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Patrick County Sheriff's Capt. Rob Coleman and Deputy Noah Wolfe scale a peak overlooking the Dan River Gorge during the search for Bruce Rubin, a guest a Primland Resort
Search for jogger temporarily suspended due to impending rain

Debbie Hall $\frac{\text { Debbie Hali }}{\text { dhall@theente }}$ The search for a Chappaqua, New York man missing since Friday
from Primland Resort from Primland Resort
in Vesta was temporarin Vesta was temporar-
ily suspended Wednesday due to rain in the fore-

But "we are not giving up" the effort to find Bruce Rubin, Patrick
County Sheriff Dan Smith said. "We owe it to his family to and we will.' Rain is predicted for much of the rest of the
week, according to the National Weather Service in Blacksburg. The search
, will be halted until
the areas of interest have time to dry, Smith said, and explained the spe-
cialized rope teams had been rappelling cliffs that are unnavigable any other way. Team members "have been going off up. When if's wet back up. When it's wet, there
is no way you can risk going into the gorges. dries back out," he said. "This terrain is extremely dangerous, Smith said, adding that the areas currently being searched are slick in dry weather. Continuing the
search during or immediately after rain would add to the already dan $\frac{\text { See Search, page } 2}{}$

Wildlife experts recommend not feeding birds as investigation into deaths continues

In late May, wildlife managers in Washington D.C., Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and
Kentucky began receiving Kentucky began receiving
reports of sick and dying crusty discharge, as well as neurological signs.
More recently, tional reports have been received from Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana. While the majority of affected
birds are reported to birds ledge common to brack fledgling common grack-
les, blue jays, European les, blue jays, European
starlings, and American robins, other species
of songbirds have been of songbirds
reported as well. No definitive cause(s)
of illness or death hat been determineath have time. No human at this or domestic livestock and poultry issues have been The Virginia
Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) has been monitoring the extent of the event in the May. The Virginia affected by the areas ity event include several counties and cities, among them are Alexandria Arlington, Clarke, Fairfax,

Falls Church, Fauquier,
Frederick,
Loudoun, Frederick, Loudoun, Manassas, Prince William,
Shenandoah, Warren, and Shenandoah, Warren, and
Winchester. Winchester.
Between
Between May 23
and June 30, the DWR received over 1,400 reports received over 1,400 reports
of sick or dying birds
from the affected areas. Approximately 450 of the reported cases described eye issues and/or neurological signs.
The natural resource management agencies in the affected states and
the District of Columbia along with the National Park Service, are continuing to work with diagnostic laboratories to investigate the cause(s) of this event. Those laboratories include the USGS National Wildlife Health Center,
the University of Georgia the University of Georgia
Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study, the Wniversity of Pennsylvania Wildlife Futures Program, and the Indiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory.
The following infectious agents have no been detected in any
birds tested, based on birds tested, based on
results received to Salmonella and Chlamydia (bacterial pathogens); avian

RiverWalk Mini Mall offers treasures and more Staff Reports

Down by the river and across the train tracks in Bassett sits a quaint shopping spot that offers a variety of items hard to find anywhere else. This spot, formally known as the
RiverWalk Mini Mall, has been in River Walk Mini Mall, has been ind
operation for the past four years and operation for the past four years
is a treat for first-time shoppers. "If I was walking in here for the first time after crossing those railroad tracks and passing the ribbons, I would think 'what in the world is RiverWalk?' Then after I came in, my eyes would widen and my mouth would be wide open because I wouldn't be expecting the beauty, and everything that we have here,
said Mariorie Wilson, co-manager of the mall. "There are so many things that we have that you can't find anywhere anymore. Items like antiques that my mother used to have, juicers, spreaders-there's just


Marjorie Wilson, co-manager of the RiverWalk Mini Mall, offers a variety of crocheted hats and blankets.
something for everybody. Wilson, who is also one of the 10 vendors at the mall, said the establishment has been open for four
years total, but only for two years years tota,
continuously. The mall was originally an idea John D. Bassett High School.
"Adam Wright went to his dad and told him that he knew the
(Historic John D.) Bassett High (Historic John D.) Bassett High
School was closing down," Wilso School was closing down," Wilson
said. "They looked into it and said. "They looked into it and
they bought the high school and they started doing events up there See Mini Mall, page 8

## School teams recognized by board



The Magna Vista High School Boys Soccer Team became the Region D3 Soccer champions.

## Taylor Boyd

Staff writer
Student athletes and teams were
recognized by the Henry Count School Board at the July 1 meeting.
"Were very excited to students who worked so hard on these accomplishments during the pan-
demic," Director of Communications Monica Hatchett said.
In other matters, the board:
${ }^{*}$ Approved the consent agenda.
*Approved the crisis plan for the
2021-2022 school year.
${ }^{*}$ Selected Thomas Auker, of the ${ }^{*}$ Heard proposed revisions to the Blackberry District, to be the vot- *Approved the Athletic and ing delegate to represent the school Activities handbook as presented.

See Teams Recognized, page 5
Participation sought in broadband survey


A display of the cable wireline coverage in Henry County on the Virginia Broadband Availability Map.

