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## Bassett man held with no bond, as bomb techs are called to scene

Local and state authorities worked together on Wednesday to render what is believed to be homemade explosive devices safe, according to a release from the Henry County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies with the Henry County Sheriff's Office alleged they found homemade explosive devices while making an arrest in the Bassett area, according to the release.

The deputies were at the home to arrest Barry Wayne Witt, of 55 Raceway Drive, on Tuesday, Oct 4, around 10:10 p.m. The investigation continued on Wednesday, Oct. 5.

Witt was wanted in connection with two outstanding contempt of court warrants.

According to the preliminary investigation, one of the deputies noticed a weapon in the home while making the arrest. Witt is disqualified from possessing a firearm, the release stated.

Officers issued another warrant for purchase/possess/transport a firearm by a person involuntarily committed, and also obtained a search warrant for the residence, according to the release.

When conducting the search, law enforcement officers allegedly located numerous weapons and three items that were believed to be explosive devices, according to the release.

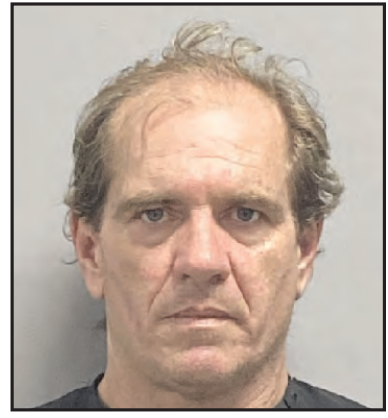
The Virginia State Police (VSP) were summoned for assistance with the devices, and bomb technicians with that agency

safely removed and rendered the devices - homemade explosive devices, authorities alleged - safe.

Witt is currently being held in the Henry County Adult Detention Center under no bond.

The investigation is continuing and may result in additional charges, according to the release.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Henry County Sheriff's Office at (276) 638-8751 or the Crimestoppers Program at 63-CRIME (632-7463). The Crimestoppers Program offers rewards up to \$2,500 for information related to crime. The nature of the crime and the substance of the information determine the amount of reward paid.



Barry Wayne Witt is being held with no bond in connection with a Tuesday incident.

## 'Heart for service' prompts McClure to seek school board seat

Taylor Boyd  
Staff Writer

Sidney McClure is one of two candidates seeking the Ridgeway District seat on the Henry County School Board in the November election.

Champ Hardie is seeking the post against McClure, the incumbent in the race.

McClure was appointed by the board in September, to finish the unexpired term of Francis Zehr, who died while in office.

McClure, 23, said he has a heart for service. His interest in running began as he worked to figure out the best way to serve and be an asset to the community.

The thought that "came to my attention was 'why not invest in our students who are going to become the future leaders of this county, and more so of our district?'" He concluded "the best way for me to do that is to run and help make decisions to guide their lives in what I hope to be the right direction."

After his appointment, "I've had conversations with an assistant superintendent to assure the school board office that I'm an active person and I want to be involved," he said.

While he's been focused on learning how the board



Sidney McClure is seeking a full term to the Ridgeway District seat on the Henry County School Board in the November election.

operates and other facets during his short brief in the role, McClure believes he's accomplished several goals, including laying the groundwork to lobby for the division by attending the Virginia School Board Association's (VSBA's) Legislative Conference in September.

During the conference, McClure said he was able to meet with other board members throughout Virginia and, most importantly, interact with legislators who work on school legislation.

"I think me interacting and being a part of those conversations really benefits the Ridgeway District and the Henry County Public Schools as a whole," he said.

Being involved in discussions on a state level and talking with legislators are among his goals, McClure said. He hopes to learn what can be done to better serve the school system "to make sure we're accurately preparing our students for success."

He added he also wants to know if the division is actively preparing, recruiting, and paying teachers properly to provide the best education for the students.

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## Retired educator mounts bid for school board post

Taylor Boyd  
Staff Writer

Life-long educator Champ Hardie is stumping for the Ridgeway District seat on the Henry County School Board in the November election.

Hardie, 69, is challenging incumbent Sidney McClure for the post.

Hardie said he decided to run because of his burning desire to help the students of Henry County to the best of his ability.

"I just have a burning desire to help my former students because they have children in school now, and some of them have grandchildren in school now," he said.

"I think by being on the school board, through my experience as a teacher for 40 years and a sub for six, I know what we need to do in order to make our school system more and more effective, and improve it more than what it is now," he said.

Hardie said serving on the school board is one of the most important responsibilities a person can undertake, because members set standards and make decisions that will affect generations of students.

One goal he wants to accomplish is to make the school system as safe as possible.

"Education should be fun, the students should



Champ Hardie, a retired educator, is seeking the Ridgeway District seat on the Henry County School Board in the November election.

not fear or be worried about something that might happen to them at school. So, we need to make our school system as safe as possible," he said.

