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One team project was to research a holiday, and then create audio, tactical and visual cultural activities which were shared with Head Start children.

Preparing Students for Careers and Life

By Pat Wilson Correspondent

dren during their monitored internships in daycare, elementary or preschool situations.

eople learn in different ways

and at varying rates. This fact

is one of the first subjects dis-

cussed by Terri Ann Evers, the

Early Childhood teacher at Spotsylvania

Career and Technology Center. She

stresses that this applies to the students

with whom she will be working, as well

as the youngsters which her students

will interact with over her two-year pro-

come to me either plan to be teachers

or want to work in the pediatric medical

field," she said. So the Lake Anna resident emphasizes, "Some of you are going to take this class and be absolutely sure that you want to be a teacher, while others might decide working with children is not for you. I prefer that you make this decision now rather than go

to college for four years and then decide

Since people can be one or a combination of auditory, tactical or visual learners, Evers helps her students realize their own strengths and weakness. She varies projects to meet these needs in her classroom and, through the program's curriculum and competence requirements, hopes that her students will be able to see the variances in chil-

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"Most of the juniors and seniors who

gram.

not to teach."

"I do Powerpoint presentations with guided notes having missing words that they have to fill in," she said. "They don't always like doing this but by having to listen, read and write, they see that they will retain the information better. We cover basic subjects in education plus more complex ones including guidance issues like temper tantrums and discipline options."

Each class session meets for approx-

imately two-and-half hours daily which permits Evers to vary her teaching techniques. Knowing that tests alone don't evaluate learning, Evers includes "a ton of individual and group projects from day one." Since her students come from the county's five high schools, many do not know each other. Teambuilding activities create trust and friendships.

To cover the curriculum, Evers relies heavily on hands-on projects that complement the subject matter. For See Preparing Page 7



McKenzie Pope and MacKenzie Hall use an illustrated book to discuss good nutrition with young children, as Terri Ann Evers' students participate in the Virginia Cooperative Extension's LEAP program.



Nancy Shrewsbury, lead instructor. Photo by Carol Barfield

Cover Story

Training Emergency Medical Technicians to save lives

By Carol Barfield Correspondent

AY CLOSE ATTENTION!- You may meet these graduates under less than ideal circumstances.

From January 19, of this year until graduation August 3, fourteen EMT students have been receiving an academy-style training in the saving of lives. With 1,458 hours of education, 187 patient contacts, and boasting a 95% course average, the graduating class has proven themselves ready for the challenge of serving their communities.

For lead instructor Nancy Shrewsbury, this date marks the last class before her official retirement. 927 students have come through her courses, and Nancy has made it a point to not only prepare each student to take the EMT exam, but also to learn how

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network to form around her students. "This graduating ceremony is to honor the graduates, and to help their friends and families understand the whole picture of what the students go through to get to this day." Besides the intensive coursework, students received courses in emergency vehicle operations, participated in vehicle extraction scenarios, rode on ambulances calls and received a full array of on-the-job-training. EMTs see people on their worst day; they experience traumas and the loss of life firsthand, and family and friends often have to be engaged and ready to help them work through those experiences.

to save lives. She encourages a support

Many chiefs for other companies were in attendance to honor the graduates. They have trusted Nancy through the years by sending their people to her for training. Also in attendance was guest speaker Tom Joyce, Executive Director at Thomas Jefferson EMS Council of Charlottesville, who has also trained hundreds of EMTs. Tom gave a moving speech, encouraging each student to take the knowledge they have received and then figure out how their unique personality can be used to deliver help during a call. "Have realistic expectations for doing good. You will take each situation and use your gifts to leverage

for the best outcome. If you come into this business thinking that no one else will be shot, no one will hurt little kids on your watch, or that all life lasts forever, you will be disappointed."

