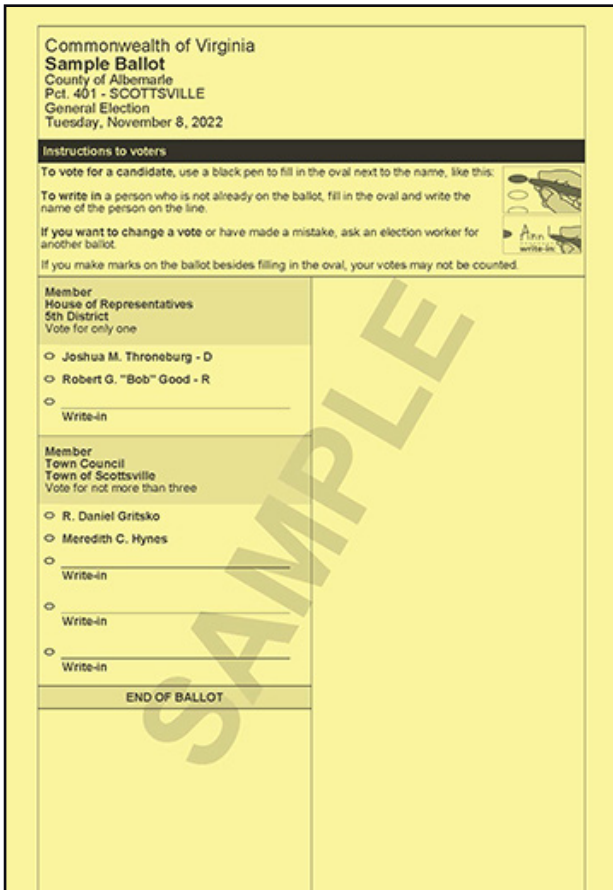


## Town of Scottsville Election November 8, 2022

### Know the Candidates: Podcasts "In Their Words"



Scottsville votes for three candidates on Nov. 8. Two candidates are on the ballot with three write-in candidates that the James Exchange is aware of. On the ballot are R. Daniel Gritsko and Meredith C. Hynes. *The write-in candidates are Austyn Bessette, Bill Hyson, and Stuart Munson.*

The James Exchange has reached out to candidates for an opportunity to answer the following five questions:

1. *What is driving you to be on town council?*
2. *Are you a team player, or do you see yourself as a "lone wolf"?*
3. *What are you willing to do to ensure the town is welcoming to newcomers and visitors while being respectful of our business owners?*
4. *Do you think we should have a conversation about business owners in the town but do not reside here, have voting rights? (Of course, we know State Code and Dillon's Rule restrict this, but think outside the box).*
5. *Where do you see the town in 20 years?*

Each candidate was given the deadline of November 1st to record a podcast session with The James Exchange. Individual candidate podcasts will go live on November 5th and 6th and will be presented in alphabetical order. Even though all candidates, on ballot and write-in, have been given equal time to participate with questions given to them in advance, not all have responded before this went to print.

#### Check Your Voter ID Cards

Scottsville residents now vote in their County-Albemarle or Fluvanna for all elections. There is an error on voter id cards that currently lists the Scottsville Municipal building as the voting place.

**FOR TOWN ELECTIONS:**  
 TOWN:  
 SCOTTSVILLE  
 TOWN PRECINCT / DISTRICT:  
 SCOTTSVILLE - 2230

**TOWN ELECTION VOTING LOCATION:**  
 MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
 401 VALLEY STREET

**Use back of form if your Address, Name and/or Language Preference has changed**

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#### A Little History: May to November Election

Even though Scottsville is an independent town, it still falls under the jurisdiction of Federal and State Code or law. To add to this, Virginia is a Dillon's Rule state which gives the Virginia legislature control over local government policy and code. During the 2021 session the General Assembly voted to move all elections in the

Commonwealth of Virginia to November. For a deeper dive check out State Code §24.2-222.1 and 2021 House Bill #2198 and Senate Bill #1157. (I will have more on this in Wednesday's Nov. 2nd podcast),

