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LeRue is shown with full-time staffer, Heidi Carlan, who is also a PATH certified instructor at the Ranch. Heidi moved to the area specifically to work with LaRue, the Ranch, and the Heartland Horse Hero program. Photo by Sue A. Mlles

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Fisher Auto Parts Now Open

By Thomas Jordan Miles III Contributor

he Buckingham Chamber of Commerce recently participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony at the new location of Fisher Auto Parts, now located on Oak Street adjacent to Reid's Super Market and across from Dairy Freeze.

"We take great pride in helping expand the network of small business-es in Buckingham County," said Chamber Vice President Thomas Jordan Miles III. "The chamber allows for great exposure of what our local and small businesses do and offer for their existing and potential consumers. We're glad Fisher has moved and expanded and wish them all the best.'



Fisher Auto Parts staff pictured are, from left, Pat Shumaker, Scott White, Jack Boswell, David Rupe, Jamie Perry, Angie Whorley, Heather Browning, Wayne Davenport, and Timmy Boswell; Chamber officers include Eddie Slagle, Thomas Jordan Miles III, Krishna Jo Melendez, Janet Miller, Jewel Harris, Barbara Wheeler, and Sandra Moss. Photo courtesy of Jordan Miles

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BUCKINGHAM FOOD PANTRY CALENDAR

BLUE RIDGE FOOD TRUCK

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Blue Ridge Food Truck will For October: Oct.11th & Oct. 25th (2nd and 4th Friday's)

MOURNER'S VALLERY - RT 20 1ST and 3rd Saturday of every month 10:00-11:00am

For Food Emergencies, call Buckingham Social Services.



Buckingham 3rd Grade Teacher Goes the Extra Mile

By Martha Louis Correspondent

Each month the Scholastic Book Club magazine sends out order forms for books that can be ordered by students. The forms go home with the students, but some families are not able to afford the books. Denise Gormus Bryant has been helping students by providing her students with a new book each month of the school year. Denise feels that reading is SO important and she wants to continue to foster the love of books and reading to all her 3rd graders. She knows that the ability to read can make or break a student's academic career and then can shape their future career paths as well. Denise has a goal of a new book for each student every month at no cost to their parents

Last year Denise was able to purchase 1,995 books thanks to the generous donors in the Buckingham community and beyond. Denise says that if she receives more than 42 donors, she will use the donations to spread the love of reading throughout Buckingham County Elementary School.

How can YOU get involved? Each book is around \$1, so for only \$9, you would provide one child one new book per month. You can mail a check for \$9 made out to "Scholastic Book Club" to: Buckingham Co Elementary School, 40 Frank Harris Rd, Dillwyn Va 23936. Attention: Denise Gormus.

Note: I was so impressed with Denise's efforts that I am putting a check in the mail tomorrow – I also believe that a love of reading makes a big difference in this crazy world of ours. Thanks for your dedication, Denise!



Denise Gormus Bryant. Photo courtsey Martha Louis



First Place Winners: L to R. Danny Taylor, Donna McRae Jones, and Raymond Toney.

Chamber Photo Contest Winners

Over 60 people gathered on Tuesday, August 20th at the Buckingham Arts Center for the monthly meeting of the Buckingham Chamber of Commerce. This was a special meeting not only with delicious pizza from Rt 60 Convenience(new Chamber member), but with the reveal of the winners of the Chamber Photography Contest. Chamber member, Faye Shumaker, is responsible for putting the contest together and does a great job. The photographs are judged by a qualified person outside of the county. It must have been a hard job with so many great pictures!



One for the record....

Donating the 20th Gallon of Blood

At the March American Red Cross Blood Drive, David Patton reached the unbelievable benchmark of donating his 20th gallon of blood. Spencer Adams, coordinator for the drive, reported that officials with the American Red Cross stated that potentially three lives are saved for every pint of blood donated. Since 20 gallons is 160 pints, Patton has potentially saved 480 lives. Patton is a true hero who deserves the thanks of all his fellow citizens. Follow Patton's example and sign up to donate at the next local drive. Patton is shown with a Red Cross nurse. Submitted photo



Best overall award went to Danny Taylor.



