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## New mental health recovery center coming to Martinsville

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Piedmont Community Services (PCS) is planning to add a recovery center to assist with mental health services in the area. During a Feb. 23 Martinsville City Council meeting, Greg Preston, director, said the organization purchased the former National College building on Memorial Boulevard to house the effort.

"We are excited to announce that in November, we were fortunate enough to purchase the location that used to be the old National Business College," Preston said. "We're going to build a recovery center to meet the needs of Martinsville and Henry County for substance-use disorders."

Preston said it would take approximately a year to get the facility to operational capacity, with programs to be phased in gradually. The first of which would be Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) services.

Sharon Buckman, director of clinical services, said PCS has expanded its recovery-oriented services.

Instead of focusing on the mental health or substance-use disorder symptoms, "our recovery services are there to help people recover their roles in life," she said, and added the agency's recovery programs have helped many gain employment after treatment.

"Our newest program in the recovery services area is called Pathways to Recovery," Buckman said. "This is a peer-run center,

regularly operating three evenings a week. Services are provided by staff who are certified peer recovery specialists. So, they have lived experience with mental health or substance-use challenges but with documented recovery from those challenges, but also have been through the training program and are under clinical supervision."

Buckman said peer-support allows patients to develop their own individualized recovery plan which also allows them to "engage in the community to feel supported."

Preston said that recovery services are only a portion of what the organization offers.

"Our mission is to help individuals and families in the community to enhance their quality of life by providing a highly-effective continuum of behavioral health services including prevention, treatment, education, and support within available resources," Preston said. "We provide mental health, mental retardation and developmental disability services, substance-use disorder services, prevention and emergency services-just a host of services."

Buckman said some patients receive daily care.

"We see individuals every day, sometimes twice a day, and make sure they are taking their medications. Our psychiatrist does his services within the individual's homes," Buckman said. "These are folks that might otherwise be going in and out of inpatient treatment. We serve about 90 people. It helps us keep people out of the hospital and in the community to make sure they



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**Greg Preston, director of Piedmont Community Services, briefs members of the Martinsville City Council on the organization's operations and services.**

have food, their utilities are on, and that they have a place to live."

Preston said the organization has seen an increase in the need for services in recent years.

"Over the last 10 years, we've had 41 percent growth," he said. "Out of the four areas that we serve, we serve 7,482 individuals in 2020. We did see a dip in services, mainly due to COVID, but we did see a spike in Martinsville. We've seen spikes in (ages) 0-9 and ages 10-19. As well as ages 20-39. We're also seeing a spike in males in need of services."

With the increased caseload, Preston said that PCS has begun to implement same-day access services which has helped 4,683 individuals in the past year.

With same-day access, Buckman said "you just walk in and we have someone that can talk

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**David Rose, a financial advisor with Davenport & Co., discussed refinancing options on Meadow View Elementary School.**

## County considers refinancing as possible cost saving measure

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The Henry County Board of Supervisors heard a report from David Rose, a financial advisor from Davenport & Co., about potential cost savings of refinancing some school debt.

In his discussion about potential refinancing opportunities on two loans related to Meadow View Elementary School, Rose said "I had the good fortune of working on both of those financing and at the time, we were just elated over the interest rates that we received."

"They were fixed, and one was at basically 2.5 percent and one was at 2.4 percent. We are here

today because it is possible that the interest rates have come down," Rose said. "As a result, you'd simply be exchanging current interest rates for lower interest rates. We would not be extending any debt. We would not be adding any new debt. We simply do it to save some money."

Currently, \$17.3 million is outstanding on the loan.

"When we first approached staff, we indicated that the new rate might be below two percent," Rose said. "If that's the case, we are looking at some savings" of approximately \$1.5 million on the high end.

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**Henry County Schools Superintendent Sandy Strayer provided an update about the school division's budget to the Henry County Board of Supervisors.**

## Preliminary budget discussed at joint meeting

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Henry County School officials discussed anticipated needs and anticipated funding that must be in place to pay for those needs during a joint meeting Tuesday with the Henry County Board of Supervisors.

"As proven by the pandemic, our staff are essential," Schools Superintendent Sandy Strayer said when discussing pay increases for teachers and staff. "We need to recruit, retain, and train a high-quality, diverse staff to provide our students with opportunities and experiences they need to be competitive in a global market. This wonderful staff that we will attract and retain will help each student achieve his/her potential and therefore be a contributing member of the community and to our workforce."

She said the division intended to address gaps in step increases for teachers in the previous school year, but were derailed by the pan-

demic.

David Scott, assistant superintendent of Operations and Administrative Services, said he expects budget priorities to require an additional \$2.5 million in the budget.

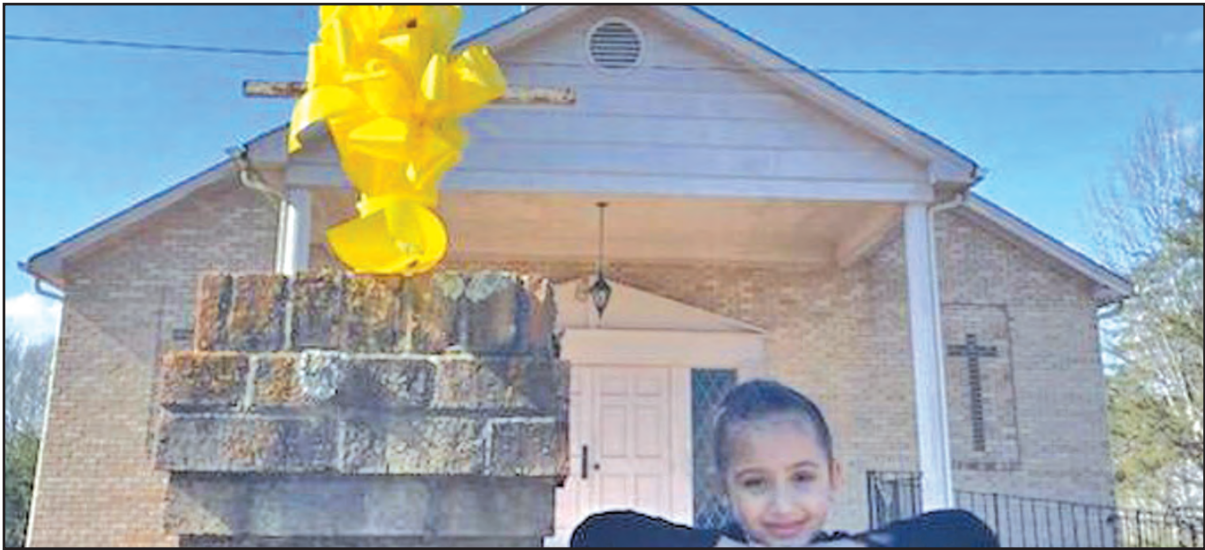
"That in no way indicates what we would be asking of the Board of Supervisors above level funding," Scott said. "That's just sort of a marker, for the time being, of the estimated costs of these things."

Each priority would account for a portion of the overall \$2.5 million increase. Among the top priorities listed were step increases for all employees on the teacher scale (47 percent), step increases for those on the classified scale (12 percent), a percentage increase for administrators (six percent), adding 15 full-time bus drivers (15 percent) and adding a student information system position (four percent).

"In an ideal situation when a teacher is hired, we are looking for a 1:1 ratio

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## Ribbon campaign underway to show support



As the death toll from COVID-19 climbed to 500,000 dead last week, national and state leaders ordered flags lowered for five days, but a local initiative began Feb. 14, according to the Rev. Tyler C. Millner, Sr. Morning Star Holy Church elected to launch a yellow ribbon campaign to support those who lost loved ones during the pandemic, Millner said. Yellow ribbons were placed in various Martinsville and Henry County locations "to show that we, as a community don't get numb," Millner said. "The church instigated the project, but we have asked others to take it up. It is a good way for us to support those who have lost loved ones."

## RV park provides a space for every occasion

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Outdoor enthusiasts near and far have a hopping new spot to enjoy the wilderness of Henry County this spring.

Cahill's Lily Pad Camp-

ground, located along the Smith River in Bassett, officially opened its gates last year and visitors have come to find that the spot is good for more than just roughin' it, according to owner Jesse Cahill.

"We have water, sewer,

and electricity with a 50-amp service and electrical hookups," he said. "We have a bathhouse with showers, washers and dryers. We even have a playground for the kids."

In addition, the campground even comes with

its own general store that provides camping supplies and made-to-order meals.

