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Four candidates vying for city council this November

Maddy Oliver
Staff writer

City council member Danny Turner and Vice Mayor Jennifer Bowles' terms both expire at the end of this year, opening two seats for the November election. Both council members will be running for reelection, while two new candidates, L.C. Jones and Aaron Rawls, will also be on the ballot.



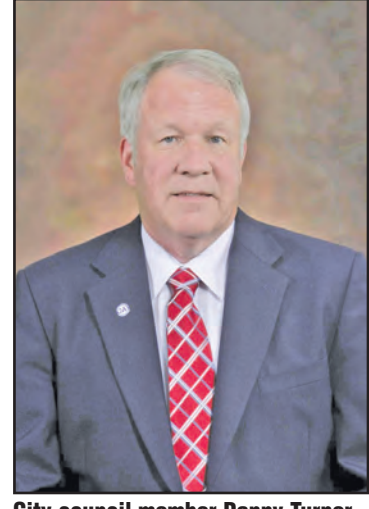
Vice Mayor Jennifer Bowles



Aaron Rawls



L.C. Jones



City council member Danny Turner

Jennifer Bowles
Jennifer Bowles, 38, was
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Made in Martinsville celebrated their grand opening with a ribbon cutting on Aug. 25.

New Martinsville store offers local artists a place to sell

Maddy Oliver
Staff writer

Made in Martinsville, a new store in Uptown Martinsville, will provide a place for local artists and artisans to sell their goods.

When Forrest Forschmiedt and his wife decided to downsize from the hustle and bustle of life in Seattle, they moved to Greensboro. With a background in small business management and accounting, Forschmiedt was no stranger to the inner workings of local businesses and how they operated. He was also no stranger to creativity, creating and selling his own goods.

"For probably the last six or seven years now, I have been doing my own handcraft things, making handcrafted soaps and doing woodcrafts, and working farmers markets, gift shows, that type of thing," he said.

At these events,

Forschmiedt was surrounded by people with similar goals and passions, and was able to get a sense for what people in these professions felt was missing. "I met lots of other people who, like me, wanted more regular places to display and to sell their goods instead of waking up early on a Saturday morning and carting everything up and packing up at the end of the day," he said.

When he and his wife downsized yet again and moved to Martinsville, he discovered a need in his new community. "When we got here in Martinsville, I saw that there wasn't another place like this," he said. "There was a real need for a place that brought all the goods of the fantastic local and regional makers to the public."

The concept of the store, a little shop for local handmade products, was not a new idea for

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Uptown Partnership appoints Tim Hall as interim executive director

Uptown Partnership announced Tuesday that Tim Hall has been named interim executive director and will succeed Kathy Deacon, who recently announced plans to step down from the role in September, according to an Uptown Partnership press release.

Hall will lead the organization as the board conducts a search for a permanent director.

"We could not be more thrilled to welcome Tim aboard as interim director," said Liz Harris, board president of Uptown Partnership. "His strong community ties and understanding of our local area combined with his thirty years of experience in public service make him the ideal person to

lead our organization through this transition."

A native of the area, Hall most recently served as the Henry County Administrator and General Manager for the Public Service Authority for 10 years before retiring in July, where he had previously served as Deputy Administrator and Public Information Officer. Earlier in his career, Hall worked as a public school teacher and coach and as a newspaper reporter and columnist.

Hall earned his undergraduate degree in communications from James Madison University and his MBA from Averett University. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia's Senior Executive Institute and

of Lead Virginia and also has worked as an adjunct professor and instructor in leadership and communication strategies.

"I am excited to join Uptown Partnership and play whatever role I can in keeping the momentum going," said Hall. "A thriving central business district is fundamental to our area's economic development and revitalization efforts, and I am looking forward to the challenge."

In a release issued the previous week, Uptown Partnership said that Deacon had announced plans to depart the organization in September.

"We cannot thank Kathy

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SPCA sees improvements with help of aspiring Eagle Scouts

Maddy Oliver
Staff writer

The Martinsville-Henry County SPCA knocked some of their needs off of their list with the help of two aspiring Eagle Scouts.

Webb Garrett and Jakob Foley both completed their community service projects needed for their Eagle Scout badge at the shelter. Garrett built equipment for the dog park, which the shelter had begun to remodel.

SPCA Board of Directors member Rick Magee was tasked with the job of overseeing

the renovations to the park. "What we originally had as far as a dog park was kind of like a hay field ... it was not exactly inviting for people to bring their pet," he said.

Garrett was inspired to achieve his Eagle Scout rank by friends and family. "Being around all of my friends and older scouts just encouraged me to want to get Eagle," he said. "And then my great-grandpa, Clyde Hooker, was the first Eagle Scout in Martinsville-Henry County so that

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Webb Garrett built much of the current equipment in the SPCA's dog park.

New counseling office aims to bring the peace of the river to clients

Maddy Oliver
Contributing writer

A new counseling office, Four Rivers Counseling (4RC) in Martinsville, takes a nature-inspired approach to mental health.

After seeing the effect

that the pandemic had on our community's youth and the importance of bringing awareness to teen and child mental health, Jenny Yates began the process of opening her own private practice.

"Because we were in lockdown and quaran-

tine, I couldn't do anything about it then, so now I get to do something about it," Yates said. "It's all been perfect timing. From the startup program to establishing great relationships with everyone, angels have emerged from everywhere to help 4RC

come to life. Every new friend that I've made has rallied to the cause."

Yates has been a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) for 24 years, but before then she was doing community-based social work. After the mental health struggles of the pandemic, Yates wanted to create an avenue for everyone in the community, especially young people, to be able to receive the mental health care that they need.

4RC aims to take a more holistic and nature-oriented approach to therapy. "Originally, I had this dream of having this therapy house by the river," she said. "There's a field over by Bassett High School that I would stop at every morning, and I

would go out there to look at the geese. And I was like, 'I want to bring this feeling here.' The answer was just, 'Well bring the clients to the river.' And that's what I'm trying to do here."

Yates utilizes a variety of therapy methods in her practice, including Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT), family therapy, and more, but she also incorporates more semantic therapeutic methods in her treatment, which she says many of her younger clients love. "For Four Rivers Counseling, it's kind of become a life of its own," she said. "I wanted to incorporate semantic approaches, which is

breathwork, guided meditations, visualizations, gentle movement, as well as nature therapy."

This dream was able to come true for Yates thanks

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Jenny Yates celebrated the opening of her practice with her family on Aug. 25.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, September 9

The Spencer-Penn Centre, 475 Spencer-Penn Road, Spencer, will host its popular music night with band Gap Civil. Doors open at 5 p.m. and music begins at 6:15. Admission is a \$5 donation. Concessions will be sold.

Piedmont Arts, 215 Starling Avenue, Martinsville, hosts Savory September: The Art of Tailgating. Bring your crew and all your wacky tailgating traditions for a night of friendly rivalries, great food, and ice-cold refreshments. Food and custom cocktails by local chefs. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased at PiedmontArts.org.

The Martinsville Henry County will host its annual fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Fido's Finds, 119 East Main Street, Martinsville. Items will be sold at low prices and proceeds will support the SPCA. For more information, call (276)656-1101.

Saturday, September 10

The Southside Survivor Response Center will celebrate its second annual Community Without Limits at Jack Dalton Park in Collinsville from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Attendees at this free event will enjoy free lunch, giveaways, a DJ, games, face painting, a dance contest, and more! For more information, call (276) 734-0040.

The Spencer-Penn Centre, 475 Spencer-Penn Road, Spencer, will host an advanced canning class, Soups and Such, from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. The cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Pre-registration is required. To register, call (276) 957-5757.

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Monday, September 12

The Martinsville City School Board

will meet at 6 p.m. at the City Municipal building.

Tuesday, September 13

The Blue Ridge Regional Library will host Book BINGO at the Bassett Branch, 3969 Fairystone Park Highway, Bassett. Light refreshments will be provided. Space is limited, so register by calling (276) 629-2426.

