

Former Gov. Gerald Baliles dies at 79

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Gerald L. Baliles, a Patrick County native and Virginia's 65th governor, died early Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019, at his home in Charlottesville. Baliles, 79, was surrounded by his family when he passed away. He was a Democrat who was known as the "transportation governor" and for his work to clean up the Chesapeake Bay. Baliles served as governor from 1986 to 1990. did a great job as governor Mary Sue Terry, who served as attorney general during that time, recalled that she first met him while attending law school. At the time, Baliles was an assistant attorney general. Later, when she was elected to the House of Delegates, Terry said she was seated two chairs away from Baliles.

He was "a diligent lawmaker and very cautious. He didn't introduce a lot of legislation," but offered valuable comments which "diverted or enhanced" propos-

als under consideration, Terry said. "I was particularly taken with his focus. Jerry had a scholarly mind and he was knowledgeable. He didn't just take on an issue like transportation unless he studied it a lot." His home in Patrick County is located on Virginia 8 on the "other side of Stuart. At the time, we didn't have the four-lane highways" that we now have, Terry said. "I suspect he always had a hankering to get where he wanted to be in a better way. That also speaks to his life. "Jerry took pride in finding ways to help people and he helped a lot of people, and he never forgot his home in Patrick County," Terry said. "He was a good man. He made a difference and he never forgot his roots."

Baliles "did a great job as governor. He never quit focusing on education for Patrick County and for rural Virginia," said former 5th District U.S. Rep. Virgil Goode Jr., who also served with Baliles during their respective tenures in state positions. Goode recalled that before Baliles won his bid for governor, a common comment was

that "no one from Patrick County can ever get to be governor. He certainly demonstrated to them that was incorrect," as did Terry in serving as attorney general.

Roscoe Reynolds, who served in both the Virginia House of Delegates and the Senate of Virginia, recalled that he "had the honor to be in the General Assembly the four years (Baliles) served as governor. ... I think his four years of governorship were great for Virginia. I don't believe he has been fully credited with the many great things he did as governor. The economic growth that took place during his four years was phenomenal. The number of new quality jobs that came to Virginia were dramatically higher than his predecessors. He had the foresight to see that our transportation system was in disarray and that the cost of maintenance was becoming too high to make any improvements." Reynolds added that Baliles' "efforts helped make these big improvements to Route 58, which goes through both Patrick and Henry counties. He pushed to have the bypass com-



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pleted around Martinsville in the 80s. That had been forgotten due to a lack of revenue and been removed from the state's Six-Year Plan," Reynolds said, adding that Baliles' work helped improve those routes and by-

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General Election to be held Tuesday

Voters in Martinsville and Henry County will head to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 5 to cast ballots in the General Election. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Martinsville and Henry County.

Voters are reminded to bring an acceptable form of photo identification with them to the polls. Virginia law requires that all voters present an acceptable form of photo identification when voting. A free voter photo identification card is available to any registered voter who does not already possess a valid form of identification, and can be obtained by visiting any Registrar's Office.

Absentee voting may be done in person in the Martinsville of Henry County Registrar's Office through 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1. Offices open at 8:30 a.m.

Henry County Registrar Liz Stone said she expects "a good turnout" at the polls from the county's 34,686 registered voters.

In the 2015 election, Stone said 34.40 percent of the county's voters participated. That election also included a contested race for the Henry County Sheriff's seat, she added.

This year, incumbent Henry County Sheriff Lane A. Perry is

facing two challengers: John W. Cassell and Jerry W. Farmer.

Two candidates also are vying to for the School Board At Large seat on the Henry County School Board: Cherie Joyce Whitlow and Shelira D. Morrison.

Contested races for state offices include incumbent State Sen. William "Bill" Stanley, Jr., R-Glade Hill and challenger Sherman D. Witcher Sr., an independent from Franklin County.

Incumbent Del. Les R. Adams, R-Pittsylvania County, is being challenged for the 16th District House of Delegates seat by Dustin W. Evans, Libertarian.

Incumbent D. W. "Danny" Marshall III, R- Danville, is facing Eric W. Stamps, D-Danville, in his reelection bid to the 14th District House of Delegates.

Incumbent Del. Charles D. Poindexter, R-Glade Hill, is unopposed in his reelection bid for the 9th District on the Virginia House of Delegates.

Voters in the Horsepasture District also will consider incumbent local candidates seeking reelection: Debra Parsons Buchanan, who is seeking reelection to the Henry County Board of Supervisors and Terri C. Flanagan, who is seeking another term on the Henry County School Board.

In the Reed Creek District, voters also will consider incumbents Tommy J. Slaughter to the Henry County Board of Supervisors and Teddy Doyle Martin II to the Henry County School Board.

Ridgeway District voters also will consider incumbents Ryan F. Zehr to the Henry County Board of Supervisors and Francis E. Zehr to the Henry County School Board.

Other local uncontested races include Henry County Commonwealth's Attorney M. Andrew Nester, Henry County Treasurer Scott B. Grindstaff and Henry County Commissioner of Revenue Linda N. Love.

Two candidates: R. Darryl Holland and Andrew L. Barker are seeking the two open seats for the Soil and Water Conservation Director Blue Ridge District.

In Martinsville, three races are on the ballot:

Incumbent Ashby R. Pritchett is seeking reelection as Circuit Court Clerk.

City voters also will decide two state offices: Incumbent State Sen. William "Bill" Stanley, Jr., R-Glade Hill faces challenger Sherman D. Witcher Sr.,

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Free Community Health Services Offered Saturday

Kim Barto Meeks
Staff writer

No health insurance? No problem. All community members are invited to drop in for free medical, dental, and other health care services at an event this Saturday in uptown Martinsville, regardless of their insurance status or income.

Patients will be seen on a walk-in basis from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2 during the fifth annual Martinsville Community Care Collaborative. The event takes place at First United Methodist Church's Uptown Ministry Center at 145 E. Main Street. Numerous medical

providers and local nonprofits join forces to provide the day of health-related services at no cost to the public.

Organizers hope to help about 500 people on Saturday. Attendees can receive medical and dental exams, flu shots, hearing and vision tests, foot and nail care, haircuts, information on various health issues, referrals to local medical providers for follow-up care, and help signing up for Medicaid.

The number of people attending each year has been growing, said Brittany Anthony, marketing director for the Martinsville-Henry

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Jon Stickley Trio

'Rives On The Road' Planned For November Concerts

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The former Rives Theatre is taking its shows on tour across Henry County this month.

Two concerts originally scheduled for November at the historic theatre in uptown Martinsville have had to find new homes after a Sept. 8 fire rendered the building a total loss. November's show dates and bands will remain the same, but the live music will now come to venues in Axton and Bassett as part of a concert series that organizers are calling "Rives on the Road."

Arts at the Rives Theatre (ART), the nonprofit behind the theatre's live music series, recently announced its Saturday, Nov. 2 concert will be held outdoors at Pop's Farm

in Axton. The show is a co-bill of Asheville, N.C. bands Town Mountain and Jon Stickley Trio.

Next up on Saturday, Nov. 30, jamband BIG Something will perform at the Heritage Conference & Event Center (formerly Bassett Country Club).

"There isn't a singular venue in Martinsville-Henry County that's a perfect fit for every show, nor available for every concert date we need, so we're going to use multiple venues in MHC over the coming months," said Johnny Buck, executive director of Rooster Walk Inc., the parent company of ART.

"We think 'Rives on the Road' is going to be a really fun experience for our local music fans," Buck said.

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First Building Opens in Commonwealth Crossing

CCAT to provide training for employees



Government and economic development officials celebrate after cutting a ribbon for the official opening of the Commonwealth Centre for Advanced Training (CCAT) on Oct. 23.

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Government and business leaders celebrated a pair of positive economic development announcements recently at a new advanced manufacturing training site in Henry County.

During a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Oct. 23, local officials and their funding partners praised the team-

work and partnerships that led to the opening of the \$6.75 million, 26,000-square-foot Commonwealth Centre for Advanced Training (CCAT) in Ridgeway.

Earlier the same afternoon, CCAT hosted an announcement that British metals company Advanced Revert LLC plans to invest \$5 million in Henry County and create more than 30 new jobs. While Ad-

vanced Revert will not be located in the industrial park, the company will open its first U.S. operation nearby at the former Ridgeway Clocks site.

CCAT is the first building to open in the Commonwealth Cross-

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Scholarship announced in honor of Governor Gerald Baliles

For all his support and his friendship, former Gov. Gerald Baliles will be remembered fondly at Patrick Henry Community College. After a lifetime of public service, the former governor passed away last night. Long before and long after he was elected Virginia's 65th governor in 1986, Governor Baliles served the people of Virginia. He served as the attorney general, a delegate in Virginia's House of Delegates, and champion of education.

Through his service, Governor's Baliles made a lasting impact on the entire state of Virginia, but it was his heart for Patrick County and its people that will be most memorable for those who worked closely with him through PHCC. As a Patrick County native, Baliles supported economic growth and educational opportunities in the region with a passion.

"Governor Baliles embodied all that is good, worthy, and beautiful about the Commonwealth of Virginia. He loved his state, and he loved his home of "Patrick," as he affectionately called Patrick County," says PHCC's President Dr. Angeline Godwin. "At PHCC we are forever grateful for his vision and dedication, and most of all, his love for education."

Throughout his term as governor and beyond, Baliles was a champion of education. Baliles founded and chaired the Patrick County Education Foundation (PCEF) – which works to grow economic and educational opportu-

nities in Patrick County. With Baliles leading the charge, the PCEF played a significant role in Patrick Henry Community College's recent expansion in the county. The expansion will create greater opportunities for Patrick County residents to pursue training and careers in growing fields like mechatronics, industrial electronics, general engineering technologies, and Industry 4.0. As one of his last public appearances, Governor Baliles was the keynote speaker at the ribbon-cutting event for PHCC's Patrick County expansion.

To honor Governor Baliles and his legacy of championing education, the PCEF created The Honorable Gerald L. Baliles Public Service Scholarship at its most recent meeting on September 30. The scholarship, which will be administered through the PHCC Foundation, will be annually awarded to a Patrick County High School senior. The eligible senior must plan to attend PHCC and plan to enter a public service profession.

"PHCC is so grateful to PCEF for creating this scholarship in honor of Governor Baliles whose life of service was so inspirational to us all. This gift will ensure that generations to come are reminded about the Governor's unwavering dedication to the power of education and his love for his native Patrick County. He was a mentor, a friend, and a hero to me," said Dr. Greg Hodges, PHCC's Vice President for Academic & Student Success Services.

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passes "to connect the east and west of Virginia."

"His love for his home was evident to anyone who spent any time with him. I will never forget the day that the improvements to the Patrick County Library were unveiled and Gov. Baliles relayed how important that library had been to him when he was a child, and how grateful he was for the expansion. He was so proud of the improvements made at the library, the bookmobile and he believed very strongly in education," Reynolds said. He also noted that improvements were made to education across Virginia during Baliles' tenure as governor, and added that Baliles will be remembered as "a great Virginian, a great gentleman, from a great family and with deep roots in Patrick County."

Retired Patrick County Circuit Court judge Martin Clark said, "Jerry was a faithful friend and a unique, gifted and visionary leader whose influence reached all around the world. I've heard him say, both publicly and in private, that his remarkable career and many accomplishments were based on old-school Patrick County values: Hard work, honesty, consensus building, education and thoughtful planning."