Those who would rather live off of the land can "walk along the river and fish in the trout stream," Cahill said. "They stock the stream regularly. We have a picnic shelter to eat

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Crystal Wells cooks behind the counter at Cahill's Lily Pad Campground.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## March 13

American Watercolor Society 153rd annual exhibition on display through May 1 at Piedmont Arts. The American Watercolor Society is one of the oldest and most prestigious art societies in the world, and its annual international exhibition is one of the most revered. The society's traveling exhibition includes 40 paintings, with styles ranging from hyper-realistic to abstract, selected from 1,100 entries. The exhibition's cross-country tour of six museums and galleries will culminate at Piedmont Arts. Admission is free.

Jane Iten Memorial Exhibition on display through May 1 at Piedmont Arts. Admission is free to the exhibit held in memory of Jane Iten, a local artist and longtime friend of the museum, Piedmont Arts has curated an exhibition of Jane's works, spanning several decades. An accomplished artist and teacher, Jane's work has been included in regional and national exhibits, including those sponsored by the National Watercolor

or Society and Piedmont Arts. She is the recipient of many awards, including the Virginia Watercolor Society Shenandoah Watercolor Award, as well as First Place and Best in Show in Expressions. Jane's work is part of public and private collections across the country.

Water Ladies - featuring work by members of the Water Ladies, a weekly watercolor class at Piedmont Arts that was founded and led by the late Jane Iten. Including work by Doris Falls, Rebecca Kolinski, Susan Moore, Susan Sapp, Jessie Ward and Annelie Williams. Through May 1. Admission is free.

### Ongoing

The Blue Ridge Regional Library is offering a "Blind Date With a Book" throughout the month of February. With each book selection, the participant's name will be entered into a drawing for a variety of prizes. A list of preselected books is available for curbside pickup. Contact (276) 403-5430 for more information.

# HOROSCOPES

## ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Expect to be in high demand this week, Aries. You have the time and energy to give to others, so make the most of each chance to lend someone a helping hand.

## TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Now is a good time to focus on your relationships, Taurus. There may be a close friend who can use a little more attention from a confidante and you can fill that role.

## GEMINI - May 22/June 21

There is work to be done, Gemini. If your workspace is a tad chaotic, then hunker down somewhere less hectic. This can provide the right environment for focus.

## CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, make a habit of finding the silver lining to any situation. This shift in attitude can bring more positivity and sunshine into your life, particularly when you need it most.

## Refinancing

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"That translates to about \$100,000 a year."

At present, the actual new interest rates are still unknown, according to Rose, who added that he would seek the board's advice at a later meeting on the appropriate savings level. "The way that the VPSA (Virginia Public School Authority) works is you'd be one of multiple local governments in a pool," Rose said. "In that pool, you could tell VPSA ahead of time, if a million dollars is what you want and nothing less, then you indicate to them that if you cannot get that savings on the day of the sale, then you simply would not be part of the sale."

If that happens, Rose said it is at no cost for either the county or the VPSA, but refinancing would free up collateral.

"Right now, that school is collateral on the loan. If indeed, the refinancing goes forward, that collateral on the loan is freed up," Rose said. "It can be used for any other purposes. It becomes a full faith and credit of the county."

The board will hold a March 23 public hearing on the issue.

In other matters, the board:

\*Heard from Jim Roberts, of the Reed Creek District.

"I'm new to the county and I'm sharing my first impressions as a new resident," Roberts said. "I hate to tell you that my initial impression of myself, as well as others who have visited me, is that Henry County strikes them as a dumping ground for trash."

Roberts said aban-

## LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Shift your focus to your home life, Leo. Find various ways to make things more pleasant at home so it can be the respite that it should be.

## VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

You are usually better at focusing on the tasks at hand than most other astrological signs, Virgo. Don't be hard on yourself if you get a tad distracted in the next few days.

## LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Get a firm grasp on your finances this week, Libra. Start browsing your bank accounts so you have a better idea of your spending. This way you can better plan for the future.

## SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Normally you are very good at keeping your emotions in check, Scorpio. However, letting others see what's beneath the surface can be beneficial to you in the weeks to come.

## SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Take your foot off of the accelerator, Sagittarius. You don't have to race to the finish line; enjoy the scenery for a change. Stop as many times as you can along the way.

## CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, no matter how much time you want to devote to your personal goals, you just may find that other activities require much more attention than you anticipated.

## AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, don't be surprised if you have your patience tested a bit this week, especially at the workplace. You'll find a way to come out shining, however.

## PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Take a big, deep breath and focus on all the good things in your life, Pisces. This will help you ride out any rough spots that crop up.

# SUDOKU

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Level: Advanced

### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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2	5	2	8	9	6	1	8	4
1	8	1	2	6	8	7	3	5
9	4	9	2	8	7	6	5	1
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ANSWER:

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- CLUES ACROSS
1. Ancient Persian city
  5. Spindles
  11. Stake
  12. Retrain
  16. Close by
  17. Commercial
  19. One who publicly announces
  24. Junior's father
  25. Go up or climb
  26. Concern
  27. When you hope to get there
  28. Iacocca and Oswald are 2
  29. Plant of the lily family
  30. Male college organization
  31. National capital
  33. Raccoonlike animal
  34. Symbols of fertility
  38. Astronomy unit
  39. Series of ridges in anatomy
  40. Hebrew leader
  43. A portent of good or evil
  44. Supreme goddess
  45. Gelatinous substance
  49. Engage in a contest
  50. Famed ballplayer Ruth
  51. Pledge
  53. -\_\_\_ denotes past
  54. Revival
  56. Spanish surname
  58. Gold
  59. Elsa's sister
  60. Workplace
  63. Large quantity of something
  64. Engraved
  65. Discount
- CLUES DOWN
1. Shoe
  2. Disquiet
  3. Posture
  4. Large nests
  5. Soviet "Second Symphony" composer
  6. Joins 2 pipes of different diameter
  7. Exist
  8. Overdose
  9. Pleat of fabric
  10. Predict the future
  13. Burgeoning technology
  14. Having made a valid will
  15. Having no fixed course
  20. \_\_\_ route
  21. Lethal dose
  22. Indian musical pattern of notes
  23. Athlete
  27. Geological times
  29. Atomic #21
  30. In support of
  31. Brew
  32. Certificate of insurance
  33. Taxi
  34. Type of saying
  35. For cigars
  36. Phil \_\_\_, former CIA
  37. Local area network
  38. Gym class
  40. Philippine Island
  41. Not great or bad
  42. Eastern part of NY
  44. Gov't lawyers
  45. Constructions
  46. Former British gold
  47. Unkeyed
  48. Rechristen
  50. Threaten persistent
  51. Southeast
  52. Cools your home
  54. Removes the leaves
  55. Regretted
  57. Thus
  61. Relief organization
  62. Exclamation of surprise



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# Museum, company to partner on virtual education programming

The Virginia Museum of Natural History (VMNH) and Boxley Materials Company announced a partnership to support the museum's virtual education offerings throughout 2021 and 2022.

Through a \$10,000 gift from Boxley to the VMNH Foundation, the museum will be better

positioned to market and deliver a combination of STEM educational programs led by VMNH educators and scientists, with various programs delivered to schools, families and general social media audiences.

Jeff Perkins, president of Boxley, said "adapting new approach-

es to deliver quality STEM educational programming and enriching experiences for students, parents and our communities is critically important as we continue to grapple with the operational limitations for museums and other educational venues created by the pandemic."

"We're extremely grateful for Boxley's continued support of the museum's educational programming," said Ryan Barber, deputy director of the museum. "As we continue to offer new and exciting virtual content, this partnership will not only support the implementation of the programming, but it will also allow us to reach even more audiences throughout the Commonwealth and beyond."

Specific programs supported by the partnership include the museum's Distance Learning Programming, Homeschool Science and Engineering Academy, Virtual Science Talks, as well as the original social media series "Museum Minute" and "Tales of Ancient Life."

Distance Learning Programming brings students to the museum without ever having to leave their seats. Classes join museum educators to explore Virginia's natural heritage and uncover its rich biological and geological history via two-way video. Together, with the use of videoconferencing and interactive activities, museum educators spark imagination, enhance curricula, and support Virginia and national educational standards.

Homeschool Science and Engineering Academy is a series of bi-monthly programs from

September to May designed to supplement students' learning and knowledge of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) based topics. Additionally, the museum works with homeschool groups individually to design and provide programming relevant to students' needs. Since the pandemic began, the Academy transitioned into a virtual-only offering.

Virtual Science Talks - The museum's Virtual Science Talks fall under the umbrella of "Commonwealth Interconnections: Science and Technology Solutions for an Informed Citizenry." This series is presented by curators and engaging guest presenters who are experts in their respective fields. The 10 to 15-minute presentations highlight a variety of natural history and conservation topics.

Museum Minute - is a weekly video update produced by VMNH educators that highlights various displays within the museum's exhibit galleries, while providing intriguing and little-known facts about the specimens on display.