The Blue Ridge Regional Library will host the Lego Club at the Main Martinsville Branch, 310 E. Church Street, Martinsville from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The club will meet on the second Tuesday of each month. Space is limited and registration is required. Registration opens Sept. 1. To register, call (276) 403-5430.

The Martinsville City Council will meet at 7 p.m. at the City Municipal building.

Saturday, September 17

The Spencer-Penn Centre, 475 Spencer-Penn Road, Spencer, is hosting the MHC is for Book Lovers Book-fest, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Attendees will enjoy vendors, food trucks, and meet and greets with attending authors. Admission is free.

Saturday, September 24

The Spencer-Penn Centre, 475 Spencer-Penn Road, Spencer, will host an advanced canning class, Soups and Such, from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. The cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Pre-registration is required. To register, call (276) 957-5757.

Sunday, September 25

The Spencer-Penn Centre, 475 Spencer-Penn Road, Spencer, will host a Barn Quilt class from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Supplies are provided. Pricing is based on size: 12" by 36" exterior \$75, 24"x24" exterior \$65, 36"x36" exterior \$85. Pre-registration is required by

Monday, September 16. To register, call (276) 957-5757.

Tuesday, September 27

The Bassett Historical Center will host a discussion with Pittsylvania County author William Guerrant at 10 a.m.. Guerrant will discuss his first novel, "Jim Wrenn." The event is free and open to the public and will be held in the Susan L. Adkins Memorial Meeting Room at the Bassett Historical Center, 3964 Fairystone Park Highway, Bassett.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors will meet at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Henry County Administration Building.

The Martinsville City Council will meet at 7 p.m. at the City Municipal building.

ONGOING

The Martinsville Farmers' Market is open every Saturday from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. through November 20 and Wednesdays from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. through September 29. Shop with SNAP/EBT and receive up to \$20 in free fruits and vegetables each week. To shop market vendors online, visit martinsvilleuptown.com.

The Louise R. Lester Spay/Neuter Clinic is hosting wellness clinics every second and fourth Tuesday. Clinics are by appointment only—no walk-ins will be accepted. Call (276) 638-7297 to schedule your appointment.

Henry County Parks & Recreation invites you out for a trek along the trail! Meet as a group and walk along a different trail each week. Explore the trails of Martinsville-Henry County, make new friends, and get some fresh air and exercise. Call the HCPR Senior Services office at (276) 634-4644 to find out where the week's trek is happening! Trail Trekkers meet Thursday of each week (weather permitting) at 1 p.m. in the fall and winter and 9:15 a.m. in spring and

summer.

The Blue Ridge Regional Library offers free one-day passes to the Virginia Museum of Natural History and the Henry County YMCA with your library card. The passes are good for one day and exclude special events. There is a wait period before you can check out the pass again. For more details and exclusions, visit brrl.lib.va.us.

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. Contact the Center for Community Learning, 15 Primary School Road, Collinsville, at (276) 647-9585.

The Blue Ridge Regional Library hosts their new book club, "Books and Brews," at Mountain Valley Brewing, 4220 Mountain Valley Rd, Axton. Talk about the month's books while sipping on a good beer. The club meets the first Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. The book for September is The Good Daughter by Alexandra Burt.

SPCA

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Jakob Foley redid the planter in the SPCA's courtyard.

was also a really big influence to me."

With a family full of dog lovers, the SPCA was an easy choice for Garrett's community project. He built several pieces of equipment for the park to give pets an opportunity to run and play. "I chose the SPCA because that's something that's been really close with our family," he said. "I made the ramp out there, I made a bench, I made a picnic table, and a seesaw."

Garrett achieved Eagle Scout on July 26.

According to Magee, the

renovations on the dog park began in mid-May. The old park was grazed, sand was put down, and new fencing was installed. While a lot has been done, there are still more improvements planned. The shelter intends to install lighting, more agility runs, and more signage to the park. The dog park is split into a small dogs side and a big dogs side and is open for the public to bring their pets, so long as they follow all rules. Some of these rules include that all dogs must be vaccinated and the park can only be used dur-

ing daylight hours.

Jakob Foley also completed his Eagle Scout community project at the SPCA. "Jakob Foley presented to us, originally, what he wanted to do for his Eagle Scout project and we were tickled to death," Magee said. "Anytime people are willing to volunteer for the shelter, it's a win-win situation for everybody."

Foley redid a large planter located in the shelter's courtyard, along with pressure washing the walls and removing the rust from the doors.

These upgrades are just a few of the improvements that the SPCA has made in recent months. The shelter has also begun operating a spay-neuter clinic and a low-cost clinic to help relieve some of the pressure on local vets, who are all running on full schedules. "We figured this was kind of a symbiotic relationship where we can support the local vets and they can support us at the same time," Magee said.

The low-cost clinic will operate on specific guidelines related to income and financial need, and the specifics will be posted on the website once they are finalized. Appointments must be made for the spay-neuter clinic.

Caroline Frith, Director of Operations at the SPCA, said that getting as many pets spayed and neutered as

possible is crucial right now. Frith said that right now, they are experiencing a "dog boom" and that the SPCA, the Martinsville pound, and the Henry County pound are all at capacity.

"Right now, we are in the middle of a dog boom," she said. "By that, I mean everybody's going back to work, they don't have time for their dog, they got a dog during Covid. ... All of the spay-neuter places had shut down during Covid so all of these dogs that were being given to people that didn't come from shelters were not able to be fixed. All of those dogs are having puppies now."

Because of this, the biggest need that the SPCA has now is the need to expand. "We can only take in (so many), and until we adopt one out, we can't move one in," Frith said. "We're limited on space, we're limited on what we can do to help animals that come through the door. I think, looking to the future, we need to look into some type of expansion of space to be able to take in a little bit more."

However, these expansions come at a price, and Frith and Magee say that donations have started to become scarce in recent months.

"Donations have been real slim lately," Frith said. "We put out a plea for bleach and

laundry detergent. We are in desperate need of bleach when we have an illness in the building, especially when we have sick cats, we have sick puppies, things like that that come in. We are in desperate need of supplies."

She said that some of the most needed items at the moment are canned dog food, canned cat food, baby food, canned chicken breast, and bleach.

For those who are unable to help out the shelter financially, the SPCA is also in need of volunteers. "We're also in desperate need of volunteers to come walk dogs," Frith said. "These dogs do not get out enough, as much as I would like. They do get out during the day out in the play yards but walking dogs, just volunteers to walk dogs, would make a huge difference."

To become a volunteer, interested parties simply fill out an application at the front desk with basic demographic information and what they are interested in doing, such as spending time with cats, walking dogs, laundry, and more.

While the SPCA has had great community support and made many improvements, there is still a lot to be done to bring down their workload and ensure that they are able to handle the needs of the animals in the community.

County's financial software to shut down Sept. 9 for upgrades

The enterprise resource planning (ERP) software for Henry County, commonly referred to as Munis, will be upgraded Sept. 9-11, according to a county release.

Certain services for employees and residents will be unavailable for the duration of the system update, which is scheduled to begin at noon on Sept. 9.

Munis handles several tasks for the County and the Henry County Public Service Authority (PSA) including: accounts pay-

able, accounts receivable, general billing, general ledger, human resources, payroll, employee self-service, and property tax billing.

Henry County residents and PSA customers are encouraged to plan ahead to avoid doing business while the system is offline. The PSA Customer Service Office will remain open on Sept. 9 to answer customer questions but the office will not accept payments. Both the Treasurer's Office and the Commissioner of Revenue's Office will be closed to the public.

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Virginia Museum of Natural History's upcoming Waynesboro branch campus enters detailed design stage, updated project timeline announced

The upcoming Virginia Museum of Natural History (VMNH) branch campus in Waynesboro has reached another major milestone, as museum officials announced this week that VMNH has partnered with Richmond-based Glavé & Holmes Architecture to create the detailed designs of the new museum facility and to see the construction project through to completion.

