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The Rev. Charles Whitfield, (far right), accepted a resolution celebrating the Dry Bridge School from Mayor Kathy Lawson on behalf of Imogene Hodge Draper. A historic marker for the school will be unveiled on Saturday, Oct. 2 at 11 a.m.

Conversation turns to reversion at council meeting

Callie Hietala
Staff writer

Though reversion was not on the agenda at Tuesday night's City Council meeting, the issue that has divided residents and elected officials alike became the hot-button topic.

Council member Tammy Pearson used part of her comment time to thank the

Rev. Douglas Bynam, of the Mount Zion AME Church in Martinsville, and the rest of the Martinsville-Henry County clergy caucus for a recent article titled "Let's rethink how we approach reversion."

"I completely agree with them," Pearson said, "especially in regard to the lack

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Educator first in county to be included in international cohort



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Matthew Woods, director of Student Support Services at Henry County Public Schools, was one of 24 educators from around the globe to be named an Emerging Leader by the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. He is the first educator in Henry County to be included in the program.

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Matthew Woods, director of Student Support Services for Henry County Schools, was recently named an Emerging Leader by the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD), a national leader in K-12 educator professional learning.

ASCD's Emerging Leaders

program is a two-year cohort-based program designed to cultivate and develop rising leaders in education. This year's cohort consists of 24 people, including educators from 12 states, the United Kingdom, Singapore, and India.

Woods said he is honored to represent the county and Southwest Virginia in this

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Candidate issued two summonses in Franklin County

Democratic House candidate Bridgette Craighead was issued two summonses alleging abusive language, according to Franklin County General District Court records.

Craighead is seeking Virginia's 9th District House seat in the Nov. 2 election.

Franklin County Sheriff Bill Overton said Wednesday that two Abusive Language Class 3 misdemeanor summonses were issued by the magistrate. Both papers were served Sept. 25 by Overton's office.

According to court records, the complainant is identified as Michaelynn Hanson, and the alleged incidents occurred on Sept. 24, 2021.

"Our campaign has been about fighting injustice and speaking truth to power since day one. I will fight these unfounded charges in court. Per legal counsel, I won't issue a further statement about this ongoing legal matter," Craighead's campaign said in an emailed statement. "I look forward to sharing more information with our supporters in the coming days. In the meantime, my campaign remains laser-focused on working for the people and families of the 9th District and uplifting forgotten voices."

The Code of Virginia states that Class 3 misdemeanors are punishable by up to a \$500 fine.

German manufacturer to establish first U.S. operation in Henry County

Callie Hietala
Staff writer

A German manufacturing company is investing \$85 million and bringing 355 new jobs to Martinsville and Henry County.

Gov. Ralph Northam visited the county on Tuesday to announce that SCHOCK GmbH, the world leader and inventor of quartz composite sinks, will establish its first U.S. manufacturing operation at the Patriot Centre Industrial Park in Martinsville.

Ahead of the announcement, the Henry County Board of Supervisors and the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) held a joint meeting to approve several documents relating to the announcement.

At that meeting, Marc Nover,

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Marc Nover, CEO of SCHOCK North America, and Gov. Ralph Northam (standing) announced the German company's first manufacturing facility in the United States will locate in the Patriot Centre, as Mark Heath, president and CEO of the Martinsville-Henry County EDC and State Sen. Bill Stanley (seated) look on. SCHOCK will invest \$85 million and create 355 new jobs.

With staff losses in double digits, sheriff requests pay raises for law enforcement

Callie Hietala
Staff writer

The Henry County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday unanimously approved a motion to open talks between county staff and the Henry County Sheriff's Department about pay

hikes for law enforcement staff.

Henry County Sheriff Lane Perry requested the board increase starting salaries to \$42,000, and a 10 percent raise for employees with more than two years of service, with a \$5,000 cap. The move would, he hopes,

increase staff retention.

Perry said the request does not include raises for himself, the department's lieutenant colonel, or the major.

The county's current pay rate affects his ability to retain officers, Perry said, and added the department lost 16 staff

members in the past eight to 10 weeks.

"There isn't a part of our office that isn't affected" by the loss in staffing. He added that most of the departing staff cited pay as a reason for accepting other jobs. While several went to other county or city agencies, others chose to accept jobs in the private sector.

His officers are actively being sought out by competing agencies, in part because of the department's high clearance rate in crimes.

Danville, Perry said, is advertising positions at \$45,300, while Roanoke offers their law enforcement personnel a starting salary of \$48,152. Nearly half of Perry's office is below the Roanoke salary mark, including those who have been employed for a

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Henry County law enforcement officers filled the Summerlin Meeting Room at the Henry County Administration Building Tuesday to support Sheriff Lane Perry's request for pay raises.



Charity League Bargain Fair Chairman Sharon Mills.



Shelves of toys, games, and puzzles for children of all ages are among the many items available for buyers to browse at this year's Bargain Fair.

Bargains galore available at Saturday sale

Callie Hietala
Staff writer

In search of bargains? Look no further than the Charity League's Fall Bargain Fair.

The warehouse, at 242 Franklin Street in Martinsville, is practically bursting at the seams with bargains, just waiting for the doors to open on Saturday, October 2 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Purchases can be made with cash or card.

"This is one of the biggest sales we've had in a while," said Kaitlin Martin, first vice-president of the organization, referencing both the number and the quality of items available for shoppers to browse and buy. Usually held just once a year, last year COVID forced the

league to reevaluate and, in 2021, they moved to a twice-yearly model, one fair in the spring and one in the fall.

The selection this year is huge. Walking into the spacious warehouse, which the group gets at a reduced rate from Lester Properties, there are racks of clothes and shelves loaded with objects as far as the eye can see.

"All of the items inside of this warehouse right now are donations," chairperson Sharon Mills said. Leading up to the fair, the organization solicits donations of items from club members, private individuals, and public institutions. The space is well-stocked with everything from brand-name purses with the original purchase tags intact, new

and lightly-used clothing for everyone from young children to adults, games, toys, glassware, linens, furniture, DVDs, CDs, holiday décor, electronics, books, and even exercise equipment. There's even a car top carrier, in great condition, sitting in a corner, priced and ready to sell.

Even the display stands are donated. The local division of WestRock, located in Ridgeway, donated 80 rolling shelves to the organization, and EMI Recycling in Bassett helped with clothing display racks and even hangers.

"They helped us out tremendously," Mills said.

Everything on the racks and shelves is priced to sell. Most items range anywhere from \$1 to \$10,

with a few specially-priced items going for a higher cost. At the end of the day, Martin said the league has a bag sale to help empty out the last of the year's inven-

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

(Event information/calendar items must be received by 5 p.m. on the Tuesday before the desired publication date. Email to dhall@theenterprise.net)

Saturday, Oct. 2

The Martinsville-Henry County Charity League hosts its fall Bargain Fair from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at 242 Franklin Street in Martinsville. Bargain-hunters can browse toys, books, games, clothing for children and adults, housewares, holiday décor, furniture, electronics, and more. All proceeds support the Charity League's annual programming, which benefits children in the area. Cash and card payments are accepted.

The local premiere of the film "39 Ghosts" will be held at the Spencer-Penn Center at 7 p.m. Made by Myron Smith, the movie was filmed in Martinsville with local actors. Attendees will be able to meet with cast and crew. Tickets are \$13 in advance or \$15 at the door. Reduced rates offered for groups of five or more. Visit 39Ghosts.TicketLeap.com or call (276) 409-0865 for more information.

A Blessing of the Animals Service will be held at First United Methodist Church, 146 East Main Street in UpTown Martinsville at 2 p.m. The service celebrates animals that share our lives and touch our hearts. Animals will receive a blessing and a gift. Unable to bring your pet? You may bring a picture to be blessed. Children may have their stuffed animals blessed. Animals available for adoption from the Martinsville-Henry County SPCA will also be on hand. Please ensure animals are on leashes or in carriers for their safety.

Thursday, Oct. 7

The Henry County School Board will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. in the Summerlin Room of the Henry County Administration Building, Collinsville, VA.

Latin Ballet of Virginia will present Verde at 6:30 p.m. at Piedmont Arts. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for K-12 students. Verde is an immersive dance/theatre production focusing on the preservation and promotion of the sacred love and respect to planet Earth. Inspired by the exhibit, Leaves of the Tree, the performance will take place in the museum's galleries where the dancers and audience will be surrounded by falling leaves and a towering tree created by artists Charlie Brouwer and

Jennifer L. Hand. Reception at 6:30 pm. Performance at 7 pm. Tickets available at PiedmontArts.org.

Saturday, Oct. 9

Household Hazardous Waste Day at the Bassett Service Center (2285 Fairystone Park Highway) from 9 a.m. until noon. All residents of Henry County and Martinsville may drop items off that day. The event is not open for commercial business use. In addition to the usual items, residents may also drop off up to four boxes of paper for off-site shredding provided by EMI. No documents larger than 8.5" x 11" will be accepted.

Caring by Sharing will be held at Fort Trial Baptist Church (170 Oak Level Road, Stanleystown) from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Free clothing, toys, and household items will be available for babies and school-age students.

