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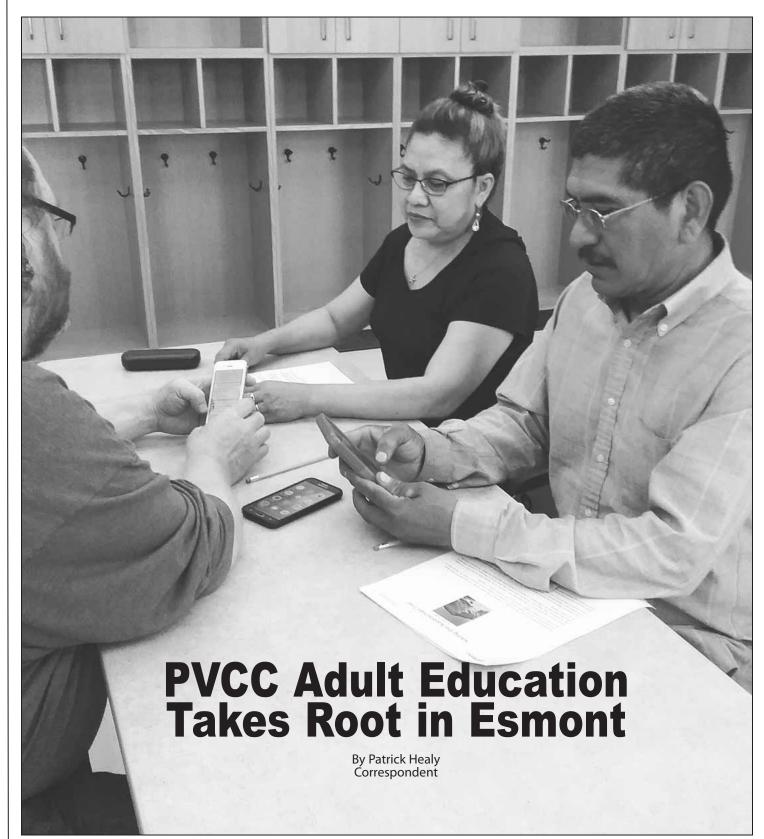
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Learning On The Go. Instructor, Jerry Payton, helps ESL students, Abelina and Eloy Albarran download an English/Spanish translation app. All photos by Patrick Healy



The Cover

Alpha Group-1 from a victim's perspective. Volunteers, Carrie Schaffer, Jim Blaney, and Marcela Foshay are here to help. Photo by Patrick Healy

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ou are on the stage at Carnegie Hall with a half a dozen twelve-year-olds. There's a sell-out crowd of well-dressed adults, but they look...different. The differences are subtle. Is it the style of their clothes, their body language? You can't put your finger on what it is, but it's strange. And though everyone is babbling in some kind of gibberish, it seems kind of understandable to you. At stage right, the emcee raises a small card from the lectern, reads a stream of gobbledygook, lowers the card, and fixes his sharp glance on you. You understand that you have been asked to spell "fish". If you do, you will win the National Spelling Bee. You take and release a calming breath, and with your next breath you say, "Fish. G. H. O. T. I.

Your twelve-year-old stage mates

wilt; crestfallen. The crowd leaps to its feet. A shockwave of thunderous applause rocks you back on your heels. The emcee, grinning like a gargoyle and with arms spread wide, rushes toward you. Just as he lunges to embrace, you awake. You're drenched in sweat. Your heart pounds in your chest. It takes you a few moments to clear your head. You're in your bed. You håd a nightmare. You grope to the side, finding the lamp switch. You squint. The light is too bright for your sleepy eyes. On the nightstand is a copy of the Lynne Truss treatise on punctuation, "Eats, Shoots & Leaves". You smile at the joke in the title: the panda in the bamboo grove eats shoots and leaves, while the assassin in the restaurant eats, shoots, and leaves. Thanks to a couple of commas, the exact same words convey completely different ideas. Then you laugh out loud as you figure out the riddle of your

dream. Take the "gh" from enough, the "o" from women, and the "ti" from ruction. String them all together, and GHOTI = FISH. Engulfed in the physical calm of imminent sleep, you drift off wondering what all of this high-grammar nonsense could possibly mean.