The announcement also provides additional details regarding the project's timeline, with updated building drawings planned for release in late 2022, design completion scheduled for 2023, and groundbreaking tentatively targeted for 2024.

"This is an exciting development that signifies a new chapter in the VMNH-Waynesboro campus project," said Dr. Joe Keiper, executive director of VMNH. "Glavé & Holmes Architecture has an outstanding track record of delivering incredible results for numerous cultural, educational, and

civic institutions throughout the Commonwealth. We have the utmost confidence that, together, we will deliver a museum facility that will be an asset and place of pride for the entire region."

During this new stage of the project, preliminary conceptual drawings will be updated with detailed designs that will address every aspect of the construction project, including the final appearance of the facility.

"As long time supporters of the museum community in Virginia, we are thrilled to have this opportunity to bring this exciting new museum to Waynesboro and the Shenandoah Valley, working in partnership with Verner Johnson, the exhibit design firm Riggs Ward, and an excellent team of professionals on this effort," said Glavé & Holmes Architecture Senior Principal and Director of Cultural Studio Steven Blashfield. "We anticipate a design that will respond to this outstanding setting on the South River and reflect

Virginia's natural history in an inspiring new facility."

To be located at the corner of W. Main and Arch Streets in Downtown Waynesboro, the VMNH-Waynesboro facility will consist of approximately 28,000 square feet of space, 20,000 of which will be dedicated to exhibit galleries and children's learning and play areas. The facility will also include multiple classrooms, a science laboratory, and will provide a direct connection to the South River Preserve, while boasting numerous educational landscaping features.

"The Blue Ridge and Shenandoah Valley region of Virginia offers a tremendous opportunity to tell stories about its unique ecology, geology, and cultural and natural history," said VMNH Trustee Dr. Thomas Benzing. "We're excited to build these stories into every aspect of the VMNH-Waynesboro facility, from the indoor exhibit galleries to the outdoor landscaping features."

Throughout the effort to bring a museum campus to

Waynesboro, museum officials have worked closely with regional educators, colleges and universities, conservation organizations, and other community stakeholders to ensure that the upcoming facility maximizes benefits to the entire region. During the detailed design phase of the project, this level of collaboration will remain a priority.

"In the coming days, museum officials and regional stakeholders will meet with our newly formed team of architects, exhibit designers, landscape specialists and others to ensure that our lofty vision for the new VMNH-Waynesboro campus is fully realized," said Keiper. "We're excited to begin this process and look forward to continuing our engagements with the community in the weeks and months ahead."

Virginia State Senator Emmett Hanger (R-Augusta County) has pushed the concept and funding for the branch museum through the Virginia General Assembly since first talks of its creation.

"Museum and local officials and interested organizations have collaborated to ensure this museum site will highlight Virginia's unique natural history," said Hanger. "The museum is going to be an economic boost and a wonderful educational component for not only this part of the Valley, but for all of our Commonwealth."

The idea for establishing an interpretive center focused on natural resources can be traced back to the first Virginia Fly Fishing Festival initiated by Waynesboro Downtown Development Inc. in 2000. It is a direct outgrowth of their vision and significant contributions from the Shenandoah Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited and Dominion Energy to build the education pavilion in Constitution Park, as well as the efforts of the Center for Coldwaters Restoration, a volunteer citizen group formed in 2010.

To learn more about the Virginia Museum of Natural History, visit www.vmnh.net.

United Way seeks community input for potential volunteer engagement system

United Way of Henry County & Martinsville wants local nonprofits and businesses to weigh in on developing a centralized engagement and management system to mobilize volunteers, according to a press release.

"How do we develop a strong volunteer system for our community? People see things that would be helpful to a community, but finding a way to pull all the pieces together to make it work can be challenging," said Sheryl Agee, senior operating officer at The Harvest Foundation. "We know it is important as volunteers often help keep the doors open and enable nonprofits to deliver vital programs and services. Studies show that volunteering is also good for our own physical and mental health. It keeps us in regular contact with others and helps develop social networks and support systems to help when we may be going through a challenging time."

The Harvest Foundation funded a Pick Up the Pace! grant of \$6,682.50 to assess specific volunteer needs of organizations and how willing organizations are to adopt a centralized system.

Philip Wenkstern, executive director of the United Way of Henry County & Martinsville, said he recognizes the integral role volunteers play in the ability of organizations to achieve their respective missions.

"We hope this grant is the first step toward creating a local volunteer engagement and management system that benefits organizations throughout our community," he said. "We are thankful to the Harvest Foundation for supporting the research and planning that the United Way will pursue as we work to build a system that benefits everyone."

One example of the impact volunteers have on Martinsville-Henry County is the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Program, a premier initiative of the United Way. According to Wenkstern, this program is almost entirely volunteer run and staffed, engaging nearly 20 volunteers who contribute roughly 2,500 hours of time annually.

These volunteers prepare more than 1,600 tax returns which generate nearly \$2.5 million in tax refunds and almost \$500,000 in tax filing fee savings for some of the community's most economically disadvantaged members.



Volunteers from Martinsville-Henry County businesses and organizations staffed and sponsored the Dollars and Sense Reality Fair, a program of United Way of Henry County & Martinsville that teaches high school students about budgeting and financial stability. This session included students from Magna Vista High School at New College Institute on March 12, 2020.



The United Way Day of Action on Sept. 13, 2019, drew volunteers from across Martinsville and Henry County for a combined 400 hours of community service. This year's Day of Action and Annual Campaign Kickoff is scheduled for Sept. 23.

understaffed and operating on a shoestring budget," Wenkstern said. "The opportunity to address pressing community challenges by leveraging the passion and expertise of our local residents is an important resource that needs to be strengthened."

The United Way of Henry County & Martinsville is holding its Day of Action and Annual Campaign Kickoff on Sept. 23. To find out more, visit unitedwayof-hcm.org.



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OPINION

“Quiet quitting” isn’t what you think

If you’re anything like me, you’ve probably started seeing articles pop up recently about “quiet quitting,” the new term that was coined on TikTok a month or so ago but you’re only hearing about it now because you refuse to download TikTok.

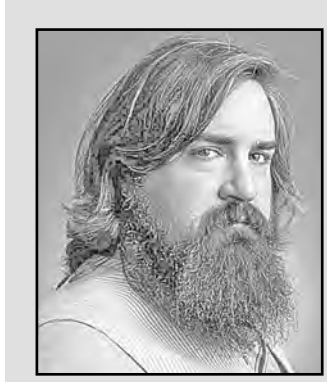
When I first heard about quiet quitting, I assumed it was a method by which you quit your job so quietly that no one notices so you can collect a paycheck while sitting at home rewatching “Better Call Saul.” Unfortunately, quiet quitting isn’t nearly that exciting.

Zaid Khan, one of the TikTokers credited with popularizing the term, describes quiet quitting as “not outright quitting your job, but you’re quitting the idea of going above and beyond. ... You are still

performing your duties, but you are no longer subscribing to the hustle culture mentality that work has to be our life.”

Essentially, quiet quitting is showing up to work and doing exactly what you’re contractually obligated to do; no more, no less. As it turns out, I’ve had many colleagues over the years who were pioneers at the forefront of quiet quitting, and I’ve had a few jobs where I was a quiet quitter myself.

As you can see, quiet quitting is nothing new. In the past, it’s also gone by the name “work-to-rule,” a union tactic of doing the absolute bare minimum to prove to employers that the only reason the trains run on time is because the employees are working through lunch breaks and performing unpaid overtime.



By Ben R. Williams

New or not, quiet quitting has employers in a tizzy. They’re concerned their businesses won’t be able to function. It’s no wonder the concept has become so popular.

