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Del. Rob Bell, an Eagle Scout himself, with Scottsville Mayor Nancy Gill, flank Scout Sam Hess. Photo by Ron Smith

Waiting for the Eagle to Land

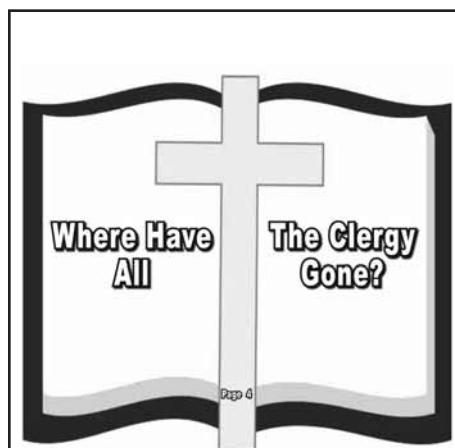
By Ron Smith
Correspondent

Most everyone has heard of Eagle Scouts. Some folks may be lucky enough to be one, know one, or even have one in the family. If things go as planned there will be a new Eagle in our midst before too long.

In 1907 Lord Robert Baden-Powell founded scouting in England. A couple of years later W. D. Boyce, a wealthy publisher from Chicago was in London when he became, so the story goes, lost in the fog and was helped by a Scout. Boyce

was impressed that the Scout would not take a tip for his service but rather explained he was "doing his daily good deed." Boyce met with Baden-Powell and upon his return to the United States started Scouting in this country.

As Scouting progressed, programs were initiated to recognize Scouts for the work they did. The merit badge system was one way to do this. But some Scouts excelled to the point where there needed to be a top award for their hard work and special projects.



The Cover

So, is there a clergy shortage?
Read pages 4-6 to find out.

Cover designed by Marilyn Ellinger



Scout Sam Hess at work on his project in the Van Cleaf Nature Area. Photo by Ron Smith

Originally conceived as the Wolf Scout award in 1911, it was changed the next year to the Eagle Scout designation with the first recipient being sixteen year old Arthur Rose Eldred who was awarded the Eagle designation on September 2nd, 1912. Lord Baden-Powell was in the U.S. on other business and attended the ceremony.

Now, over a hundred years and many Eagles later, a new Eagle will soon be among us: Sam Hess.

Sam is a senior at William Monroe High School in Green County. He is on the football and track teams, plays trumpet in the school band and works at the Green Meadows Christmas Tree Farm. Like many young people he enjoys playing video games with his friends. And if that isn't enough, Sam has been involved in Scouting most of his life.

He has attended a high adventure camp in northern Minnesota, National Youth Leader Training with the National Capital Area Council, was inducted into the Order of the Arrow which is the National Honor Society of Scouting, and even earned his SCUBA certification at one high adventure camp he attended!

Scottsville Town Council member Dan Gritsko is the person mainly responsible for the creation and success of the Van Clief Nature Area (VCNA). One of the items in the master plan for the park has been signs marking the trails and other areas. Funds for signage has been the problem. When Sam's Scoutmaster was suggesting possible Eagle projects for Sam to consider, a project at the Van Clief Nature Area was one of those suggestions.

After Sam and his family met with Gritsko and took a tour of the park, exploring established trails and sites of future trails and seeing families enjoying a hike or fishing, Sam who already had an appreciation of nature and the outdoors, knew he had a project.

Sam's project was approved, and he learned that three other scouts had selected Van Clief for their project but had not followed through on it. "That made me all the more determined to see my project through to a successful conclusion," Sam said.

There are three parts to Sam's Eagle project. "Signage is the first part and is almost complete," he said, "then my plan calls for building bridges and stepping-stones across one end of the lake and finally to build a trail with the help of volunteers."

Sam acknowledges "support and encouragement from Scottsville Mayor Nancy Gill, Town Administrator Matt Lawless and town council members, the business community, family and friends." There is still need for support both with funding and volunteer workers and information on those two items can be obtained by contacting Gritsko through the Town Office.

