

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

AGENDA ITEM: INFORMATION { X } ACTION { } CLOSED MEETING { }

SUBJECT: GOOD NEWS IN BATH COUNTY SCHOOLS

A. BCHS Press Box Retaining Wall Project, Carl Williams Stadium “Learning By Doing?”

Project Description: Deconstructed and hauled away unstable railroad tie retaining wall. Excavated and prepared foundation. Installed new masonry retaining wall.

Contributors:

- F. Clayton Plecker & Sons – use of equipment (track hoe) and operator
- BCHS Athletic Booster Club – monetary donation
- Bath County Public Schools – monetary donation
- Bath Farm Supply – drain tile donation
- RSG Landscaping and Lawn Care (Concord, VA) – Miles Shifflett helped design and layout wall plan. Miles also created our bill of materials and provided construction estimates. Miles also facilitated collaboration with Blue Stone Block Mfg.. Miles is a graduate of Bath County High School and son of Ronnie and Lumina Shifflet.
- Blue Stone Block Mfg. (Roanoke, VA) – Block was purchased at a discount from this company and Keith Jennings, Vice President of Blue Stone Block came to work with the classes and instruct the students with this project. Mr. Jennings also informed them of the numerous career opportunities in “hardscaping”. Mr. Jennings also volunteered to donate paver stones to renovate walkway in front of retaining wall.
- Jerry Liptrap – hauled gravel at a discount.
- Ron Shifflett – arrangement and coordinator of business contributions and student involvement.

Classes who worked on this project:

- Mr. Joey Altizer’s Carpentry Classes
- Mr. Larry Grubbs’ Electricity Classes

B. VSBA School Board Academy Awards

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| - Award of Distinction | Roy Burns |
| | Sue Hirsh |
| - Award of Honor | Rhonda Grimm |
| | Bryan Secoy |
| - Award of Excellence | Catherine Lowry |
| - Award of Achievement | Eddie Ryder |



Weather
 Today: T-Storms
 Highs 89 Lows 68
 Friday: P.M. T-Storms
 Highs 84 Lows 69
 Saturday: P.M. T-Storms
 Highs 84 Lows 69
 Sunday: Mostly Cloudy
 Highs 87 Lows 69

Millboro Hosting Fifth Annual Bath County Fair

MILLBORO — The local partnership of Virginia Cooperative Extension, Millboro Elementary School, County of Bath and Millboro Ruritan Club are working together once again to host the fifth annual Bath County Fair.

The community event will take place Saturday, Sept. 15, at Millboro Elementary School from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Many activities are happening at the fair, including a cornhole tournament, 3-D archery contest, Touch a

Truck, a dog show, music, inflatables and carnival games for the kids, local food and craft vendors and free carriage rides to name a few.
 "Once again you can bring your best contest entries of baked and
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BCHS Project

Keith Jennings, vice president of Blue Stone Block in Roanoke, standing center, talks to Mertz Career and Technical Center students Tuesday morning at Bath County High School. The students are utilizing their carpentry and masonry skills to build

a new retaining wall at the Bath County High School football field. Work started last week with the project slated for completion prior to BCBS' home football game with Riverheads Friday night. (Larry O'Rourke Photo)

Mertz Students Laying Building Blocks Toward A Strong Future

BY LARRY O'ROURKE
 News Editor
 HOT SPRINGS — Building blocks to the future.

Mertz Career and Technical Center students at Bath County High School are utilizing their carpentry and masonry skills to build a new retaining wall at Carl F. Williams Field. Students and faculty hope the new wall will be completed before Friday's home football game with Riverheads.

The wall is located behind the bleachers and in front of the pressbox. The new wall is made of locking blocks and replaces an old wall that was constructed with railroad ties.

Students in Joey Altizer's carpentry classes and Larry Grubbs' electricity classes at Mertz are working on the project. They started their work last week.

Also assisting on the project is Ron Shifflett, a Bath school system employee and member of the Bath County Board of Supervisors.

Shifflett enlisted the assistance of his son, Miles, a graduate of Bath County High School who now works for RSG Landscaping and Lawn Care of Concord. Miles helped design and lay out the plan for wall.

