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# Library Architect Introduced; Collects Town Opinion

Thirty people jammed into the Crozet Library meeting room Sept. 20 to meet Melanie Hennigan of Grimm & Parker Architects, the McLeanbased firm chosen by Albemarle and Jefferson-Madison Regional Library officials from among nine contenders to design the new Crozet library. The firm has a 30-year track record of successful library and public architecture projects, recently completing commissions for Hopewell and Frostburg, Maryland, that presented issues very similar to those in Crozet. They will be assisted by the local firm of Heywood Boyd Architects.

"The ball is really rolling," said J-MRL Director John Holliday to introduce Hennigan, who will be the

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# County Publishes New Population Figures for Crozet Growth Area

by Mary Rice

Albemarle County recently revised its population figures for Crozet, estimating that 4,798 people now live in the Growth Area, a sharp increase from the last estimated figure of 3,600 people in June of 2005. The County also revised the previous June 2005 figure—increasing the past estimate from 3,600 to 4,304 people.

After inquiries from area residents questioning published dwelling unit



**David King of King Family Vineyards** 

# King Family Vineyards Goes for Farm Sales

The April decision by the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals forbidding Virginia wineries from distributing their wines directly to retailers, unless out-of-state wineries get the same access, has socked the Commonwealth's wine industry and may lead to a 25 percent drop in its revenues, according to industry experts. The ruling is based on Constitutional prohibitions that forbid states from favoring their businesses over those in other states.

In July the General Assembly invalidated the 25-year-old law wineries had been operating under and brought Virginia law in line with the ruling. Wineries are left with two outlets, their on-farm sales or the option of contracting with whole-sale distributors.

The decision is potentially devastating for small wineries like Crozet's King Family Vineyard, which is appealing to the Albemarle County Planning Commission for relief from an old ordinance written when local wineries were nearly as rare as unicorns that forbids wineries from holding more that 12 "special events" with the public on their farms in one year. "This interview with the Gazette counts as a meeting according to the ordinance," observed winery owner David King. So, theoretically, because the ordinance defines any meeting with the public as a special event, visits by another 11 customers would mean the winery would have to close for virtually a year.

The winery is asking for permission to hold two events per week and construct a building that would house weddings and private parties. The request was slated for the Planning Commission's Oct. 10 meeting, but it has been deferred. King's plan calls for a 72-foot-by-100-foot stable-style building just north of the winery,

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## from the Editor

The Old Trail news blog [see http://oldtrailliving.typepad.com/old\_trail\_village\_news] reports that a deal to build a Harris Teeter store in the development's new commercial area, now named Blue Ridge Shopping Center (the section around the two traffic circles), is in the finishing touches stage. Those who could confirm this have not responded to the Gazette's inquiries, so I can't put a headline on it and give you the essential details. But this long expected news, which began years ago as a rumor of a Food Lion next to Blue Ridge Builder's Supply, has the aura of inevitability at least. Old Trail can build 48,000 square feet of commercial space by-right tomorrow and up to 250,000 square feetan area four times as large as the downtown business district—once it roofs in its 500th unit. How far off is that? Does it matter? Harris Teeter apparently has counted heads and found enough here already. [See the Crozet population jump in the story on page 1.]

Gazette editorials have been a little obsessed with downtown revitalization even before competition to it became tangible. Last month the Board of Supervisors decided to hire a consultant to advise them on what the zoning rules should be in a new special downtown district. It's a step, but the wheels of government often seem to be square and it's hard to tell how long it will be before something useful results.

The County understands the zoning binds that downtown businesses face if they try to do something new, but they are acting because they feel genuine pressure from Crozet businesses and from citizens who want the historical center of town to remain our vital cultural center. For that leverage to keep working, Crozetians need to stay out front and keep driving their agenda along. In political affairs, the group with initiative gets its way. A meeting of Crozet business and commercial property owners is set for Monday, Oct. 9, in the Crozet Library meeting room at 7. Its purpose is to organize businesses and then work to get the right things to happen. Downtown businesses especially should be represented there.

In July, Crozet proposed a Growth Areas summit to coordinate an infrastructure agenda Countywide. It's a great idea and it should be held before campaigns for Supervisors' seats begin next summer. But so far nothing is happening. A nucleus of business owners met in August to talk about forming something like a Crozet chamber of commerce. It's a great idea, but it's not clear how it will happen. We can't afford to let things not happen.

Crozetians need to open their imaginations wider to the looming realities. Many aren't really picturing the jarring, dramatic scale of the changes that are about to occur as the town skips a gear and goes from a village to, as County planners put it, an "urban center." The town we know now is not the town we will have in just a few short years. But if we get together and speak up, we can still make it a town we like, and keep the easy friendly place that knows its roots.

#### to the Editor

Judge Actions, Not Words

I think George Allen is a nice man. Several years ago when he was still governor, for some reason I got a call from his campaign committee and was invited to Crozet Park to eat Crozet Pizza and meet him and the then-campaigning Virginia Delegate Paul Harris. I am not politically active, nor had I ever met either of them, but it sounded tempting of a quiet Saturday afternoon, especially as I had two preteen grandchildren visiting who love pizza.

We went through the receiving line and introduced ourselves and you would think my grandchildren were visiting royalty he was so cordial to them. He asked them real questions and they were far from voting age. Then Delegate Harris's very young son was asked to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The child was unsure and put on the spot. We were close enough to hear and see Gov. Allen bend down and tell and show the little boy, "Just put your hand over your heart and say, 'I pledge."

George Allen is a very nice man. At times we all say slight ethnic remarks, sometimes in affection and sometimes in "good old boymanship." We should not be judged solely on one remark. Actions speak louder than words.

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# Batesville Ruritans Get Ready for

# **Apple Butter Day**

By Kathy Johnson

It's the time of year—falling leaves, pumpkins, cornstalks by mailboxes—to scout for the aroma of apple butter cooking over an open fire. The Batesville Ruritan Club members will host their annual Apple Butter Day on Oct. 28, at Page's Field across from the store in Batesville.

"For more than 25 years we've been providing the world's best Central Virginia apple butter," said Ruritan member and club treasurer Ross Weesner. "We make it the old-fashioned way. We start on Wednesday and we core and peel 2 large crates of apples (each containing 20 bushels)." Apples are donated by Henry Chiles of Crown Orchard.

Coring and peeling are just the first part of this traditional and lengthy process, explained Weesner. Club members work three nights (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) starting at 6 and staying until around 10, except for Friday when some time that evening, kettles filled with apples and secret seasonings will be placed on the open fires.

"Some members stay with it all night, stirring the kettles and feeding the fire," he said. "To make the best apple butter, it must be stirred constantly." The end product won't be ready until sometime after noon on Saturday and will yield approximately 120 gallons of apple butter in half-pint, pint and quart jars (sold for \$3, \$5, and \$7 respectively).

"Usually 10 to 15 Ruritan members and volunteers stay with the fire stirring the apple butter and we provide a safe environment for local teens to stay overnight. We might fix nachos or hot dogs or something to eat and sometimes we show a movie."

The event also includes an all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast (with sausage) from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Saturday morning. Cost of the breakfast is just \$4 per person and \$2 for children under 12. Peter Markush and Friends will provide music Saturday, and there will be other things going on designed to make this a full festival.

Pre-ordered and pre-paid jars represent 90 percent of sales. Pages Store will take pre-orders and pre-payments must be made at that time, or orders can be called in to Marianne O'Brien at 823-4549, but payment must be made prior to 11 a.m. on Saturday. "One year we



Ryan Weesner, seen here several years ago, helps to keep the apple butter stirred, during Batesville Apple Butter Day.

almost oversold," Weesner said, so those wanting apple butter should pre-order.

"Ninety percent of what we raise goes back into the community," said Weesner. Among those receiving support from the club's activities are the Crozet Volunteer Fire Department, Meals on Wheels, and local schools for their field trips. The club meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month (except for July and August) and is open to all. Meetings are held at the Batesville United Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m.

# The Real Crozet Blogger: Jim Duncan

The Gazette is not the only new media serving Crozet. There's also an online source now, the ninemonth-old blog known as realcrozetva.com run by Jim Duncan.

"I started it because Crozet is such a unique place. We need a voice," he said.

"I post things as often as I think necessary."

Items tend to be news nuggets, event announcements and sometimes personal asides about the sweet life in our area. Duncan has a second blog, realcentralva.com, which he gives greater attention because it focuses on his livelihood, the regional real estate market.

"I started realcrozetva because I wanted to branch off from realcentralva and focus my business in Crozet," he said. He first moved to Highlands five years ago and lives in Parkside now.

"It's a great neighborhood," he said, though for a farm-raised boy it can seem like his neighbors are a little too pear.

"I grew up in Culpeper and I have a small town mentality. I go back up there to get perspective. When I'm sitting through three cycles of a light I appreciate being in Crozet."