Welcome to the world of English as a Second Language (ESL).

Carol Coffey, who heads up the adult education program for Piedmont Virginia Community College (PVCC), is dedicated to bringing the type of basic knowledge that often can be strange and confusing, to those who need it the

Coffey got her start teaching high school, but soon realized that she preferred the challenge of adult education. So, as Coffey puts it, "I went corporate." She did staff training up and down the Shenandoah Valley for about twenty years before coming back to Adult Ed, classroom style. Coffey is thrilled to offer ESL, and General Education Diploma (GED) courses from PVCC's new digs in the Yancey School Community Center.

Is there much need for that sort of thing around here? Says Coffey, "Data tells us that there are around twenty thousand people in this area who lack a GED." Got that? A group numbering more than six times the population of Scottsville often face constricted employment opportunities. Yes, they can mow grass, babysit, or process data. But here's the catch: they won't be performing such tasks as employees of Albemarle County, State Farm Insurance, or UVA. More likely, they will work part-time for word-of-mouth handymen, rec-room daycare operations, or seat-of-the-pants IT service providers. And while there is no shame in doing any kind of honest work, the crying shame of it is that an awful lot of people can end up working very hard for very little.

ESL students face similar challenges, but in a foreign language. A basic grasp of English may be the difference between a paycheck or no paycheck, and proficiency will separate the boss from the bossed. One important way out of a life in a pocket-money economy runs through PVCC's Yancey School facility. The good news is that both GED and ESL courses have taken root at Yancey.

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Scottsville Monthly stopped in at

Yancey on a pleasant Tuesday evening to see what happens in the classroom. It turned out to be a slow night. Instructor, Jerry Payton, usually has from five to eight students in in his GED and ESL classes. On this night there were three. Payton, a West Virginia native, moved to the area a couple of years ago. A veteran soldier, and high school teacher, Payton likens his current job to that of the old one-room schoolhouse master. Of necessity, instruction will happen on the individual basis here.

"GED is multifaceted. Some people will have work experiences that put them at the college level. Others require remedial work. So I need to engage with each student throughout the class period," Payton said. His special affinity for his ESL students traces back to his soldiering days in Germany. The first time he left base, he found himself thoroughly cut off from his surroundings; not maliciously, but organically. He simply could not connect with anyone else. His approach to German as a second language? "First I learned the necessities. Then I got better."

At Yancey, Payton's domain includes more than one room. That keeps him hopping. He sends his GED student across the hall to log onto a computer, then gets his ESL students going on a reading comprehension exercise. As they settle in on their reading assignment, he heads over to the learning lab. There, the bright young woman studying for her GED has a few questions about the outline up on the monitor. She goes back and forth a bit with Payton as he reviews her online course work for the upcoming week. That done, she takes her leave. Back in the ESL classroom, Payton quizzes his students on the details of the story they have read. Its protagonist is Maya, whose family enjoys camping. This is young Maya's first time on the Appalachian Trail. She loves to draw the animals and flowers she encounters. Her favorite parts of camping are the campfire, and sleeping in a tent under night's star-splattered dome.

The multiple-choice questions tease out nuances of grammatical structure and word usage. When a student struggles with an answer, a teachable moment ensues. Payton will offer a parallel example of a troublesome word, or suggest deducing an answer from the question. All discussions takes place in

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First Sergeant Tim Seitz and Emergency Management Coordinator Allison Farole relax before the day's exercise.





"Just the facts, Ma'am." Lieutenant Dale Johnson liked what he saw at the CERT training exercise. All photos by Patrick Haley.

Volunteers, for CERTain

By Patrick Healy Correspondent

ast December, the Scottsville Volunteer Rescue Squad (SVRS) sent a request for support of its operations to Albemarle County. The reason? A dearth of volunteers. At that point SVRS was unable to guaranty that basic staffing requirements could be met. The county pitched in with staffing help, but also dug a little deeper into the issue.