There have been over forty astronauts who were Eagle Scouts as well as a number of Medal of Honor recipients, leaders in business and industry, and Nobel Prize winners. Sam Hess will soon join that list!



Sam Hess in his Scout uniform.
Photo courtesy of Sam Hess.



Sam with "finished product" the first of many he will install at the Van Clief Nature Area. Photo courtesy of Sam Hess.



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Where Have All The Clergy Gone?



By Ron Smith
Correspondent

With the unexpected resignation of Pastor Brian Lamb, Scottsville United Methodist Church becomes the third major congregation in the immediate area that does not currently have a full-time minister.

Lamb, citing personal issues, preached his last sermon on September 8th. He has relocated to Spotsylvania County, his home, and accepted a teaching position there. The Virginia Methodist Conference, which appoints ministers to churches, does not meet again until next June. It will be at that meeting that a new pastor will be appointed to the Scottsville/Mt. Zion Charge. Until then the Charge will be under the leadership of interim pastors.

This follows the departure of Scottsville Presbyterian's pastor whose contract was not renewed. The Presbyterian Elders of that church have been, for the past few months, searching for a new pastor through interviews and invitations to preach at the church. Currently, retired clergy have been filling the pulpit on various Sundays. St. Anne's Episcopal Parish is being served by interim priests. Their previous full-



The Scottsville United Methodist Church established in 1833. File photo

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time minister, Rev. Randy Haycock, retired in 2018. The Episcopal Diocese appoints an interim for a specific period of time while the search for a new priest continues.

So, is there a clergy shortage? Well, not really according to the Hartford Institute, a division of the Hartford Seminary in Hartford Connecticut. While we wonder what is going on, the problem lies in the fact that even though there appears to be a shortage, there is actually a surplus of clergy around the country.

And it all boils down to the size of the church. Small town churches, even though they are mainline denominations, suffer because most seminary students are from large churches -- churches having as many as 350 members or more. And these seminary students, coming from a large church, want to serve in a large church as they have specific areas on which they wish to focus their attention; areas that may not exist in a small-town church.

Seminary students today, according to the Hartford Institute, are looking to serve in a church that fits their objectives and lifestyle. They are looking for employment that has an "upward mobility path" which will allow them to advance in their careers. Small churches do not offer that sort of scenario.

It is sort of a catch-22 situation. While most churches in the US are small -- 100 or less members -- most people who attend church go to churches that are large,

Pastor Mckown leaving

Pastor Katie McKown of Scottsville Baptist Church has announced to her congregation that she is leaving. Pastor McKown has been pastor there since November of 2012. She is leaving to join the staff of the John Leland Center for Theological Studies which was founded in 1998 and whose headquarters is located in Arlington.

With Pastor McKown leaving, Scottsville Baptist Church becomes to fourth major demonization in Scottsville that will be served by an interim minister. – Ron Smith