He also believes the division needs to prepare the students to work in the world 10 to 15 years in the future.

"It will change quite a bit in the future, so" we have to "make sure they are career ready to get out of the

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## Back the Blue organizers present checks to law enforcement agencies

Maddy Oliver  
Staff Writer

Nearly \$2,000 was split between the Martinsville Sheriff's Office, Martinsville Police Department, and Henry County Sheriff's Office. The funds raised at the Sept. 17 Back the Blue Ride and Bassett Highway 57

Cruise-In will support the individual agencies' benevolence funds.

The amount raised this year was \$1,970, a little more than last year's total of \$1,915.85. The money was split between the three departments with each receiving \$656.66. The

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A check presentation at the Henry County Sheriff's Office included (left to right), Clifford Stone, Treasurer of GBAC; Henry County Sheriff Lane Perry; Martinsville City Sheriff Steve Draper; Derek Seay, Senior Marketing Consultant of B99; Deputy Chief of the Martinsville Police Department Robert Fincher and John "Smokey" Pegram, president of the GBAC.

## New witness identified in alleged incident, as Stanley urges candidates to 'return to civility'

By Staff Reports

In a Thursday podcast, "Leaning Right and Turning Left with Sadler and the Senator," State Sen. Bill Stanley urged the two delegates embroiled in a legal battle to resolve their differences outside of court.

Dels. Wren Williams, R-Stuart, and Marie March, R-Floyd, are embroiled in a legal battle after March alleged that she was assaulted as Williams, his wife and his legislative aide left a recent fundraising event.

Williams denies any wrongdoing.

Both are seeking the Republican nomination in the 2023 election as a result of redistricting.

Stanley, R-Moneta, who had declined com-

ment, on Thursday urged the two "to come together and resolve this."

(See related story inside.)

At this point, the situation is "like a circular firing squad," and regardless of the outcome, each will bear "the stain of the fight."

Stanley said he respects both lawmakers, adding that he will support the winner of the nomination regardless. For now, he encouraged Williams and March to take the lead and work together to settle their differences out of court.

"I don't see anybody winning in a court case. I just don't see a scenario where anybody wins," Stanley said. "... I advise them to come together, return to civility ... and

find a way to move forward."

March filed a criminal complaint against Williams alleging assault after a recent fundraising event in Wytheville in

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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](mailto:dhall@theenterprise.net) or [newsreporter@theenterprise.net](mailto:newsreporter@theenterprise.net))

## Saturday, October 8

A fundraiser concert will be held on the lawn of Fieldale Recreation Center from 6 to 10 p.m. Admission is \$5. Music will be by 220 South. No coolers allowed. Please bring a chair.

## Saturday, October 29

Martinsville's Oktoberfest will be held in Uptown from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Monday, October 10

Martinsville City School Board will hold its monthly meeting at the City Municipal Building at 6 p.m.

## Tuesday, October 11

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

## Friday, October 14

Piedmont Arts will host "Blues, Brews, and Stews," with Brunswick stew, a bar, and live music by the Griffin Haley Band. Bring a chair or blanket. Admission is \$20.

Spencer-Penn Centre will host Music Night with Jus' Cauz Bluegrass Band. Gates open at 5 p.m. Admission is \$5. Show begins at 6:15.

## Saturday, October 15

The final Bassett Highway 57 Cruise In of the year will be held in Downtown Bassett, sponsored by

Papa's Pizza. Admission is free.

The American Legion Homer Dillard Post # 78 will hold a Fish Fry at the Post Home, 139 Creekside Dr., Martinsville, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event is a drive thru event with limited dine in. Fish sandwiches are \$7 and homemade desserts are \$2. To place an order, call (276) 340-5169.

Spencer-Penn Centre's Fall Festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with games, children's activities, vendors, and more.

## Tuesday, October 18

The Blue Ridge Regional Library will host a "Beat Saber" VR game night at the Martinsville Branch, 310 East Church Street, Martinsville from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Registration by Oct. 13 by calling (276) 403-5430.

## Wednesday, October 19

Piedmont Arts will host a meet and greet with the Virginia Commissioner for the Arts at 10 a.m.

## Friday, November 4

Piedmont Arts will host an Exhibit Opening Reception at 5:30 p.m. for its upcoming exhibit The Art of the Quilt and Virginia Foothills Quilters Guild. Admission is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided.

## Saturday, November 5

A Veterans Day Banquet will be held at the Horsepasture Volunteer Fire Department, 17815 A L Philpott Hwy, Ridgeway, at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and may be obtained from any member of American Legion Homer Dillard Post # 78.

## Tuesday, November 15

Horsepasture District Community Meeting, 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the Horsepasture Ruritan Building, with Debra Buchanan, who represents the district on the Henry County Board of Supervisors, County Administrator Dale Wagoner, Henry County Sheriff Lane Perry, and Lisa Hughes, resident engineer with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).