Besides that he's got a community spirit. "It's easy to get complacent and trust other people [to take care of town business]. But I don't want to wake up one day and say, hey, how did *that* happen?"



News websites like the Augusta Free Press, a web-based community "paper" based in Waynesboro, represent "a return to news credibility," Duncan said. "I think there will always be a place for print. It's easier to read. But it will get more targeted. The online environment is encouraging more discussion. Local is where it's at. Business is local. People are local. People want to influence what's around them."

"The blog is getting about 50 unique visitors a day," Duncan said. "Slowly but surely, it's been climbing. I have consistent visitors and I get regular emails offline. Something like 75 percent of Albemarle homes have broadband.

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# Spot Comes Home

Spot, the English Pointer belonging to Bill Nitchmann, the former chairman of the Albemarle County Planning Commission, was brought to the Charlottesville/Albemarle SPCA not long after an ad seeking him appeared in last month's issue of the Gazette. Spot had run away from his home in Milton, in eastern Albemarle, in a storm and was found at old Milton airfield by model airplane enthusiasts who were flying their planes there. He went home that day with an unknown Crozet family but now is happily in his own bed again.

# Four WAHS Students Named Semifinalists for National Merit Scholarships

Western Albemarle High School seniors Ashley Andersen, Abigail Keogh, Barrie Potter and Jennifer Ross have been named semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship program. About 16,000 of the nation's top students are chosen to be semifinalists and in the spring about half that number will be awarded scholarships. Only 2,500 will receive the highest amount, \$2,500. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation is a non-profit organization founded in 1955. The \$33 million it will award next year is contributed by businesses.

# College Night at WAHS

Representatives from U.Va. and PVCC will discuss the college admissions and application process in the cafeteria of Western Albemarle High School Wednesday, October 11, at 7 p.m. Students and parents from all grade levels are encouraged to attend. There will be sessions for different grade levels following the speakers.

# Mt. Moriah Chili Dinner

Mt. Moriah United Methodist Women will sponsor a Chili Dinner Saturday, October 21, from 5 to 7, p.m. at the church in White Hall. To reserve a place at the dinner, you must call Connie Abell at 823-5108 by Sunday, October 8. Donations will be gratefully accepted, with all proceeds going to the Youth Scholarship Fund at Mt. Moriah.

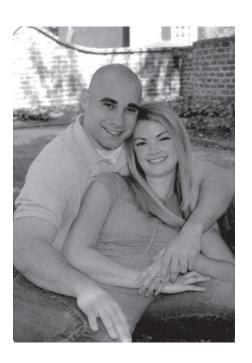
## Business Organization Meeting Slated for Oct. 9

Business and commercial property owners in Crozet are invited to an organizational meeting in the meeting room at the Crozet Library at 7 p.m. October 9 to discuss issues facing downtown businesses. The agenda will include the need for a Crozet business association that would coordinate efforts on shared interests and concerns; discussion of drafting zoning rules for a new Downtown Crozet Zoning District before the County's consultant is hired; and discussing the merits of a downtown Crozet location for the new library.

For more information, call Sandy Wilcox at 981-9125 (cell) or email him at WilcoxRealty@aol.com.

# Haney–Mikalson Engagement

Miss Jacquelyn Mikalson, daughter of Jon and Mary Mikalson of Crozet, is engaged to be married to Robert Haney. He is the son of Walter and Patsy Haney of Ruckersville. The bride-to-be graduated from the University of Virginia and is employed by State Farm Insurance. The prospective bridegroom graduated from Piedmont Virginia Community College and is employed by the City of Charlottesville Police Department. The wedding is planned for April of 2007.



# CVFD Open House

The Crozet Volunteer Fire Department will hold an open house October 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to kick off Fire Prevention Week. There will be live entertainment, a silent auction, a poster contest, a raffle, and funnel cakes, McGruff the Crime Dog will be there, and the Albemarle County Police will offer child fingerprinting. The event is open to the public and food will be available. Lawn chairs are welcome. All proceeds benefit the Crozet Volunteer Fire Department. For more information, please call Donna Pugh at 980-3981 or 249-6609.



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# Cats Gone Wild

Animal Control Officer Shannon Tate captured two of the 20-odd wild cats that have been living under sheds behind Mountainside Senior Living Sept. 18. This one was given the impromptu name Sylvester because it resembled the cartoon cat, but it turned out to be a young female. The cats propagated from two that were being fed by a warmhearted Mountainside resident, who has since been persuaded that the proliferating felines would be better off neutered and socialized by the SPCA and ultimately adopted. Tate said that a group of wild cats roaming north of the tracks had discovered the free bounty being offered between the Mountainside sheds, which are also very near two dumpsters where Tate believes a lot of cat dumpster diving is going on. The cats apparently also visit the dumpster at Dairy Queen.

But the food that was provided was sufficient to explain the concentration.

"The senior who was feeding them agreed to stop and she's helping us keep an eye on the traps," explained Tate, a 14-year veteran. "She feels like she's still helping them." The traps will remain set, though the older cats get wise to them as they notice their company dwindle, Tate said. Many are believed to be pregnant again.

"The problem with cats is that they are independent. They can live on their own without human contact. Dogs can't do that."

Tate reminds everyone that dogs are required to be on a leash at all times in Crozet unless they are on their owner's property.

# Green Olive Tree Snippets

By Sheila Freeman

The Green Olive Tree is a community store filled with great bargains, friendly faces and treasures. Please come to the store to see our new look for fall and winter fashions and housewares. Our volunteers and friends have worked many days to prepare the store for the change of seasons.

Again, thanks to our Crozet neighbors for the generous donations of clothes, books, toys and small household items. We have sorted many bags of good clothing, already laundered, folded and reeking of fabric softener. Customers appreciate the values. We all gain: there is a place for donations, happy customers, and money to donate to charitable causes. God bless Crozet.

We are not able to accept any more summer clothes at present.

There can be a relaxing quality to just wandering through the stuff of life in our crowded little store. Some of our customers work in the area and pop in for a break. Perhaps they buy nothing. But it is not unusual for some customers to browse for hours, especially during bag sale week (the third full week of the month).

Some customers find treasures of a nonmaterial nature: smiles on a gloomy day, bits of whimsy that make us laugh, and items of nostal-gia that make us pause. Old friends meet, new friends are made, snippets of news are passed. Our volunteers provide useful information to people new to the area. Please drop by to shop, chat or sort. We always need more volunteers.

# Artísan Studio Tour Coming

The 12th Annual Virginia Artisans Studio Tour will be held November 11 and 12 from 10 am to 5 pm at 13 studios throughout Albemarle County and beyond, including the Barn Swallow in Crozet. Thirty-one professional artisans will sell their work and demonstrate how their work is made. Admission is free, and local restaurants donate food. For more information call Tavia Brown at 434-466-4042 or visit the website, www. artisanscenterofvirginia.org.

# United Way Laurence E. Richardson Day of Caring, Sept. 20



Ginger Hoffman, from Bristol Myers Squibb, Allergan, and (left to right) Brad Melton, T.J. Wilson, Megan Powers and Reed Young from Union Bank and Trust, volunteered to weed and mulch around the front of Brownsville Elementary. It looked super spiffy.



Allen Groves, Scott Norris and Laurie Casteen from U.Va.'s Vice President for Student Affairs office painted a world map on the outdoor basketball court at Meriwether Lewis. It was a paint-by-number project complicated by the wind, which blew away the stencil often. Kids squealed with excitement when they saw it.



State Farm volunteers Amy Gibson and Andrea Hale helped Ivy Creek School student Chris S., riding Ginger, around the ring at the Charlottesville Area Riding Therapy facility near Innisfree Village. Horseback riding helps people with disabilities because riding transmits the same motion, and nerve stimulation, to the hips as walking does, according to CART instructor Sarah Daly, plus riding builds self-confidence. "It's therapy disguised as fun," she said.

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# U.S. Joiner Celebrates Its Crozet Opening

US Joiner LLC CEO Jayne Rathburn snipped the red ribbon to open the firm's new Crozet headquarters Sept. 12. Joining her were 5<sup>th</sup> District Congressman Virgil Goode (left), nearly concealing Dr. Sam Massey, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville; Crozet Volunteer Fire Department President Matt Robb and US Joiner President David Rathburn.

Fifth District Congressman Virgil Goode gave a short speech praising US Joiner LLC, the nation's largest outfitter of ship interiors, on its vital support of the U.S. Navy and applauding its new Crozet headquarters.

"The work you do is vital," said Goode, a member of the shipbuilding caucus in Congress. "We must maintain free flow of goods between nations and that is achieved through a strong navy."

Goode endorsed plans to increase the U.S. fleet to 313 ships. "We will strive to achieve that. It is crucial to our security."

Goode presented an American flag that has flown over the U.S. Capitol to the company.

"We operate a Christian business based on the Golden Rule," said Rathburn. "We are successful because of our blessings from God and our works as people." Rathburn presented Robb with a \$500 donation to the Crozet Volunteer Fire Department and announced another \$500 donation to the Western Albemarle Rescue Squad.

