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Board of Supervisors Update

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EMPLOYEE ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Assistant Director of Fiscal Management, Ashley Anderson, on the completion of her Certified Public Accountant (CPA) licensure. The CPA licensure is the professional designation for accountancy and demonstrates Ms. Anderson's commitment to her profession and to ensuring that she is providing exceptional work for our community. The CPA licensure process requires a minimum of 150 college credits (essentially requiring the credit hours equal to a Masters degree) and completion of four exams (Business Environment and Concepts, Regulation, Financial Accounting and Reporting, and Auditing and Attestation). After earning her master's degree in accounting from Auburn University, Ms. Anderson passed all of her exams on the first attempt. Going forward, in order to maintain her licensure, she will be required to complete 120 continuing education credit hours every three years.

Congratulations to Director of Human Resources Dawn Fields for the successful completion of the prestigious designation of International Public Management Association for Human Resource Certified Professional (IPMA-CP). Individuals who earn the IPMA-CP designation have met a comprehensive set of professional standards set forth by the IPMA. These standards are designed to drive excellence in public sector human resources. By completing this certification, Ms. Fields has demonstrated to a panel of senior-level professionals her commitment to advancing the role and contributions of human resources professionals in public sector organizations. This certification requires the completion of a five month course on variety of Human Resource issues, such recruitment, selection, classification and compensations, benefits, labor relations, equal employment opportunities, and organizational development. After completing this course, Ms. Fields was required to pass a rigorous exam on the above topics. Recertification is required every three years.

Congratulations to Jeff Johnson, E-911 Manager, who was one of forty five 9-1-1 professionals that received their Emergency Number Professional Certification (ENP) through the National Emergency Number Association's winter testing period. Certification is a tool of a professional association to establish the benchmarks of performance that will signify a broad-based competence in the professional field. The NENA Executive Board first formed a Certification Committee in 1992 to explore the development of a certification program for individuals

involved in emergency number program management. After a thorough review of the certification process, the Executive Board approved the Committee's recommendation to go forward with the establishment of an Emergency Number Professional Certification Program. This recommendation included several goals:

- To establish the comprehensive body of knowledge for Emergency Number Professionals.
- To promote a standard of competence for Emergency Number Professionals that will be recognized and accepted by the 9-1-1 profession, government agencies, the business community, and the general public.
- To ensure an awareness of current issues and developments in the 9-1-1 profession.
- To provide formal recognition of individuals for the professional achievement.
- To encourage professional growth and enhance the self-esteem of Emergency Number Professionals.

To obtain the ENP Certification, candidates must meet a number of eligibility requirements including experience, education and professional development and service. Once a candidate has earned the ENP credential they maintain it by fulfilling re-certification points requirements every four years, or passing the exam again prior to the re-certification date.

“JUANITA” FILMING

Many of you may have seen a news story this week regarding the planned filming of a movie, “Juanita”, in Bedford County. Honestly, we were caught a little off guard by the news release. Three weeks ago, Tourism received a request for information from location scouts regarding possible venues, but had not heard from them since. The Virginia Film Office told us late this week that this process is moving a lot faster than it usually does, which is why we didn't hear much until the release. However, we are pleased that filming will be taking place over several days at the end of April. The primary location of filming will be in Sedalia, with some filming possibly occurring in the town. Now that it is confirmed, the Tourism Department is working aggressively with the film company in Los Angeles to identify and connect vendors for a variety needs from tent and portable toilet rental to helping to promote a potential casting call. The time frame is compressed, but Tourism is working diligently with the film company to help make this a successful venture for them and for our community.

PARKS & RECREATION

Father/Daughter Dance - Bedford County Parks and Recreation sponsored an inaugural Father/Daughter Dance on Saturday, March 18th at Bedford Elementary School. This was a two hour event that featured food, drinks, crafts, photo booth and live music from “The Ruckus”. Over 300 hundred people were in attendance and the Recreation Department received a lot of positive feedback from the event. Fathers and Daughters could be seen smiling and laughing throughout the event, no doubt creating lasting memories. With such an overwhelming amount of positive feedback the department plans to continue to offer this event in the future and expand to different areas of the county.



Junior First LEGO League Expo - Over twenty five teams competed at the Junior First LEGO League expo held at Randolph College on Sunday, March 26th. Two teams of four from Bedford Elementary School sponsored by Bedford County Parks and Recreation competed for the first time in the competition and both teams took home awards. The “Creative Cobras” won the award for Creative Constructors which recognizes a team's innovative LEGO model. The “Creative Creatures” won the award for Perfect Presenters which recognizes a well prepared and performed presentation.

This was the first year of this program offered by Bedford County Parks and Recreation and we hope to expand to other schools in future years.



