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Largest Railroad Festival yet!

Estimated 30K+ at weekend celebration

CHARLES CONRAD
Times Virginian

The 50th Annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival may well have been the most attended in its history. The packed streets, music venues and food court could attest to that estimation.

According to Susan Adams, president of the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival Board of Directors, the weekend crowd for Friday, Saturday and Sunday events topped the 30,000 mark.

"I have heard from the old-timers that this is the most largely attended fes-

tival since it's inception. It would be fair to say over 30,000 throughout the weekend," Adams said.

The annual festival began in 1972 in celebration of the gift of the Train Depot to Appomattox, according to Stacey Purcell, second vice chair of the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival Board of Directors. Purcell mentioned that she had a conversation earlier Saturday with former Appomattox Mayor Ronnie Spiggle, who told her that he accepted the deed to the Train Depot.

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Charles Conrad /Times Virginian
Above are some of the thousands of people who attended the festivities of the 50th Annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival. At immediate left, the Osborne Express miniature train drives down Lee Street on Saturday during the festival.



Susan Adams/Contributed
At far left are fireworks from Saturday night at Appomattox County High School.



Sun. Teddy Bear Parade brings joy

WILLIAM MASSELLI
Times Virginian

The 50th anniversary of the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival held a Teddy Bear Parade on Sunday that brought joy to many people of all ages.

"This year's was more unique because we incorporated the 50th anniversary theme," stated Exhibit and Display Coordinator and Teddy Bear Parade Coordinator Stacy Purcell.

Many people enjoyed the variety of floats, the setting and the opportunity of becoming involved in the community.

This year, the Appomattox Railroad Festival had 15 entries for the Teddy Bear Parade, which allowed the parade to have an array of floats.

"Every participant and

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Stacy Purcell/Contributed
Children show off their teddy bears in the Teddy Bear Parade on Sunday.

Sunday morning service held at Railroad Festival

COURTNEY MENDENHALL
Times Virginian

This past weekend, the town of Appomattox celebrated its 50th Anniversary Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival with plenty of activities and music for all residents, including a Sunday morning service new to this year's program.

New Beginnings Gospel Singers of Appomattox performed the service at Courtland Festival Park as a part of the weekend's festivities.

The gospel musicians have been together for 18 years and have performed for the Railroad Festival many times over the years. As the group entertained a small audience with their song, "I'll Be Alright," lo-

cal residents sang along and clapped their hands.

Band member Stanley Baker mentioned that the Railroad Festival events have become very popular over the last decade. He added that there is now a diverse community of people who participate in the annual tradition.

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Courtney Mendenhall /Times Virginian
New Beginnings Gospel Singers of Appomattox perform for the 50th Anniversary Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival's new service Sunday at Courtland Festival Park.

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FOOTBALL PICKS

OBITUARY

Mary Margaret Jarrell Marshall

Mary Margaret "Peggy" Jarrell Marshall, 91, of Appomattox, died Wednesday, October 5, 2022. She was the wife of the late Benjamin Hunter Marshall for 60 years.

Born in Oak Hill, West Virginia, on August 23, 1931, she was a daughter of the late Mary Ellen Jones Jarrell and Ralph Jarrell. She was a founding member of Grace Hills Baptist Church, a member of the choir, and Sunday School teacher.

Peggy was the Valedictorian of her graduating class at Hamlin High. She graduated Ward-Belmont College and attended West VA University. For many years, she worked alongside her husband at Marshall's Department Store in Appomattox. Peggy was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Woodmen of the World.

She is survived by four sons, Stephen H. Marshall

and wife, Mary of Appomattox, David J. Marshall and wife, Susan of Forest, Mark D. Marshall and wife, Janet Bowers of Richmond, and Timothy J. Marshall and wife, Krissy of Woodbridge; seven grandchildren, Mary Ann Simpson (Jady), Grant Marshall (Brittany), Caitlin Gerber (Ryan), Ross Marshall (Lauren), Tyler Marshall (Lauren), Logan Marshall (Heather) and Evan Marshall; 11 great-grandchildren, Hayden, Abigail, Ada, Benjamin, Leah, Elodie, Gentry, Jones, Wyatt, Miles and Reid; and sister, Ellen Gay Moser of Dunedin, FL.

She was preceded in death by a brother, James Ralph Jarrell.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, October 16, 2022, at Grace Hills Baptist Church officiated by Rev. Gary Dalton. Burial will follow in Reedy Spring Baptist Church Cemetery.



Mary Jarrell Marshall

The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to the service.

