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*Focused On Clients...*

## Lester Maupin: A Record-Breaking Career

*by Su Clauson-Wicker*



In 1967, when Lester Maupin became superintendent of the Pulaski County Sewerage Authority (VA), the world was a different place. Computers were the size of rooms, Martin Luther King was alive, and Elvis Presley was getting married. Folks were protesting the Vietnam War in Washington, and a “Human Be-in” in San Francisco launched the Summer of Love.

Most of these events didn’t have much bearing on Maupin, a World War II Air Force veteran who’d just retired from the Hercules powder plant and become the first superintendent of the sewerage authority.

“We had a big pond on the edge of the New River where we’d treat the wastewater and release it into the river,” Maupin said. “We had our own system in Fairlawn. The building is still down there, but now the county PSA treats it all in their operation.”

At 84, Maupin is most likely the oldest active sewerage superintendent in the nation; he is still acting as an on-call consultant for the [Pulaski County Public Service Authority](#) because of his unequalled knowledge of the system.

“I know the location of every manhole and where all the lines run, and their history,” Maupin says. “I know which ones are terra cotta pipes and which are blue plastic (PVC).”

Maupin, who says he’s never taken a vacation and never been seriously ill, still comes out with his roto-rooper when Fairlawn customers have problems with their individual sewer lines.

“Sure, I’ve been called out at night when a sewer backs up,” he says. “People used to throw all kinds of things into the system – I’d fish out baby blankets, junk. But not lately. I think they’ve learned.”

Several years ago, he had a problem with children rolling manhole covers into the river and filling the manholes with rocks, but now those problems have disappeared. “Maybe they grew up,” he says. For 43 years, Maupin was the only employee of the sewerage authority, although he would rouse his sons to help on night calls. He still thinks it was a great job.

“Oh, it wasn’t too much work,” he said. “I had a system. I’d go in and treat the water with chlorine, check on things. It wasn’t too hard...”

Until someone called him in the middle of the night.

The PSA and Pulaski County, VA Board of Supervisors have passed resolutions commending Maupin on his dedication and the oversight that led to expansion of the system. They held an appreciation dinner for him in July. Now Pulaski County Engineer Ron Coake says he’ll likely nominate Maupin for the Guinness Book of Records for his long record of service.&

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## Halifax County Water Supply Plan

by Keli Ratcliffe

### Focused On Service...

Water, one our most precious, life-sustaining resources, is often taken for granted; until times of drought and water shortages. The Commonwealth of Virginia has taken steps to help manage and protect our water resources to meet long term needs by requiring the development of a comprehensive statewide water supply planning process. The plan is meant to ensure that adequate and safe drinking water is available to all citizens of the Commonwealth, and encourage, promote, and protect all other beneficial uses of the Commonwealth's water resource.

In 2005, the Local and Regional Water Supply Planning Regulation became effective. This regulation requires that all counties, cities, and towns in the Commonwealth submit a local water supply plan to the State Water Control Board or participate in a regional planning unit.

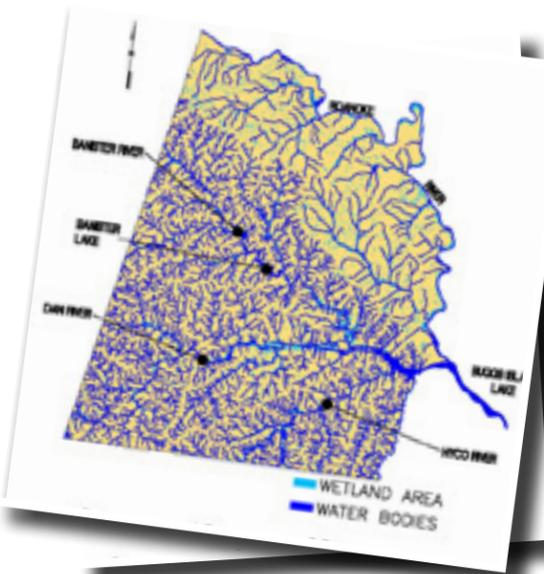
In response to this mandate, [Halifax County](#) hired [Anderson & Associates](#) to assist them throughout the planning process. The project has been a collaboration between multiple municipalities within the County including the [Halifax County Service Authority](#), and the Towns of [South Boston](#), [Halifax](#), [Virgilina](#), and [Scottsburg](#).