While EMT courses exist to prepare a student for a comprehensive state exam, the real learning will begin in the field; hundreds of experiences that will teach them what they don't know. Tom exhorted the graduates, "Be curious, never be satisfied with not knowing - find the answers and educate yourself constantly. Be good, be kind, and even when everything is horrible, don't take it personally." Tom told the students not to be surprised when they see and hear conduct on the boundaries of acceptability. The EMT is not



Tom Joyce, guest speaker. Photo by Carol Barfield



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to be a judge, he offered, but to make it better than it was before they were called. "We see things people should not see. It's not that you shouldn't be affected by those things; it is how you manage it."

Recurring themes with Tom and Nancy were relying on training, and emotional preparedness. When all hell is breaking loose, don't get excited. Go back to the basics. Nancy asked her graduates, "Okay everyone...out loud...what is Rule #1?" Fourteen voices strongly answered back: "The emergency is over when we get there!"

Thank you to all first responders in our county and to those who do the special job of preparing future responders. A special congratulations and thank you to the Fluvanna/Louisa Regional EMT Class of 2019 for their hard work and willingness to be there-when our emergencies become theirs.



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Anniversary of Louisa Co. Earthquake is a Reminder for Virginians to be Prepared

Contributed by Kate Beadle, State Farm Public Affairs

ugust 23 marked eight years since the 5.8 magnitude earthquake in Louisa County, Virginia. The anniversary and July 7.1 and 6.4 magnitude earthquakes in California are a reminder to Virginians to take steps now to protect and prepare their property.

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Information Institute, the 2011 Louisa, Va. quake ranked #10 in the Top 10 Costliest US Quakes and caused an estimated \$150 million in damage across multiple states. Only a small portion was insured. Locally it destroyed two schools and put a power plant offline for three months.

Standard homeowners, condo owners and renters' insurance policies don't cover earthquake damage to property or personal belongings. Earthquake insurance is sold as a separate endorsement.

The premium varies based on several factors including: age of home, building materials and proximity to known fault lines.

Your auto insurance will typically provide coverage for damages caused by an earthquake, if Comprehensive Coverage is carried on the policy.

The best way for a consumer to get more information about earthquake insurance is to visit their local agent to discuss their individual needs.

EARTHQUAKE PREPARATION:

A few weekend projects may help protect your home and family from an earthquake.

First, take care of your family and pets by developing an emergency plan and survival kit. Consider evacuation routes and a meeting spot. Equip your survival kit with non-perishable food, water, clothing, blankets, flashlights, a battery powered radio and plenty of batteries. Bring water and food for your pets as well as veterinarian records and proof of vaccinations.

Next, protect your belongings by creating a home inventory list. Use a digital camera or phone to take pictures or video of each room in your house. Pay close attention to items on walls, in closets and in drawers.

Third, take a look at appliances and furnishings in your home. Attach tall furniture and appliances to walls, use an earthquake strap to secure your water heater and make sure all hanging items like lamps, mirrors and picture frames are well secured.

DURING EARTHQUAKE:

Be mindful of your surroundings and know where to go when an earthquake strikes.

Indoors - Drop to the floor, make yourself as small as possible and get under a sturdy piece of furniture.

Outdoors - Stay outside, do not run into a building. Instead move away from trees and tall structures like utility poles.

Driving - Pull over away from bridges and other structures.

Always follow the instructions of local officials to remain safe during and immediately following a quake.

POST EARTHQUAKE:

After the quake it is important to follow the instructions of local officials and seek out resources from local evacuation centers and aid stations.

Always make safety the #1 priority when inspecting damage or making temporary repairs.

Be mindful of the risk of aftershocks and follow instructions of local officials.

Make temporary repairs to protect your home from further damage and save all receipts. Coverage may be available for these expenses.



The Early Childhood Education students take home programmed "babies" over a weekend to experience the responsibilities involved in infant care.

After writing a script and sewing, Katelyn Schwinn uses her puppet to discuss appropriate topics such as bullying or positive attitudes with preschoolers.

instance, when discussing nutrition, she will have her students involved with LEAP, Virginia Cooperative Extension's Literacy Eating Activities for Preschoolers. This involves community service, while other aspects develop self-discipline and personal growth.

