



Virginia Museum of Natural History Assistant Curator of Archaeology Dr. Hayden Bassett (left) and archaeologist Bob Chartrand (right) use ground-penetrating radar to map an archaeological site in Henry County.

New technology reveals archaeological treasures

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It may look like a push mower, but don't let that fool you; ground-penetrating radar (GPR) is changing the way archaeologists excavate the past by allowing more speed and accuracy than has ever before been possible.

Virginia Museum of Natural History Assistant Curator of Archaeology Dr. Hayden Bassett is currently conducting the Smith River Survey, a two-year survey of seven Native American archaeological sites in Henry County located along the Smith River.

That may seem like a big project to undertake in just two years, but GPR allows archaeolo-

gists to create a map of the soil beneath their feet before they even touch a shovel.

Bob Chartrand, an archaeologist and GPR specialist based in Williamsburg, VA, has been assisting Bassett with the survey. According to Chartrand, the GPR device is pushed along the ground in a grid pattern, and it sends radar waves into the earth. These waves pass through the soil and bounce back to the unit, picking up any abnormalities along the way.

By pushing the GPR device along in a grid pattern, the unit collects data and sends it to a computer. The computer can then take the data and render a three-

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Vaccine rates lag in some areas as state of emergency ends

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Virginia's state of emergency status, in effect since March 12, 2020, ended June 30 due to a decline in COVID-19 cases.

While most of the state is on track with vaccination expectations, West Piedmont Health District (WPHD) public information offi-

cer Nancy Bell said the entirety of Southwest Virginia is struggling to vaccinate its residents.

"We don't know if it's due to them being rural, or transportation issues, or hesitation, or false information, or it may be a combination of things. It's not because they haven't been available. I think there needs to be some education about the facts versus the rumors,"

Bell said.

To help with this, the agency received \$1.5 million from the state to hire community health workers. "What they're going to do is dig deeper into the communities and make sure everyone who wants a vaccine can get one and remove barriers like transportation and that

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Body of missing jogger found Monday

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The body of a jogger missing for 10 days from Primland Resort in Vesta was located shortly after noon on Monday, according to Patrick County Sheriff Dan Smith.

Sheriff's Capt. Rob Coleman, deputy Ronnie Williams and Primland employee Tim Branham, were the first to locate the body of Bruce Rubin, 61, Smith said.

The body was found off a bluff, or cliff, in the Roaring Creek Gorge, he said, and added it was not near a marked trail.

Rubin "was an adventurer, and it was not uncommon for him to veer off a trail," Smith said. "That area had been searched during the past week, but the rhododendron cover was so thick

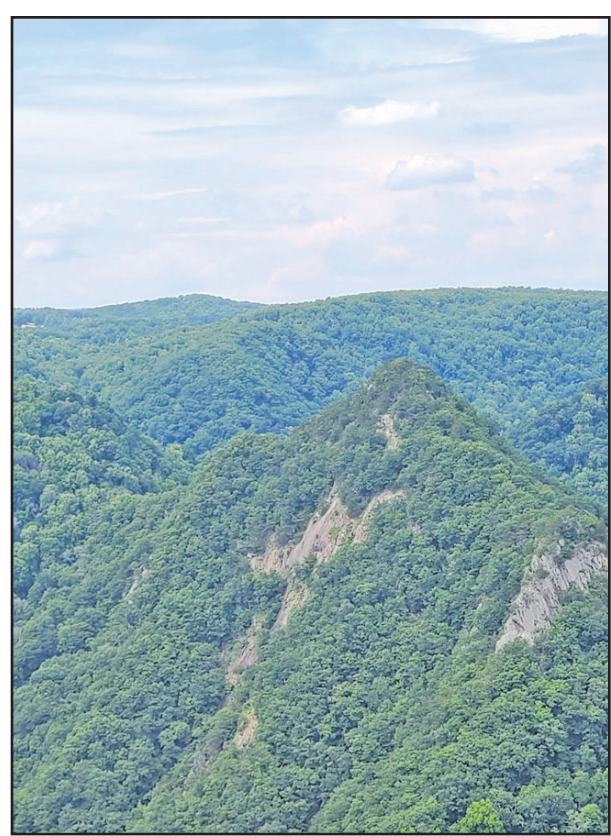
that you could be within 15-feet and easily miss (seeing) something."

Patrick County Deputy Dan Gray was the first to rappel down and secure the body, Smith said, adding that Gray descended 170-feet down off the cliff from the anchor point.

Deputies, search and rescue personnel, and rappel teams used a stokes basket - a type of enclosed device used to immobilize and transport a victim over terrain - and a system of pulleys and leverage system to recover the body from the gorge by 8 p.m., Smith said.

The body was transported to the medical examiner's office in Roanoke, he added.

Rubin was reported missing when he did not



A view of the Pinnacles of Dan overlooking the Dan River Gorge.

return after going jogging on the resort's property at 11 a.m. on July 2.

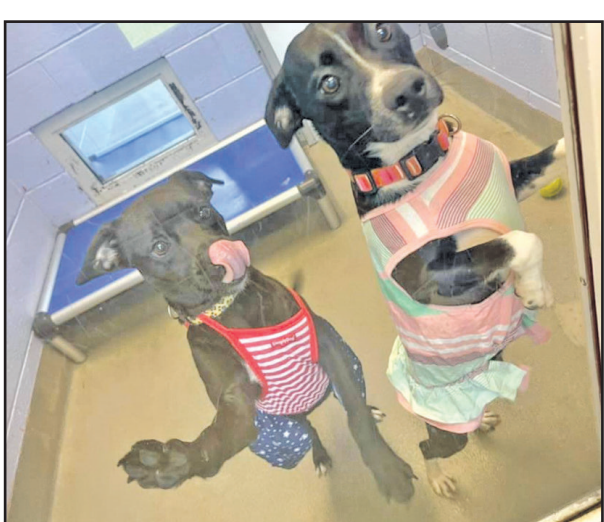
"This is not the outcome we wanted, but the family deserved closure and they have that now," Smith

said after the end of the search that spanned several days and attracted up to 150 people at its high point during the July 4 holiday weekend.

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Candidate shared concerns, discussed campaign at event



Staff at the SPCA of Martinsville-Henry County dressed up some adoptable dogs for a recent Free Adoption Day. Sixteen animals found their fur-ever homes during the event.

Free adoption event deemed a success

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Sixteen animals found their fur-ever homes during a recent free adoption event at the SPCA of Martinsville-Henry County.

E.C. Stone, executive director of the SPCA, said the event was designed to get more animals out of the shelter.

"If we free up space, then every animal that we get out of the building means we can bring another one in, we can save another life," he said.

Since the agency is limited on the number of animals that can be housed

there due to space constraints, Stone said the agency works to "get every adoptable dog from" animal shelters in Martinsville and Henry County because that "takes them away from the threat of being put down" because the SPCA is a no kill shelter.

The SPCA is also seeing an increase in adoptions after the pandemic's high point last year, Stone said. "Right now, sometimes you can't even find a parking space here."

But it was a different story during high point of the pandemic because "people were afraid to come out to begin with" and "did not

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Bridgette Craighead discusses issues concerning the citizens of Patrick County with local resident John Reynolds.

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A thousand-watt smile outshined the tears of gratitude streaming down Bridgette Craighead's face as she was greeted by about 30 supporters during a campaign swing through the area Monday.

The Rocky Mount native, who announced her bid to run for Virginia Democratic Delegate earlier this year, said that she was worried about how she would be received in the more remote corners of the 9th District.

Although the district encompasses most of Franklin County, Patrick County and parts of Henry County, the Meet the Candidate event in Stuart was among the

last stops along Craighead's campaign trail.

Craighead's trepidation about the visit lies in not only realizing that she is a woman of color and a powerhouse BLM activist campaigning in a district that is close to 90-percent white, but also in knowing that Stuart is the backyard of her opponent, Republican Wren Williams.

"I didn't know what to expect," she said. "I prayed on it. I have been pleasantly surprised and humbled."

Supporters cheered as Craighead made her appearance at the packed picnic shelter in DeHart Park. Refreshments and campaign material lined the back table. The soulful sounds of Lynn Foddrell and



Lynn Foddrell (left) and Doug Turner play the Blues at the Bridgette Craighead Meet the Candidate event.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, July 16

Movie in the Park will be held at Jack Dalton Park this summer. Music and games will start at 7:30 p.m. and the movie will start at 9 p.m. Admission is free. Drinks and refreshments will be available for purchase. The movie on July 16 will be Trolls World Tour.

Saturday, July 17

The public is invited to participate in the Smith River Trout Unlimited (SRTU) Chapter introduction to fly fishing for adults and youth. This is a free entry-level fly fishing presentation for adults and youth interested in learning about or getting started in the sport. The event will take place from 10 a.m.

until noon at the Waid Park picnic shelter number #1 at 701 Waid Park Road in Rocky Mount. Participants are asked to dress according to weather temperatures. Ice cold bottled water will be provided. Sign up early, the workshop is limited to 10 persons. Contact Jeff Deering at jdeer76@yahoo.com or Eric Tichay at erictichay@yahoo.com.