If I pay my taxes and don’t throw in an extra hundred bucks, no one calls it “quiet

fraud.” If I buy groceries and pay the exact amount on the receipt, no one calls it “quiet theft.” Yet somehow, work is different; if you don’t go above and beyond and provide the company with benefits they’re not paying you for, suddenly you’re a quiet quitter.

As long as we’re discussing fun terms, here’s another one: wage theft. Wage theft is when companies don’t pay their employees according to the law. Getting paid below the minimum wage? That’s wage theft. Boss taking your tips? Also wage theft. Denying meal and rest breaks? Wage theft. Not paying overtime? You better believe that’s wage theft. And quiet quitting is a direct response to wage theft.

Admittedly, there are some jobs out there where going above and beyond is incentivized. There are employers who recognize hard work and reward it with raises or bonuses.

Of course, they’re in the minority. In an attempt to squeeze out every last nickel of profit, most companies have spent years discouraging hard work, whether they realize it or not. If you burn the candle at both ends and complete your work early, your boss will reward you with more work. If you agree to temporarily take over another employee’s duties when they quit, you’ll be rewarded by having to continue doing your coworker’s job until the end of time. And you’re definitely not getting your coworker’s salary on top of your own. That would be madness.

In the current job market, employers shouldn’t complain that their employees don’t want to do more than the job they were hired for. The employers are the ones who taught them it wasn’t worth it. Eventually, even Charlie Brown stopped kicking Lucy’s football.

Collinsville resident named a Virginia Management Fellow

Karli Foster of Collinsville, a graduate of James Madison University, has been selected as one of 10 Virginia Management Fellows for the 2022-24 cohort, according to a press release.

A collaboration between the Virginia Department

of Human Resource Management and Virginia Tech, the program addresses the Commonwealth’s need for talented, trained and prepared government leaders.

The 10 Fellows work with 10 state agency mentors who guide projects as well as offer

hands-on agency work and research efforts.

During the two-year leadership and management development certificate program, Virginia Management Fellows learn and practice technical and generalist skills that are important to state agencies.

Three eight-month agency rotations give Fellows day-to-day work experience, and they also learn financial management, public budgeting, and other key competencies needed in state government.

The General Assembly first approved the program

in 2017.

“This cohort marks the fifth anniversary of the VMF program, an important milestone for the state. We are demonstrating our commitment to Virginia’s future leaders,” said Secretary of Administration Lyn McDermid.

Martinsville Speedway to celebrate 75th anniversary of first race on Sept. 7

To celebrate its 75th anniversary, Martinsville Speedway will welcome fans to the track for an evening of activities on Wednesday, Sept. 7 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. To thank fans for their continuous support over 75 years, Martinsville Speedway will offer free Martinsville Hot Dogs, cold beverages, birthday cake, live music, iconic photo moments with the 75th anniversary logo and Martinsville Speedway grandfather clock, and track laps for fans in their personal vehicles. All activities are free to the public for the track’s iconic 75th anniversary.

“Martinsville Speedway is home to some of the most historic moments in NASCAR history and

every memorable moment has been filled with the cheers of our loyal race fans,” said Clay Campbell, Martinsville Speedway President. “To share our gratitude, we are inviting the community and race fans across the country to celebrate with us on the anniversary of our first race.”

Founded by H. Clay Earles, Martinsville Speedway held its first race on Sept. 7, 1947, three months before the creation of NASCAR, with 9,013 fans and 750 seats ready on its original dirt track. On Sept. 25, 1949, future NASCAR Hall of Famer Red Byron won the first NASCAR race held at the Martinsville Speedway dirt track. Bill France Sr., founder of NASCAR and

inaugural inductee to the NASCAR Hall of Fame, joined Earles as a 50 percent partner on the track in the early 1950’s.

To download Martinsville Speedway’s 75th anniversary logo, click here.

Martinsville Speedway is the only NASCAR track to host NASCAR Cup Series races every year since its inception in 1949. The track was paved in 1955 and remains the shortest track on the Cup Series schedule at .526 miles. Its width is 55 feet with 800-foot asphalt straights and tight 588-foot concrete turns, banked at 12 degrees.

In 1964, Earles decided it was time for a “different” type of trophy for race winners, so the track introduced the Martinsville grandfather clock in Victory Lane. The grandfather clocks are manufactured by a local company, Ridgeway Clocks, as part of a historic tradition that continues to this day. Fred Lorenzen won the first Martinsville grandfather clock.

Earles remained chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Martinsville Speedway until his death on Nov.

16, 1999. In 2017, he was recognized with the NASCAR Hall of Fame Landmark Award. From Martinsville Speedway’s founding, Earles believed in offering fans an exceptional experience for a reasonable price.

“You’ll sell the fan a memory as much as you’ll sell them a ticket, and if the memory is good, they’ll come back,” shared Earles in 1998.

Clay Campbell carried on his grandfather’s legacy by joining Martinsville Speedway in 1978 and becoming track president in 1988. Campbell, the longest serving track president in NASCAR, has led Martinsville Speedway’s continued success at the track and the organization’s active role giving back to the local community.

After 70 years of racing, Martinsville Speedway became the first major motorsports facility in the nation to install LED lights in 2017. In the fall of that year, Martinsville’s Cup Series race was the first to finish under the lights at the track. On June 20, 2020, the first full Cup Series night race at Martinsville Speedway was won by Martin Truex

Jr.

In April, the NASCAR Hall of Fame and Martinsville Speedway unveiled a year-long exhibit honoring the track’s historic 75th Anniversary season. The first-ever exhibit showcases many historic Martinsville Speedway artifacts including the first Martinsville Speedway grandfather clock that was awarded to Fred Lorenzen on Sept. 27, 1964, the last non-grandfather clock winner’s trophy awarded to Fred Lorenzen on April 26, 1964, Jeff Gordon Helmet from his 93rd and final career victory (and ninth at Martinsville) on Nov. 1, 2015, and more.

To plan a visit to the NASCAR Hall of Fame and view the Martinsville Speedway 75th anniversary exhibit, visit www.nascarhall.com/explore/exhibits/martinsville-75. To purchase tickets to the NASCAR Hall of Fame, visit www.nascarhall.com/tickets.

As Martinsville Speedway celebrates its 75th anniversary, the track will continue to recognize and honor its history throughout the year. For more information on Martinsville Speedway’s 75th anniversary season,

visit www.martinsvillespeedway.com/75th.

2022 NASCAR Season

As part of its 75th Anniversary season, Martinsville hosts the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour season finale on Thursday, Oct. 27 and penultimate races of the NASCAR Xfinity Series Playoffs in the Dead On Tools 250 on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 3:00 p.m. and the Cup Series Playoffs in the Xfinity 500 on Sunday, Oct. 30 at 2:00 p.m. In short track battles that can only happen at Martinsville, the fall races will crown the Whelen Modified Tour champion and set the field for the Xfinity and Cup Series championships the following week at Phoenix Raceway.

The ValleyStar Credit Union 300, the nation’s biggest, richest and most prestigious NASCAR Late Model Stock Car race, will return for an evening of intense competition on Sept. 24.

NASCAR tickets are available for purchase today via phone at 877-RACE-TIX or online at martinsvillespeedway.com.

Virginia among 40-plus states to issue \$12.5B in USDA’s Child Food Benefits for Summer

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has partnered with 42 states and territories across the country to provide summer food buying benefits to families with children, according to a USDA press release. These states and territories will provide an estimated \$12.5 billion in temporary nutrition benefits to approximately 32 million children.

Summer hunger has always been an issue when schools close, but electronic benefit transfer, commonly known as EBT, is a proven way to help families bear food costs. These benefits are even more critical during times of inflation. The Biden Administration is doing everything it can to ensure all states are positioned to issue P-EBT benefits to families for the summer months when children are at a higher risk for food insecurity.

“Providing children with the food and nutrition they need to live healthy lives is a year-round

mission, and we are proud to partner with many states and territories to provide food-buying benefits for this summer,” said Cindy Long, administrator of the USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service. “Our hope is that all states will adopt the program, ensuring that all children have access to the healthy food they need and deserve.”

