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Mountain Vista Road: A Continuing Headache

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Mountain Vista Road in Scottsville is a dirt and gravel road that runs from Valley Street (Rt. 20) northwest crossing James River Road and on into Albemarle County. The road's condition has long been a source of concern for those who live along its route. Scottsville Council members Dan Gritsko and Eddie Payne are among the nine residences and two businesses on Mountain Vista.

The road is narrow, steep in areas near its intersection with Rt. 20 and also has blind spots in that area. It is the rear entrance to the Augusta Co-Op/Ace Hardware and regular deliveries, made by tractor trailer truck, use that entrance. Normal wear and tear on an unpaved road, particularly with the added weight of large trucks causes deterioration and that problem needed to be addressed.

The Virginia Department of Transportation's Rural Rustic Road Program is designed for roads such as Mountain Vista. Scottsville's town administrator Matt Lawless said he thought "Mt. Vista Road was a good candidate for this program" and earlier this year the town council passed a resolution requesting the road be paved.

Mayor Nancy Gill had stated at the time, "that the improvements would benefit the community and the environment since gravel and silt wash into the creek." Scottsville Supervisor Rick Randolph had indicated to Council that Albemarle County would formally apply to have the work done and was includ-

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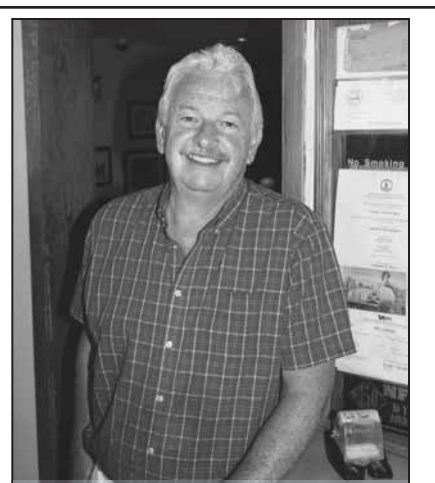
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Hollis Lumpkin of Lumpkin's
Restaurant and Motel.
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Between James River Road and Valley Street, Mt. Vista looks more like a mountain trail than a road. All photos by Ron Smith



Rear entrance to Augusta Co-Op where Mt. Vista sometimes becomes impassable.

ed in a list of road project requests forwarded on the VDOT.

A May/2016 editorial in the Charlottesville Daily Progress stated that "paving is a low priority for Albemarle County and because county policies seek to encourage development in centrally located, designated growth zones and discourage it in rural areas." The editorial went on to say the county has a list of projects [the six year list] and as one is finished the next project moves up the list, and, "this occurs without a separate review of how important the project might be relative to other road needs."

So now the problem: Mountain Vista Road is no longer a priority with the county and VDOT in favor of a paving project for Coles Rolling Road. And this has Councilman Payne and other residents of Mt. Vista upset!

As Payne has stated in public sessions of council, the area at the rear entrance to the Augusta Co-Op has historically been a spot where water collects after a rain and, at times, becomes impassable. "Even though there are drainage pipes under the surface at that point," he said, "they don't hold up under the constant pressure from the large trucks." He doesn't blame the business or the trucks directly, but "if the roadway was paved as it should be there would not be a problem."

He also cited the fact that when the road is impassable residents have to "take the long way around" to get to where they are going. This also impacts the time it takes for emergency vehicles to reach residents along that road.

And, there doesn't seem to be any hope for the near future. According to



Mt. Vista Rd. resident Polly Brill voices to town council her concerns about the road on which she lives.

Town Administrator Matt Lawless, the paving request is "back in the hopper." After Council approved that resolution and sent it on, Lawless said "it was on the list then, instead of moving up the list it was dropped off the six year list of priority projects." This, after both VDOT and Albemarle County, who each accepted the resolution, put it on the "list."

So, it looks as though nothing will be done for the next six years at least, and knowing how the county views rural road projects, probably much longer than that. Residents of Mountain Vista Road and those who use it to visit friends and for other business, will just have to put up with the road the way it is.