Monday, July 19

The Patrick Henry Community College Board Facilities Committee will meet jointly at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room #145 in the Frith Economic Development Center. This is a public meeting, but the committee will not receive public comment.

The Patrick Henry

College Board will meet via Zoom at noon. This is a public meeting, but the committee will not receive public comment.

ONGOING

The Spencer-Penn Centre will be hosting a yoga class on Tuesdays at 4 p.m., throughout the month of June with instructor Sheila Hubbard. The

class is \$8 per session or \$40 for a series of six classes. Students are asked to bring their own yoga mat and props if possible.

MHC Coalition for Health and Wellness offers "no contact" application assistance for Virginia's free or low-cost MEDICAID plans for Virginians under 65, who meet income requirements. For questions or to apply, call or text Ann Walker at (276) 732-0509.

Back to School workshop set

Patrick Henry Community College (PHCC) will hold a free Back to School Pointers Virtual Workshop on Tuesday, July 27 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

PHCC has partnered with local school divisions and support agencies to share and discuss the plans for the 2021-2022

school year to keep students and staff safe.

Questions can be emailed to bthomas@patrickhenry.edu, and should be emailed by Friday, July 16 so the panel can address them during the workshop.

Pre-registration is required by going to ph.augusoft.net or calling 276-656-0260.

Local residents listed among Shenandoah graduates

During Shenandoah University's annual May commencement ceremonies, more than 1,200 graduates received their diploma. These students graduated in May 2021, December 2020, and August 2020.

Brandon Martin, of Martinsville.

Emily Warrick, of Axton.

Shenandoah University was established in 1875, and is headquartered in Winchester, Virginia, with additional educational sites in Clarke, Fairfax and Loudoun counties.

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Several supporters flanked Bridgette Craighead (center) in this group photo.



Bridgette Craighead cuts a rug with Dudley Clark, who was among an estimated 30 supporters at a Meet the Candidate event.

Doug Turner on their guitars hyped the crowd and set the tone for the evening.

Children giggled as Craighead took a turn dancing with local Dudley Clark, both of them smiling from ear to ear.

"These are good people," Craighead said. "They deserve someone who is going to work hard to represent them."

Representing the under-represented is precisely what Craighead has committed to do.

"That commitment to the people is what drives me and why I'm running," said Craighead. "I don't have a typical candidate story. I grew up in government assisted housing in

Rocky Mount, V.A. I've had a tough life, but I turned my pain into passion and decided to be what I needed as a child.

She candidly addressed questions and concerns from the residents of Patrick County ranging from police brutality and hot topic issues like Critical Race Theory, to the importance of local hospitals and improved access to health care.

"I don't care about your gender, your race, or your political affiliation," said Craighead. "I just want to get things done."

Janet Demiray, chairman of the Patrick County Democratic Committee, cited a New York Times Health Survey that ranked Patrick County extremely low in access to quality healthcare compared to the rest of Virginia.

With 69,000 people across the state living outside of a 30-minute drive to the nearest hospital, this proves especially difficult for citizens of Patrick County, which is the only county within the district without its own hospital.

Several attendees

expressed personal complications due to lack of local health services. One gentleman spoke of how he is uninsured and how he fears getting sick or needing medical services resulting in having to travel 30-45 minutes to the closest hospital.

"You shouldn't have to live like that," Craighead responded. "No one should have to live like that. You all deserve a hospital."

An impassioned Craighead, who is also a small business owner and entrepreneur, also noted that "wages and incomes have failed to keep up with the cost of basic needs - from health care, to housing, to education, to childcare - and that's before a mismanaged pandemic devastated local families and small businesses. We've tried the status quo for years and years and where has it gotten us? We can do better, and I think it's time we try something new."

Craighead's primary priorities for the people of Virginia are outlined prominently in her campaign:

Invest in community and economic development to boost small businesses;

Improve access to quality, affordable health care and mental health resources;

Fully fund public school budgets, Universal Pre-K, and vocational training programs;

Close the broadband and transportation gaps;

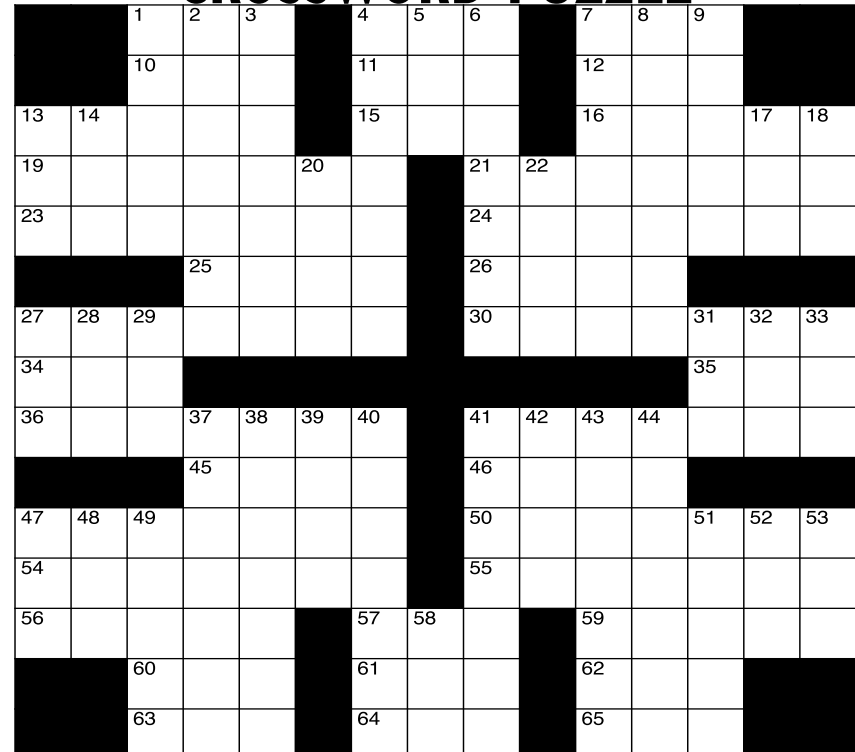
Tackle the affordability crisis by reining in the skyrocketing cost of housing;

Reimagine public safety via commonsense reforms.

"More than ever, our community deserves accountable leadership with the courage and conviction to make our voices heard," said Craighead. "Together we can build a stronger, fairer economy that invests in our people, promotes shared prosperity, and empowers everyone to achieve their God-given potential."

"I find value in this place and in the community. The people of this community should not have to struggle," Craighead said. "As delegate I will be responsive, accessible, and accountable. Being a voice that will go over and beyond to break barriers that hold us back from progression."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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| CLUES ACROSS | 36. Tumbler | CLUES DOWN | 32. Fall behind |
| 1. Sr. enlisted Army member | 41. A short section of a musical composition | 1. Small stem bearing leaves | 33. Expresses distaste, disapproval |
| 4. Payroll firm | 45. Young woman (French) | 2. Female Bacchanalians | 37. Volume containing several novels |
| 7. Monetary unit of Macao | 46. Wings | 3. Mediterranean city | 38. Less sharp |
| 10. Cooking vessel | 47. Wine bottles | 4. Measures electric current | 39. Food for the poor |
| 11. Cow sound | 50. Thin layers of rock | 5. Arrived extinct | 40. Having made a valid will |
| 12. Hairpiece | 54. Opposite to | 6. Edible butterflyfish | 41. Royal estates |
| 13. Spoon-shaped surgical instrument | 55. American state | 7. Causing wonder or astonishment | 42. Relating to wings |
| 15. Mother | 56. Uncertainty about something | 8. Behaviors showing high moral standards | 43. Japanese three-stringed lute |
| 16. Remove from record | 57. Basics | 9. Ancient Irish alphabets | 44. Taking something through force |
| 19. Foolish | 59. Indian seaport | 13. Footballer Newton | 47. Angry |
| 21. Mailman | 60. Owed as a debt | 14. Utilize | 48. Before the present |
| 23. Unit of data size | 61. Buffer solution | 17. Sum of absolute errors | 49. Showy ornaments |
| 24. Stirred | 62. Unit of work or energy | 18. Opposite of the beginning | 51. Norway |
| 25. Deceptive movement | 63. Soviet Socialist Republic | 20. Shoe company | 52. Comedienne Gasteyer |
| 26. We all have one | 64. One point south of due east | 22. Algerian port city | 53. Consume |
| 27. Direct from pasture beef animal | 65. Born of | 27. Girls organization (abbr.) | 58. Founder of Babism |
| 30. A person's own self | | 28. Type of cell (abbr.) | |
| 34. Helps little firms | | 29. Swiss river | |
| 35. Deep, red-brown sea bream | | 31. When you hope to get there | |

SUDOKU

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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!

Level: Advanced

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

ANSWER:

County receives favorable review on credit rating

Henry County is in a “very healthy credit position,” according to a recent evaluation by the credit rating agency, Moody’s Investors Service. The agency rated the County as “Aa3” on a scale that ranges from “Aaa” to “C.”

“The better you are rated, the better interest rate you

can get when you go out to market to borrow money,” said Darrell Jones, Director of Finance.

Jones said the County receives an annual credit rating from Moody’s, S&P Global and Fitch Ratings which is linked to the loan for construction of the new Adult Detention Center.