Periodically, Evers sends her students home for a weekend with computerized babies she has programmed. The "mother" or "father" wears a bracelet that syncs with the "baby" so the "parent" is recognized by the child. When the approximate-ly three-month-old infant cries, the student needs to decide whether the baby needs to be fed, changed, burped or rocked. The baby's diaper bag includes a bottle with a sensor by which the baby starts to suck and swallow. The mother must change from the diaper with the green dot to the one with the yellow dot or visa versa to stop the crying. Babies will coo after a diaper change if that is the solution. No sleeping through the night either! Even the baby's carseat/carrier has a sensor which will tell Evers if they left the child in it too much. If the baby is mishandled or not given the proper care, he/she will shut down.

"Î can interrupt the programmed schedule for a time period, for instance, if the student is employed. Also, I always end the program on Sunday night so the student can get a good night's sleep. I allow them to text me with concerns," she said. "I can vary the pattern and the difficulty level of the program. They learn that this isn't a puppy or a toy, but is a human that needs consistent care. I can even demonstrate special needs babies like preemies or Fetal Alcohol Syndrome ones."

Another of her activity engages surrounding high schools. Last year, Evers and her students hosted the regional Family Career and Community Leaders of America rally involving Spotsylvania, Louisa and Culpeper groups.

"I collaborated with Family Computer Science teachers from the three counties for the student-led rally," she said. "It gave the students relationship building and leadership opportunities. We also had a book challenge and collected over 700. We do a lot with the Head Start program including Reading Buddies, so since we had so many books, we gave many to Head Start in several county elementary schools as well as to Stepping Stone Preschool and to United Way."

In the second semester of each year, the students have an internship two days a week. First year students go to elementary schools and can select a kindergarten through third grade level or a subject such as gym, art or special education. They have the teacher-mentor and Evers visits weekly. If second year students have transportation, they can work at a preschool or daycare facility twice weekly. This requires background and health checks and a commitment to getting up early and reporting to the location then interning until 10 a.m. Students without transportation can walk to nearby Stepping Stone or a local elementary school as an alternative.

After completing the two years, her students are eligible to take the American Association for Families and Consumer Sciences Early Childhood examination and earn a Child Development Association certification. which will afford them Early Childhood certifications. Evers boasts that last spring 100 percent of the students passed the AAFCS exam on their first attempt. The credentials combined with Infant and Child CPR, a second-year class requirement, and their internships often lead to job opportunities.

"I get immense satisfaction by helping my kids who are interested in working in the field," said Evers. "Some begin working after high school. Others will go to Germanna [Community College] which has a great Early Childhood certification program along with an associate's degree. Since I have a great relationship with



At the annual conference in late July, Terri Ann Evers was honored as the 2019 Virginia Association of Teachers for Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher of the Year. Her fellow Spotsylvania County FACS teachers presented the Lake Anna resident with flowers.

numerous county daycare facilities, I've had graduates hired by the business where they interned."

Ås a result of her commitment, Evers was named the 2019 Virginia Association of Teachers for Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher of the Year. After being nominated for an Excellence Award by her administrators and endorsed by the school board, the selection was forwarded to the Virginia Department of Education. She was honored at the annual conference in late July.

"I love what I do because I'm teaching life skills while introducing them to potential career choices," said Evers. "It's perfect when I can make it fun and the students don't even realize that they are learning until we follow up afterwards."

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Approximately 100 volunteers gathered in the St. Jude meeting room to pack 10,000 meals for the Rise Against Hunger program.



Terri and Jim Reynolds, Rick Kortz and Karen Donnelly manned a packing station.

A Room Full of Helping Hands



Thomas Headley rang the gong to let volunteers know they were halfway to their goal.

By Pat Wilson Correspondent

> Catholic churches met their challenged goal ... and it took a little help from their friends. The parishioners were joined by members of Mt. Pleasant Methodist, Mineral Methodist and St. James Episcopal churches, as well as the Church of the Incarnation, to pack 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger in a span of one hour.