2017 Spring Sports - The Spring sports season is upon us. Bedford County Parks and Recreation will have a total of 86 Baseball/Softball teams and 51 Soccer teams consisting of more than 1500 participants. A breakdown of the ages and teams are as follows:

Baseball	Softball	Soccer
T-Ball (5/6) - 25	Darlings (7/8) - 5	U6 - 16
Pre-Minor (7/8) - 17	Angels (9/10) - 8	U8 - 14
Minor (9/10) - 13	Ponytails (11/12) - 7	U10 - 11
Ozone (11/12) - 9	Belles (13/15) - 2	U12 - 8
		U15 - 2

TOURISM

The tourism department will work with WSLs 10 to produce an “In a Day’s Drive” mini-series featuring the Bedford Wine Trail. Each of the six wineries will have its own segment, and the series will air over the course of one week in June during the WSLs show “Daytime Blue Ridge”. After the segments air, the tourism department and wineries will be able to use the

videos as an online promotional tool (websites, social media, etc.) Last year the department did a video that featured the Peaks of Otter, Poplar Forest, National D-Day Memorial and Smith Mountain Lake, which is now available for viewing on the VisitBedford.com website and will also re-air this year. We believe this is a very affordable and effective way to promote Bedford area attractions.

Nicole attended the spring meeting of the Shenandoah Valley Travel Association in Waynesboro on March 16th. During this meeting, Helen Morton of Delaware North (management company for the Peaks of Otter Lodge) received the top award of the evening, the “Shenandoah Bowl”, which recognizes her “unparalleled commitment to the Shenandoah Valley tourism industry”. It was a great meeting where many connections were made with other attractions throughout the Shenandoah, from Winchester to Roanoke.

**VIRGINIA IS FOR
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On February 28th, it was announced that *Virginia is for Lake Lovers* is the newest Virginia tourism slogan, which will be heavily utilized by the Smith Mountain Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce. With Virginia’s mountains, beaches, lakes, history and outdoor recreation, Smith Mountain Lake wants to spread that Virginia love with this new slogan. Bedford tourism now can use both the *Virginia is for Mountain Lovers* and *Virginia is for Lake Lovers* logos in marketing material.

FIRE & RESCUE

On March 31st, 2017 Fire & Rescue Senior Staff attended the Bedford Science & Technology Center’s Emergency Medical Technician program graduation. Eight students completed the program and are now eligible to sit for the Virginia Office of EMS and National Registry of Emergency Medical



Technician examination. This accomplishment is possible after completing over 150 hours of classroom academic and practical work as well as field internship on a local EMS Medic unit. Several of these students are going on to the LPN program at BSTC. The newest First Responders were awarded certificates of completion and stethoscope to carry with them into future EMS practice from the Dept of Fire & Rescue as well as a Bedford County Pin on behalf of, and with the appreciation of, the Board of Supervisors.

E-911 COMMUNICATIONS

On Friday, March 10th, 2017 at 06:18, Communications Officer Vickie Marriott received a 9-1-1 call from the Boonsboro area of Bedford County from a gentleman who stated his 29 year old wife was giving birth. Using our EMD (Emergency Medical Dispatch) protocols Vickie was

able to assist in the delivery of a baby girl named Hope. Boonsboro Rescue squad along with Bedford County Fire and Rescue units were dispatched. Career units Medic 14-2 and 14-5 responded. Prior to the arrival of the medic units the baby had delivered and was breathing and crying. Mother and Baby were transported to Virginia Baptist Hospital and at last report were doing fine. EMD is a systematic program of handling medical calls for assistance. Trained Telecommunicators, using locally-approved EMD Guide cards, can quickly and properly determine the nature and priority of the call dispatch the appropriate response and then give the caller instructions to help treat the patient until the responding EMS unit arrives. Bedford County began the EMD program in February of 2006 and is accredited by the Virginia Office of EMS. Communications Officer Marriott has been a part of the Bedford County 9-1-1 team since February 2007. Great job Vickie!

VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE PLANNING SESSION

Volunteer Fire & Rescue leaders from across the Bedford County Fire & Rescue system participated in an interactive workshop to communicate about system-wide needs of the volunteer fire and rescue community. On 28 March 2017 members gathered at the Welcome Center to participate in an interactive process led by Dr. Reid Wodicka & Chief Jones to capture proposed topic areas and initiatives geared to assist and support the ongoing volunteer service. Each suggestion was captured on posters and volunteer leaders voted with colored dots in an effort to prioritize suggested projects. Soon, this information will be provided to individuals that did not attend this session to gather input and ideas. This info will then be a component of the BCoFR Goals Statement project to create a work plan with the Fire Commission and Rescue Squad Association.



PUBLIC WORKS

Falling Creek Center (Old Nursing Home) Design Completed and Invitation to Bid Issued - Design work for the Falling Creek Center (Old Nursing Home) is complete. On April 5th, an Invitation to Bid was issued. The Board will recall that this project repurposes our old Nursing Home facility for use by our Parks & Recreation and Cooperative Extension programs. In addition to office spaces and a new parking area, other highlights of the project includes: a Community Room, a Senior Lounge, a Recreation Room, a Meeting/Event Room, a Training Room, a Residential Training Kitchen, and a Commercial Kitchen. Bids are due on May 3, 2017. At that point, a meeting will be scheduled to review bids with the Public Works Committee with possible Board Action as early as the May 22nd Board meeting. Construction work is anticipated to last up to 16 months which has the building opening late 2018.