## ONGOING

The Coats for Kids Coat Drive is accepting donations at Hollywood Cinema and One Hour Martinizing on Rives Road until Nov. 30. For more information, call Debra Buchanan at (276) 358-1463.

Grace Network's Pumpkin Patch is located at First Baptist Church Martinsville, 23 Starling Ave, Martinsville, through Oct. 31. It is open Monday-Friday from 1 to 7 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

The Martinsville Farmers' Market is open every Saturday 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](http://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](http://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 (MHCCHW) continues to offer "no-touch" Medicaid/FAMIS application assistance for Virginia residents from birth to 64 years of age. No sign-up fees, no premiums, no deductibles. In-person application help is available on Wednesdays at Community Storehouse's new location Uptown, at 128 East Church Street, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call or text Ann Walker at (276) 732-0509 Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for more information.

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 (276) 647-9585.

The Blue Ridge Regional Library hosts a new book club, "Books and Brews," at Mountain Valley Brewing, 4220 Mountain Valley Road, 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 October is The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah.

## Roscoe Burnems ignites creativity, connections in local schools and audiences

In a weeklong residency with Piedmont Arts and local schools, poet Roscoe Burnems proved the power of claiming one's voice. Through workshops at Piedmont Arts, classes in Martinsville City Public Schools, and a public performance of his own work with a community-led open mic, Burnems has encouraged and inspired everyone he's encountered to take up their pens and dive into their own creative self-expression.

Roscoe Burnems is an author, spoken-word artist, educator, and Richmond, Virginia's first poet laureate. He is the author of the collections God, Love, Death and Other Synonyms, Chrysalis Under, and Fighting Demons. As a slam poet, he has been a two-time southern regional team finalist, National Poetry Slam Champion, and Season 1 Screen Time Slam Champion. He is a TEDx speaker and founder of the poetry based art collective The Writer's Den. In 2021, he received an Academy of American Poets Laureate Fellowship.

On Thursday, Sept. 29th at Piedmont Arts, Burnems performed his groundbreaking performance piece, "Traumedy." Combining jokes with spoken word poetry, the performance discussed trauma, resilience, and the human experience. It was preceded by an open mic, where local poets had a chance to share their own verses while enjoying refreshments. "Roscoe Burnems' performance Thursday night in the galleries was beyond my high expectations," said Heidi Pinkston, Executive



Roscoe Burnems with a group of Martinsville City Public School students.

Director of Piedmont Arts. "It was a true trauma, I laughed and cried. He is a true artist."

The following morning at Martinsville High School, students, teachers, and administration gathered in the library for a showcase of student-written spoken word pieces; the culmination of a weeks' worth of classes. The excitement in the room was palpable as Burnems took the microphone to welcome everyone and share some of his own poetry. The room then filled with the sound of snaps as students

took the microphone themselves and shared original poetry that spoke honestly from their own experiences and perspectives. The topics spanned from culture and race to body image and friendships, to familial pressures and grades.

"Does anyone else relate to that?" Burnems asked. "This is what it's all about, building connections with each other." After this week, there is no doubting the combined powers of honesty and the human voice to bridge those gaps.

## Magnolia Wash Holdings debuts new Whistle Express Car Wash

Magnolia Wash Holdings, a premium express car wash operator, announced the opening of its new Virginia location at 341 Commonwealth Boulevard West in Martinsville. The new facility has been rebranded to Whistle Express Car Wash and is officially open to provide local residents with fast, professional, and eco-friendly services. From now through December 31, new customers can sign up to become Fast Pass Members, a

program offering unlimited car washes, for a discounted rate of \$9.99 per month.

"We're happy to continue expanding our portfolio in Virginia and to be able to service the Martinsville community with top-of-the-line express car washes," said Andrew Agostini, vice president of operations at Magnolia Wash Holdings. "We understand that each customer's time is precious, which is why Whistle

Express Car Wash prioritizes high-quality washes that can be achieved in a matter of minutes. With advanced technology and service-focused, on-site teams, we're able to provide customers the ultimate treatment every time."

Whistle Express Car Wash is open seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, visit [WhistleAutoWash.com](http://WhistleAutoWash.com).

## Broadnax graduates from Emory & Henry College

Barry Broadnax, of Martinsville, graduated from Emory & Henry College in the Spring or Summer of 2022.

Located in the Highlands of Virginia, Emory & Henry College has devoted itself since 1836 to the belief that education can have a transformative effect on an individual, a place and ultimately the wider world.

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College is consistently ranked among the nation's best private liberal arts institutions. The College's many accolades include the Presidential Award for Service Learning, the highest national recognition for community service and service learning; top tier recognition in Washington Monthly, USA Today, Newsweek and we are also listed among the top 40 schools in Colleges that Change Lives.



# McClure School Board Seat from page 1

McClure also is included in conversations about capital improvement.