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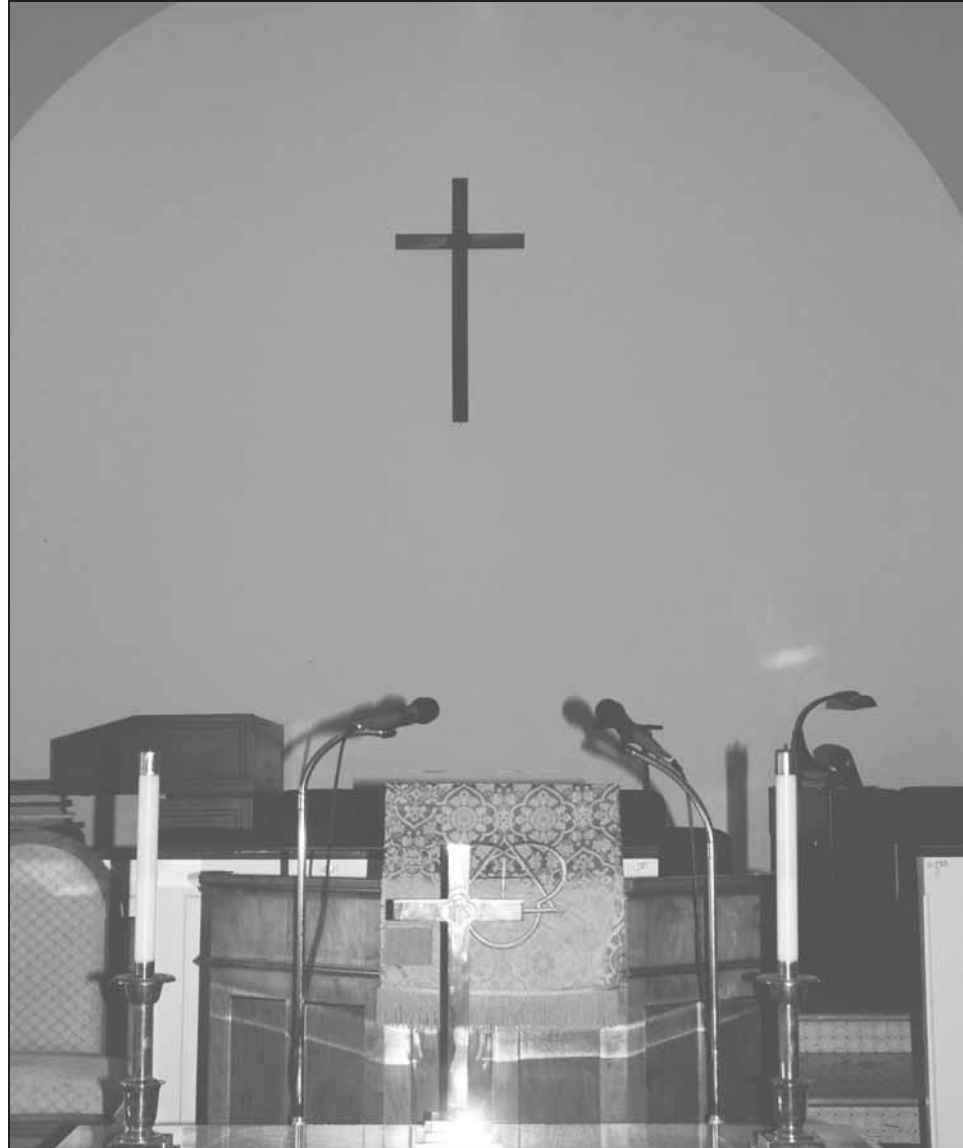


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3pm, Saturday, October 5th

to benefit Effort Christian School & Preschool at Effort Family Life Center, Palmyra, VA

Please see Tricky Tray Raffle and Auction Event for more information



An empty pulpit. Photo by Ron Smith

350 or more members. This frustrates clergy who can't find the job they are looking for in a large church and, according to Hartford, "they personalize the issue and feel they have failed, were discriminated against, considered switching jobs, or dropping out of the ministry."

One solution may be calling out of retirement clergy who are willing to resume a career they once thought was over. This has happened to Rev. Bruce Lugn who retired from Scottsville United Methodist in 2018.

After his retirement Lugn and his wife relocated to Culpeper where they envisioned a little less hectic schedule. But that only lasted a year. The pastor of the Fluvanna Charge, Seay's Chapel/Wesley Memorial/New Bethel

United Methodist Churches, left. Lugn was called by the United Methodist Bishop and asked to take charge of those three churches. Fortunately for those congregations Lugn answered the call, came out of retirement and is currently serving all three churches. So much for retirement!

So what's the answer? Small town churches have had this problem and will continue to have it and now that the mindset of a lot of seminarians is to want to work at mega-churches it may only become harder to find permanent clergy for small town churches.

In the meantime, congregations facing this problem need to be thankful that there are ministers like Lugn who, when told of a need, answer the call.



