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The Hampton Inn is seeking the following full time positions: Front Desk - all shifts Night Audit Breakfast attendants House-keepers Apply in person at 200 Thompson St South Hill Va. 23970 (WS12/13c

The Quality Inn is seeking the following full time positions: Front Desk - all shifts Housekeepers Apply in person at 918 E Atlantic St. South Hill Va. 23970 (WS12/13c

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Employment Opportunity

Southern Dominion Health System, Inc. is seeking a full-time **Patient Service Representative** for its Emporia Medical Center location. Applicants should have excellent customer service skills, the ability to multi-task, and experience in an administrative position. Medical office experience is preferred. EOE. Please send resume to:

SDHS, Inc.
 Attn: Human Resources
 P.O. Box 70
 Victoria, VA 23974
 FAX: (434) 696-2149
(Please reference Emporia PSR position)

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The Meherrin River Regional Jail is now hiring for the position of:

Jail Officer

To coordinate, control and direct the movement of prisoners. Jail officers' intake, process, transport, and provide for the safety and security of inmates, staff members and the community. Officers may be assigned other duties specific to specialized areas of the jail as well. Pay Range is \$31,009 - \$32,423 based on training and experience.

Minimum qualifications are as follows:

- Be a high school graduate or equivalent
- Be at least 21 years of age
- Possess a valid Virginia or North Carolina driver's license
- Have the ability to pass a physical examination and drug screening
- Have the ability to pass an extensive criminal history, background and credit report check
- Must complete special training as required by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, including use of firearms, first aid, chemical and electronic weapons systems, within twelve months of hire date
- Must maintain a telephone in residence for emergency contact
- Must be willing to be in an on-call status

The majority of positions will be shift work, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. or 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. (5:30 Briefing).

A Meherrin River Regional Jail Application can be picked up at the following locations or on our website at www.mrrj.org:

- The Meherrin River Regional Jail Alberta Facility at 9000 Boynton Plank Road, Alberta, VA
- The Meherrin River Regional Jail Mecklenburg Facility at 600 Prison Road, Boydton, VA

Questions can be forward to Ms. Rhonda Whitby at (434) 949-6700 ext. 211. The Meherrin River Regional Jail is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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434-515-2221
www.vapallets.net

Truck Driver Needed

CDL driver needed at Virginia Pallets in Lawrenceville. Requires 3 years experience, good driving record, 25 years of age. 40 cents per loaded and/or empty mile. 2013 Model Penske maintained tractor, 53ft. vans with occasional flatbed load. Vacation and Holiday pay. Health Insurance benefits available. Please call for interview 434-515-2221

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**Mecklenburg County, Virginia
 Emergency 911 Dispatcher**

Applications are being accepted by Mecklenburg County for an E-911 Dispatcher

Duties: Performs intermediate technical work receiving and dispatching law enforcement, fire and medical services calls, receiving and processing non-emergency calls, assisting public with informational requests, preparing and maintaining records and files, and related work as apparent or assigned. Receives and disseminates information thru the use of computers linked to the Virginia Criminal Information Network.

Knowledge and Skills: Fast paced environment where attention to detail and the ability to multitask are a must.

Education and Experience: High school diploma or general education degree (GED) preferably supplemented with some work experience with Police and/or Fire and Rescue; or equivalent combination of education and experience. Must become certified to operate the Virginia Criminal Information Network (VCIN) and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and successfully pass Basic Dispatch Certification. Applicant must pass a background investigation and criminal history screening.

This position requires 12 hour rotating shifts, weekends and holidays.

We are an employer committed to public service, equal opportunity and the importance of diversity in the workplace.

Employment applications and a complete job description may be obtained from and returned to:

**Office of the County Administrator
 Goode Bank Building
 350 Washington Street
 Boydton, Virginia 23917
 434-738-6191**

Between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

Position is open until filled



Pictured at left is a White-winged Dove.



Pictured below left is a Eurasian Collared Dove. Pictured below right is a Mourning Dove.

Backyard Birds & Coffee No. 31 Doves, doves and more doves

By Clyde Wilson

Adam named it, Noah tossed it from the ark to look for dry land, and John the Baptist saw the Holy Spirit descend from heaven in the shape of it upon Christ. Yes the dove. This bird has been around since the beginning of time.