As daily life continues to change in the advent of 21st Century technological advances, it is becoming increasingly clear that is necessary to American dream alive. To mainain that drea To maintain that dream asking its residents to participate in a new survey designed to pinpoint the most significant lapses in the areas's currently available broadband coverage. Residents of both Henry County and the City of Martinsville may take part available until Sept 15 . According to map provided by the Federal

Commission (FCC), the area is currently considered a lower priority to receive federal and state grants to expand broadband. "The mapping is absoYoungblood, Director Youngblood, Director
of Information Services. "If you look at the maps provided by the FCC, it appears like we have pretty good coverage but anyone who actually lives or works here knows that isn't always the case. We need better data so we can help draw a more complete picture
of what broadband really looks like locally." Participation in the survey isn't limited to those without a home internet
connection, Youngblood
said.
 simply getting internet to everybody who lives here, he said. "That is certainly one of the goals but we are
also looking at other factors such as how fast the inter net is and how expensive the internet is. Then we want to know what we can do to make it better." Overall, the survey cre ated in partnership with ECC Technologies will help determine where
broadband users broadband users are
unserved or underserved The data will then be used The data will then be used
to develop a digital map of all internet providers and resources in the area. Once the new digita ap is created, Youngbloo map is created, Youngblood
said it will be easier to ascerain and understand the community's broadband needs, including the identifi
cation of all ayailable broa $\frac{\text { cation of all available broad }}{\text { See Survey, page } 2}$

## Visit

 http://www. henrycounty enterprise.com for updates

## Community calendar

Friday, July 9
A canoe day will be held at
Beaver Creek Reservoir begin- Beaver Creek Reservoir begin-
ning at 10 a.m. Instruction will be provided for beginners. All ing the instructional period. Fo more information call Henry (276) 634-4640.

Friday-Saturday, July 9-10
‘Fido's Finds will hold a "blazing hot" Big Basement Summer Sale from 10 a.m.p.m. Friday, and Saturday, Jul 10th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at
119 East Main Street UpTown 119 East Main Street UpTown
Martinsville. Thousands of items on sale including Christmas in
ons July. All proceeds support the Martinsville-Henry County SPCA. For more information,
call 276-656-1101
Saturday, July 10
The Brenda Riggins Memorial Blood Drive is scheduled from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Appointments can be scheduled online through the Red Cross website.

Monday, July 12
Unlock your child's brilliance at the world's premier destination
for STEM education. Guided by an elite $4-\mathrm{H}$ tech STEM team, they will have fun and advance their skills fast with Scratch Coding and Java. This camp is for kids ages $8-12$. The camp will take place from 9 a.m. until noon on July 12-15 at the Henry County Administration Building

Week-long Art Camp
Piedmont Arts. Complete Piedmont Arts. Complete art
projects, take tours of the galleri and have socially-distanced fun. Campers will explore a variety of artistic techniques, styles and of artistic techniques, styles and
materials. An art show will take place at the end of camp, showcasing campers' work for their families to enjoy. Advanced registration required by calling (276) 632-3221. Social distancing and masks are required at all in-per-
son classes. June $14-18$ : Grades 6-8; July 12-16: Grades 3-5

## Thursday, July 15

Henry County School Board will hold a Special School Board Meeting at 9 a.m. on the 3rd
floor of the Henry County Administration Building in the school board meeting room. A closed session will follow.

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 start at $7: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and the movie
will start at $9 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Admission is free. Drinks and refreshments will be available for purchase. The movie on July 16 will be Trolls World Tour.

## Saturday, July 17

$\qquad$ participate in the Smith River participate in the Smith River
Trout Unlimited (SRTU) Chapter introduction to fly fishing for adults and youth. This is a free entry-level flyfishing presentation for adults
and youth interested in learnand youth interested in learning about or getting started
in the sport. The event will in the sport. The event will
take place from $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. until noon at the Waid Park picnic shelter number \#1 at 701 Waid

Park Road in Rocky Mount Participants are asked to dres according to weather tempera will be provided. Sign up early the workshop is limited to 10 persons. Please contact Jeff
Deering at jdeer76@yahoo.com or Eric Tichay at erictichay@ yahoo.com

## ONGOING

MHC Coalition for Health and Wellness stresses that good regular health exams and rou tine preventive care. If you ar putting these off due to lack of "no contact" application assis tance for Virginia's free or low cost MEDICAID plans fo Virginians under 65, who mee ions tions or to apply, call or tex
Ann Walker at (276) 732-0509

## RiverWalk gets funding boost



The Kiwanis Club of Bassett recently donated $\$ 500$ to RiverWalk in Bassett to heip with expenses for the upcoming Bassett Family Fun Fioat and River Walk that will be held on July 17. The event will have available food trucks, bands, and floating on the Smith River. Pictured are Kiwanis Club of Bassett member Stt Warren(L) and Sharon Mills (R) from RiverWalk

## Gardner reappointed to board

Martin Gardner of Martinsville, Vice to the Aquaculture Advisory Board during President of Business Development, Blue a recent round of reappointments by Gov. Ridge Aquaculture, Inc., was reappointed Ralph Northam.


## Survey

and their pricing structure for those services. designed to any one particular vendor. It is for information gathering purposes only. purposes only.
Youngblood said that so far, approximately a third of the responses to the survey have included comments. "Those comments that were provided were very
valuable valuable too but we simply just need more of them, Youngblood said. "The more infor"
the better."