Tales of Ancient Life - Our planet has an incredible story to tell and VMNH Assistant Curator of Paleontology Dr. Adam Pritchard helps share it through his original video series, "Tales of Ancient Life." Dr. Pritchard uses spectacular fossils and other scientific specimens from the museum's paleontology collections to highlight the wonders of earth's ancient past in ways that are both relevant and understandable to a wide variety of ages.

The museum's virtual programming began in earnest as

a response to the limitations of providing educational programs at the museum and in outreach settings due to COVID-19. The programming quickly became popular with audiences and museum officials believe that the popularity will continue to grow, even as in-person learning opportunities return.

"As the museum continues to increase its virtual offerings, we also anticipate a continued increase in demand for such programming," said Christy Deatherage, VMNH education manager. "We especially anticipate an increase in demand for our distance learning programming in school settings from spring to fall 2021 and Boxley's support will go a long way in helping ensure that we are able to connect with students throughout Virginia."

"We commend the Virginia Museum of Natural History staff for their continued commitment to fulfilling their mission under the most challenging of circumstances," Perkins said, and added "Boxley is pleased to support this initiative."

For more information about the museum's Distance Learning Programming or other offerings, contact the museum at [discover@vmnh.virginia.gov](mailto:discover@vmnh.virginia.gov) or visit [www.vmnh.net/education/distance-learning](http://www.vmnh.net/education/distance-learning).

Homeschool educators interested in learning more about the museum's Homeschool Science and Engineering Academy can visit [www.vmnh.net/education/homeschool-education](http://www.vmnh.net/education/homeschool-education), or contact the museum at [discover@vmnh.virginia.gov](mailto:discover@vmnh.virginia.gov).

For more information about Boxley, visit [boxley.com](http://boxley.com).



Terri Robertson, an educator at the Virginia Museum of Natural History, shows students various seeds and how they are dispersed.



Virginia Museum of Natural History Assistant Curator of Paleontology Dr. Adam Pritchard talks about dinosaurs.

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## Godwin to receive Lifetime Achievement Award from Honors Society

The international honors society for two-year colleges, Phi Theta Kappa, plans to honor Patrick Henry Community College's president, Dr. Angeline Godwin, with the Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award.

Godwin is one of eight college presidents and chancellors to receive the prestigious award this year. The award winners will be honored during the society's annual convention in April which is expected to draw more than 10,000 virtual attendees.

Godwin was nominated for the award by PHCC students. From the nominations, PTK selected eight retiring college presidents who have shown

strong support of student success on their campuses and have continuously provided academic, leadership, and service opportunities for their students.

Upon learning that she would receive the award, Godwin said she was speechless and grateful.

Her active support of the college's PTK program has contributed to its steady growth over the last few years. Currently, PHCC's PTK chapter has about 120 active students with more to be inducted soon. According to national research, much of a chapter's success and a member's positive experience with PTK can be attributed to

strong presidential leadership and support.

Godwin has taken an active role in supporting PHCC's PTK chapter because of the many benefits PTK membership provides students. National research has shown that PTK members have a 91 percent success rate for college completion.

Phi Theta Kappa is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievement of students at associate degree-granting colleges and helping them to grow as scholars and leaders. The society is made up of more than 3.5 million members and nearly 1,300 chapters in 11 nations, with approximately 240,000 active



Dr. Angeline Godwin, president of Patrick Henry Community College, addressed students during the 2019 Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony. Godwin will be honored with the Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award in April.

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members in the nation's colleges. For the past several years, Godwin has helped guide the

future of Phi Theta Kappa as a member of the society's Presidential Advisory Board.

# Applications for PHCC Scholars, Commonwealth Legacy Scholars now open

The Patrick Henry Community College Foundation is now accepting applications for the Patrick Henry Scholars and Commonwealth Legacy scholarship. Each year, up to ten local high school graduates are chosen to become Patrick Henry Scholars. These scholars receive a scholarship to cover tuition, textbook, and fees for up to two academic years.

"These scholarships are highly competitive, and the guidelines are rigorous," says Tiffani Underwood, Director of the PHCC Foundation. "We have set the bar high because becoming a Patrick Henry Scholar is a distinguished honor that is both an experience and an opportunity. It can open many doors, not only at PHCC but also beyond at the students' transfer institutions and in their careers."

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must have a high school grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale. They must be graduates from an area high school or have completed a homeschool program of study. Scholars are chosen for their superior academic achievement, civic involvement,

and leadership potential. Graduates of homeschool programs must be seventeen years of age or older at the time of the application and must reside in the PHCC service region.

Once accepted, Patrick Henry Scholars must maintain a 3.0 grade point average and be full-time students (enrolled in at least 12 credit hours) at PHCC. They also will be expected to participate in two extracurricular activities per semester and ac-

crue ten volunteer service hours each semester.

Applications are available on the PHCC Foundation's Website at [www.patrickhenryfoundation.com](http://www.patrickhenryfoundation.com), as well as on PHCC website's homepage, [www.patrickhenry.edu](http://www.patrickhenry.edu), under Financial Assistance. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2021.

Students who apply for the Patrick Henry Scholars award will automatically be considered for the Commonwealth

Legacy Scholarship. One outstanding student from each community college in Virginia is selected to receive this award which was created by the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and sponsored by the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education. The funds from this scholarship can be used for tuition, textbooks, and fees. Eligible students are full time, associate degree-seeking students attending

college for the first time. As a merit-based scholarship, it will be awarded to a student who has demonstrated academic excellence and a commitment to develop leadership skills.

For additional information or questions, contact Letitia Pulliam in the Patrick Henry Community College Foundation Office at (276) 656-0250 or [lpulliam@patrickhenry.edu](mailto:lpulliam@patrickhenry.edu).

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# OPINION

## An attempt at satirizing actual absurdly evil recent events

Hello, it's me, the mayor of your small Texas town.

All week long, I've been reading emails and listening to voice-mails from the people of this proud town. Folks have reached out to let me know that they haven't had power in days. They have no water because all their pipes burst in the freakishly cold weather. They're sitting in the dark, freezing and hungry, afraid they're going to die.

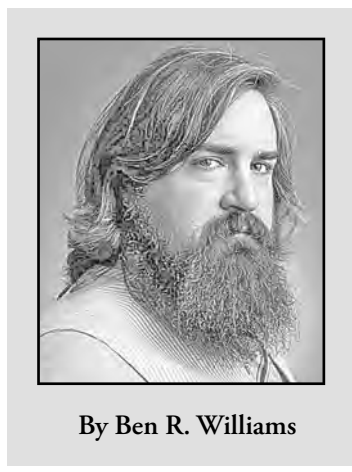
Frankly, I'm disgusted. I've never heard such complaining in my life.

Listen folks, no one owes you anything in this world. Just because you're paying exorbitantly for electricity through our privatized power grid that failed spectacularly, that doesn't mean you're "owed" electricity. Does a restaurant owe you a

meal just because you ordered and paid for it? Does a contractor owe you a deck just because both parties signed a contract and you gave them money to do it? Of course not. We live in a world of chaos and anarchy where rules have no meaning.

And water! "Boo hoo hoo, I'm out of water, I can't shower or flush my toilet or drink a life-sustaining fluid!" Well suck it up, buttercup. You know there's a river in town, right? What do you think is flowing through it? Do I have to spell everything out for you?

"Oh no, Mr. Mayor, I'm hungry and I'm going to freeze to death!" Haven't you ever seen that movie "Alive" about that rugby team that crashed in the Andes? They were cold and hungry too, but those



By Ben R. Williams

guys pulled themselves up by their bootstraps, unlike you lazy bums.

I tell you, everyone's asking for a handout these days. If you want electricity and water, go get it your-

self.

Just look at my great-grandpa. Back in his day, he didn't have electricity, so you know what he did? He went out every day, rubbed a balloon against the family sheep, and then carefully collected the static electricity in a jar. Every night, he would pour half a cup of electricity into the old radio just so the kids could listen to Fibber McGee.

Then when the well ran dry, do you think he just told his wife and kids they weren't going to drink water anymore? No! He went out to the shed each morning with a needle and thread and stitched Hydrogen atoms to Oxygen atoms until everyone's thirst was satisfied.

And when he got too old to do all the stuff, you know what he did?

That's right: he died. And good for him. There's no room in this world for free-loaders.

No one owes anybody anything. What, do you think local government exists to help people? To render the necessary services that are funded by taxpayer money, especially when unforeseen events strike? To make literally anyone's life better?

No! Here's the purpose of government: I get to sit in a comfy leather chair behind a big desk and call you names, and you get to take it. Enjoy, sucker.

I'll tell you the truth, as I sit here in the Cancun Ritz-Carlton, hearing all this pathetic whining is enough to make me choke on my roasted Caribbean lobster and scallop green risotto with Osetra caviar.

