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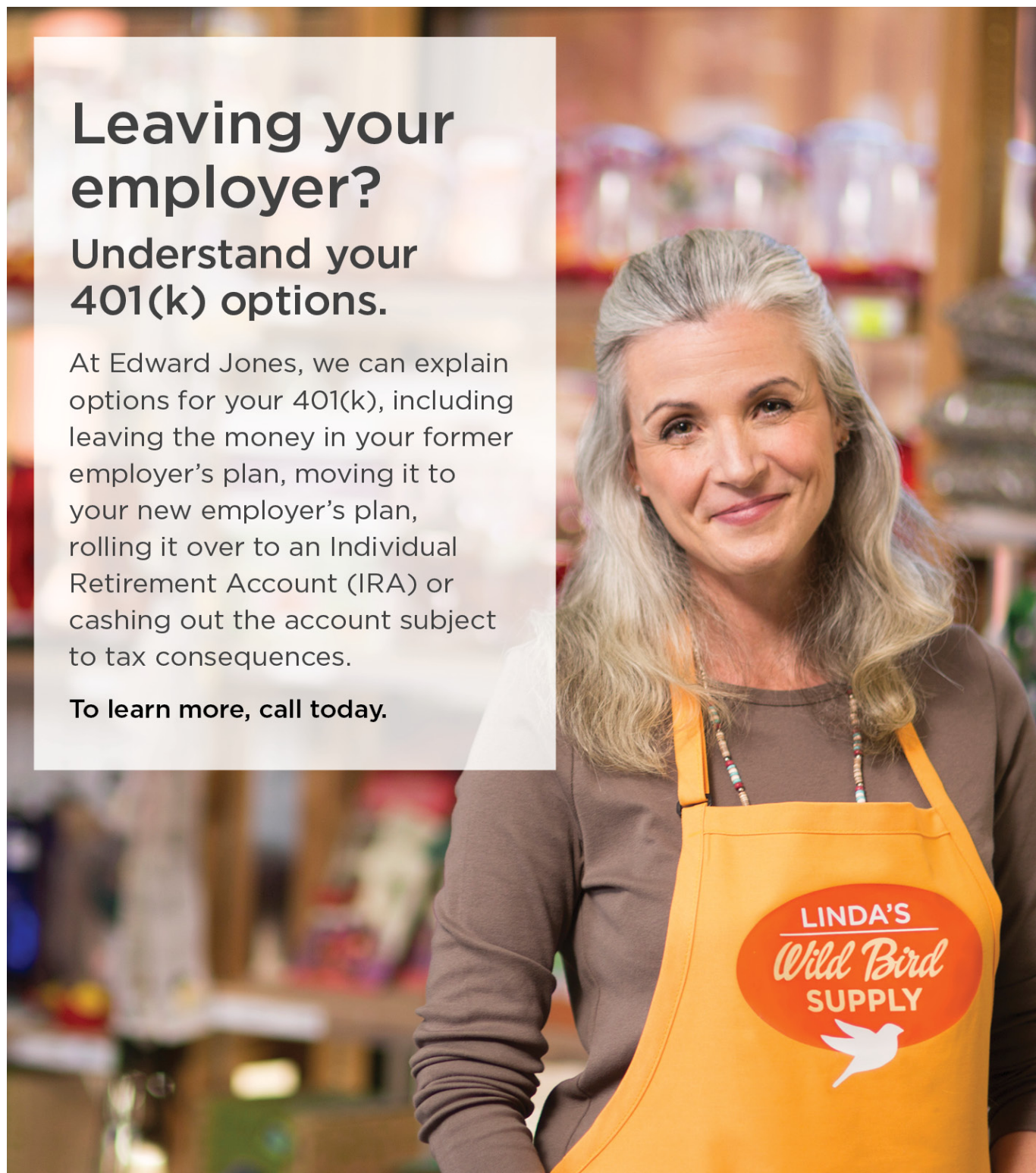
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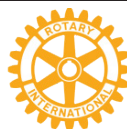


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Amherst County At a Glance

POPULATION

As of 2019, Amherst County's estimated population was 31,605. Since 2010, it has had a population decline of 2.3 percent. About half of the population is located in the south-central portion of the county around Madison Heights near the City of Lynchburg or the town of Amherst, the county seat.

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LABOR FORCE

About 14,577 as of July 2021. The unemployment rate as of July 2021 was 3.9%

LOCAL TAXES

Real Estate - .61 cents per \$100 assessed value.

Business Personal Property (*furniture, equipment used by non-manufacturers*) - 30% of \$3.45 per \$100 of assessed value.

Machinery & Tools – 25% of \$2.00 per \$100 assessed value.

Merchants Capital – (*inventory tax on retailers and wholesalers*) 20% of \$3.95 per \$100 assessed value.

Mobile Homes - \$.61 per \$100 assessed value.

Business License – (*gross receipts*). Contractors- \$.13 per \$100 of gross receipts. Services-\$.31 per \$100 of gross).

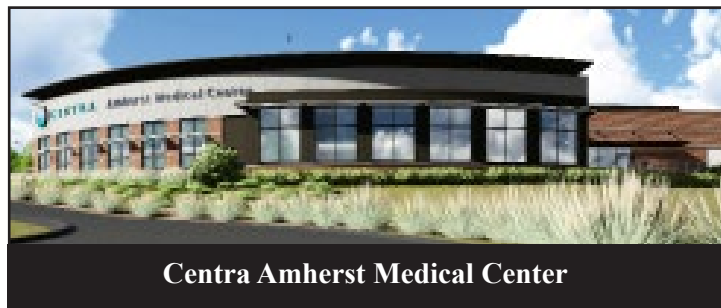
Meals Tax - 4%. Lodging tax – 5%

PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Amherst County Public Schools is serving about 4,115 students in six elementary schools, two middle schools, one high school, and one Education Center. For more information, please see page 16.

COST OF LIVING

Living costs in the region are approximately 9.4% below the national average and are among the lowest in Virginia.

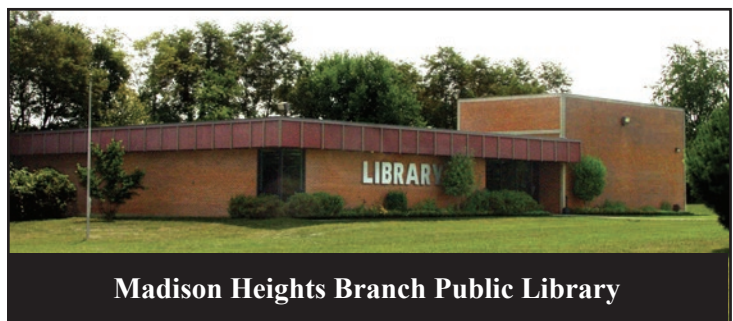


HEALTH CARE

The two closest hospitals to Amherst County are in Lynchburg, both south and adjacent to the county. Other hospitals serving the region are in Bedford about halfway between Lynchburg and Roanoke, and Charlottesville to the north, where the University of Virginia Medical School and Hospital is located. About 270 physicians representing all major specialties practice in the area. One nursing home is located in



the Town of Amherst, and several others are in Lynchburg. The Amherst County Community Health Center, offering primary care to people of all ages, is located in Madison Heights and the new, state-of-the-art Centra Amherst Medical Center (in the Ambriar Center) opened in 2016.



GEOGRAPHY

The County is located near the geographical center of Virginia and within 50 miles (at some points) from Roanoke and Charlottesville. Richmond is 100 miles to the east. Washington, D.C. is within 170 miles of Amherst. Elevations range from 500 ft. to 4,000 ft. providing spectacular rolling countryside. Water is abundant from the James River and many streams originate from the Blue Ridge Mountains. Most of the northwestern part of the County is part of the George Washington National Forest. The climate is mild with an average annual temperature of 56 degrees.

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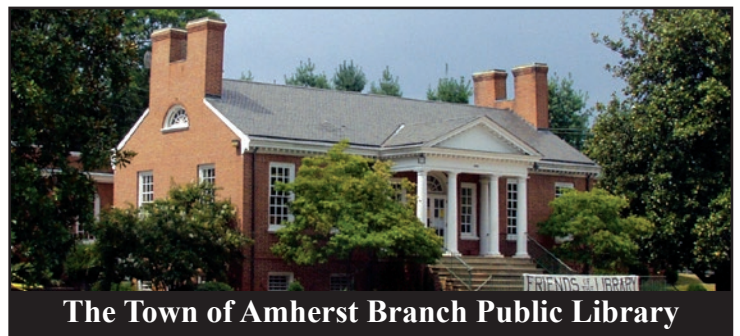
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Sheriff 946-9381

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Community Development Director 946-9303
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Public Safety Director 946-9307



The Town of Amherst Branch Public Library

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dwayne.tuggle@amherstva.gov 946-7885

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Bobby Shiflett, *Police Chief*. 946-7874

Tracie Wright *Office Manager*. 946-7885

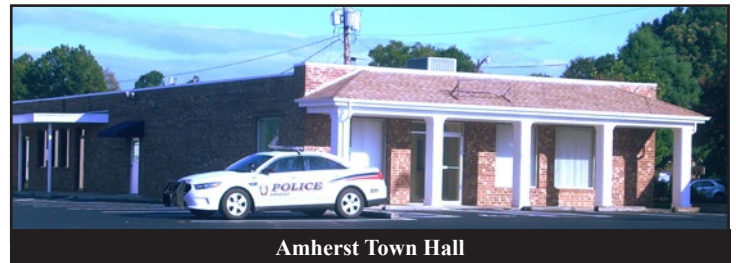
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Chris Terry	District 3	cterry@amherst.k12.va.us	Expires: 2024-12-31
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Important School Contact Information

Name	Departments	Phone Number
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Kim Klein	Child Nutrition Program Supervisor	528-9562
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Kevin Harrison	Supervisor of Student Data and Assessment	946-9386
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Location yet to be determined at press time.