One of his goals is to make sure the school division is as safe as possible. While he believes the schools are already doing an excellent job, McClure said he wants to ensure everything possible is being done so students can be successful.

"The only way they can be successful is to make sure they're safe in their classrooms, that we're providing them with the best educators possible, and we're preparing them for the future - whether that's career or college," he said.

A Safety Team in the school division's budget created to receive funds for safety improvements, he said.

"So, on the safety side of things, the funding is there. We'll just make sure we're allocating it and putting it in the right direction," he said.

In terms of educator's pay, McClure said some is funded by the state and some comes from taxes paid by Henry County residents.

"From what I've seen so far, I think Henry County Schools are doing a decent job in allocating funds where they need to be used, and using the funds we receive from the citizens well," he said.

McClure said he wants to be 100 percent transparent with the public.

"I want voters to know that we are not only a board that serves the school, but we are a board that serves them as well," he said.

If residents have an issue, he wants them to know they can "pick up the phone and call." McClure also encourages residents to attend meetings to voice their concerns.

"If you're not fond of something or like the direction we're going, I encourage you to participate. Your voice is the most powerful thing you have. Use it," he said.

At some point in the past, McClure said there were struggles to remain transparent.

"I think in the past, it has been a difficult thing to overcome, but it is my goal to overcome that and let the citizens know that I'm here for you," he said.

To involve the public and to help promote transparency, McClure said he wants to hold town hall meetings and host round tables with other local leaders to discuss current issues.

McClure currently lives with his mother, stepfather, and brother in Ridgeway.

A graduate from Magna Vista High School, McClure is currently studying Law and Public Policy at Liberty University.

He is employed by Southern Software, a public safety software company, as a public safety trainer, and is also a part-time employee at Wright Funeral Services & Crematory.

McClure currently serves as the president of the Spencer-Penn Centre and volunteers with the Ridgeway District Volunteer Rescue Squad, where he is CPR certified.

In his spare time, McClure likes to volunteer with different organizations.

# Hardie School Board Seat from page 1

school," he said.

Hardie said he wants to ensure the division's personnel, especially its teachers, are compensated fairly.

"I believe school teachers work hard and they deserve fair compensation. I've went by Drewry Mason (school) and saw teachers working over there 6 to 7 hours at night. School teaching is not an 8-hour job, sometimes it's a 14-16-hour job," he said.

Hardie also plans to work with the parents by attending Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meetings, talking to parents outside of school, and meeting with them at community events.

"Parents are one of the keys in order to make sure our students come to school prepared and are ready to learn," he said.

Hardie said he believes the school board should talk to its legislators and the board of supervisor members and encourage them to fund these ideas, especially those involving school safety.

"The main thing is we need to encourage at the state level to fund our schools at a greater and higher rate. The lower level is doing about all it can do right now," he said.

If elected, Hardie plans to be open with the public. While he notes there are a few things the board will need to take its time to discuss before making it public, like safety issues, Hardie "wants the public to know what we are doing at all times."

Hardie said the school board has to involve residents in the decision-making process. He noted his plans for transparency also will assist with public involvement.

"A lot of my decisions will be based on what the parents feel is best for their children. Because no child is more important than another child. They should all be treated equally," he said.

A lifelong resident of Ridgeway, he graduated from Drewry Mason High School in 1974. He earned a B.S. in Agricultural Education from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and received an M.A. degree in Career and Technical Education.

Hardie taught at Drewry Mason for 12 years before Henry County consolidated the schools in 1988. He then taught at Drewry Mason Middle School until 2004 where he transferred to Laurel Park Middle School, where he taught Agriculture Science. He retired in 2016 but continues to work as a substitute teacher.

In his spare time, Hardie enjoys physical fitness and has participated in more than 220 5k competitions.

# Talley tapped as Trailblazer

Martinsville City Public Schools (MCPS) Superintendent Dr. Zebedee Talley has been selected as a recipient of the 2022 Trailblazer Award by the Radford University Black Alumni Networking Group. Talley attended an awards ceremony and brunch in Radford on Saturday.

The Trailblazer Award was created to honor Black Radford alumni who exemplify the quality of excellence and have performed outstanding service throughout their career.

Talley received his Master of Education in Educational Leadership from Radford University in 1994 and was named student of the year. He went on to graduate from Virginia Tech in 2009 with his doctorate in Educational Leadership.

"I am honored and deeply humbled to receive this wonderful award," Talley

said. "I would like to thank God, my family, my Worship Center family, and outstanding professional coworkers for their unfailing support. Education is the great equalizer, and I am determined to ensure that all of our children achieve a quality education."