## Bring back medical supply manufacturing to america

Morgan Griffith  
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We rely on medical supplies – from prescription drugs to hospital machines to personal protective equipment (PPE) – for our personal health and wellness. They are made for that purpose. But making medical supplies in the United States benefits our national health – the American economy, job growth, and ability to respond adequately to emergencies.

The coronavirus pandemic has revealed some uncomfortable truths about medical supply chains. Too many of the supplies we need are made in foreign countries. A crisis such as a natural disaster can interrupt the manufacture of these supplies there and their import here.

Further, some of these countries are not our friends. Prior to COVID-19, China exported almost half of the world's PPE, according to the Peterson Institute for International Economics. The Subcommittee on Health I serve on heard testimony before the pandemic about China's dominance in other areas, such as penicillin or the blood thinner heparin.

The Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) pattern of behavior on the global stage, including its actions throughout the pandemic, indicates that it should not be trusted. Even before the pandemic, concerns existed about the safety and quality of medical supplies provided by China. During the pandemic, the CCP required U.S. companies based in China to make PPE and then hoarded it

when other countries also needed the equipment.

Both the Trump and Biden Administrations have invoked the Defense Production Act to increase domestic production of PPE and other medical equipment. Other companies, including several in Virginia's Ninth Congressional District, have voluntarily converted manufacturing from their usual products to those most needed during the pandemic. For example, textile manufacturers have shifted to making masks and gowns, and whiskey distillers have used their facilities to produce hand sanitizer.

It has been encouraging to see Americans apply their ingenuity and dedication to meeting the needs of the present crisis. We have risen to this challenge.

In the long term, the challenge to be met is ensuring that Americans need not depend on foreign countries for our medical essentials.

I raised some points on this issue at a Subcommittee on Health hearing on February 3.

To start, I asked witnesses about the ideal percentage of our medical supplies that should be manufactured here. The United States does not have to achieve complete self-sufficiency, but it should strive to manufacture enough here so that we are not subject to the mercy of any single other country.

Just as the United States should not overly depend on one country for these supplies, we should not depend on one part of the country.

The aftermath of Hurricane Maria in 2017 is

instructive. The storm inflicted great devastation on Puerto Rico, where a substantial amount of U.S. pharmaceutical manufacturing takes place. It knocked out a manufacturer of saline bags, causing a shortage of this essential product in U.S. hospitals for months.

Any strategy for increasing medical supply manufacturing in the United States must account for a similar scenario and build in geographical diversity so one disaster does not cut off supply. I'll advocate for the Ninth District to be one of those sites, but we can also think about the broader United States – not just our states but territories such as Puerto Rico.

If medical supply chains return to the United States, a further issue to consider

is having a dependable market. One of the issues we face now amid the pandemic is having to scale up production of supplies to fit the great need that exists. They won't always be in such high demand, but it will be important to maintain manufacturing capacity to increase production if demand rises again in the future.

Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle want to tackle this important subject, and I believe we can do it. For our health, well-being, economic growth, and national security, we must do it.

For questions, concerns, or comments, call my Abingdon office at 276-525-1405, my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671, or via email at www.morgangriffith.house.gov.

## VA schools awarded grants to boost equity in higher education

Several Virginia colleges and universities will share a large grant to help more students of color receive their degrees and have better outcomes.

The move follows amplified calls in the U.S. to end systemic racism in several areas, including higher education.

Funding from the Lumina Foundation of \$725,000 will be divided up by two higher-ed bodies and six schools, including Virginia Common-

wealth, George Mason, and Patrick Henry Community College.

Haley Glover, strategy director for state action and equity for the Foundation, said they chose Virginia because of state-level efforts to address barriers that consistently have prevented Black and Hispanic students from advancing their academic careers.

"Students of color are more likely to run into institutional barriers, including lack of fi-

nancial aid, lack of culturally competent curriculum and faculty leadership," Glover explained.

One example of how the money will be used is the creation of a campus climate assessment at George Mason University.

Glover noted it will further identify barriers to college completion, while providing a baseline assessment to measure future growth.

By 2024, Gov. Ralph

Northam would like the state to boost attainment for college students of color by 5 percent.

A 2018 analysis by the Education Trust gave Virginia a "B" grade for degree attainment for Black adults.

State officials and advocates say there's always room for growth, and Glover added the collaborations can help bridge gaps that still exist.

"When the state and institutions can work together to

solve problems, to align priorities, to take action, we really hope and think that students will be better served," Glover concluded.

The foundation awarded a separate grant to Virginia in 2019. That funding, totaling \$500,000, also went toward helping the state reach the equity goals outlined by the governor's office.

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for years of service to their position on that step scale," Scott said. "Because of economic shortfalls in 2012-2017, we weren't always in a financial situation to give steps on that scale. There were years where we went without. Most are four steps behind and that's something we would like to correct."

Scott said to achieve alignment would require giving five steps to teachers, but that would come at too high of a cost for the budget.

"We think that a reasonable target would be three steps," he added. "Then adjusting the percentages based on what Richmond's budget says. The price tag on that is just under \$1 million."

In case the state requires a higher step increase, Dr. Ben Boone, the division's director of finance, configured other models.

"If we look at three steps and one percent, that'll cost about \$1.3 million," Boone said. "If you look at three steps and two percent, that'll cost about \$1.6 million. Looking at the scales, if you did three steps and two percent on the average on the scales that we cur-

rently pay our teachers, that would equal five percent."

Boone said the third option would meet the proposal by the governor and cost approximately \$1.985 million.

"For our classified staff, we've looked at three steps, and that would cost about \$185,000," Boone said. "Four steps would cost about \$240,000. To get the classified staff to around five percent increase, it would cost an additional \$400,000."

The increases alone equal a total \$2 million increase to the budget, according to Boone who added that does not include transportation and administrative staff.

"The good news for everybody is there is a pretty fair expectation that if the budget from the state comes out and says there needs to be a higher percentage, that also means there is going to be more state funding that comes along with that," Scott said, and added it "wouldn't be on our local taxpayers to fund an increase like that."

Scott said the federal and state funding could help with funding other new costs related to the pandemic and other

education priorities.

"With each of these expenses, there are separate pots of money that help pay for those," Scott said of "federal funds, state funds, local funds and special grants."

Scott said the school division is set to receive approximately \$8.037 million in federal funds.

"It's very important to acknowledge the fact that these funds cannot be spent on things that aren't related to combating COVID," Scott said. "These aren't funds that can easily be used to handle compensation increases."

Based on the proposed budget from Gov. Ralph Northam, Scott said the division is set to receive approximately \$1.4 million in state funds.

"That does increase the local required effort that would be funded by the Board of Supervisors," he added. "At this point, that is just one guy's opinion on the matter. We are still waiting on the General Assembly to come out with the approved state budget."

As of now, Scott said the division is hoping for at least level funding from the county.

## Vaccine event held Saturday attracts hundreds



Many took advantage of a vaccine clinic, held Feb. 20 by the Virginia Department of Health's West Piedmont Health District, in cooperation with Sovah Health-Martinsville, Henry County Public Safety, Harvest Foundation and Martinsville Speedway. The clinic marked the fifth in a series of community vaccine events in Martinsville and Henry County. Similar vaccine clinics will be held in the future, based on supply.

# OBITUARIES

## Reverend Bailey Gifford Penn

Reverend Bailey Gifford Penn, 63, of Martinsville, Virginia passed away Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at his residence. He was born November 1, 1957 in North Carolina to the late Russell James Penn and Alverta Helen Hylton Penn. He was a member of Shiloh Way of the Cross and had worked at West Windows for more than 19-years. He had been a minister for 5 years and could play a variety of musical instruments. He liked to work on buildings, loved animals, bowling, golfing and most of all loved the Lord.



Penn, Helen Nibblet, Hester Scott, and Louise Carolina; and brothers, Herman Penn, Corbert Penn and Robert Troy Penn.

Reverend Penn is survived by his wife, Vergie Martin Penn; stepson, Jonathan Lanier Hodge, Sr.; and step grandchildren, Jamarian Morris, Kenyetta Hodge, Tyonna Hodge, Sariah Hodge, Jesiah Hodge, Jonathan Hodge, Jr., and Camarie Niblett.

The funeral was held Monday, February 22, 2021 at Wright Funeral Service Chapel. Burial was at Carver Memorial Gardens.

Wright Funeral Service & Crematory is serving the family. Online condolences may be made at <http://www.wrightfuneralservices.net>.

## William (Bill) Hurst Barbour

William (Bill) Hurst Barbour, 87, of Martinsville, VA passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, February 12, 2021. He was born in Patrick County on July 22, 1933 to Flenchum Hurst Barbour and Lillian Reynolds Barbour. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Jean Slate, and infant sister Margaret.



