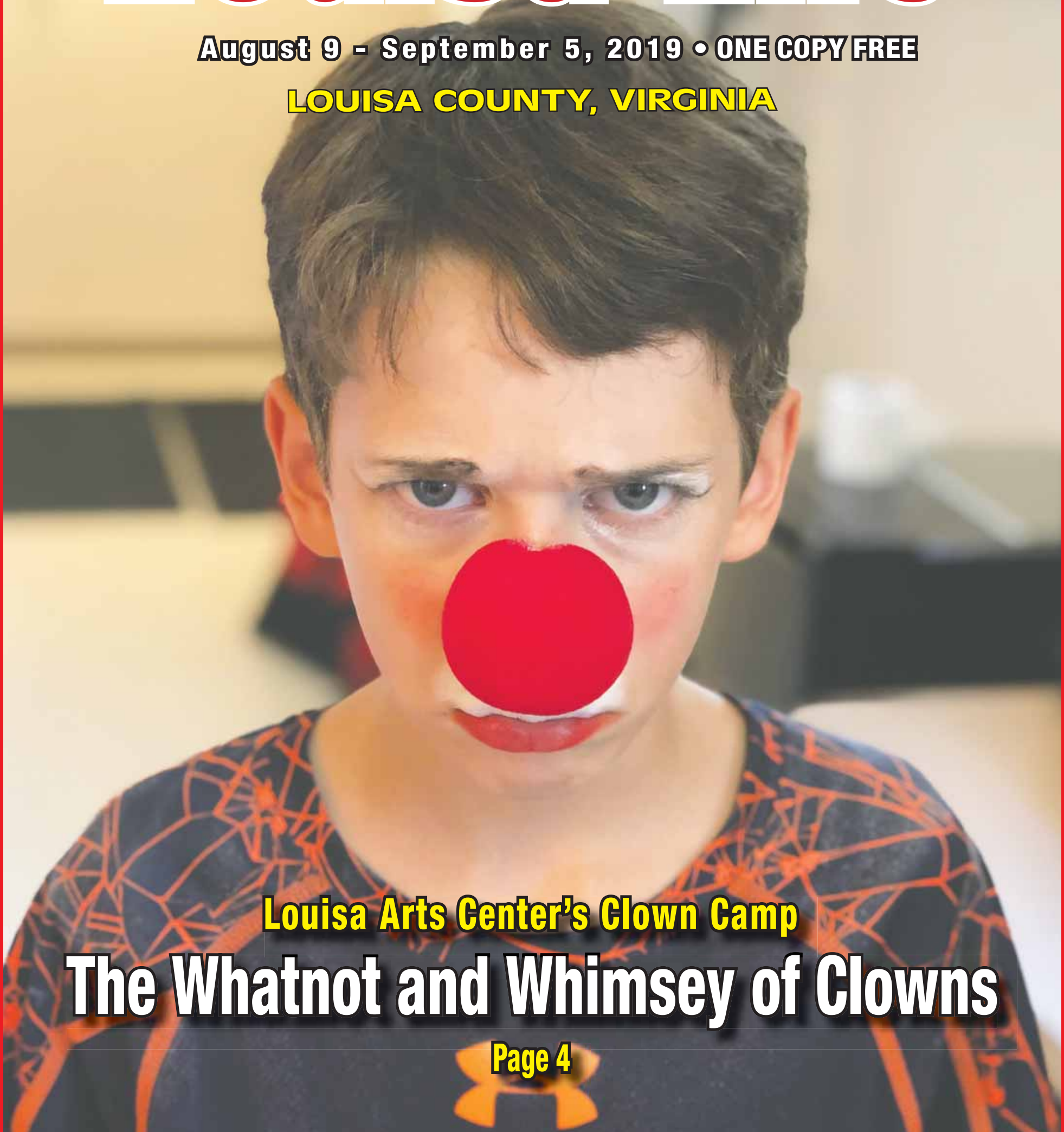


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Luke Purcell clowns around at the Louisa Arts Center clown camp.
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Newlin Humphrey

What a Valuable Gap Year!

By Pat Wilson
Correspondent

Although Clemson University welcomed her to join other incoming freshman, Newlin Humphrey accepted another challenge that will defer her enrollment until the fall semester of 2018. After completing a detailed application and several interviews, she was selected as a Future Farmers of America state representative.