In the months that followed the Board of Supervisor approved a funding line for staffing the Scottsville facility, and in March the county took over the operation. According to Emily Kilroy, the County's public information officer, "Permanent staff is undergoing training and will be certified in October." In the meantime, existing volunteer staff is being augmented as needed. "We are drawing people from all county stations, whether those stations are all professionals, all volunteer, or a mix." says Kilroy.

So, why the dearth of volunteers? Is Scottsville turning into one of those "Bowling Alone" towns? Not so you'd notice. In fact, the town is a hotbed of volunteerism. Lions and Ruritans, garden clubs, and historical societies; we'd have to add two more pages to this paper to list all who serve. Don't forget foster parents in this area, or those who host exchange students. There are dozens of churches around the northern beak of the James River Valley; each one, volunteer by its nature. Ever heard of the PTO? Do your kids play soccer, or little league baseball? When you think about it, the whole town runs on the Do Unto Others principle.

Which brings us back to the Rescue Squad. Why aren't people helping out this great institution? Simply put, because it's different. For starters, qualification standards are necessarily high. Paramedic training requires a serious commitment of both time and energy. Once street-ready, the volunteer is expected to perform work which is physically demanding. Volunteers risk injury, even death. There can be a heavy emotional, physiological, or spiritual toll on a volunteer who works on some truly horrific tragedy. Add to that the fact that chaos is often a nights and weekends phenomenon, and you come to realize what a tough, tough job it is. Indeed, our rescue, and fire, volunteers are the elites. Though ours is a town of volunteers, most are

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either unable or, quite understandably, unwilling to serve in the squad. Mightn't some serve, if it wasn't so...difficult? Well, some might. Many already do.

At 9:00 AM, on the cloudy morning preceding Mothers Day, about three dozen souls gathered at Walnut Creek Park's main shelter to participate in a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training exercise. Your humble correspondent was there to be a "volunteer victim" for the morning, and was preparing to get up close, and personal with CERT's core mission. Allison Farole, CERT's local Emergency Management Coordinator, tightened up the scatter of chattering attendees, then laid out the morning's itinerary. The exercise scenario imagines the havoc wrecked on the area by a catastrophic weather event. As major incidents overwhelm first responders, a team from CERT is sent to check out this sprawling park in southern Albemarle County, following reports of mudslides there. The purpose of the exercise is to give a group of newly certified volunteers a "real-life" training experience, outside of the classroom. The volunteers will be supervised and observed during the exercise, and debriefed afterwards by the trainers and

Farole divides her volunteers into groups of three, and sends them to the "command center" for further instruction. They gather around a small group of trainers seated at a picnic table and check in with the Incident Command. The roll is called, and each team is registered, and given a team number. Sectors are assigned, and

questions are answered, as the incident plan is explained.

Meanwhile, Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator, Maribel Street has passed out large ID necklaces. CERT trainers lead victims into the "mudslide" zones. According to the ID tag, Victim 16 (V1-6) - yours truly - suffered a nasty fall while running up a concrete stairway. Besides the nature of the injury, other vital sign markers are included on the ID tag, on the theory that old V1-6 can't fake such symptoms an accelerated heart rate, or hypothermic body temperature. V1-6 sprawls across the stairs adjacent to the shelter, and a small boy, apparently comatose, is stretched out near the lake. Other victims are led to the frisbee golf area, or the parking lot. The the trainers and volunteers are still jabbering in the shelter. "Listen up, people!" booms the voice of Incident Commander, Mark Whitis.

"We've been on site for 14 minutes and there are still a few things we need to go over. I need everyone to quiet down, and focus on me now." The hubbub from the shelter diminishes to a couple of voices. Basically, the volunteer groups are being sent on search and rescue missions, with triage protocols guiding the process. It isn't long before Alpha Group-1 arrives at the concrete stairs. The V1-6 they encounter turns out to be a stoical grouch; no help at all. His arm really hurts. Two of them check the victim over, while the third pencils the data points gleaned onto a printed spreadsheet. And, yes, they peek at the cheat-sheet/ID tag. When it's determined that the poor guy is ambulatory, they get a field splint on his right arm, place a green ribbon on his left wrist, and assist him up the stairs, and into the stage3 triage area. A girl, perhaps 9 or 10 years old, is already there. She wears an ID, but no ribbon. When asked, she says she that she had never had one.