# Special Holiday Book Sale to Benefit New Crozet Library

The Friends of the Library, a support group for the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library, will hold their first-ever holiday book sale October 28 and 29 at the Gordon Avenue branch. Proceeds will go to the new library in Crozet. Select books, in prime condition for giftgiving, that have been donated to the Friends over the past months will be available, including some of special interest. Cookbooks, craft books, children's books and gardening books will spill out on the tables. Francie Macdonald will demonstrate unique ways to wrap these

gifts during Sunday hours. Gordon Avenue Branch opens at 9 a.m. Saturday and closes at 5 p.m. On Sunday, the sale runs from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Only cash or checks will be accepted.

# **Crozet Library Facts**

Crozet Library contains 1,728 square feet and its collection totals 29,061 items, not counting magazines. The Summer Reading Program this year signed up 491 children and teens and attendance at summer program events averaged 115 persons. The library circulation for the year from May 2005 through May 2006 was 227,633.



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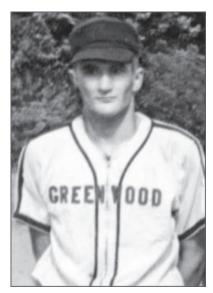
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# Secrets of the Blue Ridge by Phil James



The 1938 Crozet High School Baseball Team. Front Row, L–R: J.D. Maupin; Chapman Ballard; Harold "Red" Grimes; Dan Owen; Ambrose Burfoot, Jr.; Charles Maupin; Back Row, L–R: Principal, C.W. Miller; Buddy Poats; Allen Jones; Kent Belmore; Frank Ballard; Lacy Rea; Coach, Joseph Settle



The first player chosen for the inaugural season of Peachtree Little League Baseball was Don Wright. His career in baseball included stints with the Pittsburg Pirates and Kansas City Royals organizations, and culminated with 18 years as head baseball coach for the Albemarle High School Patriots.

# Peachtree Baseball League MARKS ITS 50th Year

With the World Series about to culminate the baseball season, Don Wright remembers back 50 years ago to when he was the first player picked for the first season of Peachtree Little League Baseball.

"There was no Little League baseball in Crozet until 1956," Wright told me recently. "In 1955 a team from Batesville and a team from Greenwood used to get together up at the Greenwood Community Center one or two nights a week to play baseball. They called themselves Oakleigh and Greenwood, and I used to ride a bicycle from Crozet to the Community Center to play. They had no official title. No uniforms. They just got together and played—probably six or eight times during the summer."

Prior to 1956, organized baseball in western Albemarle County had been limited to older youth and adults. The county high schools located in Crozet, Greenwood and Ivy had fielded baseball teams since the 1920s. The manufacturing plants that had located in Crozet by the late 1940s and early '50s competed in an industrial baseball league. Other adult Sunday-leagues existed and enjoyed enthusiastic followings in their communities.

Even though Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier of Major League Baseball in 1947, most local sports teams of that day were still segregated. But pick-up games were different: "We had as many black friends as we did white friends," Wright recalled. "We used to go down the alley, behind where the Crozet Fire Department is today. There was a big old cowfield back there and we'd set up the bases and play ball. Play for hours at a time. Get mad and fuss at each other and wrestle a little bit. End of the day, we all went our separate ways. Then we would go back the next day for the same thing."

In 1956, Little League organizational meetings were held in Crozet. Bruce

Reynolds was named President of the league. Jack Pollock kept all of the league's stats. The Peachtree Little League was official! Announcements were made that teams were ready to be chosen, and excitement began to spread on the western side of the county among the boys who were age twelve-and-under. The Crozet coaches, parents and boys met upstairs in the old firehouse; the boys in the Greenwood, Batesville and Afton areas gathered at the Greenwood Community Center.

"At Greenwood, Paul Oliver coached the Indians and Mr. Dowell coached the Pirates," Wright recounted. "In Crozet, Lloyd Toms and Bill Reid ran the Cubs. The Red Sox were coached by Red Grimes, Jack Apperson and Alvin Toms. The coaches got up there and selected the players upstairs in the firehouse. Somehow, Lloyd Toms got first pick and he picked me. Then Red Grimes picked Carroll Conley. On the third pick the Cubs got Joe Strickler. Fourth, the Red Sox picked James "Jimmy" McAllister. For the fifth pick the Cubs chose Ronald Coleman. Picked sixth, by the Red Sox, was Roger Baber. The seventh pick: the Cubs picked Steve Hutchinson. On the eighth pick the Red Sox picked Jimmy Apperson. And after that I know the names of some people, but I can't tell you when they were picked. Every one of the teams had three or four 12 year olds, three or four 11s, and two or three tens or whatever. That's how Peachtree Little League baseball got started.

"The managers kicked in some money and had some fundraisers, and in 1956 we had uniforms. They were nice. The kids provided their own hats. We were big time—we were big stuff! League games were played on Tuesday and Saturday, but back in those days you played baseball all the time. I mean

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As Peachtree Little League Baseball continued, an All-Star game was held at the end of the regular season. Proceeds from the sale of tickets helped to fund a trip for the boys to a Major League game in either Washington or Baltimore.

you played every day. You'd probably go out in the field somewhere and have a game in the afternoon before you were going to play in the evening for Little League baseball."

Home field for the Indians and Pirates was the diamond at the Greenwood Community Center. The Red Sox and Cubs played their home games at Crozet School. "We made a little field in the right-centerfield area of where the current baseball field is over there," recalled Wright. "They cleaned the grass and we had a skinned infield.

"There were two games every Tuesday and every Saturday. We played 18 games. The Pirates had a lot of really young youngsters. They didn't do very well that year. The Indians were like a .500 team and the Cubs and the Red Sox battled back and forth. The Cubs were probably one game ahead of the Red Sox and they had a play-off at the end of the season. The Cubs beat the Red Sox in two games and won the first Peachtree Little League Championship. The finals were on August 18, 1956. The reason I can remember that: we played our game at 2:00 and my sister got married at 5:00 that same day."

One more baseball surprise awaited the first players in the "new" Peachtree Little League. Following the close of that first Little League season in western Albemarle County, the boys attended a Major League Baseball game at Griffith Stadium, in Washington, D.C., home of the American League Washington Senators. This end-of-the-baseball-

season treat was continued for many years.

Reflecting on an earlier time, Wright said, "In the early 1950s, Junior Welch had a TV repair shop in part of Tomlin & Kent's Store on Railroad Avenue in Crozet. That store would have been in-between the present Dairy Queen and the UVa Credit Union office. TVs were black and white and he would leave one on in his window as an advertisement. We used to go there and sit on the steps and watch the World Series baseball game. I mean, that was like being in heaven."

The summer of 1956 was a good one for baseball and for young ball-players who were starting to choose baseball heroes. By summer's end, Mickey Mantle had won baseball's prestigious triple-crown. In October the Yankees won the World Series, aided by Don Larson's perfect game—the only time that feat has ever been accomplished in World Series play.

Don Wright summed up his memories of that special summer this way: "Over there on a Saturday afternoon, the Cubs and the Red Sox playing, you'd have a couple hundred people sitting around watching baseball. Kids had a good time and people came out to watch it. That's how Little League baseball got started here, and it's still going today, fifty years later."



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# CCAC Punts County Task List, Emphasizes Communication Mission

The Crozet Community Advisory Council, which never really engaged with a list of planning issues that County officials had suggested it address, agreed at its Sept. 21 meeting to concentrate instead on gathering community opinions on Master Plan implementation and relaying a consensus on pending issues to the Board of Supervisors. The move formalized the Council's defacto practice and allowed an agenda for the next few meetings to be set. The CCAC's October 19 meeting will discuss Crozet Station, a plan to redevelop (demolish) the north downtown commercial area extending from the Fruit Growers complex east to the Crozet Great Valu, and a position paper on the economic development of the town.

Council members were urged to encourage public turnout at the new library site selection meeting Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Western Albemarle High School cafeteria.

#### **Library Architect Introduction**

Melanie Hennigan of the firm of Grimm and Parker Architects, the firm chosen to design the new Crozet library, made a brief introduction of the firm's credentials—they are certified as as designers of "sustainable" buildings—and mentioned that the firm currently has library projects under way in Fairfax, Fauquier and Loudoun Counties. [See story p.1]

The project will take a year to 18 months to get through the design stage, she said, then permits would have to issued. Groundbreaking is probably two years away.

#### **Downtown Zoning**

The Board of Supervisors will hire a consultant to work with the Crozet business owners and commercial property owners to propose new zoning rules for a special downtown district, County business development planner Susan Stimart reported. Some one should be on board by Christmas, she said.