Also on-site Tuesday providing his expertise was Keith Jennings, vice president of Blue Stone Block in Roanoke. Jennings visited Bath County High School to work with the classes and instruct students with the project. The Allan Block used on the wall was provided at a discount from his company.

Jennings said there is a need for workers in today's economy who are trained in vocations such as laying

block. Jennings said he has seen instances where skilled laborers often enter the job market making more than college graduates.

"There is a shortage of labor in it," he said. "This is great."

Each Mertz student will receive a certificate from Allan Block upon completion of the project. Jennings said it was quite rewarding to introduce students to the segmental retaining wall industry.

"It's hard work, but they can make some good money in it," he said. "The hard-scape industry is very strong."

Students participating in the project include Austin Dean, Tyler Dillow, Steven Platt, Dustin Pritt, Billy Baldwin, Asher Hepler, Judith Hiner, Taylor Altizer and Gabriel Gutshall.

Also, Shawn Hise, Damon

Madison, Jacob McComb, Tyler Riley, Joseph Stover, Matthew McCune, Tyler Bryant, Christopher Coates, Justin Gentry, Faith May, Caleb McAllister, Chayva Offer, Daren Propst, Steward Sharp, Trey Shaver and Tyler Thompson.

Also Zachary Hall, Ethan Schwallenberg, Chandler Keyser and Connor Call.

"I think the students should do more of this stuff," said Grubbs, an electricity and renewable energy teacher at Mertz. "They can look back at this in 10 years and say, 'I helped build this.'"

Altizer said no classroom setting can compare to hands-on learning experiences.

"It gives them something they can be proud of," said Altizer, a carpentry and cabinet making instructor at

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LaBonte Leaving Public Works Post In Clifton Forge

BY P.E. MARSHALL
 Staff Writer

CLIFTON FORGE — Clifton Forge is seeking a replacement for Public Works Director Earl LaBonte, who will be leaving the area after five years.

"He will be a hard person to follow because of his many years of experience and what he has been able to accomplish in the short time he has been here," said Town Manager Darlene Burcham at a Tuesday night council meeting.

Council also took time Tuesday to recognize Alleghany County Board of Supervisors representative Joan Vannorsdall.

She was thanked by council for her passion for Clifton Forge and her recent article about the town in the Blue Ridge Country magazine, titled: "Riding the Art Train." Copies can be found on the town's website and Facebook page.

During public comments, Vannorsdall asked for council's help in getting people to the readings of three nationally known writers at the Clifton Forge Public Library: Mary Bishop ("Don't You Ever"), Beth Macy ("Dopesick") and Pulitzer Prize winner Juliet Kelly.

"We have the opportunity, this summer and fall, to create a literary excellence for our town that can come close to what we have done in visual arts and theatre arts," said Vannorsdall.

Clifton Forge Town Council heard also heard comments from Leslie Cunningham of 937 McCormick Blvd. in response to council's public hearing and first reading on an ordinance to consider a request of Paul D. Hall, Jr. to vacate and purchase a portion of town-owned property at Tremont Street for the sum of \$2,000.

Cunningham said she has lived in her home for almost five years and says she has personally taken care of that town-owned property. She kept it mowed and kept the drain clean.

She explained that she had inquired about purchas-

ing the property about 3 1/2 years ago but was told that Tremont would go through Rose Street and the town would not be able to sell it to her because it was town property. She said she was also told the property would remain as is.

According to Cunningham, she again checked on the status of the property recently and found out that the property would be sold after going before council.

She said there was no record found of her prior visit or inquiry on the property. She reiterated her interest in purchasing the property, to extend her existing yard, and offered to double the offer of \$2,000 that is before council to \$4,000.

"We'll take this before a second reading and have a discussion at the next work session," said Mayor Carl Brinkley.

After asking for clarification from Burcham and Town Attorney David Davis, council moved to formulate a plan that will be consistent for the future.

"We will certainly consider your situation ... so we don't have one extremely mad citizen over another one," said Brinkley.

During manager's comments, Burcham expressed her pride with the way the community voted, in large numbers, for Clifton Forge to win as top adventure town.

She also reported that the Smith Creek Trail has been reopened and the bridge will be replaced in the future.

Burcham said new basketball goals are being installed at Mathew's and Memorial Park.