“That rating was a piece of the whole process,” Jones said. “We had to borrow approximately \$80 million to build the facility but we needed to get the rating first. The people who loan out money really respect the opinions of those three agencies.”

Jones said the county has maintained the “Aa3” rating

since it was initially issued by Moody’s. A review of the rating will take place each year until the loan on the Adult Detention Center has been repaid.

Factors that can affect the county’s credit position are finances, size of the tax base, debt and pension liability.

Based on the review by

Moody’s, the full value of the county’s economy is \$3.9 billion. In addition, the cash balance for the county is 88.5 percent of operating revenues which is “far above” the median for the country. The county’s fund balance is 38.4 percent of operating revenues which is roughly equivalent to the U.S. median.

New dashboard will show COVID-19 cases by vaccination status

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) COVID-19 in Virginia dashboards now include information on the number of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths by vaccination status.

They also include data to track COVID-19 vaccine breakthrough cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. Vaccine break-

through means someone who is fully vaccinated develops COVID-19.

“Over 99 percent of COVID-19 cases in Virginia have occurred in people who were not fully vaccinated. I applaud those who have chosen to protect themselves and the community by getting vaccinated, and we appreciate the work of all who are helping

to vaccinate Virginians,” said State Health Commissioner M. Norman Oliver, M.D., M.A. “I continue to encourage everyone who is able to get vaccinated to do so.”

Vaccination is the most important strategy to stop the COVID-19 pandemic. Every time an immune person is exposed, the chain of

transmission is broken, slowing the spread from person to person. Getting vaccinated is a much safer way to develop immunity than getting sick from COVID-19.

All COVID-19 vaccines currently available in the United States are effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalization and death.

To receive the most protection, people should receive all recommended doses of a COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccine breakthroughs are rare and COVID-19 vaccination is highly effective in preventing illness, even acute illness.

For more information on COVID-19, visit vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus and cdc.gov/

coronavirus. COVID-19 vaccines are free and accessible to all Virginians.

Virginians seeking a vaccination opportunity can check in with their provider, pharmacy, or find and schedule appointments at vaccinate.virginia.gov, vaccinefinder.gov or by calling 877-VAX-IN-VA (877) 829-4682.

State health officials confirm second death of child under 10

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) confirmed that a child in the Rappahannock Area Health District died from complications of COVID-19.

The department will not disclose further information about the child to protect privacy and out of respect for the patient’s family.

This is the second reported death in a child under 10 years old with COVID-19 in Virginia.

“We extend our condolences to the family of this child in this time of great loss,” said State Health Commissioner M. Norman Oliver, M.D., M.A. “Across the country, COVID-19 continues to cause illness and death. The

more contagious Delta variant is now the most predominant strain across the country. We urge everyone age 12 and older who is eligible to get vaccinated to do so as soon as possible. We have made so much progress in these past months against this virus, but a tragic event like the death of this young child is a stark reminder that our work continues. Even as many of the restrictions of the past year on gathering and mask-wearing are no longer in place, we urge everyone to take precautions to protect themselves and those around them.”

To lower the risk of spreading respiratory infections, including COVID-19, VDH

offers the following guidance:

*Anyone age 12 and older is eligible for free COVID-19 vaccine. To find an appointment, visit vaccinate.virginia.gov or call 877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682).

*All Virginians aged two years and older who are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated should wear masks (cloth face coverings) over their nose and mouth in indoor public settings and outdoor settings.

*Fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance in any setting, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.

*Effective July 1, all students, faculty, staff, and visitors aged 5 years and older (regardless of vaccination status) in public and private K-12 indoor school settings in Virginia, are required to wear masks as per the State Health Commissioner’s Public Health Emergency Order and CDC recommendations. This Order will be effective until July 25, 2021.

*People who are not fully vaccinated should continue to practice social distancing. Maintain at least six feet of space between yourself and other individuals.

*Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; use an alcohol-

based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

*Regularly clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

*Stay home when you are sick. If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, get tested.

*Avoid contact with sick people.

*Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.

*Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

For more information on COVID-19 in Virginia, visit www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus and cdc.gov/coronavirus.

Driver skills testing expanded across Virginia

Beginning July 19, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will offer passenger vehicle road skills testing at 72 customer service centers across the Commonwealth. The 38 added locations will create more than 39,000 additional road skills testing appointment opportunities for the coming 90 days of appointment availability.

The easing of social distancing requirements and the end of the state of emergency in the Commonwealth enabled

DMV to expand road skills testing locations by resuming the traditional testing process in which an applicant operates a vehicle on the road with an examiner sitting beside them in the vehicle. Customers who would like to use an interpreter during their road skills test will need to schedule an appointment on a closed course at one of the sites listed below.

Nearby locations now offering traditional (in-vehicle) road skills testing include Martinsville

and Rocky Mount.

Among locations offering closed course (parking lot) road skills testing are Abingdon, Christiansburg,

Danville, Farmville, Galax, Roanoke, South Boston and South Hill.

An appointment is required for a road skills test and, depending on the location of the appointment, customers will complete their test on a closed course or on the road. Both tests ensure new drivers demonstrate safe driving skills.

“We are thrilled to continue expanding appointment opportunities by adding road skills testing locations,” said DMV Commissioner Richard D. Holcomb. “DMV is conducting more transactions now than before the pandemic and much of that work is being done outside of our offices. But, some services simply must be conducted in person. With the easing of social distancing requirements, we can resume road skills testing at all of our offices equipped to offer it

and create tens of thousands of new appointment opportunities for Virginians who need this vital service.”

Road skills testing at DMV is available to Virginia residents age 18 and older. For those under age 18, the road skills test will be given as part of the Virginia driver education course taken at a public, private or commercial driving school. For more information, visit dmvNOW.com/skillstest.

Appointment opportunities at a DMV cus-

tommer service center are available at dmvNOW.com/appt. Road skills tests can be conducted at any full-service DMV customer service center except Arlington Metro, Fair Oaks Mall, and Pentagon.

In addition to the expanded road skills testing, with the easing of social distancing requirements, DMV has been able to open more windows at customer service centers across the state, creating over 150,000 appointment opportunities since late spring.

Northam proposes \$353 million to accelerate small business recovery

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Gov. Ralph Northam announced that his first budget proposal for American Rescue Plan funding invests \$353 million to boost recovery among Virginia’s small businesses and industries hardest-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. In May, the Governor and General Assembly leaders released a joint statement outlining shared priorities for the \$4.3 billion in federal funds available to the Commonwealth from the American Rescue Plan.

Northam and others discussed his proposed \$250 million investment in the Rebuild VA economic recovery fund, \$50 million for Virginia Tourism Corporation initiatives, and \$53 million for other small business including the Industrial Revitalization Fund and Virginia Main Street program during an event at Neptune’s Park on the Virginia Beach oceanfront.

“Virginia is roaring back stronger than we could have imagined one year ago, but small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and they need additional support to get back on their feet,” said Northam. “With the American Rescue Plan, we have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to rebuild from the impacts of the pandemic, revitalize our communities, and invest in our shared prosperity. That’s why I am proposing \$353 million to bolster the Commonwealth’s

successful recovery initiatives that target our hard-hit tourism and hospitality sectors, main streets, small businesses, and nonprofits.”

Since launching in August 2020, the Rebuild VA economic recovery fund has awarded \$120 million in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to more than 3,000 small businesses and nonprofits. Northam and the General Assembly agreed to fund Rebuild VA with an additional \$25 million in March to fulfill many of the pending applications. The Governor is proposing a new \$250 million investment in Rebuild VA to meet the ongoing demand for the program and provide grants to additional small businesses.

“There are so many wonderful examples of businesses pivoting and communities coming together to support one another over the past 16 months,” said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Brian Ball. “These investments will provide critical funding for important programs that work in harmony to strengthen our downtowns and propel our small businesses back to prosperity.”

Travel and hospitality have long been an impactful revenue generator for the Commonwealth, and from March 2020 to April 2021, Virginia lost an estimated \$14.5 billion in total tourism spending. Northam is proposing a \$50 million investment to help the tourism industry recov-

er and restore additional economic activity across the Commonwealth. The Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC) will create the Virginia Tourism Recovery Program to deliver funding to all 114 destination marketing organizations throughout the Commonwealth. This funding will also allow VTC to boost its sports and meeting marketing programs, which experienced significant revenue loss during the pandemic, and extend its broadcast and digital marketing into tier 2 and 3 media markets in Charlotte, Pittsburgh, Boston, and Chicago and digital advertising to an additional 29 markets east of the Mississippi River.

Northam also is proposing \$53 million for the Industrial Revitalization Fund and the Virginia Main Street program. The Industrial Revitalization Fund helps jumpstart industrial projects through a collaborative approach with local governments and assistance with site identification, location preparation, and the transformation of derelict structures to increase the number of shovel-ready projects. The funding will also support Virginia Main Street’s Technical Assistance Grant program, which has proven to be a successful tool for revitalizing small towns. This increased investment will be focused on providing support for minority and immigrant communities, as well as woman- and minority-owned businesses.