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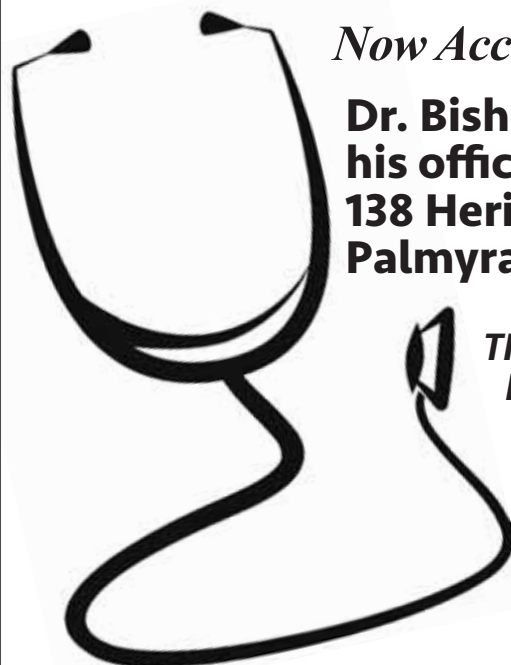
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The iconic rooster that stands at the Lumpkin's Restaurant & Motel. Photo by Ron Smith.



The former Travelers Rest Inn where Virginia and Nelson met. Photo courtesy of Scottsville Museum.



Virginia with her children Marlean and Hollis in 1995.

Photo courtesy of Scottsville Museum

Serving Others, Making Friends

By Ron Smith
Correspondent

The restaurant with the big rooster out front has become, over the years, a Scottsville landmark. People coming to town and asking directions are often told “when you see the big chicken you need to go another couple of miles, turn right, keep straight or stop and eat!”

Construction on the building which was to be Lumpkin's Restaurant and Motel began in 1969 and opened for business in 1970. So, while the business will celebrate its 50th anniversary in a few months, there has been a Lumpkin “in the business” for just short of sixty years!

With the exception of those who have moved here within the past few years, most of us know Virginia Lumpkin or at least have heard of her.

Virginia was born in 1924 in Buckingham County and raised on a farm. She had four sisters and a twin brother. Like most children in a farming family, there was work to do and just because she was a girl she wasn't exempted from daily obligations. She tended to the livestock and helped with the tobacco and wheat crops her father planted. She “learned a lot about how to run a farm,” she says, an education that would benefit her no matter what career path she followed.

As a young woman Virginia knew she didn't want to spend her adult life on the farm. She wanted a job. That opportunity came after she moved to Scottsville in 1947 to take care of an aunt who was recovering from eye surgery. There was an opening at Beal's Grocery on Valley Street. So in 1950 she had her first “real” job!

The Travelers Rest Inn at the corner of Valley and Main Streets had seventeen rooms and offered three meals a day. The Inn's primary customers were men who worked for the power company, the railroad, and traveling salesmen. One salesman who sold sausage had the Inn as a customer so that was where he stayed when he was in town. His name: Nelson Lumpkin.

Virginia was working at the Inn. Nelson and Virginia became friends. In 1955 they began their married life as husband and wife; a union that would last until Nelson's passing in 1980. They had two children, Hollis and Marlean.

Amici's Restaurant on Valley Street has been the home to several restaurants. In 1955 it was Lee's Restaurant. Nelson helped Mr. Lee with the restaurant. In 1962 Mr. Lee wanted to sell his business. Nelson and Virginia made a deal and became the new owners. This was the beginning of successful career as a restaurant owner. She has been quoted as saying, “We just worked at it, (and) it was hard. The restaurant is hard work but it made a living for me.”

In 1969 Nelson and Virginia decided to build a restaurant/motel combination on an acre of land just north of town. With some money she had from selling timber she owned in Buckingham, and money saved, construction began that year.



A 2003 photo of Virginia with her plantings. Photo courtesy Scottsville Museum

Lumpkin's Restaurant and Motel opened the business in 1970 and the rest, as they say, is history.

In a 2015 Scottsville Monthly article by Ruth Klippstein, Virginia lamented the fact that when she moved to Scottsville there "were a lot of drunks." "Moonshine, and its effects were everywhere," she said, but Mr. Lee had told her "if there were drunk men in the restaurant not to do anything as long as they acted decently." In that article she also spoke of a "lot of segregation" but she was respected by those she served and she respected them." In the same article she thought "the loss of the high school and the tire plant damaged the essence of the town."

With some health issues, and nearing 100 years of age, Virginia doesn't get to go to the restaurant much anymore. But, her son Hollis has carried on her tradition of good home cooked food, a friendly atmosphere, and trust. The restaurant is closed Wednesdays and Sundays and takes cash and personal checks; no credit cards! And Hollis, in his own right, is known for his desserts. As Virginia is quoted as saying, "His desserts could make you slap your mama down!"