#### **History Resources Study**

The County has applied to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources for a \$12,000 grant to inventory historic properties in the Crozet area, Stimart announced. The County will pay the other half of the survey's cost. Crozet has about 270 properties to consider according to the criteria: "possibly contributing architecture and older than 50 years," she explained. Owners of qualified buildings could get tax credits worth up to 50 percent of renovation expenses for commercial properties (structures have to be restored to their original design) and 30 percent for residential renovations. If a town historic district eventually were created it would not follow the boundary of a possible downtown zoning district but extend into surrounding neighborhoods with older houses.

#### **Sidewalk Material Selection**

Terry Tereskerz, Mac Lafferty, Joanne Perkins and Michael Marshall volunteered to review options on the appearance of sidewalks, retaining walls, streetlights and benches before the County's Architectural Review Board made final selections. Phase One of the

sidewalk project is slated for bidding in early October. It will not include sidewalks under the trestle, as was previously understood. Those are postponed for Phase II now, which is not on the horizon for at least a couple of more years. CSX officials have not responded to County drawings yet, even though they've had them several months, according to project manager Tom Garrison. Phase One is limited to the sidewalks on the southeast and southwest corners, the track embankment corners, of the Dairy Queen intersection.

The recommended styles were "suede limestone" veneer for the retaining walls (a cut stone look with hints of dark green and burgundy), cobblestone-style stamped concrete ("canvass" colored) for crosswalks, brick pavers for an arc section on the library corner, black polished concrete light poles and simple, bracket mounted black lamps (the selection was limited by dark-sky rules) and a matching black metal bench with ribbon slats

and cast-iron style legs. All were meant to relate to the depot's design and materials.

#### **Affordable Housing Concerns**

CCAC members asked for a presentation by County affordable housing planner Ron White at their November 16 meeting. County policy sets the definition of affordable as costing no more than 80 percent of the median house price, or, currently, \$191,000.

Figuring the monthly payment on a \$190,000 house at \$1,600, Jim Stork commented "that's not affordable when you factor in a family's other expenses."

County policy requires that 15 percent of units in a project allowed through rezoning meet affordable criteria. By-right projects in certain areas of the master plan are also eligible for a 30 percent bonus density if affordable units are included.





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Chris Campbell, Jenny Lillich, winemaker Mike Panczak, Hector Gusman, Lynn Kovacs and Dean Hughes (left to right) were sorting Chardonnay grapes at White Hall Vineyard last week, culling out anything that looked unworthy of becoming a medal-winning White Hall wine. "I'd like to see no more rain," said Panczak when asked how the harvest looked. "It's a good season, not an overall great one. We do a lot of blending so we're not dependent on one source." White Hall makes 18 different wines, he said, predicting that this year's production will reach about 8,500 cases. In 2004, the winery produced 4,000 cases and 6,800 in 2005. "We'd like to be able to take it to the stores ourselves," he said, "But the silver lining for us in the end of self-distribution is that our distributor has been doing a good job increasing our sales statewide." He cited Crozet Great Valu as a particularly strong retailer of White Hall's wines.

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# Virginia Wine Industry Facts

In 2005 Virginia ranked ninth in the nation in commercial grape production, producing 5,600 tons of commercial grapes, up from 3,700 tons in 2004. Albemarle County is the state leader in grape production with 904 tons in 2005. Chardonnay grapes make up 27 percent of total production. Other important varieties are Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Vidal Blanc. Total sales of Virginia-produced wine in 2004 reached about \$45 million. Grape production is expected to drop, specifically

the amount of leased acreage, because of the April U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals decision that declared self-distribution by wineries unconstitutional.

# Crozet Baptist Church Fall Festival & Art Show Oct. 28-29

Crozet Baptist Church on St. George Avenue will host its annual Fall Festival & Art Show Oct. 28 and 29 with artisan workshops on Beginning Quilting, Cake Decorating, Basketweaving, and Beginning Floral Arrangement held Saturday morning & afternoon (10 a.m.-noon & 1-3 p.m.) and homemade Brunswick Stew, apple cider press, music, crafts for children, face painting on Sunday from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

Call the church office to register for Saturday workshops. A charge for materials may apply.

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# A Crozet Profile in Courage: Jesse Seale by Tom Loach

Walk into most any firehouse in America and more than likely you'll find at least one firefighter wearing a T-shirt representing one of the companies of the New York City Fire Department. There two reasons for this. First is the universal respect firefighters have for those who serve with the FDNY, especially since 9/11. The second is that many of the fire companies sell T-shirts to raise funds for the 9/11 families. For the fire service, 9/11 was the high water mark that exemplifies the courage displayed by firefighters every day throughout America. It was a day when uncommon courage was common.

But courage comes in many forms and in Chief Bubba's and Hubba's firehouse, courage can be found in the form of Jesse Seale. In a world that seems to have too many rotten apples, Jesse is one of the good guys. Anyone who starts something new in their life remembers the nervousness and uncertainty of those first steps and the relief you felt when you met that first friendly face whose eyes told you everything is going to be all right. On my first day walking into the firehouse, that face was Jesse.

Jesse has one those easygoing southern personalities that could have been plucked right out of central casting for the Andy Griffith Show. Yet despite Jesse's disarming smile, when you meet him, you know immediately something's different about him. His arm and leg movements are not smooth, but appear somewhat uncoordinated. I found out later that Jesse has a disease



Jesse Seale

called Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease or CMT.

CMT is the most commonly inherited neurological disease, affecting approximately 150,000 Americans. CMT patients slowly lose normal use of their feet/legs and hands/arms as nerves to the extremities degenerate and the muscles in the extremities become weakened because of the loss of stimulation by the affected nerves. Many CMT patients also have some loss of sensory nerve function. CMT forced Jesse to retire from his job as a tool and die maker. His disease got so bad that even the activities of daily living require assistance from others

At this point, many people would have given up, but Jesse's not the giving-up type. He underwent delicate neurosurgery to put in a neurological pacemaker that helps control his unnatural movements. Thankfully, the surgery gave Jesse some relief and I'm sure that once he was up and around after his surgery the first place he headed was the firehouse. Not only did he show up, but he got right back up on the engine and started answering calls. Jesse went

on to serve on the Board of Directors and as department quartermaster. Jesse's a 24-by-7 firefighter, meaning you're just as likely see him at 3 in the morning as you will at 3 in the afternoon. I'm always glad to see him hoisting himself into the cab ready to go.

If Jesse's not a profile in courage, then I don't know what is. So if you think you'd like to serve in an organization with members the likes of Jesse, stop by the firehouse some evening and if you see someone with a big smile and an easygoing way, then say hello to Jesse. And if his gait appears a little peculiar, just remember: that's courage walking.

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# Population —continued from page 1

figures, the County reviewed its information systems data and issued the new figure on September 19. The new estimated population is based on an August count that showed 1,875 occupied dwelling units in the Growth Area.

To come up with a projected population figure, the County multiplies the number of dwelling units that have "certificates of occupancy" (COs), times an average number of people per house. Single-family homes are estimated to have 2.63 people per house; town homes/attached homes/duplexes are estimated at 2.03 people per house; apartments at 2.36 per house; and mobile homes with 1.67 per house. Exact counts of the Meadows and Mountainside Senior Living residents were used.

The County cautions that these figures should be viewed as provisional estimates only, as they were published in August in response to inquiries, not as part of the regular Comprehensive Plan Area housing estimate process.

The new dwelling unit figure has been added to the County's running tally of "Existing and Potential Dwelling Units Approved Since the Approval of the Master Plan in December, 2004" and immediately increased the total on the tally by over 400 dwelling units. The September 18 tally shows 3,315 dwelling units either finally or preliminarily approved but without COs, with another 34 units in a rezoning under review. Adding these new homes to the 1,875 existing units brings the new total for the Growth Area to 5,224 dwelling

How fast the new developments will build out is yet to be seen. But it appears that the total dwelling units now occupied or soon to become available in Crozet means that the County's planning horizon of 12,000 people in the town within 20 years has already been surpassed, less than two years after approval of the Master Plan and with major developments in eastern Crozet on the drawing board.

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# Crozet Marks 9/11 Anniversary at CVFD

In a damp gray morning mist Crozet citizens gathered at the Firehouse on Sept. 11 to remember the innocent and selfless victims of 9/11/2001. The crowd stood on the asphalt apron in front of the station, as cars dashed past, some drivers tapping at their horns in solidarity. For a mournful moment Crozet firefighters, as brave as any, contemplated the call to duty their New York brothers heard.

A siren wailed at 8:43, the minute the first alarms came in from the doomed twin towers, and it blasted from the firehouse roof across town. When it stopped it seemed like a fading scream. With respectful solemnity the limp flags were lowered and fastened at half-mast. Rodney Rich, who organized the occasion—"It's too soon to let ourselves forget," he said—called for the crowd's attention.

"I would like to thank all of you for coming here today to honor all those fire, rescue and police personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice for their fellow human beings on 9/11, five years ago today," he said. "We will have the sounding of the 5–5–5 signal by an apparatus fire horn. This is the last alarm signal for all those who didn't make it home to their families that day. So for all of us who still have that privilege every day, the best way we can honor them is by never forgetting them and having the courage they showed. I hope and pray that something like this will never happen here or anywhere again, but if it should, I pray that we all will have the same courage and call to duty as these people did."