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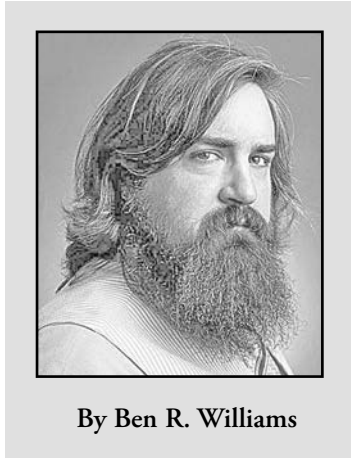
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OPINION

The coupon-clipper's lament

Excuse me. Excuse me. Let me get this straight. You're telling me that these 24 cans of Scrambles' Delight cat food cost \$16, correct? And I have a coupon that allows me to save five dollars on a 24 pack of Scrambles' Delight. That puts us at \$11. And NOW you mean to tell me that I can't use this additional coupon for ten percent off any purchase of \$12 or more? Just because my other coupon brought the price down below \$12? That is the most nonsensical thing I have ever heard in my life, and I refuse to accept it. I'd like to speak to a manager. Listen: I don't care that you have no control over the computer program that you scan these coupons into. I don't care that you're mak-

ing minimum wage at this grocery store and are limited to 39 hours per week so they don't have to give you benefits. And I certainly don't care that I'm holding up a line of people in order to save \$1.10. This aggression will not stand. What happened to "the customer is always right?" My entire life, the world has bent to my demands, and now you're telling me that I can't get what I want? Buddy, you're going to hear about this. I'd like to speak to a manager. Just because these two coupons cancel each other out and one expired during the first Bush administration, that doesn't mean you can treat me like garbage. I'm here to save \$1.10, and you're going to acquiesce to



By Ben R. Williams

my demands. Just look at this guy behind me in line trying to buy a 4-pack of Fleet Enemas. See how he looks so furious, and how he keeps shifting from one foot to the next? That's because he's angry at you, the cashier, for not working

with me on these coupons. Or so I assume, I have a difficult time understanding that other people have inner lives like my own. This is simply ridiculous. I'd like to speak to a manager. When I was born and my parents saw me for the first time, they took turns holding me and imagining the future course of my life. They projected their hopes and dreams upon me, envisioning that one day I would become a successful doctor who saves lives, or a teacher who molds young minds, or an engineer who makes the world a better place. And I'm sure they also hoped that I would stand up for myself, which is why I know they would be proud to see me at the grocery store at 3 p.m. on a Thursday wearing a spaghetti-stained "Salt Life" T-shirt and a pair of sweatpants, attempting to haggle the price of cat food down by

a buck ten. You should be ashamed. I'd like to speak to a manager. You know how you know this is a serious problem? Time is our only non-renewable resource. Even if I lose all my money, I can always earn it back. But I'll never get back the time I spend on any activity, and neither will the people behind me in this grocery store line. So if I'm willing to squander 20 minutes of the precious gift of life arguing with an underpaid teenager about the price of cat food, you can imagine how seriously I'm taking this matter. This is the greatest outrage in the course of human history. I'd like to speak to a manager. And you know what? I'm only here because I can't pass up a deal. Can you imagine how angry I'd be if I actually owned a cat?

The Importance of the Hyde Amendment

Morgan Griffith
9th District U.S. Rep.

It is no secret that Americans frequently disagree with each other on many issues, important or trivial. Freedom of conscience is a foundational right in this country. That freedom means more than simply thinking what you want. It means you should not be forced to act in violation of your conscience so long as you are not harming others. When it comes to abortion, again, it is no surprise to find disagreement on the issue. Millions of Americans like me hold pro-life views, often formed out of their religious convictions, but millions of others do not support pro-life policies. That is why I support H.R. 18, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act. Three years after the U.S. Supreme Court

legalized abortion nationwide in 1973, then-Congressman Henry J. Hyde (R-IL) introduced an amendment to the Department of Labor and Health, Education, and Welfare Appropriations Act of 1977 restricting public funding of abortions. This amendment since became a part of annual appropriations legislation. Known as the Hyde Amendment, it has saved 2.5 million lives from abortion and allowed pro-life Americans not to have their tax dollars used to violate their belief in the sanctity of life. For much of its 45-year history, the Hyde Amendment has not been controversial even though abortion has remained a hot topic. Even President Biden was a longtime supporter of the Hyde Amendment as a U.S. Senator. Congress controlled by both par-

ties have passed appropriations bills containing Hyde provisions, and presidents from both parties have signed these bills into law. That is because of its relation to our First Amendment freedoms. Our Founding Fathers may not have laid guidelines for the handling of taxpayer funded abortions, but they did explicitly outline in the First Amendment of our Constitution that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Eradicating the Hyde Amendment would force American taxpayers to fund abortion, even if it goes entirely against their personal religious convictions. But now radicals are trying to jeopardize this freedom. Democrats who control the appropriations process want to strip

the Hyde Amendment from bills that fund the Federal Government. Now in the Oval Office, Joe Biden has changed his tune on the issue and opposes the provision he once upheld. Unfortunately, events at the state level in Virginia preview where Democrats in Washington want to go. Thanks to unified Democrat control in Richmond, taxpayer-supported health insurance exchanges in Virginia can now offer abortion coverage. This change violates the same principles protected by the Hyde Amendment and, I believe, the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom. President Biden's administration and this Democrat Congress have already been the most pro-abortion in history. Their advocacy now endangers not just the right to life of millions but the freedom of con-

science of millions more. We must stand up to the radical agenda and ensure the Hyde Amendment is indefinitely protected. That is why my Republican colleagues and I are fighting for H.R. 18, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act. This bill will make the Hyde Amendment permanent and uphold protections for life, conscience, and freedom of religious beliefs. House Democrats had an opportunity to consider H.R. 18, but they declined to bring it up for consideration. This snubbing of American taxpayers disrespects personal religious beliefs. Therefore, between now and the August recess, pro-life legislators are pushing for unanimous consent on the House floor for consideration of H.R. 18. I did so on June 30, just one of several Republicans urging the House to do so on that day alone.

As a pro-life supporter, I am opposed to using taxpayer dollars to pay for abortions. I do not believe American citizens should be forced to finance a procedure that may go against their religious convictions. When asked, nearly 60% of Americans agreed that taxpayer dollars should not be used to fund abortion, and it is our job to uphold this. I believe I have an obligation to protect innocent human life and be a strong advocate for the unborn. H.R. 18 is a bill that will do just that. I hope my colleagues can put aside their radical agenda and join the traditionally bipartisan effort to protect the right to religious freedom. 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.

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Regional partners take a community approach to drive small business success

With the pandemic winding down, many people are considering starting their own business for the first time. Meanwhile, existing business owners are exploring how they can capture new revenue by expanding their products, services and markets. A new program presented by SOVA Innovation Hub, the Longwood Small Business Development Center (SBDC), and GO Virginia Region 3 will provide help for these entrepreneurs, fueling more economic growth for the region.

Applications are currently being accepted for CO.STARTERS Core, a 10-week, cohort-based program that will be delivered virtually via Zoom. CO.STARTERS walks people with creative business ideas through lean, effective business modeling methods in a simple and intuitive way while connecting them to a supportive community of peers and mentors. After completing the program, participants will have the insights, relationships, and tools needed to turn their business ideas into action.

"The CO.STARTERS program is a proven model that has helped people in rural communities across the country learn business fundamentals in the context of their particular idea," said Lauren Mathena of the SOVA Innovation Hub. "We are hopeful to see applicants with a range of ideas, including manufacturing, technology, agriculture, and forestry innovations."

Rather than writing a detailed business plan, CO.STARTERS participants are encouraged to build and test small models first. In the process, participants receive real-time customer feedback, update their models to meet customer needs, and avoid creating businesses based on incorrect assumptions. The CO.STARTERS program draws from the experience

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of successful entrepreneurs from around the world and has served more than 200 communities across the United States, New Zealand, and Australia. CO.STARTERS is new to Southern Virginia and will be facilitated by Longwood SBDC consultants, who have been certified in the CO.STARTERS model and are knowledgeable of the regional economy. "Coming out of the pandemic, we are seeing an increase in interest and activity around new business starts and existing business pivots," added Sheri McGuire of the Longwood SBDC. "The CO.STARTERS program will harness that energy, build capacity in new local business leaders, and forge connections that will result in community collaborations. This is an excellent opportunity for the businesses that participate and for our local economy."

The virtual program will kick off August 18, and will run for 10 weeks on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. To be eligible for the program, individuals need

to have a business idea that could be launched in Southern Virginia. Participants must have high-speed internet access and a device that will allow them to share video and see speaker presentations. Those without access to high-speed internet at home are encouraged to contact their local library or community center to explore available resources for internet access. "Small business is the backbone of local economies in our region, and the CO.STARTERS program will result in an increase in our numbers of businesses, jobs, and success," said Bryan David, GO Virginia Region 3 Program Director. "The return on investment - in terms of both program funding and in the time of our participants- will be significant." To learn more and to apply to the program, visit sbdc-longwood.com/costarters. The application deadline is August 6, 2021. Questions about the program can be directed to sbdc@longwood.edu or (434) 395-2086.

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OBITUARIES

James Michael Violante

James Michael Violante, 58, of Martinsville, Virginia passed away July 3, 2021 at his residence. He was born December 7, 1962, in Brockton, Massachusetts to the late Joseph Walter Violante and Billie Jo Hefler Violante. He was self-employed with concrete work. He liked to have a good time, NASCAR, was a prankster, humorous, very light-hearted, a hard worker, and very tender-hearted.