Nate, the son of Cassie Vaughn, has a rare gene deletion called STXBP1, causing him to use a wheelchair. He rides at Heartland Horse Heroes in both private lessons and Buckingham County School sessions. Nate's mother, employed by Norwex USA, applied for a grant for Heartland and was awarded \$14,000 as part of their Brighter Future Foundation. The money will go directly to a machine that picks the rider up to mount the horse from a wheelchair, and a roof structure over the mounting ramp to house the electrical mounting device. Left to right are Lynn Owen, Donnie (the horse), LaRue Sprouse Dowd, Madeleine Caster, Cassie Vaughn, Nate Vaughn (in the helmet), Caleb Vaughn, Henry Vaughn, and Harrison Caster. Photo submitted.

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LaRue Sprouse Dowd and Heartland **Horse Heroes**

By Sue A. Miles Correspondent

ost newborn babies get blankets and rattles for gifts. LaRue Sprouse

ost newborn babies get blankets and rattles for gifts. LaRue Sprouse Dowd was given a pony. Yes, at birth. Turns out that her then tenyear-old sister wanted a horse and thus handed over her pony to her new baby sister. That seemed to set the stage for LaRue to become the horse woman she is today. It may have taken her a few years to be old enough to ride, but once she did, she has never stopped.

"My Dad (E. B. Sprouse) was the reason I rode," said LaRue. "He would ride with me and take me to horse shows every weekend from the time I was ten until I went to college." That gift pony, named Sugar and Spice, provided LaRue many splendid hours of riding time as she grew up in the Andersonville area. "I'd ride to Kyanite Mining every day," she said. "My mother (the late Velma Sprouse) would say 'be home by dark' and off I'd go." By the time LaRue was 15 she had ten horses in the family barn and was also training horses for other people. "A lot of times I was training horses for performance. Some were green enough that they hadn't been ridden before. Others just needed polishing."

That love of horses drew LaRue to attend Kentucky's Morehead State University,

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That love of horses drew LaRue to attend Kentucky's Morehead State University, which is known nationally for its riding program. After completing the school's B.S. program as a vet technician, LaRue then earned an Equine Physical Therapy degree from Midway College, also in Kentucky.

After college, LaRue spent a number of years working as a veterinarian technician for a large equine hospital in Lexington, KY. She then traveled with race horses providing equine physical therapy. "I got tired of being a nomad and wanted to come home," she said. That return home, in 2006, included establishing Sprouse's Corner Ranch LLC in 2008, which has become a well-established horse farm in the

On any given day, and especially on weekends, the Ranch is a beehive of activity. Having the capacity of board up to 33 horses, the Ranch's rental agreement provides

See Ranch Page 6



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- > Founder and Supporter of Church Scholarship 2006.

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LaRue Sprouse Dowd has owned and run Sprouse's Corner Ranch, LLC, since 2008. Riding ever since she can remember, LaRue boards horses as well as trains in jump, obstacle, western pleasure and hunter pleasure. LaRue is shown with Baby Doll, a 29 years old pony and five-year-old Bennett Feyerherd, who is taking lessons. All photos by Sue A. Miles

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feed, fly masks, blankets, and daily health checks. "Horse owners are at liberty to come and ride as they wish," said LaRue. "We will also ride for them and medicate for additional charges." LeRue teaches horses to jump, trail ride, western pleasure, and hunter pleasure (the English version). "Right now I'm focusing on riders," she says. "I take students from three years old to adults. Their focus is anything from show to trail riding to riding for pleasure."

The Ranch also has horse shows, numerous weeklong summer camps, and coordinates with local 4-H Clubs for qualifying events for state competition. They also facilitate the monthly Pegasus 4-H Horse and Pony Club meetings. Show team riders also use the Ranch's facilities to practice for weekend horse shows. Over a year's time literally hundreds of people use the Ranch's facility, many coming from in and out of state, thus, also doing much economic good for the county.

But, perhaps the real good is LaRue's involvement with Heartland Horse Heroes, a riding program designed for special needs and/or disabled children and adults. "Amy Aliston started the program in 1991," said LaRue. "I came on board as a volunteer at her facility in Rice in 2008. She recruited me as a board member and trained me to be PATH (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International) certified.