Bill retired from Fieldcrest Mills after 31 years of service. He was an Army veteran, past Rotary President, longtime member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and loved singing in the choir. He enjoyed playing golf at Lynwood Golf Course, gardening, and spending time with his family and friends.

The funeral was held February 22, 2021 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Martinsville. Interment was at Roselawn Burial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church building fund or Mountain Valley Hospice of Martinsville.

The family extends a heartfelt thank you to best friends, Wally and Shelby Thompson, loving friend, Kitty Gleason, our church family, our wonderful neighbors, and the exceptional nurses and aides of Mountain Valley Hospice for their loving support and care during the final months of his life.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Shirley W. Barbour; children: Lauren Brennan (Patrick) of Glade Hill, VA, Mark Barbour (Sarah) of Kingsport, TN, Maria Hicks (Charles) of Grand Prairie, TX, and Margaret Brande (Tim) of Reidsville, NC; grandchildren: Afton Brennan, Joshua Hicks, Samantha S. Maxfield (Aaron), Jared Hicks, Shannon Sherwood, Will Barbour, Owen Barbour, and Sam Barbour; great-grandchildren: Woods, Maggie, and Clare Maxfield; sister: Rita Murphy (Leon); brother: Kenneth Barbour (Judy).

## Walter "Doc" Burton Altizer, Jr.

Walter "Doc" Burton Altizer, Jr., 78, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, with his wife of 46 years by his side. He was born in Covington, Virginia, on December 28, 1942, the son of Walter Burton and Elizabeth Payne Altizer. In addition to his parents, Doc was preceded in death by three brothers; Garland, Herman "Buzzy," and infant brother, Wayne Altizer.



the Blue Ridge Parkway with his family and friends, and traveling near and far to watch nieces, nephews and grandchildren pursue their talents. Always quick to offer a smile, lend a helping hand, or map out your next great adventure, Doc will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

A rolling visitation is planned for Saturday, February 27, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at McKee-Stone Funeral Home - Martinsville, VA. Due to COVID-19 regulations, the family will not be present. A private interment of cremains will be made at Persinger Memorial Cemetery, Potts Creek, Covington, Virginia.

The family extends a heartfelt thank you to the amazing staff and nurses of King's Grant Retirement Community and to the exceptional nurses, aides, and staff of Mountain Valley Hospice for their loving support and care during the final months of Doc's life.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial gifts to the following organizations: Piedmont Youth Soccer League, 1000 Irisburg Road, Axton, VA 24054. This will provide need-based scholarships for kids who otherwise would not be able to play. The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014, or a local charitable organization of your choosing.

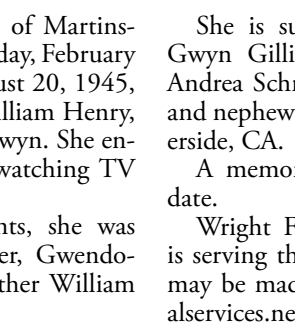
Arrangements are by McKee-Stone Funeral Home-Martinsville, VA. To express condolences online, visit [www.collinsmckee-stonemartinsville.com](http://www.collinsmckee-stonemartinsville.com).

He is survived by his wife, Sarah Persinger Altizer of Martinsville, Virginia; children, Sallie Altizer Hinson (Angus) of Raleigh, NC; Whitney Payne Altizer (Lindsay) of Saipan, MP; and Rebecca Altizer Allen (Darrin) of Stokesdale, NC; grandchildren, Walter, Frances Gray, and Rebecca Hinson; Finn and Poppy Altizer; and Jasper, Henry, and Liesel Allen; a sister Doris Altizer and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Doc spent a majority of his accounting career at Tultex Corporation, but also worked for Fieldcrest-Cannon and Bassett Furniture. He was a Sergeant in the United States Army Reserves. He was a dedicated husband, father, brother and friend; a beloved co-worker; a proud member of Covington High School Class of 1960; an Elder and an active member of First Presbyterian Church in Eden and Martinsville; founding member of the YMCA Adventure Guides Program in Martinsville; and a tireless and enthusiastic coach to his kids and hundreds of other youth in Gastonia, N.C., and Martinsville. He loved hiking

## Mary Shirlene Gwyn

Mary Shirlene Gwyn, 75, of Martinsville, Virginia passed away Friday, February 19, 2021. She was born August 20, 1945, in Martinsville to the late William Henry, Sr. and Christine Hairston Gwyn. She enjoyed going to church and watching TV and eating out.



She is survived by a sister Christine Gwyn Gillispie, of Apopka, FL; niece, Andrea Schmanne Gwyn of Martinsville; and nephew William Ashley Gwyn of Riverside, CA.

A memorial service will be at a later date.

Wright Funeral Service & Crematory is serving the family. Online condolences may be made at <http://www.wrightfuneralservices.net>.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Gwendolyn Gwyn Witcher; and brother William Henry Gwyn, Jr.

## Glenwood Gillispie

Glenwood Gillispie, 68, of Henry, Virginia passed away Monday, February 22, 2021 at his home. He was born November 28, 1952 in Virginia to Glen Gillispie and the late Reva Pagans Gillispie. He enjoyed boats, Volkswagens, fishing, hunting and was a great craftsman. He was the owner operator for Glen's Boat Repair.



life partner for over 40 years, Rose Turner; grandchildren, Jeremy Daniel Gillispie, Jr, Taylor Danielle Lewis, Brandin Lee Gillispie, Harley Danielle Gillispie, Kourtney Elizabeth Gillispie and Abigail Charlotte Gillispie and a great-grandson, Waylon James Lewis.

All services will be at a later date.

Wright Funeral Service & Crematory is serving the family. Online condolences may be made at <http://www.wrightfuneralservices.net>.

Mr. Gillispie is survived by his sons, Glenwood Gillispie, Jr., and Jeremy Daniel Gillispie; sister Mary Lee Gillispie; brother, Kermit Gillispie;

## Kent Ellis Wright

Kent Ellis Wright, 69, of Martinsville, VA, passed away peacefully in Hospice care Monday, February 15, 2021. He was born in Martinsville on July 18, 1951 to Andrew Haley Wright and Ella Ward Donovan Wright. He was preceded in death by his mother Ella Donovan Wright.



He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Theresa Sheryl Martin Wright and his two children, Brad Allen Wright of Martinsville and Melody Lynn Wright of Greensboro, N.C.; his father, Andrew Wright, his brothers Sammy Wright of Martinsville and Mark Wright of Spotsylvania County, VA.

Kent was a contractor/architect for 30 years, an Army vet who fought in Vietnam, and he was known for his skill with building and wood working. He coached

many little league baseball and basketball teams when his children were young. He was known as a great coach and mentor to many young people. He also taught trades at Patrick Henry Community College (PHCC), and took pride in mentoring the young men and women he taught there.

A private graveside service was held on February 19, 2021 at Roselawn Burial Park with the Rev. Lewis Harris officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Mountain Valley Hospice & Palliative Care, 730 E. Church Street, #13, Martinsville VA 24112.

Arrangements are by McKee-Stone Funeral Home-Martinsville, VA. To express condolences online, visit <http://www.collinsmckee-stonemartinsville.com>.

## Michael (Mike) Wayne Mabes

Michael (Mike) Wayne Mabes, 66, resident of Martinsville, VA passed away on Friday, February 12, 2021. He was born in Rockingham County, June 15, 1954 to the late Mr. & Mrs. Irvin J. (Dorothy) Mabes. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his Sister, Janie Bailey and Brother, Will Mabes.



and his dear family, he especially enjoyed time spent outside. He was a lifelong farmer who planted tobacco and a vegetable garden on his homestead property in Eden, N.C. He loved riding and working on his tractors. Mike always thought of others first by sharing his annual harvest with many friends and family. He was gentle, kind and truly loved by

He is survived by his Son, Michael Mabes Jr. (Sylvia) of Eden, NC; Daughter, Jennifer Mabes Milligan (Dave) of Eden, NC; Sister, Lois Jones (Bud) of Eden, NC; Brother, Carl Mabes of Eden, NC; Sister-In-Law, Alexis Mabes of Bassett, VA; Grandson, Holden Mabes; also numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He is also survived by his soul mate and life partner of 32 years, Glenda Hamby of Martinsville, VA; Her children, Joyce Skiles of Hamptonville, N.C.; Larry Hamby (Penny) of Hamptonville, N.C.; Lynn Gabel (Steve) of Henderson, N.C.; Granddaughter, Jessica Kidd (Anthony); Grandson, Joshua Skiles (Leah); Grandson Justin Hamby; Granddaughter, Stevie Forrister (Garrett); Granddaughter Mayson Foster; Grandson, Hayden Foster; Great Granddaughters, Lillian Grace & Evelyn Faith Kidd.