In addition to his mother, he is survived by his daughter, Kellie Violante; sons, Michael Violante, Jason Violante, and James "Jimmy" Violante; sister, Lisa Violante Harmon; brothers, Joseph Violante and John Violante; and grandchildren, Cameron Scott and a granddaughter.

Services are private.

Wright Funeral Service & Crematory is serving the family. Online condolences may be made at www.wrightfuneralservices.net.

A. Paul Reynolds

A. Paul Reynolds, 93, of Patrick Springs passed away on Friday, July 9, 2021. He was born in the Stella community December 26, 1927 to William Arthur and Opal Nicholas Reynolds.

He was predeceased by his parents, his first wife Frances Knight Reynolds; sisters, Vivian R. Delwiche and Helen R. Howell; brothers, William, Rogers and Ralph Reynolds; and step-son John P. Mason.

Paul is survived by his wife Inice Smith Reynolds of the home; sons, Brent, Mark and Barry Reynolds and his wife Ester; daughter Kay Reynolds; grandchildren, Emily and Jennifer Reynolds; stepsons, Mike Mason (Nancy) and Steve Mason (Cheryl), Kelly Mason (Donna), Terri Mason and their families; sisters, Peggy R. Martin, and Louise R. Johnson; brothers, Bobby, Gregory and John Reynolds.

Paul was a 1946 graduate of Hardin Reynolds High School. He was a veteran of the Korean War having served in the 250 Ordinance Ballistic team as a master electronic technician. Only two 12 men teams were in the U.S. Army at that time.

He was a graduate of R.C.A. Radio



and TV school in New York City, General Motors Training Center in Kokomo, Indiana. He served a 4 year Radio and TV Repairman Apprenticeship in the Commonwealth of Virginia. He was a lifetime member of the Patrick County Historical Society. He held an FCC Radio and Telephone License, with lifetime appointment. He was the owner-operator of Reynolds Radio and TV for thirty-five years in Martinsville. He was also a long-time member of Family Motor Coaching and was an avid motor coach traveler for over 30 years, having traveled from the Florida Keys to Alaska and most states. He was a member a Salem United Methodist Church.

The funeral was Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at Salem United Methodist Church with Pastor John Franklin officiating. Interment will follow the service and will be at Critz Baptist Church Cemetery with military honors.

Arrangements are by McKee-Stone Funeral Home-Martinsville, VA.

To express condolences online, visit www.collinsmckeeestonemartinsville.com.

Correctional facilities in Virginia begin to reopen

With vaccination rates rising and COVID-19 cases falling, the Department of Corrections will soon be able to allow external visitors back into its facilities.

The department is planning a phased-in reopening to visitors while continuing to follow CDC guidance for congregate settings.

Attorneys and court officials, embassy and consulate officials, and other official visitors will be able to enter DOC facilities starting July 15. During the pandemic, as the world moved from in-person meetings to meeting via video platforms like Zoom, attorneys, family members, and others who needed to meet with Virginia DOC inmates met with them via video as well. Virginia DOC staff have set up thousands of video visits and meetings for inmates during the pandemic.

Given current conditions, the DOC plans to open facilities to religious visitors and volunteers as early as August 1, and to open pilot sites for in-person family visitation by September 1. The department anticipates that in-person family visitation will be resumed at all facilities statewide by October 1. Safety is of the utmost importance, and sanitation measures will continue to be followed as visitation restarts, including cleaning between visitors/visitor groups.

Visitors aged 12 and over will be required to take a self-administered

(or guardian-administered) COVID-19 rapid antigen test and must receive a negative test result to visit an inmate or Community Corrections Alternative Program (CCAP) probationer in person. Because correctional facilities are congregate settings, masks are required. Inmates and CCAP probationers who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 will be eligible to meet with members of the public in person. Video visits will continue to be available to unvaccinated inmates. The testing process and other visitation requirements will be shared on the DOC website.

Currently, 72 percent of DOC inmates/CCAP probationers have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and 65 percent are fully vaccinated. Vaccination percentages are affected as inmates/CCAP probationers are discharged from correctional facilities and no longer counted amongst the vaccinated population and new individuals enter the system. As of today, there are four active COVID-19 cases among incarcerated individuals and 13 among staff.

While prevention efforts at facilities continue to be successful, the spread of COVID-19 variants and community vaccination rates are considerations that will continue to be monitored. The DOC will continue to follow updates to Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Virginia Department of Health (VDH) guidance for correctional facilities/congregate care settings.

The DOC's public health and safety responsibilities extend to the department's probation and parole offices as well as administrative offices. The DOC currently supervises about 66,180 people on community supervision. Precautions will continue to support employees, probationers/parolees, contractors and representatives of government and other partner agencies. Community conditions and consistent screening and testing practices will continue to be essential.

Through the Inmate Early Release Program in place during the pandemic, 2,185 state responsible inmates were released early. The DOC's authority to release inmates early ended at midnight on July 1, 2021, as specified in the April 22, 2020 budget amendment from Governor Ralph Northam. The DOC's average daily inmate population fell from 29,208 in February of 2020 to 23,664 in February of 2021.

Virginia DOC continues to vaccinate all staff and inmates who want to be vaccinated against COVID-19, and to test staff and inmates for COVID-19.

More information can be found at <https://www.vadoc.virginia.gov/>.

Trucker shortage persists as economy speeds ahead

Though U.S. farmers are producing an abundance of agricultural products ready for interstate shipping, it's hard to find truck drivers to move them.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service recently reported that most shipping routes to major U.S. cities are operating with trucking shortages.

Economists say pandemic-related fears cut into the workforce last year, and fewer trucks and parts are available because of an interrupted global supply chain. Tightening federal regulations, driver restrictions and spiking fuel prices have created additional strain. And truckers, on average, are aging, and fewer young people are seeking those jobs.

An April report by the California Farm Bureau Federation said the sea-

sonal nature of agricultural trucking also was a disadvantage in a fast-recovering U.S. economy competing for full-time drivers.

Independent grain and fertilizer hauler Robert Patton of Walnut Hills Farms in King and Queen County finally sold one of his four trucks when a driver resigned in February.

"There just wasn't anybody available to take his place," Patton said. "So, I wound up selling his piece of equipment. It costs too much to have a truck just sitting around. The numbers aren't good."

Fortunately, Patton's current fleet is booked.

"I'll take anybody that's got a truck right now," he said. "It's hard to keep up; especially with grain piling up from the wheat harvest. Everybody's trying to get that to market."

While companies are starting to pay higher

trucker wages, years of experience is required, and the career is not generally appealing to young people entering the workforce.

Patton said he can understand that. "Trucking is kind of a hard job, and the hours are goofy," he said. "There are a lot easier ways to make a living now."

In March, Congress reintroduced a bipartisan bill called the Developing Responsible Individuals for a Vibrant Economy (DRIVE-Safe) Act to address the driver shortage and enhance job opportunities for young truckers by directing the U.S. Department of Transportation to implement an apprenticeship program for commercial drivers under 21.

Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Grain Division manager Robert Harper said he's observed a steady need for more

truckers in recent years, but now the issue is affecting industries beyond agriculture. He said of all the factors driving the trucking shortage, federal emissions regulations and driver restrictions hurt the most.

"In many cases, it can be unrealistic—the restrictions and regulations put on truckers," Harper said. He explained that the expectation of just-in-time delivery has fueled demand for even more drivers because cur-

rent haulers are limited by restrictions on drive time.

"And manufacturers have had to overcome some monumental hurdles with emissions," Harper said. "Even if the air quality regulations are well-meaning."



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Missing Jogger

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searching diminished after "we covered everything" that was navigable on foot.

Specialized rope teams then were called in by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VEDM) "because of the rugged terrain and elevation changes," and to rappel cliffs that were unnavigable any other way, Smith has said. "This terrain is extremely dangerous."

He estimated that 20 people were involved in the recent search efforts, plus additional manpower from the dog handlers and members of specialized teams.

"We have used every tool available to us" throughout the search, Smith said, adding that has included "multiple dog teams — search and rescue dog teams from throughout the region in both Virginia and North Carolina."

In addition to the K-9 teams, the effort also

included helicopters and equipment like infrared cameras and drones the sheriff added. The infrared cameras, which are designed to detect various types of heat, and drones could not be fully utilized due to the thick foliage and a "heavy tree canopy," Smith has said.

The search also was expanded to various adjacent properties, Smith said. For instance, 3,600-acres of Northbrook Energy LLC property (formerly owned by the City of Danville), the Pinnacles of Dan Aqueduct and the Dan River Gorge, which is sometimes referred to as the Grand Canyon of the East, also were searched.

Smith said he learned that Rubin was an "avid trail runner and was training for a marathon" — the Grand Canyon rim-to-rim-to-rim. The event is described as 48.7 miles long, with more than 10,500-feet of eleva-

tion gain accumulated over two climbs, according to online information.

