

# Area Deaths & Funeral

## Willa Marie "Peanut" Thomas

Mrs. Willa Marie "Peanut" Thomas, age 67, of Lebanon, Virginia, went to be with the Lord and Savior on Friday (December 8, 2017) at her home. Born January 19, 1950 in Pike County, Kentucky, she was a daughter of the late Dentis Lee and Bluma Deloris Adams Thomas. Prior to moving to Russell County, she had lived her early life in Kentucky, where she attended Elkhorn City Elementary School and had lived in Buchanan County for twenty-seven years. She was a former staff member of the Buchanan County Public Library and had been employed by Russell County Head Start for twelve years. She attended and was a member of Green Valley Baptist Church in Lebanon, Virginia.



In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of fifty years, James Arthur Thomas; infant son, William Russell Thomas; one daughter, Ann Marie Thomas; sisters, Carmen Rose Totten and Sonja Lee Valentin; and one brother, Charles Sherman Thomas.

Survivors include two sons, Gary Wayne Thomas and wife, Freda Jane of Drill and Josh Thomas of Lebanon; one daughter, Christina Wallis and husband, Charles E. Wallis, Jr. of Meadowview; ten grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two brothers, Jerry Neil Thomas and wife, Lovana, and Darhl D. Thomas and wife, Marcia; three step-brothers, Harmon W. Thomas, Basil E. Thomas, and Jerry W. Thomas; one step-sister, Birchie M. Boyd; several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services were conducted at 7:00 PM Sunday in the Honaker Funeral Home Chapel, Honaker, Virginia with Rev. Chester Ball and Rev. Wayne Baldwin officiating. Graveside services were conducted at 11:00 AM Monday in the Owens-Thomas Cemetery on Russell Fork, Virginia. Those that attended the service were asked to assemble at the funeral home by 10:15 AM to go in procession.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Willa Thomas Memorial Fund, c/o Honaker Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1620, Honaker, Virginia 24260.

Grandsons and nephews served as pallbearers.

Honorary pallbearers were Jerry Neil Thomas and Darhl Dentis Thomas.

The family received friends at the Honaker Funeral Home from 5 PM - 7 PM Sunday.

Online condolences may be made at [www.honakerfuneralhome.net](http://www.honakerfuneralhome.net).

## Virginia Market News Service Weekly Ag Brief — Dec. 8, 2017

Virginia Market News Service reported the following weekly ag trends on December 8:

**IN VIRGINIA**, feeder cattle uneven, ranging 3.00 lower to 2.00 higher. Slaughter cows mostly 1.00 to 2.00 lower. Wheat .11 to .15 lower, new crop .03 to .09 lower. Corn uneven, ranging .14 lower to .10 higher, new crop .03 lower. Soybeans mostly .06 higher, new crop uneven, ranging 0.01 lower to .14 higher.

**State Graded Feeder Steers, Medium and Large 1:** 400-500 lbs 130.00-172.50, mostly 157.00-163.25, average 162.68; 500-600 lbs 112.50-181.00, mostly 140.00-154.50, average 151.56; 600-700 lbs 110.00-161.25, mostly 142.50-150.00, average 145.73; and 700-800 lbs 118.00-161.00, mostly 130.00-143.00, average 143.59.

**State Graded Feeder Heifers, Medium and Large 1:** 400-500 lbs 95.00-145.00, mostly 124.00-133.00, average 130.38; 500-600 lbs 80.00-134.00, mostly 124.50-134.00, average 126.36; 600-700 lbs 79.00-132.50, mostly 115.00-132.50, average 125.40; and 700-800 lbs 90.00-129.00, mostly 117.00-129.00, average 125.17.

**Slaughter Cows:** Boning, 800-1200 lbs, 31.00-58.00, average 46.44 and Breakers, 1200-1600 lbs, 40.00-57.00, average 50.08

**Wheat:** Middle Peninsula 4.27, new crop 4.19; Norfolk new crop 4.24-4.34; Roanoke 4.27; Wakefield new crop 3.83-4.31; and Eastern Shore 3.49, new crop 4.04

**Corn:** Norfolk 3.34, new crop 3.84; Hopewell-Petersburg 3.52-4.02; Middle Peninsula 3.22; Harrisonburg 3.70-4.19; and Wakefield 3.43-4.07.

**Soybeans:** Norfolk 9.57-9.71, new crop 10.00; Harrisonburg 8.90-9.05; Hopewell-Petersburg 9.27-9.57; Middle Peninsula 9.37; and Wakefield 9.37-9.62.

Livestock prices per hundredweight; grain prices per bushel.

Source: Virginia Market News Service [www.vdacs.virginia.gov/marketnews](http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/marketnews); [market.news@vdacs.virginia.gov](mailto:market.news@vdacs.virginia.gov) (800) 552-5521.

## RUSSELL COUNTY EXTENSION NEWS

Your Russell County Unit of the Virginia Tech and Virginia State Extension Division - Scott Jessee, Donna Meade, 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/](http://www.ext.vt.edu/)

### Extension Calendar of Events:

December 13	VQA Heifer Delivery Tri-State Market - Abingdon, VA
December 19	Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification - 6 pm Russell Co Gov't Center - Board Meeting Room Foyer
January 15	VQA Feeder Cattle Sale Virginia Cattlemen's Tel-O-Auction - 6 pm
January 22	VQA Steer Delivery Tri-State Market - Abingdon, VA
January 24	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.