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Amherst County Batteau Day The Second Sat.

of June (6/11/22). Held at Riveredge Park. The celebrations include living history, interpreters, period music and colonial games for family fun.



Town of Amherst 4th Fri. in June (6/24/22)

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The first Saturday in October (10/1/22) at the Ruritan Club, 755 Fletchers Level Rd. (Rt. 610), Amherst, VA 24521. Sorghum molasses & apple butter making, arts & crafts, vendors, food, jousting, Kids Korner, regional bands and entertainment. 9 am - 5 pm. Rain or Shine! Parking fee, \$5 per car; \$1 for Motorcycles ... NO pets or coolers, Please! **434-826-1163** or

CliffordRuritan@gmail.com

www.CliffordSorghumFestival.org

St. Paul's Mission Monacan Indian Nation

Homecoming Bazaar The first Saturday of October

(10/1/22). Takes place at the Monacan Indian Tribal Center & Museum, 2009 Kenmore Rd., Amherst, 10 am.

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(434) 946-9068. www.AmherstCountyMuseum.org

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Foundation for the Humanities, the Sweetgrass Foundation, and the Easley Foundation. The museum is equipped with the proper technology for storing and displaying artifacts, many that are now exhibited. The museum is staffed and operated by volunteers within the tribe, committed to preserving the rich legacy of the tribe's history and culture. Visits at this time are only available by appointment. There is a \$3.00 per person fee to tour the museum. Open Tues. – Sat. 10 am. – 4 pm. Call (434) 363-4876 for hours or visit www.monacannation.com



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Sweet Briar has been preparing young women to succeed in the modern world for more than a century, but the College has also been an involved member of the Amherst community. For example, throughout the year, the College hosts public events, including performances and lectures by artists and writers. For a complete list of public events, visit sbc.edu/featured-events.

The College also owns an impressive collection of art. The Anne Gary Pannell Center is the College's principal art gallery. It is also a venue for lectures and classes as well as other educational programs and public events. This main gallery is supplemented by two satellite galleries, one located in the lobby of Benedict Hall and one adjacent to the theater and dance studios in Babcock Fine Arts Center. In addition to hosting exhibitions, both Babcock and Benedict galleries also serve as spaces for talks and social events. Learn more about the galleries at sbc.edu/art-galleries.

In addition, Sweet Briar is a great place to explore the region's history. The Sweet Briar Museum maintains a permanent collection of historical decorative arts, photographs, archival documents and publications, clothing, jewelry

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All Java & Jazz shows 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Nov. 20, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.: The Quantum Mechanics
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Jan. 22, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.: Laissez Foure, Dixieland Jazz Band
Kenneth Matthews (clarinet and saxophone) leads
this Washington, D.C.-based band in bringing New Orleans-
inspired jazz to the public.

Jan. 29, 2022, 7:00 P.M.: "Winter Stories and Songs"
Brian Kay (tenor, lutes, percussion), Peter Walker (baritone,
harp, guitar, bagpipe), David McCormick (vielle, baroque
violin), and Sarah Walker (storyteller).



Feb. 26, 2022: Joseph Henson Jazz Project
Joseph Henson (saxophone), Neal Perrine (bass), Isaac
Williams (piano), and Stefan LaRue (drums) will play recent
original compositions and favorites.

March 26, 2022: Quintana All-Stars
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ANYONE LIVING IN AMHERST COUNTY who says “there’s nothing to do” isn’t fully informed... there are plenty of options, all year ‘round. The following is a summary of Amherst County sponsored activities and outdoor natural resources available to everyone. For more day and time specific information, watch for the semi-annual recreational guide in the Amherst New-Era Progress, or contact the Amherst County Recreation and Parks Department at 434-946-9371 or e-mail pwnalley@countyofamherst.com.

AMHERST COUNTY PARKS

Amherst County is widely known and popular for its scenic beauty and natural settings. There are a variety of parks and trails within the county offering healthy “back-to-nature” experiences. The county maintains several parks in very attractive settings throughout the county. There are two on the historic James River and three are at the foot of the fabulous Blue Ridge Mountains.

**County park hours are sunrise and one hour after sunset. (Please note that county code stipulates that consumption of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited on all county property).*

COOLWELL PARK Located on Coolwell Road, south of the Town of Amherst, this recreational park has a picnic area with grills, a picnic shelter, a play area for children, restrooms, lighted all-purpose fields (soccer, football, and softball), outdoor basketball courts, a nature trail and an outdoor amphitheater.

MONACAN PARK This park is located on the scenic and historic James River. The park offers a boat ramp and boat

dock for access to the river, fishing benches, a covered picnic pavilion and picnic area, a play area for children and restroom facilities. It is located in the Elon area of the county. Directions: take Rt. 130 W. to Elon. Turn left on Monacan Park Rd. The park is located at the end of the Monacan Park Road.



RIVEREDGE PARK An exciting development for the county has been the enhancement and expansion of Riveredge Park, on the Madison Heights side of the James River directly across from Downtown Lynchburg. The newest addition to the park is the “BLUESTONE OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER” located along the Riveredge Park Trail. The boat ramp at this park is used each year to launch the batteaux for the annual James River Batteau Festival. This park offers fishing access, along with comfort stations, picnic tables, a play area for children and a community center. This park is accessible by taking the first two lefthand turns at the bottom of the hill of Rt. 163 (old Rt. 29 bus., now called Old Town Connector) just before the bridge crossing into Downtown Lynchburg.

More improvements are planned for Riveredge Park. See News & Notes.



Riveredge Park from the Lynchburg side of the James River

MILL CREEK LAKE PARK Located in the Temperance area of the county, this park is considered by many residents to be the most scenic with a clear view of Mt. Pleasant and is part of the Sleeping Giant Loop on the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail (www.dgif.virginia.gov) Furthermore, this park is extremely popular with the fishermen! It rests on a 190 acre watershed lake that is open for fishing and also has a swimming area. No gasoline powered boats allowed. The park consists of a boat ramp, picnic tables and grills, play area for children, swimming beach, floating dock and restroom facilities. Directions: turn onto Rt. 778 off of Rt. 60 west. Turn right on Rt. 610. Follow the signs.

STONEHOUSE LAKE PARK Located in the Temperance area of the county, this park rests on a beautiful 41 acre watershed lake and is open for fishing only (no swimming). This park is part of the Sleeping Giant Loop on the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail. (www.dgif.virginia.gov) There is a boat ramp providing access into the lake (no gasoline powered boats allowed). A covered picnic pavilion, picnic tables and grills, a play area for children and restroom facilities makes this park an attractive setting for family/group picnics and activities. Directions: turn on Rt. 778 off of Rt. 60 W. Turn left onto Rt. 610. Follow the signs.

THRASHERS LAKE PARK

Located in the Temperance area of the county, this park rests on an attractive 36 acre watershed lake open for fishing only (no swimming). This park is part of the Sleeping Giant Loop on the Virginia



Birding and Wildlife Trail (www.dgif.virginia.gov). It consists of a boat ramp (no gasoline powered boats allowed) picnic tables and grills, a play area for children and restroom facilities. Directions: turn onto Rt. 778 off of Rt. 60 W. Turn left on Rt 610. Follow the signs.

NIGHT FISHING LICENSES

Night-time fishing permits for the county lakes are available for purchase at the Recreation Department; 129 Francis Ave;

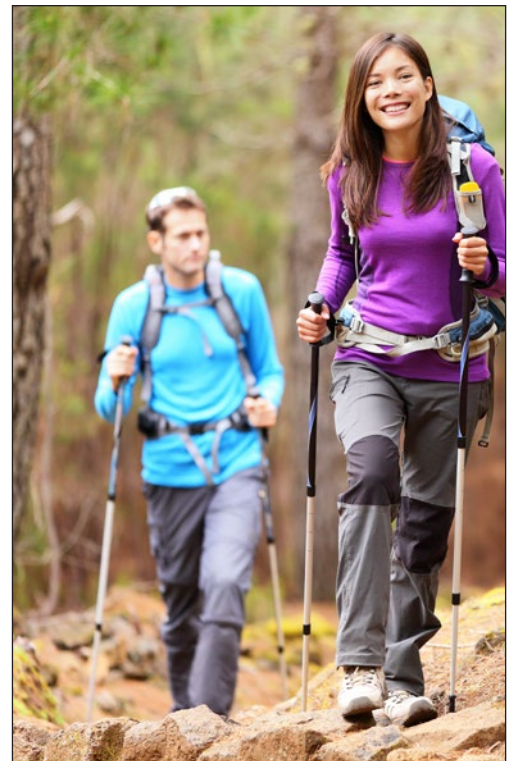


Monroe. Current VA fishing license is necessary. Fee: \$10/county resident \$15/non-county resident

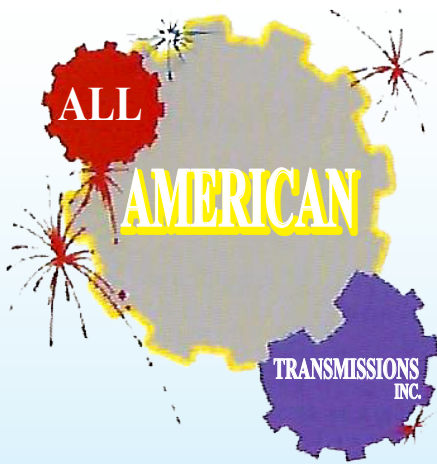
HIKING

RIVEREDGE TRAIL This newest addition to the county trail system is a blacktop hiking/biking trail that extends .4 miles along the James River from Riveredge Park. The county is planning to continue the extension of this trail as property and funds become available.

