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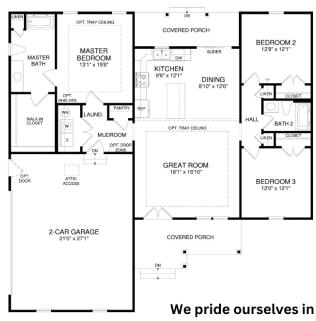
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LOUISA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

A BRIEF HISTORY OF LOUISA COUNTY

LOUISA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Long before colonists arrived in Central Virginia, Indigenous Americans called this place home. It is generally accepted that Indian tribes lived in this area for perhaps 12,000 to 14,000 years before the settlers' arrival.

In fact, long before the arrival of European explorers, virtually the entire North American Continent was home to thousands of native tribes living in thousands of villages and towns from coast to coast. There were also nomadic bands, but most lived in villages and towns. They planted crops, domesticated many different animals, and actively traded with other villages and tribes —with many of them traveling over well-worn trading routes extending over hundreds of miles.

The Monacan people were the predominant Indigenous group in Louisa and surrounding counties. The Monacan spoke a language that was distinct from that of the Powhatan Indians along the coastline encountered white settlers at Jamestown. The Monacan and other traveling

groups left artifacts behind. Stone tools, ceramic pottery, and other remnants of their material culture have been excavated all over the county.

Early colonial settlement of the area began early in the 1700s, when land grants given by the crown were doled out to various landed gentleman. While land was deeded early

in the 18th century, population was extremely low and many individuals owned land but did not reside here, most owning large estates further east in Spotsylvania, Hanover, and Henrico counties. By the 1730s though, colonists began moving more heavily including the children and grandchildren of Virginia early colonists. By 1742, enough gentle-

men lived in the area and were in need of a judicial system. The nearest courthouses were Albermarle and Hanover, nearly a days ride from central Louisa. As a result, in 1742, Louisa Courthouse was establish in what is now the Town of Louisa. This served as the primary local for deeds, court cases, and most colonial business well into the 1900s. The County of Louisa was formed from Hanover County and named

for Princess Louisa, daughter of English King George II and Queen Caroline.

Louisa was a plantation economy powered by enslaved labor. Colonists brought with them numerous enslaved men, women, and children who created a community amongst themselves.

Many of Louisa residents today are descendants of some of the earli-

est enslaved on large plantations. As a farming economy, Louisa suffered large price swings for tobacco, corn, and wheat following the Revolutionary War. Prices for these products dropped sharply following the war but rose again due to inflation. By 1794, Louisa

had changed from tobacco-based agriculture to wheat.

As land became more scare and larger plantations took up more acreage, second, third, fourth and so-on sons moved out of the county to establish properties of their own. Many of these, including Jack Jouett himself, moved westward into the newly-opened territories of what is now Kentucky, West Virginia, Tennes-

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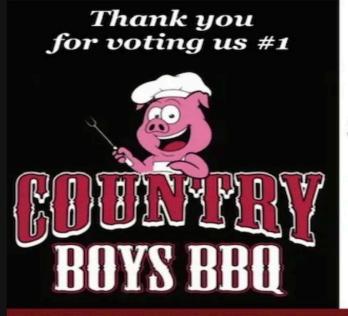




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LOUISA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Louisa County has the traditional board/ administrator form of county government. Policies governing the administration of the County are set by a seven-member Board of Supervisors.



The County Administrator is the chief executive officer for the County, and is responsible for management of staffing, operations and facilities in the implementation of Board directives. The position's roles include strategic planning and advising the Board of Supervisors.

Christian Goodwin was appointed Louisa's 10th County Administrator in 2014 by the Board of Supervisors.

CHRISTIAN GOODWIN Info@louisacounty.gov 540-967-3400

COUNTY ATTORNEY

The County Attorney's Office provides day-to-day advice and representation to Louisa County's Board of Supervisors, County Administrator, County Departments including the Department of Human Services, electoral board, and the various other authorities, boards, and commissions whose members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors. To that end, the County Attorney's Office provides all necessary legal services and support to client department and agencies, including defending and bringing actions in which the County, any of its agencies, boards, officials or employees will be a party. The County Attorney's Office is responsible for the review and approval of all legal transactions involving the County as well as drafting of legal documents and instrument, e.g., deeds and ordinances. The County Attorney's Office serves as the primary contact for requests for information made by Virginia citizens under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

> PATRICIA SMITH 540-967-4591 Legal@louisacounty.gov

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Community Development department is responsible for aiding applicants with building, land use, and development permits, code enforcement, main-



taining the County Geographic Information System (GIS), and providing information to the Planning Commission.

LINDA BUCKLER

Director and Zoning Administrator 540-967-3459 LBuckler@louisacounty.gov

BUILDING INSPECTIONS

The building inspections department issues building, plumbing, electrical and mechanical permits and handles other building-related matters

JOHN GRUBBS

Building Official

540-967-3415

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Louisa County Department of Economic Development helps businesses through every stage of expanding or locating, from initial research and site selection assistance to ongoing business mentorship and support.

ANDY WADE 540-967-4581 awade@louisa.org

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Unit is part of the Special Operations Division of the Louisa County Sheriff's Office and is directly responsible for the Louisa County Emergency Commu-



nications Center. The Emergency Communications Center provides the vital link

between citizens and visitors who are in need of assistance and the First Responders. This unit is comprised of a Director, a Deputy Director and 11 full-time and 5 part-time Communications Officers that work twelve-hour shifts in rotations.

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EXTENSION OFFICE

Virginia Cooperative Extension is the educational outreach arm of Virginia Tech and Virginia State University. The service provides information and advice through agents in



specialized fields including agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth development and Master Gardeners.

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FINANCE OFFICE

The Finance Department is required to establish and maintain effective control over the County's financial activities by providing accurate fiscal information to all County depart-



ments and outside regulatory agencies as required by law on a timely basis in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures. This department assists the Board of Supervisors and other County departments and functions with their business by providing the following services: accounting, accounts payable, accounts receivable, budgeting, financial reporting and procurement

WANDA COLVIN

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LOUISA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

GENERAL DISTRICT COURT

The general district court handles traffic violations, hears minor criminal cases known as misdemeanors and conducts preliminary hearings for more serious criminal cases called felonies.



General district courts have exclusive authority to hear civil cases with claims of \$4,500 or less and share authority with the circuit courts to hear cases with claims between \$4,500 and \$25,000. Examples of civil cases are landlord and tenant disputes, contract disputes and personal injury actions.

BRANDY ALEXANDER Clerk 540-967-5330

GENERAL REGISTRAR

The office is responsible for Louisa County voter registration and the upkeep of voting records

CRISTY WATKINS 540-967-3427 CWatkins@louisa.org

GENERAL SERVICES

General Services is one of the largest departments within the county administration with over 50 employees. The Department oversees building and facility maintenance, environmental services, capital construction projects, operation of the sanitary landfill, operations of the refuse and recycling collection centers, fleet management and the Louisa County Animal Shelter.

540-967-3462

HUMAN SERVICES

This department provides Louisa citizens benefits and services based on programs established by local, state and federal laws and policies including child protective and adult



services, foster care and adoption services, SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), Medicaid, energy assistance, child care assistance and fraud prevention.

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LOUISA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

The clerk of the court is a constitutional officer elected every eight years. The clerk handles administrative matters for the court and also has the authority to pro-



bate wills, grant administration of estates and appoint guardians. The clerk is the custodian of the court's records and the clerk's office is where deeds are recorded and marriage licenses issued.

PATTY MADISON Phone: (540) 967-5312

Term expires December 31, 2025

COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY

The common-wealth's attorney is the chief prosecutor in Louisa's court system, which consists of the circuit court, general district court and juvenile and domestic



relations court. The commonwealth's attorney is a constitutional officer elected every four years.

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COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE

The Commissioner of the Revenue is a state constitutional officer as set forth in the Constitution of Virginia and is the chief assessing officer of the local govern-



ment. It is an elected position for a 4-year term. The Commissioner is responsible for maintaining real estate ownership records and administering the Land Use Program and Tax Relief for the Elderly/ Disabled Program, assessing all personal property and the qualifying of vehicles

entitled to the Personal Property Tax Relief Act, and overseeing the filing process of the Virginia State income tax of Louisa County residents.

STACEY C. FLETCHER
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SHERIFF

The sheriff oversees all law enforcement activities. The post is a constitutional office, a position that is elected every four years. The sheriff's office is divided into five different di-



visions: Administration, Civil & Court Security, Criminal Investigations, Patrol and Special Operations

DONALD LOWE 540-967-4589 Icso@louisa.org

Term expires December 31, 2024

TREASURER

The Louisa County Treasurer is one of five Constitutional officers elected by county citizens. The Treasurer is responsible for receiving and accounting for all



County monies, as well as the distribution of funds for all of Louisa County's financial obligations.

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FIRE/EMS

The Louisa County Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services consists of a combination of career and volunteer providers serving the citizens and visitors of Louisa County. The volunteer fire and rescue departments have a long history of valuable service to Louisa County and

continue to provide equipment, facilities and personnel who are dedicated to the protection of life and property. The County provides career staffing operating out of several of the volunteer stations along



with available volunteer fire and EMS providers. This combination service is a cost-effective means to provide 24-hour a day coverage.