#### And, A Little More Background

The Town of Scottsville elections used to have all six seats for Council and Mayor on the ballot for a two-year term. A change in the Town Charter created staggered terms for Council. Those elected now serve for four-years. In the 2020 election, the Mayor and the top three vote getters started their four-year term. (Mayor Ron Smith, Councilors Alex Bessette\*, Zach Bullock, and Eddie Payne). And the bottom three vote getters are up for election this year. (Councilors Dan Gritsko, Meredith Hynes\*, and Bill Hyson\*). The three elected in the November 8th election will serve through 2026. The next Town election will be in 2024. (\*Serving out vacancies).

# The James Exchange: Who We Are

The James Exchange is a podcast based on conversations that bring issues and community happenings to light. Our first episode was on the 2021 Scottsville parade with Phyliss Johnson. To date, over 100 episodes have aired with subjects from conversations with our younger generation to elected officials.

The name was selected because the James River has been an enduring feature in our area during good times and not so good times. It is everchanging and yet a stabilizing force. This more or less defines the first year of the James Exchange. Our formatting continues to evolve and will continue to do so.

The overall goal of this podcast is to provide a platform for the exchange of ideas, issues, and stories through conversation. So, if you want to participate, reach us at [contact@thejamesriverexchange.com](mailto:contact@thejamesriverexchange.com).

## What We Have Been Doing

### Health Care Series-In progress

Peggy Scott (HEARR)  
Margurite Murray (HEARR)  
David McNair/Jefferson Area Board for Aging (JABA)  
Jordon Miles/Piedmont Resource Services Area Agency on Aging (PRS)  
Shahroze Ranja (UVA Virginia Wellness Initiative)

### Scottsville Election "In Their Words" Series-In progress

How did we get to November from May  
Meet the Candidates:  
Austyn Bessette  
Dan Gritsko  
Meredith Hynes  
William Hyson  
Stuart Munson

### The James River Series-Completed

Step Out on the Morning Dew: The James River Batteau Co.  
Big Rocks-Small Mussels: Scottsville Boat Landing  
The Ultimate River Man: Bill Trout  
Green Tubes-Small Trees-Protecting Water: JRA Riparian  
Buffers with Amber Ellis

### Episodes in Progress:

#### Scottsville:

Planning Commission Public Hearing: What residents said.  
Government Services: On the Move!  
Tiger Fuel Update

#### Buckingham:

More on Gold Mining  
Solar Farms

### Future Series and Concepts:

Mental Health  
Business Profiles  
Live Streaming  
Event Videos  
Tired of social media? We are playing around with creating threads and polls that our subscribers can participate in.

### Past Podcasts:

To date, The James Exchange has done 105 podcasts! Check them out!

The James Exchange is produced by Nancy Gill.

### Learn More About HEARR

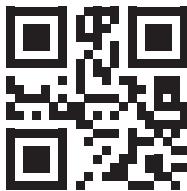
Health Equity and Access in Rural Regions serves S. Albemarle, N. Buckingham, and our neighbors in Fluvanna and Nelson.

#### Website:

[hearr.info](http://hearr.info)

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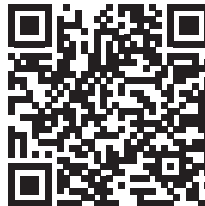


### Join The James Exchange Community

Meet your neighbors and learn about issues facing our communities. Join in the conversation with a story, an issue, a song, or if you just want to talk.

#### Contact me:

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### Find Us and Subscribe!

You didn't know there is a podcast for our area and want to catch up on topics and issues covered over the past year?

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**Do You Know What  
HEALTH SERVICES & OFFERINGS  
are Available For You?**

JOIN US FOR OUR  
**ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR:**  
Saturday, November 5, 2022  
10:00 - 1:00

Health assessments, education, and several  
local service providers will be available.

Explore the Simpson Park Trail  
and the Garden Spot.



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