A trainer came over, and also noticed the lack of a ribbon. After reading the ID, she asked the girl to slouch down on the bench, then called out, "This child has gone into shock." Volunteers and trainers converged. After a swift examination, the girl was carried to the stage-1 area, among the red ribboned, and attended to. The lad from the lake, now yellow ribboned, was helped over to the stage-2 area by members of Alpha Group-1. He had a chunk of wood protruding from his thigh. A woman with a cut on her forehead joined the irascible V1-6 in the green section, as a trainer brought Alpha-Group-1 over to check on the day's least injured. He went to work on the arm splint, replacing the field applied splint with a more effective one.

As he worked, he explained some fine points of splinting techniques. He exuded a confidence which the somewhat hesitant, recently certified volunteers had lacked. Indeed, narrowing the gap between classroom learning and field experience was

the point of the morning's exercise.

With all of the victims under care, and all of the volunteers back safe and sound, Allison Farole halted the field exercise, and began the debriefing. Each volunteer shared his or her impressions of the experience. Then Farole recapped each interaction between the volunteers and the victims. She pointed out lapses in triage protocols and missed observations, as well as good performances turned in by the team members. Two members of the Albemarle County Police Department had also observed the proceedings. First Sergeant Tim Seitz was impressed with how quickly the teams were organized and put into action. He, too, mentioned the triage slipups, and stressed the importance of getting help to the most needy first. Lieutenant Dale Johnson noted the good teamwork on display, and encouraged the newbies to keep working to build on their training. He offered tips to specific volunteers based on his observations. A brief Q & A ensued, followed by dismissal. As the last vehicles rolled out of the lot, the clouds let loose, and the rain poured down. All and all, a splendid day.

OK. Since CERT doesn't train its volunteers to be first responders, can they be of any use here in Scottsville? "Oh yes they can." enthused Town Administrator, Matt Lawless. "Their volunteers do crowd management, house to house checks, and set up and staff emergency shelters. CERT is great." Lawless goes on to explain that the town has signed an emergency management plan with adjacent jurisdiction, which is being the control of the contr is based on Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) guidelines. CERT's training and practices are informed by the FEMA methodology, as well. So, if the worst happens, everyone will be on the same page.

Want to be a first responder? By all means, go for it. We need you. Interested in something a little different? Give the Community Emergency Response Team a look.

They are a nice group of people.

Chamber Members Meet at Farmers Market

Photos courtesy of Dan Curran, All American Publications





Members of Scottsville, Buckingham and Fluvanna Chambers of Commerce gathered at the Farmers Market pavilion in Scottsville for a "Business After Hours" event on May 16th. There was food and beverages and the opportunity to meet new friends, learn about businesses in surrounding areas and to make contacts.

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Yes, Virginia. You Can Get There From Here. Whimsical signpost in front of the Yancey Community Center.

English. Students, Eloy and Abelina Albarran, demonstrate a reasonable proficiency in English. They have mastered the necessities. Now they are getting better. Three decades ago the Albarrans moved to the Esmont area, where they have worked, raised their children, and become naturalized citizens. Also, proud grandparents. One reason for their ESL enrollment is their desire to keep up with the grandkids' chatter. That ESL is offered locally makes it all the more attractive to the Albarrans. With a teacher's pride, Payton calls them, "Lifetime learners."

Before shoving off, we got a glimpse at the evening's study guide. There is no escaping the fact: this English language of ours really is irrational. The guide examines how the words "hike" and "trail", among others, perform in conversational English. If "a hike" is defined as a long walk, usually though the woods, then what in the heck is a "hike" in the interest rate? The Mets "trail" the Phillies in The NL East. Do they do so on the Appalachian "Trail", which runs from Maine to Georgia? Runs, you say? Shouldn't it "hike" from Maine to Georgia?

A student, deep in these English usage weeds, eats shoots and leaves.

Have you ever seen a fish with a goatee?