Baliles has been "described as 'boldly cautious,' and I often ribbed him about it, but he moved a lot of mountains with that approach — to me it meant that he was smart, prepared and always but-toned up every possibility and considered every meaningful voice before he acted," Clark said. "I'll surely miss him; Patrick County will miss him and the commonwealth will miss him. He was one of the last lions and a statesman of the first rank." A proponent of education, Baliles founded the Patrick County Education Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising education attainment and graduation rates in Patrick County. "Gov. Baliles, being a native to Patrick County, dedicated his entire life to improving life for Virginians, but he never forgot his roots, where he grew up," said Dr. Greg Hodges, executive director of the foundation. "He created and was the chair of the Patrick County Education Foundation, and held that position from its creation until September, when he stepped down and was named director emeritus." The foundation was created "to improve the lives of the people of Patrick County through education, and to increase the economic viability of the region. In fact, one of the last appearances

he made was serving as the keynote speaker" at the Patrick Henry Community College (PHCC) expansion in Patrick County, he said. "I had the great opportunity to work with him and he is a personal hero of mine, a mentor and friend, and he will be forever remembered in this community for wanting to improve the lives of citizens in this community where he grew up," he said. Hodges, who also is vice president of Institutional Advancement, Effectiveness, and Campus Life at PHCC, said the foundation has created the Honorable Gerald L. Baliles Public Service Scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded to a high school graduate that will attend PHCC in the pursuit of public service. Dr. Angeline Godwin, president of Patrick Henry Community College, recalled that she had been introduced to Baliles shortly after taking over the helm of PHCC in 2012, and that Baliles had "mapped out a vision to increase our presence in Patrick County," which fit seamlessly into PHCC's strategic plan. It also has resulted in a recent expansion of the PHCC facility in Patrick County as well as the development of a new welding program at Patrick County High School.

Godwin also cited Baliles' work with the Patrick foundation and the Rural Virginia Horseshoe Initiative – a statewide program from the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education that was patterned after the Patrick project. It also was created to raise the educational attainment rates of those living in rural parts of Virginia and better prepare them for the jobs of the future, Godwin said, adding that PHCC remains part of that initiative. Baliles "embodied all that is good, worthy, and beautiful about the Commonwealth of Virginia. He loved his state, and he loved his home of 'Patrick,' as he affectionately called Patrick County," she said. "Working closely with him and the PCEF for the last seven years has been a very meaningful experience for me, where I always learned something new in each conversation with the Governor. At PHCC we are forever grateful for his vision and dedication, and most of all, his love for education. ... He was truly my hero," she added.

Baliles "was a giant. He was one of the last people from this area that really proved himself—not as a politician, but as a statesman," said Janet Demiray, chairman of the Patrick County Democratic Committee. "I am grateful for the things he did for Patrick County." Demiray, who also is a Patrick County member of the Board of Trustees for the Blue Ridge Library System, said Baliles "went above and beyond" to help raise funds to buy a new bookmobile. "He lent his name, his prestige and his time" to that project, she said.

"As a Virginian, a Patrick Countian and a Democrat, I am grateful to him in so many ways," and most importantly for the bookmobile project. It was "the last thing

he did for us," Demiray said. John Reynolds, vice chairman of the Democratic Committee, said Baliles was "one of the most outstanding governors we ever had. He worked across party lines and served in several roles." His death "is a great loss for the county and the state. He never forgot where he came from."

Lisa Martin, senior program manager at the Reynolds Homestead in Critz, said Baliles "was very instrumental in establishing the Reynolds Homestead, our 50th anniversary of the dedication is coming up in June. He was at the original dedication back in 1970. We had hoped he would be able to be at the 50th anniversary. He will be dearly missed."

"In his four years as Governor, Gerald Baliles was a steady hand steering the commonwealth, making important investments in transportation that Virginians are still benefiting from today," U.S. Sen. and former Gov. Mark R. Warner, D-Alexandria, said in a statement. "He was also a good friend. I join all Virginians in celebrating his service to the commonwealth. We will miss him." U.S. Sen. and former Gov. Tim Kaine, D-Richmond, recalled that Baliles "modernized our roads, pushed environmental policies that understood economic growth and conservation go hand-in-hand, and led unprecedented international missions that laid the groundwork for Virginia to become the global trade hub it is today. Given the decades of Virginia prosperity these initiatives have enabled, it would not be hyperbole to say Jerry was one of the commonwealth's most accomplished governors of the twentieth century. After leaving office, he continued to donate his intellect, vision, and work ethic for the public good. I'll always remember the advice he gave me as head of the U.Va. Miller Center and the support he provided in cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay. My condolences go out to the Baliles family and all Virginians who, like me, are saddened by his passing." Ninth District U.S. Rep. Morgan Griffith, R-Salem, wrote "I am saddened to learn that former Gov. Gerald Baliles has passed away. He served our commonwealth faithfully as a member of the House of Delegates, attorney general, and governor. A native son of Patrick County, he remained devoted to promoting the interests of rural Virginians. My thoughts are with his family in this difficult time." State Sen. Bill Stanley, R-Glade Hill, said that Baliles "was both an inspirational and transformative fixture in Virginia politics, and it was an honor to have known him and to have benefitted from his good advice and counsel. He was not only a great governor, but also was a tireless advocate for Patrick County and Southside/Southwest Virginia. He will be missed, but he will always be remembered for the incredible legacy that he has left for us to live by." In a statement, Gov. Ralph Northam said that Baliles

"understood and valued the role government can play in improving citizens' lives. He transformed Virginia's transportation infrastructure, signed Virginia into the Chesapeake Bay agreement under which we still operate today, and focused on expanding access to higher education, among many other accomplishments."

Baliles "fought for rural Virginians, promoted civil discourse, and was the epitome of a true public servant," Northam wrote. "While his accomplishments in office were, and remain, impressive, I will miss him for the kind ear and the sound advice he was always willing to give to me. Pam and I send our deepest sympathies to his wife, children, and loved ones. I am deeply sorry to learn of his passing. "I have directed that Virginia state flags be flown at half-staff in Gov. Baliles' honor for the next 30 days." Baliles' tenure as governor capped his career in public service that included serving as the attorney general of Virginia (1982-85) and a member of the Virginia House of Delegates (1976-82). After leaving public office, Baliles entered private law practice as an international trade and aviation partner in the firm of Hunton & Williams, LLP, headquartered in Richmond, according to University of Virginia Bicentennial website. A member of the Virginia State Bar and the American Bar Association, the Virginia Bar Association, and the Richmond Bar Association, Baliles was admitted to practice at the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. He served on the corporate board of Altria Group, Inc., had chaired the board of the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education, and served on the board of the Norfolk Southern Corp. for 23 years. He chaired the National Governors Association, the Commission to Ensure a Strong Competitive Airline Industry for the President and Congress and PBS for two terms, according to the website. Always a champion of education, Baliles also served as chairman of the Commission on the Academic Presidency and for the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges' Task Force on the State of the Presidency in Higher Education. Most recently, Baliles was the director and CEO of the Miller Center at the University of Virginia, the website stated. In addition to eleven honorary degrees, Baliles earned a bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University and a J.D. from the University of Virginia Law School, according to the website. After his retirement in 2014, Baliles and his wife Robin divided their time between their home in Charlottesville and the Baliles ancestral home in Patrick County, the website stated. Funeral arrangements are incomplete, the family said in a prepared release.



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4. This (Spanish)
8. Goals
10. Something to do lightly
11. "Great" North Sea Empire legend
12. Iced or chilled drink
13. Weight units
15. Immune system response
16. Groundbreaking German pharmacologist
17. Milk-supplying companies
18. Enjoyable distraction
21. Doctor of Education
22. Type of submachine gun (abbr.)
23. Curved shape
24. Brew
25. The 13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
26. Advanced degree
27. Shock rocker
34. Enthusiast
35. Quiet's partner
36. Hijacked
37. TV's once needed them
38. Brings together
39. Narrow piece of wood
40. Paths
41. Monetary unit
42. Wings
43. Soviet Socialist Republic

CLUES DOWN
1. Gear
2. Outer part of a bird's wing
3. Good luck charm
4. Removing from memory
5. Group of seven people
6. Records
7. German river
9. "Last of the Mohicans" actress Madeleine
10. Ancient Greek war galley
12. Nonsensical speak
14. Title of respect
15. Cast out
19. Wood-loving insects
20. Analog conversion system (abbr.)
23. Pokes holes in
24. Waiver of liability (abbr.)
25. Sea cow
26. Protein coding gene
27. Where boats park
28. The top of a jar
29. Fitting
30. German city
31. Martens
32. They're all over the planet
33. One that nests
34. Coming at the end
36. Croatian coastal city



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Structure fire displaces several occupants

Check batteries in smoke alarms

Martinsville Fire & EMS (MF & EMS) crews responded to a structure fire at 1027 Askin Street at 7:51 p.m. on Tuesday Oct. 29 after receiving a 911 call from one of the occupants, who stated she saw smoke and flames coming from the laundry room area of the home.

The occupant escaped with her three children, all unharmed. A total of seven occupants are displaced due to the significant damage to the structure.

The first fire crew arrived within four minutes of the 911 call to find smoke and flames coming out of the rear of the single story residential home. Fire crews were on the scene for about 4 ½ hours extinguishing the blaze. The investigation to the origin and cause of the blaze is not finalized. The room of origin appears to be the laundry room which contained a clothes washer, dryer and the home's breaker panel.

City fire and EMS crews would like to thank the assistance received from the American Red Cross, Ridgeway Volunteer Fire Department, Henry County Department of Public Safety, the 911 Center, and the City of Martinsville Police, Public Works, and Electric departments.

"In the midst of the horrible loss of the families' home, MF & EMS would like to remind everyone to check their smoke alarms. With this weekend being the time to set your clocks back, change your smoke alarm batteries' as well. Anyone within the City of Martinsville that needs smoke alarms, please call MF & EMS at 276-403-5325. We have alarms that were donated by the American Red Cross that we will install for free. If you live within Henry County, please call 276-634-4660," Martinsville Fire Chief/Fire Marshal Ted Anderson said.

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County Coalition for Health and Wellness, one of the nonprofit partners in the collaborative.

In particular, dental services have attracted a lot of interest from the public, she said.

"With the high need for dental care in our area, the dental services have been expanded to serve more patients this year," Anthony said. While they cannot help with dentures at Saturday's event, teeth cleaning, fillings, screenings, and even root canals will be available, she said.

Appointments are not required, but the first 100 dental patients who sign up in advance and attend a pre-screening between 2 and 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1 will be helped faster on Saturday, Anthony said. This is "so that when the event starts Saturday morning, they are in the chair ready to go, without delay," she said.

The MHC Coalition for Health and Wellness is listed as the main point of contact for questions about the event, but Anthony said it takes many, many community partners working together to make it happen. A full list of participating agencies can be found at <http://liberty.edu/LUCOM/CCC>.

Many of these partners have been vigorously marketing the collaborative over the past few months at various employer-sponsored health fairs, street festivals, and community resource events throughout the city and county.

From the Coalition's perspective, the goal of the Martinsville Community Care Collaborative is not just to provide health services one day a year as an iso-

lated event. It is also about "getting folks connected with the services they need to take care of themselves throughout the rest of the year," Anthony said.

"We just want folks to invest in their health and wellness and understand that it is year-round," she added.

The Coalition says it is important for patients to become established with a primary care doctor or other medical provider. This means that they have a "medical home," or one primary office they can visit regularly for wellness checkups, screenings, and preventative care, instead of only visiting a doctor when they get sick or injured. Ultimately, this can mean better health outcomes for patients.

"The way we look at it, we are trying to shift the focus from treatment to prevention," Anthony said. "There are many conditions where if you catch them early on, you have a much better chance of being able to treat them, instead of waiting until late in the game. You need to make sure you are seeing your primary care doctor."

