



SECTIONS
Front Page
Election 2006
Region
State
National
Opinion
Sports
Entertainment
Calendar of Events
TV Listings
Weather
Classified Ads
Buy Virginia Books
About
For Editors
Book Publishing
Design Services
Advertise
Pay

[Click here to make this your homepage!](#)

[Text-Only Version](#)

Most Recent Headlines

WINNING AT WORKING: Staying in the game

By Nan S. Russell The message came from human resources. There's nothing to worry about with the newly announced organizational changes and pending merger, it reassured. The changes will be good for the company and good for the people who work here, it coached. I've seen a couple dozen messages like this during my career. In fact, I've even crafted a few. I've been through mergers, acquisitions, downsizings, organizational changes, personal career setbacks and a myriad of new corporate initiatives.

A facelift for the Players Warehouse

In the Spotlight

Chris Graham

chris@augustafreepress.com

Home has been an old railroad depot, the second floor of a downtown thrift shop, the basement of a member's home, even for a time a chicken coop.

It is now the Waynesboro Players Warehouse - which was recently the focus of a facelift that Players vice president June Hall said had been needed "for years."

"It's our face to the community, and we want it to look good," Hall said of the facelift, which included a new roof structure and facade that has transformed the look of the 722 E. Main St. building that had in the past been home to a car dealership and The Humphries Press.

The community-theater group has been in the Warehouse since 1990, when the late Lillian Morse, a long-time Players member and leader, pushed for the organization to do something about its always fluctuating living arrangements.

"Before we had the Warehouse, we were all over the place - a railroad depot, the old Crompton plant, the second floor of the thrift shop on Wayne Avenue," Players president Charlie Lawson told *The Augusta Free Press*.

"We were in places where we didn't have any heat. Some of the places had issues when it would rain or snow, and we'd get spit on. One of the places was a favorite resting spot for pigeons. We just never knew what we would find when we'd go to work on a show," Lawson said.

The move to the Players Warehouse 15 years ago took care of those issues. The renovation to the front of the building that was completed in November took care of another Players need.

"I feel like this gives us more of a noticeable presence. It gives us more of a professional aura. And it's something that's useful as far as

THE FLY LADY: Juggling act

By Marla Cilley We all have a scared little kid living inside of us. We like to think of ourselves as being all grown up; after all, our age and our bodies are matured. Somewhere along the way we have felt like we were losing control and we have worked hard at taking control of every area of our lives, only to feel even more out of control. That scared little kid inside of us is trying so hard to not mess up. We want to show the world that we are good at what we do.

keeping people informed of the latest goings-on with the Players as well," Lawson said.

Hall, who spearheaded the renovation effort, said it is "good to see the Warehouse looking good again."

"We're fortunate to have had the support of the community to be able to do this," Hall told the *AFP*.

On the Web

- www.waynesboroplayers.org

What do you think? [Signup](#) or [Login](#) as a member, and post your comments by clicking on the link below.

(Published 12-19-05/[Entertainment](#))

Advertisement

[Comment on this article](#)

[Click here to email a copy of this story to a friend](#)

THE DINNER DIVA: Family fiber

By Leanne Ely Fiber is essential to healthy eating, especially if you remember the other corresponding component to filling up with fiber - water. Think for a moment about your garbage disposal. In order to get it flushed out, you must run the water before flicking the switch. This is how you get things moving and cleaned out. Your own personal waste disposal isn't much different. Believe me - you need both parts of this equation to make things work: fiber and water.

BLUE DOG TALES: CPAC journal

By Steven Sisson It's the Blue Dog, live from ... err, Washington, D.C., and the CPAC conference! I attended the annual conference of conservative political activists last week - blogging from the Internet Row sponsored by the good conservatives at TownHall.com. Ahh ... where do I begin? FoxNews and *Washington Times* reporters and, hey, is that conservative talk show host, G. Gordon Liddy, walking by the booth? I talked shop with Republican Party of Virginia members ...

