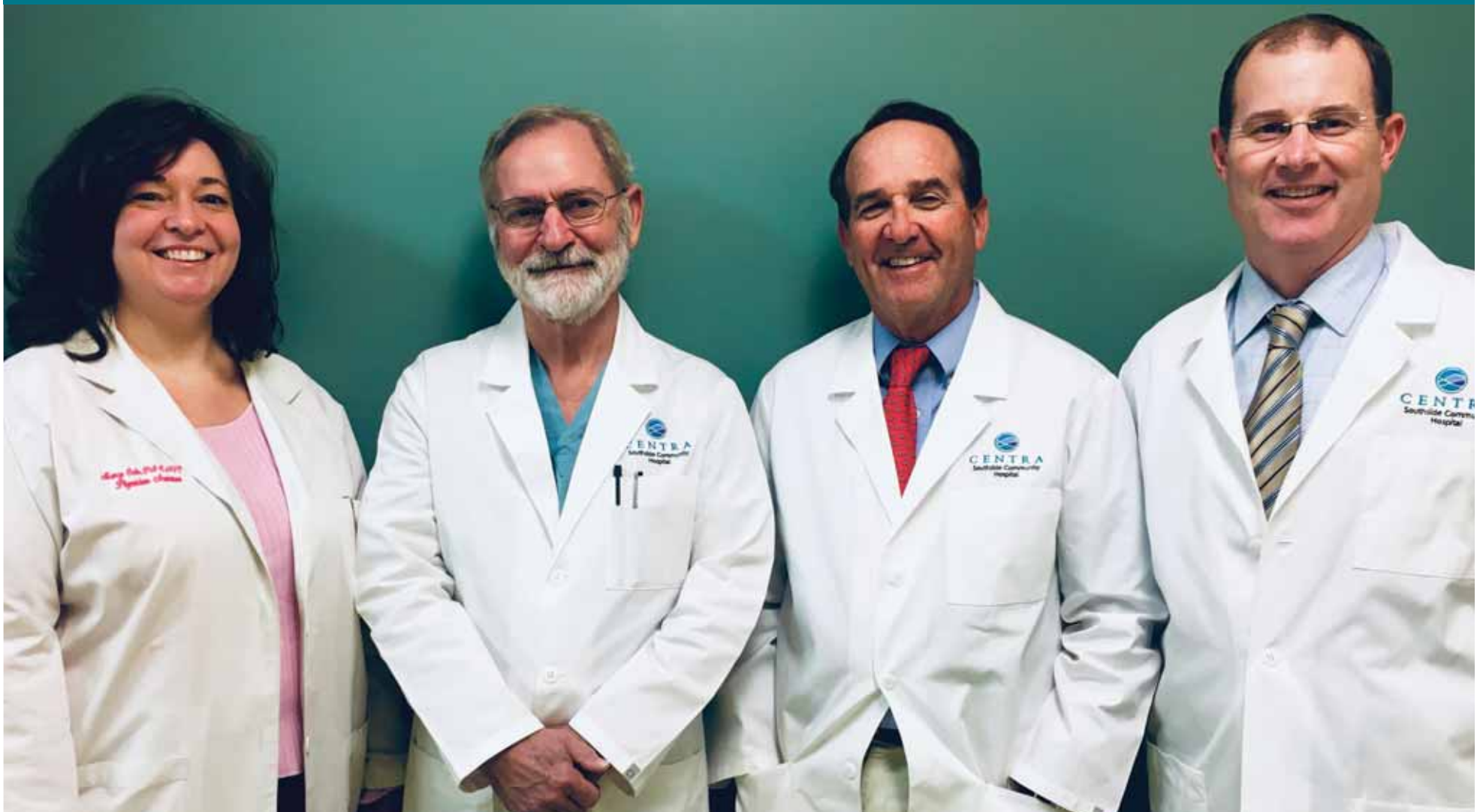
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