Those wishing to make memorials please consider Grace Hills Baptist Church, or because of Peggy's love for flowers the family suggests her friends take an arrangement of flowers to someone to brighten their day.

Robinson Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the family. An online condolence may be sent by visiting www.robinsfuneral.com.

Schools

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"Some Cornerstone teachers offer tutoring hours for students in need, and we see great success," added Shorter.

ACHS has recently created its own internal tutoring program for its students to benefit from. This program is offered every Tuesday and Thursday for an hour after school ends.

"I believe students working with our staff for extra support will make a huge impact for our students academically," added Cunningham.

ACHS understands that COVID has affected the study habits and emotions of many students, which is why the school is working harder than ever to help students overcome these difficulties. Hence, all parents and students have to do to receive tutoring is to sign up

for it weekly.

ACHS and CCA both believe that their students will be enjoying successful school years.

"Communication is key for a successful year at Cornerstone," Shorter said. "Our teachers are so wonderful about communicating with our families."

CCA is a school that wants to build God's kingdom through Christian education. Cornerstone uses the classical approach of education, has small class sizes, and works with families so their students can experience a fulfilling education. ACHS is improving its policies to further student engagement in the classrooms.

"I believe that students will have a very successful year due to the increased mutual engagement between students and teachers. ACHS has placed an emphasis on students keeping cell phones away during the

instructional day and that has led to improved focus and better participation in classrooms," Cunningham said.

ACHS wants its student athletes to stay focused on academics. The ACHS coaches, principals and teachers always teach students the importance of maximizing their time because time is a precious resource. Overall, ACHS believes that its student athletes will continue to succeed both in the classroom and in their respective sports.

If you are interested in learning more about Cornerstone Christian Academy, contact Shorter at s.shorter@cornerstoneapx.org.

If you are interested in learning more about ACHS, contact Cunningham at lcunningham@acpsweb.com.

Appomattox Christian Academy could not be reached for comment.

For information about placing an obituary, contact the Times Virginian at: accounts@timesvirginian.com.

Parade

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their bear showcase a different magical theme," stated Appomattox Railroad Festival Board of Directors President Susan M. Adams.

The variety of bears leads to many Appomattox County children forming fond childhood memories. Children developing these

memories are responsible for the Teddy Bear Parade constantly growing because this leads to participants from the same family entering the Teddy Bear Parade.

The ideal weather combined with the setting of Appomattox County led to many people having a great time.

"The weather was perfect, and the overall excitement of the crowd was exhilarat-

ing," added Purcell.

Streets throughout the town of Appomattox were crowded by many spectators during the Railroad Festival and the Teddy Bear Parade.

"Everyone at the festival could enjoy the parade," added Adams.

After the parade ended, many people enjoyed shopping, eating, making connections with others, viewing the educational displays and taking in the beautiful scenery of Appomattox County.

The Teddy Bear Parade brought the community together and enhanced community involvement.

"Everyone loves young, happy faces! The children are so cute walking, riding and driving their little vehicles with their teddy bears," Adams said.

Throughout the past 50 years, the Appomattox Railroad Festival and the Teddy Bear Parade have built up a great reputation in the community.

Many children who grew

up in Appomattox use the Appomattox Railroad Festival weekend to schedule visits with family, friends and former high school classmates, and become spectators and participants of the Teddy Bear Parade.

"Everyone was more than excited to participate, which makes me feel so proud that we brought back this beloved parade," Purcell said.

Next year, the parade

is expected to expand its themes so adults can also participate in the parade. The Appomattox Railroad Festival Board of Directors plan to increase adult involvement next year by adding categories for adults.

To learn more about the Appomattox Railroad Festival's Teddy Bear Parade or help out with next year's event, contact Purcell at Sberryse@yahoo.com.

Festival

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Purcell and Adams were quite happy with the turnout, just two years after the 2020 festival was canceled in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and government-mandated social distancing restrictions.

"The turnout this year has just been fantastic in every area, including exhibits and display area, the food court and the parade," Purcell said. "People want to get out, people want to see each other, and the weather — I think people are just ready to get back to normal."

"With the great vendors we've had, with the great lineup of music, and the beautiful weather, it all played in our favor this year," Adams added. "What a wonderful time to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the festival."

Adams remarked that the 50th anniversary is a milestone occasion and that the festival continues to grow in popularity and participation, including the many good quality and creative craft vendors.

"It's just special because it grows more and more, and we see a lot of class reunions taking place this weekend and people calling from out of town — they're calling from all over the state to come tonight to see Confederate Railroad," Adams said.