JAMES RIVER HERITAGE TRAIL This blacktop hiking/biking trail is part of the Peaks of Otter Loop on the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail (www.dgif.virginia.gov) and has two access points. One is from Percival Island Natural Area in Lynchburg. The trail extends from Lynchburg's Blackwater Creek Trail, crossing the railroad trestle onto Percival Isle from Lynchburg. It traverses the island for about



one mile along an old railroad bed. The trail continues across the James River on another trestle, and continues along the James River in Amherst County for another 1 ½ miles. This is a beautiful scenic walk or bike ride through an historical



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area. The trail is also accessible in Amherst County at the end of Fertilizer Road [enter via the Central Virginia Training School]. Be sure to explore the exhibit, VIRGINIA ROCKS, at the JRHT trailhead at the base of Fertilizer Road.

VIRGINIA BLUE RIDGE RAILWAY TRAIL This trail is idyllically located in the rolling Virginia countryside and follows the banks of the Piney and Tye Rivers along the path of the longest running, commercially successful short-line railway in America. It is part of the Sleeping Giant Loop on the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail (www.dgif.virginia.gov). This trail extends 7 miles for hikers, bikers, and horseback riders and provides a perfect opportunity to relive the historically significant events that developed and changed Amherst and Nelson Counties. The two access points are located at Piney River and Roses Mill in nearby Nelson County.



BROTHER BASIL NATURE TRAIL Located at Coolwell Park, this ¼ mile trail is located behind the outdoor amphitheater. Go exploring and check it out!

APPALACHIAN TRAIL Approximately 25 miles of this trail passes through Amherst County from the Nelson County line to the James River, crossing over the James River Foot

Bridge into Bedford County. There are many beautiful and scenic trails that run through the mountains of the county. Enjoy the sights from Mt. Pleasant, Cole Mountain, Tar Jacket, and Rocky Row Run, just to name a few.

HENRY LANUM MEMORIAL TRAIL Located in the Mount Pleasant National Scenic Area, this 4.8 mile loop leads to the 4,071 foot summit of Mount Pleasant with panoramic 360 degree views high atop Amherst County!

OLD HOTEL TRAIL A 5-mile loop, when combined with the Appalachian Trail, across the meadows on the summit of Cole Mountain with fantastic views of the Amherst foothills and the western valley.

VIRGINIA BIRDING & WILDLIFE

TRAIL From the Atlantic Ocean of Virginia's eastern border, to the towering Mt. Rogers at its southwest corner, the Commonwealth includes every bird and animal habitat that occurs naturally between Maine and Florida.

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completed: The Coastal, Piedmont, and Mountain Phases. Amherst County has several trail loops listed in the Mountain Phase trail system. The Peaks of Otter Loop includes the James River Heritage Trail along the southern border of the county. The Sleeping Giant Loop, includes Mt. Pleasant Scenic Area, Mill Creek Lake, Stonehouse Lake, Thrashers Lake, as well as the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail. For further information or for a map of one of the three phases, visit the Amherst County Recreation Department or contact the Virginia Tourism Corporation @ 1-800-visitva or visit www.dgif.state.va.us.

SOUTH PEDLAR ATV TRAIL SYSTEM The Terrapin and Rattlesnake trailhead parking lots are posted along Rt. 130. For more information contact the Glenwood- Pedlar Ranger District of the National Forest Service @ 540- 291-2188. For an Amherst County Parks & Trails Guide, visit www.countyofamherst.com.

SCENIC AREAS

GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL FOREST

Amherst County has been promoted as “Virginia’s Most Civilized Wilderness”. Part of the rationale for this ‘Claim to Fame’ is that nearly 1/3 of Amherst County (northwest) is located in the George Washington National Forest. Hunting, camping, hiking, nature and wildlife watching enthusiasts enjoy the benefits of the GWNF in Amherst County. Scenic view sheds, overlooks, waterfalls, and more- it’s all here! For additional information, visit www.fs.fed.us.



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MOUNT PLEASANT NATIONAL SCENIC AREA

Located in the Glenwood and Pedlar Ranger Districts of Amherst County, this 7,580 acre area is part of the George Washington National Forest and is accessible by Route 60 West. It is part of the Sleeping Giant Loop on the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail (www.dgif.virginia.gov) Mount Pleasant National Scenic Area offers excellent opportunities for solitude and serenity and is very popular for various forms of dispersed recreation including hiking, hunting, and fishing. The core of the Mount Pleasant National Scenic Area is remote in appearance. Motor vehicles are permitted only on open roads. For additional information, visit www.fs.fed.us.

SPORTS

Football, Basketball Leagues, Basketball Camps, Soccer, Soccer Camps, Baseball Leagues, Softball, Golf and Golf Clinics, Pickleball, Horseback Riding and Hunter Safety Classes are available throughout the year.

CO-ED AND GIRLS YOUTH BASKETBALL

is available for children ages 5-14. Registration deadline in the fall. Registration fee is discounted for those who



register early! Registration locations are at the Amherst County Mill Creek Lake Recreation office in Monroe during the week, and every Sat. morning in Oct. at Coolwell Park.



YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE competition for those 4 1/2 - 14 year olds takes place spring and fall.

Registration

can be done online at the Amherst County Recreation Office in Monroe and online at www.CountyofAmherst.com.

DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL AND DIXIE YOUTH GIRL'S SOFTBALL are managed by volunteer organizations. Opening days are in April, with practices beginning in March. For more information about Amherst Dixie Youth boys baseball, visit www.AmherstDixieBaseball.com. For Amherst County Dixie

Youth girls softball, call the recreation office at 434-946-9371. The Madison Heights Youth Baseball Association (Dixie Youth) is for participants 5-15 years of age. For more information, visit www.MHYBA.com. Other local organizations supporting youth sports include Amherst Wolverines Football and Cheerleading (Dawn Smith – (434) 665-7361); Monelison Bruins Football and Cheerleading (call the recreation office – (434) 946-9371, for more information); and Amherst United Soccer (David Childress – (434) 929-1744).



Other Activities Available

BIKING

THE AMHERST MOUNTAIN BIKING CLUB formed in 2018 with the goal of igniting a healthy lifestyle in the community. It was announced in March of 2019 at a Town of Amherst council meeting that they had approved a lease of 50 wooded acres in the Barnes Brockman Industrial Park for 20 years.

Since then, 3.5 miles of trails have been finished at the park, and plans are underway to expand the trails to 7 or 8 miles.

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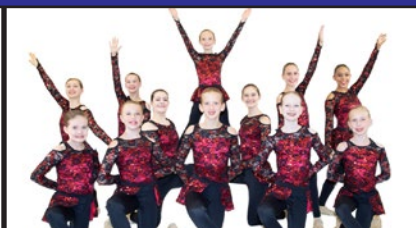
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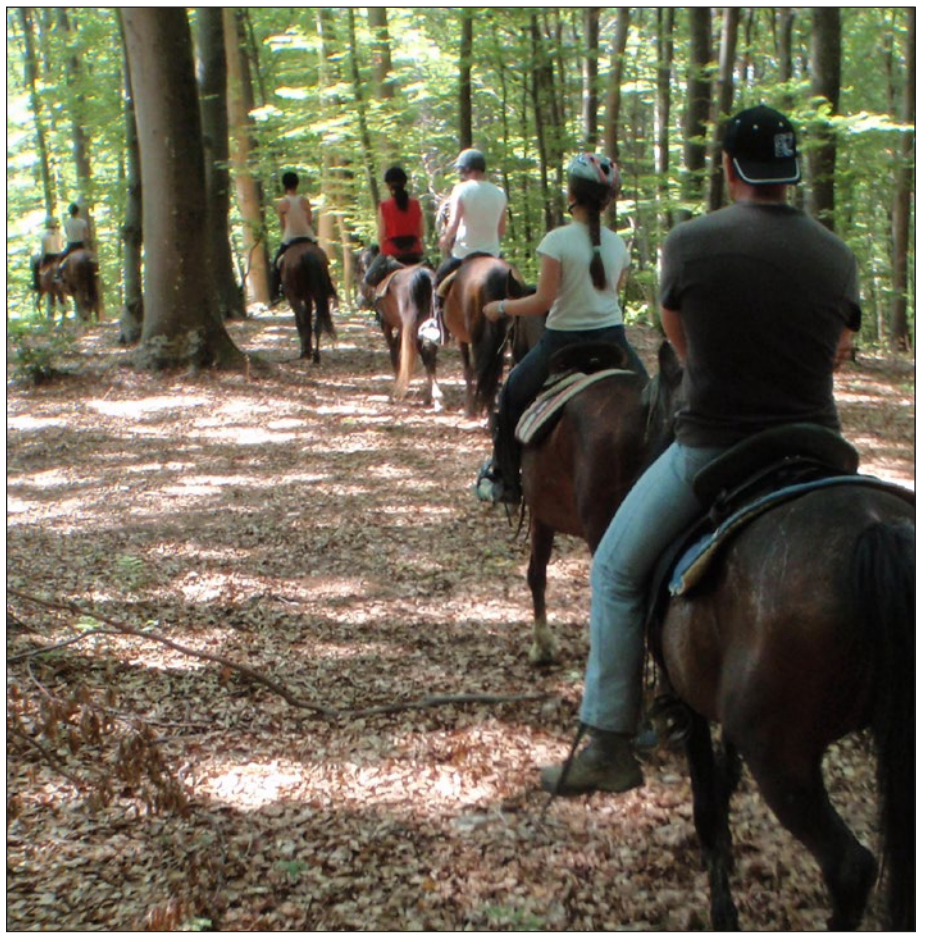
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Amherst Cares <i>Beth Gamble</i>	946-7624
Amherst County Habitat for Humanity <i>Debra Babcock Habel Executive Director</i>	946-9596
Amherst County Lions Club <i>Ron White</i>	(434) 277-5616
Amherst County Public Schools Education Foundation <i>Beverly Jones</i>	(434) 316-3900
Amherst Glebe Arts Response (AGAR) <i>Lynn Kable</i>	989-3215
Amherst-Monroe Ruritan Club <i>Ron Tomlin</i>	316-3299
Amherst Mountain Bikers Club <i>Alex Motley</i>	aam0tl3y@gmail.com
Amherst Rotary Club <i>Jim Glynn</i>	946-7657
Amherst Woman's Club <i>Dana Purcell</i>	946-1056
Blue Ledge Inc. (Meals on Wheels) <i>Tammy Martin</i>	942-4864