Fire department chaplain Rev. Douglas Forrester made memorial remarks and led a concluding prayer.



Noting that more than 400 fire, rescue and police officers had died responding to the New York attack, Forrester began with Abraham Lincoln's words from the Gettysburg Address: "We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."

"I believe that the unfinished work of those emergency personnel, as well as the others who perished on this morning five years ago, is to serve as they did the communities in which we live and work," he said. "September 11, 2006, can be the day we decide to honor those men and women by deciding to join the PTA, become a volunteer in the hospital, coach a Little League team, join the church, join the Ruritan Club or Lions Club, work in the food pantry, volunteer here at the station. Live in a way where your self-giving life bears witness to the self-giving lives of all of those whose lives were lost doing what they did every day as they left their families and went to work and served *their* community.

"I was at a meeting of this Crozet Fire Company earlier in the summer

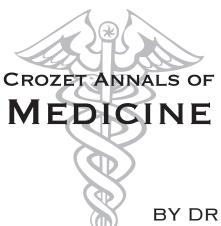
when the annual Fourth of July festivities were discussed. In the midst of discussion of questions raised about the feasibility of such a large undertaking, one of the firefighters simply said, "We have to do this because our community deserves it.'

"Everything that is done here is done out of love for this community, and perhaps that is the greatest memorial we can be to those who perished on that clear September morning: to refuse the temptation to be overcome by evil, and to serve our community by giving of ourselves to serve those around us, all of us believing that our community deserves it."

To sound the Last Alarm, the horn on one of the older trucks was preferred for its urgent and hurt tone, and it blared repeatedly as the crowd stood sadly. The prayer was intoned and the crowd, escaping the damp air, gravitated into the station where a folding table of donuts, cookies and fruit waited.



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BY DR. ROBERT C. REISER

This month's Annals celebrates an annual autumn ritual: the opening day of hunting season. It does not pass unnoticed in the Emergency Department, as every year some macabre individual posts the running scorecard. Last year, it was deer- 4, humans- 0 by the time I arrived for my noon shift. Four hunting-related injuries and more coming. It seems that a certain percentage of the hunting population feels it is prudent before climbing 20 feet up a tree carrying a high-powered rifle in the predawn darkness to steady their nerves with several slugs of Johnny Walker. The Darwinian selection pressure that hunting exerts on herd fitness works in both directions on opening day.

I recall one such injury vividly even though many years and many injuries have come and gone since then. A retired 72-year-old grandfather had just received a new turkey call in the mail and was anxious to take it down to the lodge to show the boys. In order to make a good showing he resolved to practice blowing on it while driving his F-150 to the lodge. This type of multi-tasking may have worked had he not also been simultaneously slugging on a bottle of Jim Beam. Truly "task saturated," he lost control of the vehicle and rolled it into a ditch and passed out. When the rescue squad arrived they found him seemingly uninjured but unable to speak. When aroused and asked what happened all he could manage was a puzzled expression and a weak but clear "gobble-gobble." The rescue personnel in this rural Pennsylvania community may have been under-schooled in the traditional academic disciplines, but their camo outfits and blaze orange hats marked them as wise in the ways of field and stream. They recognized immediately that their neighbor had swallowed a turkey call and they endeavored to retrieve it as soon as the laughter had subsided.

The call was easily retrieved with a simple finger sweep of his pharynx and his airway was restored. He was transported to the trauma center I was working at for evaluation of any other injuries. Ultimately he required transfer to a rehab hospital. His buddies kept his turkey call at the lodge awaiting his return for turkey season the next year. Alas, he did not return, but I suspect the call is still there and its story is still being told.



This month's question was posed to me by a loyal reader who wonders if the AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) she sees hanging now in many public places can be placed on an unconscious person who is a DNR (Do Not Resuscitate).

This is a good question and the answer is generally no. There many types of life-sustaining resuscitation and not all may be proscribed by a legally valid DNR declaration, but electrical defibrillation and CPR generally considered the most core type of resuscitation and is usually what are specifically proscribed.

Of course if any question exists, the decision must be made very rapidly and one should err on the side of life under those circumstances. Perversely enough, successful lawsuits have been brought for "wrongful life," but I can live with that. (Pun intended).

Now what about the increasingly common permanently implanted heart pacemakers that are also automatic defibrillators? Do they get turned off if a patient becomes a DNR? Does any cardiologist out there in Crozet have any experience with this?

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# Welcome to the Garden

By Cid Scallet

# Diggin' Spring Bulbs

In the late summer of our first year in Batesville, Liza and I bought a small mixture of spring-flowering bulbs for our yard. Planting them in our caked-and-baked red clay soil was not exactly easy, but the payoff the following spring was worth it. Among the first bulbs to emerge was a skyward-pointing beauty with a name that we couldn't quite pronounce—chionodoxa. Then came a tongue-twisting nodder called ipheion. Just as we were beginning to think that it might be best to remember the bulbs by their common names, the more verbally accessible hyacinths came up, followed by tulips. The bulbs bloomed and faded, and we more or less forgot that they existed. Then something really cool happened. The next year almost all of them came back.

We knew that we had come upon something very special: flowers that bloomed reliably from one year to the next with virtually no care. So we began exploring the world of bulbs, which is to say that we started filling our yard with them—like crazy. Twenty years later, the thousands of bulbs in our garden harmonize with our many azaleas to create a fairyland of colors, fragrances, and shapes that define springtime in Central Virginia for us. Is there any wonder why I tell people that I fall in love with our little house in the woods all over again every April and May?

We continue to plant a wide variety of bulbs, but daffodils rule our garden in the spring—and not just because their name is easy to pronounce. Resistant to deer and other noxious creatures, ridiculously diverse in bloom, tolerant of shade, and happy in just about any kind of soil, daffies defy worry and reward laziness, asking only that their foliage be left alone for a few weeks after blooming. We learned early on that it's a mistake to plant them in formal flower beds because their foliage tends to overwhelm emerging perennials, so most of our daffodils are isolated in drifts in front of azaleas, where they can die back in their inimitably slimy way without doing much damage to the rest of the garden. But we have also had some success interplanting them with two warriors of the garden: day lilies, whose lance-like foliage does an excellent job of camouflaging daffies as they die back, and the larger varieties of hosta, which sometimes need a bit of help in the form of a diligent gardener willing to bend down and push daffy foliage away from them.

If daffodils are the royalty of our garden, our tulips are like slightly dissolute and prone-to-scandal pretenders to the throne. We love them to death, but they don't seem to love us much in return. For several years we tried to duplicate an heirloom Dutch tulip garden by arranging several different varieties in a formal geometric pattern. Even in the first spring the tulips came up in rather desultory fashion, leaving unsightly gaps in the pattern, and by the third season the few tulips that re-emerged mocked our naïve attempt at gardening order. Squirrels find them with rather nauseating ease, voles get them from underneath, and they return only haphazardly in anything other than full sun. They play a fool's game with those of us who are irrationally exuberant in our appreciation of their myriad beauties. Yet fools we are. Liza and I still put in a couple of dozen of our favorites every fall, hoping that they emerge and bloom, even if it's for only one season. But masses? No mas.

We have had more success with "minor" bulbs (as the gardening experts

call them), including the larger crocuses, anemone blanda, scilla, and the astonishing iris reticulata. Since many of these lovelies are quite small and bloom early in the spring, we plant them near the house so that they can be viewed up close without much effort even when the weather makes it less than thrilling to walk the garden. There is one major exception to this "minor" guideline, allium (ornamental onion), which works best at the edges of woods so that its messy foliage and operatic die-back can be fully accommodated. No other bulbs in our garden provoke as much comment as our alliums, which resist deer with the same ferocity that they attract human attention. We have had some success with the towering Globemaster and Purple Sensation varieties, both of which produce dense flower heads on long stems. But for our money the pinnacle of provocative effect can be found in the perfectly named "summer starburst" and the phantasmagorical "bulgaricum," which reaches deeply into our inner Buck Rogers.

We've learned over the years that while you can find a decent selection of bulbs locally, the large national vendors can't be beat for variety, selection, and price. A great place to start is White Flower Farm, which sells high-quality daffies, tulips, and minor bulbs at premium prices but also offers reasonably priced collections like "The Works," an excellent mixture of classic daffies. If White Flower gives you sticker shock, consider Dutch Gardens, particularly its impressive selection of well-priced tulips. An excellent option with mid-range prices is John Scheepers, which we have found to be particularly good for alliums, crocuses, and hybrid tulips. If you have room for bulbs in large quantities, be sure to check out Van Engelen, a wholesaler with truly outrageous prices on collections of three hundred bulbs or more.