The 2018 graduate of Fluvanna County High School, who lives near Kent's Store and has close ties with Louisa County, joined FFA when the high school's chapter was rechartered after Russell Jennings, a former LCHS ag science teacher and FFA chapter sponsor, transferred to Fluvanna.

"I was in eighth grade," she said. "I was chapter president my junior year and student advisor as a senior which was a hands-on mentoring role. I also took the three agricultural-related classes offered at Fluvanna and did an independent study in floriculture."

Throughout high school, Newlin worked on her Supervised Agricultural Experience, an FFA requirement. She chose the field of equine placement. She signed on as an unpaid intern with Sally and David Lamb at Oakland Heights Farm, north of Gordonsville.

"I helped with everyday barn tasks including feeding and caring for the horses mostly after school and on weekends until my senior year when I had early dismissal and clocked over 1400 hours," she said. "I worked with younger riders and had the opportunity to ride some of the more experienced horses as well as some green ones. I had to complete proficiency reports."

As an FFA member, Newlin also attended leadership conferences and the state convention. But it was the summer leadership camps at Graves Mountain Lodge that motivated her to pursue FFA after graduation.

"I met other members throughout the state, and I decided to try to become a state level officer because of the opportunities it offered," she said. "I had to wait until the last event of the state convention last June to see if the nominating committee had chosen me. They selected me as reporter, one of eight 2018-2019 state officers."

One of her duties throughout last year was to visit FFA chapters from Tidewater and inter-city Richmond to Northern Virginia and southwestern counties. Newlin remarked that because of the whirlwind of activities she has put about 30,000 miles on her car.

"We wrote the curriculum and facilitated daylong workshops to students in middle and high school agricultural

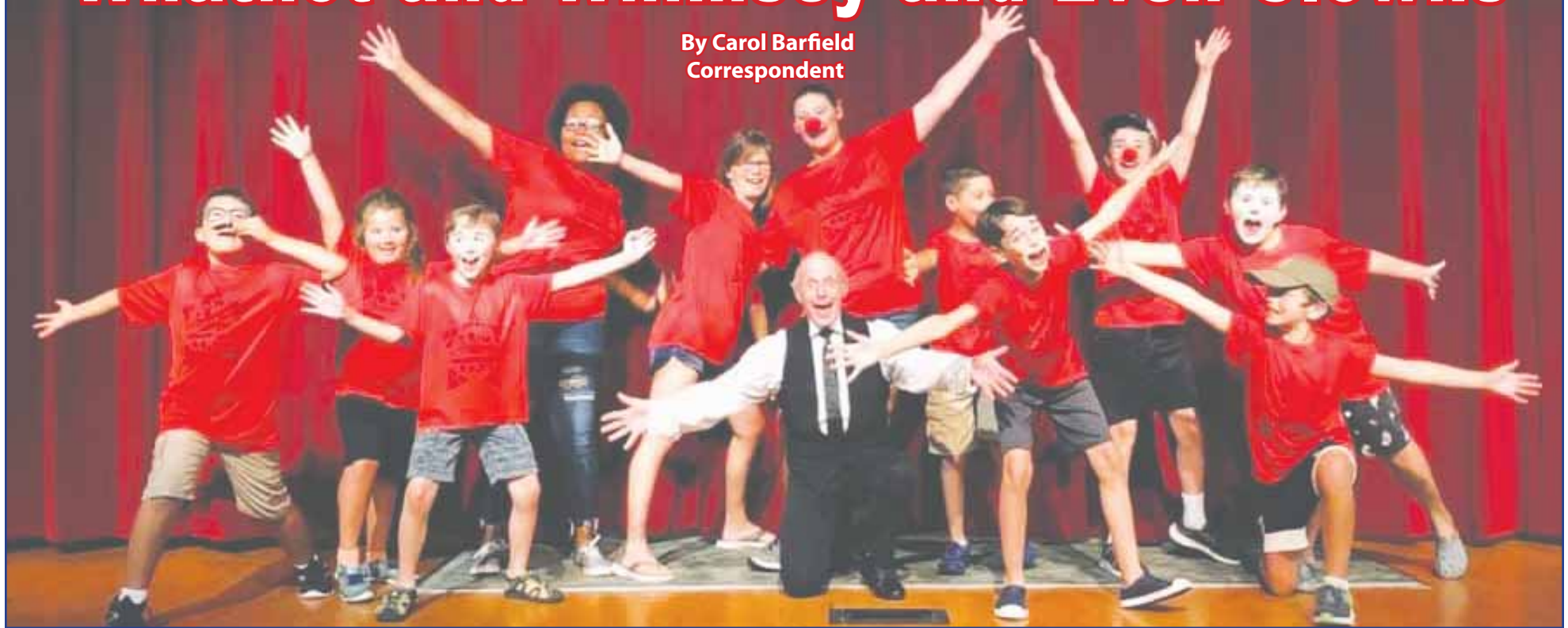


Newlin Humphrey bore the Virginia state flag at the 91st National FFA Convention and Expo.