She again cautioned residents that grass clippings should go onto the yard and not in the streets.

"I would hope that the town would not have to necessarily adopt an ordinance to require people to make sure that their clippings go onto the yard rather than into the street," said Burcham.

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JWIS Students Strive For Positive Referrals

BY JEROME JOHNSON
 Local News Editor

During his tenure at Jeter-Watson Intermediate School, Principal Rob Bennett has implemented a program that ensures students will always put their best foot forward.

It is called the Positive Referral program.

"Being a former coach, I borrow stuff I learned from different people," Bennett

said. When he became principal, Bennett confided in a friend of his father, Ima Johns, a successful principal in Kentucky.

Bennett and Johns had a conversation at a horse track, and during that conversation, the Positive Referral program was born.

Johns told Bennett that she utilized a program called Positive Referral

Friday, in which students were recognized for doing something positive.

Bennett decided to utilize a similar concept at JWIS following that conversation.

Bennett, along with JWIS staff, faculty or office personnel, can determine whether or not a student has done something positive to receive a Positive Referral.

Bennett stated that a stu-

dent can receive a Positive Referral for doing well in their academics, behaving well or helping out a peer, among other criteria.

"It's been a big success. They [students] shoot for it," Bennett said.

Bennett also stated that the students greatly appreciate the prizes that come with the referral (chips, snacks, etc.)

The thing the kids enjoy

the most is their picture making the Virginian Review.

"It makes their day," Bennett said.

Bennett explained the distribution of the Positive Referral, which is a blue slip, as opposed to a pink slip which indicates one is in trouble.

"We have a blue referral turned into the office
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WE WILL BE CLOSED
 MON. SEPT 3rd

Happy **LABOR DAY**

Virginian Review
 There will **NOT** be a newspaper on Tues., Sept. 4th.
 There **WILL** be newspapers on Thurs., Sept. 6th and Sat., Sept. 8th



POSITIVE REFERRALS — Jeter-Watson Intermediate School students display their Positive Referral certificates given to them by teachers and staff for showing positive attitudes, doing their very best and being good role models to other students. Front row, from left: Cora Campbell, Gracie Cash, Trista Reynolds, Malachi Depriest. Back row: Michael Daugherty, Kendra Dressler, Landon Gordon, Makenna Bostic, Sheranna Wallace. (JWIS Photo)

★Positive Referrals

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between 1:30-1:45 p.m. on a Friday. We call the students down and there will be several people in the office and we will give them a big round of applause. Make a big do of it. It's a great way to end a Friday," Bennett said.

One student who earned a Positive Referral had one of the most moving moments in order to receive it.

Bennett stated that this student befriended and sat with a new student who was sitting by himself in the cafeteria.

When asked if this program would continue should Bennett ever leave JWIS, he said, "I don't know. I just hope this is something that can be a part of my legacy here."

Bennett then again gave credit to his friend, Ina Johns, by saying that she still gives him ideas.

"She is well respected in Kentucky. She also got to go to Washington, D.C., to be recognized with a few other principals during the Bill Clinton administration," Bennett said.

To this day, Bennett is

still a proponent of picking the brains of his peers and sharing ideas.

"You want to borrow what you can see and put it in your program," Bennett stated.

Going back to his background in athletics, Bennett sees himself as the general manager of JWIS, the teachers as the coaches and the students as the players.

An end goal Bennett has with this program is to have every student at JWIS receive at least one Positive Referral in their years there.

★Clifton Forge

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She further explained that grass clippings, along with other things, get into the storm drains and then into the river.

In other action, council: — Granted the Clifton Forge Shrine Club's request to hold the 48th annual Fall Foliage Festival Oct. 19-21 with the same arrangements as previous years and assistance with the trash pickup.

— Proceeded to a second reading to appropriate a \$2,000 safety grant from the Virginia Municipal League Insurance Program and \$9,700 from a former police department employee who terminated their employment agreement, for a total

amount of \$11,700, to the police department. The funds will be used to purchase new body cameras for officers;

— Appointed Councilman Robert Unstead as voting delegate to attend the annual Virginia Municipal League Conference and business meeting

— Appointed Jennifer Morris to the Roxbury Community Development Block Grant Housing Oversight Board, replacing Don Ford.