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LOUISA COUNTY LIBRARY

Louisa County Library is part of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library system. One of the system's nine branches is located in Louisa. With combined



holdings of 500,000 items, the library circulates over 1,600,000 items annually. Library users have access to online databases and downloadable books 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Books can be ordered from other branches as well.

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PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

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LOUISA COUNTY PLANNING

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Louisa County Planning Commission is comprised of seven members who are appointed by the Louisa County Board of Supervisors, as well as a representative from each of the county's two towns.

As mandated by state law, the planning commission is an advisory body to the board of supervisors. The commission works closely with the county's community development department staff.

The primary responsibility of the commission is to create and recommend a comprehensive plan for physical development of the county, develop and recommend a zoning code in accordance with the comprehensive plan, develop and certify regulations governing the division of land, review conditional use permits and maintain an official zoning map for the county.

The planners must also review the county's proposed Capital Improvements Plan budget proposal annually and forward recommendations to the supervisors.

The planning commission meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. for regular monthly meetings. Work sessions are generally held at 6 p.m., if needed, but start times may vary.

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Term expires December 31, 2027

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ED JARVIS

Town of Mineral Representative EJarvis@louisa.org

JOHN PURCELL IV

Town of Louisa Representative JPurcell@louisa.org

UTILITIES—WATER

LOUISA COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

The Water Authority was incorporated in 1968, under the provisions of the Virginia Water and Sewer Authorities Act, as amended (Code of Virginia, 1950, Section 15.1-1239 to Section



15.1-1270, inclusive). The purpose of this authority, as specified in its Articles of Incorporation, are to provide water, sewage disposal and/or garbage and refuse collection and disposal services to the citizens of Louisa County.

PAM BAUGHMAN

General Manager **540-967-1122**

https://www.louisacountywaterauthority.org

JAMES RIVER WATER AUTHORITY

The counties of Fluvanna and Louisa entered into an agreement in 2003 to enhance the ability of the two Counties to develop the Zion Crossroads area by bringing a sufficient and reliable water supply from the James River to that area, shared geographically by the two Counties.

TRASH & RECYCLING

LANDFILL

Louisa County provides trash disposal, recycling services and additional waste programs free to all county residents through the operation of nine convenience centers, the county-operated sanitary landfill and additional scheduled programs for special wastes.

The landfill on Moorefield Road is open M-SA, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. For more information, call (540) 894-0401.

RECYCLING COLLECTION SITES

The county's recycling centers currently accept glass; aluminum and tin; certain numbered plastic; cardboard; mixed paper including newspaper, computer paper and magazines; used motor oil, transmission fluid and hydraulic oil. The landfill accepts more types of waste. Recycling centers are open, M-SA, 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., SU, 10 a.m. until 6

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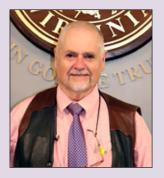
DUANE ADAMS
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Term expires Dec. 31, 2025

Louisa County is governed by a seven-member board of supervisors elected by citizens to serve four-year terms representing each of the county's voting districts. The board of supervisors regularly meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room in the Louisa County Administration Building. The public is invited to speak during the public comment period shortly after the beginning of each meeting. Public hearings take place directly after the 6 p.m. general business.

The board of supervisors is responsible for planning, developing and regulating growth throughout Louisa County, as well as maintaining current county operations and services. The board is also responsible for setting tax rates and the county's budget.

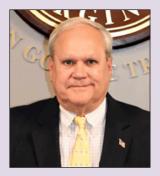
To assist the county, the board of supervisors appoints individuals (generally county residents) to various commissions and committees. These groups provide advisory support to the board regarding numerous aspects of county government.



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LOUISA COUNTY TAX RATTES

Real Estate \$0.72/\$100
Personal property \$2.43/\$100
Business personal property \$1.90/\$100
Machinery and Tools \$1.90/\$100
Merchants' Capital \$0.65/\$100
Aircraft \$0.48/\$100

The Louisa County Board of Supervisors charges a license fee to be paid with residents' personal property taxes.

The meals tax is 4% and the transient occupancy tax, 2%.

Tax deadlines are as follows:

JAN. 31
Renewal of contractors license
MAY 1
File 1st Quarter VA Estimated

Tax; state tax return; and business personal property tax form

Personal property tax forms

Personal property tax forms due; file tax relief for the elderly and disabled JUNE 15

File 2nd Quarter VA Estimated Tax

SEPT. 15

File 3rd Quarter VA Estimated Tax

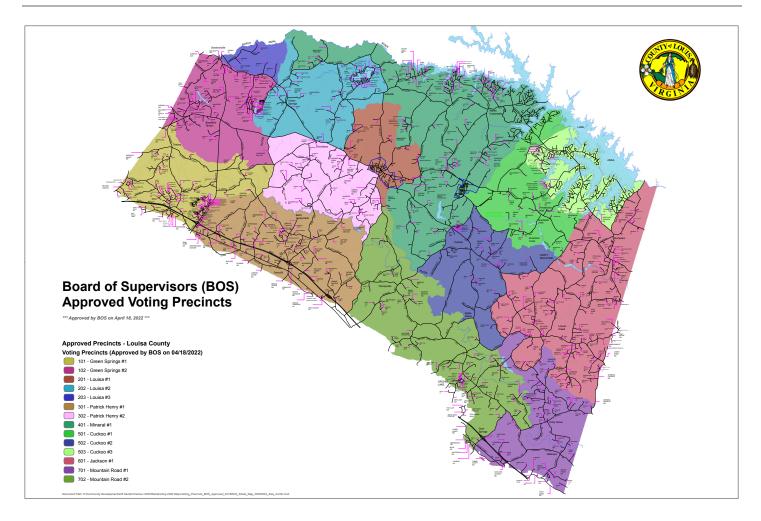
DEC. 5

Pay Personal Property and Real Estate taxes

JAN. 31 Dog tags due JAN. 15

File 4th Quarter VA Estimated Tax

ELECTIONS



Louisa County is divided into seven election districts with 14 precincts. To determine which district you live and vote in, visit the Louisa County General Registrar's online tool at www.louisacounty. gov/2600/Determine-Your-District.

Cristy E. Watkins is Louisa County's General Registrar. Her office is located at 103 Mc-Donald Street, Louisa. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. She can be reached at (540) 967-3427 or at cwatkins@louisa.org.

For additional election-related information regarding state and federal elections, visit www.elections.virginia. gov.

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CUCKOO #1

Rising Sun Baptist Church 6829 Frederick's Hall Rd, Mineral CUCKOO #2

Louisa Lodge #113 6975 Jefferson Hwy. Mineral CUCKOO #3

Elk Creek Baptist Church 5916 Kentucky Springs Rd, Mineral

GREEN SPRINGS

GREEN SPRINGS #1
Zion United Methodist Church
1674 Zion Rd, Troy
GREEN SPRINGS #2
Living Grace Church
1457 James Madison Hwy, G'ville

JACKSON

JACKSON #1

Jouett Elementary School 315 Jouett School Rd, Mineral

LOUISA

LOUISA #1

201 will vote at New Life Community Church, 509 E. Main St, Louisa

LOUISA #2

Trevilians Elementary School 2035 South Spotswood Trl, Louisa LOUISA #3

Living Grace Church 1457 James Madison Hwy., G'ville

MINERAL

MINERAL #1 Louisa County Middle School 1009 Davis Hwy, Mineral

MOUNTAIN ROAD

MOUNTAIN ROAD #1
Holly Grove Vol. Fire Dept.

143 Factory Mill Rd, Bumpass MOUNTAIN ROAD #2

Central Va Assembly of God Church, 5052 Cross County Rd,

PATRICK HENRY

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PATRICK HENRY #1
Moss Nuckols Elementary
School, 2055 Courthouse Rd,
Louisa

PATRICK HENRY #2

Mineral

Moss Nuckols Elementary School, 2055 Courthouse Rd, Louisa

OUISA TOWN COUNCIL

The Town of Louisa traces its roots to a courthouse in 1742. The Central Virginia crossroads village was incorporated in 1873 and has more than 1,500 residents.

is governed by a mayor The town and a five-member council, which holds meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Louisa Town Hall, located in the renovated school on Fredericksburg Avenue. The town office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. except on state and national holidays.

The mayor and council members are elected to four-year terms on a staggered basis. Elections are held in May of evennumbered years. The vice mayor is selected from among the council members.

A town planning commission considers requests for rezoning and special use permits, and meets on the last Monday of each month. The town also has an industrial development authority and board of zoning appeals. Visit louisatown.org.



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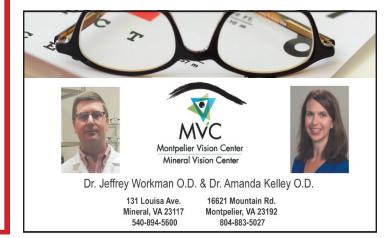
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The Town of Mineral was officially incorporated in 1902. Originally known as Tolersville, the town was established in the summer of 1890 with the development of Mineral City Mining Manufacturing and Land Company.