In addition to the love for the Lord

all. He retired after 34 years of service as a Roll-Off Truck Driver from Waste Management Industries with many awards.

A graveside service with COVID-19 restrictions was held on February 19, 2021 at Roselawn Burial Park with Pastor Lewis Harris, First Baptist Church, Ridgeway, VA and Associate Pastor TW Bailey (Mike's Nephew), of Union Grove Baptist Church, Lexington, N.C. officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Ridgeway, 15 Church Street, Ridgeway, VA 24128; Osborne Baptist Church, 326 E. Stadium Drive, Eden, NC 27288; or the American Cancer Society.

The family is being served by McKee-Stone Funeral Home of Martinsville, VA. To express online condolences, visit <http://www.collinsmckee-stonemartinsville.com>.

## Paul Reeves Roop

Paul Reeves Roop, 77, of Collinsville, Virginia passed away Thursday, February 18, 2021 at his residence after a long period of declining health. He was born September 8, 1943, in Patrick County, Virginia to the late Samuel Jackson and Ola Mills Roop. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Denise Joy Roop; sisters, Gerdean Blankenship and Carlene Wright; brothers, Edwin Roop, Wayne Roop, and Willie Roop.



sengill and Rachel Mas-sengill.

Paul retired after 39 years with the City of Martinsville Electric Department. He enjoyed gardening, riding his tractors, spending time with his family and great grand dog River. Over the last year, he enjoyed discussing politics with his new neighbor and friend Jim.

He is survived by his wife, Joy Roop; daughter, Cyndi Massengill (Craig); son, Paul Roop, Jr.; and three grandchildren, Whitney Roop, John Mas-

A graveside service was held February 23, 2021 at Roselawn Burial Park with Kelly Ratcliff officiating.

Wright Funeral Service & Crematory is serving the family. Online condolences may be made at <http://www.wrightfuneralservices.net>.

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Several RVs currently are occupying spaces at Cahill's Lily Pad Campground and more are expected. The facility offers an assortment of amenities including water, sewer and electricity.

in groups too.”  
Cahill said he originally purchased the land to add to his real estate portfolio but didn't specifically envision an RV park until later in the development.  
“My wife was still living at the time and we bought this land. I've been in real estate for 60 years and I buy, sell and trade. I bought the land because it was available. I didn't buy it specifically for the RV park,” Cahill said. “After we got it, we decided it was a good use for it. Times were good and there was nothing wrong

with the health situation.”  
Cahill said the project originally began on Oct. 10, 2019 but the process was anything but simple.  
“It took a little over a year for us to get all of the approvals, including the zoning,” he added. “We had three surveys made on it. It took us 13-months to get it all approved. It messed up my management and killed what I had planned, so it's been kind of rough, but we are looking forward to seeing what it becomes.”  
While it may have taken a while to get the proper au-

thority to start building the park, Cahill said contractors finished development in half the time.  
“I'm very pleased that we did as well as we did. I've been a Class A contractor since 1958 and it was the first one that I've ever built,” he said. “Considering the icing and everything, I thought we did pretty well. We finished it all in six months, which was half the time it took to just get permission to do it. That's just unheard of.”  
Cahill said the process involved a lot of manual

labor, but nothing that a true outdoorsman wouldn't enjoy.  
“I had to hire an engineer to come in and then people to come in to bid on the water, sewer, electricity, parking spaces and grading. It was quite a job,” he said. “We started in the rain and had to grade all of the ground. That included digging ditches for the water and sewer. We had a heck of a time doing all that in the mud.”  
Cahill said the park was officially given the go-ahead to open on March 10, 2020 but mother nature again threw a curveball with the pandemic.  
“We opened the park at that time, but it still wasn't quite ready,” he said. “We had several people make reservations and then the governor closed us down March 20 of last year. So, we had to give back all the reservations and we didn't put anybody in it.”  
After precautions about the virus had been settled, Cahill said the park was reopened in June.  
“That didn't give us any time for advertising or anything of that nature, so we started out pretty slow,” Cahill said. “We had as many

as 30-35 (people) at the time but because of advertising, I couldn't complain a whole lot.”  
Cahill said the on-site store helped a lot with revenue during the difficult early days of the campground's operations.  
“We kept the store open and had about 20 people staying by the month who were working on different jobs here, up until about three weeks ago,” Cahill said. “The pipeline that some were working on was closed down. The solar system that some were working on closed down. We are down to the point where we have people waiting, as the jobs are ready, to come back in. At present, we only have about four people here. Most of which are traveling nurses with the hospital.”  
Cahill said some guests have even used the campground instead of an extended hotel stay.  
“We have people that have visited from a half dozen or more states. We had a couple people just live down here for six months while they were doing their house,” he said. “You just never know. There's vacationing people, working people, and a lot of other

reasons for staying.”  
With March around the corner, Cahill is hoping people will add recreational camping to that list of reasons.  
“I have high hopes that it'll be very successful,” he said. “I'm familiar with the fact that buying campers, at the present time, is hard. The manufacturers are way behind, but people are buying campers. Apparently, they are going to be camping. I'm anticipating that 30 days from now, people are going to start camping. If so, we are hoping it'll all come together for us.”  
In total, the campground has 122 spots for RV camping with all the necessary amenities. The rates are \$50 per night, \$250 per week, and \$600 for the month. There are 10 campsites available for tent camping at \$30 per night.  
“When permitted, we will have events that'll be in any park, like hayrides and music,” Cahill said. “Once we get the approvals to go back to normal, we will have a better idea of what all we can offer here.”  
For more information on Cahill's Lily Pad Campground, visit: <https://cahill-lilypad.com/>.

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with you, do your assessment and help you decide the services that are right for you.”  
She said the process began in April 2018 to help “eliminate some of the barriers people have experienced in the past. With calling, it would be a while before they could get an appointment, the crisis of the moment passed, and they are less likely to keep the appointment. But then with that appointment time tied up, it took longer for the next person who called to get something scheduled.”  
Shannon Clark, director of community support, discussed some of the group homes operated by the organization.  
“Cherry House and In-

dependence group homes were built and concluded in 2019. They serve in each home four residents,” Clark said. “It's fully-handicapped accessible. The focus of the individuals in those homes are medical.”  
PCS also offers an immediate care facility called Piedmont Homes.  
“It serves eight individuals,” she added. “That home is a step up from a regular waiver group home, but it's a step down from a nursing care facility. Individuals within that home only have to have developmental disabilities and Medicaid.”  
Clark said that PCS also has started to provide housing vouchers through its Permanent Support Housing Program.  
“We have been able to house individuals that have barriers to gain sustained housing,” Clark said. “Meeting the housing needs for these individuals is crucial because any other way they would not have been able to get housing based on barriers due to substance abuse or others. The tar-

get population either comes through community referrals, coming out of facilities, or just some other type of life situation. Those individuals that receive permanent support housing vouchers also receive intensive case management services.”  
Preston said the organization has come a long way in terms of services provided, and it soon will hit a milestone.  
“We will be celebrating 50 years of service in 2022. We are excited about our dedicated service, not only to Martinsville, but Patrick, Franklin and Henry counties,” Preston said.  
In other matters, city council:

money rolls over through the year and that doesn't really show up to the end of the year,” Joyce said.  
The city saved \$150,000 by rebuilding the Aaron Street substation with city staff rather than contracting the work to another vendor, according to Joyce.  
Joyce discussed impacts on the department from COVID-19. He said that arrears, as of the week ending Feb. 19, were approximately \$167,000 over 461 accounts.  
“We'll soon be approaching \$350,000 that has been applied to customer accounts” using money received through federal funds, Joyce said.  
A scheduled power outage is set for May 8 and May 9 from midnight to 4 a.m., with alternate dates of May 15 and May 16, “due to some AEP substation upgrades,” he said.  
Joyce also discussed the process for how the department handles restoration efforts following outages such as the one that occurred in the most recent ice storm.  
“Anytime we have widespread outages, we do prioritize,” based on how many people can be affected based on the amount of time worked, he said.  
“When we lose power for an extended amount of time, especially in cold weather, the power comes back on and everyone's heat pumps are on, heat strips are on, the water heaters are on. The breaker stays on, but the fuses will drop out.”  
Joyce said fixing this usually delays some customers receiving power.  
\*Convened as the Martinsville Redevelop-