Oh, take a hike!

On the other hand, if it's time to get a serious grip on your English, math, or other educational needs, PVCC is saving a seat for you, right there in the Yancy School Community Center. C'mon down!

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During this year's Scottsville Landing event on Wednesday, June 19th, Scottsville Events & Tourism is looking for volunteers to dress up in batteau period clothes (like the Crew in the photo above) and stand along the levy wall, directing visitors to and from the river's edge to Canal Basin Square. There will be food & music in the park, but we'd like people to know they can easily walk down the levy wall from Reeling

and Rafting (the landing site) to the park.

The event is from 4-8pm. Any amount of time volunteered would be appreciated! Email: events@scottsville.org for more information.

Scottsville Museum will be open from 1-8 pm during the Batteau festivities in Scottsville on Wednesday, June 19th!

Brother Chicory will play at the Batteau Festival 3-7pm on June 20th

The Scottsville Batteau Festival will include music by Brother Chicory, Jeff Miller, and Four Hits and a Miss. Other musicians are invited to join us from 3-7pm on June



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22 for a free Latin Chicken Community Fellowship Dinner. Delicious baked chicken in yellow rice, string bean & corn salad, rolls and desserts galore will be served from 5pm to 6pm. So get ready to enjoy great food and warm fellowship June 22nd at the Scottsville United Methodist Church (158 Main Street). More info at 434-286-4736.

Scottsville 4th of July Parade Broadcast
If you can't make it out to the 106th Annual Parade will be live streamed on facebook live at https://www.facebook.com/SvilleLiveStream/ we will bring the parade to you and the festivities starting with a preview to the parade at 8:00 AM live from the town office building. Then Live

updates thru the day, with the Annual fireworks at 8:56 PM Also make sure you stay tuned to @scottsvilleabw on social media for the latest weather updates throughout the day. Contact Jack Maxwell at 434-996-8073.

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Scottsville's Summer Full of Events!

By Ron Smith Correspondent

Summer in Scottsville is here and there are a number of events scheduled, the variety of which should pro-

vide "something for everyone!"

Last year's significant rainfall kept
the James River at a level that made rafting and tubing dangerous. For that reason the number of visitors who came to Scottsville to enjoy the river was down. So far this year we haven't seen enough rain to deter the visitors. Hopefully those whose livelihoods depend on the river will have a

better year this year.

Laura Mellusi, vice-mayor and chairman of the town's Events Committee reports that "we will be starting with the 34th annual Batteau Festival on Wednesday, June 19th." That will be the day that the batteaus, which put into the James upriver, will be arriving in town to spend the night. Festivities will begin at 4pm with live music on the stage at Canal Basin Square. There will also be vendors and, of course, the arrival of the batteaus which is usually heralded by the sound of cannon fire rever-



2017 Bee City Day. Photo by Ron Smith

berating from the river.

Since acquiring its Bee City designation, Scottsville has been celebrating "Pollinator Week" each year. This year Saturday June 22nd will be "Pollinator Day" in Scottsville. There will be activities at the Farmers Market recognizing the important work bees accomplish. There will also be displays and information on all "It as "related topics and knowledgeable individuals available to answer questions." "bee" related topics and knowledgeable individuals available to answer questions.

On Monday, June 24th there will be a fundraiser for Little Learners Child Development Center. The Charlottesville Women's Choir will perform at Scottsville Presbyterian Church. The concert begins at 7pm and there will be a reception afterward. This no admission charge but a free will offering will be taken for the benefit of Little Lagrange.

July begins with the 106th edition of Scottsville's Fourth of July Parade. The parade will begin at 9am and follow its customary route. Later in the day, a program of live music, featuring guitarist Eli Cook, will begin at 6pm in Dorrier Park. At dusk the annual fireworks display will take place. This event has been called the "best fireworks show around" and no one leaves disappointed.

The Scottsville Museum, which is open each weekend through the end of September, will host author David Goetz on Saturday, **August 10th** to talk about his new book, "Ever the Gray Ghost." The book follows Confederate Col. John Singleton Mosby and his "Mosby Rangers," a band of Confederate fighting men, many of whom were from Scottsville and the surrounding area. The Rangers, sometimes referred to as Mosby's Raiders, made "lightning fast attacks" and then disappeared before Union forces could find them.