The Heartland program began providing services to Buckingham in 2010 and since that time the center has moved to our facility," said LaRue. "At this point we are working with Buckingham and Cumberland Public Schools to offer therapy services to children in primary and elementary school."

The schools select the special needs students who will benefit the most, often choosing those with the greatest physical, social, mental, and behavioral needs. Those children with disabilities such as ADHD, ADD, Down's Syndrome, cerebral palsy, and others with combined disorders, are brought to the ranch by a school bus once a week for ten weeks for one- and one-half hours of classroom and arena sessions. Many children have an aide with them and all are monitored by trained volunteers. "We review their IEPs (Individual Educational Plans), provided by the schools so that we can assist them in achieving their educational goals. We also use the classroom to teach the care of horses, parts of the horse, colors, and balance. We make sure that on the first day they mount and ride a horse.'

The program, which is registered as a 501c3 non-profit, has a yearly budget of \$36,000. "The majority of our funding is grant driven through programs like the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation, LEAPS Foundation, Hampden-Sydney, and private donations," said LaRue. "We're happy to report that we've recently received a \$14,000 grant from a company called Norwex which will allow us to purchase a mechanical lift for mounting wheelchair bound riders. Cassie Vaughan, a parent of one of our students and who works for the company, applied for the grant." The mechanical lift will be especially helpful as there are a number of disabled adults who also use our ranch for therapy.

LaRue sees the Heartland program as a benefit for everyone involved. "It's very rewarding. We enjoy seeing how the children progress. Traditional therapies don't always provide what a horse gives.'

The selection of the right horse for the program is vital. "It can be difficult to find the right horse," said LaRue. "Of ten good 'lesson' horses, I may only have five who would work with this program. There may be a seizure, a child may kick and scream, all the while with five adults around him. The good horses will even slow down if they sense a child is having a seizure. Donnie is our best horse.

Success stories include children who don't speak in school starting to talk to the horse or about the horse. The rider also benefits greatly from developing better balance and core strength. "They become more social," said LaRue. "An ADHD student learns to focus more. Teachers have seen benefit in handwriting. The core development causes them to sit at their desk better. Children also learn empathy and compassion as they hug and touch a horse. They get instant feedback from the

This type of intensive therapy requires a large number of staff and volunteers for both of the school programs. "We need leaders, side walkers, and classroom volunteers for the program," said LaRue. "No experience is necessary and we will provide training." Training sessions will be available September through November, 12-3 p.m.

The next step for the Heartland program is to put a roof on the arena so weather does not prevent the children from riding. "We have hosting a "Raise the Roof" Festival and Open House on September 28 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.," said LaRue. "There will be a Brunswick stew, open house, silent auction, pony rides, corn hole tournament, face painting, photo booth, a meet and greet of the horses, and demonstrations of therapeutic riding." Admission is \$10.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children with a rain date of September 29. With so many activities and offerings it sounds like a great Fall family outing.

So mark your calendar for the Raise the Roof Festival and consider either volunteering for the Heartland Horse Heroes Program or encouraging a friend or family member to volunteer. Not only will you get to explore the Sprouse's Corner Ranch facilities but by attending you, and perhaps your family, will have a better understanding of the good works of the Ranch.

And, when you're there, make sure you ask to meet Donnie. Better known as the best horse on the Ranch for the Heartland Horse Heroes program.

If you'd like to know more about Sprouse's Corner Ranch or Heartland Horse Heroes go to the Ranch's website at http://www.sprousescornerranch.com. You can also call (434) 983-8181 (barn) or (434) 547-2813.

Buckingham County Triad Fall Event October 10, 2019 @ 1:30 pm

Buckingham County TRIAD is an organization from the Virginia Attorney General's Office and is under the umbrella of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors. TRIAD focuses on educating the senior population about crimes that may target them. Our mission is to reduce crimes against seniors by empowering them with knowledge and information through communication between law enforcement and senior communities. TRIAD is made up of seniors in the community, law enforcement, Department of Social Services and health care government organizations. TRIAD also sponsors "Project Lifesaver, International"; a public safety program whose mission, using state of the art technology, is assisting those who care for individuals of Alzheimer's, Dementia, Autism, Down Syndrome and other cognitive con-

ditions that put a person at risk for wandering.