Country music band Confederate Railroad was the headliner on Saturday night at Courland Festival Park, preceded by opening act Rare Form, another country band.

While Appomattox is known for its love of country music, music coordinator Joe Litchford successfully arranged for a variety of musicians, including Uptown Funky Worx (classic rock and pop), Social Distance Band (R&B, GoGo and Motown), Out of Spite (rock, country, dance Top 40), New Beginning (Gospel) and more. Local singer-songwriter Shana Canada also performed along with her daughter Mason.

"I try to mix it up enough to where it's not too much of one thing," Litchford said.

Litchford, a former member of Rare Form, said that organizing the bands for this year's festival took around a month, and he credited his connections within the music industry as a big help in

the process.

"A lot of them are local contacts, and some of them I've just met around my travels through the area, like going to Nashville and meeting people, shows and events that I've worked, just contacts I've met. I just reach out to them and book them," he said.

The Oct. 5 edition of the Times Virginian reported that approximately 150 non-concession vendors and 25 concession vendors would be present during the festival weekend. Also featured were the Saturday morning parade, carnival rides, inflatables, car show, Teddy Bear Parade, fireworks and more.

The Appomattox County Historical Society presented "Simple Times" at the Courthouse Square, which featured museum tours, a beer garden, basket weaving, a straw bale maze, live goats and more.

Among the organizations that set up booths was Bikers Against Child Abuse, a nonprofit organization of motorcycle riders that assists abused children in a variety of roles, including but not limited to fundraising, visiting children at schools, emotional healing, accompanying children to court, and being a physical presence at the home if necessary.

Purcell said that preliminary planning for the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival begins shortly after the conclusion of each year's festival and requires the cooperation of many individuals to accomplish the final results.

"We plan all year 'round, and it takes a lot of volunteers to pull this together — and here we are; it's amazing," she said.

Adams expressed appreciation to all who attended the 50th anniversary of the festival and especially loves to see children enjoying the experience.

"We appreciate the support of the community," she said. "What we love to see is the smiles on the kids' faces and walking around with their balloons and just having a great time; that's what makes the festival."

For more information about the festival, including sponsors, vendors and exhibits, see the Oct. 5 edition of the Times Virginian. Back issues are available for purchase at the office, located at 589 Court Street, Appomattox.

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1. 2004 Chevrolet Colorado Pickup Truck - VIN # 1GCCS148948193608
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Bids shall be received at the Town of Appomattox Public Works Office located at 1799 Church Street, Appomattox until 2:00 pm, Thursday, October 20, 2022. Bids shall be placed in a sealed envelope with the words "Sealed Bids for Town of Appomattox Surplus Equipment" clearly written on the outside of the envelope. In addition, the person/company name that is submitting the bid and a contact telephone number shall be clearly written on the outside of the envelope. The bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud.

Anyone requiring additional information about the equipment or is interested in personally inspecting the equipment may contact the Department of Public Works at 434-352-8393. All bids shall be final, and the sale shall be consummated within five (5) business days from the date of the bid opening. The highest bidder will have 30 days to pick up items after being named.

Legals

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

In execution of a deed of trust dated October 12, 2005 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Appomattox County, Virginia, as Instrument # 200502506 from Myriam Magloire and Bernard Woolley, to Vivian R. Seay, substitute Trustee having been appointed, as Karen Seay Moore, and default having been made in the payment of the debt secured, and at the request of the beneficiary under the said deed of trust the undersigned Sole Acting Trustee, has declared all the debts and obligations secured by the deed of trust due and payable and will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder on the front steps of the Appomattox County Circuit Courthouse, Appomattox Virginia, on Friday, October 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

All that certain piece or parcel of real estate, with all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being in the Cloverhill District of Appomattox County, Virginia, located off State Route 24, and being Lots M, containing 5.68 acres, Lot N, containing 5.01 acres and Lot O, containing 6.99, as shown on a plat of record in Plat Book 8, at page 14 in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Appomattox County, Virginia.

For the full legal description thereof see the above referenced deed of trust dated October 12, 2005.

This conveyance is subject to all easements, restrictions, conditions, and reservations of record affecting the title to the property hereinabove described.

The beneficiary reserves the right to bid at said sale.

TERMS OF SALE: Cash.

A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) will be required on the date of sale with settlement in full to be made within thirty (30) days from the date of said sale.

Karen Seay Moore
Sole Acting Trustee

This notice is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

For more information contact:

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Sole Acting Trustee
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Cement truck overturns in Spout Spring on Wed.

JEFFREY WESTBROOK
Womack Publishing News Service

A cement truck toppled over last Wednesday morning in the Spout Spring area of Appomattox County.