On Saturday, September 14th Scottsville will celebrate Community Day. There will be activities for all ages, music and "fun for all." The Lions Club will hold its annual Duck Derby.

The following Saturday, September 21st, James River Reeling and Rafting will sponsor "BBQ on the Bend", a competition involving the preparation and, of course, consuming of BBQ with awards being given to those judged worthy. This event will be held at Reeling and Rafting's camping area on the James River and begins at 11am. This year a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Freedom Fund, an organization that helps military and first responder families who need

The Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 8am until 1pm and there is a continually updated list of activities on the town website as well as the Chamber of

So, don't let anyone say there is nothing to do in Scottsville, particularly this summer. We have a great little town here as those who live here know and those who visit soon find out!



Events



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July 27. Music with Ben David Warner!

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Annie Brown and Fannie Loudon received the Esmont Senior Center's President's Award for their volunteer service to that organization.



Jeff Weston, Donna Weston, Lillian Bryant, Charlotte Joyner and Clarence Mickons were awarded the Scottsville Senior Center's President's Award for giving a minimum of 100 hours of volunteer service over the past year.

Spring Fling in Esmont

Photos by Ron Smith



More than 100 seniors from the Scottsville and Esmont Senior Centers joined together on May 15th in Scottsville to socialize and enjoy lunch together at the annual Spring Fling.



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Fluvanna County Radio Control Flying Club Presents:

Fourth Annual Wings and Wheels 4 PAWS

n Saturday, June 8th, 2019, the Fluvanna County Radio Control Flying Club (FCRCFC) will host the fourth annual Wings and Wheels 4 PAWS: Car Show and Model Aviation Extravaganza - at the club's field adjacent to the Fluvanna County Landfill about five miles west of Fork Union on Virginia Route 6. WW4PAWS is a fundraiser that will be seeffel the Fluvanna SPCA (WWW4PAWS). Proceeded Programme SPCA (WWW4PAWS) is a fundraiser that will be seeffel the Fluvanna SPCA (WWW4PAWS) is a fundraiser that will be seeffel the seeffel Programme SPCA (WWW4PAWS). benefit the Fluvanna SPCA (www.fspca.org), Peaceful Passings Senior Animal Rescue (www.peacefulpassings.org), Green Dogs Unleashed (www.greenfogsunleashed.org) and Caring for Creatures (www.caringforcreatures.org) animal rescues in Fluvanna County. The rain date will be Saturday June 15th.

WW4PAWS will run from 9 AM to 4 PM.
2018's third annual Wings and Wheels 4 PAWS drew 400 people, 63 cars, 25 model aviation pilots from across the state, and raised \$5100 for the beneficiaries. The major elements of WW4PAWS include the following:

A judged car show – Entrants will compete in nine classes for 1st and 2nd place

trophies, a People's Choice Award, and the Best in Show Award.

• Model Aviation Extravaganza – Static displays and all kinds of aerial activities including fixed wing, helicopters, drone racing, First Person View demonstrations, trainer opportunities, and more will be ongoing throughout the day.

• Full size airplane flyover (subject to weather and aircraft availability)



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- Meet the Beneficiaries These wonderful animal welfare organizations will be on hand with information, perhaps adoption events, and
 - Vendors
 - Great lunch courtesy of Charlottesville's Wahoo BBQ, donations requested
 • Live music from the 2 Wishes duo

 - Clogging demonstrations by the Skyline Country Cloggers
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 Monster Wheels Bounce House from Super Fun Inflatables
 Huge raffle Many great prizes donated by local businesses.
 Live Remote Radio Broadcast 99.7 CYK Country Radio, a member station in the Monticello Media Radio Group, will do a live remote radio broadcast during the event.

Public admission will be a modest \$10 per carload. All proceeds will be donated to the beneficiaries. So please mark your calendars and plan to attend Wings and Wheels 4 PAWS – it will be THE place to be Saturday, June8th. For more information, including approximate schedule, FAQ's, and map and directions to the event site, please visit www.wingsandwheels4paws.org, and follow Wings and Wheels 4 PAWS on Facebook.