October is not too late to order bulbs, and as long as the ground is not frozen you can plant them just about anytime in the late fall or early winter. I once spent a delightful day in mid-December avoiding holiday shopping by planting about two thousand bulbs. They came up strongly in the spring, though they bloomed a couple of weeks later than they did in subsequent years.



You have two choices when it comes to digging holes for bulbs in our region's lovely "potter's soil": you can use a conventional bulb planter and break your back and the tool itself before you've dug a bag's worth of bulb holes, or you can purchase a bulb auger that works with a power drill. For what it's worth, I've had more success with short, stubby foot-long augers than with the longer, thinner three-foot variety. The best augers on the market are made by Power Planter and can be found online at Floriantools. com.

Plant your bulbs about 75% as deep as the instructions tell you so that as you add mulch over the years to the area where you've planted them, they will not be too deep to re-emerge. And if you find yourself using a tape measure to determine as precisely as possible what three-quarters of the

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# Statements from the Congressional Candidates



# Democrat Al Weed

Al Weed is running for Congress because America is on the wrong track, and it is time for a change.

Through hard work, he and his wife have achieved the American Dream. All put himself through Yale and Princeton on scholarships and the GI Bill and volunteered and fought in Vietnam as a Green Beret. All retired from the military after 42 years. Today he still works on his family farm that he founded in 1973. His daughter is a schoolteacher in Albemarle County, and his son is an Army surgeon in Iraq.

Al believes the American Dream is at risk. Rising healthcare costs, rising housing prices, high gas prices, lower wages, and fewer job opportunities are squeezing the middle class.

To protect the American Dream Al will work to increase the minimum wage and make all jobs viable. We should be embarrassed that we ask Americans to work for our economy, but do not allow them to reap their share of the benefits.

He will work to provide access to quality healthcare for all Americans. When you get sick, you should be able to see a doctor. It's that simple. Over a million Virginians are uninsured, and three-quarters of these work full-time or live with someone who does. We can do better than this.

He will work for an educational structure that includes an emphasis on technical skills—nursing, skilled crafts and construction—that cannot go overseas.

He will take his farming knowledge and experience to Washington and work to create new industry and protect our family farms through biofuels. He is a founder of Virginia's thriving wine industry and will work to do this again. The biofuels industry will create thousands of quality, high-paying jobs across our region and keep tens of millions of dollars in our local economy. Al will work for incentives to jumpstart this industry.

He will take his military knowledge and experience to Washington and work to change the course for a safer and more secure America. Our continued presence in Iraq is creating more terrorists than it is eliminating. There is no realistic outcome that justifies one more American life. Al Weed will work to bring our troops home.

Al believes that the American Dream is the greatest ideal in the history of man; and we cannot let it be destroyed. A vote for Al Weed is a vote for change. On November 7th we can reject the failed past and embrace the future. Vote for Al Weed for Congress.





# Republican Virgil Goode

Of the many issues confronting us, those I would like to discuss include energy, immigration, health care, and tax reform.

Energy costs: The United States must be free of foreign fossil fuel. Freedom from the Middle Eastern sheiks, Nigeria, and Venezuela is necessary for a continued bright future for our country. We cannot allow OPEC to control our energy supply. The United States must develop various alternative fuel sources. I am pleased to have sponsored legislation that has brought almost \$2 million to the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research in Southern Virginia for a project that includes deriving biofuel from switchgrass and hybrid poplars. The results of this program could significantly enhance agriculture and forest products throughout the 5th District. I also support efforts to make ethanol more available and more user friendly. The hydrogen fuel cell, biodiesel, and other alternative energy sources have potential in making us much less dependent on foreign fossil fuels. I support the utilization of nuclear power and expanded drilling for natural gas and oil in this country so that our energy needs are met by domestic sources. I continue to support tax credits for solar, wind energy, and other renewable energy sources.

**Immigration:** Illegal immigration must stop. Our borders must be secure. I have supported and cosponsored legislation to stop illegal aliens, terrorists, drug smugglers, and other criminals from coming across our Southern border. We need to utilize troops, fences, and other measures to stop the invasion from Mexico. Illegal immigration costs American taxpayers billions every year through increased health care costs, social service utilizations, emergency room fees, and prison expenses. For example, of the 189,000 federal prisoners, 50,000 are illegal aliens, costing the taxpayers millions of dollars for their incarceration.

I oppose granting amnesty for those persons who come into the United States illegally. Amnesty did not work in the 1980s or in the 1990s, and it will not solve the problem now.

**Medical costs:** A big factor in medical costs is the high cost of malpractice insurance for physicians and other health care providers. I support tort reform that will limit attorney fees and the amount of damages recoverable for noneconomic losses.

Tax Reductions and Fairness: I support the elimination of the Death Tax. Death should not mean the end of the family farm or the family business. Under current federal law, a 50 percent death tax often precludes families from having the homestead or their parent's business. I have voted to terminate the current IRS Code at a date determined in the future so it can be replaced with something simpler and fairer, such as the Fair Tax, the Flat Tax, the Transaction Tax, and others. Between the current IRS code and the Fair Tax, I would support the Fair Tax, which is basically a national sales tax, with certain modifications.

Thank you for educating yourself about the election. I would appreciate your vote on Tuesday, November  $7^{th}$ .

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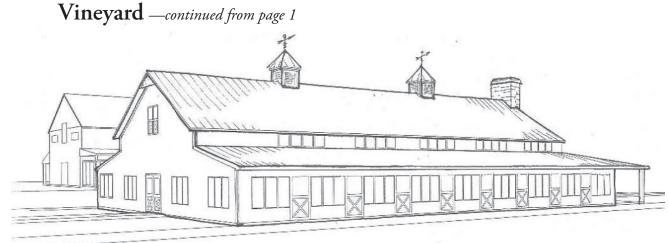


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Sketch of event pavilion

with a main center room roughly the size of a wedding tent for 100 people, King said.

This year the House of Delegates passed Bill 1435, which said counties cannot further restrict wineries until a study of the economic viability of the industry is completed by the state's secretary of agriculture, explained King, who chairs the legislative committee of the Virginia Wineries Association.

"It's a statewide issue as well," he said. "Albemarle has been one of the most restrictive in Virginia on what wineries can do. They like being able to do it on an ad hoc basis.

"So Albemarle seems reluctant to step in any direction," he said. Meanwhile, the Virginia Association of County Officials is opposing any state legislation that would limit local authority over wineries. "So my request is at the vanguard of those issues."

Meanwhile, his request has prompted the Virginia Department of Transportation to ask for a traffic study of the Jarmans Gap Road intersection with Lanetown Road and Half-Mile Branch Road. "I'm a target of opportunity," King explained. VDOT is asking the farm to cede turn lane easements on Jarmans Gap Road and Half-Mile Branch. VDOT's plans call for the intersection to be squared—up and get turn lanes, King said.

But the farm is held in a conservation easement by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, which doesn't want to give easements to VDOT ever, according to King.

Nonetheless, King has had to hire a traffic engineer to study trip generation impacts that might follow from being allowed to have more visitors.

"I'm hoping the County will take a position like mine, namely that growth is not supposed to impact Half-Mile Brach Road.

"I can see a situation which I have to put forward a proposal that won't get support from County zoning officials or VDOT. I'll just have to run it up the flagpole."

The stakes for him are high. "We may have to shut the winery if I can't get more traffic allowed."

King bought the farm in 1996, turning away from a career as a lawyer in Houston. He removed three old barns in the vicinity of the building he is now proposing. The family next put the farm into a conservation easement.

"We just wanted to do the conservation easement," King said. "We gave up 27 division rights. In retrospect it might be a disadvantage from a negotiating point of view. But we've never regretted it."

Settling on winemaking as the most likely way to make a living farming, the family started the winery

in 2000. It produced 3,000 cases last year and is expected to produce 4,000 this year. The average Virginia winery produces 6,500 cases, said King. Chateau Morrisette, in Floyd County, is the largest of the state's 107 wineries, with annual production of 80,000 cases. "That's tiny in the world market," King explained. "All the Virginia wineries put together only produce 4 percent of the wine consumed in the state.

"Before the court ruling, all local wineries were expanding," King said. "At my size, I can't make money through wholesalers." A wholesaler wants 30 percent of the sale price and the retailer wants somewhere from 10-30 percent, according to King.

"My opinion is that going to a wholesaler means you have to get really big really fast. Once you get that big, you're in the branding business, mass selling to the public." That prospect holds no interest for him.

"It's been our choice to put a little into wholesale, about 10 percent. My largest market by far is people coming to the farm winery. Eighty percent of our business is tourists."

"There is no legislative solution to the court ruling." King said. Alcohol wholesalers are the second largest lobbying group after defense contractors, he said. "The Fourth Circuit's decision confirmed the wholesaler's position.

"Washington State went the other way and allowed all others, all out-of-state wineries, to market directly in Washington." But it's the only state to take that approach.