All of Talley's 45-year teaching experience has been dedicated to MCPS. Since joining the staff in 1978, Talley has served as history teacher, gifted teacher, and U.S. government teacher at Martinsville High School, where he also coached track, cross country, and basketball, and founded the Martinsville High School Gospel Choir. He later was named vice-principal of Martinsville High School and Martinsville Middle School, then co-principal of Martinsville High School, eventually becoming principal of Patrick Henry Elementary. Talley was named schools

superintendent of MCPS in 2015.

In addition to this most recent honor, Talley has amassed numerous accolades over the years, including Martinsville High School's Teacher of the Year, the NAACP Clyde Williams Award, and several Piedmont District Coach of the Year awards. He was the recipient of the Omega Citizen of the Year in 2017.

Talley serves as a member of the United Way Executive Board, the University of Virginia Superintendents' Advisory Committee and Planning Committee, AASA National Superintendents Association, Virginia Association of School Superintendents (as Region 6 Chair and past president), Piedmont Arts Advisory Board, Virginia Museum of Natural History Foundation Board, and the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) National Superintendents Executive Board.



Dr. Zebedee Talley

Additionally, he pastors the United Worship Center Church in Pelham, NC. He is married to Patricia, and they have three children, Zeb III, Chris, Ashley, and nine grandchildren.

# Warner cosponsors proposal to modernize process for investing in new veterans' facilities

U.S. Sen. Mark R. Warner, D-Alexandria, sponsored the Build, Utilize, Invest, Learn, and Deliver (BUILD) for Veterans Act of 2022 - legislation to strengthen the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) ability to carry out key infrastructure projects, including medical facilities, in order to better care for veterans across the country. Virginia has one of the country's largest and fastest-growing concentrations of veterans, resulting in increased demand for the services and benefits provided by the VA.

"I have been working for years to ensure that our nation's veterans receive the high-quality medical care they deserve," said Warner, who successfully spearheaded congressional efforts to approve new VA healthcare projects across the country, including outpatient clinics in Hampton Roads and Fredericksburg. "Unfortunately, as a country, we've struggled to keep up with the needs of veterans seeking care and support through the VA, due in part to processes that are just too slow and too bureaucratic, leading to years of unnecessary delays in opening and remodeling needed hospitals, clinics, and benefits offices. This legislation will push the VA to modernize and improve its capacity to manage current and future infrastructure projects."

Specifically, the BUILD for Veterans Act

would bolster and invest in VA infrastructure by requiring the Department to:

- Develop relevant plans, metrics, infrastructure workforce hiring strategies, year-by-year budgets and oversight mechanisms to overhaul its capacity to accomplish new facility projects and provide Congress with its plans and performance data for enhanced accountability.
- Implement a more concrete schedule to eliminate or repurpose unused and vacant buildings such as old maintenance sheds or warehouses to safeguard taxpayer dollars, and focus funding on new and productive infrastructure.
- Examine infrastructure budgeting strategies, identify if reforms are required, and implement industry best practices.
- Provide annual budget requirements over a 10-year period so that Congress and VA can set about on the task of fully modernizing VA's infrastructure in a strategic, comprehensive approach.

The legislation has been endorsed by The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Iraq and

Afghanistan Veterans of America, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and Paralyzed Veterans of America.

This effort comes on the heels of the bipartisan Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2022, legislation supported by Sen. Warner and signed into law by President Biden to expand health care

and resources for toxic-exposed veterans. The law also provided \$5.5 billion in funding for 31 new facilities across the country - including another outpatient clinic in Hampton Roads - and streamlines the process for the VA to execute on new leases, removing bureaucratic hurdles and cutting down on some of the frustrating delays to these facilities' completion.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

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5. A way to recognize  
11. "VeggieTales" character  
12. Getting out of by cunning  
16. Mythological mountain  
17. Atomic #18  
18. Viscous liquid  
19. 2010 Denzel film  
24. 12th star in a constellation  
25. Made better  
26. Pouches  
27. Nervous twitch  
28. This (Spanish)  
29. Tennis legend Bjorn  
30. Hand (Spanish)  
31. Afrikaans  
33. Int'l interpreters organization (abbr.)  
34. Teased with kid gloves  
38. Leaseholder  
39. Frogs, toads, tree toads  
40. Popular dance  
43. Sailing maneuver: tack & \_  
44. Indicates speed of rotation (abbr.)  
45. Mark  
49. Health insurance  
50. Custom clothing brand  
51. One who makes suits  
53. Execute or perform  
54. Degree of pleasantness when tasting  
56. Equal to roughly 5.6 bushels  
58. Blood group  
59. Imaginary line  
60. Hopeless  
63. Darken  
64. Spoke  
65. Work units