The Scottsville Presbyterian Church established in 1827. File photo

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November 5, 2019 General and Special Election information

A General Election will be held in Albemarle County on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, for the following state and local offices:

State Offices:

Senate of Virginia, 17th District, 25th District; House of Delegates, 25th District, 57th District, 58th District, 59th District;

Albemarle County Offices:

Commonwealth's Attorney; Sheriff; Soil and Water Conservation District Director; Board of Supervisors, Rivanna District, Scottsville District, White Hall District; School Board, At-Large, Rivanna District, Scottsville District, and White Hall District.

To see the choices that will be on your ballot on November 5, go to the Voter Registration homepage at the Albemarle County website and click on "Current Ballot."

Special Alert To Voters: Please note that, under Virginia law, voters who do not present acceptable PHOTO identification at the polls will be required to vote a provisional ballot. The following are acceptable forms of photo ID at the polls:

A valid Virginia driver's license

A valid United States passport, or any other photo identification issued by the Commonwealth, one of its political subdivisions, or the United States

Any valid student identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth or any private school located in the Commonwealth

Any valid employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business

A voter photo ID card issued by the Virginia Department of Elections. If you are a registered Virginia voter but do not have an acceptable photo ID, free voter photo IDs are processed at all of Virginia's 133 local general registrars' offices. For more information, visit: elections.virginia.gov

The Deadline to register to vote in this election is Tuesday, October 15. Voters are strongly encouraged to inquire before the registration deadline if they wish to check their voter registration status.

The qualifications for voter registration in Virginia are:

The applicant must be a citizen of the United States

The applicant must be 18 years of age on or before the date of the general election

The applicant must be a resident of Virginia

The applicant must provide his/her full name, date of birth, residence address, and full Social Security number on the voter registration application

The applicant must not have been adjudicated a felon or mentally incapacitated, unless the applicant's voting rights have subsequently been restored by the appropriate authority.

Qualified residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia may apply for or change their voter registration:

At the Department of Voter Registration and Elections, located in the 5th Street County Office Building at 1600 5th Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

At the Department of Motor Vehicles - Pantops Customer Service Center at 2055 Abbey Road, Charlottesville, 22911. DMV-Pantops office hours are from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 8:00 a.m. through 12:00 Noon on Saturday, excluding legal holidays.

By mailing completed application forms to: Box 160, 435 Merchant Walk Sq., suite 300, Charlottesville, VA 22902. Voter registration application forms may be obtained online from the Department of Elections, at: elections.virginia.gov or from the Voter Registration office at 1600 5th Street, or at the DMV-Pantops.

Online via the following link: <https://www.vote.virginia.gov/>

Absentee voting for the November 5 general election began on Friday, September 20, 2019.

The deadline for receipt of a by-mail absentee ballot application for the November 5 general election is Tuesday, October 29, 2019, 5:00 p.m., but applicants are strongly encouraged to submit absentee applications as soon as reasonably possible.

Please note that absentee ballot applications are NOT received at DMV-Pantops, and absentee voting is NOT conducted at DMV-Pantops.

For absentee voters who vote by mail, the completed/voted absentee ballot must be received by the Department of Voter Registration and Elections by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 5, 2019, in order to be counted.

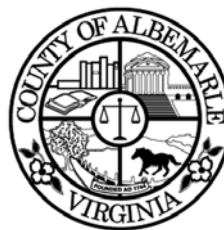
Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 5 p.m. is the deadline for in-person absentee voting for the November 5 general election, except for certain limited emergency situations.

Voters who are registered to vote in Albemarle County, and who are eligible to vote absentee, may do so either by mail or in person.

First-time voters who registered by mail MUST vote absentee in person.

Applications to receive an absentee ballot by mail may be presented to the Albemarle County Department of Voter Registration and Elections/Electoral Board, via mail (Box 160; 435 Merchant Walk Square, Suite 300; Charlottesville, VA 22902), or via fax (434) 972-4178, or via email (voteabsentee@albemarle.org) or in person, at 1600 5th Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902, or online, via the following link: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html>.