## the bett The

ticipants survey will ask participants to include their
address and answers to other optional questions related to demographics. "The address is the only mandatory piece of information that we are requir ing," Youngblood said. "W
will only be using this inf mation for identifying the areas with the most gaps areas with the most gaps
on the map. We wont do on the map. We wont
anything else with it. All of the other demographic

## Search

gerous conditions The specialized rope teams were
called in Tuesday "because of the rug ged terrain and elevation changes, Smith said, and added the search has been ongoing since
ed missing on Friday
ed missing on Friday
"We had more than 150 people up
here searching one day," Smith said here searching one day," Smith said
The number of those searching diminished after "we covered everything" that was navigable on foot
He estimated that by midweek, there were 20 people searching, plus
the dog handlers and the members of specialized teams
"We've had multiple dog teams search and rescue dog teams from
throughout the region in both Virginia throughout the region in both Virginia
and North Carolina," the sheriff added and North Carolina," the sheriff added
In addition to the K-9 teams, the effort also has included helicopters and equipment like infrared cameras and drones.
"We have used every tool available to us," Smith said, and 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.
The search also was expanded to vari ous adjacent properties, Smith said. Fo ous adjacent properties, Smith said. Fo
instance, 3,600 -acres of Northbrook Energy LLC property (formerly owned by the City of Danville), the Pinnacle of Dan Aqua Duct and the Dan River Gorge, which is sometimes referred to as the Grand Canyon of the East, also were searched.
Rubin had a cell phone when he left, but Smith said that coverage is hampered or nonexistent if visitors veer off
the many trails, and those participating the many trails, and scoured the paths Friday and Saturday.
Rubin was reported missing after he went jogging on the resort's property at 11 a.m. Friday, July 2.
Smith said he learned that Rubin was an avid trail runner and was Canyon rim-to-rim-to-rim.
In March, Rubin wrote in a social media post that he was thinking about
doing Grand Canyon RTRTR in early Oct., probably more hike than run, perhaps over two days with an over night at North Rim Lodge. 1. Anyone done it and have advice?
The event is described as 48.7 miles long, with more than 10,500 -feet of climbs, according to online informa


Bruce Rubin was last seen on Friday, July 2 at the Primland Resort. Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to call the Patrick County Sheriff's Office at (276) 6943161 or the resort at (276) 222-3825.

Rubin "was an avid adventurist, and he was in exceptional physical condition," Smith said, and reiterated the
search will resume as soon as it is safe to do so.
In addition to Smith's office, others who have helped with the search Vclude the Virginia State Police, Virginia Department of Emergency
Management, Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, Carroll County Sheriff's Office, Patrick County Department of Emergency Management, Patrick County Patriots, Primland Resort employees, multiple volunteer fire and rescue agencies in Patrick County and search/rescue teams in Vighia and North Carolina Smith said.
Rubin is the COO and Chief Compliance Officer of Westchester
Capital Management. He joined the firm in 2010, according to online information. An online biography states that he holds a B.A. from Stanford University and a J.D. from Stanford Law School.
Rubin is described as a white man,
5 -feet, 9 -inches tall and weighing 185 5 -feet, 9 -inches tall and weighing 185 to 200 pounds. He has brown eyes,
short gray hair and a beard. When last short gray hair and a beard. When last and running shoes. nd running shoes.
is urged to call Patrick County Sheriff's Lt. Steve Austin or Investigator Osca Tejeda at (276) $694 \quad 3161$ or call Primland at (276) 222-3825 Wildlife Resources, Catroll County and search/rescue mation. An online biography states

> Youngblood said. "This won't give an accurate pic coverag il our broadband coverage is like because the coverage for the two isn the same. We need partici-
pants to be connected to their Wi-Fi if they choose to do the speed test using their Businesses are also eligible to participate in a separate business from their home are encouraged to complet both a business survey and a residential survey to help identify their specific needs. To access the survey and peed test, com/.
> Residents who would like to participate but do not may submit the internet, of the survey. These copy copies can be These pape all branches of the Blue Ridge Regional Library o Ridge Regional Library or
the administrative offics in Henry County Martinsville.
questions are completely
optional but they will help
us when we seek grants."
Youngblood said federal
and state agencies often con-
sider the needs of underrep-
resented communities when
issuing grants.
Along with the survey,
residents will also have the
ability to conduct a speed
test on their broadband.
Participants should take
the speed test at the samee
home or business listed as
their address. Youngblood
said to avoid running the
test while othher devices
are using the internet for
streaming or gaming. This
will allow the test to gauge
all of the available resources.
Similarly, it is recom-
mended that the device used
for the speed test be hard-
wired instead of operating
via Wi-Fi. It is not a require-
ment, but it will provide
more accurate data. The
survey may also be taken on
a mobile device.
"It's important that you
are not using your cellular
data on your mobile device

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Martinsville among six localities to receive site remediation grants

Gov. Ralph Northam recently announced that approximately $y$
$\$ 1.5$ million in from the Virginia $\$ 1.5$ million in from the Virginia
Brownfields Restoration and Economic Redevelopment
Assistance Fund (VBAF) will ber Assistance Fund (VBAF) will be
awarded to six localities, which awarded to six localities, which
include Charlotte and Pulask include Charlotte and Pulaski
Counties, the cities of Danville and Martinsville, and the town of Altavista and Crewe. The VBAF provides either
grants or loans to local govern grants or loans to local govern-
ments to restore and redevelop ments to restore and redevelop
brownfield sites and address brownfield sites and addr
environmental problems environmental problems or effort to effectively attract new economic development prospects. Administered by the Virginia Resources Authority, the VBAF is a partnership
between the Virginia Economic Development Environmental Quality
"Maintaining ouality the best place for business requires having a robust inventory of shovel-ready sites to attract prospective companies, said Northam. "The Virginia Brownfields Restoration and
Economic
Redevelopan Economic Redevelopment Assistance Fund is a vital fields sites, returning them to productive use, and ultimately generating new jobs and investment. We look forward to seeing the economic, environmental, and public health benefits that this funding will bring to these six localities."