It currently has approximately 500 residents. Mineral is governed by a seven-member council and managed by a town manager and zoning administrator. Nicole Washington is the town manager and can be reached at (540) 894-5100.

The town council meets on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Mineral Town Hall, located at 312 Mineral Avenue, Mineral.

For more information about the town, visit www.townofmineral.com, or call (540) 894-5100.



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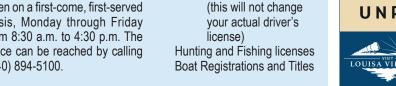
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GENERAL DISTRICT COURT

The general district court is located in the Cunningham Building at 314 W. Main Street in the town of Louisa. The court handles most traffic violations, hears minor criminal cases involving misdemeanor charges and conducts preliminary hearings for most felony cases. General district courts also have sole authority to hear small-claim civil cases.

The Honorable Claiborne H. Stokes Jr. is the Louisa County General District Court's presiding judge. Brandy Alexander is the clerk of the general district court. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the phone number is (540) 967-5330.

CIRCUIT COURT

All felony cases and large claim civil cases are heard at circuit court. Family matters, including divorce, are also heard in the circuit court, as well as all appeals of lower court rul-

ngs.

Judge Sanner

Honorable Judge Timothy K. Sanner is the presiding judge for the circuit court.

Patty Madison is the clerk of the court, and the staff handles numerous tasks beyond work related to the courtroom, including property transfer recordation and marriage licenses.

The circuit court and the circuit court clerk's office are located in the historic Louisa

Courthouse at 100 W. Main Street in the town of Louisa. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The phone number is (540) 967-5312.

JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT

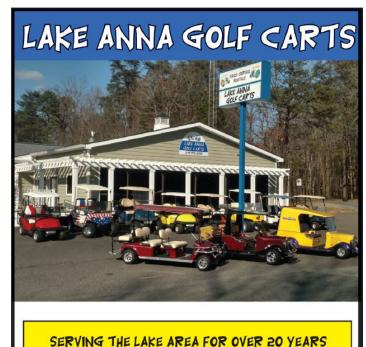
The juvenile and domestic relations court handles all criminal or traffic cases involving juveniles. The court also hears matters involving family members including custody, visitation, child support, child abuse or neglect and criminal cases involving family or household members.

The juvenile and domestic relations court hears cases on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The Honorable Judge Deborah Tinsley is the presiding Louisa Juvenile and Domestic Relations judge.

Toni Seay is the clerk of the juvenile and domestic relations court. The office is located within the Cunningham Building and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The phone number is (540) 967-5337.

Louisa's courts are part of the 16th Judicial Circuit in the state of Virginia.





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EMERGENCY SERVICES

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Louisa County Sheriff's Office is the primary law enforcement agency in the county and is responsible for criminal investigations, patrol, animal control and court security. Civil service deputies also serve warrants, summonses, civil papers, eviction notices, trespass warrants and other legal documents.

The LCSO has a K-9 unit, Gang Task Force, Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, a Click It or Ticket program, the Operation Safe Passage and Child Safe programs and a marine unit on Lake Anna.

Louisa's Emergency Communications Center is also operated as part of the LCSO.

The sheriff's offices is located at 1 Woolfolk Avenue, Suite 101, Louisa.

Call 911 in emergencies. For all non-

emergency inquiries for the sheriff's office or records clerk, citizens should call (540) 967-1234.

LOUISA TOWN POLICE

The Louisa Police Department provides coverage of the town of Louisa. Chief Buckley is the supervisor of the force, which operates under the town council.

CHIEF CRAIG BUCKLEY (540) 967-3011

LOUISA COUNTY CRIME SOLVERS

Louisa County Crime Solvers Inc. was founded in 1987 to promote community welfare and assist the Louisa County Sheriff's Office, town of Louisa Police, the Virginia State Police, and the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Conservation Police in the apprehension of criminals by offering rewards up to

\$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of persons committing crimes. Additionally, Louisa County Crime Solvers offers an educational scholarship to Louisa students pursuing a career in law enforcement or a related career. To report information about a crime, call (800) 346-1466 or (540) 967-1202. The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 8 a.m. in the Louisa County Office Building.

president (540) 894-8989 (800) 346-1466 www.louisacrimesolvers.org

FIRE AND RESCUE

Local fire and emergency medical services are provided through a collaboration between professional staff and dedicated volunteers.



EMERGENCY SERVICES

SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCE AGENCY (SARA)

Services include advocacy for victims, survivors, friends and family members; accompaniment to the emergency room, police station and court; free and confidential therapy; prevention education in elementary, middle and high schools in our service areas; and training for the general public and professional groups. SARA counseling, support and community education programs are free.

(434) 295-7273 24-hour Hotline: (434) 977-7273 info@saracville.org www.saracville.org

SHELTER FOR HELP IN EMERGENCY

Services include a 24-hour hotline, emergency shelter for women and children, free counseling to women and men experiencing domestic violence, legal advocacy and outreach to the Spanish speaking community.

Office (434) 963-4676
Office Hours: 9-4, M-F
24-hour Hotline:
(434) 293-8509
info@shelterforhelp
inemergency.org
www.shelterforhelp
inemergency.org

Louisa County Fire and EMS provide basic life support (BLS), advanced life support (ALS), and fire response to all types of emergencies that impact thecounty. The county provides career staffing operating out of several of the volunteer stations along with available volunteer fire and EMS providers. This combination service is a cost-effective means to provide 24-hour a day coverage.

Call 911 in emergency situations.
Otherwise, call (540) 967-3491 or 866-325-4131 in non-emergencies.
LouisaFEMS@Louisa.org

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

LOUISA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Company #1 (540) 967-1330

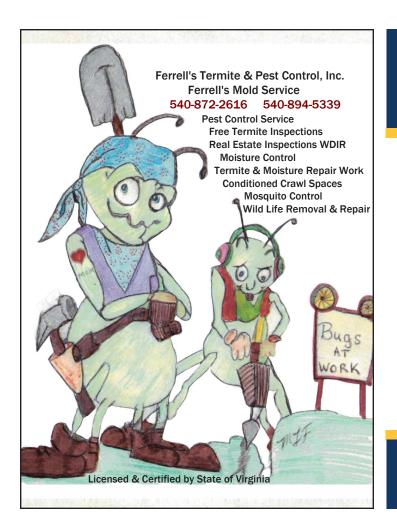
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ANIMAL SERVICES

LOUISA ANIMAL SHELTER

The Louisa County Animal Shelter houses stray animals and those turned in by owners. Animals are kept for specified periods waiting to be returned to their owners or adopted. Lost animals with collars are held at the shelter for 12 days, while strays without collars are held for seven days. Surrendered animals are available immediately. All animals are spayed/neutered prior to going home.

The facility provides indoor runs for dogs and stainless steel cages for cats and puppies.

There is an off-leash play area for interacting with potential new pets or just spending time with a shelter dog to give them some extra outside time.

LCAS is always looking for new volunteers to help with the animals. If you are looking for a place to unwind, come spend time with a few cats or dogs. They need walking, grooming, bathing, playing and cuddling.

The county sponsors periodic rabies clinics at which time dog tags are also on sale.

17 Sacred Heart Avenue, Mineral, VA 23117 (540) 967-3477 (540) 894-4219 Adoptions: louisacounty. petfinder.com

ANIMAL CONTROL

The Louisa County Sheriff's Office should be notified in case of an emergency involving animals at (540) 967-1234.

LOUISA HUMANE SOCIETY

The mission of the Louisa Humane Society is to improve the quality of life for homeless and abandoned local animals; and to provide a clean, safe environment for these unwanted animals while making every effort to adopt them into new, loving homes.

The society depends on volunteers and welcomes anyone who loves animals and who is willing to give a little time to the effort. The Louisa Humane Society is incorporated with non-profit 501(c)(3) status.

P.O. Box 1837, Louisa, VA 23093 info@louisahumanesociety.com www.louisahumanesociety.com FB: Louisa Humane Society

SPAY/NEUTER ALL PETS., INC.

SNAP facilitates spaying and neutering of dogs and cats in Louisa County by helping all owners gain access to lower cost spay neuter clinics. Our goal is to reduce the number of pets turned into already overcrowded shelters. SNAP offers round trip transportation, for the pets, from the town of Louisa to a clinic for the procedures. Owners wishing to self-transport can be accommodated. Resources are available to spay and neuter community or feral cats. Please contact SNAP to find out how we can assist you and your pets.

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Louisa County Public Schools offers nearly 4,700 students equal educational opportunities from kindergarten through the 12th grade.

Four elementary schools, one middle school and one high school serve all of the county's public school needs at a cost of more than \$88.8 million budgeted for fiscal year 2024.

The school division is committed to preparing students for the workforce and the classroom. LCPS has emerged as a top-tier school division in central Virginia, passing SOL tests at a higher than expected rate compared to their peers at other high

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Students have advanced curriculum options that allow high achievers to graduate with not only a diploma, but also an associate's degree at little to no cost to families.



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This gives students a strong

start with college academics and shaves time and money from their final college expenses. College level courses are offered at no additional charge to LCHS students through a dual-enrollment agreement with Piedmont Virginia Community College. Due to the education levels of faculty at the high school, many are able to offer college credit courses right on campus each day.