A Fundraiser Yard Sale will be held at the Fieldale Recreation Center on October 9, November 6, and December 4 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Books, blankets, and miscellaneous items for sale. Shoppers will be given a bag they can fill for \$5 (large items excluded) and there will be a Bargain Room of \$1 items. Masks will be REQUIRED at all times inside the building. All COVID precautions will be followed as outlined by the CDC.

Tuesday, Oct. 12

Longwood University's Small Business Development Center presents a free Zoom class, Building the Foundation for Your New Business with Lin Hite, Longwood SBDC Regional Director. Some of the most popular reasons to start a business include having a unique business idea, designing a career that has the flexibility to grow with you, working toward financial independence, and investing in yourself. The class will be held from 9-10:30 a.m. For more information or to register, visit sbdc-longwood.com.

Tuesday, Oct. 19

Horsepasture District Community Meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. at the Horsepasture Ruritan Building, with Horsepasture District Supervisor Debra Buchanan, County Administrator Tim Hall, Henry County Sheriff's Lt. Col. Steve Eanes, and Lisa Huges, VDOT Resident Engineer. Social distancing will be observed.

Longwood University's Small Business Development Center presents a free

Zoom class, Marketing on a Budget. Participants will learn free and low cost ways to market their business and increase sales. Topic will include: getting the most out of social media, using email marketing effectively, and free resources to make your business look great. The class will be held from 6-7 p.m. For more information or to register, visit sbdc-longwood.com.

Friday, Oct. 15 through Saturday, Oct. 16

The Blue Ridge Regional Library in Martinsville will host a book sale at the library from 1-5 p.m. Oct. 15 and 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 16.

Friday, Oct. 22

Join Piedmont Arts for an opening reception in honor of the museum's new exhibits, Carl Chiarenza on loan from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Print/Imprint: Asheville Printmakers and Tools of Happiness. Gallery talk at 6:15 pm. Music by Amy Stuart and Ann Nichols. Complimentary wine and light refreshments. Free and open to the public. RSVP required to (276) 632-3221 or PiedmontArts.org by Oct. 19.

Saturday, Oct. 23

Join the MWW Foundation at the Smith River Sports Complex festival grounds for the 7th Annual Wine by the River from 2-7 p.m. Come for a good cause, support the community, and enjoy wine, brews, live music, games, artisan vendors, food vendors, and more. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$25 at the door. Non-taster tickets are \$10. Advance tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite or via winebytheriver.com.

Wednesday, Oct. 27

Longwood University's Small Business Development Center presents a free Zoom class, CO.STARTERS Get Started with Brandon Hennessey, Longwood SBDC Director of Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship. What if you could spend all your time doing what you love? Or finally stop talking about that idea you've had and start moving toward actually doing it? The CO.STARTERS Get Started Workshop is here to help. Whether just getting started, stuck on a particular issue, or in need of a refresher, this workshop will provide the jumpstart needed to get you moving. This interactive workshop will take place from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. For more information or to register, visit sbdc-longwood.com.

Friday, Nov. 5

C-PEG and Martinsville UpTown are hosting First Fridays November 5, and December 3 from 4-8 p.m. at the Uptown Martinsville Farmer's Market. Join in as many of your favorite Oktoberfest vendors sell products the First Friday of October, November, and December. There will be arts, crafts, food, and more.

ONGOING

The Fontaine Ruritan Club hosts Bingo every Tuesday at their headquarters (1903 Joseph Martin Highway Martinsville). Doors open at 5:30 and games begin at 7. Money from Bingo supports community service awards, scholarships, and other community efforts.

MHC Coalition for Health and Wellness offers no contact Medicaid application assistance for eligible Virginia residents from birth to 64 years of age. No sign-up fees, no premiums, no deductibles. Including Children's Medicaid/FAMIS, Pregnancy Medicaid and Adult Health Care -19 to 64 years old. Questions can be answered, and applications completed by phone. In-person application assistance is available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursdays at The Community Storehouse. Call or text Ann Walker (276) 732-0509 to see if you qualify.

The Henry County Adult Learning Center offers free in-house and online classes to help prepare for college, career, or earn your high school equivalency or GED. Classes can help improve your digital literacy, job skills, English language skills, and earning potential. Call the Center for Community Learning (15 Primary School Road, Collinsville) at (276) 647-9585.

Two exhibits are on display at Piedmont Arts now through Oct. 9. Artists Charlie Brouwer and Jennifer L. Hand collaborated Leaves of the Tree, a unique exhibition based on life-giving trees. Narrative by Nature features work from artists Leslie Pearson and Jennifer Reis.

The Martinsville Farmers' Market is open Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. through November 20. Shop with SNAP/EBT and receive up to \$20 in free fruits and vegetables each week. To shop market vendors online, visit martinsvilleuptown.com.

Man held without bond in alleged hit and run as donations are sought for medical expenses

Debbie Hall and Callie Hietala
Staff writers

A Martinsville man was charged in connection with the hit-and-run of a Henry County boy on Thursday, Sept. 23, on Virginia 57 in Henry County, according to a release from the Virginia State Police.

After extensive investigation, David Paul Walker,

57, of Martinsville, was charged with a felony count of hit-and-run in connection with the incident. He is being held without bond at the Henry County Jail.

The crash occurred at 3:23 p.m. in the 8000 block of Virginia 57, when

a Henry County school bus, with its flashing lights and stop arm activated, stopped in the northbound travel lane to let an 8-year-old student exit the bus.

As the child crossed Virginia 57, he was struck by a westbound white Toyota pickup truck, which allegedly fled the scene after the crash.

By viewing video

pulled from the school bus's onboard camera system, state troopers were able to identify the vehicle involved in the crash.

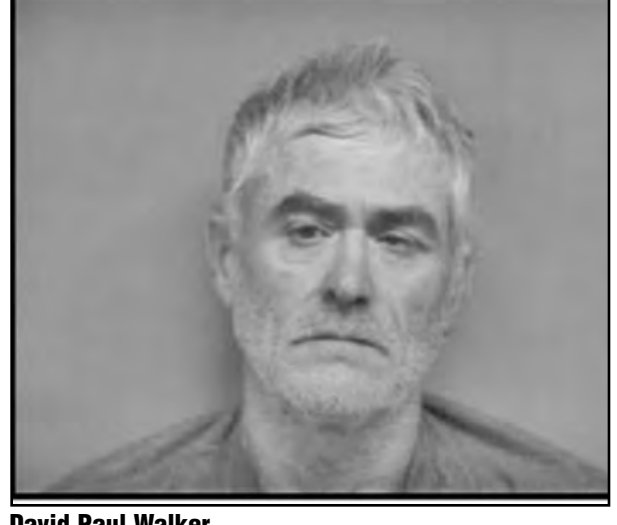
"Thanks to multiple tips called in by the public, and the persistent hard work of our troopers and special agents, state police was able to identify the suspect driver and take him into custody at approximately 1:30 a.m. Friday," said Capt. Richard A. Denney, Virginia State Police Salem Division commander. "We are keeping the young boy and his family in our prayers as he continues to recover from his very serious injuries."

Henry County Commonwealth's Attorney Andrew Nester thanked the Virginia State Police for its expeditious investigation and making the arrest.

"Our office will continue to work closely with the Virginia State Police as this case develops further and the criminal charges advance through the court system. If anyone has information regarding this case, please contact the state police," Nester said.

The vehicle was located and recovered as evidence, according to the release.

The boy was flown to Roanoke Memorial Hospital, where he was treated for life-threatening



David Paul Walker

injuries.

A GoFundMe page, which identifies the youngster, also includes regular updates of his condition. According to the most recent update, posted on September 25, the child had been moved out of the ICU and had undergone a successful surgery on his leg. His neurological team had signed off on his condition "and we will just let the concussion and hemorrhage get better on their own. Now that his brain and leg are stable, they're going to see how extensive his neck damage is."

"Our thoughts and prayers are with him and with his family for a speedy recovery," said Henry County Schools Superintendent Sandy

Strayer. "We're trying not to bother his family but are keeping up with updates on his condition. "We hope that everybody is cognizant that school is in session, and watches for buses and children," she said, adding "it's a miracle" the outcome wasn't worse.

Marcie Seay, principal at Axton Elementary School, said "Jaxon is a very compassionate student that goes out his way to help others. His big heart shows through in his acts of kindness to others."

To donate to the child's medical expense fund, visit <https://gofund.me/0b7954e0>.