In addition to his office, Primland Resort employees, and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, Smith said other agencies involved in the recovery, among them Black Diamond Search and Rescue, from the New River Valley; Randall's Adventure Training Search and Rescue, from Alabama; Blacksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Many also helped with the search, including the Virginia State Police, Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, Patrick County Department of Emergency Management, Patrick County Patriots, multiple volunteer fire and rescue agencies in Patrick County, Carroll County Sheriff's Office, and multiple search/rescue teams in Virginia and North Carolina.

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Name of October race changed as Martinsville Speedway, United Rentals build partnership

Martinsville Speedway and United Rentals, the largest equipment rental company in the world, build an agreement on the entitlement for the penultimate NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Playoff race on Oct. 30.

The official race name will be the United Rentals 200 at Martinsville Speedway.

"It takes the best equipment rentals and service in the industry to successfully host a race weekend at Martinsville Speedway, so we welcome our new NASCAR partner in United Rentals," said Martinsville President Clay Campbell. "As the NASCAR Playoffs heat up with the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series, we look forward to fierce battle to make the Championship 4 in the United Rentals 200."

NASCAR and United Rentals announce a multiyear partnership that will designate the brand as the "Official Rental Equipment Partner of

NASCAR" beginning in 2022. The wide-ranging agreement spans across the sanctioning body and NASCAR-owned facilities including NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race entitlements for the United Rentals 200 at Martinsville Speedway and United Rentals 176 at The Glen on Aug. 7 and future spring NASCAR Xfinity Series events.

"Martinsville Speedway is a mainstay of NASCAR racing, and we are thrilled to help fuel the excitement of the Playoffs," said John Humphrey, Region Vice President at United Rentals. "We are just as excited to partner with NASCAR and the Martinsville team to deliver a great experience for racing teams and fans alike."

Martinsville will host the penultimate race of the Camping World Truck Series Playoffs for the second consecutive season on Saturday, Oct. 30. The United Rentals 200 will be set the field

for the Camping World Series championship the following week at Phoenix Raceway.

As part of the partnership, Martinsville Speedway and other NASCAR-owned facilities will work collaboratively with United Rentals for access to rental construction and industrial equipment, supplies and tools and additional items for on-going facility maintenance and race and event preparations and support.

NASCAR returns this fall as Martinsville Speedway hosts the penultimate races of the NASCAR Cup Series, NASCAR Xfinity Series and NASCAR Camping World Truck Series seasons on Oct. 30-31. On Saturday, Oct. 30, Martinsville will host a doubleheader with the United Rentals 200 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Playoff race at 1:00 p.m. and the Dead On Tools 250 NASCAR Xfinity Series Playoff race at 6 p.m. The NASCAR

Cup Series' Championship 4 will be set in the Xfinity 500 on Sunday, Oct. 31 at 2 p.m.

For more information about Martinsville Speedway, visit martinsvillespeedway.com.

To learn more about United Rentals, visit unitedrentals.com.



Farmers, homeowners can help pollinators prosper



PHOTO BY ANDREA SONDA

What comes to mind when you think of bees, beetles, flies and wasps?

If you consider them to be pests, National Pollinator Week is a great opportunity to change your perspective on these and other species that are actually critical to food and fiber production in Virginia and throughout the world.

Bees, butterflies and beneficial insects like the ones listed above are the cornerstone of complex food webs that sustain other wildlife by feeding them directly or pollinating the plants and plant fruits they eat. One third of our nation's food can be attributed to activities that transfer pollen from one

plant to another and many populations are decreasing due to habitat loss, disease, parasites and pesticide use. Virginia landowners can take some simple steps to help reverse those trends.

Stocking a garden with high-quality pollinating plants can offer long-lasting benefits. Farmers who place wildflowers in and around fields and choose cover crops that attract these species can support declining populations, create habitat for other wildlife (including insects that feed on crop pests) and increase yields at the same time.

If you're putting in conservation practices to prevent soil erosion or protect stream banks, con-

sider including wildflowers, shrubs and trees that support pollinators while improving water quality. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides technical and financial assistance for 29 separate conservation practices that enhance or protect Virginia pollinator habitat.

Contact your local Service Center or visit nrcs.usda.gov/pollinators to learn more about financial assistance available under Farm Bill programs. NRCS partners at the Xerces Society Pollinator Conservation Program or Pollinator Partnership can provide recommendations on the best varieties for gardens in your region.

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Having used ground-penetrating radar to map the site, archaeologist Bob Chartrand (left) and Virginia Museum of Natural History Assistant Curator of Archaeology Dr. Hayden Bassett (right) study the data on Chartrand's computer.

dimensional map of what lies below the surface of the soil, including places where the soil has been disturbed by humans hundreds of years ago.

Prior to this technology, Bassett said, archaeologists would have to solely rely on digging test pits every five to fifteen meters at a site in the hope of finding archaeological features.

"With this, we can shave off days and in some cases weeks and months," he said. "It saves a ton of time."

The sites

The area that Bassett is currently studying is located near the Smith River in Henry County, and it was first excavated by Richard P. Gravely Jr. between 1974 and 1976. A second site, located in the same general area, was accidentally uncovered by the property owners in 1985 while digging a drainage ditch.

The first, Bassett said, is a terminal Late Woodland (1200-1450 A.D.) village, while the second is perhaps a couple hundred years more recent.

The village, Bassett

said, is unusual in that it is palisaded, meaning the entire village was surrounded by a wall. During Gravely's 1970s excavations, 20 burials were found within the village, and all of the material was excavated and later analyzed by UNC Chapel Hill.

When the village was occupied, it would have been occupied by the ancestors of the Saura, Bassett said, which moved down to North and South Carolina in the 18th century and joined with the Catawba.

The second site,

located just a couple hundred feet away, was discovered in 1986.

"They were putting in a drainage ditch and they hit two burials," Bassett said. "That's not unexpected given the number of burials they found in the village, but what differentiates them is that (in the village), people were buried with shell and bone jewelry. In those two graves, they were buried with copper jewelry and European glass beads. Those are both well-known trade items within the Piedmont's contact period (1620-1670)."

Contact with Europeans?

Does this mean that Native Americans in Henry County had direct contact with European settlers in the mid-1600s? According to Bassett, the answer is a bit more complicated.

"Is this evidence for direct interactions with Europeans," Bassett said, "or is this evidence for indirect interactions by way of inter-tribal trade? Our team's hypothesis right now is that it's probably the latter. We have very few records of Europeans making their way this far west — particularly in this part of Virginia — at that time period."

It has never been quite clear why some Native American village sites in Henry County were built with walls around them, Bassett said, but the

VMNH Archaeology Department has a theory. The palisaded village is very close to several well-established trading paths, and if it was a popular site for trading valuables, it would have been prudent for the inhabitants to build some defenses to secure their resources.

"You have different groups coming into the area along these trading paths," Bassett said. "One of the paths being the Great Warrior Path, which sits underneath the Great Wagon Road, which actually runs just on the other side of this hill. You have the Oconeechee Path, which runs across Virginia and into North Carolina, and then the Saura-Saponi trail, which runs straight through Henry County going south. There are a lot of different trading paths coming near here, so we think that's the reason we have so many villages with palisades around them."

In all likelihood, Bassett said, the copper jewelry and glass beads found at the second site were probably English in origin and were traded to someone who then traded them again at the Smith River village.

In addition to its proximity to several trade routes, Bassett said, the Smith River site presents a perfect location to establish a village. It's a wide-open floodplain surrounded on all sides by water, including not only the Smith River and a tributary, but also a spring-fed pond. There is plenty of room for agriculture. It is also easy to defend, given that the floodplain allows for a long line-of-sight and is surrounded by hills on all sides.

"It's probably the best floodplain for it," Bassett said. "In terms

of how they're subsisting out here, it's called mixed-subsistence. So a little bit of agriculture accounts for 50 percent or less of their subsistence needs — primarily beans, squash, and corn. Otherwise, they're doing a ton of hunting and likely a lot of fishing during this period."

The future of the Smith River Survey The data collected from the GPR is still being analyzed, but it has already highlighted some promising areas. Bassett hopes to use the data from the GPR to excavate specific areas of the site, such as any trash pits, with a precision that simply wasn't possible prior to this new technology.

"Prior to doing any type of excavation, we're going to use GPR so that we can immediately identify the best places to sample," he said. "Today in archaeology, we don't usually do these big open-area excavations like you've seen in the past or on television. Today, we take deliberate, high-quality samples of individual spots of a site."

Bassett said that he already has a wealth of data from Gravely's 1970s excavations at the site, but GPR will allow him to look at that data in new ways.

"Our objective is to augment that data with new information that has only been made possible by new technology like this, new methods in archaeology that allow us to find things like fish scales and fish bones," Bassett said. "40 or 50 years ago, that's not something they were finding based on the methods used at the time. We can add to the story, and in some cases maybe even revise the story based on the new methods we can bring to the site."



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Kurt Busch out-duelled his younger brother Kyle Busch in the pair's fourth career 1-2 finish to secure his 2021 NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs position and take his 33rd career victory in Sunday's Quaker State 400 Presented by Walmart. Busch, 42, has been particularly good at the 1.5-mile Atlanta Motor Speedway. Sunday's win was his fourth there, most among the current field, and the last trophy given before the historic NASCAR track is repaved and reconfigured going forward.