ment and Housing Authority to approve the BB&T building contract of sale and development agreement.  
City Attorney and Assistant City Manager Eric Monday said the building will remain in possession of the authority for a 12-month due diligence period while the developers ensure their plan will be feasible and that finances are available.  
After that, the authority will sell the property to the developers for \$25,000, which is the price it was acquired for from BB&T.  
“The transaction will come out being a wash for the authority,” Monday said.  
The developers will then have 36-months to redevelop the property.  
“They will do so primarily as a residential rental apartment complex,” Monday said. “It's primarily one and two-bedroom units in the tower part of the building. There will be commercial space installed on the main banking floor. Depending on the recovery of the commercial market, other parts of the building may also be redeveloped.”  
Monday said the developers agreed to install an amenity on the roof of the building, adding that it could serve as a roof-top bar or another feature to attract attention to Uptown.  
“If at the end of the 36-month period, the developer is for whatever reason unable to redevelop the property, there is a clawback provision,” Monday said. “The authority could then reacquire the property along with all improvements

that have been made to the property during the development period. Only if it's unsuccessful.”  
Monday said the initial \$25,000 price for the property would apply to the clawback.  
He added that plans to relocate city hall to the property are no longer being considered.  
\*Heard from Jane Martin, who wrote to the council about a disparity in the number of COVID-19 vaccines received by city residents compared to the rest of the West Piedmont Health District.  
Mayor Kathy Lawson noted “anyone who gets a shot at Sovah-Martinsville, those numbers are reported by Sovah-Danville in the Pittsylvania County district. It depends on where the shot is being given, as to where it is being reported. The district may not be the district that the shot was actually given in.”  
Other members of the council also said they've had trouble getting answers about the requirements to receive vaccines.  
\*Recognized city employees with service awards for the period Jan. 1-March 31, 2021: Richard Penn for five years in the electric department; LC Jones, Edwin Clark, and James Fortner for five years in the police department; Christopher Bell for 10 years in the police department; Sheila Clark for 25 years in the treasurer's department; Jimmy Ashworth and Rodney Howell for 25 years in the fire department; and Coretha Gravely for 30 years in the police department.

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# OBITUARY

## Peggy Joan Walker Martin

Peggy Joan Walker Martin, 83, of Ridgeway, Virginia passed away Monday, February 22, 2021 at her home. She was born July 9, 1937 in Stoneville, North Carolina to the late Guy and Ada Fulp Walker. She enjoyed gardening, cooking and spending time with family and friends. She attended Mercy Crossing.  
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Troy E. Martin; and an infant son.  
Mrs. Martin is survived by her daughter, Teresa Nolen; sons, Barry and Randy



Martin; sister, Paula Walker; brothers, Bobby and Charles Walker; grandchildren, Hunter Nolen and Megan Napier; and great-grandchildren, Liam Napier and Levi Napier.  
The funeral was held February 25, 2021, at Wright Funeral Service Chapel with the Rev. Bruce Hagy officiating. Burial was at Mountain View Cemetery.  
Wright Funeral Service & Crematory is serving the family. Online condolences may be made at [www.wrightfuneralservices.net](http://www.wrightfuneralservices.net).

# Your story is our story



**Debbie Hall**  
dhall@theenterprise.net

Our story begins with you. As you may or may not know, we began publishing the Henry County Enterprise for one reason – because so many Martinsville-Henry County residents asked us to start a community newspaper. It truly was that simple. The paper began as a quarterly. Owing to a groundswell of community support, we shifted to a monthly and

later transitioned to a weekly. About two-weeks before that transition, a key staff member left. As you might imagine, there were many sleepless nights fraught with the echoes of discussions about whether to move forward as planned or pull the plug. Ultimately, we opted to move forward with our publication schedule – primarily because we determined it was important to honor the commitment we made – to you and to the community.

But the transition was not without additional challenges. For instance, as our weekly publication schedule ramped up, we found it was not possible to deliver the same amount of content as the quarterly and monthly editions allowed – simply due to more stringent deadlines. That was another tough lesson for us, and one that left many of our subscribers and our advertisers wondering what happened.

Then, the pandemic hit and affected us all in ways that likely still are not known.

Like you, and whether in daily life or in our business models, we have made and continue to make, adjust-

ments. We started with short-term goals to restructure and refine our website as we embarked on a quest to deliver daily online content. We adjusted our digital subscription rates to offer rock-bottom pricing and give our digital subscribers access to all our publications – in Virginia and West Virginia – as well as state and national news and other content. We supported local businesses with free ads during much of the pandemic, detailing which restaurants were open. We also published stories about local businesses and their coping strategies while highlighting their products and available services – something that we intend to continue.

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## Local chapter wins coveted state award

On Saturday, February 6, the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution met in Richmond for its annual meeting.

Andy Doss, president of the local Colonel George Waller Chapter attended virtually.

Eric Monday, who serves as Virginia State Chancellor attended the event in person.

The chapter received several recognitions for its work in 2020, including Chapter Excellence, History Day participation, and Flag Award participation.

The chapter also won the most sought-after state-wide recognition of "Best Chapter."

Chancellor Eric Monday was awarded a Meritorious Service for his extensive volunteer service at the state level.

The Officers and Chairmen of the chapter met on February 20 at the Martinsville Heritage

Center and Museum to discuss the chapter's Fiscal Year 2021 program plans. In attendance at that meeting were Andy Doss,

Jarred Marlowe, Jamie Hooper, Eric Monday, John Phillips, Bob Vogler, W. C. Fowlkes, and Gary Hollandsworth.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Past-President Bob Vogler (left to right), 1st VP Jarred Marlowe, President Andy Doss, 2nd VP Jamie Hooper holding the new Chapter Award Streamers.

## Delving into History

### Jarred Marlowe Contributing writer

Like many, I find myself wondering about the origins of names and places as I go about my daily travels. After having passed one such mystery countless times, I decided to research the history of one that may be well-known to many local residents - the mansion at the Beaver Creek Plantation.

I have always known its ties to the Hairston family from years ago, but I wanted to know a little more about how this colossus of a building came to be, and what I found out was beyond interesting.

The Beaver Creek home was built by George Hairston, grandson of Peter Hairston, who was the original Hairston immigrant from Scotland to the United States. George purchased 30,000 acres of land for 10 cents from the King George III of Britain in what we now know as Henry County. This type of land purchase was a somewhat common practice then, but today it gives us the namesake for the Kings Grant community and Kings Mountain.

Hairston would then establish his home place there and build the home we now know as Beaver Creek in an area that was then known as Hairston's Bottom.

What we see today though is not the original home that was built by George. That home burned down and was rebuilt in 1837 by George's son, Marshall.

George Hairston donated 50 acres of land to the newly formed Henry County soon after receiving the grant. The county then divided the 50 acres into half acre lots, sold

them to the public, and then used the proceeds to build the original Henry County Courthouse. The original courthouse was a log cabin built on a stone foundation; not the brick building in uptown Martinsville we see today. The brick courthouse that sits uptown was built in 1824.

The house remained owned by a Hairston until 1906, when George's great-grandson, Watt Hairston, passed away with no heirs. The house then became owned by some cousins in Richmond with the last name Covington and has since been a medical office and a bank corporate headquarters.

A final fact about George Hairston: he was a fierce and feisty patriot. During the American Revolution, he commanded a regi-



The front of the main house at the Beaver Creek Plantation. The home was rebuilt in 1839. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

ment of men from Henry County, and upon arriving at Yorktown, he was told to organize his rag tag group of soldiers by one of George Washington's officers. Upon hearing this, he told the officer he wasn't there to organize; he was there to fight. Hairston also took up arms against the British again during

the War of 1812 at the age of 62.

(Marlowe is the Vice President of the Col. George Waller Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Martinsville-Henry County Historical Society.)

### COUNTY OF HENRY REZONING PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia, a series of public hearings has been scheduled for **March 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Summerlin Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, Kings Mountain Rd., Collinsville, Virginia. Following these public hearings, the Planning Commission will make a recommendation on each application to the Board of Supervisors.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors will conduct public hearings on the following applications on **March 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Summerlin Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, Kings Mountain Rd., Collinsville, Virginia.

The purpose of these public hearings is to receive input into the possible rezoning of property. Following are the specifics of the public hearings.

#### Case R-21-04 Scott Frye / Stimmel Associates

The property is located at 3446 Virginia Ave., in the Collinsville District. The Tax Map number is 29.4(17)/52A. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 0.59-acres from Suburban Residential District S-R to Commercial District B-1. The applicant intends to use the subject property for an adjacent parking lot in conjunction with the planned restaurant to be developed on Virginia Ave.

#### Case R-21-05 Donna T. Mellott

The property is located at 3090 Mt Olivet Road, in the Iriswood District. The Tax Map number is 43.5/56. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 12-acres from Suburban Residential District SR to Rural Residential District R-R. The applicant intends to remove the old house from the property and replace it with a manufactured home.

#### Case R-21-06 Christina N. Porter

The property is located at 263 George Hairston Road, in the Blackberry District. The Tax Map number is 27.8/92. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 5.6-acres from Rural Residential District S-R to Agricultural District A-1. The applicant wishes to keep chickens, which is only allowed on agricultural zoned property.