For those who do not already have a primary care provider, the Coalition can help. The organization operates two federally qualified health centers in Henry County: Bassett Family Practice and Ridgeway Family Health. Both will be represented Saturday at the Martinsville Community Care Collaborative to answer questions and schedule follow-up visits for any attendees who need them.

Both medical centers "welcome everyone," Anthony said -- whether a person has health insurance, is un-

derinsured, on Medicare or Medicaid. Patients without insurance pay a sliding fee scale based on household income.

The Martinsville Community Care Collaborative will also feature information on affordable or no-cost health coverage options available to certain groups. Outreach staff will be on hand to help attendees navigate the new Virginia Medicaid expansion, find out if they are eligible, and apply for health benefits.

Many more Virginia residents ages 19 to 64 who did not qualify for Medicaid in the past may now be eligible, thanks to new guidelines that went into effect January 1, 2019. The expansion raised the income limits on adults with disabilities and parents of children by thousands of dollars. It also opened eligibility to childless adults for the first time, if they earn annual wages of \$17,237 or less.

Before 2019, for example, a single disabled person had to make \$9,700 or less in a year to qualify for Medicaid benefits. That limit has been raised to \$17,237. A family of three (two parents and a child) may now earn up to \$29,436, a substantial increase from \$6,900.

For questions or more information about Saturday's event, call 276.638.0787. Patients without transportation to the event can learn about ride options by calling Mandy Folman of the Southern Area Agency on Aging at 276.632.6442.

Servicio en español disponible (Spanish language services are available).

PATHS Community Pharmacy welcomed



A ribbon cutting was held at PATHS Community Pharmacy, a new business located at 1049-A Brookdale Street in Martinsville. Pictured (Left to Right) are Sharon Shepherd of the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce; Kenny Jones, Keeyah Moore, Nicole Roberts, Marsha Medendhall, CEO, Tony Pratt, Pharmacy Director, Anne Marie Biggs, Pharmacist, Melanie Adams-Pharmacist, and Leon Towarnicki, Martinsville City Manager. PATHS is a full service pharmacy offering over the counter medications, greeting cards, drive thru window, free delivery, and open to all customers. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday; closed on Sunday. For more information, call (276) 670-2207.

New Operation to Create 703 Jobs in Danville-Pittsylvania County

Morgan Olson, LLC, will establish a new manufacturing operation in the former IKEA plant in Danville-Pittsylvania County. The project will create 703 new jobs and Morgan Olson plans to invest \$57.8 million in the 925,000 square foot facility.

The Tobacco Commission is supporting this project with a \$1.195 million Tobacco Region Opportunity Fund (TROF) grant, according to a release from Gov. Ralph Northam.

Tobacco Commission member, Del. Danny Marshall said, "This is a huge win not only for Danville and Pittsylvania County but our entire region. Morgan Olson has a long history of producing a quality product used by some of the biggest names in shipping, and I am proud that they will now be producing those trucks right here in Southside Virginia." Tobacco Commission member, State Sen. Bill Stanley said, "Finding a new manufacturer to come in and fill this space so quickly shows how resilient our economy here in Southside Virginia has become. As I've said before, we have the workforce and assets to compete on a worldwide level for good jobs from respected companies like Morgan Olson. I wish them the best as they get their operation under-

way here in Danville-Pittsylvania County." Headquartered in Sturgis, Michigan, Morgan Olson's legacy of building their iconic step vans began in 1946 with the production of the first "all-aluminum" step van. Moving forward to today with the growth of e-commerce, Morgan Olson's step vans are in demand to deliver these on-line purchases to homes and businesses throughout North

America. In 2003, Morgan Olson was purchased by J.B. Poindexter & Co., Inc. (JBPCO), a diversified manufacturing company headquartered in Houston, Texas. JBPCO has eight profitable subsidiaries, with combined revenues of \$1.4 billion and 6,200 employees. The new Virginia plant represents the company's fourth expansion in the last six years. President & CEO of Morgan Olson, Mike

Ownbey said, "Morgan Olson walk-in step vans are in demand more than ever. We've been very fortunate with capturing large orders from major parcel package delivery companies; however, other important industries and valued customers use Morgan Olson walk-in vans every day, too. Baking and snack food distributors, textile rental and uniform companies, and even city municipali-

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for our customers." "With this announcement, Morgan Olson will become the largest private employer in Pittsylvania County, and we are grateful for the company's long-term commitment to the community," said Robert "Bob" Warren, Vice-Chairman of the Danville-Pittsylvania Regional Industrial Facility Authority and member of the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors.

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OPINION

A scoop of sadness

I have a friend who is a strong advocate for the body positivity movement, which is the movement that boldly proposes that even if someone is fat, they are still a human being and should be treated as such, and they are also allowed to enjoy life and not hate themselves. I realize this is a pretty radical concept, but try to bear with me.

My friend often posts things about body positivity on social media, and I always click “like” because I support the idea that people shouldn’t hate themselves (except for writers, because self-loathing is critical to the writing process).

However, as a man, I realize that when I read my friend’s posts, I’m often looking in from the outside. A woman can tell me about how the fashion industrial complex is designed to make women feel like garbage, or how women’s magazines are just 75 pages of shame interspersed with ads and perfume inserts, but these are things I have not personally experienced.

Besides, even if you’re a man built like late-career Orson Welles, you can always throw on a Hawaiian shirt and become The Party Guy. Who doesn’t love The Party Guy? He’s a blast!

However, I recently

had an experience that helped open my eyes, if just a little, to a small part of what the body positivity movement is fighting against.

It began when I bought some ice cream.

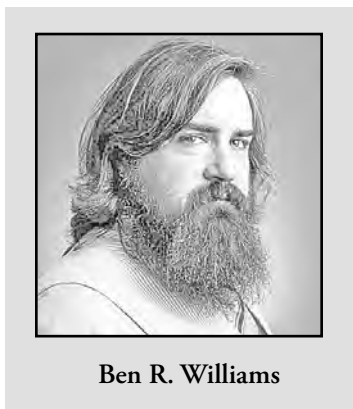
I’m not big on sweets, but about once a year or so, I decide to buy some ice cream at the grocery store. I recently found myself in an ice cream mood, so I grabbed a pint of vanilla from the freezer case and went on my way.

I’m normally a Ben and Jerry’s man, but the packaging of this ice cream caught my eye. I’m not going to name the brand, but the tub had a cartoon monster on it.

Listen, I’m a simple man. If you put a monster or a wizard on a product, I’ll at least consider buying it. If the product features a monster who moonlights as a wizard, I’ll buy two.

It wasn’t until I got home and began putting away my groceries that I noticed how light the tub of ice cream was, how insubstantial. I actually wondered if I’d accidentally grabbed an empty tub used for display purposes.

It was then that I made my horrible discovery: I had accidentally purchased “lifestyle



Ben R. Williams

ice cream.”

Perhaps you haven’t heard of lifestyle ice cream, and if that’s the case, you should count yourself lucky. There is a new trend in the world of ice cream toward super low-fat, low-calorie ice cream that can be eaten “guilt-free.” The brand I purchased advertised that it was only 280 calories per pint and just 70 calories per serving (I didn’t realize there was a difference between a pint and a serving).

How can you make a pint of ice cream with just 280 calories? I’ll let you in on the secret: By making it terrible!

I opened the tub and attempted to spoon out a few scoops. This was easier said than done. The ice cream did not roll up into picturesque scoops, but

rather broke apart like a clump of ice shearing off a glacier. I put my ice cream fragments into a bowl and took a bite.

The first thing you notice is that there is so much air in lifestyle ice cream that if you could somehow hook a tire pressure gauge to a pint, I expect it would read about 50 psi. It violates the laws of fluid dynamics.

The second thing you notice is the flavor. Lifestyle ice cream does not taste bad, because that would suggest it has a taste that is in some way strong or memorable. Instead, it has the merest wisp of flavor, as though they saved money on extracts by just paying an anemic man to whisper the word “vanilla” over each tub as it rolled past him on a conveyor belt.

Comedian Lewis Black once remarked that NyQuil comes in two colors, red and green, and that it’s the only thing on the planet that tastes like red and green. Similarly, lifestyle ice cream is the only thing on the planet that tastes like regret. As you eat it, it makes you think about the fact that you paid good American money for it when you could have instead spent that money on real ice cream. It makes you feel like some kind of ascetic monk who has decided to reject all worldly

pleasures. Each tub should come with a studded strap so you can self-flagellate after you eat it.

It took me about a week to finish my little tub of fake ice cream (I wasn’t going to just throw it out, because I am cheap). As I ate it, I thought about my friend’s body positivity posts on social media.

The only imaginable reason that anyone would buy this tragic fake ice cream, I thought to myself, is because they’re on a diet. The idea of someone sitting at home, eating terrible ice cream and trying desperately to enjoy it because they want to lose a few pounds to conform to some kind of societal beauty standards, struck me as heart-breaking.

To quote one of the most important historical figures of the 2300s, Starfleet Captain Jean-Luc Picard, the line must be drawn here. This far, no further. I say to you, America, reject this false ice cream. Life is too short to eat ice cream that tastes like the ghost of a guy who died outside a Baskin-Robbins. Eat real ice cream. Have a second helping at dinner. Enter a pie-eating contest. Carpe diem!

I also have a strong thoughts on LaCroix sparkling water, but that may have to be a three-part column.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Pro Evans

This coming Tuesday, voters in the 16th VA State House District, which includes the City of Martinsville and a good portion of Henry County, have a very important decision to make. They can choose to stick with the status quo for a fourth consecutive term or vote for a candidate with energy and new ideas like Dustin Evans. Mr. Evans’ ideas include deregulation to help struggling farmers in our area, lowering barriers to entry which the state has in place on new healthcare facilities locating in the Commonwealth, and securing more funding for Southern Virginia schools. Meanwhile, his opponent voted to in-

crease state spending 15% overall this year as well as to allocate \$750 million in tax revenue to a fund designed to subsidize one of the world’s largest companies in Northern Virginia. He also had a 25% attendance record in the 4 planned community forums for voters while Evans attended/RSVP’d for 100%. Southside Virginia needs someone who will be there 100% of the time and not send our tax money to Northern Virginia. I hope you consider voting for Dustin Evans November 5th.

Eric Bowling
Axton

2018 Report Found Nearly 7,000 Absentee Ballots Mailed Too Late

Aliviah Jones
Capital News Service

Virginia voters have already returned more absentee ballots in 2019 than in the November 2015 election -- the last time all 140 seats in the General Assembly were up for reelection. In the last few elections there has been an uptick in absentee ballots, but not all returned ballots are counted.

A Virginia Department of Elections 2018 post-election report found that 6,771 absentee votes did not count in the 2018 election because they were returned to the registrar’s office after Election Day. Eleven were returned late in person and 6,760 were mailed late.

The VDE lists 2018 official absentee ballot counts as 287,763.

The VDE said in the same report that they would “work with general registrars in an attempt to determine if there are patterns that exist preventing the timely return of ballots.”

Ballots must be returned by 7 p.m. on Election Day, or Nov. 5, in order to count. The only exception, according to Andrea Gaines, VDE director of community relations and compliance support, is if voters are overseas or in the military.

The return date is listed on the absentee ballot application, but not the ballot itself, according to Gaines. “There is no return date on the ballot itself,” she said. “When a voter receives an absentee ballot, they also receive instructions on how to properly cast that ballot in a manner in which it will be counted.”

When asked how VDE worked with registrars to determine patterns preventing the timely return of ballots, per the 2018 report, Gaines said: “Our mission is to provide voters with the information and resources necessary to successfully cast their votes.”

Zareen Farhad, a 19-year-old student at Virginia Commonwealth University, said she is voting absentee this upcoming election because she can’t make it back to Northern Virginia. Farhad said she has voted absentee three times and that the instructions on the ballot are sufficient, but that the VDE website could clarify when the ballot is due.