Qualified Albemarle County voters may vote an absentee ballot in-person at the Department of Voter Registration and Elections, 5th Street County Office Building, 1600 5th Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902, beginning Friday, September 20, 2019. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. **In addition to regular weekday office hours, the office at 1600 5th Street will be open on Saturday, October 26, 2019, and Saturday November 2, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., for in-person absentee voting.**



For further information, please:

Call the Voter Registration office at: 434-972-4173

Email voterregistration@albemarle.org

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• Lions fundraiser, **White Cane Day**, will take place on **Friday, October 11 and Saturday October 12th** when donations are solicited from the public at various locations around town.



Classes and Workshops offered by SCAN Poetry in Nature Series
Ages: All Ages Welcome
Dates: October 7, October 14, October 21
Time: 4-6 PM
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This three day writing workshop encourages participants to explore and observe the natural environment as a source of artistic inspiration for their writing.

Instructor Information: Amber McBride received her BA in English from James Madison University in 2010 and acquired her MFA in Poetry from Emerson College in 2012. Amber is the former media assistant at The Furious Flower Poetry Center where she worked putting together programs and readings to honor African American poets and writers including Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison and Nikki Giovanni.



The Scottsville Museum's annual Spirit Walk will be **Saturday and Sunday, October 19th and 20th**. This year, according to organizer Lisa Bittner, there will be several "new" characters. Bittner says that "one new character will be Cyrus McCormick, the inventor of the mechanical reaping machine." Although McCormick was not a native of Scottsville, his farm was near (present day) I-81 between Lexington and Staunton. "He needed to get his new invention to the Midwest so he dismantled it, brought it to Scottsville and utilizing the packet and batteau vessels shipped his machine in pieces," Bittner added, and "after realizing the difficulty in that process, he moved to Chicago!"

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Oktoberfest Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, October 5, 2019 at 12 PM – 9 PM

Tasting Room & Taphouse at Mount Ida Reserve
5600 Moonlight Drive, Scottsville, Va
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There is no fee for entry

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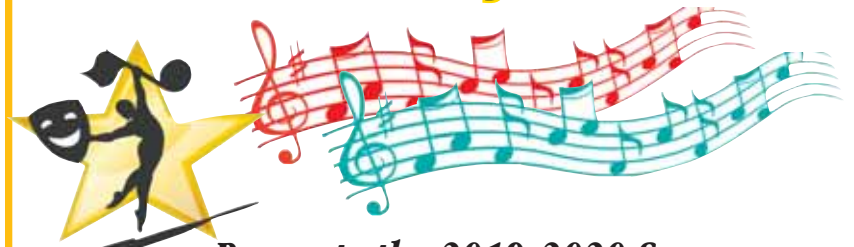
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Books on Tap: James River Brewery Book Club Monday, October 7, 2019, 7 – 8pm

Join your neighbors on the first Monday of every month for a book discussion at James River Brewery in downtown Scottsville. Future book choices will be voted on by attendees. Find a copy of the month's book in a variety of formats in our library catalog. **October 7: *Station Eleven*** by Emily St. John Mandel.

Buckingham County Democratic Committee Rally Saturday, October 5, 2019 • 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Getting Involved in 2019 to gear up for 2020
Held at Ellis Acres Memorial Part, 245 Camden St. Dillwyn
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Events:

Imagination Art Classes Saturday, September 28, 2019, 10 – 11am

Illustrator Tim Jones will teach various drawing techniques including step-by-step, observation, brainstorming, and hand/eye skills. All materials provided. Ages 6+ . Registration requested but walk-ins welcome.



Computer Classes for Adults Wednesday, October 9, 2019, 1 – 2:30pm

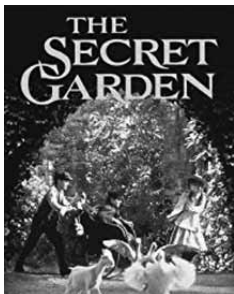
Come to the library on the second Wednesday of every month to strengthen your computer prowess. All skill levels welcome. Library computers will be provided.