LCHS has also developed one of the most varied and successful on-campus Career and Technical Education programs in the state. Students hone job skills, earn industry certifications and licenses in fields such as the culinary arts, firefighting, cosmetology, building trades, turf management, veterinarian assistants, nursing and more.

The schools are governed by a sevenmember, elected school board. Day-today operations are managed by a superintendent and administrative staff.

For more information about the schools, visit the division website. Each school has its own website as well.

J. DOUGLAS STRALEY II

Superintendent (540) 894-5115 https://www.lcps.k12.va.us/

JOUETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

315 Jouett School Road, Mineral
JULIE BRYANT
Principal
540-872-3931 (4011)
bryantje@lcps.k12.va.us
https://jes.lcps.k12.va.us/

MOSS-NUCKOLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2055 Courthouse Road, Louisa
DAVID STREET
Principal
540-967-1347
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https://mnes.lcps.k12.va.us/

THOMAS JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1782 Jefferson Highway, Louisa
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Principal

540-967-0492 (extension 3011) cleavejj@lcps.k12.va.us https://tjes.lcps.k12.va.us/

TREVILIANS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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GARY BLACK
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540-967-1108
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LOUISA COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

1009 Davis Highway, Mineral **AMANDA HARPER** Principal

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LOUISA COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM

Louisa County Parks, Recreation & Tourism seeks to enrich the lives of all Louisa County citizens by providing comprehensive recreational programs and facilities that satisfy leisure time needs and improve the quality of life in Louisa County. LCPRT strives to make Louisa County a tourism destination by emphasizing its rich history, beautiful countryside and lakes, community businesses and attractions, and friendly people.

LCPRT is located at 522 Industrial Drive, Suite A, Louisa in the Betty Queen Center.

JAMES A. SMITH JR.

LCPRT Director (540) 967-4420 parksdesk@louisa.org

PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

BETTY QUEEN CENTER PLAY-GROUND AND PAVILION

Available for citizens of Louisa County is the Betty Queen Center playground area, which includes a large variety of play equipment for elementary school aged youth.

The pavilion located across from the Louisa Aquatic Facility at 530 Industrial Drive is available to rent.

BOWLERS MILL LAKE

75 acre lake and boat ramp ramp located on Bowlers Mill Road off James Madison Highway south of Gordonsville. This lake area is open year round: from sunup to sundown. Gas powered motors are prohibited. Fishing by permit only which may be purchased at the Louisa Treasurer's Office 540-967-3435.

BUCKNER-BUMPASS PARK

Located at 70 Bumpass-Buckner Park off Bumpass Road, this 18 acre community park includes picnic shelter and tables, playground equipment, and walking trail. This park is operated by Louisa County Parks and Recreation.

FITNESS TRAIL & WORKOUT EQUIPMENT

Wrapped around the playground area, Health Department, aquatic facility, and the back of the Betty Queen Center is a fitness trail available for all Louisa citizens. As part of the trail, there is fitness equipment which can be used to enhance workout. Open daylight hours.

GRACE ADAMS DAVIS MEMORIAL PLAYGROUND & LUCK FIFLD

Located at 76 Louisa Avenue in the town of Mineral. This playground was installed and is maintained by Parks and Recreation. Playground and ball field is managed by the Town of Mineral and is available to youth during daylight hours.

HOLLY GROVE RURITAN CLUB PLAYGROUND AREA

Located at 3022 Crewsville Road, Bumpass, this play-ground area was installed and is maintained by Parks and Recreation. It is open to the public during daylight hours. Also included at this location are ball fields that must be reserved through the Holly Grove Ruritan Club.

LAKE ANNA STATE PARK

Park, boat ramp, and picnic area open all year. Beach is open Memorial Day through Labor Day. Beach admission and parking fee are required and additional launching and trailer fees apply. Operated by Virginia State Parks, annual passes and lifetime passes are also available. Lake Anna State

Park is located at 6800 Lawyers Road in Spotsylvania County. Their phone number is 540-854-5503.

LOUISA COUNTY AQUATIC FACILITY

A three pool outdoor complex open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Included is a Junior Olympic size competitive pool, an activity pool for games and exercise classes, and a toddler pool with a fountain sprinkler. Concession items are available to purchase. This facility is managed by Louisa County Parks, Recreation and Tourism and comments, and/or concerns should be directed to our office at 540-967-4420.

LOUISA COUNTY BARK PARK

This facility located at 18 Sacred Heart Avenue, Mineral is free to the public to use during daylight hours when not being used for canine training by the Sheriff's Department or other Parks, Recreation and Tourism sponsored activities. All users must follow the posted park rules. There is no water at the Bark Park, so you will need to bring water with you for you and your dog. No aggressive dogs, and all dogs must be current in their vaccinations.

LOUISA DISC GOLF COURSE

The 9-hole disc golf course is completed and ready for use by the community during daylight hours. It is located at the Betty Queen Center site, behind the picnic pavilion, playground area, and Health Department, and is free to play. Players must bring their own discs (frisbees).

LOUISA TOWN PARK

This town park has play-

ground equipment for elementary and preschool age children, picnic tables, walking trail, sand volleyball court, horseshoe pits, and picnic shelter. This passive park is located at 108 Meadow Avenue in the town of Louisa and operated by Louisa County Parks and Recreation.

NORTHEAST CREEK RESERVOIR

A Louisa County Water Authority water supply lake that was opened to fishing in 1987. This 187-acre reservoir contains large mouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, crappie, chain pickerel, and channel catfish. Open year round: one-half hour prior to sunrise until one-half hour after sunset. Gas powered motors prohibited. Fishing by permit only which may be purchased at Louisa Water Authority 540-967-1122.

RISING SUN COMMUNITY PARK

Located at 7071 Fredericks Hall Road on the property of the Rising Sun Community Building, this park includes playground equipment and swings for neighborhood youth. There is a basketball court for teens and adults. Picnic tables are available for use. The park is maintained by Louisa County Parks and Recreation and available to the public each day until dark.

TOWN OF LOUISA COMMUNITY PARK

Built by the Town of Louisa and located at the Louisa Town Hall, 212 Fredericksburg Avenue, this park has playground equipment and a picnic pavilion. Questions should be directed to the Louisa Town Hall at 540-967-1400.

RECREATION AND TOURISM

LAKE ANNA

One of the primary features of Louisa County is Lake Anna and Lake Anna State Park.

The land in Lake Anna State Park used to be known as "Gold Hill" and contained the Goodwin Gold Mine. Gold was first discovered in 1829 with mining reaching its peak in the 1880s. In 1971, Lake Anna was created to serve as a water coolant for Virginia Power's nuclear plant. In 1972, work began on the acquisition and development of a water-oriented state park. Lake Anna State Park opened in 1983.

The park has a beach on one of Virginia's most popular lakes, a fishing pond accessible to children and the disabled, a bathhouse-concessions complex and a boat launch. Overnight stays are made possible by camping, six camping cabins, four yurts, two six-bedroom lodges and 10 two-bedroom cabins. Seven cabins and the lodges have views of the lake. With more than 15 miles of trails, the park offers many hiking, biking and horseback riding options.

The park is 3,127 acres with 10 miles of lake frontage on the 13,000-acre lake. The park is adjacent to Route 601 off Route 209.

The park is open 7 a.m. to dusk. The park



office is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The visitor center is open every Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Unguarded swimming is available.

The park does not offer boat or equipment rentals of any kind.

Parking is limited and the park must close regularly due to capacity on the weekends; guests should plan on arriving early.

For additional information, call 540-854-5503, email LakeAnna@dcr.virginia.gov or visit the park website at https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/lake-anna

YOUTH SPORTS

A variety of youth sports leagues and organizations are available to local children and families. They include:

LOUISA YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEER LEAGUE

louisalionselite@gmail.com www.louisaelitelions.org

LOUISA AREA SOCCER ASSOCIATION

info@lasasoccer.org www.lasasoccer.org

LOUISA LITTLE LEAGUE BASE-BALL AND SOFTBALL

littleleaguelouisa@gmail.com www.louisalittleleague.org

LOUISA GATORS (swim team) louisagators@gmail.com www.louisagators.org

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www.mineralbaptistchurch.org/
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LOUISA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Promoting business, strengthening economic and community development, and serving as a catalyst for improving the overall quality of life in the Louisa community and region.

The Chamber has more than 250 members. It hosts a number of signature events annually, including highlighting a local business person of the year at its annual meeting each spring. It hosts the Louisa Biz Expo and Nonprofit Summit, as well as regular member events, ribboncuttings and other activities.

Additionally, the Chamber's Louisa Forward Foundation is a nonprofit created to support the economic, education and community development programs implemented by the Louisa County Chamber of Commerce. One of its signature

programs is Leadership Louisa, which fos-

ters leadership potential in the local community to ensure positive growth and development of the Louisa County Region.

Leadership Louisa enhances understanding of the complex issues facing the Louisa community through:

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Educational programs designed to broaden knowledge of the area, and increase awareness of community processes, programs and problems.

Exposure to local government, economic, social and political organizations, as well as the local education system, businesses and non-profit organizations.