The investigation is continuing, according to the release

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 - 12. Equal to 64 U.S. pints (abbr.)
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 - 15. Something that can be cast
 - 16. Gold-colored alloy
 - 18. A salt or ester of acetic acid
 - 22. A hard coating on a porous surface
 - 23. A type of detachment
 - 24. Filmmakers need them
 - 26. Promotional material
 - 27. ___ Blyton, children's author
 - 28. Short, sharp sound
 - 30. Feeling of intense anger
 - 31. Popular TV network
 - 34. Island entry point
 - 36. Disfigure
 - 37. College army
 - 39. One who's revered
 - 40. Long, winding ridge
 - 41. Football stat
 - 42. Stealing
 - 48. Hawaiian island
 - 50. More raw
 - 51. In one's normal state of mind
 - 52. Daniel LaRusso's sport
 - 53. Tropical American monkey
 - 54. Measures heart currents
 - 55. Midway between south and east
 - 56. Knotted again
 - 58. Born of
 - 59. Value
 - 60. Soviet Socialist Republic
- CLUES DOWN**
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 - 3. True
 - 4. Early multimedia
 - 5. The making of amends
 - 6. Discovered by investigation
 - 7. Small arm of the sea
 - 8. More seasoned
 - 9. Atomic #81
 - 12. Type of pear
 - 13. Chemical compound
 - 17. One's mother
 - 19. Vietnam's former name
 - 20. Snow forest
 - 21. Church officer
 - 25. Hardens
 - 29. Ancient
 - 31. Advertising gimmick
 - 32. Subatomic particle
 - 33. Not fresh
 - 35. Loosens
 - 38. Religious symbols
 - 41. Film
 - 43. Orthodontic devices
 - 44. Grilled beef sandwich
 - 45. Journalist Tarbell
 - 46. Brooklyn hoopsters
 - 47. Japanese social networking service
 - 49. Romantic poet
 - 56. Dorm worker
 - 57. Poor grades

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More people are getting the COVID-19 vaccine

Callie Hietala
Staff writer

Vaccination counts continue to trend upward in Martinsville and Henry County, with more than 300 area residents getting a vaccine during the week of September 19-23, according to Nancy Bell, Public Information Officer for the West Piedmont Health District.

Bell said that vaccine rates in various communities also are heartening.

As of Wednesday morning, 47.7 percent of the eligible Black community in Martinsville and Henry County were fully vaccinated, while 45.1 percent of Latinx people and 45.2 percent of the Caucasian population had received the vaccine.

"I really think that the Delta

variant, all the sickness and the severity of it, are encouraging people to get vaccinated," she said.

Bell also indicated that authorization of a booster shot, currently authorized only for a limited group of people, is expected to expand to the 65+ community within the next few weeks. She said that communities should not expect to see large vaccine clinics for a booster shot like the ones set up in the early days of vaccine availability. Rather, those vaccines may be obtained at a local pharmacy or physician's office when the booster is authorized.

Dr. Sheranda Gunn-Nolan, Sovah Health's Chief Medical Officer, said "both of the mRNA vaccines have no medical condition that would pre-

clude you from taking that vaccine. Because of the way that they work, because of their lack of preservatives and other ingredients, they are tolerable even for people who have not been able to tolerate other vaccines."

Incidents of medical issues arising in a study group were virtually the same as compared to the general population, she said, and added that "with or without the vaccine, that clot was going to form."

The medical issues that have arisen among people who got the vaccine likely would have occurred regardless of the vaccine, she added.

For instance, "I go and get the vaccine and I get hit by a bus. Everyone can tell me that that vaccine is not the cause of me getting hit by a bus, but

when anything else happens for the next few months, everybody wants it to be the vaccine," she said. "We want something to blame."

Gunn-Nolan also encouraged the community to get a flu shot.

"You can have COVID, and you can have the flu," she said. "That's not a rodeo anybody wants to try to survive."

Both vaccines can be given at the same time, she said, adding that the first week of October is the "sweet spot" to ensure the flu shot will last you through flu season.

"The differentiation of symptoms between the flu and COVID" are going to be difficult to distinguish, she said. The flu will last about a week while COVID could last two

weeks or longer, which is far too long to wait to get tested, she said, and encouraged anyone experiencing symptoms to take advantage of the many testing locations to determine whether it is COVID-19.

Bell said that the West Piedmont Health District's Facebook page is active, and an open forum for questions about COVID-19 or the vaccinations. She also said the health district's website has been updated with a parent toolkit to help parents determine whether a child should be sent to school.

To find a local vaccine site visit vaccine.gov. To learn more about the status of COVID-19 in the state and in our communities or to access the new parent toolkit, visit vd.h.virginia.gov.

City schools ahead of the curve in safety

Martinsville City schools decided to address vulnerability in active shooter situations by enhancing safety with Window Armor shutter system.

The window in a typical classroom door presents a vulnerability because a hostile intruder may break the glass out of the window and try attempt to gain access or extend a weapon into the room.

The city school division decided to install the Window Armor shutter system, developed by Ken Ratliff, a retired school superintendent in Ohio. The shutter system is constructed of 10-gauge steel and greatly improves the security of the door and the safety of the occupants. Deployed in a lockdown, the shutter slides effortlessly over the window and automatically locks into place.

"We took a lot of time simulating what could happen in an active shooter situation and kept circling back to how easy it would be for the shooter to break the window and enter a room," said T.J. Slaughter,

director of School Safety. "It's like a bulletproof vest for the classroom. Ken hired a security company to test the design. They shot at it, beat it with the butt of guns, you name it, nothing got through the shutter."

School lock-down drills, also known as "Active Shooter Drills," are required by law and have become commonplace in public schools across the nation. The intent of these drills is to prepare staff and students to protect themselves if faced with this dangerous situation. In accordance with state law, a lockdown drill must be performed at least two times each school year. All schools need to conduct lockdown drills at least once during the first 20 school days of each school session.

"My job is to slow down an active shooter as much as possible until law enforcement arrives," said Slaughter. "This significantly hinders a shooter's ability to put our students, faculty, and staff in danger. The addition of the shutter system alongside our gunshot detection

system and panic alarms gives us another layer of protection and I'm thrilled about that."

"I love how simple and effective this is," said Martinsville High School Resource Officer Shane McPeck. "What's great is that teachers or a student can deploy the shutter quickly during lockdown drills and in an active shooter situation."

Research shows that the safest place to be in an armed assailant type situation is inside a locked room. As with any active assailant strategy, lockdowns are an important component of an options-based plan. It's highly likely many students and staff will be "locked down" in classrooms. As a result, it's vitally important for classroom doors to be secure and keep the intruder out.

Statistically, the likelihood of an active shooter event is rare, but it is important to use these drills and resulting discussions to address vulnerabilities and revise procedures, so school safety plans keep students and staff safe and provide peace of mind to parents and the community.



T.J. Slaughter, director of Martinsville School Safety, demonstrated the Window Armor shutter system, which helps keep classrooms safe for students and staff.

Agreement will reopen historically Black recreation area in national forests

The Green Pastures Recreation Area in the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests will reopen. Gov. Ralph Northam said Virginia will work with the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service to restore and manage Green Pastures as a satellite of nearby Douthat State Park.

This area was one of the few federal outdoor recreational areas throughout the country that was set aside exclusively for African Americans during the segregation era in the 20th century.

Northam and federal officials signed a Shared Stewardship agreement between Virginia and the United States Department of Agriculture to coordinate a

response to the increasing ecological challenges and natural resource concerns throughout Virginia. The memorandum of understanding establishes a framework for state and federal agencies to improve collaboration as they strive toward their mutual goals of reducing wildfire risk and acting against threats to forest and ecosystem health.

The Civilian Conservation Corps began building Green Pastures in the Alleghany Highlands in 1938. From 1940 to 1950, the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service operated the area as a segregated site for African Americans. Virginia and West Virginia opened segregated state parks in 1950. In 1963, the

Forest Service changed the park's name to Longdale Recreation Area. Under the new Historic Property Lease between the Forest Service and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, Green Pastures will now be known by its historic name.

"Restoring and reopening Green Pastures has long been a priority under Governor Northam's Historic Justice initiative," said Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources Matthew J. Strickler. "I am pleased that we have been able to work with state and federal partners to pay appropriate tribute to this place, and ensure it is accessible and properly remembered to all Virginians."

"Through Shared

Stewardship, we have an unprecedented opportunity to work together to set landscape-scale priorities, implement projects at the appropriate scale, co-manage risks, share resources, learn from each other, and build capacity to improve forest conditions," said United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service Associate Chief Angela Coleman. "This collaborative approach will have direct and positive effects on land management practices for Virginians."

"The Department of Conservation and Recreation will be responsible for restoring, operating and maintaining this as part of the Virginia State Parks system," said Virginia Department of Conservation

and Recreation Director Clyde Cristman. "It's critical to acknowledge that Green Pastures was originally built because African American families were excluded from taking advantage of the outdoor recreational opportunities at Douthat State Park—only 11 miles away—and other public places in the central Appalachian region."

State and federal agencies will align their priorities for the surrounding George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, as well as other Virginia forests, under this Shared Stewardship Agreement. They will work to improve forest conditions in the face of urgent challenges, such as fire, flooding, insect and disease outbreaks, and invasive species.

Woods

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international group of educators.

"There's a lot of amazing folks on (the list) that I'm very familiar with doing some amazing work. It was an honor to be included," he said, adding it also is "an honor representing Henry County and the great stuff we do here, because we have an amazing community and an amazing school system."

Woods is particularly excited about the networking and learning opportunities the program will offer. "There are some folks that I know who have been Emerging Leaders that I really look up to, that I read about and follow their work," he said, adding that to the opportunity to connect with some of those people will, he hopes, help him bring new opportunities and ideas to the county.

A native of Franklin County, Woods completed his undergraduate degree at Ferrum College and started his career in education at Bassett High School, where he taught World History II and a section of a criminal justice class. Eventually, he turned to the administrative side of educating, moving from Roanoke to Georgia and back before landing in his current position in Henry County which, he said, feels like a second home.