We invite you to attend our "Fall Event" on October 10th @ 1:30PM at the VFW Hall, Hwy 60, Buckingham, VA. There will be information booths from area organizations, such as Centra PACE, CVHC, Veterans Affairs, Piedmont Senior Resources, Dept. of Social Services,

and Law Enforcement. Door prizes, and refreshments.

Monthly meetings are held at the VFW Hall, Hwy 60, Buckingham, VA on the 2nd Thursday of each month @ 1:30PM. Contact: 434.315.1675.

Election Information

The last day to register to vote or to change your voter registration information prior to the upcoming November 5, 2019 General Election is Tuesday, October 15, 2019. Absentee voting for the upcoming election begins on September 19, 2019. For more information, visit www. elections.virginia.gov or contact the Buckingham Elections Office at (434) 969-4304 or at buckinghamelections@embargmail.com.

BUCKINGHAM COUNTY CANDIDATES November 5, 2019 General Election

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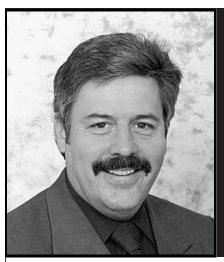
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Oliver Wallace makes a visit to Noah's Last Stop to visit the mini zoo. (Located on Rt 460 about 5 miles from Farmville) Photo by Martha Louis.





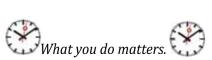


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Buckingham Library Schedule:

Fri. Oct. 4 - 5:30-6:30 pm - Late Night Library - Fall Tree Painting
Sat. Oct. 5 - 2-4 pm - Legos, Fall Farm Fest - Table with farm craft and free books!
Tue. Oct. 8 - Home-school program (check out our website calendar

and Facebook posts for more details)

Sat. Oct. 19 - Pumpkin contest - decorate a pumpkin - then they will be

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Because God knows the world has definitely given us

We go away and fight with our lives only to return home and See that things are not like they used to be! And everything within your life has changed or gone away and all you can say is why, why did this have to happen to me!

But these are the trials and struggles that we go thru in life as we ask ourselves, who am I!

I am an American soldier, a defender of Freedom, a warrior for all humanity and we do it For the great American Red, White and Blue! SO, PRAY FOR ME WHILE I FIGHT FOR YOU!!

(James O. Haskins, Jr. lives in Buckingham and is a retired U.S. Army Staff Sergeant. He wrote Pray for Me While I Fight for You when he was in route to Iraq.)

Deep Rooted Wisdom

Contributed by Pam Wilson Program Chair, Heritage Garden Club

On Tuesday, October 15 at 6:00 p.m., The Heritage Garden Club and Heart of Virginia Master Gardeners will co-sponsor "Deep Rooted Wisdom", an evening with author and plantsman Augustus Jenkins Farmer at the Gee Price Center, Fuqua School, 605 Fuqua Drive, Farmville, Virginia.

Farmer, better known as Jenks Farmer, Plantsman, is an award-winning garden.

den designer and author from South Carolina. His botanical expertise and artistic talent have led to his designing multiple projects from Riverbanks Botanical Garden in Columbia, S.C. to gardens for numerous homes, museums, and businesses. His first book Deep-Rooted Wisdom: Skills and Stories from Generations of Gardeners (2014) was critically acclaimed and was a must-read according to Garden & Gun Magazine. Farmer has just published his second book, Funky Little Flower Farm (2019) and will have copies available for sale and signing. In addition, Farmer's work and advice has been featured in a host of publications such as Southern Living, The Times-Picayune, and Botanic Garden Conservation International.

The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a book signing and refreshments, and then at 7:00 p.m., Farmer will present a collection of soulful, artful, and joyful gardening stories. Admission to the event is free for the public due to the

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For more information on the speaker, visit his website: Jenks Farmer, Plantsman @ Jenksfarmer.com.

