

## Mt. Jackson's Duckpin Alley Oldest In Virginia

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**HARRISONBURG** — The six-month search is over for a new owner for Virginia's oldest operating bowling alley.

Shannon Freeze, 33, and Jane Rosser, 45, co-founders of ShanJann LLC, purchased Shenandoah Bowling Lanes in Mount Jackson on June 9 and will take over as new managers on Wednesday.

The purchase price was not revealed, but the advertised asking price was \$10,000.

Current owner Scott Asbell bought the duckpin bowling alley from Randy and Jeannette Gibson for \$25,000 in 2013, and put it on the market last December ahead of his wedding earlier this month.

Freeze and Rosser both live in Page County. Freeze is a warehouse worker at VF Corp. in Luray.

Freeze said they decided to buy the bowling alley after touring the facility at 5904 Main St. and seeing how popular it is in the community.

"It's a good business that holds a long history that can be seen when you walk through the doors with that 1950s look and feel," he said.

Shenandoah Bowling Lanes opened in 1948. Being a duckpin alley, the pins and balls are smaller than in ten-pin bowling, the most common version of the game.

The alley features one-piece maple lanes, signs for Coca-Cola and other sodas from the 1950s and a manual pinsetter that was installed in 1958.

Freeze said a grand opening will take place "in about

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two months."

He said while he and Rosser don't intend to alter the alley's look, a few changes in scheduling and culinary choices are planned.

"We do plan to be open five evenings a week, as well as days on Saturday and Sunday for the general public," he said. "We will continue to host leagues. We will be increasing the food menu to offer more choices, as well as looking into obtaining our ABC license at a later date."

Previously, the alley had been open "every weekend and occasionally some weekdays," according to its website.

For more information about Shenandoah Bowling Lanes, visit [www.shenandoahbowl.com](http://www.shenandoahbowl.com), the alley's Facebook page or its Twitter feed @Bowl-Shenandoah.

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