Central VA Land Conservancy <i>Wendy Kendrick</i>	(434) 942-4320
Clifford Ruritan Club <i>John Taylor</i>	841-2664
Daughters of the American Revolution <i>Ellen Pettyjohn</i>	929-4128
Elon Ruritan Club <i>Email John Oblinger at</i>	jsoblinger@gmail.com
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Friends of Amherst County <i>Frank Whitten</i>	(434) 660-1872
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Of course, kayaking & canoeing is available on the three county lakes & James River.

PICKLEBALL

Pickleball is available at Sweet Briar College every Monday from 6:30 pm. – 8:30 pm. The fee is \$2 per person per weekly nightly session. Pickleball is a fun and easy racquet sport that is popular with former tennis and racquetball players. Paddles and balls are provided.

For more information, call Amherst Recreation and Parks at 946-9371.

HEALTH & FITNESS

For very reasonable fees, fitness and dancing classes are available throughout the year at different locations. Senior Citizens enjoy an Ageing Well exercise program. Call the Recreation Department at 434-946-9371 for current information.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Amherst Art Club Meets on Tuesday at the Monroe Recreation Center at 10am. All are invited to come and join!

SENIOR ADULT PROGRAMS

SENIOR SOCIAL CENTERS schedule of activities at each of the sites varies greatly, including table and card games, exercise programs, covered dish lunches, arts and crafts, local shopping and sight-seeing trips, nutrition specialists, health screenings, and an assortment of other special events. Call the Recreation Department for a monthly calendar. Visit each of these locations.

AEROBICS & YOGA (see Health and Fitness above) are available to seniors. There is Bingo every Friday at 10am at the Coolwell Recreation Center. Another extremely popular event for senior adults are the monthly Socials for Seniors, involving lunch and entertainment and door prizes. These socials take place at the Madison Heights Community Center on the third Tuesday of the month. There is no cost to attend, however, reservations are needed. For more information and to make reservations, call 434-946-9371.

DISCOUNTED THEME PARK TICKETS The Amherst County Recreation & Parks Department offers discounted tickets to theme parks (Kings Dominion, Busch Gardens and Water Country). For more information, visit the county website at www.countyofamherst.com or call 434-946-9371.

Whether it is learning a new hobby, competing in a sports program or taking advantage of the wonderful parks and trails available, Amherst County residents are fortunate to have so many ways to pursue recreational activities. But if you have any comments about current leisure services or suggestions for new County sponsored activities, the Amherst County Parks, Recreation and Cultural Development Board (ACPRCD) Board meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Monroe Community Center at 129 Francis Ave. Monroe, to review budget, activities, and discuss future plans. Individuals and groups are welcome and encouraged to bring matters concerning recreation and parks in the county to these meetings. In order to get on the agenda, please call the Recreation Department at 434- 946-9371 at least three weeks prior to a scheduled meeting date.





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Amherst County's Annual "Eggstravaganza" takes place each Spring at Thrashers Lake in the Lowesville area of the County. Elementary School age and younger are invited to attend.

COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTERS

COOLWELL COMMUNITY CENTER is located at Coolwell Park and is available to civic organizations and school groups on a reservation basis. It is also available for rent to private individuals on a reservation (rental fee) basis for events such as birthday parties, reunions or wedding receptions. For additional information call the Recreation Department at 434-946-9371.

MONROE COMMUNITY CENTER, the county's 'newest' community center is located at 129 Francis Ave., Monroe and is located in a former elementary school building. The majority of the Parks and Recreation Department programs are now held at this center, where their offices are located.

EDITORS NOTE: We're thankful for the assistance of the Amherst County Recreation & Parks Department in providing information and photos for this article.





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VFW POST 9877 Named Non-Profit Award Winner by Amherst County Chamber of Commerce

The Amherst County Chamber of Commerce held their Annual Awards Presentation last September 23, 2021. The winners were announced live via the Chamber's Facebook Page. Due to the increase in COVID cases locally, the Board of Directors voted to forgo an in-person dinner and announce the winners on Facebook Live for the second year in a row.

The VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Officers are: Commander Steve Poleski; Sr. Vice- Commander Adon Jennings; Jr.; Vice-Commander Caleb Bailey; Quartermaster Norman (Mickey) Ryan; and Chaplain Ron Tomlin.

The VFW purpose is to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. They serve our veterans, the military and our communities, and advocate on behalf of all veterans.

Their largest fundraiser is the Buddy Poppy Drive. The VFW Buddy Poppy program provides compensation to the veterans who assemble the poppies, and provides financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs.



Masonic Lodge Honored Amherst Habitat Director With Community Builders Award

The Amherst Masonic Lodge, Clinton Lodge #73, presented Executive Director of the Amherst County Habitat For humanity, Debbie Habel, with the Grand Masters Community Builders award last September, 2021.

A life-long resident of Amherst County, graduate of Amherst County High School and Central Virginia Community College, Habel has owned and operated several businesses over the years and previously worked in the Amherst County Commissioner of the Revenue Office handling real estate transfers, wills, land use program and assessing new construction.

Habel became the director of Amherst County Habitat in September 2015 after serving as board president. On the organization's behalf, she served as construction manager for the Amherst Disaster Recovery Group following the April 2018 tornado that struck Elon and left 45 homes destroyed with approximately 30 of those being uninsured or underinsured.

Amherst County Habitat brought in more than \$100,000 in donated building materials and a grant for \$23,000 to be used in the tornado recovery process and the last home was finished in March 2020 before the COVID-19 shutdown.

Amherst County Habitat For Humanity was formed in 1992 and serves those in the range of 30% to 60% of median income using volunteer labor.

After operating from downtown Amherst offices for several years, the Amherst County Habitat offices are located in the former Rehab Associates building, donated by Centra, located at 130 Ambriar Court, adjacent to the Ambriar Shopping Center. With the additional space, they have opened an ongoing Indoor Yard Sale, with limited hours, selling donated household and construction items! They also partner with Social Services, Disabled Veterans, abuse shelters, disaster victims and area churches. For more information, see page 71.

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Monacan Indian Nation Growing



The Monacan complex is near the intersection of Rt. 29 & Dixie Airport Rd.

The Monacan Indian Nation, a federally recognized tribe, has purchased nearly 1300 acres on Laurel Cliff Rd. in Monroe for \$5.5 million. Chief Kenneth

Branham said the tribe is considering development ideas that may include a retirement community and a rehabilitation center for alcohol and drug addiction.

The property currently has three houses, two of which are being rented out. One of the houses could eventually become a wedding venue with beautiful



The October 2021 Groundbreaking for a new 13,000 sq. ft. health clinic.

scenic views. The land will also provide a site for the Monacan's powwow, a popular event in the spring that brings thousands of visitors to Amherst County. Previously, the tribe had rented land in Elon for the powwow.

Early in 2021 the tribe opened a new complex at 111 Highview Drive in Madison Heights (near the intersection of U.S. 29 and Dixie Airport Rd.) with offices, a meeting space, and a food bank that is open to all residents of Amherst County.

Randal Nixon Joins County Staff as Recreation Specialist



Amherst County would like to welcome Randal Nixon to our staff. Mr. Nixon will be filling the position of Recreation Specialist for Amherst County Recreation and will be managing all of our sports programs.

Randal holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation Administration from Radford University. He has 27 years of



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experience in Parks and Recreation, including nine years as the Athletic Program Manager for the Campbell County Parks and Recreation Department. His primary role is to provide youth and adult athletic programs for county citizens but will be fully involved in all other aspects of county recreation and tourism. He has a passion for athletics, recreation, and the positive influence they bring to a community.