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tips. **Required registration begins October 10.**

December 11: Intro to Microsoft Word — Learn to create your own resumes, family newsletters, flyers, and other documents. **Required registration begins November 14.**



Scottsville Library Popcorn at the Movies Saturday, October 12, 2019, 2 – 4pm

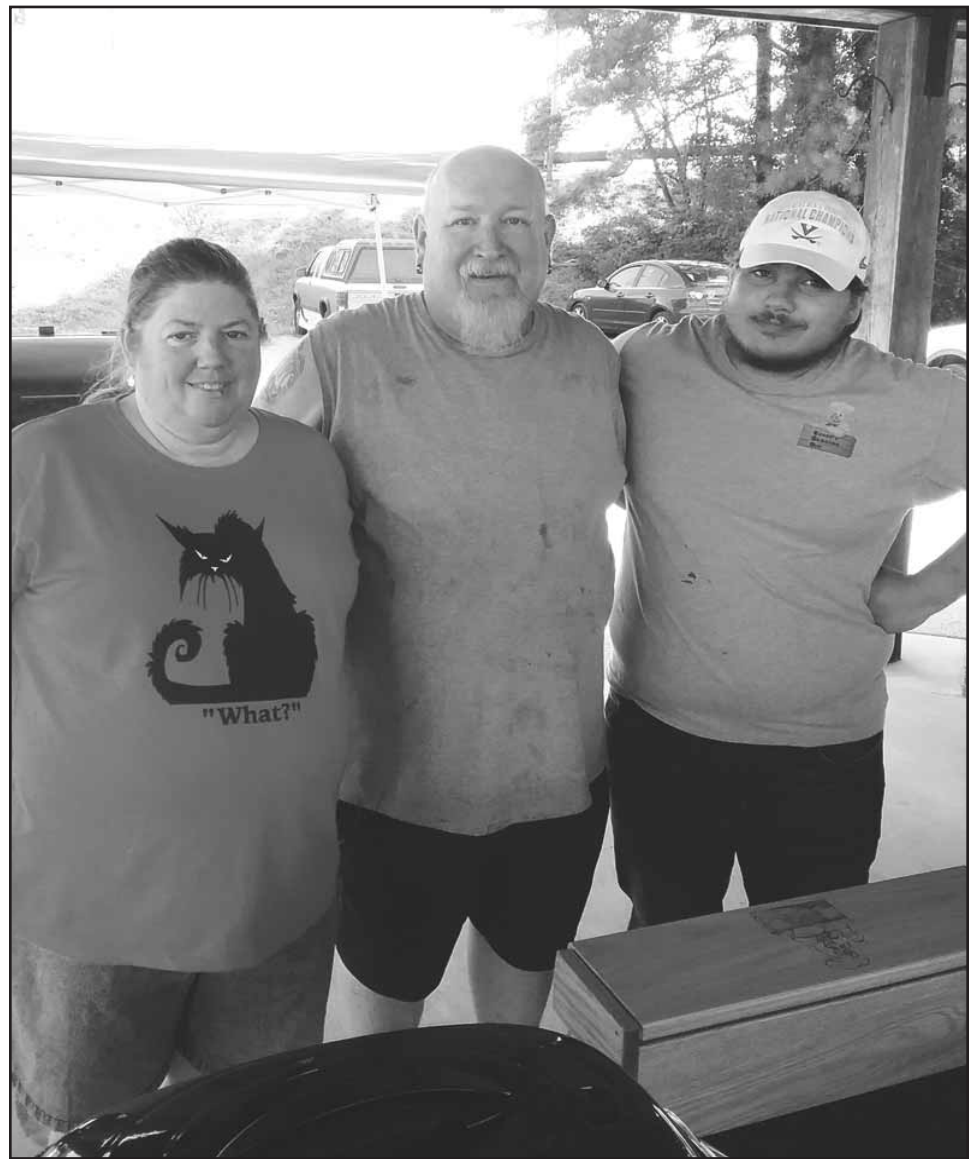
Snuggle up on a Saturday afternoon and enjoy popcorn and a movie based upon a classic children's story. Feel free to bring a stuffed animal and a blanket and enjoy the show! (Children 10 and up may be dropped off to watch the movie).