Children are eligible for this temporary nutrition benefit, known as Summer P-EBT, if they are eligible for free or reduced-price meals during the school year, or if they are under age six and live in a household receiving SNAP benefits. The benefits are loaded onto a debit-type card that can be used to purchase food. Families of eligible children typically receive \$391 per child for the summer, with higher rates for families in Alaska, Hawaii, and U.S. territories.

There is strong evidence that providing families with summer child food benefits has positive

impacts, such as:

- Decreasing by one-third the number of households with children who do not always have enough to eat;

- Reaching children across diverse geographical areas – including difficult-to-reach rural populations; and

- Increasing consumption of nutritious foods, including fruits, vegetables, whole grains and dairy.

Families seeking additional food assistance for children in their household can reach out to the USDA National Hunger Hotline, operated by Hunger Free America, which connects people with food assistance in their nearby communities. The hotline can be reached Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. ET. at 1-866-3-HUNGRY (1-866-348-6479) (for English) or 1-877-8-HAMBRE (1-877-842-6273) (for Spanish).

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Ancora Education selected by Patrick & Henry Community College to manage school's CDL training program

According to Indeed.com, there are an estimated 8,000 truck driving positions available in the state of Virginia. Understanding the current demand for drivers, Patrick & Henry Community College in Henry County recently secured Ancora Education to manage the school's CDL training program in Martinsville, according to a release from P&HCC.

"It is an honor to manage Patrick & Henry's CDL new training program and to help students take advantage of the employment opportunities now available

in the trucking industry," said Jeffrey Burkhardt, Ancora Education's Senior Director of Operations, Commercial Driver Training. "We are grateful to the College for the trust they have placed in Ancora. We look forward to a great partnership in helping people take the first step towards a successful career in truck driving."

After completing the CDL training program, students can earn their commercial driving license, potentially leading to an in-demand, well-paying career in as little as four weeks. The average

starting salary for a licensed CDL driver in Virginia is more than \$63,000.

"It was important for Patrick & Henry to provide a respected CDL training program for the communities we serve. By managing our CDL program, Ancora will provide a depth of knowledge that comes with being a top CDL training provider and will go a long way in helping our instructors and staff be successful," said Dr. Greg Hodges, President of Patrick & Henry.

"This is the right time to boost our program so students can immediately

step into an in-demand field that offers exceptional flexibility and benefits," added Rhonda Hodges (no relation), Vice President of Workforce, Economic, and Community Development. "With funding from Fast Forward, the Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission, and the West Piedmont Workforce Development Board, many students can complete the program for little to no cost to the family."

Based in Arlington, Texas, Ancora Education is one of the largest corporate training providers in the marketplace.

P&HCC Baseball to host alumni golf tournament

The first annual Patriots Baseball Alumni Golf Tournament, hosted by Patrick & Henry Community College, is set for Saturday, October 22, at Forest Park Country Club in Martinsville, according to a P&HCC press release.

P&H Baseball is looking forward to a great day of golf with Patrick & Henry alumni, friends, and business partners.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m., with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. The all-inclusive entry fee of just \$400 per foursome includes a branded item, lunch, and 50/50 prize drawings. Sponsorship for individual holes is

available for \$100. In addition, a number of other sponsorships are available. Please see opportunities to support P&HCC Baseball below.

Proceeds benefit the Patrick & Henry Community College Baseball team. To register, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pats-baseball-alumni-golf-tourney-tickets-409979378357>.

Basic Fee Information:

Foursome \$400
Fee for a team of four includes golf, cart, lunch, and a chance to win 50/50 raffles, along with awards at the conclusion of the tournament

Hole Sponsor \$100

Includes your company name on day of tournament information and a hole sponsor sign displayed on course

Patriot Package \$20 per team
4 Mulligans per Team

1 Raffle Ticket per Golfer for a 50/50 Prize Raffle

Additional Mulligans:
\$5 per golfer (Maximum 2 mulligans per golfer & 8 mulligans per team)

Sponsorship Level Information:

Blue Event Sponsor \$1,500

Includes 2 team registrations, one hole sponsorship, logo on website and

recognition during awards

Gold Award Sponsor \$500

Includes hole signage and award recognition for either Closest to the Pin contest or Longest Drive contest

Premium Hole Sponsorship \$250

Exclusive host of hole with prominent Tee Box signage featuring company logo

Hole Sponsorship \$100

Tee Box signage featuring company logo

For additional information, please contact Letitia Pulliam of the P&HCC Foundation at lpulliam@patrickhenry.edu or 276-656-0250.

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to many of the local people and organizations that aim to aid and encourage business development in Martinsville-Henry County.

"In January of this year, I heard about the startup program," she said. "I applied and was selected out of sixty candidates. I feel honored and blessed and met amazing friends and cohorts there, and I had wonderful mentorship with the Chamber of Commerce and also Mr. (Michael) Scales with Longwood Business Development Center. He's

been phenomenal. It's been a journey."

At the moment, 4RC is being paneled for 35 insurance companies, including the top ten insurances, and hopes to start accepting insurance soon. In the meantime, Yates hopes to do everything she can to make therapy affordable and accessible for everyone who needs it. This includes scholarships, some of which will provide up to six free months of therapy sessions.

"I'm trying to send a clear signal that we're here to help

as many people as we can in whatever way we can. If I could do this for free, I would," she said.

Eventually, Yates hopes to open a new office by the Smith River, which would eventually become the main office. "The next step is to try and find a location by the Smith River so I can branch out and include yoga and meditation down the road," she said.

Yates hopes to combat the stigma associated with seeking counseling, and she hopes that her story and openness about

her own struggles will help accomplish that.

"Just be open, come give me a try, but take your time," she said. "Get to know me; get to know 4RC. I will follow you, follow where you're at, follow your lead. But most importantly, I understand and I get it. I don't mind sharing that I seek counseling myself. There's still a lot of stigma associated with seeking counseling and I want to lift that veil, I want to squash it. Because it's not necessary. This pandemic has pushed all of us to

extremes, but especially our young people. Us adults are having a hard time; our young people are really having a hard time. So, if my story ... if that story of humanity helps bring in people and lift that veil of shame, let's do it," she said.

4RC offers both in person and telehealth counseling to children, teens, adults, individuals, couples, and families. The office is located at 300 Franklin Street, Suite 236, Martinsville. For more information or appointments, call (540) 339-6937.

Candidates

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ected as city council member and vice mayor on Nov. 4, 2014, and with that appointment became the youngest ever city council member and the first African-American woman in a leadership position on the council. She forms the first female duo of Mayor and Vice-Mayor in the city's history, along with mayor Kathy Lawson.

Bowles is a graduate of Martinsville High School, graduating with an advanced diploma, and received her MBA from Averett University and her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Virginia. She currently works as the Public Relations Specialist with the Danville Police Department.

In her free time, Bowles enjoys reading, spending time with family, playing with her goddaughters, nephews, and niece, and playing with her dogs, King and Wiggles.

Bowles hopes to help Martinsville live up to its motto and listen to what the citizens want for the city. "My vision for Martinsville is to truly live up to our motto, a city without limits," she said. "We need to put our citizens first and help those who need it the most. I plan to achieve this by continuing to listen, having open conversations and dialogue with our citizens. I plan to make decisions that help all citizens, not just one segment or population."

While she cites many accomplishments during her time on the council, a few of them include advocating for diversification of city's staff with employment of more minorities in all departments including the police department; voting for improvements to parks with a citizen survey to decide what occurs in the parks; supporting the utility moratorium during the COVID pandemic and supporting utility rate subsidies for elderly citizens; and pushing for weekly, then monthly meetings for the community to receive updates during the COVID-

19 pandemic.