Most mornings as I walk out my door the Mourning Doves (see pic) fly from my feeders. I either see them or hear the oowoo-woo-woo-woo or the whistling and whinnying sound they make when they take off in flight. Throughout the day they can be seen everywhere sitting on phone and electric wires.

Also, the dove is the most frequently hunted species of bird in North America. This very graceful and slender-tailed bird with a small head is hunted for its tasty breast meat which reminds me of story a client of my told me some years back when I was an insurance agent. Upon arriving I noticed she was upset. I asked her, "What's wrong?"

She responded, "I was watching TV when a dove flew into my door. I quickly ran outside and jerked the feathers off and then plucked its breast out and cooked it. It was delicious, but now I'm feeling guilty."

If you have ever noticed relatively flimsy nests, often using sticks and other debris placed in a tree, on ledges, or even on the ground, chances are it was a dove nest just depending on the species. They lay one or two eggs at a time, and both parents care for the young, which leave the nest after seven to 28 days. Unlike most birds, both sexes of doves produce "crop milk" to feed to their young, secreted by a sloughing of fluid-filled cells from the lining of the crop. Young doves are called "squabs."

This past weekend I went birding with some members of the Virginia Society of Ornithology to the Eastern Shore of Virginia. I did not know the dove would be the highlight of my day. We met at 7:15 a.m. at the beginning Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel to bird on three of the four islands that make up the CBBT. We spent about three hours here, no doves but lots of beautiful birds like the Purple Sandpiper and the Ruddy Turnstone, whose pics will be featured in upcoming articles.

Afterward we birded at the National Wildlife Refuge and several other locations, but still no doves. Then we went to Kiptopeke State Park. Upon arriving we were informed that a couple of doves had been flushed out of the tall grass and had landed in an Easter Red Cedar right where we had parked and were still in the tree. How exciting to see that this was not the common Mourning Dove but it was a White-winged Dove, and not just one but a pair of them perched about midway up the tree and hidden among the branches.

It took some maneuvering and getting down on one knee to look up through the branches to see these beautiful birds. I also had to lower the ISO settings on my camera to get enough light for a decent pic. I'm sure the White-winged Dove is just as tasty as the Mourning Dove, though I now prefer to shoot them not with my 12-gauge but with a Cannon EOS 7D. That way I can't miss (see pic).

Little did I know that as we headed out the following morning as we headed toward Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge that another species of dove would also be an exciting find for the day. One of those places we birded was along Magotha Road in Northampton County.

As we were driving through a residential area we noticed three large gray birds fly up off the ground. They were Eurasian Collared Doves, and one of them had perched right on the top of a telephone pole right in front of me (see pic).

One of the residents saw us stopped along the road in front of his house and came out to see what was happening. He at first thought perhaps we were having car troubles, but we shared with him the picture of the Collared Dove as the bird had flown away. A smile came on his face and he said, "I have never seen that bird before." One of our guides told us that this bird is often seen in this area. What's in your yard?

Three doves

Mourning Doves are thinner-bodied than White-winged Doves with long, tapering tails and gray-brown wings. Eurasian Collared-Doves are larger and paler overall, with a black collar across the back of the neck not the side of the neck. Eurasian Collared-Doves also have larger white patches in the tail and less contrast in the tail (with no black) than White-winged Doves.

Come back next week for more Backyard Birds while you enjoy a great cup of coffee ground fresh from one of our many varieties offered at Backyard Birds & Coffee in Bracey.

Birding notes and quizzes

You may view all past articles of Backyard Birds & Coffee online at www.backyardbirdscoffee.com as well as check out the upcoming dates for walks and tours.

Backyard Birds & Coffee is having an open house on Dec. 18 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Y'all come now to 3410 Highway 903, Bracey, Va.

Kerr Lake Bird Club meets monthly. Join us on a bird walk at Staunton View on Dec. 13. We will meet at BYBC at 6 a.m. for coffee and pastry then carpool and leave from there. Bring your binoculars. If you do not have them you can rent them from BYBC. Like us on Facebook.

Kerr Lake Bird Club's December's meeting and Christmas party is Dec. 18 at Backyard Birds & Coffee. All are welcome. Bring your favorite covered dish.