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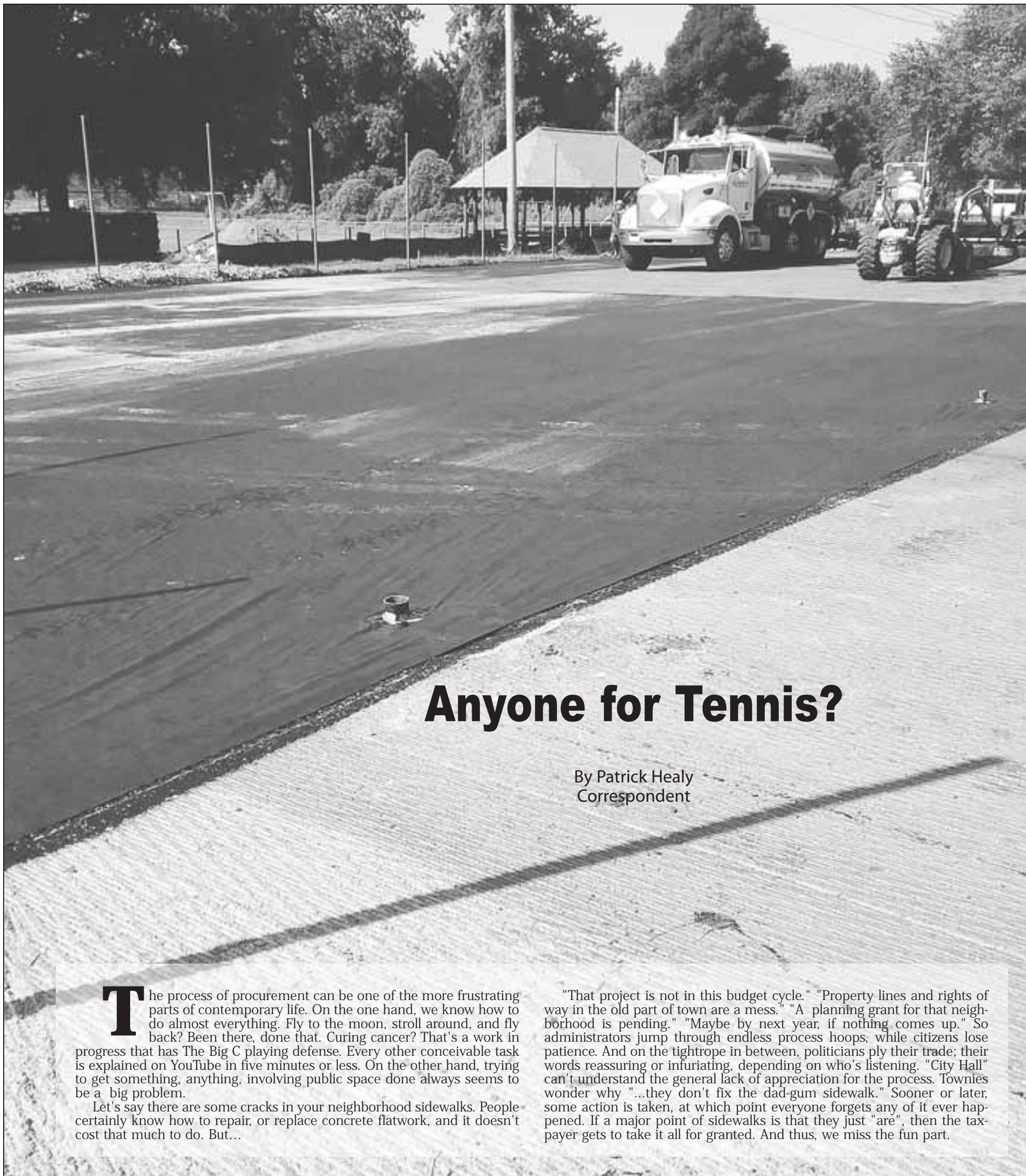
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Anyone for Tennis?