"To me, recreation is about family, community, and having fun. My goal is to try and improve upon the existing programs and offer new programs," said Nixon. *Amherst County Press Release*

Library Now Providing Internet Hotspots

Are you unable to get reliable internet in your home? The Library can help with that!

Both Amherst County Library branches provide free internet hotspots for library cardholders to checkout, take home, and use for a month at a time. These hotspots use the Verizon data network to provide wireless internet and can provide reliable internet in many homes that do not have internet coverage. To check out an internet hotspot or to learn more, visit the Amherst or Madison Heights Library.

The Amherst County Board of Supervisors is committed to bringing broadband internet access to all of Amherst County. They have dedicated significant portions of both CARES Act funds as well as ARPA funds to this project. The Board of Supervisors expresses its thanks to the Amherst County Library and other organizations that have stepped in to help provide internet access as we work toward county-wide broadband. *Amherst County Press Release*



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Amherst County Sheriff's Department Earns Accreditation



The Amherst County Board of Supervisors presented the Amherst County Sheriff's Department with a Commemorative Resolution at a 2021 meeting, congratulating the Sheriff's Department for earning accreditation and acknowledging the many years of hard work it took to do so.

The accreditation process required the Sheriff's Department to undergo, a complete review of its policies and procedures for evaluation against established measurements of the Virginia Law Enforcement Profession Standards Committee. On June 14-16, 2021, three assessors from different law enforcement agencies evaluated Amherst County on 190 standards and found it to be in 100% compliance. This compliance level is a rare accomplishment and exemplifies the high standards that the agency and personnel are held to.

The Amherst County Board of Supervisors extends their congratulations to Sheriff Viar and his department and thanks them for their hard work and service to the citizens of Amherst County and their dedication to continuously improving that service. *Amherst County Press Release*

New Playground Installed at Mill Creek Lake Park

The Amherst County Public Works Department has recently installed new equipment at Mill Creek Lake Park. The playground is a Registered National Demonstration Site through PlayCore and includes a sign with a scannable QR code visitors can use to provide feedback. This research will help Amherst determine what features citizens would like to see at other playgrounds and provide the manufacturer with data about what users would like to see in future designs. This project is part of an ongoing effort to improve Mill Creek Lake Park and provide activities for all ages *Amherst County Press Release*



Bell Donated to Amherst Welcome Center

An antique train bell was recently installed at the Amherst County Welcome Center. Eldon and Martha Cox donated the bell to the Depot in memory of a dear friend, Paul Wailes.

Originally a locomotive bell in Denver, Colorado, in 1953, the bell was installed at the family home of an Air Force Colonel in Cameron, NC. The bell then made its way to Amherst, Virginia, when the Colonel's sisters passed the bell on to the Cox family after living next to one another for 20 years. *Amherst County Press Release*

Director of Amherst County Public Libraries Retires

Steve Preston, Library Director of the Amherst County Public Library for the past 17 years, retired effective June 30, 2021. When a regional library system was proposed, Mr. Preston maintained the viability of the Amherst County Public Library as an independent library over the past few years.

Preston's accomplishments include supervising switching the library's online circulation system to Evergreen, a librarian-created and State Library-recommended circulation system. He also upgraded library technology, added an information technology position to the library staff, switched the internet connection to fiber optic, replaced all public and staff computers, and switched the telephone system to serve both ACPL libraries. *Amherst County Press Release*

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Library Board of Trustees Appoints New Library Director



The Amherst County Public Library Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the appointment of Jacob Etter as Library Director. Mr. Etter assumed the position on July 1, 2021. Etter previously served as Branch Manager of the Lovettsville Branch of the Loudoun County Public Library, where he initially worked as the Children's Librarian. During his time in Loudoun County, Etter oversaw 400 Library programs and doubled attendance in two years. Some of his proudest accomplishments include increasing the number of participants who completed the Summer Reading Program and achieving a circulation rate well above the national average.

His education includes a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and a Master of Library Science from University of North Texas. *Amherst County Press Release*

Trapezium Brewing Co. Opens Camp Trapezium in Amherst

Trapezium Brewing Co. was excited to announce the grand opening of Camp Trapezium last June in Amherst. Camp Trapezium sits on 100 acres and comprises a sustainable permaculture farm, brewery and taproom, and an eight suite Airbnb.

The multi-million dollar renovation of the old mill, undertaken by Waukeshaw Development, Trapezium's parent company, comes on the heels of Waukeshaw's recent opening of The Westie, a 41 unit apartment building in Madison Heights, and the successful rebirth of Winton Farm, the former Winton Country Club. Camp Trapezium's taproom will be a full-service restaurant with indoor and outdoor dining, featuring brick oven pizza.



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A permaculture farm was established onsite in 2019, with the goal of supplying as many food and beer ingredients as possible, right down to the yeast harvested off the property. Honeybees, berries, greens, herbs, tomatoes, and other specialty fruits and vegetables are all sustainably raised here. Visitors to Camp Trapezium are encouraged to roam the property and view the farm from which their food comes.

Waukeshaw converted the property's historic farmhouse into an eight unit Airbnb, creating an immersive experience for its guests, with fully renovated suites, ample space for relaxing indoors and out, and opportunities to engage with the farm and brewery.

Waukeshaw's Chief Operating Officer, Emily Sanfratella, states that "from the moment we laid eyes on this property, we knew we had something special here. Converting a historic mill to a functioning brewery and taproom was no easy task, and our entire team has worked relentlessly to bring this place to life. We couldn't be more excited to open our doors this weekend."



This was the former Amherst Milling Co. for over 200 years.

Formerly known as the Amherst Milling Company, the mill was a staple in the community since its inception circa 1813. The mill produced flour and cornmeal for over 200 years. Camp Trapezium is proud to carry on the tradition of providing locally produced products to the Amherst area.

The renovation of the historic mill and its surrounding buildings was completed to the standards of the National Park Service and Virginia Department of Historic Resources. Waukeshaw's President, Dave McCormack, says, "Our goal in renovating was to preserve the unique character of this property, leaving as much of the original materials in place as possible. Accomplishing this while also bringing the building up to code was a challenge, but with the support and partnership of the town and county, we've succeeded."

The Economic Development Authority of Amherst County, the Town of Amherst, Amherst County, and Virginia Department of Environmental Quality were instrumental in bringing this project to fruition. Waukeshaw worked closely with Amherst County and the Planning Commission through the rezoning and regulatory process and received a grant from the Virginia Brownfields Assistance Fund from the Department of Environmental Quality for environmental remediation work.

"We're thrilled to have Camp Trapezium as part of the Town of Amherst, and to see the iconic Amherst mill brought back to life" said Sara Carter, Amherst Town Manager.

"Working with Trapezium to bring this project to fruition has been an excellent experience," said Amherst County Administrator, Dean Rodgers. "I know that this place will be an economic driver for the County, and for the region."

For more information about Trapezium Brewing Co., visit <https://www.trapeziumbrewing.com>

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Patio Homes & Townhomes Approved On South Coolwell Road

During their July 20, 2021 meeting, the Board of Supervisors held a public hearing and approved a rezoning application, and made a change to the future land use map.

Jamey White of White Engineering and Design requested the rezoning of a parcel of land on Coolwell Road. The change in zoning will allow the property owner to build a multi-family development, including a mix of one-level patio homes and two-story townhouses. The units will be sold at fair market value.

Several Amherst County citizens spoke in favor of the development during the public hearing. Currently, retired Amherst County residents often have to move to neighboring localities to find living spaces that can accommodate their needs. Growth like this allows those citizens to retire and continue to reside in Amherst County. *Amherst County Press Release.*



Med 6 Ambulance Completes First Shift

Amherst County Public Safety's new Type 1 Ambulance, Medic 6, went into service on May 18,

2021.

Med 6 finished its first 24-hour shift Wednesday, May 19, 2021, and was staffed by Ryan Whidden, Advanced EMT-FF, and Vianca Chaidez EMT-Paramedic.

The 2020 Ford F-550 PL Custom Advanced Life Support Ambulance will be based at the Amherst Rescue Station and serve the community from the Town of Amherst. The ambulance was partially funded by a Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services Grant and the Board of Supervisors. *Amherst County Press Release.*

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Coalition for a Cleaner County Celebrates First Anniversary

The Coalition for a Cleaner County (CCC) will celebrate its first anniversary this month. The group started meeting in March 2020 and had its first County Cleanup Day on April 25, 2020. Virginia Myers serves as the coalition chair. Members include representatives from the Amherst County Staff and representatives from The Economic Development Authority, the Virginia Department of Transportation, and community members.



In the past year:

- 40 Amherst County residents have served approximately 1500 hours.
- 50k gallons of trash have been picked up.
- 125 tires have been collected

Special thanks go out to Robbie Wright who personally served 900 hours and collected 450 fifty-gallon trash bags.

The CCC has set a goal to double the amount of trash collected in their second year. Information about clean up days and other programs are shared on the group's Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CleanerCounty>

Citizens interested in volunteering can also contact Virginia Myers at virginia.myers@gmail.com. *Amherst County Press Release.*



Live Streaming Board of Supervisors Meetings

The Amherst County IT Department has installed new cameras in the Amherst County Public Meeting Room.

The stationary cameras have replaced the small webcam that was previously used to stream meetings. The cameras and software can simultaneously capture the Board of Supervisors,

speakers, and audience members and stream to multiple sources. The IT Department spent a significant amount of time researching, purchasing, installing and testing the new cameras and software.

