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The Optical Scan voting machines that voters will insert their ballot to cast their vote.

New Voting Machines To Be Used This November

By Heather Powers

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 7 and Russell County voters will notice new state required voting machines at their precinct this year.

On Sep. 8, 2017 all Direct Record Electronic Machines, or touch-screen, in the Commonwealth of Virginia were decertified. Russell County operated with these and therefore lost their certification. The Department of Elections called for this in an effort to increase the security and integrity of Virginia’s voting systems ahead of the Nov. election.

The Department of Elections had requested a security assessment by the Virginia Information Technology Agency of various paperless voting systems in use in Va. and determined that decertification was necessary to safeguard against unauthorized access to the machines. Additionally, the DREs in use in Virginia do not have a voter-verifiable paper audit trail, which is an important security feature provided by the paper systems.

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Local Farm To Preserve Log Barn From 1800’s

By Heather Powers

One of Lebanon’s oldest structures is in the process of being relocated on the Fair Acres Alpaca Farm.

Bo and Becky Bolinsky wanted to preserve an old tobacco log barn that was estimated to have been built in the 1830’s on the farm by Becky’s great great grandfather.

This barn had a chestnut wood tobacco barn structure built around it that dated back to the early 1900’s. They recently tore this down and are planning another project with boards. As for the log barn that set inside this structure, it is being moved out of the field and down near the alpaca barn area.

Once relocated the barn will serve as a storage area for the alpaca fiber. Those that tour the farm will be able to walk through the barn and see the beautiful old logs. All the logs were processed from the Fair Acres Farm.

Those that make it out to the farm located at 141 Stonebruise Road on Saturday, Oct. 7 for “Farm Fest” Day will notice the area where the foundation for relocation of the barn is being constructed.

Farm Fest Day begins at noon until 5 p.m. There will be gospel music at 1 p.m. and activities will include apple butter making in the kettle, spinning & dyeing Alpaca fiber, hay rides, arts and crafts, vendors and lunch available by Little Ed Learning Center from Green Valley Baptist Church.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a chair and their camera!



Log barn that is being relocated and preserved.



Space being constructed for the barn.



Alpacas staying cool in the shade of the barn.

Innovative Parking Lot Is Success Story For St. Paul And Model For Others

By Heather Powers

The town of St. Paul celebrated their latest success story during a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday evening at their newly constructed Pave Drain® System Parking Lot at 16625 Russell Street.

Mayor Kyle Fletcher welcomed stakeholders and members of the community that were excited to participate in the official ribbon cutting ceremony for this latest piece of infrastructure. He recognized the town for the monetary and skilled labor they provided for the project as well as the many other contributors. Fletcher was excited for the safe additional parking space this offered for the

growing town and for the positive environmental impact it created.

Bob Harrison of the IDA exclaimed, “Needless to say, no town in Southwest Virginia has a more beautiful or functional parking lot!” Harrison further explained how this all happened. The Community Design Assistance Center at Virginia Tech received a grant from the U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant program to assist communities in SWVA and develop conceptual designs for redevelopment of potentially contaminated sites.

From this, they received a beautiful design and recommendations

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Geoffrey Hensley of Dominion Energy takes the lead cutting the ribbon for the new Pave Drain System parking lot in St. Paul.

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