More importantly Sunday's work was a big statement for Busch, who started the race with only a 25-point buffer in the championship standings with six races left to set the 16-driver Playoffs field. Now with the win, he's "in," and his emotions climbing out of Chip Ganassi Racing's No. 1 Chevrolet certainly reflected the relief and joy.

He simultaneously earned a Playoffs position and evened the score with his brother — each have won two races in the four times they have finished first and second.

"Hell yeah, we beat Kyle," a smiling Kurt Busch said after climbing out of his car, putting his fists in the air and turning toward the cheering crowd in the grandstands.

"What a battle on an old-school race track," said Busch, who has 33 career NASCAR Cup Series wins. "It's been one of those years where I knew we were going to have our back against the wall, just above the [Playoffs] cut-off line and needed to race hard and race smart."

Not too surprisingly, Kyle Busch's mood standing by his car on pit lane was markedly different than his brother's. He felt like Kurt's Chip Ganassi Racing teammate Ross Chastain interfered a bit as the two brothers were fighting for the race lead while navigating lapped traffic.

Kurt led a race high 144 of the 267 laps — the most he's led in a single race since 2015 (291 laps at Richmond, Va.) and the two each won a Stage. Kurt came out behind his brother on track when the final round of pit stops cycled out, but ultimately passed Kyle for good with 25 laps remaining and crossed the finish line 1.237 seconds ahead of his brother. Kyle was able to pull alongside Kurt with seven to go, but unable to make the pass in lapped traffic.

"I gave everything I had there early and then just smoked it behind the 42 [Chastain] obviously, shows you what kind of driver he is," Kyle Busch said. "Just trying to fight hard after that when I got passed."

"Great effort, the guys gave me a great piece," Kyle continued. "The 1 (Kurt Busch) was definitely better than us today, I just thought I had him." Kyle's Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Martin Truex Jr. finished third, rallying from a 37th place starting position. Hendrick Motorsports driver Alex Bowman was fourth followed by Penske Racing's Ryan Blaney, who won at Atlanta this March.

Tyler Reddick, Georgia native Chase Elliott, Christopher Bell, Matt DiBenedetto and Brad Keselowski rounded out the Top-10. Noticeably absent from that group is the series' only four-race winner Kyle Larson. He ran among the top five for most of the race, but was penalized for speeding on pit road dur-

ing his final pit stop. He instead finished 18th.

Championship points leader Denny Hamlin, who is still looking for his first win of 2021, finished 13th. He also was handed a pit road penalty early in the race, which was red-flagged for about 20 minutes just after the completion of Stage 2 so track workers could repair the track surface.

The series moves to the New Hampshire Motor Speedway 1-miler next

week for the Foxwood Resort Casino 301 (3 p.m. ET, NBCSN, PRN, SiriusXM NASCAR Radio).

With five races remaining to set the 16-driver Playoffs field, 12 drivers have now earned automatic bids with a race victory. Hamlin, Kevin Harvick, who rallied to an 11th place finish Sunday, Austin Dillon and Reddick are the four highest-ranked drivers on points.

NASCAR Cup Series Race - 52nd Quaker State 400 presented by Walmart
Atlanta Motor Speedway
Hampton, Georgia
Sunday, July 11, 2021

1. (8) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 260.
2. (2) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 260.
3. (5) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 260.
4. (17) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 260.
5. (15) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 260.
6. (7) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 260.
7. (1) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 260.
8. (4) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 260.
9. (12) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 260.
10. (14) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 260.
11. (21) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 260.
12. (13) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 260.
13. (3) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 260.
14. (24) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 260.
15. (11) Chase Briscoe #, Ford, 260.
16. (18) Chris Buescher, Ford, 260.
17. (23) Cole Custer, Ford, 260.
18. (6) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 260.
19. (10) Joey Logano, Ford, 259.
20. (19) William Byron, Chevrolet, 259.
21. (9) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 259.
22. (26) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 258.
23. (20) Aric Almirola, Ford, 258.
24. (22) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, 258.
25. (34) Ryan Preece, Chevrolet, 258.
26. (32) Anthony Alfredo #, Ford, 257.
27. (25) Michael McDowell, Ford, 256.
28. (29) Ryan Newman, Ford, 256.
29. (28) Justin Haley(i), Chevrolet, 255.
30. (36) BJ McLeod(i), Ford, 254.
31. (37) Garrett Smithley(i), Chevrolet, 253.
32. (33) Bayley Currey(i), Chevrolet, 253.
33. (31) Cody Ware(i), Chevrolet, 253.
34. (30) Josh Bilicki, Ford, 248.
35. (35) Quin Houff, Chevrolet, 248.
36. (27) Daniel Suarez, Chevrolet, 243.
37. (16) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, Suspension, 178.

Average Speed of Race Winner: 141.207 mph.
Time of Race: 2 Hrs, 50 Mins, 8 Secs. Margin of Victory: 1.237 Seconds.
Caution Flags: 4 for 21 laps.
Lead Changes: 10 among 7 drivers.
Lap Leaders: C. Elliott 1-13; K. Busch 14-27; D. Hamlin 28-29; K. Busch 30-83; K. Busch 84-121; C. Custer 122; A. Almirola 123-130; * Preece 131; K. Busch 132-212; K. Busch 213-235; K. Busch 236-260.

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led): Kurt Busch 3 times for 144 laps; Kyle Busch 3 times for 91 laps; Chase Elliott 1 time for 13 laps; Aric Almirola 1 time for 8 laps; Denny Hamlin 1 time for 2 laps; * Ryan

Preece 1 time for 1 lap; Cole Custer 1 time for 1 lap.
Stage #1 Top Ten: 18,1,11,48,8,5, 22,24,19,4
Stage #2 Top Ten: 1,18,48,5,11,8 ,12,2,3,19

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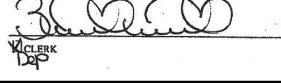
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ORDER OF PUBLICATION Case No. _____

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
MARTINSVILLE JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS
DISTRICT COURT
Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* XAVIER SPENCER
The object of this suit is to:
Henry-Martinsville Department of Social Services seeks to terminate the residual parental rights of the unknown father, and mother Michelle Spencer, to the child born to them June 19, 2020 and named Xavier Spencer, all pursuant to Virginia Code Section 16.1-283. Further, the Court shall consider granting a petition adjudicating said child as abused and neglected pursuant to Virginia Code Section 16.1-283 and entering a dispositional Order on that date.
It is ORDERED that the defendants, Michelle Spencer and unknown father appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before AUGUST 4, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
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Public Notice ISSUANCE OF A FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR A PROJECT FUNDED THROUGH THE VIRGINIA WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING FUND

Public Notice No.: WSL-017-20
First Publication Date: 7/07/2021
The Virginia Department of Health has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for a waterworks project proposed to be funded through the Virginia Water Supply Revolving Fund. The FONSI is supported by a Statement of Environmental Review (SER). The applicant is Henry County Public Service Authority (HCPSA).
The project proposes to install approximately 19,000 linear feet of 12-inch water line along State Route 687 (Preston Road); approximately 17,750 linear feet of 8-inch water lines along State Route 695 (Spencer-Preston Road), Route 759 (Evergreen Drive), and Route 836 (Marigold Road); installation of a main-line pressure-reducing valve assembly, and related improvements. The proposed project will be the final segment of a secondary 12-inch water transmission line from the Philpott water treatment plant to Chestnut Knob Tank. The new water lines will make public water service available to approximately 160 potential new customers. The project will also consolidate two HCPSA well systems (Pine Forest and Eagle Lane) into the Philpott surface water system. The proposed water lines will be installed within existing public road rights-of-way.
A review of the Environmental Assessment conducted on this project indicates that either significant environmental impacts would not result from the proposed project or significant environmental impacts have been eliminated by making changes in the project. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the Virginia Department of Health has assessed the potential environmental effects on the human environment and an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared. The basis for this determination was made after the applicant contacted ten federal and state agencies. This determination was made after reviewing the environmental clearance letters from each agency, the Environmental Assessment, the public comments, and conducting an Environmental Review site visit. In order to avoid or minimize any adverse environmental impact, the Virginia Department of Health will require that HCPSA ensure construction is carried out in strict accordance with all applicable state, federal, and local laws and regulations. Prior to implementing construction, all applicable permits and approvals must be obtained.
Persons may comment in writing to the Department on the proposed decision within 30 days from the first publication date. Comments shall include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer and shall contain a complete, concise statement of the factual basis for the comments. Only those comments received within this period will be considered by the Department.

All pertinent information, including the FONSI, the SER, the Environmental Assessment and the support documentation is on file and may be inspected and arrangements made for copying at The Virginia Department of Health, Office of Drinking Water, Lexington Field Office, 131 Walker Street, Lexington, Virginia 24450; phone (540) 463-0406. For additional information, please contact Tamara Anderson, Project Manager at (804) 370-2439.

Following the comment period, the Department will make its final determination.
All comments should be addressed to:
Kelly Ward, Program Director
Financial and Construction Assistance Programs
Virginia Department of Health - Office of Drinking Water
109 Governor Street, Room 633,
Richmond, VA 23219

Deaths trend up during holiday weekend

Virginia is experiencing a disturbing trend on its roadways – increased traffic crash fatalities – with the state on pace to have another unfortunate increase in 2021.