Board of Supervisors Meetings can now be viewed live on Facebook and YouTube where they are archived for later viewing, also.

To watch the meetings on YouTube, visit https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZQOX_fj6WayGu_Hp8eZNVA

To watch the meetings on Facebook, visit <https://www.facebook.com/CountyOfAmherst>

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Board Designates New Freedom of Information Act Officer

At their April 6, 2021 meeting, the Amherst County Board of Supervisors designated Kristen Freeman as the new Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer for Amherst County. Ms. Freeman will replace the former FOIA Officer, Rachel Carton.

The FOIA Officer serves as the public's point of contact when requesting public records and ensures the County complies with FOIA regulations. The County Attorney and the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council provide initial training. Additional training takes place at least once every twenty-four months.

Ms. Freeman can be contacted at kmfreeman@countyofamherst.com or (434) 946-9415.

Information on FOIA, how to request information, and Amherst County's FOIA responsibilities can be found on the County website: <https://www.countyofamherst.com/topic/index.php?topicid=18&structureid=3> *Amherst County Press Release*

Community Sign Installed in Lowesville

A new community sign was installed in Lowesville as part of the Board of Supervisors' place making efforts.

The sign's design was the joint effort of the Lowesville Community Group, the Board of Supervisors, and the Community Development Department and was produced by McBride Signs. The fisherman design is a reflection of the area's lakes



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and active fishing community, while the mountain illustrates the picturesque scenery of Lowesville.

The sign is located just before the intersection of Lowesville Road and Woodson Road. The Board hopes that the new sign is the first of many highlighting different geographic communities within Amherst County. Each sign will reflect a defining feature of the area. *Amherst County Press Release.*



Amherst County Welcomes Patrick Nalley

Amherst County welcomed Patrick Nalley as Director of Recreation, Tourism and Cultural Development. Mr. Nalley's job will include planning, organizing, and overseeing recreation and cultural development programs for Amherst County's residents and visitors.

Sara Lu Christian previously served as Director of Recreation and Parks for over thirty-two years before retiring in January 2021. The department's title was adjusted to reflect Mr. Nalley's programmatic role and responsibilities. Management of the County's parks and recreational facilities will be overseen by the Public Works Department.

Patrick has a Master's in Sports Administration from Arkansas State University and is currently working toward his Doctorate in Public Administration from West Chester University. His previous experience includes three years as a Parks and Recreation Director for Peyton, Colorado, and twelve years as a swimming coach and aquatics facilities manager for multiple organizations. *Amherst County Press Release.*



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Amherst County & the James River Association Celebrate Groundbreaking of New Access to the James & Plans For An Education Center

Amherst County and the James River Association (JRA) are celebrating the groundbreaking of imminent construction at Riveredge Park in Madison Heights that will expand public river access to more people and serve a greater variety of river users.



Jennifer Moore, Amherst County Board of Supervisors Chair and representative of the Madison Heights Voting District, said “The Board’s expansion of features at Riveredge Park continues. This groundbreaking represents more river access, more educational opportunities and more excellent facilities for public use. Our close working partnership with the James River Association continues to reap benefits for the people of Madison Heights, the county as a whole and our neighbors across the river. We are excited to be hosting the Upper James River Center and to be a partner in expanding access and use of the Middle and Upper James to all.”

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The new river access will be a paved pathway down to a landing that will be equipped with a ramp to launch canoes, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards. This new landing, which will be just up-river from the building at the Riveredge parking lot, will allow boats to launch above the rapids across from the Langley fountain, making it easier to paddle upstream to Scotts Mill Dam. It will also have a floating dock to allow easy boarding onto JRA's batteau. Batteau are shallow draft



but very stable river crafts that were first built in Amherst County and used during the period from 1775 to 1840 to transport tobacco and other cargo on the James River and its tributaries. Adding the batteau program to JRA's education and James

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River Adventures programs will open river experiences to a broader audience, including those with physical disabilities or small children.

JRA also announced plans for improvements at Riveredge Park to establish the Upper James River Center. The Upper James River Center will turn the existing building into a state-of-the-art environmental education center to strengthen current education programs and serve as a focal point for river activities in the region.

“Amherst County Public Schools has been a partner with the James River Association for the past four years,” said Dr. William Wells, Assistant Superintendent of Amherst County Public Schools. “The James River Association does a wonderful job engaging students through hands-on outdoor experiences and helps students connect to the nature world. Amherst County schools is excited to see the new access point at Riveredge Park.”

The new facility will include aquariums featuring fish from the James River and new technology to help students understand the connection of their local waters to the entire James River, Chesapeake Bay and the world. A new pavilion will also be added to serve as an outdoor classroom and can host community events as well. All of these elements have tremendous potential to increase the impact of JRA’s education programs, attract new users, bolster tourism in the Amherst County and Lynchburg regions, and strengthen the community’s connection to the river.

“The Upper James River Center will help connect many more people to the James River and enhance all of our programs in the region,” said Bill Street, CEO for the James River Association. “Our goal is to ensure that everyone living around the James River is introduced to the river and enjoys a lifetime of benefits that it can provide.”

JRA’s Upper James River Center is part of an overall campaign called the James Changer Campaign that will expand JRA’s current programs, add three educational river centers along the James River, restore hundreds of acres of critical streamside and shoreline vegetated buffers and build JRA’s endowment. The total fundraising goal for the three-year campaign is \$20 million and JRA has raised \$17.5 million to date.

For more information about JRA and its programs, visit thejamesriver.org.

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Three Convenience Center Locations Are Now Open Seven Days a Week

The Pedlar and the Boxwood Farm Convenience Centers are now open seven days a week from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm; the Coolwell Convenience Center will continue with this schedule as well. The Board of Supervisors approved the change during the 2022 fiscal year budget process. All other convenience centers will continue to be open from 7:00 am-7:00 pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and will be closed Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The convenience centers accept compact and bulk waste, plastic, cardboard, metal, and paper recycling. All convenience centers are closed on New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day and close at noon the day before Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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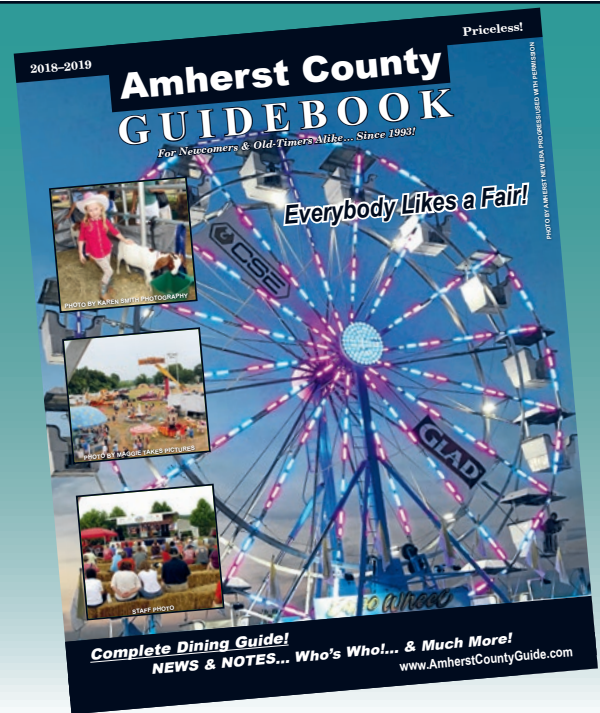
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Improvements at the Boxwood Farm Convenience Center are finished, and the site is now fully operational.

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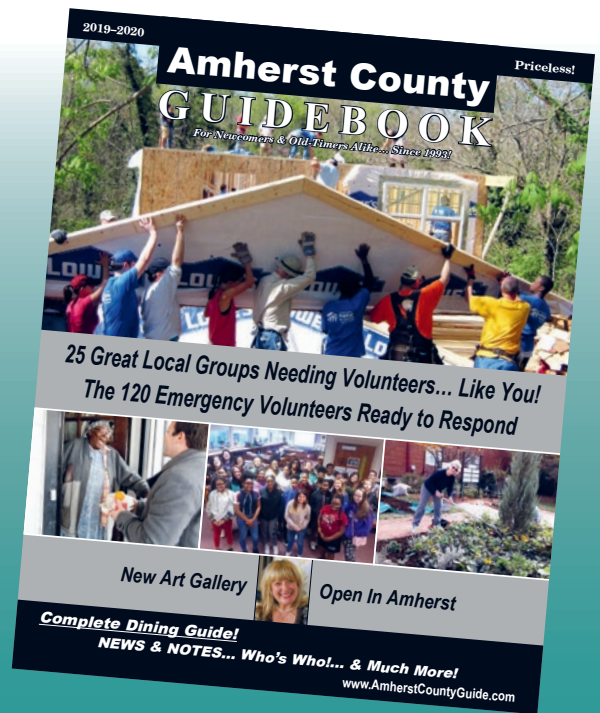
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PLUMBERS

Sullivan Plumbing Express 188 South Main Street, Amherst **946-0850**

PORTABLE RESTROOMS

Discount Portable Toilets Madison Heights (*see ad on page 58*) **929-2323**

POTTERY

Gail Speidell Pottery 266 Tusculum Lane East Amherst **(434) 841-7336**

PRINT & MEDIA SERVICES

Bright Images 3022 Memorial Avenue Lynchburg (*see ad on page 17*) **(434) 846-8273**