VOICES: Reflections on the war

By Hunter Mabry At a town-hall meeting in Stuarts Draft last month, Sixth District Congressman Bob Goodlatte began with a half-hour presentation about the war on terrorism. Largely on the basis of his recent visit to Afghanistan and Iraq with four other members of Congress, he declared that "troop morale is high" and that the U.S. is "succeeding" in the war on terrorism, even if more slowly than desired. But what his presentation

did not include is significant.

VOICES: Car-title lending must be controlled

By Rev. C. Douglas Smith David Jones (not his real name) works for a company in Richmond and gets medical benefits through his employer.

Unfortunately, his insurance doesn't include coverage for dental bills, and in August he had to come up with \$1,800 to pay for dental work. Instead of asking his employer for a loan or an advance on his salary, he went to a car-title loan store. The car-title lender loaned him \$1,800.

VIEWPOINT: Making the minions marionettes

By Selwyn Duke If a new application of the global positioning system passes muster and finds favor with the Big Siblings of Western democracies, speeding may eventually become a thing of the past. Being tested in Canada and at least contemplated in Britain, the system would be placed in vehicles and communicate with orbital satellites, informing the car's computer about the speed limit of the road being traversed.

THE TOP STORY: Bridging the race divide?

By Chris Graham/AFP Daryl Davis has plenty of detractors - people who question his motives for wanting to meet with white supremacists, who wonder why an African-American man would of his own volition attend rallies of the Ku Klux Klan, who outright doubt his stories of conversions of racial separatists as being pure fantasies. The Maryland-based activist and blues musician has a ready answer for them. "What I say to them is, hey, look, I've got these robes and hoods hanging in my closet ..."

INSIDE POLITICS: The death of the death tax?

By Chris Graham/AFP Chris Saxman's family business has taken out a rather large insurance policy to protect Shenandoah Valley Water Co. from the sting of the estate tax. "This is just in case my parents pass away," said Saxman, the general manager of the Staunton-based water bottler and a member of the Virginia House of Delegates. "This is basically a hidden tax that goes to the insurance companies just for the chance of my parents dying ..."

[INSIDE POLITICS: Will scandal impact '06 elections in Virginia?](#)

By Chris Graham/AFP Democrats are salivating at the prospect of being able to ride the wave of the political scandals involving Jack Abramoff and Duke Cunningham long enough that they can take back control of the United States Congress in the November midterm elections. Don't expect the wave to crash down on any Virginia Republicans running for re-election in the fall, however. "It's difficult for a member of Congress to face questions because of a scandal ..."

Membership

[Join Now](#)

[Login](#)

Advertiser Links

[Coldwell Banker Barger Real Estate](#)
[Fairfax Hall](#)
[Final Draft Booksellers](#)
[Laurel Ridge Country](#)
[Lily of the Shenandoah Valley](#)
[Otherwinds Graphic & Web Design](#)
[Meditation in Motion](#)
[Reo Distribution](#)
[Shen. Valley Regional Airport](#)
[South River Restaurant](#)
[Stuart Hall School](#)
[The Dixie Theater](#)
[Tinsley Art & Design](#)
[Visulite Cinemas](#)
[Wayne Hills Baptist Church](#)
[Waynesboro Florist](#)
[Waynesboro Kiwanis Club](#)
[Waynesboro Family YMCA](#)

For more on advertising, [click here](#).

News Links

[C-ville Weekly](#)
[Google News](#)
[\(Mostly\) Virginia](#)
[Online News](#)
[Rockingham Free Press](#)

[Shenandoah Valley Web](#)
[The Hook](#)
[Virginia News Source](#)
[Virginia Preps](#)
[WSVA 550AM](#)

Edited by Crystal Graham & Chris Graham



The Augusta Free Press is an independent publication serving Staunton, Waynesboro and Augusta County, Virginia.
Content Copyright 2002 - 2006 by Augusta Free Press | All Rights Reserved
Last updated 2/16/05; 7:17:47 AM