**CLUES DOWN**

1. A way to fit out  
2. Football carries  
3. Force out  
4. Maintained equilibrium  
5. Sealed with a kiss  
6. Type of container  
7. Hollywood  
8. We  
9. Small freshwater ducks  
10. Norse personification of old age  
13. Says who you are  
14. Candidate  
15. Sugar found in honey and sweet fruits  
21. Defunct language (abbr.)  
21. Take too much  
22. Iranian province  
23. Records electric currents  
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29. Beloved Mr. T character  
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33. Green vegetable  
34. National capital  
35. To any further extent  
36. Swollen, inflamed lymph node  
37. Anger  
38. Pound  
40. Popular Yugo  
41. Salt of acetic acid  
42. Millinery  
44. Israeli city \_ Aviv  
45. Make wider  
46. Drink containing medicine  
47. Acknowledging  
48. Private, romantic rendezvous  
50. Calvary sword  
51. Disease of the lungs  
52. 2001 Spielberg film  
54. Fleshy, watery fruit  
55. In one's chambers  
57. Set of information (abbr.)  
61. Dorm employee  
62. Indicates position

## OPINION

# Regarding ethics in journalism

For ten years now, I've been involved in print journalism in one capacity or another. While I'm now more than happy to just be a weekly columnist, I was a full-time reporter for six and a half years.

I learned a tremendous amount from my first editor, the legendary Ginny Wray, and I've continued to learn from my current editor, the remarkable Debbie Hall, who allows me to do my own thing even if it's often strange and absurd. I truly appreciate that.

There were a whole lot of editors between those two, sort of like the rotation of guest stars on "The Love Boat" except without the joy or humor. However, there's one in particular that stands out, mainly because he galvanized me to find a new job.

The tipping point came one day when I was telling him we needed to do a story on a local organization. Without going into specifics, the organization had just done something wonderful for the community. We had dropped the ball when covering them the year before, and I was telling him that I wanted to do a big front-page story about the service they were providing. It deserved recognition.

"Have you pulled their 990s?" he asked, a complete

non-sequitur. A Form 990 is an IRS form for gathering information about tax-exempt organizations.

"No?" I said.

"You should," he said. "Do a story about how much everyone there is getting paid. People go crazy for that."

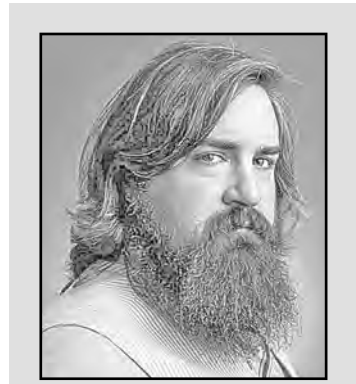
I decided in that moment that I needed to get out. That was not a story I wanted to write.

It's one thing to do a story about politicians pulling massive paychecks; politicians are public figures. If you're crazy enough to go into politics, you go into it with the expectation that your privacy will take a hit. But the people working at this organization were private citizens. I had no idea how much money they made — the guy who squeegeed the windows was probably making more than I was at the time — but I didn't care.

When you run a story like that, it carries an implicit message: these people don't deserve the money they're making, however much it is. They don't deserve their jobs.

The editor was right, of course; people WOULD have gone crazy for that story. People also go crazy for stories about which celebrities have gained weight and which ones have

lost too much. People go crazy for a lot of stuff that's sleazy and low-class.



By Ben R. Williams

Not long after, I handed in my two weeks' notice. I will never forget what the editor said to me after reading my letter:

"I'm sorry to see you go, Ben," he said. "You had so much more to learn from me."

I will go to the grave regretting that I didn't pick up an assault charge that day.

This isn't to say that I avoided confrontational stories. In fact, some of my favorite stories were confrontational. I loved catching state politicians in lies and exposing their hypocrisy (a task slightly easier than shooting fish in a barrel). I had uncomfortable phone calls with prominent local folks, people I consider friends. If I had evidence they were in the wrong, I would call them on it. That's part of the job.

But even so, I had a certain code of ethics I followed. I

follow it to this day when I'm writing my columns. It goes like this:

Generally speaking, don't call out a private citizen. If you do feel it necessary to call out a private citizen, try not to call them out in a way that would allow others to identify them. And if you DO have to call them out in a way that identifies them, make sure of two things: that they're on the wrong side of history, and that you have the evidence to back it up.

Everybody is fallible, but I try to follow these rules. I followed them up above when talking about that editor. Having a public forum carries some hefty responsibilities. It's a bit like owning a car: it can be useful, and it can be fun, but you have to make sure that you don't lose control and run over somebody.

All of which leads me to the recent incident that inspired this column.

Last week, a journalist wrote a column that mentioned a friend and former colleague of mine. He said the only reason she received her current position with Martinsville City Schools was because the job offer was a mea culpa for a previous slight.

That's quite an accusation to throw out with zero evidence. Some might argue it borders on libel.

This accusation hurt my friend. How could it not? She's a talented writer who's a relatively recent Martinsville transplant and has managed, through hard work, to get a job with the city school district.

That's something to be proud of, and to suggest that she just lucked into the position is massively insulting.