Last week's quiz, "What bird is this?" was the Black Vulture. No winners last week so this week's quiz winner will be rewarded double if they can email me the answer to this week's "What bird is this?" (see pic). Good luck. Take time to enjoy the beautiful birds of Virginia and remember not to drive and bird like I do.

Email your quiz answers comments, questions and/or birding stories to joynclde@gmail.com. Also on twitter @clydejoynclde. Visit us soon at our Bracey location. Look for the yellow birdhouses and the big yellow building with the red roof behind Circle K. There you will find bird feeders, bird food, flags, wind chimes and gifts. A great place for lunch and coffee. Open Monday-Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



What bird is this?

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Piedmont Geriatric Hospital
A LEADER IN GERIATRIC PSYCHIATRY

Piedmont Geriatric Hospital is currently seeking the following positions. Please visit the Recruitment Management System at <https://virginiajobs.peopleadmin.com> to apply and view the job descriptions. Once on the site select Search Jobs and filter by agency. We only accept on-line applications. If you do not have access to a computer we have one located on the 1st floor lobby in building 29 for public use.

Thank you for your interest in Piedmont Geriatric Hospital.

- Nursing Assistants Close Dates: Open Until Filled Full Time and Hourly
- LPN Full Time and Hourly Close Dates: Open Until Filled
- RN Full Time and Hourly Close Dates: Open Until Filled
- Psychiatrist Close Dates: Open Until Filled
- Psychologist II Close Dates: Open Until Filled
- Counselor II Close Dates: Open Until Filled

Human Resources Dept.
PIEDMONT GERIATRIC HOSPITAL
 P.O. Box 427, Burkeville, VA 23922
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Rolling Stock Mechanic

The Grass is Greener on Our Side of the Fence. The Scotts Company is the leading producer of branded lawn and garden products. Scotts products are sold in the United States and throughout the world behind our industry-leading brands including Scotts, Miracle-Gro, Ortho and Roundup (Registered trademark of Monsanto Company). Our Growing Media division currently has an opening at our Lawrenceville, Virginia facility for a Rolling Stock Mechanic.

Responsibilities:

Performs repair and maintenance on the rolling stock associated with the plant. Repairs done on the rolling stock include motor related, electrical, electronic, mechanical, hydraulic and pneumatic repairs. Rolling stock would include over the road tractors and trailers, fork lifts, truck carried fork lifts, loaders, dozers, pick up trucks, compost turners and other types of rolling stock at the plant. May also work on plant production equipment as required. Must be familiar with both gasoline and diesel powerplants.

Maintains records of jobs performed in order to develop a history of repairs so that preventative maintenance can be performed. Record keeping is done to meet or exceed DOT requirements for over the road equipment. Must be computer literate to maintain records, experience using Agility is a plus.

May perform or assist in the installation of machinery and equipment. Assists workers in diagnosing malfunctions in machinery and equipment. Keeps work area clean, orderly and safe.

The Scotts Company offers a competitive compensation/benefits package and advancement opportunities. For immediate consideration, please visit www.scotts.com to complete a candidate profile and submit resume. Scotts is a Tobacco-Free equal opportunity employer committed to a diverse workforce.

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Southside Virginia Community College

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Southside Virginia Community College, a comprehensive community college, is seeking qualified applicants for the positions listed below. The successful candidates must be committed to our mission to provide quality education to a diverse constituency.

**SNAP E&T Program Coordinator
 Education Administrator I**

Grant funded/Restricted Classified, Pay Band 4
 Minimum: \$32,619, commensurate with qualifications
 Location: TBD
 Position: R0071

**Apprenticeship Coordinator
 Education Support Specialist III**

Grant funded/Restricted Classified, Pay Band 4
 Minimum: \$32,619, commensurate with qualifications
 Location: TBD
 Position: R0072

Applicants must apply online by submitting a completed State Application through the Virginia Jobs website at: <https://virginiajobs.peopleadmin.com>
 Deadline: December 16, 2015. Assistance with applying is available upon request; contact Angela Jackson at 434-949-1089. Satisfactory reference and background checks are a condition of employment. Visit www.southside.edu/employment for more information on vacancies.
 SVCC is committed to Diversity, Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action.