For more information on the October 15th event, email Pam Wilson: Pamwilson508@gmail.com.

CARTER G. WOODSON, Ph.D. EDUCATOR - AUTHOR - FOUNDER 1875 - 1950Buckingham Negro Life and History Societ

The Carter G. Woodson birthplace memorial in Buckingham.

African American Education Research Forever Rolls Through Buckingham County

Contributed by Mu Octavis Taalib All photos taken by Mu Octavis Taalib

About 144 years ago, Buckingham County's native son, Carter G. Woodson, was born and raised in the area. His famous career changed the way the world thinks of African American history and has forever enshrined his name among the great contributors to humanity. Back in June 2019 on a research tour, my fellow researcher and I followed U.S. Route 15 into New Canton to take a look at his hometown. We wanted to get a sense of where Dr. Woodson first got inspiration to seek out a quality education for himself. We would then relay this bit of insight in our new book titled: Education Enigma: What American Historical Sites Teach Us about the Education of Ex-Enslaved Africans (Kindle Edition, 2019).

Our travels took us from Maryland across Virginia, Kentucky, and beyond to Oklahoma. We made two other stops to honor Dr. Woodson in Huntington West

Oklahoma. We made two other stops to honor Dr. Woodson in Huntington, West

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Goats from Poplar View Farm that will be at Fall Farm Fest. Photo courtesy of Martha Louis

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Slate River Ramblings

Joanne Yeck has been fascinated with Buckingham County for over twenty years and shares her collection of Buckingham facts and photos on her blog, "Slate River Ramblings" (slateriverramblings.com).



'Last Crossing of the Scottsville Ferry," 1907.

Samuel R. Gault stands in the lower right corner of the Scottsville Ferry on its last crossing of the James River in 1907. The new bridge, which made the ferry obsolete, is shown behind this group of young men and women as they enjoy their last ride on this historic ferry. This ferry had been in operation since 1745 when Daniel Scott, son of Edward Scott, was commissioned to build it here on the James River at a place known as Scott's Landing. Copyright © 2018 by Scottsville Museum Photo courtesy of The Scottsville Museum.

Peter Valentine Foland: Great-grandson of Randolph Jefferson

Occasionally, my ramblings take me outside the boundaries of Buckingham County following a Buckingham connection. Such was the case with Peter Valentine Foland, great-grandson of Randolph Jefferson, who spent his life living at Snowden on the James River at the Horseshoe Bend. His son, Peter Field Jefferson, was born at Snowden but spent his adult years living at Scottsville, owning various businesses, including the ferry which ran from Scottsville to Snowden on the southside of the James

Peter Valentine Foland was the son of Peter Field Jefferson's only daughter, Frances Ann Jefferson, who married Valentine Foland, a Virginia-born cabinet maker. Young Peter's parents left Scottsville before his birth in 1845 and he grew to manhood in Jefferson County, Tennessee.

It is likely that Peter Field Jefferson never saw his grandson, though he generously provided for his daughter's only child in his 1854 will. At twenty-one, Peter Foland would receive a handsome inheritance. In the near term, he had a war to fight. By 1866, Foland had claimed his inheritance (which included Mount Walla, the family home at Scottsville), and had married a local girl, Elizabeth "Bettie" Clarke Straton. Foland would spend the rest of his life in Scottsville, living amongst his Jefferson cousins who were scattered across Buckingham and Albemarle counties. An upright Virginia citizen, he operated his grandfather's ferry from Scottsville to the landing at Snowden in Buckingham County, the home of his great-grandfather, Randolph Jefferson.



Mount Walla c. 2000. Home of Peter V. Foland and family. Courtesy Virginia Department Historic Resources.