According to the Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department and the Virginia State Police, both of which responded to the call just after 7 a.m., the truck overturned on Reedy Spring Road. This road intersects Route 460 about 3.5 miles east of the Campbell-Appomattox county line.

The Appomattox VFD's hazmat truck reported to the scene, and tow trucks came to upright the vehicle.

There were no immediate reports as to the cause of the accident, extent of the damage, whether there were any injuries, or if there was any spillage of cement.

The Virginia State Police is investigating the rollover.



Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department/Contributed Crews work to right an overturned cement truck last Wednesday on Reedy Springs Road.

Vehicle fire threatens restaurant



Holly Sanders/Contributed
Just after 7 p.m. Thursday, the Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched for a vehicle fire on Main Street in the area of Granny Bee's LLC Restaurant. Deputies on scene began evacuating the restaurant due to smoke and fire conditions near the structure. Engine 1's crew began fire attack while Ladder 7's crew performed ventilation and air monitoring in the restaurant. Engine 3's crew assisted with controlling product leakage. There were no injuries or other property damaged.

Service

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"There's a different variety of people. We enjoy being here," he said.

Pastor Norman Ramsey from Memorial United Methodist Church led the crowd in a heartfelt prayer in which he prayed for God to humble all in attendance and encouraged them to glorify God's name.

Following the prayer and another selection from New Beginnings, local deputy Andre Austin delivered an engaging message that "hit home" for the Appomattox community.

"Mental health and illegal drugs have become a huge issue in this town," he said. "We have to em-

brace the reality we live in; this town is not the same as it used to be."

Austin encouraged town citizens to step up and use their voices to combat the ongoing issues.

"God is calling us to come together on more than one occasion. It's not time to point fingers; we're all in this together," he said, as the crowd gave him a standing ovation.

After the service, the festival continued with its fair rides as well as food vendors, live music, car show and Teddy Bear Parade. There was a large turnout for the entire weekend.

"This year, we had tremendous support," said Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival Board of Directors President Susan Adams.

Board

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Those salary increases are included in the state's Compensation Board's overview of the 2023 fiscal budget year's priorities and policies, as Hix stated.

"The legislature has seen there is a problem with the salaries for staffing in our office and has granted this money to help alleviate compression and to keep salaries in line with the district courts," Hix said.

The new entry-level staff salary at the Appomattox County Circuit Court Clerk's Office is now \$35,053.

Hix emphasized that the funding will not come at the expense of the county.

"Please keep in mind this is at no cost to the county," Hix said. "This funding will be reimbursed back to the county from the state. I'm not here asking for any additional funding from the county, but I do ask that any supplements that have previously been funded and appropriated in my budget remain in place."

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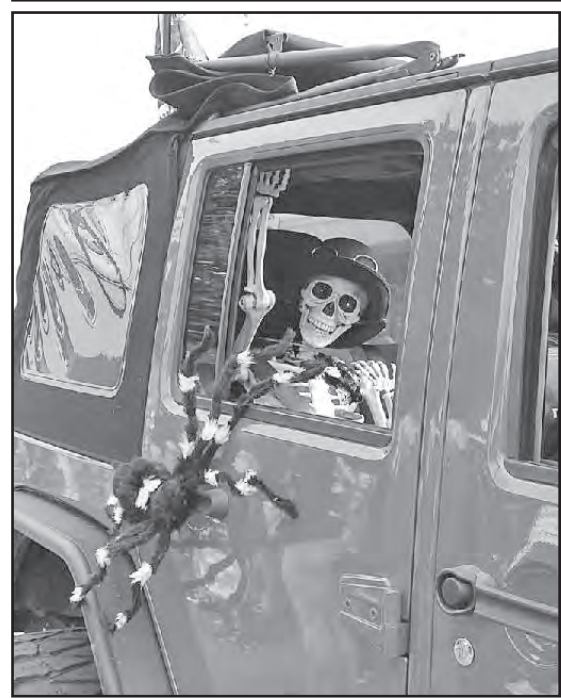
Pictured top to bottom: A tractor pulls a miniature train with passengers through the streets of Appomattox on Saturday during the 50th Annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival; a young girl finds the exit of the hay bale maze, which was set up as part of the "Simple Times" section at Courthouse Square; a covered wagon with a sign titled "The Proud Hound Commissary, John Saporito, Proprietor" is on display in the Appomattox Courthouse parking lot; John and Valerie Harrison, whose four-month-old daughter Harper Grace (pictured on the sign) passed away several years ago from a heart defect, collect funds for local child Gabe Prue, who sustained a recent brain injury; and local musician Ken Swanson sings a cover of Janis Joplin's classic hit song "Me and Bobby McGee" on Saturday in the yard of Nina Bell's Cottage on Court Street.