Oct 12: The Secret Garden [Rated G, 1993 102 minutes]



Magic Show Saturday, October 19, 2019, 2 – 3pm Scottsville Library

Come celebrate National Magic Week with A History of Magic in America and a demonstration of the various types of magic that hopeful magicians can aspire to learn. Presented by the Society of American Magicians Assembly 115.



The banging crew behind the Banging Que: Bonnie and Buddy Christian, with Joshua Tawney. Photo by Patrick Healy

Caring For Creatures Fundraiser: Dawgs 'n' Q At The Pavilion

By Patrick Healy
Correspondent

The Fluvanna-based I no-kill pioneer Caring For Creatures (CFC) held its annual fundraiser at the Scottsville Pavilion on Sunday (Sept. 8). It was a real humdinger. The heavens pitched some serious good weather, and Buddy's Banging Que threw down some - you guessed it - seriously banging barbeque. There was even a soundtrack, with Powers and Brown, Ethan Hamburg, and 4 Hits And a Miss hanging their gentle melodies on the warm summer breeze.

Buddy's puts the fund in this fundraiser, by donating 100 percent of their time, talent, and food to make the event a success. Here's the deal: feast on a hearty meal, courtesy of Buddy's, then drop a donation in the pail to help CFC. Founder, Buddy Christian says, "I enjoy giving back to our community. We do three of these every year; the VFW, fire department, and Caring For Creatures." This year they came up with something new: vegan barbeque.

Yes, yes. Explanations are in order. "I picked up about 20 pounds of Portobello mushrooms this morning," says Christian. "Sliced 'em up. Smoked 'em. They're good!"

OK. Smoked pork, or smoked shrooms, but what about the sides? Those are created by Bonnie Christian. Bonnie minces her coleslaw extra fine, then lightly adds a just barely sweet vinegar dressing. The baked beans? Fuhgeddaboutit! You can file these beans under best ever.

Such comestibles are bound to draw a crowd, and draw these did. In addition to CFC, several local organizations set up their booths in the Pavilion's shade. Scottsville's Senior Center, Lions Club, and fire department were there, along with

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Buckingham's Centenary United Methodist Church, the Friends of Esmont, and The James River Good Works Group.

The Group helps CFC by organizing these fundraisers. Founder Alexander Stone did the legwork and outreach and handled the leasing of the Pavilion. Stone said, "The fee is just \$75 if you're a community group. That's for four hours. We paid that." He described The Good Works Group as an informal network. "If you have an idea, want to make something better, you can join with others to work on it." Stone, with tongue slightly in whiskered cheek, touts the advantages of informality: "No rules, no dues, no boring meetings..."

The good church ladies from Centenary brought the dessert. Their table looked like some pastry pirate had just emptied his treasure chest thereon. Sticky or crisp, round or square, cocoa-ed or jammed; whatever your sweet tooth's desire, it was sure to be found on display.

The fire department had some small plastic helmets for the wee ones, and general information for the rest of us. Firefighter Nick Kirby outlined the many ways that the department serves the town. There's more to it than you might think. "We go out on fires more than anything else." Kirby says, adding that, "Most of those are brush fires." But they also handle water rescue events. "We've assisted with that for years. About five years ago, we took over water rescue from the county." There's more. "What most people don't realize is that we close the levee gates and oversee the Mink Creek pumps during emergencies." According to Kirby, monitoring the pumps is a big deal. "The levee will hold back high water, but if the pumps fail, the town is in trouble."

Of course, the stars of the show are the good people from CFC, though they would probably demur and point at the cute-as-a-bug's-ear puppies frisking in the nearby portable pen. CFC ran an art auction at one booth, and sold gift items at another, where the kaleidoscopic array of bandanas was as tempting in their way as the Centenary Methodist's baked goods were in theirs.

CFC founder, Mary Birkholz, shared some thoughts about her lifetime love for animals, and her 31 years as a no-kill trailblazer. "It's funny," says Birkholz. "My

See Fundraiser page 12



Buddy Christian's vegan entre. Portobello mushrooms, smoked and tangy.



