



# 3 file for Carroll supervisors race

*Seats on county board are up for election in November*



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HILLSVILLE — Campaigns for 2019 municipal elections are well underway in Carroll County, as several incumbents will be facing opposition on the ballots in November.

So far, three candidates have filed to run for two seats on the Carroll County Board

of Supervisors — two for the Pine Creek district, the incumbent and a challenger; and the incumbent seeking another seat as the board's at-large member.

After a number of fiercely debated topics have revealed conflicting viewpoints among the supervisors and citizens, it has been difficult at times to reach resolutions for local issues. Both incumbents and challengers acknowledge the imperatives that

will secure a thriving economic infrastructure in Carroll County.

**Pine Creek District**

Pine Creek District Supervisor Bob Martin, a Republican and who describes himself as an advocate of Christian values in the Carroll community, will be facing

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## Refinancing will allow EMS to buy new ambulance

Galax-Grayson EMS wants to replace aging equipment

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Galax City Council will allow the regional EMS service to refinance its building so it will have enough money to buy new ambulances.

There were no speakers at a public hearing April 8 regarding a deed of trust on the Galax-Grayson EMS building on Oldtown Street in Galax.



GGEMS requested permission to refinance the building in order to free up capital for the lease or purchase ambulances.

The city is listed as owner of the property, but GGEMS has paid the city for the building and pays

its own operating and maintenance costs. The hearing was to consider granting a deed of trust to the Mount Rogers Planning District; the EMS service has the repayment of a loan in their budget and is responsible for payments to Mount Rogers.

Council approved the request.

In a directly related matter, council also passed a motion to allow preparation of paperwork so that the EMS service can lease or purchase new ambulances. The ambulance GGEMS is interested in is a model used one or two years for demonstration purposes only.

As City Manager Keith Barker informed council, most of the GGEMS ambulances have well over 100,000 miles of use now, and repair costs will be upwards of \$125,000 this year.

The EMS service plans to obtain two 4-wheel drive ambulances and one 2-wheel drive ambulance at a combined cost of \$129,088.

These vehicles should have less than 20,000 miles on them, and carry extensive service and maintenance warranties.

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Drivers had to steer clear as police and helpers handled a cattle call Wednesday

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Where's the beef?

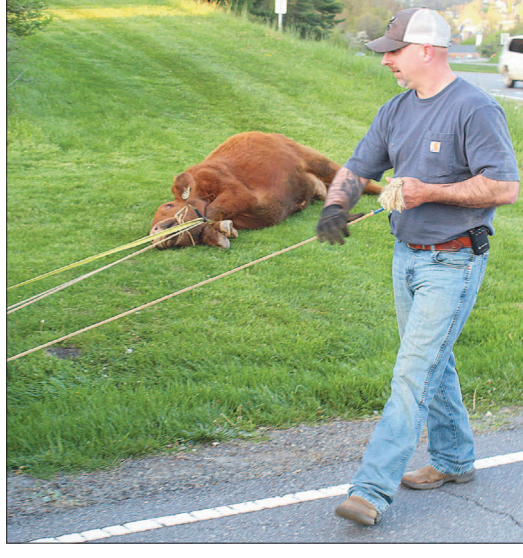
Three cows escaped from a Bottomley Evergreens & Farms livestock trailer near Fries Road on Tuesday evening before leading a chase that lasted about two hours, but it proved to be no tale of crying over spilled milk.

"They were just coming up the hill here and the door busted open," said Tim Bolen, a Bottomley employee. "That was all, just one, but then they opened the door to get that one back in, and the other two jumped out."

The cows were on their way to Ennice, N.C.

Shaun Wilkins of Alleghany

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GROUND BEEF: Finally taking one cow down.



HOOFIN' IT: Trying to tackle a cow in a field near Mountain View Park in Galax.



WHERE'S THE BEEF? Playing hide and seek with pursuers.

## State health officials warn of hepatitis outbreak

Those at high risk should get vaccine; hand washing can prevent spread of hepatitis A virus

Staff Report

The Virginia Department of Health is warning of an increase in hepatitis A virus (HAV) cases, and health officials say prevention measures include vaccination and hand washing.

Multiple states across the country are experiencing HAV outbreaks, the department said in a news release this week.

Since these outbreaks were first identified in 2016, more than 15,000 cases and 8,500 hospitalizations (57% of cases) have been reported in the United States. Virginia has reported a 132% increase in cases of HAV between Jan. 1 and April 19, compared to the same time period in 2018. There have been 45 cases reported in Virginia as of April.

HAV is an inflammation of the liver caused by the hepatitis A virus. The classic symptom of HAV is jaundice, which is a yellowing of the skin or the eyes. Other symptoms include fever, fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, joint pain, dark urine and clay-colored stools.

Symptoms develop 15-50 days after exposure to the virus. It is very important for people who have symptoms to stay home from work, especially if they work in food service, health care or child care, the VDH said.

"The increase in HAV cases in Virginia indicates that the commonwealth is now experiencing the effects

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