Bowles is in support of Martinsville's reversion; however, she believes that the citizens should have a say in it. "We should allow our citizens to vote on whether or not they want our city to revert to a town. The city should do a better job at showcasing the pros and the cons and allowing the citizens to decide," she said.

She aims to be a voice for the citizens of Martinsville. Bowles said, "I will always continue to fight for our citizens and do what I believe is in their best interest. I do not mind standing alone on an issue if it is for the betterment of our community. Being born and raised in Martinsville, I have seen the good and bad our city has to offer. I will continue to be a catalyst for change, progression, and positivity."

Aaron Rawls

Aaron Rawls, 40, moved to Martinsville in 2012. He is the Chief Information Officer for Madison Taylor Marketing and is the owner of Oakdale Technology Consulting. He holds a Bachelor's degree in marketing and management from the University of South Carolina and an MBA from the University of Phoenix. Rawls has been in management and leadership positions for 18 years and spent several years in the Baldrige program. In his free time, Rawls enjoys fixing up old houses and dog rescue.

Rawls has a vision of bringing Martinsville back to its glory days as much as possible. "The vision is, frankly, to bring a little bit of vision to Martinsville," he said. "What I mean by that is for decades now, probably about fifty years or getting there, we've been in a state of decline. That's pretty similar to a lot of areas around the country, but things have changed over the last fifteen or so years and we have (not acted as though) we might be something more than what we used to be."

Rawls plans to do what he can to bring people back to Martinsville.

"Martinsville's an awesome place to be," he said. "We do not need to be stuck in a mindset of permanent decline and failure because that's not who we are."

Rawls is firmly against reversion, as he believes that saying yes to reversion means giving up on the idea that Martinsville can be bettered. "It assumes a position of failure, that we will never grow, that we will never be able to pick ourselves up, and that we just have to be resigned to perpetually slowly dying," he said. He says that city revenues are increasing instead of declining.

Rawls believes that Martinsville is a wonderful place to live and wants to work to help it live up to the potential that he knows it has.

"I love this city, I believe in it, and I have the expertise to bring us up instead of down," he said.

L.C. Jones

L.C. Jones, 41, is a long time Martinsville resident with an 11-year-old son. He works as a Martinsville Police Officer with his current position being a School Resource Officer at Martinsville Middle School. Jones graduated from Fieldale-Collinsville in 1999. He then went on to receive his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Liberty University in 2020, and is currently enrolled in Liberty's Master's program in public administration. In his free time, Jones enjoys spending time with kids,

bike riding, and exercising.

Jones believes that one of the biggest issues facing Martinsville right now is the homelessness issue, along with the mental health crisis. He said that these two issues feed off of one another and drain entities like the police department of resources. One of his proposed solutions for these issues is a community crisis team, which would consist of local police, EMS representatives, mental health representatives, Piedmont Community Support representatives, and at least one common citizen.

He is also an advocate for making the city more inviting for new citizens and business owners by cleaning up the city, especially the large number of uninhabited houses. Jones would also like to see an increased number of trade programs within Martinsville schools, such as HVAC, plumbing, mechanics, and more.

Jones is against reversion and believes that the biggest problem is how it was presented to the people. He says it was presented to the citizens as if it was a necessity, and that if it were presented differently and with more information people would have different opinions on it. He says that the financial situation of the city is not as dire as is being reported.

"The city is not losing money or in the financial bind that they're reporting to

us," he said. Jones said that the citizens of Martinsville should be able to vote on the issue.

Jones' motto is, "Integrity, transparency, and legitimacy," as he believes these are three things that the city is lacking right now. He encourages voters to take a chance to get to know him and to do their own research into Martinsville's financials.

Danny Turner

Danny Turner, 66, was elected in 2008 and has served on council since, with the exception of a two-year hiatus from 2016-2018. He is a graduate of Martinsville High School and attended Patrick and Henry Community College for two years. He is retired, and in his free time he enjoys playing golf, watching baseball, and collecting old and unusual currency.

Turner is an advocate for keeping taxes low for Martinsville residents and improving the environment around the city to facilitate growth. He believes that Martinsville has many valuable assets to attract new citizens.

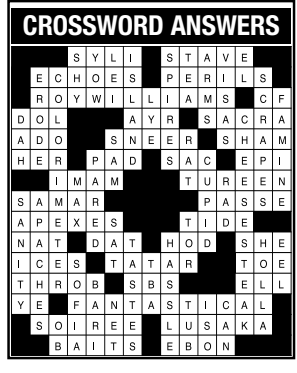
"There's a lot of people in this country looking to move away from where they're living now," he said. "We have to encourage people to move here by governmental policies and just being friendly and showcasing what we have here."

While being in office, Turner is proud of many of the things he has accomplished.

"When I was mayor ... the city of Martinsville was paying way too much for economic development," he said. "Our share, we were paying about three or four times more than what we should have compared to what the county was paying," an issue Turner said he helped resolved. He has also worked hard to raise money and recognition for veterans in the city. He is also proud of his approach to Covid, and said that he went out and helped deliver 3,500 masks to the people and helped businesses take advantage of the programs available to them to help them through the pandemic.

Turner plans to support whatever decision the three-judge panel comes to regarding reversion, but believes that reversion is inevitable and the "independent city concept has outlived its usefulness many times over." He says that there should only be one constitutional office between the city and the county, the details just need to be worked out.

Turner believes that he should be reelected because he's always had citizens' backs. "When anyone's ever called or asked for help, I'm always there," he said.



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Landowner legacy planning workshops announced

The Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) and the Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) encourage landowners to make plans – now – for passing on their land to the next generation, according to a joint press release.

The Generation NEXT program, a collaboration between VDOF and VCE, helps Virginia landowners make plans to keep forests intact, in forest, and in family.

To help landowners get started and clarify misconceptions about the legacy planning

process, the Generation NEXT Program is hosting in-person and virtual workshops this summer and fall. The workshops serve as opportunities for family members to ask difficult questions, receive useful information, and get on the same page about their plans for the future.

Workshop Information

A workshop will be conducted on Oct. 27th in Galax. Families pay a single fee to participate. Visit the VCE website for more information: <https://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu/online-registration.html>

“Many landowners are overwhelmed by the legacy planning process and assume that it primarily involves complicated estate planning with attorneys and accountants,” said VDOF Forestland Conservation Program Manager Karl Didier.

“The Generation NEXT program helps to ease estate planning and demonstrates how it’s just one part of the legacy planning process. Legacy planning is an ongoing process. Much like a forest changes over

time, your plans will evolve. As priorities change or family dynamics shift, so should plans for your land.”

“One of the most important steps in legacy planning includes conversations between the landowner and the people who will steward their land after they’re gone,” said Generation NEXT Program Coordinator Karen Snape. “When unforeseen events occur before clearly established plans for your estate and land can be put in place, things can quickly become complicated

for surviving family members. Having these conversations now is critical.”

A companion to the workshop series, the award-winning Legacy Planning: A Guide for Virginia Landowners publication, provides an overview of the nine major steps involved in developing a robust land legacy plan. It includes case studies from landowners throughout Virginia and guides landowners to tools and resources. The free publication is available on the Virginia Tech website or in print by request.

The traditional brunt of Virginia’s hurricane season is coming

In a season marked by flooding across the commonwealth, country, and world, Virginians can protect themselves from catastrophic losses due to floods from future storms, according to a press release from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

September through mid-October is historically Virginia’s most active hurricane period, and the Atlantic hurricane season continues through Nov. 30. Conditions are still in place for an above-average hurricane season, according to the annual mid-season update from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Climate Prediction Center, a division of the National Weather Service.

Floods, not winds,

are the most costly consequence of hurricanes. Flood insurance is the best way for residents to protect their property and the lives they’ve worked hard to build. There’s still time to get this coverage during this hurricane season.

Here’s what Virginians need to know about flood insurance:

One inch of water in an average home can cause more than \$25,000 in damages.

Standard homeowner’s and renter’s policies don’t cover flood damage.