By Patrick Healy
Correspondent

The process of procurement can be one of the more frustrating parts of contemporary life. On the one hand, we know how to do almost everything. Fly to the moon, stroll around, and fly back? Been there, done that. Curing cancer? That's a work in progress that has The Big C playing defense. Every other conceivable task is explained on YouTube in five minutes or less. On the other hand, trying to get something, anything, involving public space done always seems to be a big problem.

Let's say there are some cracks in your neighborhood sidewalks. People certainly know how to repair, or replace concrete flatwork, and it doesn't cost that much to do. But...

"That project is not in this budget cycle." "Property lines and rights of way in the old part of town are a mess." "A planning grant for that neighborhood is pending." "Maybe by next year, if nothing comes up." So administrators jump through endless process hoops, while citizens lose patience. And on the tightrope in between, politicians ply their trade; their words reassuring or infuriating, depending on who's listening. "City Hall" can't understand the general lack of appreciation for the process. Townies wonder why "...they don't fix the dad-gum sidewalk." Sooner or later, some action is taken, at which point everyone forgets any of it ever happened. If a major point of sidewalks is that they just "are", then the taxpayer gets to take it all for granted. And thus, we miss the fun part.

It's All In The Preparation. The first layers of pavement go down on the Dorrier Park tennis courts. To the right is the milled pavement. The gray surface to the left is the geo-fabric. The black stripe in between is the bitumen bonding coat. All photos by Patrick Healy.

The Albemarle County Parks and Recreation Department, having processed all processes, has recently sent its contractors into town to repair some of the local infrastructure. Scottsville Monthly decided to step away from the Staff Report and Citizen Comments end of the process, and go watch the fun part; which is to say, the money being spent. In this case, the money buys new surfaces on the tennis courts at Dorrier Park, and on the basketball and tennis courts over at Simpson Park, in Esmont. Finley Asphalt & Sealing, a paving contractor out of Bristow, Virginia is handling the work. We caught up with Finley project manager, Ron Lane, who was kind enough to walk us through the four steps of the repaving process. "The first thing we do is mill 1 1/2" off of the top of the existing surface," says Lane. "We do that on 99% of the courts we resurface." "Milling" is done with a large machine that chews through the existing pavement, to the desired depth, then shoots the resultant material into a properly positioned dump truck. The material can be reused as aggregate in paving compounds, bedding aggregates, ballasts, or fill, as needed. But it won't be used on these projects. As Lane explains "The contract calls for the use of virgin materials in the paving compound."

Next comes the installation of the geosynthetic fabric. The...what? As it turns out geo-fabric, in its many forms, is among the most taken-for-granted stuff around. It doesn't look like much, and its purpose is rarely obvious. Also, geo-fabrics always end up under or behind something we do recognize, such as pavement, or retaining walls. So, besides not knowing what these fabrics do, we don't even know that they are doing it. The fabric specified for use on our courts is called MiraFi PGM-30 Paving Fabric. It is about as thick as a business card, arrives on site in 10' x 450' rolls, and is manufactured by bonding high-strength glass fibers to polyester fabric. MiraFi was engineered specifically for use in repairing old asphalt pavement.

On a beautiful sunny day in mid June, American Paving Fabrics, of Glen Burnie, Maryland installed the fabric at both sites. The first thing the crew did was thoroughly clean the recently milled asphalt surface. Next, superintendent, Jesus Sanchez hopped into his gleaming stainless steel tank truck and sprayed an 10' wide swath of viscid bitumen over the prepared surface. The fabric was then laid into the bonding coat, and the process was repeated over the adjacent patch. And so it went until the entire court surface was covered with the fabric. As we stood on the court's new textile surface, Sanchez gestured toward the adjacent Pavilion parking lot and said, "Look at that. It's all cracked up. This won't be like that."

OK. How come? Well, asphalt is made from small stones, coarse sand, and a bitumen binder. The stones and sand, called aggregate, provide hardness and strength to the mix, while the bitumen provides adhesion, cohesion, and flexibility. But it's the cohesion part that is the weak link. That's because the bitumen can stick any given pebble or sand grain to its immediate neighbors - and those bits to the next, and so on - but it can't directly link one stone near the east end of the court to another one that is at the west end, 150' away. But fabric can do just that. So, if you stick the aggregate together, then stick the whole gooey mass to a piece of heavy-duty fabric, you have solved the cohesion problem, and created a more crack resistant surface.