Woods said he has experi-

enced a lot of positives in his career, "but overwhelmingly they've all been associated with Henry County, so it's just a testament to the great school system that we have here and the great leadership we have here to guide folks like myself."

He noted that Henry County Schools Superintendent Sandy Strayer and the county's school board have empowered him and his colleagues to succeed.

"A lot of the leadership tenants I get, I really attribute to the mentors I have here, starting with Mrs. Strayer, starting with our amazing school board members who give us all guidance and empower us to do the work that we do for our young people," he said.

The effects of that leadership extend throughout the school system.

"From top to bottom, I have never been around a staff member here that I didn't think didn't have the best interest of the students first," he said, from custodians to cafeteria staff, teachers to administrators, Woods said everyone puts students first.

He wears many hats in his current post, which he describes his job as a sort of jack-of-all-trades within the school system. His many responsibilities include providing support to school counselors, functions as a truancy

officer, oversees alternative programs to ensure resources and supports are in place for students transitioning back into their schools, and helping with disciplinary issues, particularly when administrators run into problems they don't normally encounter.

During his time working as a teacher at Bassett High School, Woods said ASCD "was one of those go-to resources to look at best practices, to look at innovative educators, leaders across the country and across the world" to borrow different ideas to bring into his classroom and later into his practices and thinking as an administrator.

"Nurturing and promoting great education leaders is at

the heart of our mission," said ASCD CEO and Executive Director Ranjit Sidhu. "The Emerging Leaders program represents a growing cohort of leaders from around the globe who will serve as a guiding force in districts and schools for years to come."

Woods believes in the value of the ASCD philosophy and the role it plays in inspiring not only the educators who participate in the program, but, by association, the students in the systems those educators serve.

"We (as educators) expose young people to different things, different opportunities," Woods said, "and it sparks curiosity, it sparks thinking outside the box ...

Even as educators, sometimes we have to condition ourselves to do that ... to continue to be curious. We teach our students, but we have to live those same tenants."

Woods' enthusiasm for his work, his school system, and

his students shone bright and clear throughout his interview with the Enterprise. This Emerging Leader of today is eager to help Henry County students along their path toward becoming the emerging leaders of tomorrow.



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OPINION

Why will no one work for my terrible company?

I just don't get it.

I've owned this company for decades, and never before have I had such a hard time finding employees. I pay a fair wage — the minimum one — and I offer up to 39 hours per week, at least for folks who have been with the company for a few years. You can't just expect to get everything handed to you on a silver platter, you know.

And yet, just lately, I'm finding that I have to limit my business hours. We haven't been open at all on Sundays and Mondays for the last few months. If I don't find a new batch of employees soon, I won't be able to open at all.

It looks like no one wants to work anymore.

I just don't get it. Back in the '80s and '90s, I didn't have any problem finding employees. Sure, it got a little harder around 2008 for some reason and it's been a challenge ever since, but just lately, no one will even show

up for an interview.

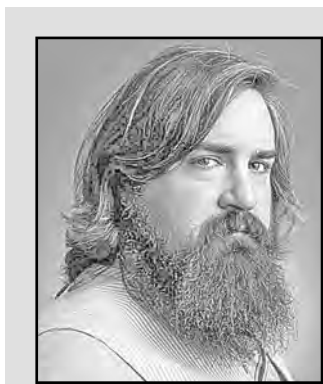
I guess this younger generation just doesn't understand the value of hard work. They want to sit at home all day playing video games and watching that Madonna on MTV. I guess they can make more money collecting an unemployment check.

It's a pretty sick world, all right.

I just wish there were a handful of young folks out there who understood that you don't start out at the top, you have to work your way there. I just wish there were even a few young people who knew the value of hard work.

If I can't find any, I'm going to have to close the Abuse-A-Torium.

You see, my grandfather came to this country with a simple dream: a dream of starting a business where the little guy could walk into a family-friendly place, find himself a bright-eyed youngster standing at a counter, and then just buckle down



By Ben R. Williams

and hurl abuse at that teenager until they burst into tears.

You know, the average Joe needs that. After having your boss on your case all day, there's nothing better than unloading fiery invective on an innocent bystander who can't fire you or even fight back in any way. That's the principle that made the Abuse-A-Torium a spectacularly successful business.

And before you think poorly of me, we've always

maintained a strict policy here at the Abuse-A-Torium: customers have to keep the abuse emotional and psychological. If you throw even one punch, you're politely asked to leave, and you can't come back for at least a month. We stand by that policy.

Heck, I paid for my college education by working at the Abuse-A-Torium. I was thrilled when my father gave me the opportunity to be the manager. It was hard work sitting in my office all day, just peering out the window and watching people berate my employees. Sometimes the customers would get so loud that I'd whiff a shot on my bumper pool table. But you know what? By the end of that summer, I'd saved up enough money for college tuition, an apartment, a Chevy Camaro, and a bass boat.

Nowadays, young people squander all their money in some way I don't understand and they can't afford any of

that stuff. It's almost sad.

I tell you, I'd hate to see the Abuse-A-Torium close permanently. On nights when we're down to one employee, it just breaks my heart to see customers lined up out the door, red-faced and furious, their fists clenching and unclenching, just mumbling under their breath as they grit their teeth. Last week, one of my employees quit before his shift was even over. To make matters worse, he stole a stool and a bunch of rope on his way out! I just can't believe these shiftless Millennials.

Oh, but it gets worse. The other day, my remaining employees confronted me. They said they were sick of these horrible working conditions, they needed a raise, they were going to start a union, blah blah blah. One of them even raised his voice at me! I fired them all on the spot.

What, do they expect me to take that kind of abuse?

Funding the Democrats' Spending Spree

Morgan Griffith
9th District U.S. Rep.

Winston Churchill famously said, "There is nothing government can give you that it hasn't taken from you in the first place." This accurately depicts how the Democrats' impending tax-and-spending spree will affect the American people.

Nancy Pelosi and the Democrats attached an increase in the U.S. debt ceiling to a government funding resolution, hoping to use the increased authority to pay for a massive reconciliation spending bill that would move America toward Western European-style socialism.

Reconciliation is an insider tool that can be used only once each year to resolve issues with the congressional budget. It simplifies passing legislation in the Senate; instead of 60 votes, a reconciliation bill requires only a

simple majority.

Still, Democratic leadership is scrambling because they have yet to secure the votes in the House or Senate. Reasons for hesitancy within their party are wide-ranging.

Because some have concerns with the exorbitant cost, it is rumored the Democrats may use a legislative sleight of hand to bring down the estimate to \$1.5 trillion. But beware! This is likely a Trojan horse. Underneath that \$1.5 trillion shell, there may be additional quirks, triggers, bells, and whistles hiding future additional spending.

Four Democrats in the House are on record as opposed to current text of the legislation. Three of them voted against certain policies during a markup of the committee I serve on, the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Three Democrat votes in my committee were lost because of language in

Pelosi's \$3.5 trillion spending plan mirroring H.R. 3. That is the Democrats' unconstitutional drug pricing bill. If passed, it would require a 95 percent tax of gross revenue on manufacturers that do not accept drug prices dictated by the Federal Government.

I am proud that I was first to speak on the unconstitutionality of this bill. After raising the issue when the concept was presented in subcommittee, the Congressional Research Service, an independent congressional agency, expressed similar concerns.

Further, a 95 percent tax on the gross revenue of a company that has expended considerable amounts on development and research would jeopardize new drug production and discourage innovation. Some experts have suggested this drug pricing concept could keep as many as 100 new cures for

diseases from being developed in the next ten years.

I have cosponsored H.R. 19, the Lower Costs, More Cures Act, which would address many of these issues while still bringing much-needed transparency to drug pricing. Congressman Scott Peters (D-CA) was one of the three Democrats who voted against the drug pricing language that mirrored H.R. 3. Congressman Peters also has a plan for addressing drug pricing that is similar to H.R. 19. I am hopeful that once this ill-advised drug pricing language of Nancy Pelosi is defeated, we will be able to work with Congressman Peters, Congressman Kurt Schrader (D-OR), and Congresswoman Kathleen Rice (D-NY) to implement a strong constitutional response on drug pricing.

This is important because lowering drug prices is a priority that requires bipartisan coop-

eration. But Democratic House leadership continues to try to force their radical drug pricing plan even if it is at the American people's expense.

This is just one of the many counter-productive measures included in the Democrats' \$3.5 trillion plan. We simply cannot afford to pass legislation like this. Already our nation is \$28 trillion in debt and is currently limited by statute from borrowing more than \$28.5 trillion. This is why the Democrats seek to raise the debt ceiling.

While I recognize the debt ceiling may need to be raised to avoid defaulting on financial obligations, I refuse to support a substantial increase that enables this or any other ill-advised and wasteful spending spree. So, I voted against the House version of suspending the debt ceiling until December 2022 as part of a short-term continuing spending

resolution.

I find it ironic that Republicans were blamed for a government shutdown that occurred when we controlled the House, Senate, and Presidency. And now that Democrats hold the House, Senate, and Presidency, they are trying to blame Republicans for the possibility of their own inability to fund the government. But this potential shutdown would result from their decision to attach a significant increase in spending to the debt ceiling of the United States.