Firefighter, Nick Kirby, next to the Department's new Water Rescue support vehicle. All photos by Patrick Healy..

Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Short-legged dog
- 6 Charges
- 10 Scottish miss
- 14 Pretty up
- 15 Weak, as an excuse
- 16 E, to a pilot
- 17 Halifax's home
- 19 Surgery souvenir
- 20 Vocal vibration
- 21 Pair on the links
- 23 Growing business?
- 25 Affirm
- 26 Walk with attitude
- 30 Audience member
- 34 Private instructor
- 35 Scrooge's look
- 36 Quaint lodge
- 37 In awe
- 38 Catchall category
- 39 Misplaced
- 40 Trapper's ware
- 41 Intense dislike
- 42 Event location
- 43 Not a child of slavery
- 45 Brief promo
- 46 Samson's pride
- 47 Word before gas or drop
- 49 Soon
- 52 Circus staple
- 57 It may be proper
- 58 Mercy killing
- 60 Church nook
- 61 Sole anagram
- 62 Becomes tiresome

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- 63 Look narrowly
- 64 Palm reader, e.g.
- 65 Parched
- 11 Squeezeboxes
- 12 Pillow covering
- 13 Needing kneading
- 18 Like some pigeons
- 22 "Get ___ it!"
- 24 Subject of the 1993 film "The Fugitive"
- 26 Work group
- 27 Soothsayer
- 28 Depository
- 29 ___ wild
- 31 Overflow (with) result
- 32 Follow as a result
- 33 Script direction
- 35 Recipe instruction
- 38 Scent-free
- 39 Rural sight
- 41 Final notice?
- 42 Covered balcony
- 44 Breadwinner
- 45 "Gone With the Wind" plantation
- 48 Anesthetic of yore
- 49 Ginger cookie
- 50 Crosby costar in "Road to Rio"
- 51 Type of log
- 53 Cowpoke's pal
- 54 Biblical birthright seller
- 55 Shrink sharply
- 56 Vane direction
- 59 Nail holder

Crossword Answers page 15



CFC founder, and puppy magnet, Mary Birkholz. Her organization saved the lives of these two beauties. Photos by Patrick Healy

mom wouldn't have a pet in the house, and my dad was terribly allergic to cats. But I always loved dogs and cats, especially the ones that were lost or in trouble." Birkholz chuckled at her memories. "Even as a little girl, I would see a dog chained up and go up to the door and ask if I could take their dog for a walk."

As an adult, Birkholz worked in real estate development and finance. She volunteered her free time to her local animal shelters; work that she loved. But in time, she came to realize that the term, kill shelter, is innately absurd. "I was matching our animals with our requests, and I became so frustrated. A beautiful dog or cat would come in and no one would want it - not good around children, too much shedding, whatever. So we would have to put it down. A couple of days later someone would come in who was a perfect match for that animal. That happened all the time, week after week." Birkholz couldn't keep her frustrations bottled up. "I would complain about it all the time." she says.

One day, a friend pointed out that she could spend the rest of her life talking about the problem, or she could come up with something better, then do it her way.

In the summer of 1988 Birkholz chose the do it approach, set up operations along the banks of the James River in Fluvanna County, and never looked back. She established her shelter with two rules. First, animals would not be killed in order to make room for newer arrivals. Second, the shelter would be designed to give the sheltered

a home-like living experience. "I wanted them to live like normal dogs and cats." says Birkholz.

CFC is well known for its no-kill policy, but how have its normal-home aspirations panned out?

Birkholz grows pensive. Then a small smile appears. "You can always improve." she says. "We'll keep tweaking as we go." Her smile has become a grin. "But, yes! We have made a good place for [the dogs and cats] to live."

\$1,923.46 was raised on that sunny Sunday afternoon. And on that Sunday Mary Birkholz put it best. "We've just been so blessed by our volunteers, and the continued support we get from this community."



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