The MiraFi can also help "uncouple" the top coat of asphalt, containing a fine aggregate mix, from the more coarsely aggregated base coat. This property of the fabric is useful because of movement, which affects all materials. For example, water is denser in its liquid state than as a solid, or a gas. It expands when it freezes, or boils. Similarly, temperature changes cause movement within asphalt pavement. Its surface is in direct contact with frigid night air, and the sun's powerful radiant energy. The base coat enjoys contact with the soil beneath, with its more stable temperature range. But here's the secret. The top coat is stuck to the fabric, and the fabric is stuck to the base coat, but the top coat is not stuck to the base coat. That little business card thickness of polyester and glass, between the two, can provide a smidge of shock absorption right where the pavement is apt to tear itself apart.



Crew chief, Jesus Sanchez, signals that, "It's all good."

Which brings us to step 3: placement of the topping mix. According to Finley Asphalt's Ron Lane, "We'll be using the SM-9.5 mix for the top coat on this project." VDOT's relevant specification sheet calls SM-9.5 a fine to medium aggregate mix, and asserts that, "SM-9.5 mixes usually result in low water permeability values...[and] tend to be less susceptible to segregation..." than other mixes. VDOT goes on to say that, "SM-95 surface mixes can be considered the desired surface mix and are recommended for most final surface application." So, it would appear that The Process summoned forth the good stuff for these courts.

If you've ever been first in the flag line at a highway repaving project, you've seen how the paving process goes. It's like the milling operation, but in reverse. The dump trucks put stuff - SM-9.5 - into the weird looking machine instead of receiving stuff from the other weird looking machine. The paving machine is one of those ingeniously simple devices. All it does is place, pack, and screed (i.e smooth) the material in one, precise swoop. But it's hard to imagine how laborious the same task must have been before its invention. The big roller then takes center-stage, and packs all that asphalt down, just so, for the long haul.

As we go to press the newly paved courts are "curing". That is, the bitumen's volatiles are boiling off and the remaining materials are reacting to their exposure to air, sunshine, and each other. Once it all settles down, ATC Corp. of Dundalk, Maryland will come in and finish the process by filling any slight surface imperfections, then lining off the boundaries of the respective courts and coloring in the zones. Nets, goals, fencing, and signage will follow, at which point the courts will be as good as they're going to get.

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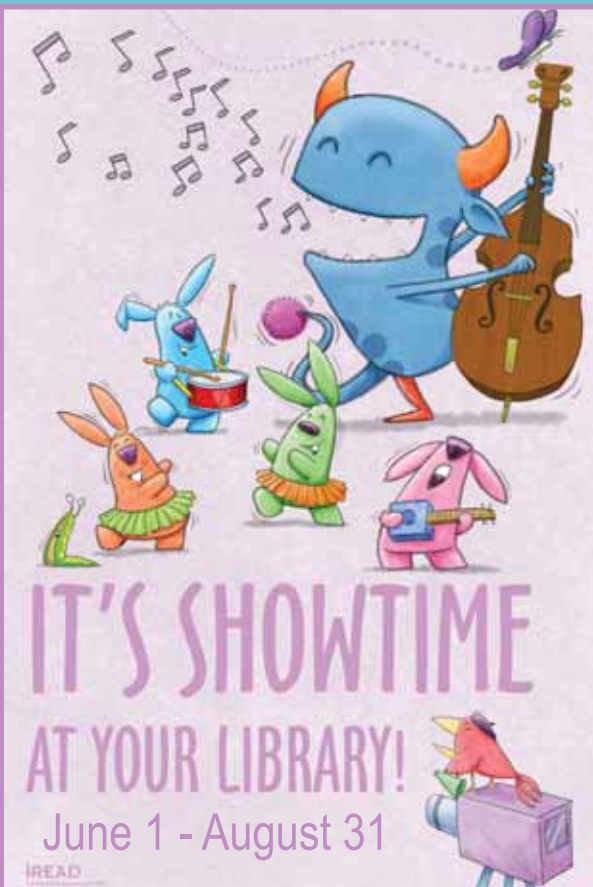


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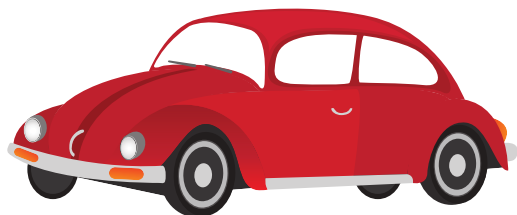
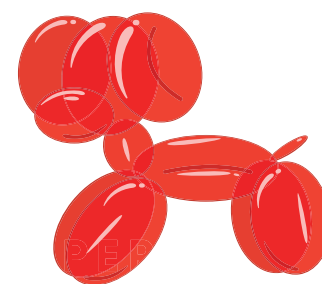