RADIO STATIONS

EC Broadcasting, LLC 202 Oak Ridge Dr. Madison Heights **(434) 238-0508**

KD Country 300 Lucado Place Suite 102 Lynchburg **(434) 369-1055**

REALTORS

Bailey, April & Caleb Broker / Realtor / 107 S. Main St., Amherst (*see ad on back cover*) **(434) 381-2661**

Blue Ridge Group of Amherst LLC/Keller-Williams Realty 155 S. Main St., Amherst **381-2279**

Cash Bros. Real Estate Inc. 3570 South Amherst Highway, Monroe **841-7136**

Century 21 All-Service Realty (*see ad on page 44*) **946-0580**

Consensus Real Estate 1100 Commerce Street, Lynchburg **846-6585**

Counts, Ted Realty & Auction Group 828 Main Street, 15th Floor, Lynchburg **525-2991**

Davis, Sam E. Real Estate & Construction 572 Elon Rd., Madison Heights (*see ad on page 25*) **929-0446**

Elite Realty 4449 S. Amherst Hwy. Madison Heights **(434) 660-5853**

Locust Hill Realty 190 Phelps Road Madison Heights **(434) 321-4774**

Montague Miller & Co. Realtors 198 S. Main St. Suite 102 **946-5522**

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Snow, Mary Realty Amherst **258-5860**

Wingfield Real Estate, 3975 S. Amherst Hwy., Madison Heights **929-1623**

REAL ESTATE CLOSINGS

Main Street Settlements, LLC 103 S. Main Street, Amherst **946-1090**

REALTOR / HOME SERVICES

Berkshire Hathaway Home Services - Dawson Ford Garber 3685 S Amherst Hwy., Madison Heights **(434) 385-0015**

REHABILITATION SERVICES

Centra Fairmont Crossing Health & Rehab **946-2850**

RESTAURANTS

(please see DINING GUIDE on page 36)

ROOFING

Craftsman Roofing 4728 S. Amherst Hwy., Madison Heights **845-1583**

SECURITY / ALARM SERVICES

Identity Shield Amherst

Strategic Security Solutions 404 Crowell Ln. Ste. 3 Lynchburg **(434) 333-5831**

SEPTIC SERVICES

Discount Septic Service Madison Heights (*see page 58*) 929-2323

SIGNS

McBride I. H. Sign Co. Rt.29 Bus., Madison Heights (*see ad on page 61*) 847-4151

SQUARE DANCING

Blue Ridge Stars Square Dance Club Amherst (434) 929-5221

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Gilbert Sand & Stone 3459 S. Amherst Hwy., Monroe 929-7433

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RMZ Tree Service Madison Heights (*see ad on page 15*) (434) 944-4916

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J.G.F. Trucking Co. 1380 S. Coolwell Rd. Madison Heights 929-6417

P&K Trucking Inc 513 S Main St., Amherst 616-6048

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Amherst Veterinary Hospital Amherst Hwy., Monroe 929-1010

Laurel Stone Veterinary Hospital Route 60 Amherst 946-5059

Monelison Animal Clinic 143 Highview Drive, Madison Heights (*see ad on page 62*) 929-1322

Oak Hill Veterinary Care & Pet Resort 120 Dillard Rd. Madison Heights (434) 218-7070

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Ankida Ridge Vineyards 1304 Franklin Creek Rd., Amherst (434) 922-7678

Lazy Days Winery 1351 N Amherst Hwy., Amherst 381-6088

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WOOD PRODUCTS

Ellington Wood Products Inc. Amherst (*see ad on page 60*) (434) 922-7545

Wright Wood Products 1700 Richmond Hwy., Amherst (*see ad on page 33*) 944-5207

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About the Amherst County Chamber of Commerce (ACCC)



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Visitor Center Hours:

Wed – Sat: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Sun: 1 pm – 5pm

THE AMHERST COUNTY CHAMBER WANTS YOUR BUSINESS TO THRIVE

The mission of the ACCC is to advance commercial, industrial, professional, domestic and global interests in Amherst County and its trade area; to increase members' presence and to be of service to members in any way we can help. *"Connecting People. Building Business."*

ACCC MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Research has proven that if given a choice, consumers will shop with a chamber member because chamber membership conveys trustworthiness, community involvement, customer care, success, and leadership in the business community. At the ACCC we work very hard to help our members achieve all of their business goals each year, and we measure our success by our members' success. New programs and events have recently been created that not only support our members, but also benefit the Amherst County community. Your business membership with the chamber makes these programs and events possible, and without them we cannot accomplish our shared mission of a thriving, profitable business community.

Networking opportunities are available to meet potential customers, clients, and vendors to generate new business leads.

Advertising & Promotion - All members are listed and linked on our **website**. We have thousands of visits to our website each month. With the membership portal you can promote "Hot Deals", job opportunities at your business, and your upcoming events. Ribbon Cuttings are conducted for new business openings. The ACCC maintains a fully-stocked brochure area for travelers and tourists. **Social Media** - With hundreds of followers on Facebook and Twitter, you can utilize the Chamber to promote your events, programs, and seminars. **Member e-Blasts** - Over 600 people receive our e-blasts. Highlights new members, events in the county, Chamber events, and important state/legislative information that matters to your business, every month. Send us your newsworthy events and we will get the word out. **Customer Referrals**- Customer-to and business-to-business referrals. Information Requests- professional packets sent out upon request with relocation information, etc. **Membership Decal** - Every member receives an ACCC decal for display, informing customers of your active support of local businesses, economic development, tourism, and fair business practices

Amherst County Guidebook - This annual magazine is distributed throughout the Amherst County area and is published in conjunction with ACCC as a vehicle to promote Amherst County. Members receive discounted advertising rates. **Amherst Street Map** resource guide offers a discount on advertising to ACCC members.



A near capacity crowd attended the 2019 Awards Dinner at Sweet Briar College.

The Board meets at noon on the second Wednesday of each month, at the offices of the ACCC at the Visitor Center.

OFFICERS:

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Specialty Exterminating Co.
Ruth Martineau, Vice President
Community Maps
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The Chamber serves the needs of the business community with a part-time office staff and an all-volunteer Board of Directors. The Board of Directors welcomes suggestions, comments, input, and the synergy of the community. We look forward to working with our members who wish to have a more active role in the Chamber. If you wish to volunteer or assist with a Chamber-sponsored event, please contact the Chamber office at (434) 946-0990 or email information@amherstvachamber.com.

ACCC Annual Business Award Winners Named

The *Amherst County Chamber of Commerce* held their Annual Awards Presentation September 23, 2021. The winners were announced live via the Chamber's Facebook Page. Due to the increase in COVID cases locally, the Board of Directors voted to forgo an in-person dinner and announce the winners on Facebook Live for the second year in a row.

THE WINNERS WERE:

- **New Business:** The Vintage Loft
- **Small Business:** Foxy Nails
- **Medium Size Business:** Wall Construction
- **Large Business:** Bank of the James
- **Non-Profit:** VFW Post 9877
- **The Citizen of the Year:** Dr. Rob Arnold, Superintendent of Amherst County Public Schools.

Our Harry L. Day Jr. Award for Outstanding Community Service was posthumously awarded to Lee Cobb, reflecting his many years of service to Amherst County working with the Economic Development Authority.

Chamber President Sabrina Kennon said, "We solicited nominations from our community and they did not disappoint! It is always a pleasure recognizing businesses who stand out and make Amherst a great place to live, work, play, and serve."

Also congratulated were all of the Business of the year Nominees-

New Businesses – The Vintage Loft; Nanny's Prim & Décor; S & J Pitass & More

Small Businesses – What A Blessing; Tharpe Funeral Home; Foxy Nails; Frank Good Builders; Drummond Electric; Pool Doctor; Filling station; Friends Catering

Medium Size Businesses – Wall Construction; ITG; Quickie Foods; McBride Signs; La Caretta

Large Size Businesses – Food Lion; Cowan; Bank of the James; CSE

Non-Profits – Apple Harvest; Amherst Habitat; NHN; Amherst Fire Dept; VFW Post 9877.