"It's the law of unintended consequences," King said. Virginia winegrowers had sued for the right to ship directly to out-of-state customers and when the U.S. Supreme Court eventually agreed, the logical implication was that the Commonwealth cannot have it both ways: our direct access to them but not their direct access to us. Thus Virginia's conferring direct access to the Virginia market to Virginia producers was unconstitutional.

A new state law allows wineries to form distribution cooperatives through leasing arrangements, but Albemarle County zoning rules say that space leased to the distributor is not a by-right use in a rural area. So the law results in no relief here.

While waiting for the state agriculture department's report on the economics of the wine industry, grower associations and legislative groups are trying to come up with a model that will make the industry work. Meanwhile County leaders, and Crozet wine drinkers, will have to decide if they can help our local small wineries survive.

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# Bread Fund Workers "Care a Whole Awful Lot"

By Kathy Johnson

Dr. Seuss wrote, "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." Recognizing and fulfilling a need for food distribution benefiting area families and individuals is being done by just such "someones."

Lead by Elizabeth Scott, now in her early 90s, the Emmanuel/Holy Cross Bread Fund was established in 1984 by the Emmanuel Episcopal Church of Greenwood and the Holy Cross Episcopal Church of Batesville. Scott and other individuals identified the need for a food distribution service for individuals and families living in the Albemarle/Nelson County area. They developed and implemented a plan to provide that service.

E. O. Woodson, current chairman of distribution, said, "At one time we served 180 families for a number of years." At its peak the Bread Fund benefited 220 families in 1993 and during 2001, some 5,791 people benefited from the Bread Fund. Saying things had improved in recent years, Woodson said, "We are down right much now."

August families included 90

households comprised of 137 individuals aged 19 to 64, 22 over the age of 65 and 74 young people (age 18 and under). While that may sound like a tremendous improvement, those families might not agree.

Members of the Bread Fund committee receive approximately 90 percent of their food from the Verona Food Bank and the balance comes from locally donated food and cash. A small portion is received from the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Each month two large trucks arrive at Holy Cross Episcopal Church carrying approximately 10,000 pounds of food for distribution. Food is stored and distribution Holy Cross, where Anthony Andres is Vicar.

"So many people are involved," said Woodson. On the first Saturday of each month food is distributed by volunteers to qualified families and then on the following Wednesday, many of those same volunteers are on hand to pack for the coming month's distribution. Nearly 30 individuals volunteer on a regular basis either in packing the food or in the food distribution.

The Reverend Charles F. Mullaly, Rector of Emmanuel Episcopal

Church in Greenwood, spoke highly of the volunteers that work on this project, saying, "they are humble, caring Christians who prefer to work behind the scenes. They are loving servants of God who are dedicated to the service of those in need."

Alice Barnett, who along with Woodson helps with the organization and distribution, started work with the Bread Fund in 1989. "I thoroughly enjoy it," she says. Asked about the need for this service, Barnett said, "They wouldn't come if they didn't need it."

Food boxes typically contain a variety of canned vegetables, pasta, macaroni, cereal, food staples and some sort of frozen meat. For more information about the Bread Fund, to volunteer or make a donation contact Woodson or Barnett through the Emmanuel Episcopal Church Office at 540-456-6334.

# Tabor Presbyterian to Show Global Warming Film

Tabor Presbyterian Church and GreenFaith will host a screening of *An Inconvenient Truth*, a film narrated by former Vice President Al Gore that calls for action against global warning, on Sunday, October 22, at 7 p.m. in the Church's fellowship hall. The public is invited. The screening and discussion will conclude at 9 p.m.

The screening is made possible by GreenFaith, a New Jersey-based interfaith environmental coalition. Those attending will receive information on how they can reduce their own emissions of greenhouse gases through energy conservation, the use of renewable energy, and advocacy.

For information about the screening, call Rev. Marie Hulme Adam at 823-5162.



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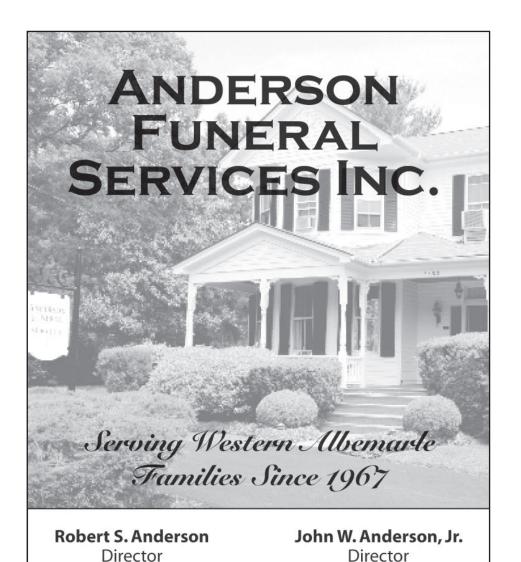
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firm's chief liaison with the County and Crozet citizens. "This is going to be one of the best libraries in Virginia. It will serve as a model," he said.

County officials had announced a contract Sept. 13 that secures an option-to-purchase the Amato property on Crozet Avenue in the center of town. Combined with its neighbor to the north, referred to as the Harris property, the purchase creates a two-acre parcel that could accommodate the new library and the west section of the Master Plan-proposed new main street. The other site under con-



Melanie Hennigan

sideration is old Crozet School, recently the home of the Crossroads Waldorf School. That option includes the likely destruction of the 1923 building, which was built in the same year as the train depot that houses the library today.

The pros and cons of both sites will be aired at a public meeting Oct. 25 at Western Albemarle High School at 7 p.m. "The process as envisioned is to get as much community input as possible," said Crozet J-MRL representative Tim Tolson, who next called on Bill Schrader and Tom Hurst, local residents who served on the selection committee.

"We immersed ourselves in library science and population figures," said Schrader. They also visited libraries built by Grimm and Parker in Maryland. "Keep in mind we are looking for the best library on the best site, one that anticipates growth. We're not married to any site," he said, adding, "We have our druthers."

Hennigan is a principal with 80-person firm, which she joined 17 years ago. She has managed the design of 20 libraries.

# Crozet Library Community Meeting



Wednesday, October 25

Western Albemarle High School

7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Please don't miss this important opportunity to learn more about the new Crozet Library and give your feedback about what is most important to you.

Meet staff from the project consultant, Grimm & Parker, and hear their analysis of several sites under consideration for the location of the new library. Then it will be your turn to help generate feedback that will be shared with the Board of Supervisors.

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www.albemarle.org/crozet

She narrated a PowerPoint presentation. Libraries are important because they build literacy and are a "leveler of the economic haves and have-nots," she said. "We design to welcome everybody and make it great for the staff. We deliver on budget. We like to be at the cutting edge, not the bleeding edge. We design for adaptability. We tie the building to the community's history.

"The site should be in the heart of the community, according to the American Library Association," Hennigan said. "The number one consideration is location, location, location."

She said the library will have teen areas, quiet areas, family restrooms, acoustically absorbent materials, wireless computing and possibly a coffee shop. Sightlines and ergonomics are carefully considered. The firm is very committed to green building concepts, Hennigan said, and currently has seven sustainable projects underway.

Her slide survey of libraries she's designed lingered over the Frostburg library, whose architecture picks up style elements from the town's coal mining history. The site eventually selected was a parking lot downtown, chosen for its centrality, and the library was built above a new public parking garage. It has a street level facade and was the cheapest site to develop.

The library should be considered a "catalyst for development," she said. "You're not going to build another one of these for 40 or 50 years. Where can it help other things as well as itself? It can be a beacon to the community."

Then she canvassed the crowd for library ideas and folks answered with the following:

- tie in the history of the railroad
- ditto the Crozet tunnels
- mountain backdrop is essential
- pretend you live here and go to our stores, get the human feeling of living here
- do not design for the fewest possible staff
- local history display area
- kid spaces that also invite kids outdoors
- · kids should not be able to disrupt others, but can still be kids
- have local art
- people here are really friendly and engaged with their community
- tie in orchards and wine
- have a fish tank
- have a community bulletin board
- train station has charm, the trains' rumble
- The Pictorial History of Crozet [She was given a copy.]
- an adult room away from children
- include a fireplace
- [the town is] on the verge of becoming a totally different town and we want to hold on to some of what we've got, not lose all our past, [retain elements of the depot's design]
- make postcard views of old Crozet into a mural inside
- not let it look like Monticello
- have a garden and benches
- have a green court
- have a variety of spaces and programs
- have a music room where people could listen to music and accept music donations
- incorporate mountain views, tie into nature
- have a community gathering place where you could show films
- get green around the building
- remember railroad architecture
- incorporate local authors
- have a children's "recess" area outside
- Crozet librarians are the nicest
- have a lot of books
- make it so you can walk to it
- run a toy electric train in the library
- have a café
- have adequate safe parking
- it's not all about parking
- put copiers and printers in a central place.