Former Registrar Office Area Renovations Begin

- On Friday, March 31st, demolition work began on the former Registrar office area in the County Administration Building. This work is taking place above the Commissioner of the Revenue's office. For the safety of our staff and citizens within the Commissioner's office, we have installed a dust/debris barrier in the main lobby area and temporarily relocated Julie Creasy's office. Special thanks go out to Julie Creasy and her staff for their cooperation, flexibility, and understanding as this project moves forward. The current plan is to have staff from the Department of Social Services: Adult Protective Services program relocated out of Burks-Scott and into this renovated space this summer.



Household Hazardous Waste / Electronics Waste Event - On Saturday, April 8th, from 7:30 to Noon, a collection event will be held at the Waste Management Facility (Route 43) for disposing of Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Waste.

Spring Yard Waste Collection - Spring Yard Waste collection at most gated centers begins Saturday, April 15th and will conclude on Monday, May 15th. This year will represent the first collection event for the Stewartsville community.



Solid Waste Hosts Shredding Event for County Departments - On March 30th, our Solid Waste Division held a shredding event for County Departments. This annual event allows Departments an efficient way to shred sensitive documents. This year's event resulted in the shredding of nearly 16,000 pounds of documents within a 4 hour window. Kudos to our County Maintenance staff for gathering all the boxes from the various building and helping to load the shredder. This annual event ensures that we properly dispose of sensitive documents while also cleaning out storage and file rooms across our buildings.

GovDeals Auction Site Maximizes Return on Disposal of Surplus Property

- The County has utilized GovDeals.com for the disposal of surplus property (cars, trucks, etc.) for numerous years. The Board will recall that two new pieces of heavy equipment were recently purchased for the Solid Waste Division. A trade-in value of \$17,000 to \$22,000 was offered by the bidding dealers for the County's old track loader. The County placed the Track Loader online and even after fees will receive payment of \$33,300. GovDeals continues to be a great resource for the disposal of surplus property.



2006 Caterpillar 963C Track Loader With Bucket

County Administration Office Suite Improvements Nears Completion - The relocation of offices, painting of walls, and new flooring installation within the County Administration office suite is nearing completion. Only minor ceiling tile replacement work remains. This represents the first improvement to this area since the building was constructed in 1991.

Big Otter Mill Planning for the Future and Hosting 2017 Art Exhibit & Gala - County staff is working with the Friends of the Big Otter Mill on a site master plan which, in the short term, includes the construction of a picnic shelter and eventually restrooms at the facility. The Board will recall that the Big Otter Mill is owned by the County with improvements made possible by generous donations to the Friends of the Big Otter Mill. The Big Otter Mill's spring fundraiser will this year be an Art Show and Gala at the Bower Center. The Art Show will be held May 2nd through May 5th, and each piece of art must be of subjects or location located in Bedford County. A Gala and Auction will be held beginning May 5th at 5:00. Tickets for the event are \$25.00 each and available at the Welcome Center.

New Storage Building for the Nursing Home - With renovations to the County's Old Nursing Home scheduled to begin this summer, work is now underway to build a new 32' x 32' storage building for the Nursing Home. This will give the Nursing Home badly needed storage space while also providing a location for items that were stored in the Old Nursing Home. We anticipate this building to be completed within the next 60 days.

Fire at Forest Convenience Center - On April 5th, just before 7:00 pm. a collection center attendant at our Forest Convenience Center reported a compactor fire. The Fire Department quickly responded and the site resumed operations the following morning. Thank you to our attendant, Gloria Arthur, and to the Forest Fire Department for the quick response. No damage to the center or compactor equipment occurred. Compactor fires are a rare occurrence within our system.

Bunker Hill Collection Center - To improve citizen safety and to improve equipment reliability, County staff has re-graded and installed a refurbished compactor at the County's

Bunker Hill Collection Center. This refurbished compactor replaces the compactor that has been in service since 2001 and has recently been prone to numerous breakdowns.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apr 9	Apr 10	Apr 11	Apr 12	Apr 13	Apr 14	Apr 15
	5:00pm Public Works Committee 7:00pm Board Meeting	10:00am Special Broadband Advisory Meeting				4:30pm to 7:30 pm Bedford Cruise-In
Apr 16	Apr 17	Apr 18	Apr 19	Apr 20	Apr 21	Apr 22
		7:00pm Planning Commission Meeting		10:00am Broadband Advisory Committee 4:00pm Local Gov't Council Business/MPO Meeting & Annual Dinner		12:00pm Sedalia Center "Blues & BBQ"