Raising the debt ceiling to implement this \$3.5 trillion spending spree is utterly irresponsible and jeopardizes the future of America.

If you have 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.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Support for Reynolds

When voting for a school board member, voters need to consider the best qualities of a candidate. As a retired teacher, let me suggest a few. First, candidates must care about students. A school board member must ensure student safety. They must surround students with a community that loves, transports, feeds, encourages, inspires, stimulates, and provides excellence. Students deserve the best a community can give because they are the future of that community.

Ray Reynolds, candidate for Henry County Public School Board office, has spent many years volunteering his time to Henry County students. Without compensation, he has taken athletes' pictures, which they have used to advance college athletic careers. He has fed students. He has encouraged them while in school and inspired many to attend college. He cares about our kids.

A school board member also must understand school budgets. Ray knows

that funding comes from three main areas: federal, state, and local governments. He understands that in order to meet the needs of students, the needs of the school employees must be met. He knows salary scales are behind, and he is committed to that need. He knows Henry County Board of Supervisors has shorted the school budget, and he is determined to expose those who manipulate to take from the schools. He knows that Henry County reneged on its promise to give 100% of the 1% tax for building repairs and

new construction, and instead is only giving half of this year's revenues while using the other half to pay for a prior construction the Board of Supervisors had already committed to pay. Ray is not afraid to reveal the dirty politics that is keeping Henry County Public Schools from being the best they can be. He is passionate and willing to fight for our students and Henry County's future. Please vote for Ray Reynolds in this election.

*Dorothy Carter,
Collinsville*

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COVID-19 surge prompts hospitals, fire/EMS agencies to ask for help

In a joint release endorsed by the Henry County Department of Public Safety, Patrick County Fire & EMS, Sovah Health, Virginia Department of Health and others, local hospitals and fire-EMS agencies are asking for the community's help as emergency room use rises.

"In the face of increased demand for local and regional emergency services following a steady uptick in COVID-19 cases and community spread, local fire-EMS agencies and hospitals need your help. With the rapid spread of the Delta variant, COVID-19 has been relentless and unforgiving," according to the release.

"We have empowered the community with effective, free and widely available tools to fight this virus. Now we're coming together to call on community members to take advantage of those tools to stay healthy," the release stated.

It asks residents to "please do your part to help us defend the frontlines" by seeking the

appropriate level of care. If you have a non-life-threatening illness or injury, or you simply need a COVID-19 test, consider primary care, urgent care or retail pharmacy options. To find a testing site near you, visit www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-testingsites/ or call 1-877-VAX-IN-VA (1-877-829-4682). Call 911 immediately or go to the nearest emergency department for critical conditions and life-threatening illnesses or injuries.

The release also recommends getting vaccinated.

"More than 85 percent of those currently hospitalized for COVID-19 in our region are unvaccinated. The vaccine is the best way to keep yourself and your loved ones healthy and out of the hospital during the pandemic," it added.

When in doubt, wear a mask and keep your distance from others. Regardless of your vaccination status, follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) rec-

ommendations for preventing the spread of the virus.

"We are here, ready and passionate about caring for you. It's our calling and privilege to care for community members during their worst moments. The increase in COVID-19 cases and the impact that the virus has had on our region weighs on all of us. It's even more difficult when preventable emergency room traffic complicates delivering care. Our commitment through it all remains steady: We are here to protect you. If you aren't sure about getting the vaccine, talk to your primary care physician or ask any one of us about it. We aren't here to judge you; we're here to help you and to best care for you," according to the release.

Over the past month, hospitals throughout our region have seen a significant increase in the volume of patients. As a result, many hospitals in our region have needed to use what is called a hospital "diversion," a temporary, precaution-

ary measure that hospitals take when their current volume of patients exceeds their emergency department's ability to treat additional patients promptly. When a hospital goes on diversion, area EMS teams will take incoming patients to the nearest emergency room that is not on diversion, giving the first emergency department time to decompress. Importantly, going on 'diversion' is a request more than an order. If another hospital cannot receive a patient or is too far away, or if multiple hospitals are on diversion, patients will be taken to the closest, most appropriate hospital regardless of diversion status.

While emergency rooms remain open for those who need them, high patient volumes can complicate and delay care. Many current emergency room visits are preventable. Get vaccinated and seek out the appropriate level of care when needed.

More resources are needed to

treat sicker patients.

"Hospital and frontline providers are facing increased demand on two fronts: 1. We're treating patients who may have delayed care during the pandemic – many with good reason. 2. We're seeing more COVID-19 hospitalizations, primarily in individuals who are unvaccinated, and many of whom are younger. All of our teams are working nonstop to care for our communities. We are working through yet another wave of this pandemic, continuing to provide life-saving services – and not just to COVID-19 patients," the release stated.

Between delayed care from the past 19 months and current COVID-19 cases, many patients now need hospital care. It's critical that we reserve our hospital emergency rooms and rescue squads for medical emergencies. Please do your part to stay healthy and out of the hospital. Help us to defend the frontlines together, it added.

New exhibits to open Oct. 22 at Piedmont Arts

Join Piedmont Arts for an opening reception in honor of the museum's new exhibits on Friday, October 22, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the museum.

"Print/Imprint: Asheville Printmakers" features work by an independent alliance of artists working out of the Asheville, North Carolina area, who express themselves through the medium of print. The group's work encompasses a wide range of processes and content, from traditional to experimental and classic to contemporary. Their printing methods vary from relief printing such as woodblock, linocut, and wood engraving, to intaglio methods such as drypoint, etching, and collagraph. Some use alternative photographic printing processes such as platinum-palladium and gum biochromate; others employ monotype and variable editions in their work. A common thread is a hands-on involvement in making prints.

Carl Chiarenza is inspired by

both the beauty of and human connections to landscapes. In acknowledging that traditional depictions of landscapes in paintings are constructed, Chiarenza began to approach his photographs as abstract and emotional constructions that allow us to examine nature in relation to the self. The key characteristic that came to dominate his style was nyctophilia, or a preference for and comfort in darkness. His photographs do not offer familiar faces or landscapes; there is no evident cultural or psychological framework for the viewer to build their response. Rather, the lack of specificity and sense of timelessness reminds us that all photographs are constructions of reality that produce various interpretations relative to each viewer. Chiarenza's work invites individual reflection by forcing us to examine the subliminal workings of the mind. In these photographs, nothing is absolute, leaving all realities subject to each observer. This exhibition is on loan from the

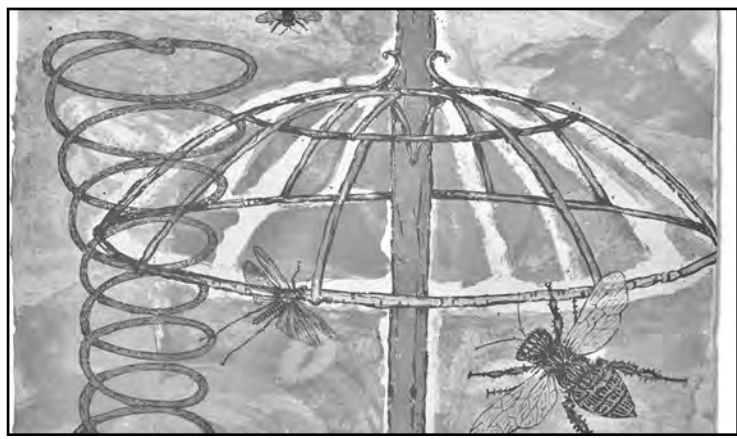
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and is curated by VMFA Director and CEO Alex Nyerges. These works were all a generous gift of the artist.

"Tools of Happiness", featuring work by George Ray Shelton will be on display in the Lynwood Artists Gallery. Shelton's painting style shows influences ranging from classic masters to contemporary media. Whatever the subject, one thing is clear: Shelton's brushes and spatulas are indeed his "tools of happiness."

The opening reception is free and open to the public. Complimentary wine and light refreshments will be served. Limited capacity. RSVP required by October 19 to (276) 632-3221 or online at PiedmontArts.org.

Exhibits will be on display through January 8, 2022. Exhibit admission is always free.

Exhibits and reception sponsored by Jill and Jay Dickens, Anne and Eric Smith, Barbara and Guy Stanley, King's Grant, Books and Crannies and Lynwood Artists.



Georgia Deal, Omen. On display in "Print/Imprint: Asheville Printmakers" at Piedmont Arts.



Carl Chiarenza (American, born 1935), 1990 Untitled 114, gelatin silver print. Gift of Carl Chiarenza, VMFA 2016.528. On display in "Carl Chiarenza" at Piedmont Arts.

Conversation from page 1



Council member Tammy Pearson, (far left), cited an email and legal brief from the city's Clerk of Circuit Court Ashby Pritchett asking that the reversion proposal be withdrawn. Pearson told her fellow council members that she is disappointed in their handling of the reversion process, citing lack of transparency and lack of public input as Vice Mayor Jennifer Bowles and Mayor Kathy Lawson listened.

of public opinion and input in the process." She said that the public should not only be heard but also taken "very seriously" by council "as we are government for the people and act on their behalf."

Pearson also noted that Martinsville's Clerk of Court Ashby Pritchett, who spoke against reversion during the public comment hearing before the Commission on Local Government (CLG), had emailed council members and submitted to the CLG a legal brief and request to withdraw the proposed reversion agreement from consideration.