I suspect my friend, like me, grapples from time to time with impostor syndrome, that pervasive sense of doubt that causes you to question your accomplishments and abilities. Having someone declare in a public forum that you're undeserving of your job only heightens those doubts.

Of course, I have generally observed that there are two kinds of people in this world: those who struggle with impostor syndrome, and those that ought to.

While I'm obviously most concerned about my friend, I feel certain that this journalist's unfounded accusation also sits poorly with administration at Martinsville City Schools, since it's essentially accusing them of corruption and cronyism. That sort of claim tends to make things real awkward when it comes time to cover the next school board meeting.

Now more than ever before, journalists have to be held to a higher standard. Obviously, columns are held to a different standard than news articles, but there is still a responsibility to the truth and an expectation that personal grievances will not be transformed into "facts" that are disseminated to the public.

I'm not pointing no fingers at nobody, but in the words of parents worldwide, I'm not angry, I'm disappointed. Really, isn't that so much worse?

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Reversion and city schools

For years the city of Martinsville said it needs reversion because of money. Reversion is now at the forefront, and we are told by city council member Jennifer Bowles that it is about color. I want to point out facts and not to attack anyone because of race.

Before I announced I was running for H-C school board, I did my homework and realized the H-C school budget could not keep open a high school with less than 500 students and no gym. The county school budget usually is around \$101 million for 4,000 students and 13 schools. The city school budget is usually \$18-21 million for 1,800 students and 5 schools.

I said then there was not enough money in the H-C school budget to

keep MHS open if reversion took place. Right away I was attacked by several on city council and my comments became a race issue, which is far from the truth. As most know, I photographed MHS for over 5 years and supported the school in every possible way. I hire my employees based on character, not race.

Reversion is about money and power. City council members who support reversion know it means the city school system would be dissolved. This week, a city council member says he did not want to abolish the city school. Well, he has voted every time for reversion.

In August, a court ruled that reversion could be put on the ballot for city voters to decide, but it was too late this year. Council candidate Aaron Rawls

noted this at a council meeting. Miss Bowles took offense. She supported reversion 100% and backed the 1.5 million of taxpayer money spent to date to fight for reversion. Now, Miss Bowles says she has supported voters having a say all along.

The facts show otherwise. She helped negotiate the agreement between the city and county which would dissolve the entire city school system and cost 100s of jobs.

We are told by city council there is a \$3 million deficit, yet they have \$1.5 million to fight for reversion.

As a county resident, I am against reversion because it would destroy the MHS history and raise my taxes.

We are in 2022, but several council members speak like it's the late 60s. Elected officials are supposed to represent everyone. Why is race a part of the

conversation when they want to win an argument. What about representing everyone, regardless of color?

Reversion is not a black and white issue, which several stated recently at a meet and greet for candidates L.C. Jones and Aaron Rawls. It is about money.

If reversion takes place, only the H-C school board members can decide which schools stay open. BHS has 1,016 students and can hold 1,368. MV has 1,094 students and can hold 1,428. Laurel Park has 774 students and can hold 1,094 (it has a gym and MHS does not.)

The county school system is prepared to take care of city students under reversion, but the city school system would no longer exist.

Ray Reynolds,  
Collinsville



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## Candidate asked to cease and desist as tensions escalate

By Staff Reports

State Sen. Bill Stanley said two candidates have been 'nipping' and 'pecking' at each other since the redistricting that will pit them against each other in a contest to secure the GOP nomination in the newly formed 47th House District.

Dels. Marie March, R-Floyd, and Wren Williams, R-Stuart, "have been nipping at each other, pecking at each other back and forth and it seems to be escalating," Stanley, R-Moneta, said in his podcast, "Leaning Right and Turning Left with Sadler and the Senator."

Williams and March are currently engaged in a legal battle, (see related story), which Stanley encouraged them to resolve outside of court. He did not elaborate or cite examples of the alleged back and forth between the two.

However, in an Aug. 18 letter to March, the Patrick County Republican Committee requested that March "immediately cease and desist claiming to represent Patrick County in all formats; including but not limited to verbally, in writing and on-line."

Lynne Bogle, chairman of the Patrick County GOP committee, said the committee decided the letter was needed after reports surfaced suggesting that March's current district includes Patrick County.

March currently represents District 7, which covers all of Floyd County and portions of Montgomery and Pulaski counties, but the letter cited examples that included a Mar. 11 mailing from March to local residents "that included the words 'I have been honored to fight for you this session in the Virginia House of Delegates to stop Government overreach, protect our freedoms, and bring common-sense to a place that doesn't seem to reflect much of that

anymore.'"

The letter also referenced a second example, from March's website www.MarieMarch.com, which stated, "As your representative fighting for Patrick, Floyd, Carroll, Montgomery, Henry, and Galax, Marie March knows the New River Valley is the most beautiful place on Earth to work and raise a family."