“I think that the Virginia elections website could be a bit more clear about exactly how to vote absentee and when early in-person voting is,” Farhad said.

Grant Fox, press secretary for the Democratic Party of Virginia, said the organization recently hired a full-time voter protection director to make sure every vote counts and voters

are aware of their rights.

Republican and Democratic candidates have highlighted the option to vote absentee. John Findlay, executive director of the Republican Party of Virginia said “we’re encouraged by the absentee numbers.”

As of Monday, the unofficial return count for absentee ballots is 73,903, out of 123,459 absentee ballot applications, according to VDE. “Using absentee voting is a good indicator of potential turnout, and if you look at previous elections and compare it to today there has been an increase in this election and overall,” said VDE commissioner Christopher Piper, in a previous CNS interview.

Stakes are high with all 140 legislative seats up for grabs for this first time since 2015, but also since Donald Trump was elected president. Several Senate districts held by Republicans have leaned blue in recent elections since then, and voters pushed Democrats into the House en masse in 2017. Republicans currently hold a slim majority in both chambers of the legislature.

According to an analysis posted by the Virginia Public Access Project, 54 House districts have already surpassed the number of absentee ballots returned in 2015. Of those, 22 are also key House races determined by a CNS analysis of competitive races, redistricting changes and recent voting trends on Virginia Public Access Project. The top five House districts that have seen over twice the number of return absentee ballots compared to 2015 are:

HD 76 – Del. Chris Jones, R-Suffolk, facing Democratic challenger Clinton Jenkins.

HD 78 – Del. Jay Leftwich, R-Chesapeake, running unopposed.

HD 77 – Del. Cliff Hayes, D-Chesapeake, running unopposed.

HD 9 – Democrat Martha Mulger and Republican Colleen Holcomb are running for an open seat in a Republican-held district where Hillary Clinton won in 2016.

HD 66 – Del. Kirk Cox, R-Colonial Heights faces challengers Democrat Sheila Bynum-Coleman and Independent Linnard Harris Sr.

Twenty-one Senate districts have also had a higher return in absentee ballots than in 2015. Three of the key senate races identified by CNS have had higher returns this year than 2015.

Residents who wish to vote absentee must apply for a mailed absentee ballot by 5 p.m. Tuesday through the VDE online citizens portal or their local voter registration office. The deadline to return absentee ballots to registration officers is Election Day at 7 p.m.

Rives

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BIG Something

ART has not publicly announced shows after November, but Buck said they do have more concerts planned at various locations for both 2019 and 2020.

“We’ll be taking Rives on the Road over the coming months, trying to figure out which venues are the best fit for different shows, and which venues our fans are willing to travel to for a show,” he said. “We’re excited about it. We’ve looked at a lot of potential venues in MHC, and I think our fans will be impressed with all of them. Each one offers something a little different and unique.”

Pop’s Farm in Axton will be familiar to Rooster Walk fans as the site of the music and arts festival held annually each May. The bands performing Saturday night may also bring back memories, as both have played the Rives Theatre and Rooster Walk before. In fact, Town Mountain co-headlined Rooster Walk I in 2009.

Town Mountain, known for its hard-driving bluegrass sound, has toured internationally and performed with the likes of Ralph Stanley and His Clinch Mountain Boys, Tyler Childers, the Del McCoury Band, Green-sky Bluegrass and Yonder Mountain String Band, to name a few. They made their Grand Ole Opry debut in 2016.

Jon Stickley Trio (JS3) brings a genre-defying, instrumental sound influenced by a wide range of musical styles, including bluegrass, EDM, punk, rock, prog and grunge. The band showcases the rapid-fire solo skills of flat-picking guitarist Jon Stickley and fiddle player Lindsay Pruett, as well as the innovative drumming style of Hunter Deacon.

Tickets for the Saturday, Nov. 2 show are \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of the concert. ART season passes will be accepted.

Though outdoor temperatures are projected to dip to the mid-30s this weekend, on-site camping will be available Saturday night to concertgoers for \$10 per vehicle and \$25 per RV or tow-behind camper. On-site

parking for non-campers is free of charge.

The gates at Pop’s Farm will open at 4 p.m. Saturday to on-site campers and at 7 p.m. to non-campers. JS3 will take the stage at 8 p.m., followed by a full set from Town Mountain. A food truck will have dinner items available for purchase, and beer, wine, water and soft drinks will also be sold. Patrons are welcome to bring lawn chairs and coolers, but no outside alcohol is allowed.

On the opposite side of the county, BIG Something will play the ballroom of the former Bassett Country Club on Saturday, Nov. 30. The Burlington, N.C. band has played the Rives twice, nearly selling out the venue, and performed at Rooster Walk three times. Described as a six-piece powerhouse, BIG Something fuses elements of rock, pop, funk, and improvisation and has become one of the nation’s hottest up-and-coming jambands, according to Buck.

Advance tickets are \$20, or \$25 purchased at the door. Doors open at 8 p.m., and the concert will start at 9 p.m. The venue, the Heritage Conference and Event Center, is located at 1230 Oak Level Road in Bassett. ART chose this location in part because its proximity to the highway makes it easier for BIG Something’s sizeable out-of-town fan-base to attend, Buck said.

At the band’s Thanksgiving show at the Rives Theatre in 2018, “probably 60 to 70 percent of the crowd was from out of town,” Buck recalled. “The Heritage will be a great venue for this show because it’s just off the 220 bypass, which is great for the out-of-towners.”

The center has “a great dance floor and bar room,” he added. “We’re really excited to show the out-of-town visitors and all of our local fans what a great event space we have in Bassett.”

For more information about ART, including upcoming concerts, visit www.rives-theatre.org or follow their Facebook page.



Town Mountain

Carlisle School Students Explore Diwali



Carlisle School, students learned about Diwali, a Festival of Lights to celebrate the Hindu New Year. Chhaya Suthar, a Martinsville resident who lived in India for 27 years, visited several classrooms to talk to students about the five-day celebration. Mrs. Suthar is the mother of three Carlisle Students: Shivani, Sanvi, and Shreya.

In each class, students were able to discuss the similarities and differences between

holidays around the globe as Suthar shared how families clean their homes, prepare sweets, decorate, and purchase new clothes in preparation for the celebration of Diwali.

They heard the story of how Diwali began and learned about the Goddess Lakshmi, who brings prosperity, health, peace, and happiness to festival participants.

Suthar explained about the dia candles which families

light each night of the festival. She showed students the bindi, a colored dot, which she wears on her forehead, allowed them to examine her traditional dress and told them about the language of Gujarai that her family speaks.

On the third day of Diwali, which is the main day of celebration, families celebrate with fireworks and it is also the last day of the year. The fourth day of Diwali is the

New Year. The fifth day of celebration is called Bhaibij where and adults and children exchange presents to show the love between brothers and sisters. Suthar gave the students coloring sheets which featured a dia candle and a rangoli design for them to decorate.

In addition to learning about this beautiful celebration, the students also enjoyed tasting three treats that are traditional to Diwali.

Shakkarpara is a small crispy square snack made of fried flour and sugar.

Puri is a thin and crispy round green disc made of flour and spinach.

Gulabjamun is a soft round ball made with milk powder, pancake mix, cardamom, whipping cream, and coated in sugar syrup.

The students' favorite treat in Kindergarten and 4th grade was Puri, as many asked for seconds of that item.



Lobby to End Gun Violence Outspends NRA by Over Half Million

Rodney Robinson
Capital News Service

October brought more donations to candidates and more knocks on constituent doors from both sides of the gun lobby.

Democratic coffers -- which have reached historic levels of reported fundraising -- swelled with October donations from Everytown for Gun Safety, a lobby group focused on reducing gun violence. Everytown contributed

\$938,238 to the Democratic party in 2019 according to The Virginia Public Access Project. Over \$600,000 of that total was given in September.

Everytown outspent the National Rifle Association this year, which donated \$273,000 to Republican candidates. In September, based on campaign finance reports, the NRA donated a little over \$54,000.

"The politics of guns in Virginia has changed dramati-

cally over the last few years," said Stephen Farnsworth, professor of political science and director of the University of Mary Washington's Center for Leadership and Media Studies.

Everytown received a study in late August about voter concerns that was conducted and published by Schoen Consulting. The firm interviewed 1,247 voters in swing districts across three regions of the state. Candidates' positions on gun control was important for voters, according to the study. In Northern Virginia, 82% of voters prioritized a candidate's stance on gun issues as important. In Richmond suburbs, 87% of voters found it important, and in the Hampton Roads area 83% of voters found it important. The study also concluded that Republican opposition to red flag laws -- laws to remove guns from some people considered a risk to themselves or others -- was the most convincing reason across all three regions to vote against Republicans in the November General Assembly elections, when respondents were given choices that included health care, education, the environment, guns and taxes.

Everytown, according to communication associate Mariah McGough, pledged to spend \$2.5 million in this year's state elections. The lobby group also endorsed 25 candidates and contributed to media and digital ad campaigns. A \$550,000 digital ad offensive launched in 15 Republican-held House and Senate districts.

Everytown, according to VPAP, has given the most to Missy Cotter Smasal (\$160,675) who is vying for the Senate District 8 seat held by incumbent Bill DeSteph, R-Virginia Beach. Sheila Bynum-Coleman, running against incumbent Kirk Cox, R-Colonial Heights, for House District 66 seat, received \$126,000.

"Democrats are much more willing to emphasize gun control in their campaign, and gun control money has become increasingly visible in Virginia politics," Farnsworth said.

Everytown has injected cash support for Democrats, but Moms Demand Action, a grassroots organization working to end gun violence, has been drumming up constituent support in neighborhoods. Heather Soglio, Moms Demand Ac-

tion volunteer, said her group has been knocking on doors since July. She said the biggest concern is "lax gun laws in Virginia."

"We're not anti-Second Amendment, we're not anti-gun, we support the Second Amendment and believe it can go hand-in-hand with public safety and strong gun laws," Soglio said.

The NRA also has been busy. The bulk of its donations (\$201,500) went to the political action committee of House Majority Leader Todd Gilbert, R-Shenandoah. The next largest contributions by the NRA were \$25,000 each to Senate District 4 incumbent Ryan McDougle, R-Hanover, and Senate District 26 incumbent Mark Obenshain, R-Rockingham.

In early August, top NRA leadership resigned after board members raised a concern about reports of reckless spending and mismanagement by the group's leadership.

"Perhaps part of the reason why we haven't heard or seen more from the NRA in Virginia this election cycle has to do with the challenges the organization itself is facing at the moment," Farnsworth said.

The NRA has also been busy encouraging voter turnout this election. NRA grassroots activists knocked on 100,000 doors of targeted voters in recent months, according to Catherine Mortensen, NRA media liaison. Also, the NRA rallied members at the State Capitol during the July special session that adjourned quickly with no action taken.

Linda Eastman, a volunteer for the NRA, said the organization is "not trying to force guns into people's hands, we're trying to protect their Second Amendment rights," -- a misconception she thinks people have about the NRA.

"We're all about gun safety not just gun violence and 'everyone needs to have a gun,' that's not what the NRA is about," Eastman said.

Glen Caroline, head of the NRA's Grassroots Programs and Campaign Field Operations Division, said he believes that engaged citizens can swing elections.

"I've been at this for nearly 30 years and I've seen time and again our voters swing key elections," Caroline said. "I am aware of all the money our opponents are spending, but I'm not intimidated."