Renters can obtain a contents-only flood insurance policy to protect belongings.

A new flood insurance policy can take up to 30 days to become effective.

“The Virginia Department of Conservation and

Recreation urges everyone to understand their flood risk and take steps now to protect their property from flood damage. Anywhere it can rain, it can flood, so it’s important that Virginians have flood insurance coverage,” said Wendy Howard-Cooper, DCR director of dam safety and floodplain management programs.

“Unfortunately, many homeowners and renters don’t have flood insurance, putting them at greater risk as we experience more frequent, severe and widespread flooding. With hurricane season nearing its peak, now is a great time to take the necessary steps to be sure you are covered in case of a flood. Know your risk, protect your property and get flood insurance now.”

DCR’s Division of Dam Safety and

Floodplain Management works closely with communities statewide to strengthen local flood-

plain ordinances and to help them comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance

Program. DCR also offers financial assistance to localities to help mitigate the effects of flooding.



Floods, not winds, are the most costly consequence of hurricanes.

Pittsylvania/Danville and Southside Health District gauging interest in Monkeypox vaccine

The Virginia Department of Health’s Pittsylvania/Danville Health District and Southside Health District are now offering a form for those interested in the monkeypox vaccine, JYNNEOS. The form allows the districts to gauge community interest and to determine who might be at higher risk.

Interested individuals can fill

out the form to register their interest in receiving a monkeypox vaccine. More information is available at www.vdh.virginia.gov/monkeypox

A limited supply of vaccines is being offered in Virginia to adults with certain risk factors that increase their likelihood of becoming exposed to monkeypox. Because vaccination

supply remains limited, vaccination is not guaranteed by filling out the interest form.

“The risk of monkeypox to the general public is considered low,” said Pittsylvania-Danville and Southside Health Districts Director Scott Spillmann, MD, MPH. “However, we are fortunate to be able to offer the JYNNEOS vaccine to those at

higher risk. Other ways to stay safe include avoiding skin-to-skin contact with another person’s rash or lesions, and frequently washing your hands with soap and water.”

Monkeypox is a disease caused by a virus that can result in a rash or lesions and can spread from animals to people and from person to person. Anyone can get

and spread monkeypox; however, it is spread by close contact with an infected person. Close contact includes touching skin lesions, bodily fluids, or clothing or linens that have been in contact with an infected person. Spread can also occur during prolonged, face-to-face contact. The highest risk activity at present is sex with multiple or anonymous partners.

Virginia ABC and VDACS to celebrate Virginia Spirits Month in September

The Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (ABC) is once again partnering with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) in celebrating September as Virginia Spirits Month, according to an ABC press release.

This designation recognizes the commonwealth’s rich history of spirits and spotlights more than 100 licensed distilleries that call the state home.

The commonwealth is the Birthplace of American Spirits. In 1620, during the

early Jamestown settlement days, George Thorpe – after being introduced to corn by the regional indigenous people – used the crop in place of barley to distill the first batch of American whiskey. George Washington, the first president of the United States, went on to become the biggest producer of Virginia whiskey during his time.

“We are proud to support a wealth of talented distilleries who continue Virginia’s long and storied history of spirits by offering a range of selections from bourbon to vodka

to moonshine,” said CEO Travis Hill. “This is an important time for us to further celebrate our Virginia-made spirits that have received local, statewide, national and global acclaim.”

Virginia’s distilled spirits industry is a major contributor to the commonwealth’s economy. In 2017, the industry maintained nearly 1,500 full time jobs and had an economic impact of more than \$163 million. Virginia distilleries have also become popular agritourism destinations as they attract thousands

of visitors each year.

Virginia distillers source more than 70% of their ingredients from Virginia farms, including corn, wheat, barley, rye, potatoes and fruits. Distillers in the state also source finishing components such as new barrels and bottles or used cider, wine and beer barrels.

“Virginia’s agricultural and forestry industries play an important role in the production of Virginia distilled spirits. Many Virginia distilleries invest in local farms by purchasing grains and fruits from

local producers and by providing spent mash to farmers for feed and fertilizer,” said VDACS Commissioner Joseph Guthrie. “Distillers are also purchasing barrel wood components that originate from Virginia’s forests.”

Virginia ABC will also honor this special month with “Virginia Spirits Sale-A-Bration.” Throughout September, customers can save 20% on 132 select Virginia-made products, all of which are subject to availability. The Sale-A-Bration will not have a purchase limit.

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enough for her leadership and dedication to Uptown Partnership and the City of Martinsville,” said Harris. “During her time here, Kathy has had a transformational impact, setting a strong foundation for our organization and championing Uptown revitalization through her tireless work with the City, the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), local property and business owners and the community at large.”

Deacon joined Uptown Partnership in May 2021 as its first executive director. During her tenure, she led various projects including Wall Street Alley Activation, grant

funding and financial management of organization, Community Visioning Project/Report, initiating and partnering on Uptown events and implementing the Main Street model in Martinsville in collaboration with DHCD and community partners.

“It has been my pleasure to lead Uptown Partnership through this early stage of development and work with our board and the many talented community members who have joined in the work and helped to create a long list of accomplishments in a short time,” said Deacon. “I know that Uptown Partnership will continue to play an important

role in the revitalization of the Uptown business district and will, through the successful utilization of the Main Street approach, provide community members with an opportunity to be heard and involved in the important work that is taking place to catalyze change and growth in Uptown Martinsville.”

Formed in 2020, Uptown Partnership (a 501 (c) (3) organization) is an inclusive and diverse group of people who are committed to bringing residents, visitors and businesses to Uptown Martinsville, using the nationally successful Main Street Approach. To learn more, visit uptownpartnership.com.



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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 **September 14, 2022 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 **September 27, 2022 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.

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The property is located at 57 Soapstone Road in the Horsepasture District. The Tax Map number is 50.7/44. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 3.48-acres from Agricultural District A-1 to Commercial District B-1. The applicant wishes to market the property for commercial purposes.

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.

Lee H. Clark, ACP
Director of Planning, Zoning & Inspection

HENRY COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE INTENT TO REMOVE AN UNSAFE STRUCTURE RECORD OWNER:

Billy Joe Brown (Life Estate) c/o Linda F. Dillon

Pursuant to Section 6-300 of the Henry County Code, NOTICE is hereby given that the owner shall remove the structure which might endanger the public health or safety of other residents of the County on or before thirty (30) days following this publication and failure to do so will result in the County having to remove the structure and the cost or expense shall be charged to and paid by the owner and collected as taxes are collected.

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HENRY COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 33.2-915 through 33.2-922 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the Henry County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 6:00 PM in the Summerlin Meeting Room of the Henry County Administration Building at 3300 Kings Mountain Road in Collinsville, Virginia.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive citizen input into the issue of the abandonment of a temporary 40' x 50' turn-around located between the addresses of 468 & 510 Pioneer Trail in the Collinsville District.

The documents showing the location of the proposed abandonment is available for public inspection in the Department of Planning, Zoning & Inspection, Room 205, Henry County Administration Building, Kings Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

Lee H. Clark, AICP
Director of Planning, Zoning & Inspection



Virginia celebrates September as Music Heritage Month

Virginia's contribution to music history and innovation around the world is celebrated by declaring September as Virginia Music Heritage Month, according to a Virginia tourism press release.

Virginia's music culture is diverse and includes genres such as Blues, folk, brass, hip-hop, mountain music, country, gospel, and rock. Many notable musicians were born in and/or began their careers in Virginia, including Dave Matthews, Ella Fitzgerald, Bruce Hornsby, Pharell Williams, the Foo Fighters' Dave Grohl, Missy Elliott, D'Angelo, and Jason Mraz.

Virginia hosts many music festivals, drawing hundreds of thousands of visitors every year from across the country and the world. These include FloydFest, the Galax Old Fiddler's Convention, Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunion, and the Richmond Folk Festival among many others.

