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Know Knew Books, a Staunton bookstore, has found a new home at 1104 Greenville Avenue after being told to vacate its old location at the Staunton Mall due to new ownership in 2020. The business, which was previously located next to JCPenney, had been using two other stores as storage space before relocating to the new site. Co-owner Matthew Shiflett expressed relief at finding a suitable replacement, saying it was a "load off our shoulders." The move has allowed the bookstore to expand its inventory, offering items such as comic books, DVDs, classic video games, records, and geodes. Customers have reported an increase in foot traffic since the store's relocation, with Shiflett attributing this to the new location being more visible. Know Knew Books, owned by Bill Burruss, relocated to 707 Richmond Avenue in Staunton, next to O'Reilly's, in mid-May. The store offers a wide range of subjects at discounted prices, with books priced between \$2.50 and \$5.50. Know Knew Books first opened in the Staunton Mall in 2019 but moved due to the mall's sale. For more information, visit their Facebook page. The Friendly City Co-Op cafe is set to open on June 1, marking the final stage of its expansion. The cafe features a seating area and serves coffee, sandwiches, meals from the deli hot bar or salad bar. To celebrate the opening, there will be a photographic history exhibit on June 11 from 6-8 pm, showcasing the area as it looked in 1850 and how it has changed over the years, thanks to the Shenandoah Valley Black Heritage Project. The sales floor got a major facelift after removing an old shelf, which allowed for new installations like a produce walk-in cooler, sinks, and prep area to be put in. The bulk foods section was relocated and a larger meat case added, according to the release. Not only did the store's layout change, but also its configuration - the east-west aisles were rotated 90 degrees to run north-south, along with the lights and signage above them. Phase three saw the produce department moved to the front end where checkouts used to be, and south-facing windows installed in the cafe seating area. A new office was added near cashier stations as part of this phase. Meanwhile, a new bookstore has opened its doors at the mall in Staunton. Know Knew Books, owned by Bill Burruss, offers an extensive collection of used books, albums, CDs, and DVDs, with over 25,000 titles currently available. Burruss aims to make his store competitive on prices, aiming for 75% of original cover price or a minimum of \$2.50 per book. Despite the mall's uncertain future due to its recent auction notice and low occupancy rate at 56%, Burruss remains optimistic about bringing in customers with his new venture. He is opening a bookstore in the mall with a wide range of subjects and wants to create a community oriented space where people can hang out or hold group meetings. The store has been open for five months, but he needed more space due to the large number of books. He plans to use 6,000 square feet to accommodate his inventory. Originally from Virginia, Burruss moved back to the area in 2014 and currently lives in Keswick. He wants to share his love of books with everyone and thinks that a bookstore can provide a sense of community and adventure. Burruss sees an opportunity for local vendors to rent out spaces and split costs, and he believes that books have the power to take people on adventures and bring people together. The Humphreys' family-owned thrift store, which has seen its customer base triple since their purchase, was previously known as A Buyer's Market and operated under a rent-to-own model. The new owners, Doug and Shelley DePriest, plan to maintain the business's core values while introducing changes to improve operations. Under Shelley's leadership, supported by her husband Doug, the store will remain open during this transition period. A grand re-opening is scheduled for October 21, with many customers expressing their support and well wishes on the store's Facebook page. The thrift store, located at 2304 W. Beverley St. in Staunton's west end, can be visited for more information on Shelley DePriest's Facebook page.