Introductions to community leaders and local decision makers.

The Chamber is managed by executive director Tracy Hale Clark, who works for a board of directors comprised of local business representatives and Chamber members.

TRACY HALE CLARK
Executive Director
111 W. Main St.
Louisa, VA 23093
(540) 967-0944
info@louisachamber.org

ARTS AND HISTORY

LOUISA ARTS CENTER

As the center of performance, visual, musical, and cultural arts in Louisa, Virginia, the Louisa Arts Center provides high-quality entertainment and art exhibitions to brighten the lives of the residents of Louisa County and its surrounding areas. Whether you are looking to attend a concert or live theatrical production in the Cooke-Haley Theater, observe or display artwork in our Purcell Art Gallery, participate in an art class in our Pamela Higgins Stone Art Studio, or attend any of our free family-friendly events, there are many ways to get involved at the Louisa Arts Center, and we look forward to having you!

In the past year, the Louisa Arts Center presented more than 150 performances and events for more than 6,600 participants and attendees--more than a third of whom came from outside the county. The center benefited from 1,000 volunteers.

PERFORMANCES: COOKE-HALEY THEATER

Experience exceptional performances, lectures, and more in our beautiful 205-seat Cooke-Haley Theater. Diverse performances include live theatre, comedy shows, and genre-spanning concerts, including our Steinway grand piano, musical icons, and CMA & Grammy Award winning artists.

ART CLASSES: PAMELA HIGGINS STONE ART STUDIO

The Louisa Arts Center features a diverse selection of art and craft classes for all ages, ranging from beginner to advanced levels. Participants receive guided instruction by professional and experienced artists in an encouraging environment that fosters creativity and inspires artistic expression.

ART GALLERY: PURCELL ART GALLERY

The Purcell Art Gallery is the epicenter of fine-art display within our community. Our gallery features dynamic exhibitions year-round, from nationally-recognized artists, respected art guilds, and local artists. Open Shows are held twice a year for artists of all ages and skill levels, and our ever-popular Student Art Show takes place every December in partnership with the Louisa County Public Schools to celebrate the budding youth artists in our community.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Throughout the year, the Louisa Arts Center welcomes the public in for open houses, free concerts, and presentations. We set up on the patio for free music and art events, and go out into the community to bring programs directly to you on our Arts Bus and at area parades and festivals!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

The Louisa Arts Center is host to numerous opportunities for youth to get involved in the arts throughout the year. We offer visual art, theatre, and dance classes, as well as seasonal programs, including an annual theatre production and summer camps specializing in visual art, musical theatre, acting, singing, movement, technical theatre, and sketch comedy. Our Purcell Art Gallery hosts a student show each winter displaying artwork from students in Louisa County schools.

The Louisa Arts Center is located at 212 Fredericksburg Avenue, Louisa. It is open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and one hour prior to performances. Call (540) 967-2200 or (540) 967-5200 for the box office. Visit the Arts Center online at https://louisaarts.org.

LOUISA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Founded in 1966, the Louisa County Historical Society brings to light, preserves, and shares the history of Louisa County. Its vision is to enlighten the present by illuminating the past in order to inspire the future. It celebrates the diversity of our community and is committed to forming relationships to arrive at a more inclusive history.

The Louisa County Historical Society is located in the town of Louisa at 214 Fredericksburg Avenue and can be reached at (540) 967-5975. It is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit the historical society online at www.louisahistory.org.

Volunteers are encouraged!

The Louisa County Historical Society manages a number of historic sites and hosts a range of recurring and seasonal programs, workshops and tours.

THE SARGEANT MUSEUM

The Sargeant Museum of Louisa County History tells the history of Louisa County through six permanent displays. Together, they introduce visitors to Louisa County and its place in American history. The Museum's permanent exhibits include: Native People of Louisa, The American Revolution, The Civil War, Education, Transportation, Government.

THE HERITAGE FARM

The Heritage Farm is a growing living history site located behind the Sargeant Museum of Louisa County History. The structures on the property help us achieve our mission to bring the history of Louisa County to life including through the open-hearth cooking workshops and free family days. The Michie House and Smoke House and Trevilians Schoolhouse are additional facilities that were relocated to historical society property and restored.

FREE FAMILY DAYS

Encounter Louisa County's past with living history demonstrations and kid-friendly activities taking place on our Heritage Farm. Visitors will learn about life in the 18th and 19th centuries through hands on activities and crafts! Free Family Days occur on the Second Saturday of each Month from 10-2 p.m, March-October.

HERITAGE SKILLS WORKSHOPS

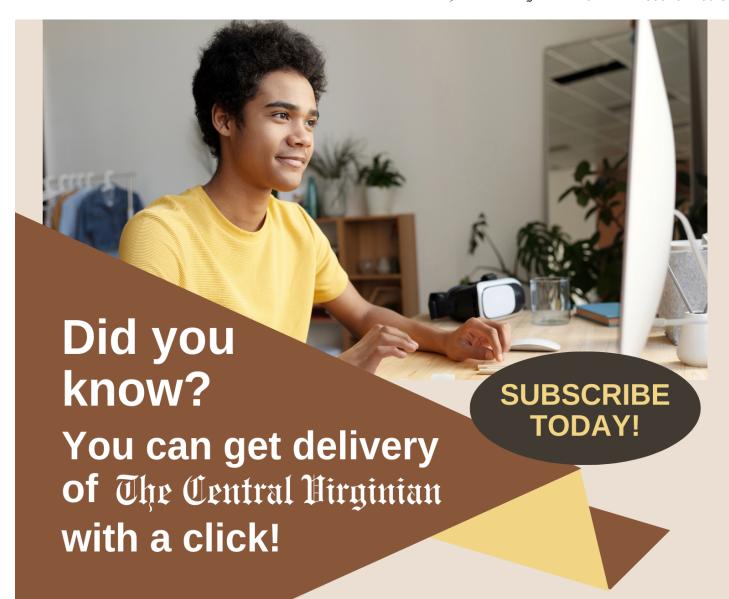
Throughout the year we conduct seasonal workshops in wreathmaking, basket making and other heritage skills. Join us for a workshop and discover a new hobby! Registration for heritage skill workshops is through Louisa County Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Office.

OPEN HEARTH COOKING GUILD

The Open Hearth Cooking Guild is comprised of individuals who enjoy teaching others the skills they have developed over time. Registration for hearth cooking workshops is through Louisa County Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Office.

LOUISA HERB GUILD

The Louisa Herb Guild is a group of herb enthusiasts committed to bringing Louisa County history to life through gardening. Our objectives are to: 1. Maintain and grow a demonstration Heritage Garden at the Heritage Farm 2. Educate visitors about herbs through special programs 3. Develop a self-guided tour with herb identification smart phone app.



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The Sage Building 115 Jefferson Hwy. P.O. Box 872 Louisa, VA 23093 (540) 967-5660 literacylouisa@gmail.com www.acelouisa.org

ACE provides confidential oneon-one tutoring to adults who want to improve their reading, prepare for the GED or learn career readiness skills. ACE also offers English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) and family mentoring. There is no charge for these services.

ARC OF THE PIEDMONT

1149 Rose Hill Drive Charlottesville, VA 22903 (434) 977-4002 jsantoski@arcpva.org

The Arc of the Piedmont improves the quality of life of infants, children and adults with, or at-risk of intellectual and developmental disabilities, and the lives of their families, through service, advocacy and education. We have been serving people in the city of Charlottesville and the surrounding counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa and Nelson since 1954.

ASSOC. FOR THE STUDY OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN LIFE AND HISTORY

P.O. Box 625 Mineral, VA 23117 (540) 895-5617 msjl2807@yahoo.com

Sponsors the Pearlie R. Askew Scholarship for graduating seniors in Louisa, Fluvanna and Goochland counties. Contributes to the Carter G. Woodson House in Washington, D.C. and has started community seminars on topics of interest. Meets the third Friday of each month, September through June, at 7 p.m. at County Line Baptist Church, 4070 County Line Road, Kents Store.

BACKPACK BLESSINGS

c/o New Life Community Church P.O. Box 502 Louisa, VA 23093 (540) 967-4361

A joint program between the Louisa Resource Council and New Life Community Church in conjunction with various other local churches that feed local children on weekends from September through May.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Cub Pack 183, Louisa (434) 465-3349 www.pack183.com info@pack183.com FB: pack183louisa

For almost 100 years, scouting programs have instilled in youth the values found in the scout oath and law. Today these values are just as relevant in helping youth grow to their full potential as they were in 1910. Scouting helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives. One of their big projects is collecting food at all local parades for the Louisa County Resource Council. Cub Scout Pack 183 meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Louisa Baptist Church and is for youth in grades K through 5th grade.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Troop 3, Louisa info@bsatroop3.com www.bsatroop3.com

The oldest troop in Louisa County, the primary focus of BSA Troop 3 is Eagle rank. A young person may join upon completing fifth grade, and may achieve Eagle rank within three years. Troop activities include monthly camping, community service, educational activities, leadership and merit badges for rank advancement. Troop 3 meets each Monday in the town of Louisa from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Troop 183, Mineral (540) 872-0680 www.troop183mineralva. scoutlander.com

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character. trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness. For over a century, the BSA has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes - and, through over a century of experience, knows - that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society. All youth, ages 11 - 17, are welcome to join scouting. Troop 183 meets every Monday at the Mineral United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m.