The applications for these requests may be viewed in the Department of Planning, Zoning & Inspection between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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# BHS lists honor students for third grading period

Bassett High School has listed its honor students for the third grading period. **Named to the Honor Roll with Distinction for having all A's were:**

Jenna Adams, Joshua Alverson, Alex Arellano-Ortiz, Carson Arnold, Sienna Bailey, Caitlin Barker, Laurel Beckett, Tyler Belcher, Jonathan Bowman, Jolie Bowyer, Kaelyn Bray, Jamie Brittingham, Bryson Brown, Kiara Brown, Jeremiah Bullard, Harrison Byrd, Oscar Calix Vivanco, Joshua Carroll, Lauren Carter, Katherine Cecil, Christopher Chappell, Austin Clark, Katelyn Clark-Agee, Laken Collins, Caroline Cook, Lani Craig, Jazmine Dabbs, Russell Daniel Jr, Jackson Davis, Blake Deal, Macy Deal, Victoria Dean, Lane Deatherage, Lillian Deatherage, Gabriel Divers, Byron Doss, Noah Dotson, Piper Doughton, Ethan Duke, Ruben Duran, Hannah Eanes, Cameron Easley, Hunter Edwards, Tilton English, Cloe Fackler, Elizabeth Ferguson, Madison Ferguson, Austin Fields, Andrew Fisher, Angely Flores Lopez, Haven Foley, Aiden Fulcher, McKenzie Fuller, Shenyiah Fuller, Steven Fuller, Atzel Garcia Lopez, Jacob Gilbert, Trinity Gilbert, Tajia Giles, Emily Gilley,

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**Named to the A-B Honor Roll for having all A's and B's were:**

Thomas Adkins, Olivia Allen, Antonio Amato, Danielle Amos, Maggie Arnold, Bethany Barbour, Trever Barnes, Timothy Beam, William Belongia, Bryce Boothe, McKenzie Branch, Ashlee Burks, Alexis Castillo-

Torres, Jenny Castro-Bermudez, An-Mei Cheng, Dakota Clark, Zoey Collins, Greyson Crouch, Eyan Dalton, Logan Delahanty, Daniel DeVivo, Kayla Dicks, Makayla Dillon, Brendon Easley, Clayton Edwards, Caleb Eldridge, Adyson Farrington, Callie Ferguson, Evan Fowler, Taylor Gary, Amy George, Rosie George-Ambrocio, Joshua Graham, Jacob Gray, Jayvon Green-Easley, Ethan Greer, Kayla Griffin, Lauren Griffith, Colby Hairfield, Deonte Hairston, DiYana Hairston, Kimora Hairston, NaKieya Hairston, Xzavyanna Hairston, Ryan Hall, Baylee Harbour, Landon Harbour, Madison Hawks, Shyanne Helms, Jasmine Hiatt, Annamarie Hodnett, Kaitlyn Hooper, Allyson Hundley, Morgan Hutchinson, Robert Janney III, Emma Jennings, Zachary Johnson, Elizabeth Joyce, James Joyce, Kaylee Keith, Tmahj Kellam, Journey Kendrick, Katelyna Kessler, Austin Kindoll, Zoe Kinkema, Joseph Little, Freddi Lopez Lopez, Oscar Lopez-Lopez, Patricia Mabe, Hannah Marlowe, Bryan Martell Rios, Adam Martin, Christopher Martin, Natoria Martin, Alexis Martinez-Hernandez, Jarety Martinez-Hernandez, Madison

Mayes, Jeremiah McDaniel, D'Andre McGill, Jenna Meredith, Cameron Morgan, Kyndall Nelson, Hannah Pace, Sarah Pendleton, Rachel Perry, Kymia Pitzer, Elizabeth Poe, Alaina Price, Braydon Pruitt, Rodney Ragsans, Jordon Ratcliff, Katherine Rea, Zeariah Reeves, Aidan Register, Dylan Rigney, Nicholas Robertson, Stephanie Rodriguez, Griselda Rodriguez-Molina, Vanesa Sanchez, Lithzy Sandoval-Ocampo, Cohyn Seay, Ian Sechrist, William Shilling IV, Emily Shuler, Carlton Smith, Chase Smith, Hailey Spence, Myah Taylor, Callie Thomas, Corey Thomas, Megan Todd, Maya Vasquez, Danny Webb, Hunter Whitlow, Chloe Wilkes, Xander Wilson, Remington Winingham, Sydney Witcher, Shyheim Woods, Evan Zangari, Alan Zuniga-Marban.

**Students on the B Honor Roll for having all B's were:**

Caroline Adkins, David Clark, Perla Gomez, Ta'Niya Hairston, Autumn Hall, Allison Laine, Cara Oakes, Samuel Stanley, Charles Tilley, Gabriella Wall.

## MVHS releases list of honor students

Magna Vista High School has listed its honor students for the third grading period.

**Named to the Honor Roll with Distinction for having all A's were:**

Azure Adams, Shania Adams, Michael Adkins, Victoria Akridge, Zaily Altizer, Karli Barker, Demarius Barksdale, Sebastian Belcher, William Bendall Jr, Abbygale Bender, Ian Betton, Brianna Bitz, Nicholas Bokman, Peighton Boone, Corey Brandon, Anaya Brown, Justin Brown, Cole Burgess, Delaney Burris, Kaedon Byrd, Elizabeth Caro Tamayo, Ingrid Carrillo-Juarez, Leandra Carson, Chandler Carter, Dakota Carter, Jaydon Carter, Nicholas Carter, Hailey Chitwood, Faeryn Clifton, Lakyn Cochran, Claire Coleman, Clay Coleman, Sydney Cruise, Alyson Cuthbertson, Markus Dailey, Ashley Davis, Tanner DeShazo, Josue Diaz Gonzalez, Amiya Dillard, Laura Dillard, Myajah Dillard, Nicholas Dillon, Tiana Dones, Tania Draper, Al-

ice Duenas Salas, Alison Edwards, Danielle Edwards, Victoria Everhart, Joseph Fincher, Sarah Finley, Kelsey Flowers, Jakob Foley, Justin Ford, Betyna Fowler, Azeneth Frias Alvarez, Wil Gardner, Angelina Gargano, Alexis Garten, Heaven Garten, Ariana Gravely, Ashton Gravely, Jade Gravely, Ayanna Grey, Jacob Gunnell, Ivanna Gutierrez, Alana Hairston, Brittanie Hairston, Dakota Hairston, Jahnavia Hairston, Jamina Hairston, Kaleb Hairston, Michael Hairston, Ta'Nashia Hairston, Alexis Haley, Damian Hall, Tyler Hall, Emma Hankins, Carson Harper, Elivia Harper, David Hernandez-Arteaga, Taylor Holland, Madison Holt, Nathan Hopkins, Hannah Hoppe, Ethan Hughes, Hayli Hughes, Kaylee Hughes, Matterson Hunt, Caleb Jenkins, Brooklyn Jennings, Maria-Caleen Jennings, Abigail Jimenez-Ramirez, Miracle Johnson, Dylan Johnston, Bryson Jolls, Amanda Jones, Olivia Jones, Mal-

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**Named to the A-B Honor Roll for having all A's and B's were:**

Anastasia Adams, Elijah Adams, Jonathan Adams, Keelan Hairston, Rachel Hairston, Tajiyona Hairston, Brandon Hall, Breanna Halsey, Eyad Hamdy, Jasmyn Hamlett, Jaden Hammock, Isaiah Harris, Joseph Haynes, Daniel Hedrick, Troy Hipps, Bryan Hird, Skylar Hopkins, Ashlen Hudson, Zariyah Hughes, Taylor Hundley, Keona Ingram, Faith Jackson, Keiron Jackson, Christian Jamison, Stevie Jenkins Jr, Isaiah Johnson, Cameron Joyce, William Joyce, Westin Joyce-Bagwell, Tristan Keen, Spencer Keith, Christal Kelly, JaMiya King, Kaden Knight, Austin LaPrade, Victoria Lawson, Olivia Likens, Steven Lowery, Candice Lucas, Joshua

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**Students on the B Honor Roll for having all B's were:**

Dallas Ayers, Alden Clark, Ivan Franco Rosas, Edward King, Madison Krantz, Parker Seidle, Randall Smith, Chase Wilson.

## PET OF THE WEEK



**Piper has bounced around from shelters and homes across multiple states. She recently finished heartworm treatment and will need a quieter home while she finishes recovering. Piper is a Diva and needs a no-pet home. When out, Piper is much better tempered, but she does not handle stressful situations like a shelter well. For more information, call the SPCA of Martinsville-Henry County at (276) 638-7297.**



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