Brownfields are properties in which redevelopment or reuse
is complicated by the presence is complicated by the presence
of hazardous materials, polof hazardous materials,
lution, or contaminants. The General Assembly allotted funds for Fiscal Year 2021 to be used for Site Remediation Grants in amounts of up to $\$ 500,000$ per site. The Site Remediation Grants will cover efforts that include remediation of a con-
taminated property to remove taminated property to remove
hazardous
substances and hazardous substances and
wastes, demolition and removal of existing structures, and other site work necessary to make a site or property usable for new economic development. In addition to Site Remediation Grants, Site Assessment Grants are available to communities for
assistance with environmental and cultural resource site assessments and the development of
remediation and reuse plans. "The VBAF has proven be a useful catalyst for the redevelopment of sites across the Commonwealth that would otherwise not be marketable, said Secretary of Commerce and
Trade Brian Ball "These grants Trade Brian Ball. "These grants will help six localities develop properties and put the right
infrastructure in place to attract and retain businesses." and retain businesses."
"VBAF grants are able tool to help resolve environmental concerns on unde rutilized Brownfields sites and revitalize communities that need assistance the most," said Secretary of Natural and

Historic Resources Matthew J Strickler. "Removing these bar-
riers allows for the transforma riers allows for the transforma
tion of once contaminated land into productive reuse." Since its inception in 2011, the VBAF has awarded ove $\$ 12$ million in grants to restor brownfield sites.
Restoration Brownfiel Redevelopm and Economic awarded Danville, $\$ 500,000$ Martinsville, $\$ 399,000$; Pulask County, \$260,600; Altavista, $\$ 181,100$; Charlotte County $\$ 83,450$ and Crewe, $\$ 74,600$. For more information on the and Economic Assistance Ecomic Redevelopment Assistance Fund

## Hylton named principal at Magna Vista

 Jo Ellen Hylton will serve as prin-
cipal of Magna Vista High School for cipal of Magna Vista High
the 2021-2022 school year. The Henry County School Board
approved a recommendation from Schools Superintendent Sandy Strayer of fill one administrative position a heir July meeting.
Henry County supported students in istrator since 2007
"I am honored and humbled to ooin the Warrior community. It has been my privilege to serve the students, staff, and families of Laurel Park Middle School for the last six years and I am excited about this new opportunity and journey," she said. Magna Vista's tradition of excellence Magna I work alongside this excellence faculty and staff to build life ready students. Together, we will provide a safe and supportive learning environment for all students and ensure that all students are provided with an engaging, and positive educational experience, Hylton added. "I'm so pleased to have Mrs. Hylton join the Warrior team. Her focus on student growth and achievement and
desire to support families as they coldesire to support families as they col-
laborate to encourage students will ensure continued success at Magna Vista High School," Strayer said.

## Man held with no bond

 in connection with deathAndre Douglas King, 51, of Martinsville, is being held with no bond on charges of first-degree murder, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, possession of a
firearm by a convicted felon, and probation violation in connection with the death of Charles Brandon Coleman.
Also of Martinsville, Coleman, 31, was pronounced dead at the scene of a June 27 shooting incident at an apartment complex, Police Department
Officers responded to a shots fired call around $8: 32$ p.m. to 1446 West Fayette Street (Maplewood Apartments) Upon arrival, officers found Coleman behind one of the apartment buildings, the release stated.
Coleman suffered multiple gunshots wounds, according to the release. He was unresponsive and pronounced dead at the scene.
His r
His remains were transported to the collect evidence and to determine the official cause of death.
Preliminary reports and evidence indicate that Coleman was involved in a verbal argument with black man, according to the
The verbal altercation turned into a

physical fight, during which a handgun wa produced, and shots were fired, the release stated.
King King was taken into custody with-
out incident by the Martinsvill out incident by the Martinsville Police
Department and members of the US Department and members of the US
Marshals Office Fugitive Task Force on Marshals Office Fugitive Task Force on
Dexter Street in Martinsville. He is bein held at the Martinsville City Jail.
The investigation is continuing. Anyone with information about the incident encouraged to contact Lt. Sandy Hines at (276) 403 - 5301 or Crimestoppers at (276 632-7463.

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Trio of longstanding businessmen recognized Saturdayrespective companies have served
the Martinsville and Henry Martinsville and Henry Turner. County for many years. It is The Lester Group has been companies with their longev- in business for 125 years, Larry ity and their commitment that \& Alley, Inc. for 69 years and A Alley, Inc. for 69 years and
Hughes Enterprises for 50 years.