CHARLOTTESVILLE AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

410 E Water Street, PO Box 1767, Charlottesville, VA 22902 (434) 296-1024 info@cacfonline.org www.cacfonline.org

The Charlottesville Area Community Foundation works to facilitate philanthropy and improve the quality of life for the people of Louisa County and seven additional localities in Central Virginia.

In 2008, a bequest from long-time county residents Ruby and Albert Bazzanella established the Louisa County Community Fund (LCCF) in CACF, focused on improving the quality of life for Louisa residents. The LCCF accepts proposals from community groups seeking financial support for program expansion or enhancement, capital improvements, and

capacity building efforts. The LCCF welcomes collaborative projects that seek to address major community challenges.

Applications are generally accepted in January of each year, and an advisory committee of community and business leaders recommends grants to the CACF Governing Board.

CHILDREN'S FEEDING PROGRAM

P.O. Box 52 147 Resource Lane Louisa, VA 23093 (540) 967-1510

www.louisaresource.org/food-programs

The Louisa County Resource Council, in partnership with Louisa County Public Schools, assists children who are at risk of hunger when schools are not in session. Over the summer, kid-friendly food boxes are distributed to children who, without them, would not get enough to eat.

COMMISSION ON AGING

(833) 559-2428

The Commission on Aging (COA) is a county-funded agency that assesses the needs of seniors and advocates to meet those needs. Two representatives are appointed by the board of supervisors from each of the county's seven voting districts. Other members include representatives from any senior group who addresses the needs and interests of the elderly. The COA publishes and distributes biennially "The Little Yellow Book" that provides information on specific services for the elderly. The commission was also instrumental in the construction of the Betty J. Queen Intergenerational Center in conjunction with LinkAges. The COA meets the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m in the Betty J. Queen Intergenerational Center conference room.

FLUVANNA/LOUISA HOUSING FOUNDATION

144 Resource Lane, Suite A Louisa, VA 23093 (540) 967-3483

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

The Fluvanna/Louisa Housing Foundation is a registered not-for-profit corporation and operates exclusively for the benefit of low and moderate income residents of Louisa and Fluvanna counties. Services include emergency home repairs, rental assistance, affordable rental housing, counseling and mortgage assistance for first-time home buyers, and portable aluminum handicap ramps. The foundation is a tax-exempt organization as determined by the IRS with all contributions tax deductible.

FOSTER PARENT PROGRAM

114 Industrial Dr., Louisa, VA 23093 (540) 967-1320

Tina.wilson@dss.virginia.gov The Foster Parent Program at Louisa Department of Social Services is actively looking to increase its resource of traditional (non-therapeutic) foster families. The program provides foster care services to minor children, newborn through 18 years old. The training program for foster families includes a 15-hour pre-service training, ongoing in-service trainings, a quarterly newsletter and a monthly foster parent support group. Foster parents can be married or single, employed or retired.

FRIENDS OF LAKE ANNA

(540) 872-6560
lakeannafriends@aol.com
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(FOLA) was formed in response to environmental concerns about Dominion's potential third reactor and the impact its operation could have on reducing the water level on both sides of the lake to unsafe levels and increasing the water temperature.

Obtaining U.S. Clean Water Act protection for the entire lake and keeping herbicide chemicals for controlling hydrilla out of the lake by using sterile grass eating carp fish that have worked well for the past 19 years are also primary goals. The group is not anti-nuclear, but supports wise and safe use of nuclear energy. The primary goal is to protect Lake Anna for its 3,000,000 annual recreational users and ensure compliance with the law.

FRIENDS OF LAKE ANNA STATE PARK

3601 Burton Road Bumpass, VA 23024 (540) 895-5061

The Friends of Lake Anna State Park is a non-profit organization that promotes the state park and assists the staff with various projects such as landscaping, serving as volunteers for various events and advocating for more staff and financing. Since 2001 the Friends have contributed in the neighborhood of \$250,000 for infrastructure that otherwise would have not been possible. Examples include Visitor Center Exhibits: Where Nature Meets Technology, Classroom in the Woods, playground train and Blue Bird trail.

Supporting and coordinating projects at the park is another goal of the organization, which partners with other community organizations and businesses to provide amenities to the park.

The board of directors meets as needed and an annual meeting is held based on the park's schedule.

GFWC LOUISA JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

P.O. Box 91 Louisa, VA 23093 gfwcljwc@yahoo.com The GFWC Louisa Junior Women's Club is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that supports numerous charities and organizations in Louisa

County. Through fundraising and

countless volunteer hours, each member's commitment directly benefits our community.

GIRL SCOUTS OF VIRGINIA SKYLINE

(540) 777-5100 info@gsvsc.org www.gsvsc.org

Girl Scouts of Louisa provides a safe, nurturing environment through fun and friendship for girls to grow into leaders for tomorrow. Experiences range from service projects impacting the local community, such as food drives to world-wide needs. Troops are forming now

GOSHEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 296, 587 Mica Road Mineral, VA 23117 (540) 894-8440 goshenba@nexet.net Hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., M - Th

A network of Baptist churches covering a five-county area including Louisa County. Small building projects are conducted by volunteers from the churches. See information listed for RuraLove.

HOLLY GROVE RURITAN CLUB

3022 Crewsville Road Bumpass, VA 23024 (804) 556-3350

www.rapidandistrictruritan.com

Meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Holly Grove Ruritan Center. This civic organization is dedicated to helping community residents, a Girl Scout troop, needy families and shutins, providing recreation for Little League, softball teams and T-ball, presenting scholarships and supporting the local rescue squad and fire department.

HOSPICE OF THE PIEDMONT

675 Peter Jefferson Pkwy. Suite 300, Charlottesville, VA 22911 (434) 817-6900 (800) 975-5501 Email: info@hopva.org www.hopva.org

Provides care for those with limited life expectancy, as well as emotional and spiritual care for the entire family. Services include hospice care, bereavement and grief services when a loved one dies, Journeys program—supporting children and youth in their grief, children's support services—for seriously ill children and their families, Hospice House and community outreach and education.

JEFFERSON AREA BOARD FOR AGING

Louisa Community Center (540) 967-4433 522 Industrial Drive Louisa, VA 23093

JABA Community Centers are open to everyone over the age of 60. These centers offer free activities and hot lunches for older adults in the areas of Louisa. Charlottesville. Albemarle, Nelson, Fluvanna and Greene. JABA's Louisa Community Center meets every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Betty J. Queen Intergenerational Center. The center offers a wide variety of activities throughout the day such as presentations (nutrition, health, gardening, fraud protection), multiple clubs that focus on favorite hobbies (quilting, gardening, scrapbooking, card making, sing-a-longs, exercise, bingo and bible studies), intergenerational activities. Special events to honor various holidays. Excursion trips are scheduled monthly to visit museums, shop, eat out, and visit local nursing homes. Center programs are free. Occasionally, a fee-based class is offered. Donations are requested at meals to support the JABA Louisa Community Center programming. Transportation to the center is provided by JAUNT. To sign up for JABA's Louisa Community Center programming, visit the center to pick up a membership packet and return it within 15 days.

JEFFERSON AREA CHIP

(Children's Health Improvement Program) P.O. Box 1578 Louisa, VA 23093 (540) 967-1760 www.jachip.org

JACHIP partners with families to create a nurturing home environment and to promote the health and well-being of children in the community. Families with children ages 0-6 and pregnant women participate in home visits with a nurse and family support worker with the goal of achieving optimal health and kindergarten readiness through parent education and information about child development.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

(540) 894-4266

Catholic Men's fraternal service organization. The Sacred Hearts Council serves the needs of our community through charitable acts such as Knights of Virginia Assistance for those with intellectual disabilities with grants and recognition at Special Olympics, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, the Santa Council food distribution program, American Red Cross blood drives, Habitat for Humanity projects, support of seminarians to become priests, and recognition and development of youths, as well as others.

ANNA GOLD CRUZERS

annagoldcruzers@gmail.com

The Lake Anna Cruizers is a car club dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of "Classic Cars." We show our cars at various community functions, parades and car shows. The Cruizers host their own cruize-ins at Kenny's Central Tire and Auto, Louisa, on the second Friday of each month, April through September. Proceeds are used to support local organizations including Adult Community Education and the resource council. Owning a vintage car is not required and

everyone is invited to join this family-oriented club.

LOUISA COMMUNITY CHORUS

(540) 273-0585

The Community Chorus consists of about 50 dedicated people who sing for the love of singing. The group begins rehearsing the Monday after Labor Day and every Monday for the next 10 weeks in preparation for fall concerts. Concerts and rehearsals are held at Louisa United Methodist Church. All singers are welcome and encouraged to join.

LOUISA COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

cert@louisa.org

CERT was brought to the United States in 1988 through the efforts of the Los Angeles City Fire Department. The Louisa Community Emergency Response Team was founded in February of 2000, and serves the community under the direction of the Louisa County Department of Emergency Services. Louisa CERT members respond to community emergencies such as major storms, sheltering, and other situations as directed by Emergency Services.