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Whatnot and Whimsey and Even Clowns

By Carol Barfield
Correspondent



The cast of Camp Whatnot and Whimsey perform at the Louisa Arts Center. All photos by Kat Withers

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One camp in particular has been remarkably fun: Camp Whatnot and Whimsey, directed by Steve Smith featured the “art of clowning.” In this class, filled with physical comedy and laughter, the students learned circus comedy to include pie-throwing and spit takes. Using Warner Brother’s cartoons to capture the kids’ attention, he incidentally taught them comedic timing in the process. The post-camp performance on Friday evening was charming, touching and of course, funny. It was amazing what the students were able to learn from Steve during these short camp sessions.

As a former Ringling Barnum and Bailey Circus Clown, you can bet Steve takes his clowning seriously. Steve was invited to lead this unconventional educational opportunity by his friend LaVahn Hoh, former interim director of the Arts Center. As Ringling’s Circus Goodwill Ambassador and Dean of the Ringling Clown College in Florida for ten years, Steve is a wealth of information and talent. He directed the 123rd edition of “the Greatest Show on Earth,” as well as co-created and directed four original productions for Big Apple Circus in New York. He cruised through more clowning by leading Krooze Komics, a clowning program for the Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, for nine years.



Steve Smith prepares for a performance.

You can also catch Steve in the 2010 PBS television documentary "CIRCUS." As a five-time Emmy Award Winner in children's television and a member of the Clown Hall of Fame, his love for the craft of clowning and his desire to pass on this passion was readily apparent in his enthusiastic teaching. If we are lucky, Steve may return next summer to teach another class at the Art's Center... perhaps expanding to teach older youth and adults. (Give me my big red nose and a huge pencil to sign on the dotted line please....HONK! HONK!)

The Louisa Arts Center summer camps provide great opportunities for growth, and the numbers have reflected the community's growing enthusiasm; enrollment has increased 135% this summer, to include 75 children across six camps. Director of Programming Meagan DuBois, explains that besides the curriculum, students learn much more: respect for one another, expectations for behavior in the space of an art center and how to build relationships with children from different schools and backgrounds. "Campers come in shy and unsure on the first day, but throughout the week, they learn who

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These summer camps are possible in part by strong partnerships with the Louisa Rotary Club, Louisa Jr. Women’s Club, and the LaVahn and Mary Frances Hoh Scholarship Fund. Fourteen students have been recipients of such scholarships this summer.

Meagan would like to reach a goal of having 100 campers in the 2020 summer session, as well as solve an ongoing need for providing transportation for student participants. Other summer programs reach out to more children. Public school teachers Rodrick Rhodes and Kaitlin Mull have partnered with LAC to provide mobile art camps. Area children have enjoyed several of these art camps at Jouett Square Town Homes, Mineral Trailer Park and 605 Trailer Park. Another ongoing LAC program teams with Louisa High School to offer a career and technical education apprenticeship in Graphic Design. Meagan said, “We have already taken on both an apprentice and an intern for the 2019-2020 season.”

The Louisa Arts Center continues to be a beacon of culture, education, and entertainment for residents of Louisa County. Look for opportunities to enjoy and support the Center by visiting their website at

<https://louisaarts.org>, calling the box office at 540-967-5200, or stop by and pick up a brochure showcasing the new stellar season of programs planned for the 2019-2020 season.



Steve Smith practices in a dressed rehearsal. All photos by Kat Whithers

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Along with other Future Farmers of America state officers, Newlin Humphrey was selected to attend a two week tour of agribusiness sites in South Africa. This group photo shows half of the participants of the trip standing at the Cape of Good Hope. Photo courtesy of Newlin Humphrey

classes. We had four varying presentations such as Team Dynamics or Opportunities in Agriculture. The teachers could request the topic," she said. "During the year, I visited 42 schools with a partner which was one of the other state officers."

More rural schools had campuses that allowed extensive agricultural projects which included livestock, while those in urban areas might be limited to a greenhouse. One Richmond school offered a vet science program.