John Hughes

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## $\mathrm{O}_{\text {pinion }}$

## The complete guide to Cotillion

When I was about 12 years $\begin{array}{r}\text { It's important that young } \\ \text { old, I took some Cotillion classes } \\ \text { men dress for the occasion. Boys }\end{array}$
old, I took some Cotillion classes at a local country club. My memories of the class are vague a best, but I nonetheless feel quali fied to offer a complete guide to
Cotillion, and I do not plan to do any research while writing it If you have an uncouth middle school-aged child that needs to be whipped into shape and learr here a fork goes on a table What is Cotilliow

Hat is Cotillion? word that means "to ancient Latir child who likes video game too much." However, it's so much more than that. Cotillion is a series of etiquette classe
designed for middle schoolers and it ends with one final dinne and dance in which the childrer get to show their parents tha they shouldn't have wasted thei money.
Wha

What to wear to Cotillion?
hould wear the occasion. Boys lacks wear a pair of khaki er, both of which purchased at JCPenney preferably from a dusty shelf marked "IRREGULAR." A classy tie is also important for the ensemble. I recommend one with Batman on it. Young women, meanwhile, should wear a dress or something.
When When and where does
something.
Cotillion take place? Cotillion takes place in the summer in the upstairs ballroom
of a fancy country club where of a fancy country club where HVAC system. Much like setting up a habitat for exotic reptiles, it's important that the temperature hovers around 80 degrees. That is the best environment for pubescent children who haven't yet learned that they ne
wear deodorant every day.


By Ben R. Williams

What is learned at Cotillion? What ISN'T learned Cotillion? For one thing, young
people will learn where silpeople will learn where sil
verware goes on a table. This includes not only the placement of the standard fork, knife, and spoon, but also the seldom-seen pheasant fork, custard knife, and rout hammer.
Additionally, boys are taught
that when they are sitting down, they should never cross their ankles. On the other hand, girls
should always cross their ankles should always cross their ankle
while sitting. This is important Boys are also taught that it's very important to offer girls a glass of the watered-down lemon drink that is being served from the punchbowl on the folding table. This is because girls have yet to master the intricacies of
using a ladle. using a ladle.
Perhaps
young people are importantly young people are also taught
how to dance. There are exactly four dances: the fox are exactly box step, the fox step, and the box trot.
But what song should the young people dance to? There is only one answer: "What the
World Needs New World Needs Now Is Love" as performed by original writer Burt Bacharach. No other songs are necessary. "What the World
Needs Now Is Love" should be played so many times that be played so many times that
decades later, every Cotillion participant should remember participant should remember
every note of the song verbatim
and whenever they hear it in "Apocalypse Now"-style flash "Apocaly
Finally, young men will learn hat when dancing with a girl that when dancing with a girl,
they should hold her right hand in their left, place their right hand on the small of her back, and then stand as far away from her as is humanly possible. If done correctly, the boys will actually be able to hear the soft snapping noises of their straining
arm ligaments. This part requires arm ligaments. This part requires very little training because the
boys and girls will naturally be boys and girls will nat
After Cotillion classes, should boys attempt to climb up the exterior wall of the country club as though they are Spider-Man? Yes. The exterior wall of the ountry club has extruded bricks that make for great little hand-
holds, and trying to climb up the wall like Spider-Man is a wonderful way for them to pass the time while waiting for their parents to pick them up. Indeed, it may be the best part of Cotillion.

## Born on the Fourth of July

Morgan Griffith

July 4th has long been celebrated as America's birthday. The day in 1776 that the Second
Continental Congress adopted the Declaration adopted the Declaration
of Independence has of Independence has
been commemorated for generations by fireworks, parades, cookouts, and
all manner of festivities. all manner of festivities.
It is easy to se why when reading the
Declaration and its words that changed the world:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that
all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with cer-
tain unalienable Rights, that among these are pursuit of Happiness. The words remai The words remain
worth celebrating, as worth celebrating, as
does the courage of those who put their
names to the document and the soldiers of the

## fought to

 words real. But for some netable Americans, July notable was not just their country's birthday but their own. Their careers and accomplishments also indicate some of the country country we celebra.Independence Day. One of the reasons behind the Declaration was to advance an argu-
ment for the United States as an equal and independent power ndependent power
based upon the breaching of the social contract to govern by George III and the British government. For that to be true in a cultural and not merely political sense required the genius of individual artists. Nathaniel Hawthorne,
born July 4th, 1804, was born July 4th, 1804, was
one such individual in the field of literature. His short stories and nov-
els such as The Scarlet

Letter often explored the
mindset of his Puritan ancestors who settled his native New England. His originality and interest in exploring the psychological background that
shaped America contributed to the development uted to the development
of our distinct culture. Hawthorne's work often cast a critical gaze upon his ancestors and the places they settled, such as Salem, Massachusetts, site of the infamous witch trials. In comparison, one
can trace a line between can trace a line between
where the songwriter and musician Bill Withers, born on July 4th, 1938, grew up and the uplifting spirit of his famous song "Lean on Me. Withers was born in
Slab Fork, West Virgini Slab Fork, West Virginia and raised in Beckley. Although not without its roubles, the community
where his father mined coal left an impression upon him of its virtues, which can be found
across our country. "People helped each other get by," he remembered. Of his father's profession specifically, he observed, "Coal min-
ers work together in ers work together in a
very dangerous situation, very dangerous situation,
and they have to have a certain trust in each a certa
other."
It is
It is easy to see how these sentiments might lead to the lyrics of "Lean on Me:"
Lean on me
When you're not strong And I'll be your friend
I'll help you carry on