Louisa County CERT offers training classes several times a year to better prepare interested citizens in:

- Disaster preparedness
- Fire safety
- Disaster medical operations
- Light search and rescue
- Disaster psychology
- First Aid, CPR and
 AED training
- How to work within the Incident Command System
- Unique response to terrorism and nuclear anomalies

CERT is funded through grants and private donations. Tax deductible donations can be made to

CERT through the Volunteers of Louisa, P.O. Box 306, Louisa, VA 23093.

LOUISA COUNTY AARP

Chapter #3049 (540) 968-0700

The Louisa Chapter of AARP meets the second Wednesday of the month in the second floor conference room of the Louisa County Office Building. Meetings run from September to May and start at 2 p.m. A picnic, usually at Lake Anna, is held the second Wednesday in June. Check "The Central Virginian" for time and location. All residents age 50 and older are welcome. Following a program, refreshments are served by member volunteers. AARP meetings and trips are a great way for seniors to meet and socialize with others. Come once and meet everyone and we know you will return again and again.

LOUISA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR, INC.

(540) 894-1894
P.O. Box 1064
Louisa, VA 23093
president@louisacounty
agfair.com
www.louisacountyfair.com

This volunteer non-profit group sponsors the Louisa County Agricultural Fair each year during the summer. By design, the fair is an event celebrating the rural agricultural nature of the county, is focused on agricultural education and highlighting the 4-H and FFA, local gardeners, craft persons and music groups

LOUISA COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116

(540) 894-4804

legion_post116@outlook.com

The American Legion is a veterans organization that works for military personnel with their benefits, helps area veterans in times of need and conducts programs for youth in the county schools, grades kindergarten through 12.

LOUISA COUNTY ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM

P. O. Box 704 Mineral, VA 23117 (540) 603-8710 info@louisacart.org www.louisacart.org

Their mission is to educate the public about disaster preparedness for companion animals and to train volunteers to be ready to respond in times of disaster.

Donations are always welcome at this 501c3 exempt organization.

They also seek sponsorships with businesses involved in pet or pet-related activities. Members are actively being sought.

LOUISA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

info@louisadems.org www.LouisaDems.org Facebook @LouisaDems

An inclusive political organization dedicated to community service, issue-oriented campaigns, impartial elections, candidate information and support, and increased voter registration and participation. Please check the website or Facebook page for time and location.

LOUISA COMMUNITY EMERGENCY FUND, INC.

540-500-8530 Louisacommunity

Louisacommunity

emergencyfund.org

Louisa Community Emergency Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that assists Louisa County residents with the basic needs of daily living during a crisis situation. They provide financial assistance to help qualified families pay their housing or utility bills. Since the organization began in 2015, about 350 families have been supported. LCEF believes that "touching lives in crisis" includes helping people to recover and move forward. For assistance, call the intake coordinator to schedule an appointment.

LOUISA COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

P.O. Box 1179 115 Jefferson Hwy Louisa, VA 23093 (540) 967-0486 contact@hfhlouisa.org www.hfhlouisa.org

Louisa County Habitat for Humanity builds simple, decent, affordable homes in partnership with God's people in need. We offer a first-time home buyers club twice a month for six months. Qualifying to get a home through habitat, habitat foreclosed houses, or general mortgage starts in August.

LOUISA COUNTY HEALTH CENTER COMMISSION

P.O. Box 160 Louisa, VA 23093 (540) 967-0401

Non-profit self-supporting organization dedicated to supporting and enhancing healthcare and medical services for all people in Louisa County.

LOUISA COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

In an effort to support the athletic program at LCHS, the Athletic Boosters operate concession stands at various sporting events during the school year. The Boosters purchase awards for coaches to present at the sports banquets, as well as help purchase equipment for teams, including warm-up suits, bags and a timing system. T-shirts, sweatshirts and jackets are provided when a team wins a championship. We pay for dues to the VHSL for all coaches who are booster members. Meal money or food is provided for athletes when travelling away from home when appropriate. A booster member has special parking privileges at home football games and their senior athletes are eligible for a booster scholarship at graduation.

LOUISA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

214 Fredericksburg Avenue Louisa, VA 23093 (540) 967-5975

www.louisahistory.org

Learn about Louisa County's history at the Sargeant Museum, home of the Louisa County Historical Society. Exhibits include the Native People of Louisa County, the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, early roads and schools and the struggle for equal rights. A genealogy research room is available in the museum and living history programs and hands-on history classes are offered behind the museum at the living history farm. Visit the website for hours, online resources, maps and tours.

LOUISA COUNTY LIONS CLUB

P.O. Box 624 Louisa, VA 23093 (276) 395-4240 louisalionsclub@gmail.com

Civic organization that focuses on sight and hearing preservation with screenings and the collection of used prescription glasses. Meets the second and fourth Tuesdays each month at 7 p.m. at Louisa County Moose Lodge.

LOUISA COUNTY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP)

PO Box 2156, Louisa, VA 23093 President: Deborah Coles (540) 748-9603 www.louisanaacp.com

The NAACP was founded in 1909 by a multi-racial group of progressive thinkers. The NAACP is a non-profit organization and its mission is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and discrimination. Annual memberships are \$10 for youth, \$30 for adults with members receiving

many benefits. Call the president for more details.

LOUISA COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

(540) 967-9900

A political organization which meets the third Tuesday of each month. Works for and promotes Republican candidates for local, state and national elections.

LOUISA COUNTY RESOURCE COUNCIL

P.O. Box 52
147 Resource Lane
Louisa, VA 23093
(540) 967-1510
louisaresource@gmail.com
louisaresource.org
Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., M-F

LCRC offers several food service programs for qualified clients. It targets low income, elderly, disabled and families in crisis. Its mission is to ease hunger with compassion.

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LOUISA COUNTY ROTARY CLUB

(540) 840-4997 louisarotaryfoundation@ gmail.com www.louisarotary.org www.facebook.com/louisarotary

This civic organization is made up of professionals in the area whose motto is "Service Above Self." Meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Roma Italian Restaurant, Louisa.

LOUISA COUNTY RURITAN CLUB

212 Church Ave., Louisa, VA 23093 (540) 894-4985

www.rapidandistrictruritan.com A national civic organization dedicated to improving communities and building a better America through fellowship, goodwill and community service. The organization meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Louisa Presbyterian Church.

LOUISA VA TEA PARTY

www.louisavateaparty.org

The mission of the non-partisan Louisa VA Tea Party is to encourage and facilitate citizen participation in the civic and political process, and to empower individuals to demand constitutional governance in our Republic. To represent "We the People" and monitor our legislators at all levels of government. To promote public awareness of, and become engaged in restoring the vision of our Founding Fathers. We believe real change must begin with citizen involvement through local government participation, voter registration and voting. Our efforts toward these ends are resolved to be peaceful, respectful, non-racist, non-sexist and non-partisan (to the extent possible).

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

Louisa Chapter 2065 (540) 872-3345 www.narfe.org

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) is dedicated to protecting and enhancing the earned pay, retirement and health care benefits of federal employees, retirees and their survivors. Founded in 1921, NARFE's legacy spans more than 90 years - working tirelessly in support of our members before Office of Personnel Management, members of Congress and the White House. The Louisa Chapter meets the third Thursday of each month, usually at Roma's Restaurant at 11:30 a.m., with the public and prospective members welcome.

PATRIOT SHRINE CLUB

Local division of the Fairfax based Kena Shriners. Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. for a potluck dinner at Murray Lodge #175, 4709 Fredericks Hall Road, Mineral. Great food and fellowship with fellow Nobles in the Louisa-Mineral area. Club projects include the support of the Shriner's Hospital for Children through various events, parades and general promotion of the philanthropy of the Shrine. Annual dues are \$20.

PIECEMAKERS QUILTING CLUB

The organization meets the first Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lake Anna Rescue building, 300 Bumpass Rd., Bumpass, to socialize and share knowledge of quilting and handwork. Any skill level is welcome to attend.

RURALOVE

P.O. Box 296 587 Mica Road Mineral, VA 23117 (540) 894-8440

Receives used, clean and working household items, including furniture, appliances and housewares. Items are recycled to families in crisis, elderly and low-income individuals by local churches. Items can be dropped off Monday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., or by appointment. To receive a tax receipt, all items being donated must be itemized when delivered. Receipt will be mailed the following day. The RuraLove store is open Wednesday mornings 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the first Saturday of most summer months 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SALVATION ARMY

c/o Louisa Social Services P.O. Box 425 Louisa, VA 23093 (540) 967-1320 Through its annual Christmas Kettle Campaign, the local Salvation Army unit aids families faced with sudden unexpected emergencies, providing food, medicine and other services. The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church.

SANTA COUNCIL OF LOUISA COUNTY

P.O. Box 392 Louisa, VA 23093

A non-profit organization, the Santa Council assists needy families with food, clothing and toys at Christmas. Donations are collected from businesses, individuals and organizations. Meetings are held during the fall and following the distribution.