> Knights of Columbus men had set up tables in a pattern dictated for efficiency by RAH the previous evening. Then at 11:30 on Sunday morning, August 18, volunteers unloaded the RAH truck filled with meal packet contents, scales, bags and boxes. After instructions by McKenzie Grimes, RAH community engagement coordinator, and an opening prayer by Fr. Michael Duffy, workers, sporting red hair nets and wearing plastic gloves, took their assigned stations. At 1 p.m., the assembly lines started.

> At the first work stations, groups of four placed the required ingredients in plastic bags. Bags were then carried to a line of volunteers who weighed and heat-sealed them. At a third set of tables, each bag was labeled and placed in boxes holding 36 packets. A gong sounded as each 1,000 bag goal was reached.

> The inspiration for the challenge came from Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church members when that church hosted a similar event last year. Elaine Marstall and 26 others from the two local catholic churches had participated. Marstall agreed to coordinate the project this summer. So, weeks prior to the event, Marstall approached parishioners to donate to the project since RAH requested 34 cents per bag to cover costs. Church members raised the funds plus a little.

"Mt. Pleasant gave us a generous donation, as well," she said. "We hope to get other local churches involved and do a round-robin every four years or so. Any extra funds we raised could go to help the next church's event."

RAH's Mission

Founded in 1998, Rise Against Hunger, an international relief organization, has a goal to end world hunger by 2030. It distributes packaged food worldwide to people in vulnerable situations. The non-profit organization cites the statistic that 720 million people suffer from some level of malnutrition since they do not receive enough nutrition to live active, healthy lives. RAH programs are designed to provide a safety net, while also offering training or services that support ending poverty.

Meals are provided in schools to encourage enrollment and attendance and are distributed in hospitals and clinics to support patients' nutritional needs and complement their treatments. Families are given meals to allow them time to attend vocational training sessions or to replace crop loss because of drought or other negative climate changes. RAH responds to emergencies by delivering food assistance to those displaced by natural disasters or man-made crises. Meals are stored in RAH warehouses until they are shipped where needed. Impact Partners then transport the meals safely from the ports to program sites.

Hunger meals, which have a two-year shelf life, are dehydrated, high in protein and highly nutritious. They contain four ingredients – long grain white rice, texturized soy protein, a dehydrated vegetable blend and a vitamin powder. When clean,



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Packet labels included written and visual instructions for preparing the meal.

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Because of potential language barriers, preparation instructions are both written and illustrated on each packet and include tips on and hygiene safe cooking practices. RAH encourages partnerships with organizations that focus on providing clean water. Most locations customize the meals into local dishes that are suited to the region. Meals are often accompanied by local vegetables, depending on availability.

In addition to the



meals per box.

meals, RAH aims to increase agricultural production and incomes through programs promoting improved farming methods, business skills and market access. By helping farmers with crop production and diversification along with encouraging skills to create earning potential through small business opportunities, the organization assists in initial steps to self-sufficiency.

RAH relies on volunteers. Groups of any size in locations across the world are recruited to assemble and box meals as well as raise funds to cover expenses. Since 2005, churches, civic organizations, youth groups and others have packaged nearly 500 million meals. More information about the organization is available at www.riseagainsthunger.org.



The line of workers weighed each meal packet and then handed it to another person to heat seal.





Maren and Doug Smith hold photo of Dr. Joe Baker, Civil War physician. Photo by Carol Barfield

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Taking retirement at full speed

By Carol Barfield Correspondent



eing busier in retirement than before retirement seems cliché, yet for Doug and Maren Smith, it is completely true.

The couple, who live in Louisa, participate in a host of community and civic activities.

Maren says, "I tell newcomers, don't worry about what you're going to do in Louisa County. You don't have to be lonely or bored, there are more than enough options and worthy causes to use your talents and meet interesting people. Just look around. This whole county is full of wonderful people, old timers and newcomers included."