A&A has worked closely with the County and the Service Authority, receiving valuable input and assisting in creating a water supply and drought contingency plan that upon completion, each locality will officially adopt and implement. The plan is on schedule and coming together smoothly. This success can be attributed to the combined effort of all Halifax County communities.

The [Department of Environmental Quality \(DEQ\)](#)

Director of the Office of Surface and Ground Water

Supply Planning, Scott W. Kudlas says, "The Halifax County and Towns Region was awarded a water supply planning grant in FY2010. The Existing Resources and Drought Plan sections reviewed by DEQ were thorough and concise. The region's drought plan is well organized with a regional umbrella for drought plan implementation and a good mix of regional and local drought indicators. The region and their consultant have done some great work that should serve as a meaningful foundation for their water supply management."&



## VGIN to Update Western Virginia

by Keli Ratcliffe

### Focused On Technology...

The Virginia Geographic Information Network (VGIN) is currently planning for the 2009-2012 update to the Virginia Base Mapping Program (VBMP) orthophotography. VGIN will be updating the western half of Virginia in 2011.

The base imagery to be captured will be at a one foot pixel resolution and includes four image bands (three true color and one near infrared). The final base one foot deliverables will be provided by October 2011 free of charge.

VGIN is currently taking orders for increased precision resolution and contours for municipalities who are interested. With greater resolution imagery, localities can acquire feature location or feature inventory directly from visual inspection of the imagery. With lower resolution imagery, these features may not show up due to pixilation at smaller reference scales. The higher resolution imagery also helps with site planning and design engineering because it offers greater accuracy.

Commitments need to be made to VGIN by the end 2010; payment will not be required until the product is delivered. Estimated delivery date is October, 2011. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Moore at 540.552.5592 or mooresu@andassoc.com. &



## Rachel Shumate: A&A WV Administrative Manager

by Keli Ratcliffe

### Focused On Employees...

[Anderson & Associates](#) WV Regional Administrative Manager Rachel Shumate loves expressing herself creatively, and has always had a knack for art. She has a passion for photography, an interest she discovered while taking an art class in high school where she was required to photograph an object and then draw it. She soon discovered she preferred a camera to a pencil and has spent years polishing her photography skills.

After receiving her BA in Humanities and Fine Arts from [Mountain State University](#) in [Beckley, WV](#), Rachel began her career in marketing, and opened her own business, [Leigh Leigh Photography](#).



In the past, her photos have scored highly in numerous competitions and been published in magazines such as [Wonderful West Virginia Magazine](#) and [West Virginia Living](#).

Rachel has found many outlets for her artistic ability, and until recently, was sole proprietor of [Leigh Leigh Gallery](#), a jewelry business, where she designed and created unique, homemade pieces for clients.

Rachel's creative streak drew her to [Anderson & Associates](#). As Administrative Manager, Rachel is responsible for marketing and graphic design in the Beckley office, giving her the opportunity to utilize her strengths by creating marketing materials for her office. She also enjoys A&A's culture, which gives her the flexibility to pursue all of her interests. However, her favorite element of A&A is her coworkers.

Rachel is also responsible for marketing and public relations for her husband Kendall's plumbing business, [Finnie Plumbing LLC](#). In her spare time you will find Rachel taking photos for enjoyment, spending time with her husband, or enjoying a good book. &



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*-William Faulkner*

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**Smith Packett Med-Com, LLC, Roanoke, VA**- Providing design services for removing the Avenham Tank from the Western Virginia Water Authority's system in Roanoke County.

**Monroe County, WV**- Continuing to maintain the Monroe County E-911 system and provide training and consulting services.

**Virginia Cobia Farms, Saltville, VA** - Preparing plans, specs, and bidding documents for Virginia Cobia Farms for installation of drain lines and roof repairs at their Saltville, VA production facility.

**Town of Fries, VA** - Providing professional engineering services related to plan development for the former Fries Mill Site clean-up.

**Town of Walnut Cove, NC** - Developing a Capital Improvement Program and providing sewer mapping and a sanitary sewer study for the Town of Walnut Cove.

## Congrats!

Congratulations to **David Inman** and his wife Sara on the birth of their daughter, Julia Elizabeth.

...and to **Jason Williams** on his recent marriage to Emily Miller.

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