Failing that, she said Pritchett asked that council refrain from voting to send the agreement on to the special three-judge panel tasked with making a final ruling on the reversion process.

Pearson made a motion to add Pritchett to the open meeting agenda, but the motion died for lack of a second.

"As you can see, my request has not been supported by council members," Pearson said. She stated that she is not against the consolidation of duplicative services so long as that consolidation is thought out, receives public input, and is beneficial for both localities.

"I am extremely disappointed in my fellow council members, continuing, I believe, to not be as transparent as possible and to give this the due process it deserves with public input," Pearson said, and added that, if the council needed to slow down the process for the public to be heard, she would recommend that it do so.

Mayor Kathy Lawson, Vice Mayor Jennifer Bowles, and Council member Danny Turner all suggested to Pearson that, in terms of transparency, Pritchett's legal brief and recommendations had been made publicly available through local media and through his public comments during the hearing before the CLG.

All three council members also stated that his brief was submitted to the CLG, who can review it and decide for themselves if it has any legal merit.

Council member Chad Martin was not present at the Tuesday council meeting.

Lawson said that each of Pritchett's points have been addressed by Stephen Piegrass, of Troutman Pepper, the firm representing the city in the reversion process. Piegrass' responses to the concerns, as well as others raise both by the public and

the CLG over the course of the hearings on reversion, are available on the city's website.

Lawson added that she was concerned about people within the community who believe that the schools "were totally left out of the reversion planning process. That is not true."

According to Lawson, the superintendents, school board chairmen, financial officers, and other representatives

from both Martinsville and Henry County school systems attended a four-hour meeting during which the reversion process, procedure, and how to proceed moving forward were discussed.

"We left that meeting with certain expectations and unfortunately those expectations were not completed as we thought they would be," she said. "I know it was very painful when Mrs. (Sandy) Strayer (Henry County Superintendent) was giving testimony for her to have to indicate that she had not received the cooperation that we had anticipated would be given."

Lawson said the issues with the schools would be addressed in greater detail in a forthcoming document, which will also be made available on the city's website. The document will also address what Lawson said was incorrect information from local media.

In other matters, the

council:

- * Adopted a resolution celebrating Dry Bridge School ahead of the unveiling of a historic marker from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources for the school on Saturday, October 2.

- * Recognized city employees eligible for Service Awards for the period from July 1-September 30, 2021. The honorees names are followed by the years of service to the city: Travis Hodge (5), Todd McCrickard (5), James Rumley (5), Justin Willard (5), James Sawyers (5), Ryan Emberson (5), William Hankins (15), Dale Davis (15), Nancy Sherman (15), Christopher Penn (15), David Bridges (20), and

Laura Hopkins (25).

- * Approved the Grievance Procedure and Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan related to the Pine Hall Road Community Development Block Grant project.

- * Heard an update from Kris Bridges of the City Building and Zoning office about demolition of dilapidated structures throughout the city.

- * Appointed Al Holland to the Architectural Review Board.

- * Appointed Jonathan Martin to the Planning Commission.

- * Appointed Paul Mesi to the Tree Board.

- * Approved minutes from the Sept. 14 City Council meeting.

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SCHOCK GmbH from page 1



The Harvest Foundation presented SCHOCK with a \$1 million grant from the Harvest Opportunity Fund, which specifically helps with economic development in the area. From left: Henry County Administrator Tim Hall, Secretary of Commerce and Trade Brian Ball, Gov. Ralph Northam, Harvest Foundation President Kate Keller, CEO of SCHOCK North America Marc Nover, and SCHOCK Vice President of Sales, North America Frederik Schmid.

CEO of SCHOCK North America, said that the new facility will be the company's main supplier for North America.

The new development is expected to create 100 jobs during its first year, and be fully operational by the first quarter of 2023, said Mark Heath, president and CEO of the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corp. (EDC).

"SCHOCK is an absolutely perfect fit for Henry County," said Henry County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jim Adams. "We are excited to have SCHOCK join the county's corporate community and look forward to what the future will bring."

"We are excited to welcome SCHOCK to Virginia," Northam said in a release about the new company. "This important European company is choosing to invest in Virginia because of our highly skilled workers and our outstanding business climate. When a global leader like SCHOCK selects Virginia as its gateway into the United States, that's a sign that this is a great place to do business."

"This substantial investment and the creation of over 350 high-quality jobs is a tremendous economic boost for Henry County and the entire region," said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Brian Ball, who removed his boots during the announcement to reveal SCHOCK socks. "Martinsville-Henry County has made a commitment to infrastructure, education, and workforce in the region, and we are confident the company will benefit from these efforts."

"Our top priority when we came into office was the economy," Northam said while at the Patriot Centre, where he addressed more than 50 people, including the county's supervisors, Martinsville Mayor Kathy Lawson, Martinsville UP Director Kathy Deacon, Del. Les Adams, State Sen. Bill Stanley, representatives from Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) and the Harvest Foundation.

Northam added that his administration wanted to create "good-paying jobs that individuals can support their families with."

A talented workforce is at the top of the list of what makes Virginia attractive to potential businesses. "One of the things we do at the state level is work with our businesses and say 'What type of employee do you need? How many do you need and how can we help train them?' One of the ways we do that is through our community college system."

Support for SCHOCK's job creation will be provided through the Virginia Talent Accelerator Program, a workforce initiative created by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership in collaboration with the Virginia Community College System and other higher education partners. The program accelerates new facility start-ups through the direct delivery of recruitment and training services that are fully customized to each company's unique products and needs.

Rhonda Hodges, Patrick & Henry Community College's (P&HCC) vice president, Workforce, Economic and Community Development, said the college has "been at the table with this prospect since day one, talking about the workforce, talking about our training programs. They've toured our MET (Manufacturing, Engineering & Technology) facility several times, and we've already met with the Virginia Talent Accelerator program staff and SCHOCK team." Not only will P&HCC help with the ramp up stages of SCHOCK's new facility, but "we're here for their long-term workforce and training needs as well."

Nover said that "SCHOCK's future new facility in Henry County represents a bold, special new step for our company."

As the company's first manufacturing plant outside of Germany, the Patriot Centre facility will allow SCHOCK to meet demand for high-quality kitchen products with stock made in the U.S.

He said SCHOCK executives weighed several locations on the east coast but ultimately, Virginia and Henry County was the ideal choice. The area

has a mentality, and even a geographic similarity, to the company's hometown of Regen, Germany.

"Everybody from Germany who visited here immediately felt a bond," he said.

Kate Keller, president of the Harvest Foundation, said SCHOCK's commitment is "monumental for our area." Harvest provided a \$1,000,000 grant through its Harvest Opportunity Fund, which provides resources to help Martinsville and Henry County's economic development efforts and provide economic incentives to businesses locating in the area.

"Specifically, we're looking for organizations to either expand the number of jobs they offer or to bring jobs here," said Keller. The main focuses were to increase the number of jobs as well as the minimum wage. "Our incentive dollars have to go to companies that pay an average of at least \$17 an hour," she said, adding that SCHOCK's average is \$20 an hour.

"We have talked so many times about how Southside built Virginia, lead the industrial revolution," said Stanley, R-Moneta. "Manufacturing, textiles, furniture," and all the things that made Virginia grow and go. Many of those jobs were lost when industry moved their manufacturing overseas. "But there is one thing that never failed us," he said, "and that was our can-do spirit, our drive to succeed, to put Southside back together as the leader of the economy in the twenty-first century and we are doing it here today."

As part of that rebuilding effort, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership worked with the Martinsville-Henry County EDC to secure the contract. Northam approved a \$1.7 million grant from the Commonwealth's Opportunity Fund to help with the project.

Collinsville Supervisor Joe Bryant credited the county's foresight in building the Shell Building at the Patriot Centre in helping secure the new economic development opportunity. "They saw something they liked" in Henry County, he said.

"As the slogan says, 'Virginia is for lovers,' and we couldn't be more thrilled to be falling in love with Virginia," Nover said.

OBITUARIES

Herbert Hughes

Herbert Hughes, age 89, of Martinsville, Virginia went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, September 23, 2021. Herbert was born on May 12, 1932, in North Carolina. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Hazel Hughes; son Marc Hughes and a daughter Mary Beth Roach; and four grandchildren. Family was of utmost importance to Herbert and he and Hazel always provided a loving home environment.



Herbert received many honors recognizing his accomplishments during his employment. He was a member of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church serving in various positions for many years.

A private family service will be held, with Pastor Tim Gearheart officiating. Memorials may be made to Wesley Memorial

United Methodist Church, 824 Starling Avenue, Martinsville, VA 24112; Martinsville Community Recreation Association, P.O. Box 301 Martinsville, VA 24114; or to the Mountain Valley Hospice of Martinsville, 730 East Church Street, Suite 13, Martinsville, VA 24112. Arrangements are by McKee-Stone Funeral Home-Martinsville, VA. To express condolences online, visit www.collinsmckee-stonemartinsville.com.