For it won't be long Till I'm gonna need somebody to lean on

An honorary mention for songwriters born on the Fourth of July must be made for George M. Cohan. Although he was
actually born on July 3rd, actually born on July 3rd,
1878, he liked to say he was born on the Fourth. Whatever the date, the artistic output of this
great showman, includ-
ing songs such as "The Yankee Doodle Boy" and "You're a Grand Old Flag," leaves no doubt of his patriotism.
While two
John Adams and Thomas, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, famously died
on the same Fourth of July (and James Monroe died on that date a few years later), one president, Calvin Coolidge, was actually born on the Fourth of July, in 1872. He happened to be
president during president during the
Declaration's 150 th Declaration's 150th
anniversary. Although anniversary. Although
remembered as "Silent Cal," the words he offered in defense of the Declaration on that occasion eloquently counter those who seek to diminish this founding document:
equal, that is created equal, that is final. If
they are endowed with inalienable rights, that is final. If governments derive their just powers
from the consent of the governed, that is fina $\therefore$ If anyone wishes to deny their truth their soundness, the he can proceed histori he can proceed historically is not forward, bu

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## Jones inducted into honor society

Andrea Jones, of Martinsville,<br>tion and approval by a chap- ter. Only the top 10 percent<br>undergraduate student Marcus L. ecently was initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most

selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Jones was initiated at Old Dominion University. Jones is among approximately
30,000 itudents 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each
year. Membership is by invitayear. Membership is by invita-
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of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly dis-
tinction.
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Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in the Society has chapters on mor than 325 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in
all fields of higher education all fields of higher educatio
and to engage the community o and to engage the community

## Martin tapped to be Public Relations and Community Liaison for Henry County and PSA

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Teams Recognized


Reeves Stowe, of Magna Vista High School, was named the Region 3D Soccer Player of the Year.


The Magna Vista High School FFA Forestry Team placed 3rd at the State competition and 1st in the Regional competition.


## The Laurel Park Middle School Volleyball Team was undefeated this season

James Underwood won the Alistate Foundation/VHS (Virginia High School League) Award.


Members of the Magna Vista High School Softbal Team made the 2nd Team All Around Region Team.
 Tania Starkie of Magna Vista High School is a VHSL (Virginia High School League) Track championship winner. She placed 5th in the 100 hurde and 100 meter dash
and 7 th in the long jump. and 7 th in the long jump.


The Laurel Park Middle School Boys Soccer Team was undefeated this season.



## Bryant fielded questions from constituents during town hall

Staff Reports

$\qquad$ voice their concerns at a
recent town hall meeting hosted by Joe Bryant, representative of the
Collinsville District for the Henry County Board of Supervisors. $\begin{array}{lr}\text { Bryant was } & \text { joined } \\ \text { by Deputy } & \text { County } \\ \text { Administrator } & \text { Dale }\end{array}$ Administrator Dale Wagoner, Sheriff Lane
Perry, County Attorney George Lyle, Director

of Parks and Recreation Roger Adams Virginia Department | Transportation Resident |
| :--- |
| Engineer Lisa Price | Hughes. Among the concerns expressed was the desire

for more transparency during the reversion pro"Wess. were basically under
said. Ray Reynolds, who is running for the
Collinsville school board seat, quickly added "they voted to keep them (the meetings) private
was not the law." Lyle said the decision was a legal negotiating strategy,
"Youre you're tall a room and yout talking about tens of millions of dollars in
tax revenues and how they are going to be impacted,"
Lyle said. "My advice to Lyle said. "My advice tc
the board, which was fol the board, which was fol-
lowed, was that they needlowed, was that they need-
ed to have these meetings in private and discuss i because we don't want t reveal our strategy in our negotiating. Additionally, Lyle saic
the final decision will com down to a court order,
but the Memorandum Understanding (MOU) was a settlement agreement to get the best
come for the county "It was deemed earl on that the most negative
impact on the community would be for the city to annex land in the county and start taxing any more residents, any more busi nesses and eroding th
revenue of the county

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## Joycelyn Teresa Scales Stockton

 placing their obituary in our paper and on our website for free. We are here to help in time of need. Our only requirement is that obituaries are submitted by a funeral home or service. A photo also may be included.Lyle said. "We felt that the best outcome was to sible annexation. And the ongest restriction in the years. We negotiated for 10 years.
Specifically addressing the point made by Reynolds, Lyle said "we could have had these meetings in public, but have been a wise deci sion on our behalf to discuss our strategy before people. The part for local input will come before Governmission on Local courts which will the ward the detailed settle ment agreement and take public input before they make their recommenda

Following the discussion about reversion, a representative from the
Blue Ridge Regional Library spoke to request more funding.
"We did ask for ". 2 percent increase in our budget this year,"
said Margaret Caldwell, representative of the Collinsville District. "The Henry County Board of Supervisors are going to ing again. We've had evel funding since 2019 Before that, there was a hat, we had level funding or another four years." Caldwell said that Henry County provides
42 percent of the total budget for the library sysem with three branches and Ridgeway.
Without an increase in fears the library won't be able to offer competitive salaries for its employees. I tell people that I'm any one supervisor so if anything gets done then it," B will make said. "But discuss the lib that we do comes time to do so" Reynolds also raised th issue of proposed improve-

## Callie Thomas Welch

Adams said there are 58 boat slips at the marin currently, along

15 -year waiting list. Another decision made by the county to enhance the quality of life locally ail to the former DuPon property, according to Bryant. | The current jail |
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| was built to house | was built to house 6 the day before, it held 204 inmates.

