

HAPPENINGS OF THE DRILL SENIOR CITIZENS

By: Janie Thomas

The latest meeting of the Drill Senior Citizens was held on June 22. I had to work and did not get to attend this meeting. Sure miss my Senior Citizen family when I don't get to attend. Thanks to Barbara Baldwin for taking notes for me. I appreciate your help.

Betty Sue Hess called the meeting to order. Seems like all our preachers were absent today so Thank You to Bill Newton for filling in. He opened devotions by taking prayer requests, then having prayer. He read from the Bible Matthew Chapter 5 Verses 5-7 & Matthew Chapter 5 Verse 12. We are all Sons and Daughters of the Heavenly Father. Be glad and happy when you think about your blessings. Let your light shine, focus on others. Do not judge others.

Betty Sue called the roll there were 28 members and 8 Visitors present today. After roll call and the Pledge to our flag Betsy Newton sang; "As I Have Loved You" & "Beauty Of The Earth".

The menu today was Pot Luck, Barbara didn't give me a list of what they had to eat today, but I am sure I missed a good meal. but I am sure it was good as always! Bill Newton asked the Blessing over the food.

Bingo Winners today were: Wyona Sheppard, Don Hess, Johnny Brown, Barbara Dye, James Dotson, Patsy Martin & looks like James Hess was the lucky winner today as he won two games.

I would like to take a minute and thank Betty Sue & Don Hess for all they do to make our Senior Citizens Meetings a Success. Betty Sue works tirelessly to keep the building clean and any time anyone needs to use the building or anything concerning the building she is there willing to do what she can. People don't realize all that they do. I appreciate you all very much and we are blessed to have you as part of our Senior Citizens family.

Our next meeting is July 13, beginning at 11 AM. Our menu is Pot Luck. Everyone is welcome, I promise we will feed you good and make you smile. We like Visitors and Love new Members. Remember to pray for one another and the leaders of our county, state, & country, when Prayers go up Blessings come down.

Russell County Diabetes Today Coalition Support Groups

Please join us for a diabetes support group session where you can exchange information, feelings and ideas. Groups offer open discussion, question and answer sessions, and other activities.

Check It Out! Monthly Meeting Schedule: Second Monday at 6 PM at the Community Center behind the Town Hall. For more information, please call 276-873-4700.

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Monday, July 2 at 11am
Lebanon Library Presents
Science Tellers
"Wild West: The Mystery of the Golden Piano"



Grab your spurs and journey with us to the Wild West, where a legendary bank-robbing outlaw is back in town, about to strike again!

Did You Know?

While July 4th is synonymous with American independence, one of the United States' founding fathers felt that July 2nd was a more appropriate date to celebrate the colonies' declaration of independence from Great Britain. John Adams, who would serve as the second President of the United States, felt July 2nd was the correct date to celebrate the colonies' independence and even protested July 4th by refusing invitations to appear at events on that day during his lifetime. Adams' contention dates back to June 7, 1776, when Richard Henry Lee, the Virginia delegate of the Continental Congress, first introduced a motion calling for the colonies to declare their independence. Voting on Lee's motion was postponed, though a five-man committee consisting of Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Robert R. Livingston, and Roger Sherman was appointed to draft a statement justifying independence from Great Britain. Lee's motion was approved on July 2nd, and Adams even wrote his wife, Abigail, that the day would be celebrated as the anniversary of the colonies' independence for many years to come. But that was not to be, as American independence is instead celebrated on July 4th, the day when the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence.

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EXTENSION NEWS

Your Russell County Unit of the Virginia Tech and Virginia State Extension Division - Scott Jessee, Donna Meade, Michaela Nash, and Bill Worrell presents this week's Extension News. Our office is located on 135 Highlands Drive, Lebanon, VA. Check out the Virginia Cooperative Extension Website at www.ext.vt.edu/

Extension Calendar of Events:

July 6	Virginia Cattlemen's Annual Field Day Whitstone Farm - Aldie, VA
July 9 -12	Trees to Products Inservice Program for Teachers Contact: Bill Worrell
July 14	Last day to wean for the August VQA Feeder Sale
July 18	VQA Feeder Calf Sale Tri-State Livestock Market - 7 pm
July 19-20	Focusing on Land Transfer to Generation Next Contact: Bill Worrell
July 23-27	Russell County 4-H Camp Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center - Abingdon, VA
July 23	VQA Steer Delivery Tri-State Market - Abingdon, VA
July 25	VQA Heifer Delivery Tri-State Market - Abingdon, VA

If you need information about any of the listed events, please call the Extension Office at (276) 889-8056 or check **Virginia Cooperative Extension - Russell County** on Facebook.

NEW 4-H Agent in Russell County

The Russell County Extension Office would like to welcome Keri Hardin, the new Russell County Associate 4-H Agent. Keri grew up on a small family farm in Wytheville, Virginia with her parents and younger brother. She graduated from George Wythe High School in Wytheville in 2012. Keri attended Virginia Tech and received her B.S. in Animal and Poultry Sciences in 2016.



Uncertain of her career path, Keri applied for an internship with Virginia Cooperative Extension in Wythe County. Her experiences working as an Extension Intern inspired her to continue her education so that one day she could use her training to help others. Keri returned to Virginia Tech for graduate school and graduated in May with a M.S. in Animal and Poultry Sciences.

Keri enjoys working with animals, being outdoors, and meeting new people. Keri is excited to be serving Russell County and looks forward to getting to know the community.

BILL WORRELL - FORESTRY

Focusing on Land Transfer to Generation "NEXT"

You value your forest and farmland for multiple reasons such as wildlife, privacy, recreation, timber, hunting or the scenic qualities. Are you prepared to pass the environmental and heirloom values rooted in your forest to the next generation? Without breaking it up?

While there is a price to planning an orderly transfer of land to the next generation, there is also a cost of not planning that may put your land's future in jeopardy. If you don't have a plan, your wishes for your land and legacy will be lost. By researching and planning ahead of time, you can ensure your wishes are met and minimize the financial costs and emotional challenges while securing your woodland legacy for generations to come.

Land may be your biggest asset. Make sure your actions support the family's values. This award winning and nationally recognized program will get you started on the right path. Please join us July 19 and 20 for a hands-on workshop with free legal guidance from professionals experienced in intergenerational land transfer and landowner testimonials of estate planning steps and strategies they have used.

Speakers include legal and financial experts experienced in estate planning as well as natural resource professionals who work with landowners to conserve land and plan the future. For more information please contact Bill Worrell at the Extension office. bworrell@vt.edu or 276.889.8056

MONDAYS 11 AM DEADLINE



This Beautifully Colored Moth picture was taken at the Lebanon Water Treatment Plant