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A Dog's Life

By Patrick Healy
Correspondent

Perhaps you have heard of the dog lover's prayer: "Dear Lord, please make me into the person my dog thinks I am." As with other forms of self-improvement, this prayer functions best at the personal level; ever reminding us to, in mom's words, "Be nice". Beyond the personal, small communities often form around "be nice". Sometimes these can successfully expand into coalitions which inform the zeitgeist. But "The National Ministry of Be Nice", in each of its iterations, has consistently proved to be disastrous. Scaling up, it appears, is tricky.

But thirty-one years ago, this month, a local woman figured out the trick. In so doing, she has built a community, and a coalition, that is changing the way that her business is done, both throughout the area and beyond. So, congratulations to Mary Birkholz, and to her animal rescue institution, Caring For Creatures (CFC).

In honor of the occasion, Scottsville Monthly arranged for a tour of their facilities, which lie along the north bank of the James, near Kidds Store. So we took the pleasant drive, padded through the tree tunnel of Sanctuary Lane, and met up with Mallory Luttrell, who was kind enough to show us around.

"When Mary started her no kill shelter, she didn't gain very many friends" says Ms. Luttrell, who serves as the coordinator for both community outreach, and animal adoption at CFC. "The idea was so disruptive at that time. There was fear that no-kill would make the kill shelters 'look bad.' Many people said that she would be overwhelmed with the unkillable animals, and that the resulting failure would reflect

poorly on shelters in general."

Luttrell works off of a cluttered sideboard in the cramped office she shares with bookkeeper, Donna Brown. Scattered on and among the usual keyboards, monitors, paper stacks, and folders are well-chewed fetch toys, cans of dog food, folded-towel cat beds (sleeping cats, included), and the like. Desk chairs, wastebaskets, and file cabinets share floor space with additional pet paraphernalia, and with more of the pets themselves. There are several cages arranged as kitten suites, in which the cute little darlings wrestle and caper in their kittenish way.

The entrance to a shallow pantry has been blocked with a waist-high screen to house a litter of puppies, the arrival of which was unplanned. As Luttrell explains, "We agreed to take the mom from a kill shelter. They called back and said that they had just discovered that the mom was pregnant, and wanted to know if we would still have her. Well, a deal's a deal, and we stuck by it. So here she is. Mom and puppies are doing fine." The rest of the office is given over to storage and a wet counter space, where the dogs and cats receive generous helpings of TLC. The level of creative ingenuity, and make-do efficiency is something to see. It's like Martha Stewart, on a very tight budget. All of this is housed inside one of those - Is it a trailer? Is it a tool shed? - structures we often call "temporary". This one looks like it's been here for a while.

See Caring For Creatures page 12



"Didn't see these coming." Donna Brown, and Mallory Luttrell show off a couple of the "bonus" puppies recently born at CFC. Photo by Patrick Healy

Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Place for a massage
- 6 Chowder morsel
- 10 Highway exit
- 14 Teach one-on-one
- 15 "Unfaithful" star
- 16 Burn soother
- 17 Make amends (for)
- 18 Gambler's concern
- 19 Overabundance
- 20 Like summer school classes, often
- 22 Bone brace
- 24 Hook, line and _____
- 26 Worse for wear
- 27 Informant
- 30 Express a thought
- 32 Track down

- 33 "Cheers" regular
- 34 Kind of race
- 37 State with certainty
- 38 No ____ or reason
- 40 Corduroy ridge
- 41 Cooking fuel
- 42 Italian import
- 43 Furnace, for one
- 45 Ungraceful one
- 47 Favor
- 48 Case opener?
- 50 Wear away
- 53 Dot above the i
- 55 Priest's helper
- 59 "Beat" anagram
- 60 70's hairdo
- 62 Delve into
- 63 Elvis movie, "____ Happy"