Maren recommends finding a church family and uses her talents at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in Louisa. She sings in the choir with Doug, serves as worship committee chairperson and is a member of the United Methodist Women. She is also past president and current docent of the Louisa Historical Society, a board member and singer in the Louisa Community Chorus, and teaches Hearth Cooking classes through the Department of Parks and Rec. Gardening and teaching basket weaving also fill her time.

"I started out every Thursday in the summer with Frances Smith as my teacher. Being with friends outside in the sunshine and weaving together makes great memories."

Maren and Doug raised daughters Leanne and Lynette, and son John in Northern Virginia before retiring to Louisa County. The purchase of their 70-acre farm provided Doug with 1,000 projects, "so I wouldn't get bored in retirement," Doug laughingly admits. How bored is he? As lay leader and chairman of the Finance Committee, he has helped his church thrive. "Our former pastor, Carol Thornton, told us we'd better get ready, because we were going to be the fastest growing church near Lake Anna." Mt. Pleasant UMC, which began with only a sanctuary and an outhouse, now boasts a modern and spacious fellowship hall built to handle the 50 members who currently worship there.

As president of the Lake Anna Civic Association, treasurer for the Resource Council of Louisa and chairman of both the Louisa County Water Authority and the Lake Anna Environmental Committee (part of the Lake Anna Advisory Committee), Doug expresses his belief in civic involvement.

"I've been blessed and lucky in my career and in the education I received. I believe we should be doing things to make our area prosper and give back to the community as long as our health will allow."

The Lake Anna Advisory Committee has been busily managing the Hydrilla problem at the lake. In 1993 there were 1,200 acres of this invasive aquatic plant; 6,000 grass carp were introduced to combat the problem. The carp wiped out the Hydrilla as well as most of the other vegetation in the lake. When the infestation began to reappear in 2015, Doug championed a more gradual management plan introducing 521 carp, mostly on the warm side, and using spot herbicide treatment to control the problem.

Doug and Maren have a few side bbies. With their adult children hobbies. Leanne and John, they own VA Family Homes, LLC, which buys and restores homes in Gloucester County. They also breed, raise, train and race thoroughbred horses with Leanne. Doug and Maren keep the mares and foals and raise them until the age of two when they are returned to Leanne's Gloucester farm for training. The racing venues for their horses are at Delaware Park, and they are excited that Colonial Downs will be re-opening this August under new management. The Smith farm is considered an "R&R" place for any racehorses that have soreness or need a rest, as well as a retirement home for older horses that have not been sold.

Doug and Maren have an extensive garden on their property and enjoy the 20 years they have lived in their historic farmhouse. The home was built in 1884 by Dr. Joe Baker and his wife, Nannie Goodwin. Unusual for a female of her time, Nannie inherited the property where the farm was situated. Dr. Joe was a pre-med student at the University of Virginia when the Civil War broke out. He established a practice in Louisa and almost lost his life participating in the Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse. When he did not return home from the battle, his brother and their slave took a horse and buckboard and searched through the battlefield filled with the dead and dying. Joe was found lying uncon-scious, struck in the head by a bullet that had creased his skull. After his convalescence he went on to live a full life, also acting as Louisa County Clerk until his death in the early 1900s.

Maren and Doug are of German heritage. John Heuser and Helen Rogers, both of Kentucky, married and had Maren and her sister Karen. Doug's father Woodrow Smith of Southern Illinois, met Florine Benard of Gary, Indiana, at church during a family visit.



Tracy Hale Clark the executive director of the Louisa Chamber of Commerce. Photo courtesy of Tracy Hale Clark.

New Chamber director enthusiastic for Louisa

By Carol Barfield Correspondent

racy Hale Clark loves Louisa. "The people are amazing and so welcoming. They are passionate about their city and I have not heard anyone have a bad thing to say about Louisa." Since February 1, 2019, Tracy has served as the Executive Director of the Louisa County Chamber of Commerce. Her strengths of leadership, marketing and friendliness come from her background running her own anti-aging wellness and skin care business, and as owner of a consulting service. "I understand what it is to own your own business, and the day-today struggles related to this."

