

1. A Grant Application was submitted to Virginia Humanities Foundation for Researching and Writing **Esmont's History**. Andi Cumbo-Floyd will do the research and writing and have it ready to be printed. Andi, originally from Bremono Bluff in Fluvanna County, now lives in Stanardsville.

Letters of support filed with the grant application came from Yancey Community Center, Jan Karon, C'ville Albemarle Historical Society and Yancey Seniors Group. We should learn in December if we are awarded the grant.

2. We should also hear about the **Trail Grant** in December, submitted to BAMA Works through Charlottesville Area Community Funds. If successful, we will probably file another grant application to extend our Trail up to Simpson Park.

An email will go out to everyone when we hear about the grants.

3. **Depot Committee** is active, headed by Don Jones, other members are Robbbyrda Preston, Denise Bush, Doug Bush, Rob Peters, Steve Beydler. Anyone interested in joining this committee, please let me know.

We are seeking assistance from an architect to determine size of the structure to house water and snack machines, port-a-potty, built in benches and storage area. It is envisioned the structure will be 3-sided with the open side facing the trail. The three sides will be replicas of the original building.

Meetings have been held with staff of State and Federal Politicians, Denver Riggleman, Creigh Deeds and Matt Ferris, representing the Esmont area, as we will need their support working with CSX for land for the depot and trail. It appears there is sufficient CSX land to locate the depot very close to its original location – across the road and to the right of the Post Office.

We are requesting letters of support from each of the politicians and learning of other ways they can help us with funding and contacts.

4. Several Friends attended a local **AHIP** activity – installing a heat pump in a house on Irish Road in Esmont.

5. Friends also visited **Pine Knot**, President Theodore and Edith Roosevelt's Retreat located in Keene. The cabin which the President and his wife loved to visit had no heat except for fireplaces, no lights or water! It is surrounded by woods which they enjoyed. That foundation is headed by Paula Beazley, a Friend of Esmont.

6. Another interesting place visited was the **Gallastar** Open House, an animal refuge on Irish Road in Esmont. Lots of pigs, horses, turkeys, dogs, goats and donkeys.

7. Click on this link to read Pat Healy's story about Stave Mill Farm's Dressage School in Esmont where Friends held its September meeting.

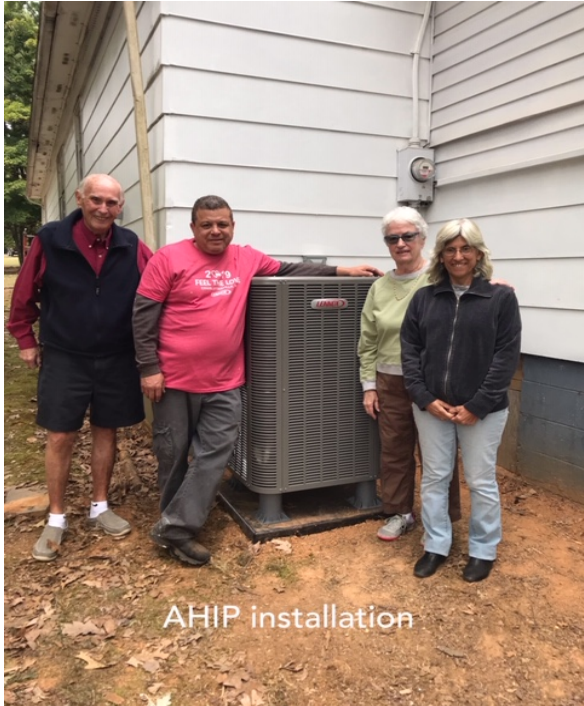
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8. The health department is now hiring a part-time (20 hours/week @ \$17/hour) contract Community Health Worker (CHW)/Office Services Specialist to staff a new health department clinic at the Yancey Community Center in Esmont. The CHW will be responsible for outreach and engagement to promote health department services and work closely with community partners to provide referrals to other services and resources. The CHW will provide health education in informal and formal setting as well as clerical support for monthly family planning clinics.

Please see the attached job description for further details, job duties, and preferred qualifications. Resumes should be emailed directly to me at [putnam.ivey@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:putnam.ivey@vdh.virginia.gov). We anticipate accepting applications through the end of November with interviews to start in early December.



Pine Knot



AHIP installation



Gallastar