The FCRCFC was founded in 2000 and consists of about 30 members, some of

whom have been involved in model aviation for 50 years or more. To learn more please visit the **club website at www.fcrcfc.org**.



Thai Van Nguyn, Community Development official. Photo by Ron Smith

Hello Thai Van Nguyn...

Thai Van Nguyn, who works in the areas of rural development and community organizing in his home province of An Giang, Viet Nam, located south of the Mekong River and near Cambodia, spent the month of May in Scottsville working with Scottsville Town Administrator Matt Lawless.

Mr. Thai shared his knowledge and became familiar with methods of implementing programs in our area. A graduate of An Giang University, Mr. Thai surveyed Scottsville residents on various topics a made a formal presentation of his findings at the May 20th Town Council meeting.



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Pre School Staff (I-r) Ellen Sherwood, Committee Chair, Laura Mowbray, Pre School Director, Mary Curtis Ott, SUMC Representative, Pastor Brian Lamb, Victoria Melander, Committee Member - Photo Courtesy Frank Sherwood/SUMP



Pastor Brian Lamb. Photo by Ron Smith

Scottsville Methodist Starts Pre-School Program

By Ron Smith Correspondent

t seems that in most all families these days both parents work. Sometimes it is because both have careers and want to work, but many times both parents have to work out of financial necessity. In 2014 the Department of Labor found that more than 64% of women with children under 6 years of age were employed. The need for "affordable" child care is a necessity that proves at times to be non-existent or if it is available it may consume most of one of the parent's paychecks! Scottsville United

Methodist Church plans to address that predicament.

Scottsville United Methodist Preschool, or SUMP as it is to be known, hopes to offer some help to the working parent. Maria Montessori, the famous educator whose name is synonymous with the philosophy of education she promoted, said, "The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child's own natural desire to learn." This is the basis for SUMP's philosophy of early childhood development.

Brian Lamb, who is the pastor of Scottsville Methodist, says that "our ulti-



The Pre School Classroom. Photo by Ron Smith

mate goal is to provide a joyful, enriching experience for children, and to develop in each child a love of learning and an interest in exploring new ideas and concepts in all of his/her types of intelligences." The program hopes to provide a "supportive and nurturing learning environment" with an aim to "support children in developing selfcontrol, respect for the ideas and feelings of others, creativity, curiosity, self-expression, reasoning/thinking skills and self-confidence.

While SUMP is a project of Scottsville United Methodist, Pastor Brian said that "SUMP will put no pressure on any child or family to become Methodists or members of the church." He went on to say that "the majority of the curriculum will be secular, but religious themes will be incorporated particularly as they relate to Christian holidays." There will also be once a week "chapel lessons" where the children will learn "age appropriate Bible stories and songs.

Laura Mowbray will serve as director and lead teacher. A native and lifelong resident of Scottsville, Laura has 5 years' experience teaching pre-k and kindergarten in Buckingham and Albemarle County public schools. "I am licensed to teach pre-k to 6th grade," she said, and "after taking several years off to raise my own kids, I am

excited to be back in the classroom!"

When asked about her goals as director, she stated, "My hope for SUMP is to build a program that not only prepares children for kindergarten, both educationally and socially, but also gets them excited about learning. I think the most important goal of preschool is to convince all children that they are smart and capable, and show them that

learning is fun!"

Each day, she says, "will be a balance of both structured and unstructured and unstructur tured activities. Children of a very young age will learn social skills by meeting and playing with new friends. Art, reading and play will also constitute a large portion of the child's day with occasional field trips and other

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Maria Montessori

The cover of brochure - Courtesy

outside activities. Three-year-olds will gather on Tuesday and Thursday while four-year-olds meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The program offers an "early drop off" feature for those who need that convenience.

Classes are limited to fifteen children so those who are interested obtaining an application, costs, and any other questions should contact the church at (434) 286-4736 or via email at preschool@sumc-va.org.

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