A highlight of the year was two weeks in South Africa last fall. From among hundreds of applications, Newlin was selected to be one of 83 officers from across the United States to attend an international leadership seminar.

"We spent one week in Pretoria focusing on agro-tourism and seeing how the climate affects livestock and grain production," she said. "We visited a game preserve and learned how environmental concerns affect population control of animals such as elephants who can deforest areas and lions that have no natural predators."

In South Africa, the group also attended college lectures and visited historical sites and museums. They experienced the beauty of the ocean at the Cape of Good Hope.

Since FFA is a member-led organization, the eight officers with help from several alumni officers planned and organized the state convention held last month at Virginia Tech.

"We spent over a month prepping from ordering award and degree plaques to creating slide show presentations," she said. "We had to line up the keynote speakers and plan the sessions. It was a lot of detail work."

At the convention, the officers gave their retirement addresses and were recognized for their dedication. But, her responsibilities were not over. She helped facilitate last month's leadership camp at Graves Mountain with 200 participants anticipated.

Her only regret was that the demands of a state officer limited her involvement



Newlin Humphrey was among those awarding plaques at the 93rd Virginia FFA Convention.

with horses. But, at Clemson she plans to try out for the equestrian team and resume her SAE project. She hopes to join Agriculture Future for America and Farm Bureau Young Farmers. Clemson has a FFA alumni chapter.

"I plan to receive a bachelor's degree in agricultural education with a teaching emphasis and minor in horticulture and non-profit leadership. Clemson is one of only a few colleges that have this program," she said. "I will probably continue to earn a master's and then teach high school agricultural classes."

If all goes as planned, Newlin will also earn the prestigious American Star award which would be presented at the 2020 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis.

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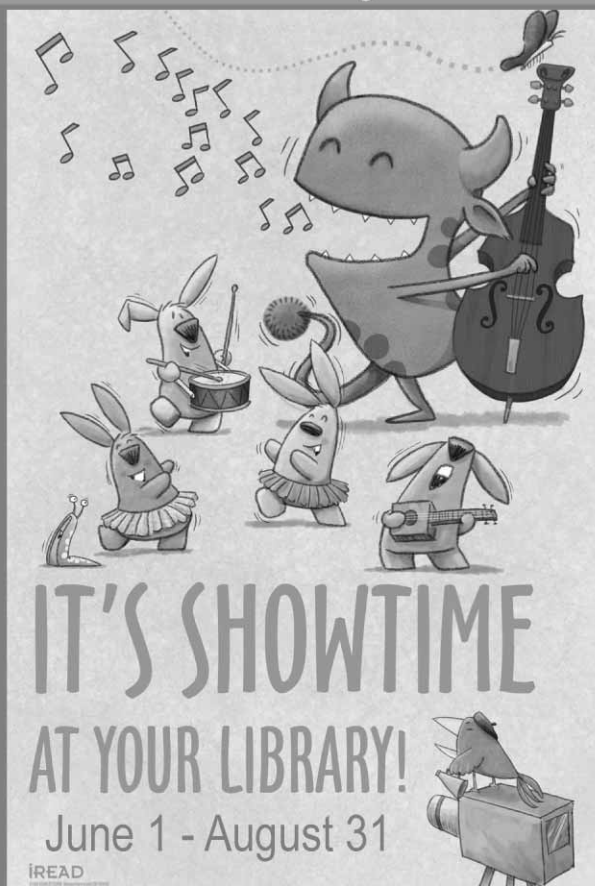
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On-stage entertainment, pig races, a magician and the popular livestock show were available for the casual viewer, while more energized men, women and youth competed in hay bales toss, corn on the cob eating, pie eating and even hog calling contests. Residents showed off their craft, photography, canning and baking skills with numerous blue ribbons attached to their judged exhibits entries. Even teachers, new to the county, spent Friday afternoon enjoying rural life.

W. C. Taylor, a lifelong county farmer and businessman, was recognized for his support of the fair, along with the fair committee's appreciation of the Louisa County Farm Bureau Women's Committee who traditionally man the welcome tent. Four-H members benefited from the generous support by individuals and businesses at the auction that followed the livestock competitions for market steers, lambs, hogs and goats.



Jarratt Davis and Jason Taylor used their skills and strength in the Cross-Cut Saw contest.



Ben Hiter gave it his all in the adult division of the Hay Toss contest.



Rosa Begler sat quietly in order to have her face painted.