Pictured top to bottom: A member of Bikers Against Child Abuse gives a young girl a temporary tattoo Saturday at their booth in the Appomattox Courthouse parking lot; music lovers gather at Courthouse Festival Park on Saturday to listen to a mix of classic rock and pop songs performed by Uptown Funky Worx; a young boy does pull-ups at the U.S. Marine information location in the Appomattox Courthouse parking lot; pork rinds are being cooked and served by The Crispie Pig food vendor; and author James Stevens, alongside his wife and manager Natalia, promote his novel "Ferm Majestic and the Fall of a Dragon."

Scenes from the 50th Appomattox Railroad Festival



Lisa Coleman/Times Virginian
Clockwise from top left, at the 50th Annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival on Saturday, Oct. 8, are Appomattox County High School Marching Band members in the parade, firefighters, an old fire truck, a skeleton in a jeep from Jeepers Central Virginia Family, and an early morning crowd on Main Street.



Susan Adams/Contributed
Country music band Confederate Railroad plays Saturday, Oct. 8, at Courtland Festival Park as part of the 50th Annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival.

Man charged in shooting

The Lynchburg Police Department (LPD) has charged a man in connection with a shooting that occurred at Buffalo Wild Wings.

On Thursday, Oct. 13, at 8:21 p.m., Officers responded to Buffalo Wild Wings located at 3812 Wards Road for a report of shots fired. 911 callers reported that a male discharged a firearm in the parking lot of the restaurant. Callers provided a description of the male who was leaving the scene on foot.

While responding to the scene, LPD officers located the male suspect on Wards Road, where he was apprehended without incident.

A handgun was recovered from his person.

Eric Scott Moore, 28, of Lynchburg, was taken into custody and later charged with the following:

- Assault
- Concealed Weapon
- Concealed Weapon While Intoxicated
- Property Damage
- Reckless Handling of a Firearm
- Maliciously Shoot at an Occupied Vehicle
- Second Degree Attempted Murder
- Use of Firearm in Commission of Felony
- Discharge Firearm in City
- Intoxicated in Public

Moore was transported to the Lynchburg Adult Detention Center and held without bond.

No injuries have been reported as a result of this incident, which appears to be isolated.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Officer C. Harris at 434-455-6060 x 564 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 798-5900. Enter an anonymous tip online at <http://p3tips.com> or use the P3 app on a mobile device.

The Lynchburg Police Department thanked the Liberty University Police Department for their assistance.

Suspects Sought in Armed Robbery at Quik-E Food

The Lynchburg Police Department is searching for two suspects in connection with a recent armed robbery at the Quik-E Food Store.

On Sunday, Oct. 16, at 11:50 p.m., officers responded to 2220 Lakeside Drive, Quik-E Food Store, for a report of an armed robbery that just occurred. The caller stated the store was robbed by two subjects, one of which displayed a handgun. The sus-

pects fled the store on foot in the direction of Forest Brook Road, with an undisclosed amount of money and merchandise.

Upon investigation and review of surveillance from the store, the suspects are described as follows:

Suspect 1: Black male wearing gray New Balance tennis shoes, black pants, black zip up jacket, black mask, gray back pack, a black glove and a handgun.

Suspect 2: Black male wearing gray Adidas tennis shoes, light colored jeans, khaki jacket with hood, black mask and black gloves.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Detective C. Davis at 434-455-6166 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 798-5900. Enter an anonymous tip online at P3Tips.com or use the P3 app on a mobile device.

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More photos from Railroad Festival



Lisa Coleman/
Times Virginian
Shown at the 50th Annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival on Saturday, Oct. 8 are:
1. A skeleton in a jeep from Jeepers Central Virginia Family in the parade.
2. An antique car in the parade.
3. The Cooper family. The two young fellas sure did know their cars when the old timers rolled around.
4. One of the vehicles showcased in the parade.
5. Winter Gage and Emma Baker waiting patiently for the parade to come down Court Street to get some treats in their pumpkin bags.
6. Sharon Patton of Briery Creek Creations. She was one of many vendors that was at the festival. Her crafts are uniquely crafted, and customers could purchase things from hand crafted decorations to hand crafted jewelry.
7. Emma Blankenship, Beth Caruso, Cameron Lowery, EB Drinkard and Laura Caruso.

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