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Virginia Part of Multi-State Settlement

Attorney General Mark R. Herring said Virginia has joined with 42 other attorneys general in a \$116.9 million settlement with Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Ethicon, Inc. to resolve allegations that they deceptively marketed and promoted their transvaginal surgical mesh devices. Virginia will receive approximately \$3 million of the settlement.

"We will not tolerate deceptive or false marketing of any products in Virginia, but especially when it involves medical devices that can negatively impact the health of a patient," Herring said. "Under this settlement, going

forward Johnson & Johnson must fully disclose the risks and side effects of their medical devices on all promotional materials, giving both doctors and patients confidence that they are making informed decisions about their health."

The Complaint, filed in Richmond Circuit Court, alleges that Ethicon and Johnson & Johnson, the manufacturers of transvaginal surgical mesh, misrepresented or failed to adequately disclose the products' possible side effects. Transvaginal surgical mesh is a synthetic material that is surgically implanted through the vagina to support the pelvic organs

of women who suffer from stress urinary incontinence or pelvic organ prolapse. These side effects included:

- risk of chronic pain and inflammation;
- mesh erosion through the vagina;
- incontinence developing after surgery;
- painful sexual relations; and
- vaginal scarring.

According to the complaint, Johnson & Johnson and Ethicon were aware of the possibility for serious medical complications, but did not provide sufficient

OBITUARY

Governor Gerald L. Baliles

Gerald L. Baliles, the 65th Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, died on October 29, 2019 after an illness that was announced publicly in September. He was at home, surrounded by his family, in Charlottesville. He was 79.

Baliles served as Governor from 1986-1990, in a time of social transition and technological advances. His election in 1985 made national news as he led the most diverse ticket of candidates in Virginia's history, with Mary Sue Terry as the first woman Attorney General, and L. Douglas Wilder as the first African American Lieutenant Governor.

His legacy lives on in Virginia's transportation system, its public schools and universities, a cleaner Chesapeake Bay and the international markets where Virginia's products and services are sold.

A native of Virginia, Baliles was born and raised in rural Patrick County in the Blue Ridge Mountains. He lived with his grandparents on their farm and in close proximity to his father, aunts and uncles, all of whom had a positive impact on his childhood and throughout his life. His passion for books and knowledge became his pathway to the future.

He attended Fishburne Military School in Waynesboro, Virginia, where, in his senior year, he became Battalion Commander of the school's Cadet Corps, and also won an international debating competition in Toronto, Canada. He went on to Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in government. In 1967, he received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. He then joined the Virginia Attorney General's office, where he became known for his expertise in environmental law.

He left the Attorney General's office to practice law in

Richmond, focusing on energy and environmental issues. But the call to public service led him to successfully run for the "floater" seat in the Virginia House of Delegates' 35th District to represent Richmond and Henrico County between 1976-1982.

In 1981, he was elected as Virginia's Attorney General. During his term, he was chosen as the Outstanding Attorney General of the United States by his peers.

Support for his leadership grew and he became a candidate for governor, running on the issues that reflected the priorities and hopes of people in both rural and urban communities.

Campaigning across the state, meeting thousands of people, he delighted in using his unusual talent of remembering the names of all those he met at events and thanking them at the end, by name, for supporting him. He won with more than 55% of the vote.

He delivered on his promise to make transportation an economic building block, critical to the future of the state. He saw education as the key to economic development, and raised teachers' salaries beyond the national average. Identifying themes for each of his four years in office, he gave clear purpose to state government policies.

With transportation funding, expanded international trade, new family and mental health care services, increased environmental protection standards and education initiatives for prisons, he provided evidence of a significant return on public investment strategies.

He expanded Virginia's horizons in global trade by "opening doors and closing deals" for new markets, creating Virginia's Inland Port in Front Royal and improving facilities at the Port in Norfolk; he encouraged alternative crops for Virginia's farmers in response to the demise of tobacco sales;



and his economic policies produced the highest per capita income in the South, with more than 300,000 jobs during his administration.

Other standout accomplishments include national recognition for his appointment of women and minorities to boards and commissions as well as to his executive staff; he appointed the first woman to the Virginia Supreme Court; he took a stand against the "men only" policies in place at the Virginia Military Institute, which was a state funded university; he drew a clear line between sports and academic standards at Virginia Tech by replacing several Board members after a scandal involving athletes; he was elected as the Chairman of the National Governors Association; he created the Virginia Film Festival, which continues today; and he led a delegation of business and cultural leaders to Israel as part of the work of the Virginia-Israel Commission, established during his term to promote closer ties with the nation of Israel.

He also initiated a practice of "work weeks" when he would take his senior staff and Cabinet members to different parts of the state for several days for meetings with business and community leaders to discuss their concerns and ideas.

His insistence upon preparation and detail was reflected in his staff's understanding that every trade mission, every event, and every meeting with local, national or international dignitaries must be accompanied by a briefing book that included all relevant information for the occasion.

Whenever possible, he would find a way to include a fishing trip in the schedule, including leaving his Capitol office on some days to fish in the James River under the Mayo Bridge, accompanied only by his State Police executive protection unit officer.

Because Virginia's governors cannot succeed themselves, he left office in 1990, after helping Lieutenant Governor L. Douglas Wilder become the first African American governor in the country. Many wanted him to seek one of Virginia's U.S. Senate seats, but Baliles, a Democrat, ruled out running against his friend, Republican Senator John W. Warner.

Instead, he joined the international law firm of Hunton & Williams (now Hunton Andrews Kurth), based in Richmond, as a partner, focusing on aviation and international law. He was appointed by President Clinton to lead a blue ribbon commission to improve the airline industry, which led to safety and operations recommendations and policies. In 1995, he authored a book, "Preserving the Chesapeake Bay." During his time at the law firm, he also served as chairman of the Public Broadcasting System and the Virginia Historical Society.

He left Hunton & Williams in 2006 to become director and CEO of the University of Virginia Miller Center, now recognized as the nation's leading institution for presidential studies. While there, he created the National Discussion and Debate Series and the National War Powers Commission, increasing the visibility and

influence of the Center and the University.

In 2014, he announced he would step down from the position to "reflect and perhaps write about the many steps and facets of my work in public office" In recent years, and as a frequent visitor to the old Homeplace where he was raised, he created the Patrick County Education Foundation.

He was in demand as an inspiring and thought-provoking speaker, including a speech earlier this year to the State Council on Higher Education calling for a "Marshall Plan" for Virginia's rural communities, to provide funding for education and incentives to close the economic gaps between rural and urban prosperity in the Commonwealth.

Governor Baliles was preceded in death by his grandparents, James Lee and Emma Baliles; his father, Syrus Baliles; and his brothers, Larry W. Baliles and Stuart G. Baliles.

He is survived by his wife of 16 years, Robin Marshall Deal Baliles, his children Laura Baliles Osberger (Steve), Jonathan Tabor Baliles, Katherine Deal Stone Walsh (Steve), and Danielle Deal Hudak (David); his grandchildren, Madison and Emily Stone and Olivia and Nadia Hudak; his former wife Jeannie Patterson Baliles; and his father-in-law, Lt. Col. (Ret. Army Reserves) Robert W. Marshall.

Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later date.

The family wishes to thank his personal caregiver, Ms. Beryl Mitchell; his nurse, Sarah Dewitt; and his CNA, NaShell Williams for their attentive and loving care during the Governor's final days; and his entire medical team at the University of Virginia Medical Center.

Donations may be made in his honor to the Patrick County Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 497, Stuart, VA 24171.

Re-Elect

Lane Perry

Sheriff of Henry County

Since January 1st, 2016:

- Over 270 suspects arrested for distributing narcotics, with over 675 drug distribution related charges.
- An additional 541 drug investigations resulting in 339 suspects arrested so far.
- Executed 23 narcotics search warrants on the homes of drug dealers.
- Downward trend of juvenile drug arrests. (Martinsville Bulletin, 6/16/19)
- Seized multiple pounds of cocaine & methamphetamines along with large quantities of heroin and illegal pharmaceutical pills.
- Seized assets from drug dealers including:
 - Over \$238,000 dollars in U.S. Currency
 - Dozens of illegally possessed firearms
 - Multiple sets of body armor
 - 2 real estate properties (home & acreage)
 - 31 cars, 11 motorcycles, 10 ATVs, a boat and a camper
- Deputies have answered more than 167,400 calls for service and routinely have the responsibility for the care of over 300 inmates.
- We have safely executed over 40 high risk tactical operations.

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- The Sheriff's Office constantly maintains a case clearance rate higher than the state average. The Henry County Sheriff's Office average is 48.1% vs the state average of 28.5%. (1/1/16 – 8/7/19)
- Proactive approach to law enforcement has resulted in a 16% reduction in violent crime over the past year. (Martinsville Bulletin, 6/19/19)
- In my 13 years as Sheriff we have investigated 59 homicides and solved 56 of these cases. Our average is 94.9% vs the national average of 62.9%. (FBI stats)

To Keep Henry County Safe

I ask for your vote on

November 5th!



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Mandatory Burn Ban Extinguished in Henry County

Due to the easing of dry conditions, Henry County Administrator Tim Hall has rescinded the ban of all outdoor burning within Henry County. This is effective immediately.

"Recent rainfall has alleviated the need for a burn ban at this time," Hall said. "We still ask our residents and visitors to take precaution when burning outdoors, but we feel that any imminent

danger has been reduced with this week's rain."

The burn ban was implemented Sept. 27.

Contact the Fire Marshal's Office at 276-634-4660 with questions.

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SCC Urges Virginians to Do Their Homework When Shopping for Health Insurance

Many Virginians will soon shop for coverage during the open enrollment period for the 2020 health insurance marketplace under the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA). The open enrollment period runs from November 1 – December 15, 2019. After this date, consumers may only buy ACA plans if special enrollment conditions apply to them. So don't miss your chance to purchase the coverage you need.

Whether you are thinking about changing health insurance plans or purchasing new coverage, the State Corporation Commission's (SCC) Bureau of Insurance encourages Virginians to review their health insurance needs and thoroughly explore all their options.

"Not all health plans are the same, and some are not insurance," said Virginia Insurance Commissioner Scott A. White.

He encourages Virginians to protect themselves when shopping for health insurance by fully understanding the coverage, costs and protections before they sign up for any health plan. "Understand enrollment periods, what ACA-compliant plans must cover and where to turn for legitimate information. If you have questions, the Bureau of Insurance can help."

Consumer protection laws govern some types of health coverage, such as plans purchased through an employer or through the federal health insurance marketplace. Other types of plans, such as a health care sharing ministry (HCSM) and discount plans, might be less expensive than health insurance plans subject to the ACA, but they are not insurance and do not offer the same protections as ACA-compliant plans.

Short-term, limited-duration

(STLD) health insurance plans are not available through the health insurance marketplace, but they are regulated health insurance plans. While they may, in some cases, be less expensive than plans offered through the health insurance marketplace, they often cover less than ACA-compliant marketplace plans, may deny eligibility for coverage or exclude services because of pre-existing conditions, and may apply dollar limits on the amount they will pay.

Before signing up for any health insurance plan, the Bureau of Insurance encourages Virginians to carefully consider what health care services you and your family will need. Consumers should:

Find out whether anticipated services are covered, and any limits on coverage under each health care coverage option they are considering.

Check to see if their doctors

and any medications consumers and their families need is covered by the plan being considered.

Pay careful attention to monthly premiums, as well as costs that coincide with using health services, such as co-pays, co-insurance and deductibles.

Especially during open enrollment, please keep the following in mind:

Do not provide personal information or agree to send money in response to unsolicited calls or emails.

Ask for details of any health plan in writing – including cost and coverage – and make sure you understand what you are purchasing.

In Virginia, www.healthcare.gov is the official website to buy ACA plans.