Visitors walked among an assortment of antique tractors which were displayed on the Little League field.

Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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- 27 Informant
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- 65 Prop for Picasso
- 66 Ill at _____
- 67 Follow, as advice
- 68 Gas additive
- 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
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Becky Massie helped her granddaughter, Winnie Massie, who was Tiny Miss Ag Fair, complete a picture frame using seeds and cones at the Louisa Extension Master Gardeners' booth manned by Regina Howell. All photos by Richard Hinde



Dressed in red cowboy boots, Makenna Butler took her turn for a pony ride, a popular activity throughout the fair.



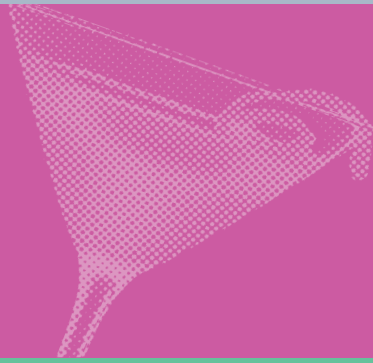
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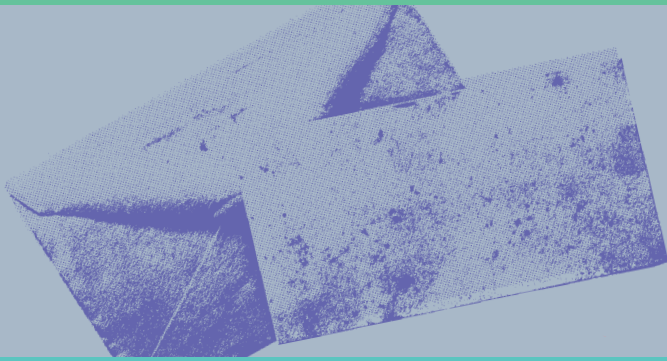
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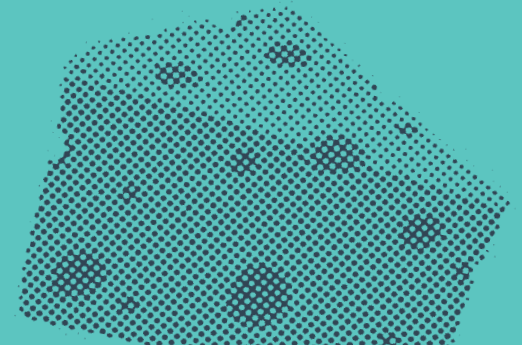
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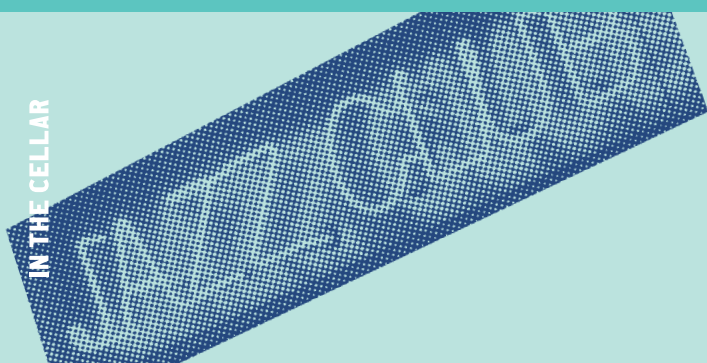
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Young ladies donned bonnets as Kayla Evans, Miss Pre-Teen, Elizabeth Bradford, Miss Teen, and Savannah Marcum, Miss Louisa County Ag Fair, hosted tea with the queen.

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Fluvanna Self Storage on Lake Monticello Road, (Rte 618) offers 2 convenient locations with both Climate Controlled and Regular Units (24/7 availability), Locks, moving supplies, U-Haul Trucks, and ON-SITE manager. Limited time offer: 10% off of any size unite, some restrictions apply. Call (434) 589-2222.

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Answers to the Crossword Puzzle from page 11

S	C	A	L	P	CLAM	RAMP							
T	T	O	R	LANE	ALOE								
A	T	O	N	E	ODDS	GLUT							
R	E	M	E	D	I	A	L	S	P	L	I	N	T
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S	N	I	T	C	H	O	P	I	N	E			
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G	A	S	F	I	A	T	H	E	A	T	E	R	
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G	I	R	L	C	O	C	O	E	A	S	E	L	
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Daniel Racette competed in the youth division of the Hay Bale Toss contest.