Richmond has long been known for its underground punk scene, but the city has become a fit for all types of musical genres. Virginia's capital is home to a diverse local music scene from jazz to folk to indie rock and is filled with musical talent –

from both local bands and nationally recognized artists – on any given night. For the music traveler, Richmond is the place to visit to catch your favorite artists and discover a new favorite at any of its numerous live music venues.

The sounds of country music beat strong in the Southwest Virginia area, connected by The Crooked Road, Virginia's Heritage Music Trail. The Crooked Road winds through almost 300 miles of scenic terrain in Southwest Virginia, including 19 counties, four cities, and 54 towns. Historic music sites around the Crooked Road include the Floyd Country Store, home to the Floyd Friday Night Jamboree, the Rex Theater in Galax, and the Carter Family Fold in Hiltons, named after A.P. and Sara Carter, which is dedicated to the preservation and performance of old-time country and bluegrass music.

The city of Bristol is known as the Birthplace of Country Music because of the 1927 Bristol Sessions, which legendary country artist Johnny Cash referred to as "the single most important event in the history of country music." The Smithsonian-

affiliated Birthplace of Country Music Museum opened in August 2014 to commemorate the Bristol Sessions and Southwest Virginia's contributions to American music.

Hip hop is huge in Hampton Roads. Some of the biggest producers the genre has ever known are from the area. Since the 1990s, the region has had a hand in making some of the most successful hip hop, rap, and pop music made anywhere.

"Virginia's history is rich with musical heritage," said Rita McClenny, President and CEO of Virginia Tourism Corporation. "So many artists from the state influence music and entertainment heard around the world. We want to honor the Commonwealth's exciting music heritage as well as its storied past. Music tourism is an important industry, contributing to the overall economic impact of tourism and diversifying Virginia's economy."

Statewide music events during Virginia Music Heritage Month include:

Sept. 1-4: The Front Porch Fest is a local, regional and national musicians showcase their talent on two stages at



Spirithaven Farm taking place on Virginia's front porch to the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Sept. 3-4: The Appaloosa Festival is a roots music and outdoors experience set at the Skyline Ranch Resort in Front Royal. Hosted by Scythian, Appaloosa features local, national, and international bands, and musical workshops by top artists, including some of the most critically acclaimed up-and-coming artists from all over the country.

Sept. 3-4: The Shenandoah Valley Music Festival has been bring-

ing great music to the Shenandoah Valley for more than 50 years. Each year, the festival presents eight to 10 concerts, featuring nationally recognized, award-winning artists. Acts performing in September include The Spinners (Sept. 3) and Béla Fleck with Billy Contreras, Jacob Jolliff, Justin Moses, Bryan Sutton & Mark Schatz (Sept. 4).

Sept. 9-11: The award-winning Bristol Rhythm and Roots Reunion is a three-day music experience that celebrates Bristol's heritage as the Birthplace of Country

Music. State Street in historic Downtown Bristol comes alive with 22 stages of live music.

Sept. 9-11: The Blue Ridge Rock Festival will be bringing the rock to VIRginia International Raceway. The festival will feature music from Slipknot, Disturbed, Ghost, Mudvayne, Ice Cube, 3 Doors Down, A Day to Remember, Halesstorm, Lamb of God, Alice Cooper, Tenacious D, and many more.

Find out more about Virginia's music heritage at virginia.org/music.

No end in sight for boating season

With gas prices continuing to fall and the summer boating season coming to a close, more boaters are expected to take to the water this Labor Day holiday, according to a press release. Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS), the nation's largest advocacy, services and safety group with more than 800,000 dues-paying members, is advising boaters to keep safety at the forefront of their boating activities.

According to an online survey of BoatUS members across the country, 65% of respondents plan on boating this Labor Day week-

end. Almost 80% said they are welcoming lower gas prices and plan to extend their boating season into the fall.

"We know the Labor Day weekend is the unofficial end of summer, but for many boaters, the long weekend serves as a 'last blast' invitation to get out on the water, and we expect increased boating activity on lakes and coastal waterways," said John Condon, vice president of towing services for BoatUS. "Our survey also indicated that there's no end in sight for a lot of boaters as they are starting to take advantage of lower gas prices and extend their

season into the fall. However, this is a great opportunity to get boaters to think about finishing their season with safety and preparedness in mind."

BoatUS typically receives more than 90,000 calls annually with the major boating holidays – Memorial Day, July Fourth and Labor Day – driving the most calls for assistance from members and non-members. The most common requests for on-water assistance from recreational boaters include some type of engine or mechanical breakdown, running aground in a shallow area, needing a jump-

start, running out of fuel, and needing a tow.

Capt. Richard Lenardson, owner of TowBoatUS in Grand Haven, Mich., and his team provide on-water assistance for boaters on Lake Michigan, are anticipating another busy holiday weekend this Labor Day and are communicating their safety message out to boaters now before the holiday rush picks up.

"I tell folks on the water all the time: 'you've got to treat the lake like an ocean,'" Lenardson said. "You never know what the waters and weather will do from one minute to the next, so prep-

aration and safety are key." Lenardson urges all boaters to have reliable communications equipment such as VHF marine radio and not depend solely on cell coverage, which can be lost offshore.

Capt. Robert Estrada, owner of TowBoatUS Lake Lanier, Ga., expects boating activity on the lake to "triple" this Labor Day holiday and also urges boating safety fundamentals.

"Many people use checklists for their grocery shopping, so I tell boaters to use a checklist for boating," Estrada said. "U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets should always be

first on your list – especially for children, followed by boating safety essentials like flares, fire extinguishers, working navigation lights, and inspected engines and fuel systems."

Estrada also recommends a designated sober boat operator is identified before leaving the dock.

A range of boating safety topics which can be customized to include on your own checklist are available at the BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water. For more information on towing services, visit BoatUS.com/Towing, or call 800-888-4869.



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Made in Martinsville

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Forschmiedt. However, as he became more involved in the scene of local artists and makers, his perception of what the store should be and what the community needed began to shift.

"It's something that I've been thinking about for at least four or five years, kind of along with my own craft business, thinking about how nice it would be to have a little craft business like this," he said. "It really evolved from opening a little soap store with my own soaps to realizing that that probably wouldn't be enough to really make a real good store. When I started talking to people at craft shows and farmers markets, I realized that it wasn't just about me, that there's a ton of talented people who needed representation."

Made in Martinsville offers a wide variety of products from all sorts of local makers. Forschmiedt does not limit local artists

to what they can sell in his store. "Because there are so many people making so many things, the door's open for whatever will fit through the door," he said. "Be it furniture, jams and jellies, locally roasted coffee, paintings, greeting cards, pottery, all sorts of different things are in here now and I expect all sorts of different things are going to come in here in the future."

Even with all of the hard work Forschmiedt has put into the creation of this business, he makes it clear that it was not all him. "The biggest thing is this is not something I did by myself or could do by myself," he said. "It's all about community and the outpouring of support that I've gotten from the people and organizations in the area."

Forschmiedt mentioned many people and organizations who were instrumental in helping him get started, including Kathy Deacon of

the Uptown Partnership, the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce, the Gauntlet program at the Advancement Foundation, and Michael Scales at the Longwood Small Business Development Center.

While he has goals to keep filling up his shop and be a good resource for locals, Forschmiedt says that he believes the small feel of the store as it is now is what gives it its charm and purpose. "Honestly, I think long term, I don't have grand plans to turn this into some monolithic business," he said. "I am really enamored with the community aspect of it. It's just so important to be a part of the community and support the community."

Made in Martinsville is located at 105 E Main Street, Martinsville. Their hours and some of their products can be found at their website www.madeinmartinsville.com or on their social media.



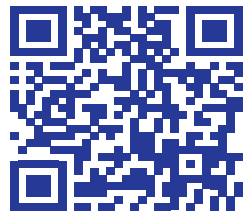
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