

SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

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It's that time of year when we can be especially thankful to live in such a beautiful place. As I travel around, I often find myself trying to explain where I live. Invariably I end up using the secret code word: Luray Caverns. Immediately the conversation changes from "Huh? Where's that?" to "Oh yeah! I've been there. That is such a beautiful area." No outsider associates our community with traffic, rude citizens, crime, or drugs. Instead, they see in us what we often fail to see in ourselves. Before the verdancy of spring succumbs to the swelter of summer, take a moment to be grateful for this place; a place like no other.

We, as Supervisors, can also be grateful for our diligent staff and their hard work in assembling a budget that meets some significant capital improvement challenges, while holding the line on taxes. The Board usually gets the credit for funding various requests or not raising taxes, but the true credit goes to our employees and those of the school system who make the numbers fit and work within the bounds of a balanced budget. Thank you for all you do.

The struggle continues to find solutions to pressing issues such as jail overcrowding and unemployment, but there are many bright spots. Construction related activities are going strong. Transient occupancy tax (TOT) revenues indicate another excellent year for tourism. Growth at James Madison University and other large employers, while not in our community, provide jobs for members of our community.

We may not have it easy, but we've got it pretty good.

Upcoming Board of Supervisors Meetings:

May 19 – Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.: Stanley Elementary School

June 2 – Work Session, 7:00 p.m.: Board Room (Government Center)

June 16 – Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.: Board Room (Government Center)