The chamber counts 253 local businesses and organizations as members. Tracy serves them by assisting in networking opportunities and in services and resources to include human resources, marketing, and in handling challenges in government relationships and municipal issues. As a non-profit entity, the generated revenue returns to the members of the business community. A strong business community serves and grows the Chamber of Commerce, which in turn strengthens the community at all levels.

Tracy's primary focus is helping people who are starting a business, maintaining or growing a business, or groups and organizations seeking to strengthen their ties within the county. She additionally fields requests from local citizens and enjoys helping anyone needing assistance. Questions have ranged from newcomers requesting local maps and vacation guidance to those seeking information on buying a home in the area and doing business in the county.

Tracy is excited to announce new leadership on the board with Marie Snyder of Lake Anna Linens as Board chair and Pam Quarles of the UVA Community Credit Union as vice-chair. Tracy, Marie and Pam are dedicated to introducing fresh ideas and new initiatives that will help introduce a new era of growth to Louisa County.

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They married when she was only 16 years old and had three boys and two girls. Maren and Doug met at Murray State University in Kentucky, where she was studying English and secondary education, and he was double-majoring in math and chemistry, with an education minor. "The grass is greener on the other side" could have been their theme! Maren was dating Doug's fraternity brother, and Doug was dating one of Maren's friends. A fateful English class later, they eyed each other across the room and decided to rearrange their priorities. They married eight months later.

Although Doug truly loved teaching, being a math teacher in St. Louis and trying to support a growing family forced a career change. The National Science Foundation gave Doug a grant to study at the University of Illinois, where he received a Master's Degree in mathematics. "In 1968, computers were taught in the



Maren and Doug Smith front porch sitting. Photo by Carol Barfield

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mathematics department. That's what I was studying," says Doug. "Looking back it was shocking to me how archaic those computers were; and to think that's what supported the Apollo program and what we used to put a man on the moon!"

Doug went on to complete a 30 year career with the Department of Defense while doing additional post-graduate work in computer science at Virginia Tech. Working at the Pentagon with the National Military Command and Control Technical Center, he modeled and simulated survivability in nuclear war for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Later as Deputy Director of the Defense Mapping Agency, he served on a small team that merged the agency with the National Photo Interpretation Center for the CIA and DOD. This became the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, which provides maps and intel for our nation. After retirement, Doug worked for five years with Computer Sciences Corporation in Falls Church as Director of Operations and later as Business Development Director.

In 1976 after the children were in school, Maren returned to work at Northern Virginia Community College in the Learning Resource Center. While completing a Master's Degree in English at George Mason University, she enjoyed working with both students and faculty. "We supported one another— whether it was transporting kids to school and sporting events, or just backing each other up."

During this busy stage of raising their family in Lake Ridge, Va., Doug still found time to coach both his daughters' softball teams and his son's soccer teams. He and Maren helped form an active young adult fellowship at St. Paul United Methodist Church, and spent family time boating both on the Potomac and later at Lake Anna, where they rented various vacation homes.

Since 1999, Doug and Maren have called Louisa County their home. They love traveling, most recently to California with daughter Lynette, but their many obligations and activities usually keep them close to home. This summer Doug enjoyed hosting "Grandpa Camp" for one of their four grandchildren. At fifteen, Tyler is learning the country skills of building decks, bush hogging, jet skiing and handling the zero-turn mower...a summer in heaven!

Retirement does not have to signify an ending, and Doug and Maren certainly have used the skills they have acquired over the years to enrich their community. In the process, they have truly put an extra sheen on the "Golden Years." Doug Smith retired July 27th as president of LACA





Doug Smith in his vegetable garden. Photo by Carol Barfield September 6 -October 3, 2019 • LOUISA LIFE • 15



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