STEEL WARRIORS MOTORCYCLE CLUB

www.steelwarriorsmc.org Facebook: STEEL Warriors

MC - Battlefield Chapter The Steel Warriors MC is a group of veterans and their descendents dedicated to assisting the needs of fellow veterans, while at the same time enjoying the company of our brothers on our motorcycles. The local chapter was started in January of 2016 and has expanded from seven charter members to 22 patched members as of April 2017. The group meets monthly at a local residence and rides whenever the weather allows. Participants must be a veteran or descendent of a veteran and own an American-made motorcycle to join.

THE LOUISA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

PO Box 1195, Louisa, VA 23093 info@louisaeducation foundation.org www.louisaeducation foundation.org

The Louisa Education Foundation partners with community businesses, organizations and individuals to fund and promote ini-

tiatives to enhance the educational experiences of Louisa County Public Schools' students and teachers. The 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization supports and supplements educational programs and activities which the regular operating school division budget does not cover. LEF directs its contributions toward teacher instructional grants, college scholarships and capital improvement projects.

TREVILIAN STATION BATTLEFIELD FOUNDATION

P.O. Box 124 Trevilians, VA 23170 (540) 967-1832 (434) 589-8989 www.trevilianstation.org

A non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the Battlefield at Trevilian Station, site of the largest all-calvary battle of the Civil War. The group meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Trevilian House.

UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

Mineral Chapter #1868

This organization supports the objectives of the UDC promoting interest in Southern history and heritage. The chapter was instrumental in the placement of the confederate marker at Trevilians for the veterans who fought in the Battle of Trevilian Station. The chapter offers a \$1,000 college scholarship each year to a deserving local student of confederate lineage. The chapter meets September through June on the second Thursday of the month. Dates are subject to change due to trips and special events.

VENTURING CREW 1776

(540) 205-5115

www.scouting.org/scoutsource/ Venturing/About/venturing.aspx

Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 13 and have completed the eighth grade, or age 14 through 20 years of age.

Venturing's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. High Adventure! Venturing's emphasis on high adventure helps provide team-building opportunities, new meaningful experiences, practical leadership application, and lifelong memories to young adults. Venture Crew 1776 meets at VFW Post 8947. The group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

VFW POST #8947

201 Mineral Avenue Mineral, VA 23117 (540) 894-5677 VFWPost8947@gmail.com http://myvfw.org.va.post8947

Our mission: To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts and to serve our veterans, the military and our communities, advocating on behalf of all veterans. Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.

WILLIAM A. COOKE FOUNDATION

211 W. Main St. P.O. Box 462 Louisa, VA 23093 (540) 967-0881

The mission of the William A. Cooke Foundation is to furnish support in connection with the Shriners Hospitals for Children and the counties of Louisa and Orange, through scholarships and grants for local public purposes.

Don't see your non-profit club or organization? Please contact The Central Virginian for inclusion in the next issue of Discover Louisa. thecv@thecentralvirginian.com

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see, and Ohio. The large plantations began to shrink in size and number with wealth being concentrated among select families. Continued influx of new arrivals, however, kept Louisa's population growing. By 1810, there were 5,253 whites, 6,430 enslaved, and 157 free blacks living in Louisa County.

The railroad helped the population of Louisa County grow 12 percent between 1830 and 1860, a 30 year period. The railways stimulated economic development by providing a convenient and relatively inexpensive way to ship iron ore as well as agricultural products to the markets and deep water ports in Richmond. Meanwhile, in the 1830s, gold deposits were discovered along Contrary Creek in the early 1830s. While mining for gold, iron ore was also discovered. Toler's Tavern was close to the gold and ore deposits and soon became Tolersville, then Mineral City, and finally the Town of Mineral in 1902. The Mineral area stayed an active mining community until around 1921. By 1860, Louisa had one of the largest enslaved populations in Virginia, with 6166 whites, 10193 enslaved nearly 63% of the county's population.

In 1861, Louisa men went to the polls at Trevilian Station, Louisa Court House, Tolersville, and Thompson's Crossroads to vote on the "Ordinance of Secession". Louisa responded to the passage of this ordinance by sending more than one thousand men into the Army. At the beginning of the war, Louisa mustered six companies of about one hundred men each for military service. Louisa County and Virginia had cast their lot and would now face the victories and sorrows of the next four years. Virginia officially seceded from the United States on April 17, 1861.

In 1836, the Louisa Railroad ran from Richmond to Fredericks Hall Station. Later the line extended to Tolersville (Mineral), Louisa, Gordonsville, Charlottesville, and the Valley of Virginia. Destroying railroads was a key goal in the Union's war plan. A hit-and-run attack could produce damage without engaging troops in combat. The railroad was of strategic military importance during the war as the main carrier of goods and supplies. Five railroads converged in Richmond, home to the South's largest ironworks and one of the largest arsenals. The city was also important for its factories and machine shops. When the capital of the Confederacy was moved to Richmond, the rail lines were main targets of the Civil War. With the Virginia Central Railroad of such strategic importance, fighting in Louisa County was inevitable.

The Battle of Trevilian Station, the Largest All-Calvary Battle of the Civil War, took place

over two days on June 11th and 13th 1864. Union Major General Philip H. Sheridan left the Army of the Potomac on June 7th, 1864 and headed west up the North Anna River toward Trevilian Station, a stop on the Virginia Central Railroad (since the war, the village's name has changed to simply "Trevilians"). He took the mounted divisions of General Alfred Torbert and General David M. Gregg, totaling 9,600 men, 24 cannon, and 125 wagons. His goal was to intersect the railroad in western Louisa County and destroy all rail assets from there to Charlottesville, then link up at Lynchburg with General Hunter coming from the Shenandoah Valley and move on to Richmond from the west.

Confederate General Robert E. Lee sent the cavalry divisions of General Wade Hampton and General Fitzhugh Lee in pursuit of Sheridan on June 9th. Traveling by a shorter route, Hampton reached the Trevilian Station area on June 10th. one day ahead of the Union column. Hampton planned to attack the Union troops at their camp. located at Clayton's Store. Fighting ensued over two days on the western edge of the Town of Louisa. Ultimately, Union General Sheridan broke off the fight and returned to the Army of the Potomac, having failed to unite with General Hunter or to inflict any permanent damage to the railroad. Sheridan lost 935 men in the two day battle, while Confederates losses numbered close to 815 men.

Yet, victory for the North meant there would be a permanent union of states with a strong federal government. Virginia would longer be the largest slaveholding nation. In 1869, a new constitution, the "Underwood Constitution," was imposed on Virginia. It remained in force until 1902.

Under the "Underwood Constitution," the County government structure changed. A Board of Supervisors was imposed and four new county offices were created: a professional judge; a County Treasurer; a Superintendent of the poor; and a Superintendent of Schools. Because of the devastating war, livestock had been destroyed or confiscated, crops destroyed, and Confederate money was worthless.

With the Underwood Constitution in place, Louisa was under a military governor for seven years after the war. Major General Alvin Coe Voris, the Military Governor of Louisa stated, ""All are poor here now. Persons with pockets full of what was used for money one year ago, are absolutely penniless. Those who have hundreds of thousands of Confederate Government Bonds are as poor as if they had the same weight in paper rags only. The owners of real estate have few horses, no other kinds of farm stock, hardly enough grain to keep themselves and three Negroes from starvation. The colored

people in many instances are as well off as the whites, with the advantage of knowing how to work "

Following the war, owners of large plantations as well as owners of smaller farms in Louisa County were unable to work their land. The loss of enslaved labor created a crisis for landowners that was dealt with in two ways: sharecropping the land or selling the farm.

Landowners began sharecropping by giving former enslaved, as well as white workers, a portion of land in exchange for their labor and money. Sharecroppers were obliged to plant and tend the land while paying either rent or payments on notes for the land. Sharecropping was a system that led to a debilitating cycle of debt, economic depression, and poverty for the workers. Landowners, seeking to regain their economic footing, planted endless cycles of cotton and tobacco. This led to depressed prices and the depletion of once valuable farmland, even though crop rotation practices were well known.

To make matters worse, there was a string of "panics" that affected the entire U.S. economy, beginning with "Black Friday" on September 24, 1869. "Black Friday" was just the first of a series of "panic" events over the next 30 years. These events took place in 1873, 1893, 1896, 1901, and 1907. The last "panic" of 1907 saw the stock market fell 50 percent, the economy fell into recession, and numerous banks and trust companies faced runs on their institutions. The last "panic" led to the establishment of the Federal Reserve System.

Life in Louisa from the 1880s into the 1900s was exceptionally depressing like many Virginia farming communities. Many Black families unable to establish securely as sharecropping farmers left the County for work in Washington D.C., Philadelphia, or went further west to Ohio for most opportunities. The families both White and Black that did remain needed to reinvent themselves. Some continued to farm with mixed results; others turned to logging, mining, and the railroad for steady work. By 1950, Louisa's population was only 12,826, close to 6,100 fewer individuals than in 1880.

In the 1960s, preparations began for the construction of the North Anna Nuclear facility which included the purchasing of large swaths of land for what is now the lake bed of Lake Anna. The area which was home to many poor white and Black farmers was purchased by VEPCO, and cleared. In 1972, the North Anna was fully dammed and the lake began to fill. Lake Anna drastically changed the makeup of the County bringing new populations for tourism and retirees to settle.



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