In other information, council announced that town offices would be closed on Monday, Sept. 3, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

It was also noted that the Virginia Department of Mo-

tor Vehicles' mobile customer service center will be at town hall Tuesday, Sept. 18.

Brinkley closed the meeting by commending Burcham on her many accomplishments since she has been town manager.

He was recently reminded by a former employee about all of the "junk equipment" that was in "that yard" when she first came here.

"It's amazing what we have been able to accomplish in the last several years," said Brinkley. "We should give her a debt of gratitude for the work she has put in ... we haven't gone broke yet. We are still up and running."

CPU Sponsoring Annual Labor Day Celebration

Annual Labor Day festivities, sponsored by CPU Local 675, will be held in Covington Monday.

Festivities will begin with a parade at noon in the downtown area.

Persons or organizations interested in participating in the parade should contact CPU Local 675 through Facebook or by sending by an e-mail to cpu675@ntelos.net.

There is no entry fee for the parade, and no pre-reg-

istration is required.

The parade line-up begins at 11 a.m. in WestRock's main parking lot.

Following the parade, activities will shift to the Jackson River Sport Complex.

Opening ceremonies at the sport complex will begin at 1:30 p.m., with activities for kids from 2 to 6 p.m. Kids activities will not begin until after the opening ceremonies conclude.

Activities for children will include inflatables, courtesy

of AAA Entertainment, and a petting zoo, courtesy of Little Critters Traveling Petting Zoo.

A Cornhole Tournament, sponsored by Altova Mortgage, will be held at 6 p.m. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Musical entertainment will include: Redemption Alive, 2 p.m.; Divided Highway, 3:15 p.m.; The Reliefs, 4:30 p.m.; Chad Nickell and The Loose Change, performing at 6 p.m.

★Mertz

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Mertz. "It's a hands-on, real-world experience.

"Experience is the best teacher," he added. "You don't forget experience."

Ron Shifflett also recognized the commitment of students to the project.

"There are a lot of them who are very good workers," he said. "They are interested in doing things like this."

Bath County High School Principal Dr. Michael Perry also thanked other individuals and organizations for

their contributions to the project.

They include F. Clayton Plecker and Sons for the use of equipment and providing an operator, the BCHS Athletic Booster Club and Bath County Public Schools for monetary donations.

Bath Farm Supply for the donation of drain tile, and Jerry Liptrap for hauling gravel at a discount.

"I'd like to thank everyone who worked together to pull this project off, especially our local businesses, our

students and our teachers," Dr. Perry said. "Special thanks to Ronnie Shifflett for his work in arranging and coordinating the contributions of our businesses and the efforts of our students."

Thanks to these efforts, Mertz students are nearing completion of a new retaining wall.

Meanwhile, school officials are hoping these students retain this experience for years — and possibly a career — to come.

★Report

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T.C. Walker Road.

Aug. 17: Deputy McRoberts and Deputy Randozzo conducted a traffic stop on Sam Snead Highway near Niblick Knoll Lane.

Aug. 17: Deputy McRoberts and Deputy Randozzo conducted a traffic stop on Sam Snead Highway near Home Lane.

Aug. 17: Deputy McRoberts and Deputy Randozzo conducted a traffic stop in Millboro.

Aug. 17: Sgt. Smith and Deputy Randozzo responded to a report of a reckless driver on Sam Snead Highway near the intersection of Courthouse Hill Road.

Aug. 17: Sgt. Smith con-

ducted a traffic stop on Mountain Valley Road near the intersection of Indian Draft Road.

Aug. 17: Deputy Randozzo conducted a traffic stop on Sam Snead Highway near the intersection with Charger Lane.

Aug. 17: Deputy Randozzo and Sgt. Smith conducted a traffic stop on Sam Snead Highway near the intersection of Virginia Avenue.

Aug. 18: Major Bryan spoke with a citizen in reference to a property dispute.

Aug. 18: Deputy McRoberts spoke with a citizen in reference to harassing telephone calls.

Aug. 18: Major Bryan

spoke with a citizen in reference to a stolen video game system.

Aug. 18: Sgt. Smith conducted a traffic stop on Sam Snead Highway near the intersection of Cavendish Lane.