"We've been averaging
(inmates) 105 (inmates) house out to other jurisdic-
tions," Perry said. "With that, the least that we pay to house an inmate ou it is as high as $\$ 50$ per day. So, every time the cash register hits, $\$ 5$ 30 , we are hitting some pretty big bills. We are going around $\$ 1$ mil $\$ 1$ million a year to pay other people to house our inmates." In addition to the cos other jurisdictions, Perry said transporting them eats away a lot of man hours that the deputie could spend being of ser vice locally. Bryant said that he wasn't onboard with th idea for the new jail a current jail, he becam convinced of the need.


Joe Bryant (at podium), who serves the Collinsville District on the Henry County Board of Supervisors, fielded questions from concerned residents during a recen omy, Bryant s He added that sinc 2012 there have been 2,893 jobs announced with $\$ 491.7$ million in capital investment. During Bryant's tenure the general fund balance has increased from $\$ 22$. million to about $\$ 46.7$ general fund balance more commonly under stood as the county's sav ings, has risen from $\$ 16$. million to $\$ 33.3$ million during the same time

In addition to econom ic development, Bryan also discussed efforts to enhance the quality of life ocally. Some examples includ
ed investments made ed investments made to with Meadow View Elementary School, and to enhance recreation with the Henry Count Fair and Philpott Marina "Sometime back, the board of supervisors meet ings allow each of us
little time to speak. Well, made the mention of 'why don't we have a count fair?' And it went off like a rocket as soon as I said it, Bryant said. ed to take place at the Martinsville Speedway from Sept. 22-25 Like the fair, Bryan popular marina also

Sports Complex.
"We only have 500 "We only have 500 seats to watch the soccer
games," Reynolds said. "If we had 1,000 seats then we could bring a state championship game here we would bringity and to our hould bring revenue to our hotels."
Reynolds additional said the would be an alternative to hosting the games in "The next thing is he design was built poory," he said. "We have no o come for college teams ticipate were and parhousands could make somehow we could figure out how to get showers kids to change." Reynolds raised was taxpayer funds for the
Commonwealth Centre for Advanced Training
(CCAT). "I know we needed training center, and I'm happy for it, but there's a went into that and these was was elected in 2010 companies get to use it for dropped down to 2.8 perBryant noted that cent before the coronaviBryant noted that the rus pandemic. Due to the
building was mostly paid economic effects of the or with grant money. pandemic, the rate rose
"Vary axpayer's mone", was to 13.8 percent before said. Wagoner said the most recent data. uilding was made avail- Bryant also noted the ede for new industries to amount of economic Henry County rocate to development that ha could be conducted while the buildings were being constructed. The ultimate goal for that we foresight to see that building is that once trial parkin ind an indus Commonwealth Crossing and worked together to built out, we will sell try and secure all of the industry," Wagoner said, surveys and everything "So, at some point in the done, Crown products future, it would no longer would not be here," he be owned by the govern- said of the largest single ment. It would be owned investment in the history by an industry that would of Henry County. be making a product in it Crown Holdings and as well." the expansion locally of Other issues that were other existing industries
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| Callie Thomas Welch, |
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| away Saturday, July 3, |
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was born March 11, 1922,
in Henry County to the
late Thomas Greene Penn
and Mary Ann Beal Penn.
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parents, Mrs. Welch was
preceded in death by buther, grandmother,
her husband, William
and great grandmother.
Marshall Welch; sons,

ful mother, grandmother Mrs. Welch is sur
Mrandmorn Malinda Welch, Patricia Foster, and Mary Foster of grandchildren, great nephews, and other fam ily members. Thursday, July 8, 2021, at

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## PHCC first in state

## to earn international

 certification from TBICThis week, the Transatlantic Business nomic development and offering practiand Investment Council (TBIC)
revealed that Patrick Henry Community revealed that Patrick Henry Community to become a TBIC-certified college making PHCC the first college in Virginia to do s by TBIC include Industrial Electronics Technology, General Engineering Technologies, Applied Mechatronics, and Precision Machining.
"By achieving the TBI "By achieving the TBIC Certificate,
PHCC has demonstrated its capacity PHCC has demonstrated its capacity
to provide technical training according to internationally leading standards and contributes greatly to the economic
development in the region," said TBIC's development in the region, said
President \& CEO, Matthias Beier. "Workforce development has been gain-
ing importance among economic develing importance among economic devel-
opers as both the technological advances in all major industries as well as negative demographic trends have in
demand for skilled workers." demand for skilled workers. To be TBIC certified, a college must
pass an in-depth assessment that gauges pass an in-depth assessment that gauges
how well-designed and relevant its training programs are and how well its programs contribute to the local economic
environment. Through this rigorous assessment, TBIC certifications provide internationally recognized confirmation
of a community college's ability to offer of a community college's ability to offer top-tier technical training
economic development. economic development.
For PHCC, the TBI For PHCC, the TBIC assessment revealed that the college's programs are
performing exceptionally well in two specific areas: supporting regional eco-
cal education that prepares students to
launch careers in the local labor market launch careers in the local labor market.
"We are exceptionally pleased" said "We are exceptionally pleased," said and Community Development, Rhonda and Community Development, Rhond
Hodges. "Not only is PHCC the first college in Virginia to have this international recognition, but TBIC also provided us with strong confirmation that our programs are meeting needs
for both our students and the local economy.
By certifying colleges, TBIC aim to promote transatlantic trade and
investment and help bridge the gap investment and help bridge the gap
between North American Economic Development Organizations and European companies looking to enter the U.S. market. According to statements from the council, TBIC recognizes that community colleges are key vehicles for economic development. By providing affordable local training, community colleges drive both talent nomic mobility for students.
Indeed, the TBIC certification is a sign of opportunities for Martinsville sign of opportunities for Martinsvill
and Henry County. According to Larry Ryder, chairman of the MartinsvilleHenry County Economic Development Corporation, "the M-HCEDC is excited to learn that PHCC has become the first TBIC certified college in Virginia. PHCC is a strong training partner, and this designation will be great marketing
tool for the EDC with all our clients, especially the many European companies considering our region.