Amherst County Chamber of Commerce (ACCC) Members

as of 10/27/21



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AM FM Energy, LLC	Church Plant Print	J G F Trucking Co	RE/MAX 1st Olympic-
Amherst Co Habitat for Humanity	Clifford Ruritan Club	James River State Park	April Bailey Homes Team
Amherst Co Museum & Historical Society	Community Maps	Jesse C. Wasserman, CPA	Sam e. Davis Real Estate & Construction
Amherst County	Consensus Real Estate Services, LLC	Johnson Health Center	Save Our Animal Rescues (SOAR)
Amherst County Dept. of Parks & Rec.	Country Meadow Farm LLC	Karen Smith Photographer	Second Stage Amherst
Amherst County Guidebook (All American Publications, LLC)	Craftsman Roofing, Inc.	Ladle and Blade Kitchen Supply Co.	Sheila's Pet Grooming
Amherst Dance Academy	Dancin' Hills Ranch	Laurel Stone Veterinary Hospital	Shoulderbone Farm
Amherst Fire Department	Deck N Yard	Lazy Days Winery	Sluggo's Sundae Drive
Amherst Glebe Arts Response (AGAR)	Delegate T. Scott Garrett, M.D.	Locust Hill Realty LLC	Snap Fitness-Amherst, VA (AM FIT LLC)
Amherst County Lions Club	Divine Darlings	Loose Shoe Brewing Co.	Specialty Exterminating Co
Amherst Dry Cleaners	Drummond Electrical, Inc.	Lynchburg KOA Campground	St Mark's Episcopal Church
Amherst Glebe Arts Response (AGAR)	EDA of Amherst County	Lynchburg Ready Mix Concrete Co., Inc.	State Farm Insurance - Richard Buck, Inc.
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Amherst Rotary Club	Edward Jones Investments - Madison Heights	M. Edward Wilson Insurance Agency Inc.	Swissomation Virginia
Amherst Veterinary Hospital (Pet Partners, LLC)	El Mariachi	Madison Heights Eye Care PC - Optometrists	T4Tactics, LLC
Andy Mathews Agency	Emmanuel United Methodist Church	Madison Heights Ruritan Club	Taylor Family Farms
Ankida Ridge Vineyards	Episcopal Thrift Shop	Maggie Takes Pix	Team Nurse
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Auto Water, Inc.	Five Dogs Farm – Peacock Festival	Martin's Paint & Body Shop	The Horse Connection, LLC
Bank of the James - Amherst	Fortress Foundations Solutions	Mary Snow Realty	The Speidell Group
Bank of the James - Madison Heights	Freeman Enterprises, Inc. dba McDonald's of Amherst	Ma's Time	Town of Amherst
Barracks Financial Group	Friends of Amherst County	Massie Insurance Agency	TPK LLC
Beacon Credit Union	Galeria LaParriere LLC	Member One Federal Credit Union	Truist Bank (formerly BB & T)
Bean Barn	Garden Wedding Design-By Melissa	Mike Cook Bus. Coach	United Way of Central Virginia
Bethany UMC Health & Wellness	George E. Jones & Sons, Inc.	Monacan Indian Nation Inc.	VFW Post 9877
Bill's Body Shop	GFWC-Amherst Woman's Club Inc.	Montague Miller & Company	Village Garden Club of Amherst
Blair Marketing	Gilbert's Sand & Stone	Morcom Realty, Inc.	Virginia Canals and Navigations Society
Blue Mountain Barrel House	GLAD Manufacturing Company/The Clorox Co.	Nelson County Tourism	Virginia Consulting, Inc
Blue Ridge Christmas Cottage	Go Measure 3D	Offsite Office Essentials	Virginia's Region 2000 Local Gov't Council
Blue Ridge Group of Amherst LLC/ Keller Williams Realty	Greif Packaging Services, LLC	Old Dominion Job Corps	Vito's Pizza Bar & Grill
Blue Ridge Medical Center	Hancock Business Management Systems, LLC	P & K Trucking	Wall Construction LLC
Blue Ridge Stars	Harman Eye Center of Amherst	Peaceful Alternatives	Wes' Muffler & Custom Pipe Shop
Boxley	Heaven Touching Earth	Petty, Livingston, Dawson & Richards, PC	Whitehall Framing, LLC
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C.W. Abbitt Jr. & Sons Inc.	Hickey Electric Co., Inc.	Poplar Grove - operating as Green Leaf Golf Club	Wingfield Real Estate
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Carter Bank & Trust – Madison Heights	Hometown Pharmacy	Quik-E Food Stores / Witco (Store #01, Madison Heights)	Winton Manor House Preservation Society
Cascio & Sons Construction	Hometown Sales & Learning	Quik-E Food Stores / Witco (Store #10, Madison Heights)	Woodforest National Bank
Centra	Hudson-Payne Electronics Corp.	Quik-E Food Stores / Witco (Store #11, Amherst)	Woodruff's Café & Pie Shop
Central Baptist Church	Humane Society of Amherst County	R. Kelly Golden, DDS, PC	WSET (WSET-TV) Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc.
Central VA Business Coalition	Hurt & Proffitt, Inc.		
Central VA Federal Credit Union	I.H. McBride Sign Company		
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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

- Crime - Amherst County Sheriff's Department 946-9300
- Domestic Violence 24 hr. Crisis Hotline 1-800-838-8238
- Magistrate 946-9349

Fire Department:

- Amherst, Monelison, Pedlar Volunteer Fire Companies 946-9300

Rescue:

- Amherst, Monelison, Gladstone, Pedlar Volunteer Rescues 946-9300
- Crime Stoppers 1-888-798-5900

School Information:

- Amherst County Public Schools - Robert Arnold, Ed.D., Superintendent 946-9386

County Offices:

- Building Inspection 946-9302
- Circuit Court Clerk's Office Records of Deeds, Wills, Court Records, etc. 946-9321
- Commissioner of Revenue - Business Licenses 946-9310
- Commonwealth Attorney's Office - Legal Issues 946-9316
- County Administration 946-9400
- Economic Development 946-5200
- Planning & Zoning Department 946-9303
- Public Health Department - Free Dental Care 946-9408
- Public Safety 946-9307
- Stray Animal - Animal Warden - Call Dispatch 946-9300
- Humane Society, Adoption Center 946-2340
- Treasurers Office - Pay Taxes, Pet Licenses 946-9318
- Voter Registration & Information - Registrar's Office 946-9315

Utility Services:

- Utilities Department - Madison Heights - Amherst County Service Authority 845-1605

Landfill, Collection & Recycling Center Information::

- Amherst County Landfill located approx. 1 1/2 mi. off Izaac Walton Road on Kentmoor Farm Rd-
Operating Hours: Mon. through Fri. 8 to 4 and Sat. 8 to 12 noon
Keith Stevens, Director, Dept. of Public Works. For more information, visit CountyofAmherst.com. 846-3324

Things to Do:

- Museum - Amherst County Museum & Historical Society 946-9068
- Recreation - Contact Amherst Co. Parks & Recreation Department 946-9731
- Sweet Briar College-museum, theaters 381-6100

Library Facilities:

- Public Libraries - Amherst Public Library, Town of Amherst 946-9488
Hours: Amherst; Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 10am-6pm; Tues. 10am-8pm.; Sat 10am-2:00pm
- Branch Library at the James River Shopping Center - Madison Heights Branch Library. 846-8171
Hours: Mon. 10am-8pm; Tues., Wed., Thurs.; Fri. 10am-6pm; Sat. 10am-2:00pm

Amherst County Chamber of Commerce located within the new Amherst County Visitor's Center

- 328 Richmond Hwy., Ste. A., Amherst (intersection of Rts. 29 & 60). 946-0990
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“Double the Homes, Double the Hope”

Amherst County Habitat for Humanity is pleased to be a part of a statewide Capital Campaign. This coordination between 20 Virginia Habitat affiliates is a unique & exciting journey towards stronger communities throughout Virginia.

Our Need:

- 1: According to the latest census, Amherst County has 13% of its population under the Federal poverty guidelines, the state average is 10%. We have 56% of our population in the ALICE category (Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed) where the state average is 29%. The need for affordable housing is REAL.
- 2: We serve those in the 30% to 60% of median income for Amherst County. With volunteer labor and 0% interest mortgages, we provide affordable housing thus easing budget restraints on families...improving lives through better health, removing food insecurities, providing stability, education, technology access, redirecting generational poverty.



LU Serves...Liberty University service group working with Amherst Habitat on the Depot Street Revitalization Project in conjunction with the Town of Amherst.

Our Goals:

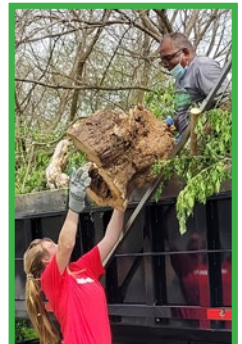
- 1: Establish a land inventory through land purchases and land donations.
- 2: Doubling the homes built annually, thus increasing our monthly mortgage revenue and improving the quality of life for our County residents in need.

Our Accomplishments:

- 1: Awarded a HUD Capacity Grant, 1 of 15 approved in the United States. This grant funds the salary for an additional full-time employee for 3 years which allowed us to start an entire new application process for Health & Safety Critical Repairs.
- 2: We Moved! Our offices are now located in the former Rehab Associates building, donated by Centra, located at 130 Ambriar Court. With the additional space, we have opened an ongoing Indoor Yardsale, selling donated household and construction items! We also partner with Social Services, Disabled Veterans, abuse shelters, disaster victims, area churches, etc.
- 3: We have established Homebuyer's Club Financial classes, 12 hours of instruction prior to the application process. With our latest graduates, 3 families raised their personal credit scores over 200 points each!
- 4: Established an Apostle's Build Program forming a building partnership with area churches.
- 5: Started our first Neighborhood Revitalization Project covering approximately a 10 block area of Depot Street in conjunction with the Town of Amherst. (see pictures)
- 6: We were awarded Virginia State Tax Credits (NAP Credits). Our Board has established the following guidelines for 2021-22: When making a \$5000 minimum donation to Amherst County Habitat the donor receives \$2500 tax deduction and a \$2500 Virginia State Tax Credit.



Construction Volunteer and Board Member, Brad Barth takes a chainsaw to an overgrown area in the Depot Street Area Cleanup Project



LU Student and Volunteer Sylvester (Boe) Booker loading the Town dump truck. Nine loads of debris and refuse were removed.



Master electrician, Mike Dill, owner of Dill Electric, volunteers his time on a Depot Street Health & Safety Rehab



Construction Volunteer, John Oblinger, installs a new door on a Depot Street Health & Safety Rehab.

“My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, secure homes, undisturbed places of rest.” Isaiah 32:18

Our Mission Statement: Amherst County Habitat for Humanity works in Partnership with God's people in need, and volunteers from all walks of life and faiths, to build decent, simple and affordable housing.



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