Preliminary reports indicate 10 individuals died in traffic crashes on Virginia highways during the July 4 holiday statistical counting period that began at 12:01 a.m. July 2, 2021 and concluded at midnight July 5, 2021.

Four of the crashes involved motorcycles and a fifth was an all-terrain vehicle (ATV). Since Jan. 1, 2021 through July 7, 2021, preliminary reports indicate 399 lives have been lost to traffic crashes in Virginia, compared to 395 during the same time period in 2020.

The 10 fatal crashes occurred in the counties

of Botetourt, Campbell, Chesterfield, Essex, Fairfax, Mecklenburg, Patrick and Stafford and the City of Newport News. The fatal motorcycle crashes occurred in the counties of Botetourt, Essex, Fairfax and Stafford. The Patrick County crash involved the ATV.

“Virginia State Police substantially increased our presence on Virginia roadways this past weekend, and yet, we still have people flaunting the safety of others on the road by driving at excessive speeds and under the influence,” said Col. Gary T. Settle, Virginia State Police Superintendent. “We are at the height of the summer travel season, which is why we need every Virginian committed to being a safe, responsible driver. Please

put as much attention into driving, buckling up and complying with speed limits as you do with planning your summer getaway. You and Virginia’s safety depend on it.”

During the Operation Crash Awareness Reduction Effort’s (C.A.R.E.) four-day statistical counting period, Virginia troopers arrested 61 drunk drivers. In addition, state troopers cited 4,025 speeders and 1,434 reckless drivers, and issued 510 citations to individuals for failing to obey the law and buckle up. During the holiday statistical counting period, Virginia State Police responded to a total 669 traffic crashes statewide and assisted 1,550 disabled/stranded motorists. Operation C.A.R.E. is a state-sponsored, national pro-

gram intended to reduce crashes, fatalities and injuries due to impaired driving, speed and failing to wear a seat belt.

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Virginia State Police go directly to court fees and the state’s Literary Fund, which benefits public school construction, technology funding and teacher retirement.

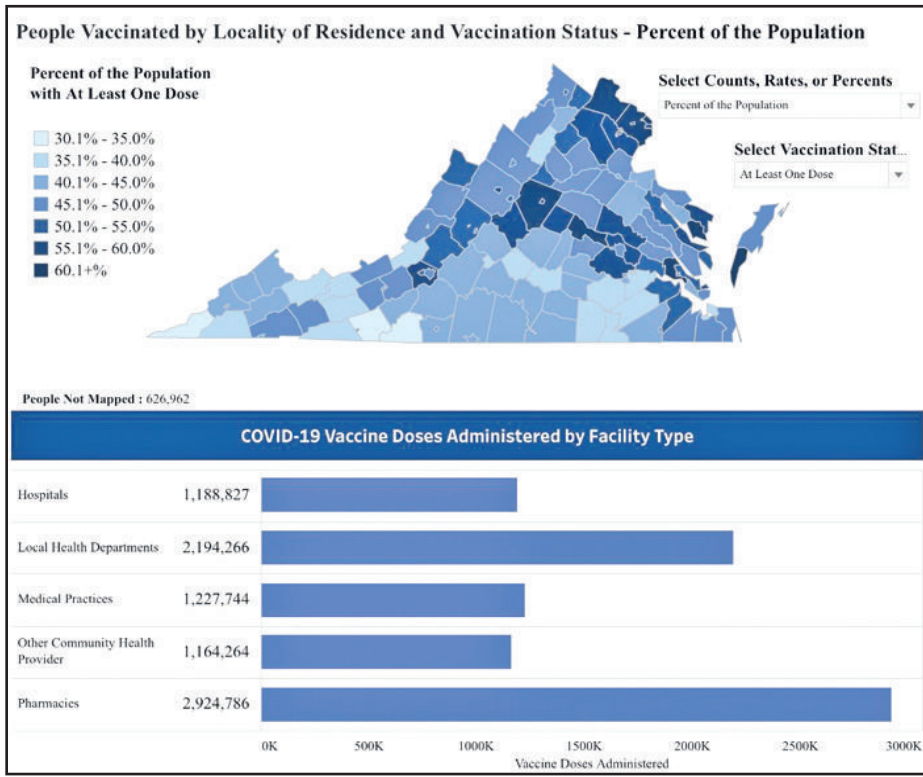
For more information on traffic safety and how to keep Virginia “Moving Toward Zero Roadway Deaths,” go to www.tzdva.org.



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Vaccine Rates

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West Piedmont Health District (WPHD) public information officer Nancy Bell said vaccination rates in Southwest Virginia are lower than in other parts of the state.



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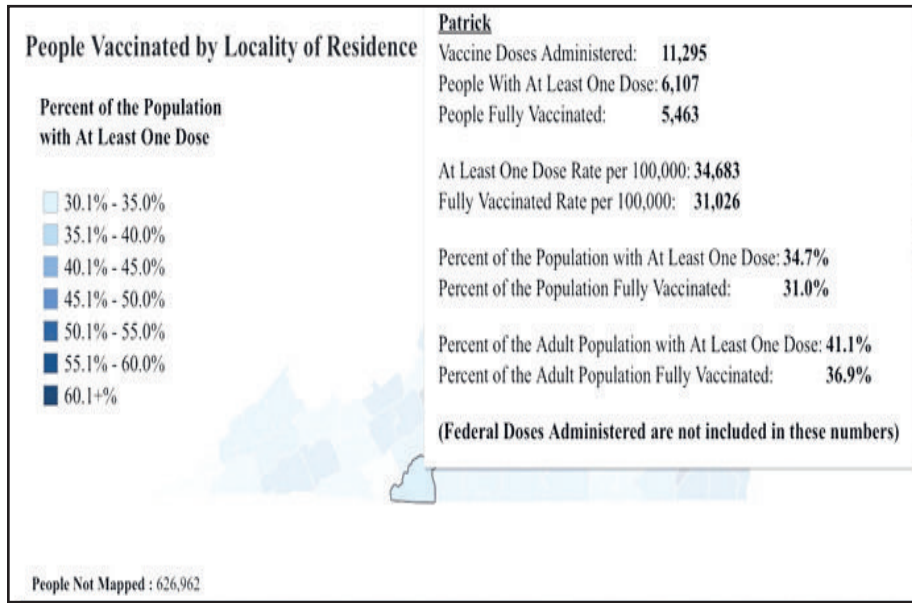
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Patrick County is one of the three localities in Virginia to have vaccinated less than 35 percent of its population.

sort of thing,” Bell said.

The workers will also go into communities to talk about the facts of COVID-19 and provide information about the vaccines. Bell said the agency hopes to hire six people for this role and encourages people in the area to apply.

She expects this to begin late August or early September to ensure the workers are sufficiently trained.

Bell said getting people vaccinated is important as there is a possibility of the virus flaring back up once the weather gets colder.

“Especially because the variants tend to be more contagious and more severe. So, people who are currently unvaccinated should not be waiting for it to go away because it’s not going to go away,” she said.

“I would encourage people to get them even if they’re uncertain because uncertainly can be deadly,” Bell said, adding questions can be answered by calling the WPHD. She added that vaccines are still free at local health departments and participating pharma-

cies.

According to the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) website, Patrick County is one of the three counties in the state to have vaccinated less than 35 percent of its population receive at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine along with Carroll and Lee counties.

As of July 7, only 31 percent of the population, or 5,463 people, were fully vaccinated; 34.7 percent of the population had received at least one dose, with 36.9 percent of the adult population fully vaccinated.

In Henry County, 35.6 percent of the population, or 17,985 people, were fully vaccinated; 41.4 percent of the population received at least one dose, with 42.9 percent of the adult population being fully vaccinated.

The vaccine rates helped Virginia reach the milestone of having 70 percent of the adults receiving at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine a week before the state of emergency’s end, according to data from the Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

“We knew Virginia could meet this challenge. Thanks to the millions of Virginians who have rolled up their sleeves to get vaccinated, the virus is in retreat, our economy is growing, and we are closer to putting this pandemic behind us,” Gov. Ralph Northam said.

Virginia’s Vaccination Coordinator Dr. Danny Avula said that Virginia’s progress is a testament to the commitment and coordinating efforts of local health districts, community-based organizations, faith leaders, and others.

“While there is still work to do in addressing vaccine hesitancy, I remain confident that we can keep this momentum going and defeat this virus,” he said.

Virginia is the 16th state to reach this milestone and achieved it two weeks ahead of Pres. Joe Biden’s nationwide July 4 target date.

Bell said the state of emergency’s end is “pretty much a return to normal life with some common-sense mixed in.”

While those who are vaccinated can return to life as normal, they should still be aware that there are variants that can have unknown impacts on vaccinated individuals, she said.

The WPHD is also encouraging people to continue to wear masks and practice social distancing, even if they are vaccinated, in settings with large groups of people, and particularly while indoors.

Bell said the mask mandate will continue in schools and on school buses because the child population has not been vaccinated yet.

“It falls upon the individual schools to create their own mask policy, and the school divisions are in charge of enforcing that,” she said.

For more tips on how to stay safe, visit www.vdh.virginia.gov or www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov.

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