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# Flex Your Vocabulary, Crozet

Mary Mikalson didn't always care for crossword puzzles, but her mother, an English teacher and librarian, was devoted to word puzzles of every stripe. After her Mother died a couple of years ago, Mary dabbled in some of the books of crossword puzzles she left and now vocabulary gymnastics is a seri-

"Crosswords are fun," she said, admitting that she was surprised to find she enjoys them. "It's kind of amazing. I always have one going now." She has a clipboard handy with a crossword puzzle book pinned open to the current challenge. It's by her favorite chair. "I'll stop every so often and do a few words," she said.

Her favorites are the Herald-Tribune compilation books. "I don't like them so much in the newspaper [pay no attention, reader] because they're harder to carry around. I like the books, too, because I like looking back at the ones I've done. I don't do them in pen either, like the connoisseurs do. I erase too much."

And she admits to consulting the answer key when all else fails. "I love to see how things fit together, so I'll look at the answers if I need to."

Are the purported cognitive benefits real, does she think? "I definitely think crosswords help keep your mind agile—even the sense of memory because I can a remember a word that appeared in a previous puzzle. It does keep your mind sharp."

Doing a puzzle is one thing. Making one up is a new order of challenge. When the Crozet Gazette came along, Mary's husband John suggested that it needed a crossword puzzle and that she should give one a try. Her first puzzle appears in this issue.

"I don't know why he said that," she recalled. "It was out of the blue. I agreed because I want the Gazette to succeed and because it's a bit of a challenge. I was curious. I had no idea how it is done," she said. "Now I think I should get a crossword dictionary."

"I got a free blank off the Internet, a simple one, and sat down with a few longer words that I had in mind that I wanted to put in and after that it was trying out words and a lot of erasing. I've learned a few new words trying to find ones to fit.

"Because I do a lot of crosswords, I know words that appear often.

"My second puzzle has local references in it. It's a better puzzle than my first try. It has nine-letter words in it.

"I've found that smaller words are harder to do because you end up with less flexible situations. And they can be hard to write clues for, too. And those can be tricky as well. I'm not really into esoteric clues," Mikalson said. "Mine are the kind that you can look up in a dictionary."

Now might be a good time for you puzzle beginners to give one a try. It's a bona fide Crozet-made puzzle after all. And if you want more, tell Mary thanks when you see her next and maybe she'll give us another one.

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#### Clues

#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Path from GA to ME
- 2. Function
- 6. Clawfoot
- 9. Pilot who excels
- 10. Withered
- 12. God of love
- 14. "That's a \_
- 16. Gymnast's goal
- 17. Note on urgent memo
- 18. Edsel, for e.g.
- 20. List of corrections
- 22. Negative word
- 23. Ethiopian prince
- 24. Longed for
- 27. Ovum
- 28. Hit lightly
- 31. Night before a holiday
- \_ pole
- 33. Wrath
- 34 Popeye's "yes"
- 35. Small part
- 36. More judicious
- 38. Divide cards
- 39. Brand of soda
- 40. \_\_\_\_\_ rating
- 43. Turn aside
- 47. Square
- 48. Fermented molasses
- 51. Picture of your lungs
- 52. Certain
- 53. Pierce
- 55. Frost a cake
- 56. Slip up
- 57. A stage of history
- 58. Chem. sym.

#### **DOWN**

- 1. Measure of land
- 2. A matched \_
- 3. Amer.
- 4. Fix firmly
- 5. Soon
- 6. Rends
- 7. She-bear, Lat.
- 8. Gravy holder
- 9. Hole piercer
- 11. Internal strength
- 13. Resort
- 15. South. bread
- 19. Small head movement
- 21. Tease
- 24. Painful to a princess?
- 25. Birthplace of Meriwether Lewis
- 26. Born, Fr.
- 27. Dine
- 28. "Whether \_\_\_\_ nobler"
- 29. To be alive
- 30. By means of
- 32. Bishops' caps, var.
- 35. Coiled knot of hair
- 36. Compact heap
- 37. Wild goat with curved horns
- 38. Supply food
- 40. Thanksgiving dinner leftover
- 41. Essence

- 42. Circular journey
- 44. Stumble
- 45. Apiece
- 46. Annual cereal grass
- 49. Colorado Indian
- 50. Disfigure
- 54. Immortal soul, Egyptian

#### **Blog** —continued from page 3

"I firmly believe in the KISS principle [keep it simple, stupid]. I struggle with the idea of ads. I don't want to detract from the purity of the site. I want it to be a news and community resource. Everything in the world, for better or worse, comes down to politics. You have to be involved. There are a few whose names you see a lot [connected to Crozet affairs], but they are not enough. All my thoughts are on the blog. I put something out and answers come back. You have to stay vigilant.

'Development can't be just stopped. It's a question of how we're going to manage it. As a people, we look at things myopically. We need to plan for this regionally. One of my favorite blogs is bacon's rebellion.com. He's focused a lot on land use issues."

And following the style of baconsrebellion.com, he's trying to grow the Crozet blog to have multiple authors. "I'm always looking for authors. My

perfect world is that people will write to inform and provoke discussion."

He taught himself how to manage the site. He uses Wordpress, a free web log platform. "It has a community based on it that is out there to help," he said. "I've learned as I go. It's easy to do, but it's extraordinarily time-consuming to make it right, the way your imagination sees it."

He's plenty tech-savvy now, but he always carries a thick yellow doublecolumned steno notebook for notes. "It's easier for me to keep track of my life with this," he said, flipping it open as his cell phone rang.

The idea of Crozet blog also fits into his professional life, he acknowledged. "The more traffic on it, the more people will use it for real estate. The more I give to the community, the more the community will give back to me in business. Blogging is a way to build trust and credibility without doing a selling job. I'm hoping that as they come to trust me [through the blog], they'll do business with me."



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prescribed depth is, please stop doing it now. In the home garden, the right brain must rule, and the right brain becomes dispirited when faced with tape measures.

You can use a boutique fertilizer on your bulbs such as the overpriced Bulb Booster or the vastly overrated Bulbtone. Or you can take the money and buy more bulbs. If you feel that a bulb planting is just not quite complete without a dash or two of supplemental nutrients, sprinkle compost over the area you've dug and then mulch it. Add compost and mulch every year or two and your bulbs will stay fat and happy.

And by all means, learn how to pronounce the proper Latin names of your bulbs. It's part of becoming a gardener—and it might even impress your friends who are easily impressed by things like that. But as you are walking by your first-ever patch of blooming chionodoxa and ipheion, don't be surprised if knowing them as glory-of-the-snow and star-flower doesn't strike you in some profound way as even more proper.

You can reach Cid at cidbob@ntelos.

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Bio: Virgil H. Goode, Jr. is a native of Franklin County and lives in Rocky Mount. He is married to the former Lucy D. Dodson and has a daughter named Catherine. He received his Bachelors of Arts degree from the University of Richmond in 1969 and earned a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1973, where was selected for the Virginia Law Review. Goode served six years in the Virginia Army National Guard. In 1973, at age 27, Virgil was elected to the Virginia Senate for the 20th District. He served until 1996, when he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. Goode is on the House Appropriations Committee and the Subcommittee on Agriculture and the Subcommittee of Commerce, Justice, State, and Science.

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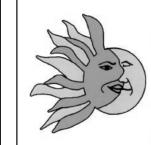
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# Apples











# Henley's Apples, Fruit for Our Crozet Cornucopia

Wayne Clark (right) handles all the on-farm sales for Henley's Orchard, a couple of miles north of Crozet on White Hall Road, and likes to slice off a sample to tempt buyers. Lewis Barnett came by recently to drop off some cardboard boxes and his hands were soon so full of different flavors he could hardly keep track of which variety of apple he was tasting. Clark is retired and works as a volunteer. In past years, he would buy 30 to 40 bushels of apples to donate to food banks in Northern Virginia, and Buckingham and Rockbridge Counties, but when they learned of it, the Henley's gave him the apples free. "The Henleys are old-fashioned good and honest people," Clark said. "I run their business just like it was mine. I take care of their money like it was mine. Henleys never question my deals."

The orchard includes Rome, Golden Delicious, Red Delicious, Ginger Gold, York, Empire, Old Fashioned Grimes Golden, Jonathan, Virginia Gold, Northern Spy, Fuji, Winesap, Granny Smith, Cameo, Black Twig, Summer Rambo, Mutsu, Lodi, Sweetnin', Smokehouse, Honey Crisp and Gala apples, plus two varieties developed on the farm, Henley Gold (editor's favorite) and Big Red. There is also a young grove of Albemarle Pippins, famously a favorite of Queen Victoria, but it has not matured for production yet. The Orchard has 50-year-old trees that are still heavy producers.

This has been a particularly good year for flavor, Tim Henley said. "All the varieties are especially sweet this year. The rain came at the right time for us. We let our apples get tree ripe. A lot of people pick the apple before it has sugar so it can be stored in artificial climates—cold storage. You can't have more than 12 percent sugar in the apple to do that. But we pick for the fresh market."

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