Thanks to Civil War records maintained by the National Archives, we have a glimpse into Peter Foland's war experience. October 19, 1861, he enlisted for twelve months of service in Company \underline{G} of the Tennessee 43rd Volunteers. In January of 1862, he was appointed fifer for the company. Described as having gray eyes and light hair, with a fair complexion, at 5'3" he

was a small young man, likely still anticipating a growth spurt. His discharge papers from this company state that he was born in Richmond County, Virginia; a fact that

later will be contradicted. Having served his full year and owing no funds to the Confederate States, in November of 1862, Foland headed home with \$6.80 in back

From the fall of 1862 until the fall of 1863, Foland apparently took a break from defending the Confederacy. Then, on September 15, 1863, at a place called Panther Springs, Tennessee, he reenlisted for a term of three years. He now was described as 5'6", indicating that his long-awaited growth spurt was behind him. This time his eyes were described as blue. Contrary to his previous discharge papers, this enlistment record states that he was born in Scott County, Virginia.

Foland joined Company F of the 9th Regiment of the Tennessee Cavalry and, a

month later, appeared on the October 15, 1863 muster at Knoxville. Within a month, something was amiss. On November 15, the record shows that he had deserted his company, which remained in Knoxville. No other details were given. Over twenty years later, on July 8, 1885, this charge was removed from his war record, documented in a notation from the War Department: "The charge of desertion of November 5 (or 15) 1863 against this man is removed."

On February 5, 1864, Foland was captured by the Union Army, released the same day, and returned to his company. On November 14, 1864, he was captured again near Morristown, Tennessee. This time he was taken to Camp Chase in Columbus, Ohio. He may have been transferred to Danville, Virginia and then to Camp Parole, Maryland.

Peter Foland's final release from duty came on May 18, 1865. He was promoted to Corporal and given two months' pay in US currency. For many Confederate veterans, physical, psychological, and emotional wounds persisted long beyond the war. Peter Foland was no exception. On March 19, 1883, he applied for a pension

Despite any suffering from long-term wounds, Foland led a long and productive life, enjoyed a pleasant home in Scottsville at Mount Walla, served the community as postmaster, as a member of the City Council, and, eventually, as mayor. In 1907, he still operated the ferry between Scottsville and Snowden when it made its last

run. A new steel-girder bridge, with its noisy plank road, had made it obsolete.

Peter Foland died on July 27, 1915 of uremic poisoning, a complication of chronic nephritis. On August 12, 1915, his wife, Bettie, applied for a war widow's pension. She lived at Mount Walla until her death in 1921.

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Class Reunion 1969 and 1970

As summer winds down it gives old friends the opportunity to get together for the proverbial high school class reunion. That was just what the Buckingham (nee Central) High School Classes of 1969 and 1970 recently did. Joining together at The BARN, just a few miles from their former high school, these forever friends shared life's achievements while also remembering the "good old days" of their time together fifty years ago.

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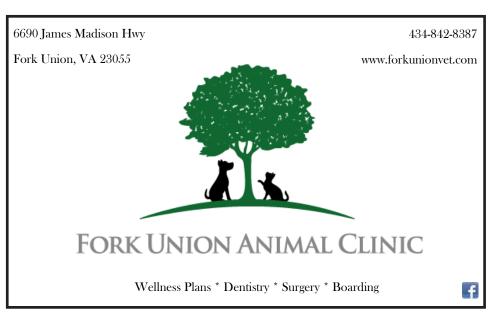
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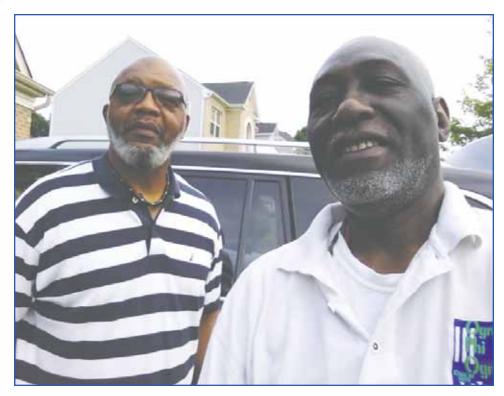


Class of 1970 Back I to r: Allen Morgan, Kenneth Brown, Steve Duncan, Mike Hamby, Tom Steger. Front I to r: JoAnn Snoddy Maupin, Duffy Talbott Heron, Everett Thompson, Glenda Harris, Debby Stinson Pence.

Elaine Hess Baxter is 102!