Aug. 18: Major Bryan checked on a vehicle accident involving a deer on Sam Snead Highway near Tall Oaks Lane.

Aug. 18: Deputy Travis Randozzo conducted a traffic stop on Sam Snead Highway near the intersection of North Forest Trail.

Aug. 18: Deputy Travis Randozzo conducted a traffic stop on Sam Snead Highway near the intersection of Virginia Avenue.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF A PETITION BY VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY, D/B/A DOMINION ENERGY VIRGINIA, FOR A PRUDENCY DETERMINATION WITH RESPECT TO THE WATER STRIDER SOLAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO § 56-385.1-4 F OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA CASE NO. PUR-2018-00135

On August 17, 2018, Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Virginia ("Company"), pursuant to § 56-554.1-4 of the Code of Virginia, filed a petition ("Petition") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a prudence determination with respect to the Company's proposed power purchase agreement ("PPA") with Water Strider Solar LLC, associated with an 80 megawatt ("MW") solar facility to be located in Halifax County, Virginia ("Project").

The Company states that the Project will be an 80 MW solar facility located in Halifax County, Virginia, developed by Cypress Creek Renewables, and interconnected to the Dominion Energy Virginia Transmission system. According to the Petition, the Company selected the Project through a competitive solicitation process. The Company states that it reviewed proposals for completeness and conformity to the request for proposals requirements, and a short list was developed. The Company further asserts that the Project offered the highest customer cost present value of all the short-listed PPA proposals when compared to market prices. The Company states that it executed a PPA on May 31, 2018, contingent upon receiving Commission approval. The Company states that it will recover the costs associated with the Project through base rates and the fuel factor, as applicable.

The Petition states that, if deemed prudent by the Commission, the anticipated commercial operations date for the Project is the fourth quarter of 2020 with a PPA term of 20 years.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing that, among other things, scheduled a public hearing to be held on October 1, 2018, at 11 a.m. in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, to receive the testimony of public witnesses. Any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness at this hearing should appear in the Commission's courtroom (or 15 minutes prior to the starting time of the hearing and identify himself or herself to the Commission's Bailiff. The public hearing shall reconvene on October 16, 2018, at 9:30 a.m., in the same location, to receive the testimony and evidence offered by the Company, respondents, and the Staff of the Commission ("Staff").

On or before September 27, 2018, the Company, Staff and any respondent in this proceeding may submit a brief on legal issues raised by the Petition. On October 4, 2018, at 9:30 a.m., in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Commission will receive comment on the legal issues raised by the Petition from the Company, Staff, and any respondent who filed a legal brief in this proceeding.

The Company's Petition and the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing are available for public inspection during regular business hours at each of the Company's business offices in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Copies also may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Hensley P. Payne, Jr., Esquire, Dominion Energy Services, Inc., Law Department, Riverside 2, 120 Tredegar Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219. If acceptable to the requesting party, the Company may provide the documents by electronic means.

Copies of the public version of all documents filed in this case also are available for interested persons to view in the Commission's Document Center, located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/scc>.

Any person or entity may participate as a respondent in this proceeding by filing a notice of participation on or before September 11, 2018. If not filed electronically, an original (15) copies of the notice of participation shall be submitted to Joel H. Pook, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. A copy of the notice of participation as a respondent also must be sent to counsel for the Company at the address set forth above. Pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, Participation as a respondent, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by Rule 5 VAC 5-20-30, Counsel, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2018-00135.

On or before September 25, 2018, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission and serve on the Staff, the Company, and all other respondents, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent seeks to establish its case, and each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. If filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of such testimony and exhibits shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Respondents also shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, including 5 VAC 5-20-140, Filing and service; and 5 VAC 5-20-240, Prepared testimony and exhibits. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2018-00135.

On or before October 8, 2018, any interested person may file written comments on the Petition with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Interested persons desiring to file comments electronically may do so on or before October 8, 2018, by following the instructions on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/scc>. Compact disks or any other form of electronic storage medium may not be filed with the comments. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2018-00135.

All documents filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, Copies and format, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

The Commission's Rules of Practice may be viewed at <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/scc>. A printed copy of the Commission's Rules of Practice and an official copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding may be obtained from the Clerk of the Commission at the address above.

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