Larry Kent Hodges

Larry Kent Hodges, 80, of Fieldale, Virginia passed away September 23, 2021, at SOVAH Hospital of Martinsville. He was born in West Virginia to the late Earl D. and Margaret Hicks Hodges on March 21, 1941. He was a technician with Fieldcrest Mills for over 42 years. He loved racing at Franklin Speedway and all over Virginia and working on cars.



grandchildren, Virginia "Jenny" L. Hodges, Lauren McKinny Hodges, William David Hodges, Mark Hodges; great-grandchildren, Alexis Harris, Levi Miles and Kennedy Norton; and great-great grandchildren, Aliyah Harris and Tevin Liam Harris.

A memorial service was held in the chapel of Wright Funeral Service on

September 27, 2021. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Larry "Kenny" M. Hodges.

He is survived by his wife Virginia Staples Hodges; son, Dwayne Hodges;

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

Hope Hensley Kirk

Hope Hensley Kirk, 85, of Collinsville, passed away on Monday, September 27, 2021, at her home surrounded by her family. She was born on March 14, 1936, in Martinsville, Virginia to the late David Robert Hensley, Sr. and Grace Gregory Hensley.



nephews and cousins; and fur baby, Rosie, who was always by her side.

Hope was a graduate of Martinsville High School and was a lifelong resident of the Martinsville and Henry County area. For many years, she was an active member of the MHS Class of 53-54 Reunion Committee. Hope was a member of Starling Avenue Baptist

In addition to her parents, Hope was preceded in death by her soulmate and beloved husband of 50 years, Fred Kirk; sisters, Dorothy Graeser, Emily Weick, Hazel Taylor, and brother, Dick Hensley.

She is survived by her four children, Freddie Kirk of Greensboro, North Carolina, Robin Comer of Madison, North Carolina, Julie Gunn (Dale) of Richmond, Virginia and Lorrie Teegen (Bill) of Martinsville; five grandchildren, Chris Kirk of Bassett, Blair Comer (Travis) of Madison, North Carolina, Lucas Gunn of Portland, Oregon, Bill Comer (Kelly) of Madison, North Carolina and Amber Morton (Johnathon) of Indian Trail, North Carolina; four great grandchildren, Haylee Kirk of Martinsville, Taylor Alley and Coby Alley of Madison, North Carolina and Teegen Morton of Indian Trail, North Carolina; twin sister, Grace Taylor of Martinsville, sister, Peggy Herring of Chester, Virginia, sister-in-law, Helen Hensley of Martinsville; special nephew, John Taylor of Richmond, Virginia, and many other beloved nieces,

Church. The family would like to express its sincere love and appreciation to Dr. James Isernia, who for many years has provided her with wonderful, loving care, and to Amedisys Home Health Care and Hospice Care for their compassion in her final weeks.

A graveside service will be held at Oakwood Cemetery at 2 p.m. on Monday, October 4, 2021, with Pastor David Hill officiating and John Taylor assisting. The family will receive friends 30 minutes prior to the service at the grave site.

Memorial donations can be made to the SPCA of Martinsville and Henry County, 132 Joseph Martin Hwy, Martinsville, or to Starling Avenue Baptist Church, 932 Starling Avenue, Martinsville.

McKee-Stone Funeral Home is respectfully serving the family. To express condolences online, visit www.collinsmckee-stonemartinsville.com.

Jo-Ann Hundley Barker

Jo-Ann Hundley Barker, 74, of Martinsville passed away on Tuesday, September 28, 2021. She was born in Henry County on October 11, 1946, to Thomas Edwin Hundley and Frances Seay Hundley.



beginning when it was Lee Telephone and later as it became Central, Centel, Sprint, and CenturyLink. She was a faithful member of Victory Baptist Church.

She was an artist who loved painting and drawing. She was an avid bird watcher and loved all animals.

A visitation will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 3, 2021, at McKee-Stone Chapel. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. and will be officiated by Pastor Dan Schelling and David Naff. Interment will be in Mountain View Cemetery in Ridgeway, Va.

In addition to her parents, Jo-Ann was preceded in death by her brother, Edwin "Eddie" Hundley. She is survived by her daughter, Rhonda Fender (Ron); sister Gail Minter (Mike); brothers, Rodney Hundley and Marion Hundley (Sharon); grandchildren, Christopher Reid Fender and Chelsea Ann Loftis (Jared); nephews Michael and Blake Minter; many other beloved nieces, nephews, aunts and cousins; and her special fur babies, Oscar and Pepi.

Jo-Ann retired with 42 years of service with our local phone company

Arrangements are by McKee-Stone Funeral Home-Martinsville, VA. To express condolences online, please visit www.collinsmckee-stonemartinsville.com.

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Herring backs approach to conceal carry laws

Attorney General Mark R. Herring joined a coalition of 19 attorneys general in filing an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court defending New York's law regulating when individuals may obtain a license to carry firearms in public.

Herring and his colleagues argue that the Second Amendment does not provide Americans with an unrestricted right to carry loaded firearms in virtually all public places, but instead, in keeping with centuries of tradition, allows states to enact policies regulating public carry that are tailored to local public safety concerns and needs.

"States and localities must have the ability to enact gun safety measures that are tailored to their communities' unique public safety needs and goals. Last year, I successfully got legislation passed that allows localities to restrict firearms at permitted events, something I had pushed for since 2017 when we lost the lives of three Virginians in the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville," said Herring. "If the Supreme Court sides with the plaintiffs in this case, it could mean that any American, including potentially dangerous individuals, can carry a loaded firearm at any time in virtually any public space. I am proud to stand with my fellow attorneys general in supporting states' rights to enact commonsense gun safety policies that are tailored to a specific community's needs and concerns."

Last year, Herring successfully helped get legislation passed that gives localities the ability to restrict firearms in a public space during a permitted event, making it easier for law enforcement officials to protect

Virginians and keep their communities safe during large-scale events. Herring introduced this legislation for a number of years following the fatal Unite the Right Rally in Charlottesville, but Republicans continuously blocked the measure in committee.

A one-size-fits-all approach to regulating public carry would take away the ability of state officials to address the unique public safety needs of their communities. In this case, *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen*, the petitioners are asking the Supreme Court to grant Americans the right to carry loaded firearms anytime, in virtually any public place – disregarding the established practice that States and local governments may regulate the public carry of firearms in their jurisdictions.

In the brief, Herring and his colleagues argue that throughout the history of this country, public carry regulations have varied from region to region, and that tradition actually goes back more than 700 hundred years in England and predates the founding of the United States. Regulations today and centuries ago "varied substantially between and within the States—the result of accountable policymakers enacting regulatory schemes tailored to local needs and conditions."

Joining Herring in the filing are the attorneys general of California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, and the District of Columbia.

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decade or more.

Additionally, Perry said other agencies are advertising sign-on bonuses, which he indicated are not offered locally. The only pay adjustment has been cost-of-living salary increases.

Iriswood Supervisor David Martin noted that the officers have also received several stipends and bonuses over the last two years.

Perry said that while those one-time payments are good, a raise goes further in terms of retention of officers. He noted that the requested raise would not make the county competitive in hiring, "it's what we hope will keep people retained. A raise is a statement."

Henry County law enforcement officers filed into the meeting en masse in a show of support for Perry's request. They were joined by several Henry County community members and business owners.

Collinsville District Supervisor Joe Bryant said that he "just found out about" the issue last week, and that he thought the board should gather more information rather than taking immediate action. He said that the hard work of Perry and his staff does not go unnoticed, but "our duty as supervisors is for the betterment of the whole county."

Bryant said that he did not want to make a long-term financial decision without doing due diligence for fear it could ultimately hurt the overall finances of the county. Those same sentiments were echoed by several other supervisors.

"We're talking about people here, and the people deserve more than just a flippant decision," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Jim Adams. He told Perry and the gathered officers that budgets for this fiscal year are already set, "but I think that you will find a board that's absolutely in tune with ... anything that helps ease the financial picture."

Ultimately, the board decided that members of the sheriff's office and county staff would evaluate the issue.

Noting that was a good short-term solution, Martin said that Perry's request "amplifies that there are some challenges in our compensation and benefit package" that could lead to long-term problems. He made a motion that staff issue a request for proposals to commission a compen-



Henry County Sheriff Lane Perry requested a raise for the county's law enforcement officers during the county's monthly Board of Supervisors meeting. He told the board that the county's pay rates are not competitive, and the department is losing officers, many of whom leave to take higher paying jobs.

sation and benefit package study for all county employees to help with the budgeting process for the upcoming fiscal year. The county's school board would also be invited to participate.

"Compensation is never a one-shot deal," Martin said. "We have to plan on how we're doing to meet those demands in the future and unless we plan it, it's not going to happen."

The motion passed unanimously. On a second motion from Martin, county staff also were instructed to investigate a voluntary web-based program to host exit interviews for outgoing employees.

In other matters, the board:

* Heard from County Treasurer Scott Grindstaff on delinquent tax collection efforts. As of August 31, 94.45 percent of 2020 personal property taxes have been collected. \$57,777.39 was collected in August. 95.66 percent of real estate taxes have been collected, including \$7,6815.80 in August.

* Approved \$203,542 for the purchase of a fire truck for the Patrick-Henry Volunteer Fire Department.

* Appropriated \$315,000 from the General Fund to cover overages in the Children's Service Act (CSA) Program Fund to help cover the escalating cost of providing services to at-risk youth.