The Beacon may be a bit late in wishing Elaine Hess Baxter a happy birthday (her birthday was June 25th) but when you're 102 years old, you have likely learned to accept people's faults and simply go along with the program. Baxter, who lives in Whorley Town, with her daughter, Lynn Henshaw, was born in North Powder, Oregon in 1917. Eventually she arrived in Buckingham County where she enjoys spending time with her daughter, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Yes it's a bit belated, but happy 102nd birthday to Elaine Baxter. Photo by Sue A. Miles





Kevin Abd-Haqq & Mu O Taalib.

Virginia, and Berea. Kentucky, where memorials have been erected in his honor. It was fitting, we thought, to honor the man whose works enabled us and millions more to come to grips with who we are as a people and how we are to see ourselves in American life. Our visit coincided with a stop at Liberty Baptist Church on a damp Sunday

morning.

We stopped a young gentleman named Robert Jones and asked him about the community. informed us that most, if not all, of the community there was related to Dr. Woodson in some way. A well-dressed young woman passed by as he was speaking. He beckoned her over and she introduced herself as Latoya. They invited us inside for worship service but we had to decline since it was going to be a long drive to Roanoke that day. Our new friends pointed to a monument next to the church grounds. There an impressive memorial of Dr. Woodson stood that had been erected by one of his organizations. We found that Dr. Woodson has numerous memorials to his credit all over the U.S.

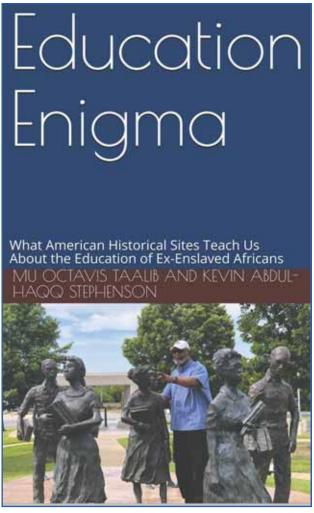


Image of the tour digital book.

However, this one captures the historic significance by being virtually on or very near the actual home in which he might have lived. It was an awesome feeling being

The subject matter may be all too familiar, but just a few words here to acknowledge the combined effect that location, environment, and upbringing can have on a young person's life. Limitations aside, we find in person's like Dr. Woodson an unusual motivation and personal willingness to endure. The combination can make a difference between having a productive and happy life or living an unfulfilled one. The same could be said, of course, about fellow Virginian and educator, Booker T. Washington, whose boyhood home sits about 100 miles away in Hardy. Our research tour was just one of many that has come and gone and many more that will surely roll through Buckingham County in the years to come. We appreciate the



L/R bottom row: SSG Hunter Kiser, Charlottesville Army Recruiter, Sarah Perry, Minnie Wallace, Citlali Vea-Linares, Isabel Martinez, Leah Stowe and Hayden Talbott. L/R Top Row: SFC (Ret) Bruce Grazier and Raider Team Coach, Grant Martin, Ian Martin, Parker Knight, Tyler Moore, Brendan Bydler, Tyler Moree, Bryce Hamner, Aiden Houchins, Chris Öpie, Jaquan Chambers, Jon Gowans, Hakim Edmonds, Jay Talbott, James Moneymaker, David Bersch, Joey Boyles, Devon Maynard and Matthew Peery.

JROTC Raider Team Competed in the 10K **Special Olympics run**

Contributed by Bruce Grazier

The Buckingham County High School JROTC Raider Team competed in the 25th annual Gene Arnold, 10K, Special Olympics run, held at Meriwether Lewis Elementary School, Charlottesville, VA on 14 September 2019. The Raider Team donated \$580.00 to Area 3 Special Olympics and fielded 26 runners and walkers. The Male Team, age 15 and under would place 1st and 2nd with Matthew Peery and Aiden Houchins earning the top two spots, while Tyler Moore would place 3rd in the 16 to 17 year old Male Division. The Raider Team has been an active participant in Area 3 Special Olympics since 2013.





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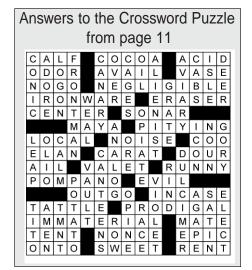
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