For a list of companies recognized in Virginia as selling short-term, limited-duration plans, go

to www.scc.virginia.gov/boi/pubs/stldplans.pdf.

To verify that an insurance agent, agency or company is licensed in Virginia, visit the Bureau's website at www.scc.virginia.gov/boi/ConsumerInquiry/default.aspx.

The open enrollment period for the 2020 health insurance marketplace under the ACA ends December 15, 2019. Anyone contacting you to sell individual health insurance plans through an "enrollment period" outside of that is not selling an ACA-compliant policy.

Be wary of telemarketers from the "national enrollment center," "national healthcare center," or other official-sounding name. The federal government will not call to sell you health insurance.

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Election

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an independent from Franklin County.

In the 16th District House of Delegates race, incumbent Del. Les R. Adams, R-Pittsylvania

County, is facing Dustin W. Evans, Libertarian.

For additional information, contact Stone at the Henry County Registrar's Office at

(276) 638-5108 or Cynthia Barbour, Martinsville Registrar, at

(276) 403-5122.

(A countywide sample ballot is printed inside this newspaper.)

Polling places in Martinsville
Martinsville voters go to the polls in six precincts:

Albert Harris School
710 Smith Street

Martinsville City Schools Administrative Offices

746 Indian Trail

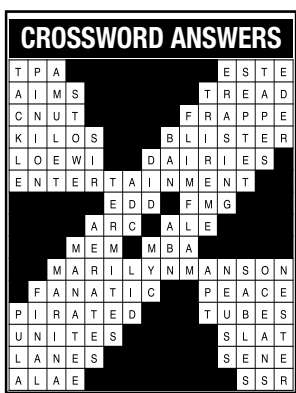
Martinsville City Housing Office
605 Fourth Street

Martinsville High School
351 Commonwealth Boulevard

Martinsville Middle School
30 Cleveland Avenue

Virginia Museum of Natural History
21 Starling Avenue

All polling places in the city are accessible to the handicapped.



Polling places and locations in Henry County

The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 5. Polling places for Henry County voters are listed below:

Blackberry Bassett #2 Gunville Scott's Tanyard	Bassett Rescue Squad Training Center, 1946 Riverside Drive, Bassett; Bassett Ruritan Building, 277 Philpott Dam Road, Bassett; Sanville Elementary School, 19 Sanville School Road, Bassett.
Horsepasture Fieldale Horsepasture #1 Horsepasture #2 Spencer	Rangeley Ruritan Building, 134 Calloway Drive, Fieldale; Horsepasture Fire Station Recreational Bldg., 17787 A.L. Philpott Hwy., Ridgeway; Horsepasture Ruritan Bldg., 16209 A.L. Philpott Hwy., Martinsville; Spencer Ruritan Bldg. (Lower Level), 150 George Taylor Road, Spencer;
Iriswood Axton Irisburg Mt. Olivet Mountain Valley	Axton Elementary School, 1500 A.L. Philpott Hwy., Axton; Freedom Baptist Church, 790 Irisburg Road, Axton; Mt. Olivet Ruritan Bldg., 400 Ward Road, Martinsville; Mtn. Valley Leatherwood Club, 2485 North fork Road, Martinsville.
Collinsville Collinsville #1 Daniels Creek Collinsville #2 Mountain View	F-C Middle School (Entrance B) Left Side, 645 Miles Road, Collinsville; F-C Middle School (Entrance A) Right Side, 645 Miles Road, Collinsville; Collinsville Primary School, 15 Primary Road, Collinsville; VFW Building, 2327 Old Chatham Road, Martinsville.
Reed Creek Bassett #1 Figsboro Stanleytown Oak Level Dyers Store	Bassett Fire Station, 3735 Fairystone Park Hwy., Bassett; Figsboro School, 340 Ridgedale Drive, Martinsville; Stanleytown Elementary School, 74 Edgewood Drive, Stanleytown; Oak Level Ruritan Bldg., 7668 Oak Level Road, Bassett; Dyers Store Fire Department, 3230 Chatham Road, Martinsville.
Ridgeway Fontaine Hillcrest Ridgeway #1 Ridgeway #2	Rich Acres Elementary School, 400 Rich Acres School Road, Martinsville; Rich Acres Fire Station, 1766 Joseph Martin Hwy., Martinsville; Ridgeway Library, 900 Vista View Lane, Ridgeway; Ridgeway Baptist Church (Social Hall), 15 Church St., Ridgeway.

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Ridgeway

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Ridgeway

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1555 Irisburg Rd.
Axton

Daily Grind
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Suite A
Martinsville

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4201 Stone Dairy Rd.
Bassett

Bryant Radio Supply
3449 Virginia Ave.
Collinsville

57 Grocery
7850 Fairystone Dairy Rd.
Bassett

Martinsville – Henry County Chamber of Commerce
115 Broad St.
Martinsville

Old Country Store
18241 AL Philpott Hwy.
Ridgeway

New Locations:

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Martinsville

The Enterprise,
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Stuart

Fast Mart Valero,
2170 King's Mountain Rd.,
Martinsville,

1118 Memorial Blvd.,
Martinsville,

1105 Brookedale St.,
Martinsville

5972 AL Philpott Hwy

Sample Ballot

Commonwealth of Virginia, Official Ballot

Henry County
GENERAL ELECTION
Tuesday, November 5, 2019

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Vote for only one

☐ William M. Stanley, Jr. - R

☐ Sherman D. Witcher Sr. - I

☐ Write-in:

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☐ Charles D. Poindexter - R

☐ Write-in:

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☐ M. Andrew Nester

☐ Write-in:

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☐ Lane A. Perry

☐ John W. Cassell

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☐ Linda N. Love

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☐ Scott B. Grindstaff

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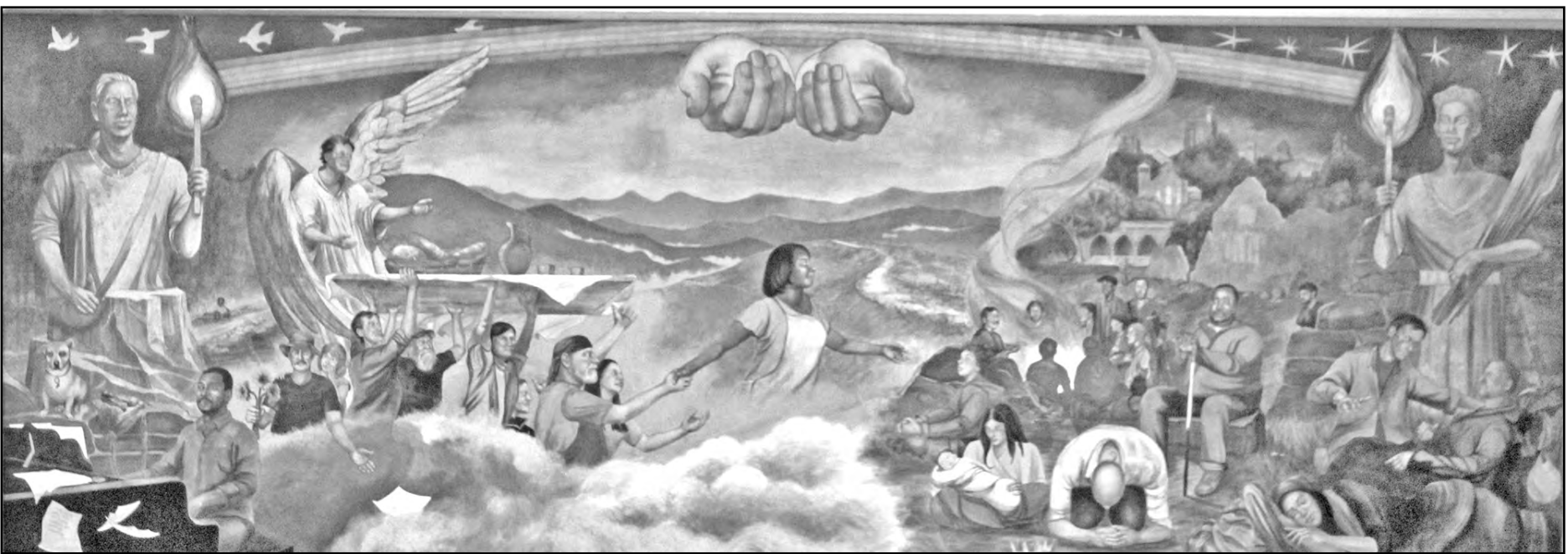
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Read Both Sides of the Ballot

Western North Carolina & Western Virginia Haywood Street Fresco is added to the Appalachian Mural Trail



If ‘art for the people’ ever existed, the new fresco art mural at the Haywood Street Congregation in Asheville is the ultimate example. Based on the Beatitudes Scriptures, the fresco gives dignity to those who make their home on the streets of Asheville. In a world that worships the rich and powerful, this fresco art calls out “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.” The Appalachian Mural Trail has recently added this important fresco mural to its expanding showcase of meaningful public art. The principle artist of this year long art project is locally born Christopher Holt, with assisting artists Jill Hooper, Caleb Clark, John Dempsey and Anselme Long. Each of the artists gave their hearts to this project. Students of Ben Long, a well-known fresco artist who resides in Asheville, the artists also brought high quality to the painting process. Founding minister of the Haywood Street Congregation, Brian Combs, believes what’s

most sacred is often those who are overlooked. He says about the mural, “Using the ancient art form of fresco—a technique which applies colored pigment to wet plaster creating a durable canvas in perpetuity—homeless and formally homeless congregants became models. Each were drawn in detail and painted with dignity, investing in the slow and deliberate process of rendering the sacred in each individual.” Located at 297 Haywood Street, the church offers a Downtown Welcome Table, Gardens, Respite for the homeless, God’s Outfitters with clean clothing ‘for the taking’ and inspired worship services every Wednesday at 12:30 & Sunday at 11 a.m. The fresco will be blessed on Wednesday, Nov. 13 during worship services and an official fresco unveiling is scheduled for Nov. 14. Visitors are invited to view the fresco when the church is open, Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and during weekend viewing hours. Visit visit.haywood-streetfresco.org for a schedule

of viewing times when a docent will be available to guide your visit, or contact April Nance to schedule a group visit. April Nance, Fresco Host, is available for greeting visitors and sharing information about the fresco. Tools to facilitate the visitor experience include a kiosk with video and photo displays documenting the production process and the meaning behind the fresco. Stories about all the people that are painted in the fresco are a part of the documentation. The Appalachian Mural Trail now showcases over 90 public cultural murals from Clay County North Carolina all the way up into the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Included in the mural trail gallery are two other churches with Ben Long frescos; Holy Trinity Church in Glendale Springs and St Mary’s Episcopal Church in West Jefferson, NC. You can see the murals, read stories about the artists & why public art is so important, and find directions to travel the trail at muraltrail.com, the mural trail’s mobile re-



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The Haywood Street Fresco and Steve Noblitt, Executive Director, working on the Kiosk room at Haywood Street Congregation.

sponsive website, which is an art lover’s paradise. Once at a mural location you can take a ‘Selfie’ in front of the mural, upload it to muraltrail.com and receive a free, high quality “I Hiked the

Appalachian Mural Trail” tee shirt in the mail. When you visit the Haywood Street Fresco, remember to snap your Selfie in front of this very special ‘art for the people.’

CCAT from page 1

ing Business Centre, a publicly owned industrial park that sits along the southernmost border of Henry County where Virginia and North Carolina meet. The park’s main entrance is located off of highway 220 on the Carolina side, but the actual industrial site -- and its tax revenue -- reside in Virginia.

Companies locating in Commonwealth Crossing will have exclusive access to CCAT. Designed with advanced manufacturing needs in mind, the building includes a 15,000-square-foot high bay where clients can temporarily house equipment and train workers; 10,000 square feet of office space; executive meeting rooms and classrooms for corporate training.