* Heard from Roland Kooch of Davenport Financial, a financial advising firm, on the county's overall financial health. The county's credit ratings are in the AA range. The county "really has got its finances in order," Kooch

said.

* Approved a request to rezone approximately 21-acres at 94 Bryants Lake Road in the Blackberry District from Rural Residential District R-R to Agricultural District A-1. The applicant wishes to construct additional accessory buildings on the property.

* Approved a request to rezone approximately 12-acres at 3090 Mt. Olivet Road in the Iriswood District from Residential District S-R to Mixed Residential District M-R. The applicant intends to remove the old house from the property and replace it with a double wide manufactured home on a masonry foundation.

* Denied a rezoning request for approximately 0.7-acres at 1285 Bassett Heights Road in the Reed Creek District from Suburban Residential District S-R to Rural Residential District R-R. The applicant had intended to place a single wide mobile home on the property, but following a public hearing, the Planning Commission and staff felt the rezoning would not fit the community.

* Approved a resolution requesting \$915,846 from the Virginia Department of Transportation's Revenue Sharing Program for improvements to Reservoir Road.

* Heard from VDOT regarding general highway matters.

* Heard from Todd Norman, chief of the Fieldale Volunteer Fire Company, regarding equipment needs of the county's eight volunteer fire departments.

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COUNTY OF HENRY REZONING PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia, a public hearing has been scheduled for **October 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Summerlin Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, Kings Mountain Rd, Collinsville, Virginia. Following this public hearing, the Planning Commission will make a recommendation on the application to the Board of Supervisors.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the following application on **October 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Summerlin Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, Kings Mountain Rd, Collinsville, Virginia. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive input into the possible rezoning of property. Following are the specifics of the public hearing.

Case R-21-17 JRS Realty Partners, LLC/James Cherney
The property is located at 100 Marshall Way in the Horsepasture District. The Tax Map number is 40.2/75. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 2.85-acres from Commercial District B-1 to Suburban Residential District S-R. The developer plans to convert the building into apartment units. Once rezoned, an approved Special Use Permit is also required.

The application for this request may be viewed in the Department of Planning, Zoning & Inspection between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
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tory. "This is where I stock up for Christmastime," said Martin, who is mother to a 9-year-old and a newborn and says her family lives from paycheck to paycheck. "When I can pay a dollar or a couple of dollars for items and get my children nice things but not have to break the bank, it significantly helps us."

Martin recalled her very first Bargain Fair several years ago when a child came in with his parents. He had holes in the soles of his shoes. Later, Martin found him looking at pairs of name-brand shoes, trying to decide on one.

"They're your size," Martin told the boy, encouraging him to pick more than one pair. "We can't afford it," he replied. "Buddy, they're only a dollar,"

Martin told the child. He started to cry. "Can I put them on?" he asked her. Martin remembered that she saw him not long afterward, heading to the checkout carrying several pairs of shoes to bring home.

"I think it hits you when you realized that's going on here in our town," she said. "This little child didn't even have shoes, and he's sitting here crying over a pair of used shoes and so appreciative. That's when it hit home with me what we're doing, how this really helps people," she said.

Mills said the first year helping with fair made her fall in love with the event and the organization.

"I found out what these ladies are capable of doing, how hard they're working and how determined they are and I said

'yeah, I've gotta be a part of this group,'" she said.

Mills, who was already volunteering her time at the Henry County Food Pantry and also is a foster parent, initially joined the Charity League because she saw an opportunity to help serve the community. Working with the parallel organizations, "I know a lot of the needs in the community." With the league, she saw an opportunity to maximize her efforts, working with a group that builds up partnerships with other organizations to help meet the needs of the underserved. "It was a perfect fit. I love it."

Mills said the fair usually attracts between 500 to 1,000 shoppers over the course of the single-day event. It is the league's largest annual fundraiser, with all proceeds funding the organiza-

tion's annual charitable efforts. Founded in 1931, the League is a women's organization whose focus is supporting children in the community.

This support includes scholarships for everything from 4-H camp to college; helping children explore fine arts through partnerships with Piedmont Arts, Missoula Children's Theatre, and the Patriot Players; and programs like Touch A Truck and Christmas Cheer.

With Christmas Cheer, the league operates behind the scenes, helping parents of children who have aged out of traditional charitable holiday gifting programs ensure there are presents under the tree on Christmas morning, Martin said. The organization buys some necessities, like tooth-

brushes, but also age-appropriate toys, which parents in need can pick up as gifts for their children for the holidays.

The popular Touch A Truck event, which takes place at the Martinsville Speedway, gives children a safe environment to interact with and learn about different types of emergency vehicles they may see on the road, including fire trucks, ambulances, garbage trucks, and construction vehicles.

Mills said women in the league "have a real desire to see this community do well." The funds raised with the Bargain Fair help this group of service-minded women continue to carry out their mission.

To learn more about the Charity League and its work, or to donate, visit charityleague.org.



Racks of clothes for men, women, and children are sorted by size and type to make for easier shopping.



The Charity League's warehouse is well-stocked with books, furniture, kitchenware, electronics, and much, much more ahead of its annual Bargain Fair. Proceeds benefit area children.



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4-H Marksmen compete in State Shoot Match



The Patrick County 4-H Marksmen recently traveled to Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center in Appomattox, Virginia to take part in the 2021 Virginia 4-H State Shoot Match.

Thirty-one 4-H shooting clubs from around the state attended, with more than 247 kids competing in 13 different events.

Competing for the Patrick County 4-H Marksmen were Caleb Murphy, Lauren Murphy, Reagan Underwood, Bethany Gilbert, Levi Gilbert, Maggie Gilbert, Abby Corriher, and Levi Corriher.

Individual and team results include:

3P Air Rifle – Individual: Lauren Murphy, 4th place, Bethany Gilbert, 12th place, Abby Corriher, 14th place, Caleb Murphy, 16th place

3P Air Rifle – Team – 3rd place: Lauren Murphy, Bethany Gilbert, Abby Corriher, Caleb Murphy

BB – Overall Individual: Bethany Gilbert, 4th place, Levi Corriher, 16th place, Reagan Underwood, 31st place, Maggie Gilbert, 36th place

Air Pistol PPP – Individual Basic Supported: Levi Gilbert, 16th place, Reagan Underwood, 20th place

Air Pistol PPP – Individual Standing Supported: Levi Corriher, 3rd place

Air Pistol PPP – Team Supported – 6th place: Levi Gilbert, Reagan Underwood, Levi Corriher

Air Pistol PPP – Individual 10 and younger: Reagan Underwood, 3rd place

Air Pistol PPP – Individual 11 and older: Levi Gilbert, 18th place, Levi Corriher, 32nd place

Muzzleloader National – Individual Jr: Levi Corriher, 6th place

Muzzleloader National – Individual Sr: Lauren Murphy, 1st place, Abby Corriher, 6th place, Caleb Murphy, 7th place

Muzzleloader National – Team Sr – 1st place: Lauren Murphy, Abby Corriher, Caleb Murphy

3P Smallbore – Individual Iron Sr: Caleb Murphy, 4th place, Abby Corriher, 6th place, Lauren Murphy, 7th place

3P Smallbore – Team Iron Sr – 1st place:

Caleb Murphy, Abby Corriher, Lauren Murphy

3P Smallbore – Individual Iron Jr: Levi Corriher, 2nd Place

Silhouettes – Individual 22 Rifle Jr: Levi Corriher, 6th place, Levi Gilbert, 10th place, Reagan Underwood, 21st place

Silhouettes – Team 22 Rifle Jr – 2nd place: Levi Corriher, Levi Gilbert, Reagan Underwood

Silhouettes – Individual 22 Rifle Sr: Lauren Murphy, 5th place, Bethany Gilbert, 25th place, Abby Corriher, 23rd place, Caleb Murphy, 28th place

Silhouettes – Team 22 Rifle Sr – 3rd place: Lauren Murphy, Bethany Gilbert, Abby Corriher, Caleb Murphy

Silhouettes – Individual Air Pistol Jr: Levi Gilbert, 1st place, Levi Corriher, 16th place, Reagan Underwood, 17th place

Silhouettes – Individual Air Rifle Sr: Caleb Murphy, 2nd place, Lauren Murphy, 5th place, Bethany Gilbert, 11th place, Abby Corriher, 13th place

For more information on the 2021 Virginia 4-H State Shoot Match results visit <http://www.orionresults.com> and choose VA State Shoot 2021 under the results section.

The Patrick County 4-H Marksmen use shooting as a vehicle to teach youth ages 9-19 life skills such as responsibility, self-discipline, and teamwork through skills learned in archery, muzzle loading, pistol, rifle, and shotgun. Through these disciplines, youth also learn firearm safety and marksmanship. The Patrick County 4-H Marksmen would like to thank American Legion Post # 105, Stuart Family Restaurant, and Shooters Pawn for their continued support. The Patrick County 4-H Marksmen operates on fundraising and grant funding, and thanks the NRA Foundation for a generous grant that helps make shooting club programming possible.

The Patrick County 4-H Marksmen Club practices in Stuart and new members are welcome starting in October 2021. For more information, call the Patrick County Extension Office at 276-694-3341.