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Towns get boost from federal American Rescue Plan Act funds
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American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
funding to 190 towns, according to a release from Gov. Ralph Northam.

These payments represent the first half of funding provided
by the U.S. Treasury for Nonby the U.S. Treasury for Non-
Entitlement Units of local government, with the same amount to be
provided in June 2022. These funds provided in June 2022. These funds
are in addition to $\$ 2.3$ billion available to Virginia's 133 counties and cities directly from the federal government, as well as $\$ 4.3$ bil-
lion that Governor Northam and the General Assembly will allocate during a s
August 2.
$\qquad$ ted to ensuring that communities of all sizes get the assistance they need
to recover from the impacts of the pandemic-that's why we expedited the distribution of funding for
Virginia's towns," said Northe "These federal dollars represent

## Feeding Birds

also making transformative investments to support broad-based, equitable growth in every corner of
the Commonwealth. We encourage the Commonwealth. We encourage
collaboration across localities to collaboration across localities to
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"ARPA funding will provide significant assistance to state and local governments in a wide range of areas," said Secretary of Finance Joe
Flores. "We her Flores. "We have worked diligently to ensure that all localities receive the funds designated for them, and
we are excited to see the positive we are excited to see the positive
outcomes that will result for communities across Virginia?

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The ARPA established the
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSLFRF) to assist states and eligible units of local and tribal government with COVID19 recovery and infrastructure improvements. Within the categories of eligible uses, recipients have broad flexibility to decide how best to use this funding to meet local
needs. Eligible uses of CSLFRF
*Supporting public health expenditures, including COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral health care, and cert
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industries, and the public sector; *Replacing lost public sector revenue, providing government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the $\underset{* \text { Providin }}{ }$ *Providing premium pay for
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and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors; and ${ }^{*}$ Investing in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, sup-
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water infrastructure, and expand access to broadband internet.
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or not there is an ongoing
bird mortality event it is bird mortality event, it is
prudent to clean feeders prudent to clean feeders
and bird baths with a 10 percent bleach solution. *If you encounter sick dead birds, in Virginia, submit an event report at

dwr.virginia.gov/wildlife/ diseases/bird-m.
reporting-form/. reporting-form/.
To dispose of dead birds, place in a plastic bag, seal and discard with household trash or alternatively bury them deeply.

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The Virginia Department of Health has issued a Finding of No Signif-
cant Impact cant Impact (FONSII for a waterworks proiect proposed to be funded
through the Virginia Water Supply Revoving Fund. The FonsI is
supported by a Statement of Environmental Review (SER). The apsupported by a Statement of Environmental Review (SER). The ap
plicant is Henry County Publict Service euthority (HCPASA).
The project proposes to install approximately 19 , The project proposes to install approximately 19,000 linear feet of
12 -inch water line along State Route 687 (preston Road); approxi
mately 17,750 linear feet of 8 -inch water lines


 Philpot water treatment plant to Chestnut Knob Tank. The new water
lines will make public water service available to approximately 16
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 by the National Environmental Policy Act, the Virginia Department of
Heath has assessed the potential environmental effects on the human
envirion environment and an Environmental Impact Statement will not be pre-
pared. The basis for this deternination was made efter the applicant
contacted ten federal and state agencicies. This determination was made

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he RiverWalk Mini Mall has a varid glassware, and donated Christmas items for shoppers to choose from.
"We would be open
during the summer, clos during the summer, close
for the winter and go up for the winter and go up
to the school before coming back," Wilson said. "Now we are full time down here." The mall currently
operates on a three-day basis, so customers can stop by any given week "We keep a running count of how many cusjust started doing that but I'd say we have anybut Id say we have any-
where between $100-150$
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Visitors to the RiverWalk Mini Mall can enjoy a view of the Smith River from the back deck.


Annie Washburn sells cakes, pies and other baked goods at the RiverWalk Mini Mall. Visitors to the mall
are entered into a drawing to win one of her famous cakes.
cap, sweater and booties," she said. Then, I didn' create anything for years.
I worked as a finance manager for a car dealer ship. When I retired, was not just going to sit a home and do nothing, so I started back crocheting. Then, all of a sudden, I'm involved with the Wrights at the school and eventual y bringing my things here the beauty. 1 love seeing the beauty
finished."
As much as she enjoys continuing her hobby Wilson said she also gains a sense of fulfillment from being part of the broade community.
The people in this so welcome particularly in Bassett," she said. "I I love Horsepasture, so don't get me wrong, but Bassett cares about their people so much. They do so many more events and the people that come in here to buy are just wonderful people."
While Wilson gains from visits by the gain rity the community also gains from simply visiting the mall $\boxtimes$ regardles if they purchase an item or not.
Visitors to the mall are asked to sign the regis try at the entrance and the names are put into a container. Once a month,
a name is selected, and the winner receives one of the famous cakes