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- 7 Big dipper
- 8 Here-now link
- 9 State of disorder
- 10 Type of sleeve
- 11 Repeat starting letters, as in "good as gold"
- 12 Everest or Ararat
- 13 Tom who sang "I Won't Back Down"
- 21 Get what was left?
- 23 Stiffly formal
- 25 ____ and board
- 27 Refinery residue
- 28 Exploding star
- 29 Some Winter Olympians
- 31 Warm up, in the kitchen
- 33 WSJ alternative
- 35 Sheltered, at sea
- 36 School session
- 39 Confusion
- 40 "The Wind in the Willows" critter
- 42 Roll up, as a flag
- 44 One that got away
- 46 Pint-sized
- 48 Theater platform
- 49 Fibula's neighbor
- 51 Ludicrous show
- 52 Biblical disaster
- 54 Inventory unit
- 56 Nonsense
- 57 Follow orders
- 58 Holler
- 61 Friend's opposite

Crossword Answers page 15



Caring For Creatures Campus: The view from Sanctuary Lane. All photos by Patrick Healy



Franny has a new lease on life, and is looking for a "room mate".

But here, the action lies beyond the office in the forests and meadows, which are laced with well-used walking trails. There are clusters of cyclone fenced kennels and runs which provide each dog with a safe and home-like living conditions, as well as a fenced dog park for canine socializing, and free play. There's an outbuilding for equipment, and one housing a veterinary clinic. Then there's the Scratching Post. This building provides both living space and care facilities for the resident cats, as well as a quarantined section for animals infected with feline leukemia virus (FeLV). Because this disease is highly communicable, but ONLY among cats, few shelters will keep, much less accept an infected cat. Here, as usual, CFC has taken the lead. "Feline leukemia is spread among cats through common contact," says founder, Mary Birkholz. "It can be devastating among kittens, with their undeveloped immune system. But the immune system of a cat that is over a year old can keep the disease in remission." Cats living with FeLV can live among other FeLV survivors, all other animals, and humans; just not among uninfected cats.

You'll find the heart of CFC in its volunteers, and staff.

During the tour we encountered a half-dozen volunteers cooing over and cuddling, grooming and feeding the animals. Not least, volunteers walk the dogs over this rural retreat's miles of trails.

Staffers arrive with that prime resume line-item, passion for the job. Bookkeeper, Donna Brown, started part-time 21 years ago cleaning kennels and litter boxes. Now she tracks a labyrinthine system of income - Animal Connection just donated a crate of dog food - and pays the bills on the shoestring budget. "It's amazing," says Mallory Luttrell of the business model. Besides cash donations from individuals, CFC also receives donations, both cash and in-kind, from suppliers and manufacturers of pet care products, veterinarians, many other local businesses and, of course, from their faithful volunteers. Says Luttrell, "People just keep giving."

But the soul of CFC is in the animals; about 150 of them, according to Luttrell. Some, obviously, are wounded in body and/or spirit, and shy away from interaction with strangers. Others are almost giddy in their sociability. The yin/yang of the cat/dog dichotomy is richly apparent. Of the many charmers we encountered, Franny may be archetypical. Franny is a light tan hound who seems genuinely glad to meet you. Late of Death Row, at a shelter in South Carolina, she got an eleventh-hour reprieve and now wags her tail in her roomy dog run at CFC. Having cheated the hangman, Franny is now seeking a committed relationship, with Mallory Luttrell serving as matchmaker. And CFC has a no-fault return policy. If the match doesn't work for each party, it doesn't work at all, so try, try again.

If you aren't ready to take the trip out to Kidds Store, but are kind of interested in learning more about CFC, you're in luck. On Sunday, September 8th, CFC will be holding its annual "Cure The Critters Fundraiser" at the Scottsville Pavilion. The event starts at noon and runs until 4:00 PM. Thanks to the sponsors, admission is free. Principal sponsor, Buddy's Banging Que will donate all the food, for which cash offerings will be accepted. Last year, Buddy served up 270 sandwich platters, so come hungry. The hope is to surpass last year's total of \$ 2,500, with proceeds benefiting the CFC Medical Fund. There will be interactive displays and information booths. Buddy's delicious 'que is sure to be a hit, and local favorites, 4 Hits And A Miss, will croon the tunes. But the biggest hits of all will be the cats and dogs looking for that special someone in their lives.

So come and help Mary Birkholz and her crew celebrate their 31st anniversary. Who knows? You might meet a special friend, alive and well, thanks to the vision and persistence of one person, and the countless others who have supported, and continue to support that vision.

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