### SCOTT JESSEE - AGRICULTURE

#### PRIVATE PESTICIDE

#### APPLICATORS RECERTIFICATION COURSES

If you have a pesticide applicators license that is about to expire, there will be two opportunities to receive recertification credits. Both sessions will be held in the Auditorium of the Russell County Vocational School

**Tuesday, December 12 - 1 pm-Russell Co Gov't Center**

**Tuesday, December 19 - 6 pm-Russell Co Gov't Center**

**\*\*Both meetings will be held in the foyer of the Board of Supervisor's Meeting Room.\*\***

To speed up the sign-in process, please be sure to bring your old certificate number. **DON'T FORGET: If you fail to get recertification credits and your license expires, you will have to re-take the applicator's exam.** If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 889-8056.

#### December VOA Feeder Calf Sale

The latest Virginia Quality Assured Calf Sale was held on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Tri-State Livestock Market in Abingdon, VA. 1,460 calves sold as 19 lots.

Over 80 buyers and producers were connected to the Tel-O-Auction Conference Line and another 191 were connected by Internet utilizing technology from DV Auction (<https://vca.dvauction.com>). While the majority of the calves were sold over the telephone, there was significant bidding interest from internet customers.

Listed below are the **average weights per load** and the sales prices (\$ / Cwt):

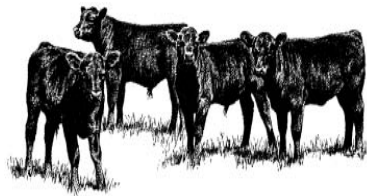
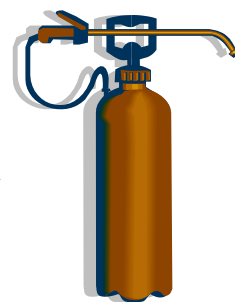
#### VOA STEERS:

490# - \$170.00.; 540# - 167.00; 580# - \$167.00; 620# - \$167.50; 650# - \$164.00; 680# - \$161.50; 710# - \$158.00, 745# - \$156.50; 780# - \$156.00; 825# - \$155.00

#### VOA HEIFERS:

470# - \$140.50; 515# - \$139.00; 555# - \$138.00; 595# - \$137.00; 630# - \$136.50; 665# - \$141.50; 700# - \$141.50; 760# - \$136.50

The next VQA Feeder Sale will be held on January 15<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to participate in this sale, please contact the Extension Office at 276-889-8056.



## SWCC Workforce Solutions Offers Online Veterinary Assistant Program Veterinary Assistant Online Course

Do you love animals? Have you ever thought about a career as a veterinary assistant?

Southwest Virginia Community College's Workforce Solutions is proud to announce a new Six-Week Veterinary Assistant online course. In a partnership with Ed2Go, these instructor-facilitated online courses can be completed entirely from your home or office anytime of the day or night. Courses are project-oriented and include 12 lessons.

For more information call 276.964.7244, or visit: <https://careertraining.ed2go.com/swccwes/training-programs/veterinary-assistant>, or email: [workforce@sw.edu](mailto:workforce@sw.edu) for registration details.

**Wishing Everyone A Safe And Happy Holiday Season**

## SWCC Workforce Solutions Will Offer Over A Hundred Online Courses And Online Career Training Programs Beginning Spring Of 2018.

*Cedar Bluff, Virginia - December 8, 2017* - Southwest Virginia Community College announces a program that will make it easy for you to take high-quality, affordable Online Courses and Online Career Training Programs. Through a partnership with ed2go|GES, you will be to develop new skills and knowledge in order to stand out in today's competitive job market.

This program will allow you to enhance your personal and professional skills and prepare you to launch a new career or advance in an existing one, no matter where you're located.

Comprehensive six-week online courses start monthly, and you can work anytime and anywhere that is convenient for you. Each high-quality course includes comprehensive lessons, quizzes, and a discussion area. Dedicated instructors facilitate every course; pacing learners, answering questions, giving feedback, and facilitating discussions.

The Online Career Training Programs are available to start in 2018. They range from three to six months, and many offer an extension period if necessary. Many programs include an industry certification exam, and internship and externship opportunities are available for select programs. The programs are entirely Web-based, but expert instructors provide office hours and quick answers to any student's questions.

SWCC's Workforce Solutions is pleased to offer this catalog of courses, which provides the most convenient, affordable, and accessible career training programs available anywhere.

To learn more, call SWCC Workforce Solutions at 276.964.7244 or visit them online at [sw.edu/workforce/](http://sw.edu/workforce/).

## SWCC Workforce Solution Offers Entry Level Cybersecurity Class

CompTIA IT Fundamentals Class January 9 - February 22. Tuesday and Thursday. 5:30- 9:30 pm.

Southwest Virginia Community College, Davis Hall

This class is a non-credit class designed to prepare a student for the CompTIA IT Fundamentals certification exam.

The CompTIA IT Fundamentals exam is designed to help you learn more about the world of information technology (IT). It's ideal if you're considering a career in IT or if you work in an allied field that requires a broad understanding of IT. CompTIA IT Fundamentals can also be a stepping stone to more advanced certifications such as CompTIA A+, and, with specialized experience, CompTIA Network+ and CompTIA Security+.

Student tuition assistance may be available for qualifying individuals. Registration closes on January 4. For more information contact Angela Miller at 276.964.7244, or email: [workforce@sw.edu](mailto:workforce@sw.edu) for registration details.

## Everyone Welcome! Candle Light Service Russell Memorial Cemetery Ketrion Memorial Gardens

Service In Mausoleum Chapel

**December 14 • 6 PM**

*Please Come And Join Us For This Special Time Of Remembrance*

*Refreshments Served after the Service*



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