Even before the Oct. 23 grand opening, economic development leaders said CCAT was already operating exactly as they had hoped -- as a temporary base for new companies to work, hire, and train staff.

Commonwealth Crossing secured its first business tenant, Press Glass, in 2018, when the Polish company announced a \$45 million investment in Henry County and 212 new jobs. It is currently in the process of constructing a new

280,000-square-foot manufacturing plant in the lot across from CCAT that is slated to open in spring 2020.

Employees of Press Glass have been working out of CCAT in recent months while the factory is being built. Press Glass also hosted two “meet and greet” info sessions for potential workers to learn more about the company at CCAT in September that attracted about 400 people, said Mark Heath, president/CEO of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corp. (EDC).

Addressing an audience of more than 100 people gathered in CCAT’s industrial bay for the grand opening, Allyson Rothrock, President of The Harvest Foundation, called it “a state-of-the-art facility, the first of its kind.”

Harvest was one of multiple funding agencies backing the industrial park development. The foundation awarded about \$10.6 million in grants, including \$5 million to Henry County for site grading, more than \$600,000 to develop water and sewer infrastructure, and \$5 million to the EDC for construction of CCAT.

“We had to create something new and

out of the box. We had never heard of or seen anything like this,” Rothrock recalled. “Now, our first company is here and using this building as intended.”

Jim Adams, Chairman of the Henry County Board of Supervisors, said the business park and CCAT “represent what is best about our community.”

Adams recalled standing outside at the building site on a rainy day in September 2017, with “mud everywhere.” He and other officials were there for a groundbreaking ceremony, but it should have been called a “mud-breaking,” he quipped.

In contrast, Heath said in his remarks, “Here we are, 25 months later, in this beautifully designed building.”

Martinsville Mayor Kathy Lawson called the CCAT opening “a cause for celebration.” While the site is located in the county, Henry County and the city of Martinsville both contributed funds and will share revenue from companies that locate there.

In addition to The Harvest Foundation and local governments, other funders include the Henry County Industrial Development Authority, the Virginia Tobacco Region Revi-

talization Commission, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, and the EDC.

Development was aided in part by leveraging complex New Market Tax Credits, which Adams called the “Rubix cube of finance.”

Two funding partners who worked with the tax credits spoke about the process. One was Bryan Phipps, Vice President and Chief Development Officer of People, Inc., a nonprofit community development agency.

Phipps described the New Market Tax program as a way to “invest very low-cost debt into projects.” He said it is notable that their application was successful, because “there is very strong competition for these tax credits.”

“One thing that stood out for me was the level of community support and vision,” he said of the project.

Also speaking was Chris Sears, Senior Vice President and SBIC Investment Director at SunTrust Community Capital. SunTrust was the other partner in obtaining the tax credits.

Sears said the “goal is for these tax dollars to drive economic development,” focusing on “education, training, and job creation in underserved communities.”

Echoing Phipps, Sears praised the EDC and county staff for their work on a complex project.

“This deal really did stand out because of the passion of the team,” Sears said. “There really is momentum here.”

However, as several speakers noted, transforming several hundred acres of forest and farmland into shovel-ready sites for new industry was no simple feat. It took 12 years, tens of millions of dollars, many partner agencies, and a long permit battle with the feds to bring Commonwealth Crossing into existence.

Henry County first purchased 740 acres along the Virginia-North Carolina border in 2007 and 2008 with plans to create an industrial park. Officials intended to develop larger land parcels for “mega-projects,” suitable for attracting larger advanced manufacturers to the area. The property’s location off highway 220, with one lot adjacent to a rail line, and convenience to the Piedmont Triad Airport were also touted as selling points for new industry.

But before the industrial park could start attracting business prospects, the land required extensive grading

to make it suitable for building. Grading could not proceed until a federal agency approved a permit, and that’s where the site development process stalled for several years.

According to news archives on the Henry County website, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would not give approval to grade the sites because the agency required the “end users,” or corporations that would be locating there, to already be identified. Local officials insisted the grading had to be done first, or potential clients would not consider locating there in the first place.

After years of discussions and negotiations, including help from Martinsville-Henry County’s representatives in Congress, the Corps finally granted the grading permit in 2014. From there, it took about two years of work to get lots 1 and 4 (about 170 acres in total) cleared, level, and shovel-ready for new development.

CCAT and Press Glass facilities are located on lot 1. The industrial park includes other tracts of land that have not yet been graded but may be addressed in future phases of development.

Settlement from page 5

warnings to consumers or surgeons who implanted the devices.

Under the settlement, Johnson & Johnson has agreed to pay \$116.86 million to the 41 participating states and District of Columbia. The settlement also provides injunctive relief, requiring full disclosure of the device’s risks and accurate information on promotional material, in addition to the product’s “information for use” package

inserts.

Among the specific requirements, the companies must:

Refrain from referring to the mesh as “FDA approved” when that is not the case;

Refrain from representing in promotions that risks associated with mesh can be eliminated with surgical experience or technique alone;

Ensure that product training provided to medical professionals covers the risks associated with the mesh;

Omit claims that surgical mesh stretches after implantation, that it remains soft after implantation, that foreign body reactions are transient and that foreign body reactions “may” occur (when in fact they will occur);

Disclose that mesh risks include: fistula formation, inflammation, as well as mesh extrusion, exposure and erosion into the vagina and other organs;

Disclose risks of tissue

contraction, pain with intercourse, loss of sexual function, urge incontinence, de novo incontinence, infection following transvaginal implantation and vaginal scarring; and

Disclose that risks include that revision surgeries may be necessary to treat complications, that revision surgeries may not resolve complications and that revision surgeries are also associated with a risk of adverse reactions.

The settlement, which is in the form of a Consent Judgment, has been filed with the Circuit Court for the City of Richmond for approval.

For consumer-related inquiries, the Office of the Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Hotline telephone counselors are available to assist. Call the hotline at 1-800-552-9963 if calling from Virginia, or 804-786-2042 if calling from the Richmond area.

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Saturday, November 2

Smith Memorial United Methodist Women's Fall Bazaar: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Baked goods, crafts, yard sales and more. Breakfast available. Church is located on the corner of Daniels Creed Road and John Redd Blvd., Collinsville.

Tuesday, November 5

Mildred Lee Chapter - UDC: will meet at the Bassett Historical Center at 2 p.m. A historical program about Civil War. Women with Confederate ancestors are encouraged to attend. For more information call, (276) 638-7087.

Saturday, November 9

Martinsville Elks Lodge: will be holding its annual Veteran's Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, November 9. The event is at the Elks Lodge, 300 Fairy Street, Martinsville and begins at 6 p.m. All Veterans or active duty service members are welcome to attend. Special speaker is Lt. Colonel Al Kittredge, a Vietnam Veteran.

Tuesday, November 12

Bassett Historical Center: Jerry Perdue will present a program about the Congressional Medal of Honor. This program is about some of the fascinating stories about the men

and women who have been the Medal of Honor recipients. This program is free and open to the public and will be held in the Susan L. Adkins Memorial Meeting Room at 10:30 a.m. at the Bassett Historical Center.

Saturday, November 16

Fairystone VDF Auxiliary: hamburger steak dinner, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cash raffle tickets will be available for \$20, Raffle ends at 7 p.m. For more information visit, <http://sites.google.com/site/fairystonevolffiredept/>.

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading: for girls and boys 5-years-old to 5th grade. Evaluation dates: Nov. 2, 4, 7, 9, 11. Season practice begins Jan. 4. Try-outs, practices and games held at Fort Trial Baptist Church, 170 Oak Level Rd., Stanleytown. Register online at <https://registration.upward.org>. UPW69168, or call, (276) 629-2964.

SPENCER-PENN CENTRE November:

Music Night: Friday, Nov. 8, Concessions at 5 p.m., \$5 donation for admission. Open Mic at 5:30 p.m., Larry Sigmon & Martha Spencer

Big Country Buffet Breakfast: At the Spencer Ruritan Building, Saturday, Nov. 2, 6 - 10 a.m. Buffet includes: country ham, sausage, bacon, hog-jowl, eggs, gravy: red-eye and sausage, homemade biscuits, grits, apples, juice and coffee. Adults: \$7, children: \$3.

Suet Bird Feeder: Saturday, Nov. 9, 9 -11 a.m., instructor Vickie Wasoski. Each student will go home with a feeder, feed and a recipe to make more. For ages 8 and up, must pre-register class size is limited. Cost \$10/members & \$15/non-members.

Movie in the Library: on Friday, Nov. 1, 6:30 p.m. Enjoy pizza, a drink and popcorn for \$3. For more information, e-mail spc.susan@yahoo.com or call (276) 957-5757).

Open computer lab: Mondays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Computer Lab will be open to the public. High Speed Internet Access is available.

Photography Club Meeting: Nov. 7, Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Digital photography for amateurs, \$24 annual dues.

Story Time & Play Date: Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Carole-Anne Penn will lead story, songs, crafts and then play time with friends. Storytime and crafts are geared toward preschoolers, but all ages are welcome.

Charles & Rose Hylton Library: Open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sign up for a library card today.

Book Club: Meets the third Thursday at 3 p.m. Call the Centre for the book selection.

Chair Aerobics: Thursday mornings with instructor, Paula Battle. 11:30 a.m., Free, M/HC Coalition for Health & Wellness. Aerobics: Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., Instructor: Anita Hooker. This is a free class with the M/HC Coalition for Health & Wellness. Yoga: Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m., \$40 for

6 weeks, drop-in at \$8 per class. Yoga mats provided—bring a blanket or towel. Free childcare provided for attendees. Call (276) 957-5757 to register.

HJDB Events – November 4-15:

4 - Game on: Games, Crafts, Fellowship. 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Bible Study, 10 a.m. Pastor TBD; Bible Study, 11 a.m. Led by Karl Hoyer from Orchard Drive Baptist Church.

6 - Game on, Games, Crafts, Fellowship. 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Breakfast & Lunch available; 7 - Paint Night, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Paint with My Minds Eye Studios. \$25;

8 - Friday Morning Jam Sessions, Jim Philpott, Tim Stegall & Friends. 10 a.m. to noon. Breakfast \$5, lunch \$6;

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SPORTS

Bengals Hang Tough in Loss to Eagles

Harrison Hamlet
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(BASSETT, Va.) – Bassett’s football team has been looking up at the top end of the Piedmont District while head coach Brandon Johnson got his program pointed in the right direction.

On Friday night, Bassett looked eye-to-eye with G.W.-Danville, a perennial power in the area. Although the Bengals fell 42-28, Johnson said that he was happy with his team’s performance and felt like they were never out of the game.

“I hate losing football games, because we feel like we match up well with anybody,” Johnson said. “We told the kids all week, do not back down. Usually, we are mentally defeated before we go in to a game against a team that talented. But, our game plan gave us a chance to win and at the end of the night they just made more plays than we did.”

In the second quarter, Bassett was within a touchdown at 14-7. In a three-minute span, G.W.-Danville flexed their muscles, scoring three times to take a 28-7 halftime lead.

“Defensively, our plan was to make them beat us by throwing the ball. They have a division one talent at running back,” Johnson said. “Unfortunately, they also have a division one wide receiver, and he got us three times. He made it happen. We knew more bad could happen if we made them throw the ball, so we took our chances with that. They just made some plays.”

At halftime, Johnson said the Bengals stuck with their ground-and-pound approach on offense and it paid off as they climbed back into the

game.

Kevon Smith scored back-to-back touchdowns on the ground to get Bassett within a score at 35-28 in the fourth quarter. Smith was dominant on the ground, rushing 21 times for 134 yards and four touchdowns.

“Physically we were able to matchup with them,” Johnson said. “They have some bruisers and some athletes but with our style of play, we were able to control the clock with the running game and complete a couple of big passes.”

A big play on defense could have tied the game late, as a G.W.-Danville pass fluttered into the hands of a Bassett defensive back. The Bengal was able to knock the pass down, but not intercept it and return it to tie or give Bassett the lead. The Eagles capitalized on the missed opportunity by the Bassett player, and scored to make it 42-28, the final margin.

“The defense started playing better and forcing second and third and long and really worked hard for us in the second half,” Johnson said. “We made two mistakes. We fumbled in the third quarter and they recovered and scored which put us down 21 in the third quarter. Then, when it was a seven-point game late, we dropped a pick-six that could have tied it or given us the lead if we got a two-point conversion.

“Ultimately, the kids had never been in a game with them and it could’ve gone either way. I am proud of those guys. We were down 21 at the half and they were still fighting at the final buzzer.”

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Todd Gilliland (middle) celebrates his Gander Outdoors Truck Series win at Martinsville Speedway with the iconic grandfather clock trophy.

Gilliland Earns Maiden Truck Victory at Martinsville

Enterprise Staff Report

MARTINSVILLE, Va. (Oct. 26, 2019) – Todd Gilliland had a day he won’t soon forget at Martinsville Speedway.

Gilliland was able to hold off Ross Chastain and win the NASCAR Hall of Fame 200 for his first NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series win in his 46th start.

Gilliland took the lead on Lap 190 and was able to hold off the playoff contender in NASCAR overtime and pick up his first NASCAR national series victory.

“It feels amazing,” said Gilliland. “This place is really hard to win at. This Mobil 1 Toyota Tundra is not as pretty as we hoped it would be when we crossed the start-finish line, but man, it looks even better with water and Gatorade on it. Can’t thank JBL, Toyota, and all the fans enough. Thank you guys for sitting around. I think that was a good finish.”

Johnny Sauter, Grant Enfinger and Timmy Hill completed the top five in the NASCAR Hall of Fame 200.

Playoff contender Stewart Friesen was sixth with John Hunter Nemechek, Denny Bohn, Jeb Burton and Codie Rohrbaugh rounding out the top 10.



PHOTOS BY KEN CHILDS

Todd Gilliland raises his arms in celebration after winning his first Gander Outdoors Truck Series race at Martinsville Speedway on Saturday afternoon. (Martinsville Speedway photo by Ken Childs)

Truex Triumphant at Paperclip

Enterprise Staff Report

MARTINSVILLE, Va. (Oct. 27, 2019) – What a difference a year makes for Martin Truex Jr. at Martinsville Speedway.

After getting bumped out of the lead on the final lap in last year’s First Data 500, Truex didn’t leave anything to chance in this year’s event.

Truex Jr. took the lead on Lap 31 and went to lead 464 laps of the race to clinch a spot in the Championship 4 at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

After being upset after the finish last year, the 2017 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series champion was all smiles in Victory Lane.

“I’m just really happy about it, obviously,” said Truex. “I’ve been trying to work on getting a Martinsville win for a long time. It’s a tough track. It’s one that, you know, everybody I think wants to win at, the history here, and it’s such a big part of NASCAR.

“Really proud of everybody on our team for what they did and the car they brought, the pit stops today were incredible and the guys did a great job. So just all around a great day. To lead that many laps is pretty incredible here.”

William Byron picked up his second runner-up finish of the season behind Truex with Brad Keselowski third. Denny Hamlin and Ryan Blaney rounded out the top-five.

Truex, who has scored a series-high seven wins this season after taking the First Data 500 honor, was excited about bringing home his first Grandfather Clock trophy as a race winner at Martinsville Speedway.

He also made everyone aware very quickly about what he will do with it this week.

“(The clock will be) in my living room,” Truex said. “You’ll be able to see it as soon as you walk in the front door. I’ve actually looked at that spot before and thought, that grandfather clock would look good right there.”

Kurt Busch was sixth with Kevin Harvick, Joey Logano, Kyle Larson and Ryan Newman rounding out the top 10.

The race was slowed 11 times by caution for 69 laps with just three drivers leading the race throughout the day.

The next time the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series drivers visit Martinsville will be next May when the first night race for the series at the track will be held on May 9.



Martin Truex Jr. (middle) celebrates his First Data 500 win in Victory Lane at Martinsville Speedway on Sunday evening



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Martin Truex Jr. celebrates his First Data 500 win with a victory burnout at Martinsville Speedway on Sunday evening.



PHOTO BY HARRISON HAMLET

Magna Vista running back Louis Taylor (4) breaks a tackle on the way to an 87-yard touchdown on this run in the third quarter during Friday’s home loss to Halifax County.

‘Sloppy’ Warriors Fall To Comets

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Contributing writer

(RIDGEWAY, Va.) – Forcing four turnovers and outgaining your opponent is usually a recipe for success in high school football.

Unfortunately for Magna Vista, they surrendered five turnovers and two blocked punts of their own in a 20-14 home loss to Halifax County on Friday night that head coach Joe Favero described as “sloppy.”

“We just played very sloppy. When you play that sloppy you’re not going to win,” Favero said. “They (Halifax) didn’t play great either. They turned the ball over I

don’t know how many times, and we gave it right back to them. You can’t do those things and expect to win against good football teams. And they’re a good football team, but we gave them one. We made too many mistakes.”

A touchdown pass from Dryus Hairston to Tyler Johnson and an 87-yard track-meet touchdown run by Louis Taylor gave Magna Vista a 14-12 lead heading into the fourth quarter, but two crucial mistakes late in the final frame would haunt the Warriors.

Magna Vista had a fourth-and-one at their own 49 yard-line with 2:55 to play, sitting on a two-point lead. Initially, the Warriors’ offense

was on the field. After a timeout, it was the punt team that trotted out. For the second time on Friday night, the rugby-style kick utilized by the Warriors resulted in a blocked punt.

Halifax County was able to turn the momentum, scoring just two plays after the block, converting a two-point conversion to take a 20-14 lead with 2:23 to play.

“Obviously now (in hindsight) I’d love to have gone for it,” Favero said of the fourth down play. “I hate when it’s short yardage, you know everybody is going to flop in there, and I kind of hate catch-

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Tyheim Cline combined for 51 yards to support Smith in the running game, while Jaricous Hairston was not asked to throw very much in the game plan, completing a pair of passes for 64 yards on the night.

Despite the evident talent on the G.W.-Danville side of the ball, Bassett was only outgained 339-243 yards, an impressive ef-

fort against the Eagles.

Now, Bassett (5-4) gets a bye to rest ahead of their matchup with Magna Vista (6-2), where a rivalry trophy will be up for grabs.

“We’re getting a bye at a perfect time. It is the latest bye week I’ve ever had as a coach, but it is coming at a great time for us,” Johnson said. “Elijah

Stokes didn’t play Friday, so it is a chance to get him and some other guys healthy and fix some things for us before we go into Magna Vista week.”

Magna Vista is coming off a loss to Halifax County (6-2), and the Warriors must travel to face the same G.W.-Danville (6-2) team this week, before playing at Bassett.

Bassett won the rivalry matchup a year ago. Johnson, however, emphasized that schedules and records might as well be thrown away when Magna Vista comes to town on November 8.

“It’s a rivalry game, you can throw the records out the window,” Johnson said of the Warriors. “It’s one of those

few games that mean something and the kids are playing for something. We’re excited to defend that trophy for the first time in a long time. Those guys are going to want to win it, too. We’re excited to have the chance to play for it.”

GWHS	– 7	21	0	14	– 42
BHS	– 0	7	7	14	– 28

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ing the ball five yards deep (in a shotgun formation) and trying to pick up a yard. We had a center-exchange problem on the opening drive and we turned the ball over on the three, and that’s our best short yardage play. We had already messed it up once; let’s not give them a chance to screw up again. Of course, then we give up a blocked punt when they really didn’t send a ton of guys to rush it.”

For a spread offense as efficient as Magna Vista’s, over two minutes was plenty of time to get back in scoring position, and Hairston led a drive down the field to do just that, with completions to Ty Grant, Andrew Santoemma, Johnson and Grant again to get inside the red zone at the Halifax County 19-yard-line.

prepare to hit the road for the final two games of the season, both against tough teams. First, Magna Vista (6-2) will travel to G.W.-Danville (6-2) before closing out the season at Bassett (5-4).

“We were sloppy and that’s 100-percent on me,” Favero said. “I told the guys things will be tighter (moving forward). I’ve got to do a better job of getting the guys prepared during the week. I’ve got to do a better job of getting them prepared on game-day because I didn’t think we came ready to play. That’s 100-percent on the head coach. I’ll take it and we’ll get better.”

Halifax County (6-2) remains in the hunt for the Piedmont District title alongside Magna Vista, G.W.-Danville, and Bassett. The Comets will travel to play Patrick County (4-5) on Friday night.

HCHS	– 6	6	0	8	– 20
MVHS	– 7	0	7	0	– 14

Halifax County High School 20, Magna Vista High School 14

SCORING SUMMARY

FIRST QUARTER
6:51 – HCHS – William Davis 8 rush (PAT miss)
0:37 – MVHS – Tyler Johnson 69 pass from Dryus Hairston (Cory Osborne PAT good)

SECOND QUARTER
0:45 – HCHS – Zyon Wilson 2 rush (2-pt fail)

THIRD QUARTER
4:45 – MVHS – Louis Taylor 87 rush (Cory Osborne PAT good)

FOURTH QUARTER
2:23 – HCHS – Christian Mack 30 pass from Thomas Lee (2-pt pass from Thomas Lee to William Davis good)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

HALIFAX COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL RUSHING
William Davis 11 for 88, TD; Christian Mack 9 for

42; Zyon Wilson 8 for 33, TD; Thomas Lee 10 for 14, 3 fumbles. TOTAL 38 for 177, 2TD, 3 fumbles.

PASSING
Thomas Lee 8-18 for 167, TD, INT.

RECEIVING
William Davis 2 for 79; Christian Mack 3 for 61, TD; Traivius Chappell 2 for 27.

MAGNA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL RUSHING
Louis Taylor 17 for 165, TD; Tyler Johnson 2 for -3; Dryus Hairston 12 for -12, 3 fumbles. TOTAL: 31 for 150, TD, 3 fumbles.

PASSING
Dryus Hairston 14-28 for 242, TD, 2INT.

RECEIVING
Tyler Johnson 5 for 132, TD; Ty Grant 6 for 74; Isaac Ellison 2 for 32; Andrew Santoemma 1 for 4.



Magna Vista wide receiver Tyler Johnson (6) scored a 69-yard touchdown on this play in the closing moments of the first quarter during Friday’s home loss to Halifax County.

With 1:18 on the clock, Hairston took a shot into the end zone, with Grant and a Halifax County defensive back both getting their hands on it. When the duo fell to the ground, it was Zy-Liek Perkins of the Comets who came away with an interception instead of a Grant touchdown.

The turnover ended the game, as Halifax County was able to run out the clock and steal a 20-14 win in The Hole.

Asked if there was a silver lining to the Warriors’ second loss of the season, Favero was clear: No.

“With a young team sometimes there are good losses. When you have seniors, no,” Favero said. “We’re better than them (Halifax); we should have beat them. That’s my opinion. Good job for them, but we didn’t do what we needed to do to win the football game.”

Now, the Warriors must



Magna Vista running back Louis Taylor (4) scored an 87-yard touchdown on this run in the third quarter during Friday’s home loss to Halifax County.



Magna Vista wide receiver Ty Grant (left) breaks a tackle during Friday’s home loss to Halifax County.

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