The letter noted the committee members also received complaints from residents "who have heard you claim to represent Patrick in verbal statements.

"Please, immediately, cease and desist for verbal statement and use of printed materials that misidentify your constituency. Additionally, please update your website within 7 days of receipt of this letter," the letter stated.

"If you are successful in your primary bid the committee will support you in the subsequent election, however until that happens you are not our elected representative," the letter added.

The correspondence was signed by Bogle. The letter, Bogle said, was approved by members of the committee without Williams' knowledge. He learned about it only as a courtesy before it was mailed.

In an interview last week, March said she currently represents Virginia's 7th district, which includes Floyd County, Pulaski County, and part of Montgomery County.

On Monday, her website listed Patrick and Henry counties.

The recent redistricting will not take effect on the first day of the session in January 2024.

The winner of the 2023 election will represent Floyd, Carroll and Patrick counties, the City of Galax, and a portion of Henry County.

## Letters to the Editor Guidelines

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money goes towards individual agency's benevolence funds, which help provide things like baskets to an officer when a family member passes away.

The Back the Blue Ride, which attracted more than 70 participants before culminating in a Cruise In, was hosted and sponsored by the Greater Bassett Area Community (GBAC) and B99.9. This was the second year of the Cruise In hosting the fundraiser to support local law enforcement.

Derek Seay, Senior Marketing Consultant for B99, presented one of the checks. "I just thank all of y'all, everything you did on the Cruise In and everything y'all do every day, you know, keeping the streets safe. I really appreciate it," he said.

John "Smokey" Pegram, president of GBAC, reflected on the support for law enforcement attending the event.

"I was thinking, coming over here, how many people were involved in raising

this money and showing their support," he said. "The one thing that struck me was the positive, not one word of negative about 'They get all of this anyway', but it was showing an appreciation for you guys. And that's what their efforts and our contribution really help to do."

Regardless of the backlash law enforcement has faced, especially in recent years, Pegram said area law enforcement agencies are appreciated by most in the community.

"The fact that the police have been somewhat belittled and so forth over the past few years ... it's warming to know that people, really down in their hearts, know and support what you do and the hazards you face and all the efforts that go into making us safe and taking care of the situation related to your job," he said.

"Our community, Bassett and the area, and all of us here and the support that B99 did was just remarkable," he added.

# Alleged Incident from page 1

which she alleged Williams "body slammed" into her when exiting the venue.

Williams, who is scheduled to be arraigned on the charge in November, has said he unintentionally "bumped" into March, who was one of several standing in a group near the exit. Williams released two video recordings - one of the alleged incident and a second of March reenacting her allegations moments later for a police officer.

"This is not about a race for political office. This is about conducting ourselves with civility, respect and according to the law," March wrote in a text after the video was released. "He did not deny the action itself. In addition to his attempts to avoid legal responsibility, he released an incomplete and grainy video in an attempt to conceal his actions."

She also released body camera footage of Williams' interaction with a police officer in the parking lot.

"It is clear in this body camera footage that Mr. Williams is carefully choosing his words," March wrote.

Williams said that he was "understandably frus-

trated and caught off guard by the ridiculous spectacle March was creating and by these officers having their valuable time wasted in this way."

As a criminal defense attorney by trade, Williams said he understands what can happen when falsely accused people speak emotionally.

"Especially considering at this point I had no idea that the video that entirely vindicates me even existed," he said, and added that he conducted himself in the same manner as he would advise any of his falsely accused clients to conduct themselves in that kind of situation

When talking to police officers and in a statement, March said, "there were numerous witnesses to this event."

In an updated release, Williams said an eyewitness to the encounter came forward in his defense.

Debra Atwell, of Abingdon, wrote that while she was waiting to re-enter the ballroom, she was standing directly behind March in the crowded doorway when Williams passed through.

He "didn't bump (March) hard at all. It was just

like if you passed someone in the airport and brushed against their shoulder. She didn't waver at all, or even move," she said, and added that Williams did not veer to hit March, and he immediately turned and apologized.

"In light of this testimony, I earnestly implore Marie March to drop these baseless charges. I hope that we can all heal as a party from this misunderstanding," she said.

Like the security tape of the incident, Williams said Atwell's account of the incident vindicates him of any wrongdoings.

"It is sickening that March has continued to double-down on her lies to the police officers that evening, claiming this was 'Assault and Battery.' Nothing could be further from the truth. This is truly uninged behavior. March is putting spectacle over decency, and that is unbecoming of an elected official," he said.

"The truth will prevail," March wrote.

A copy of the criminal complaint, videos and bodycam footage can be viewed online at www.theenterprise.net.

# Center for Manufacturing Advancement opens, welcomes Navy as First Project Partner

The Center for Manufacturing Advancement (CMA), a state-funded project located on the campus of the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (IALR), is open and ready to attract new businesses and jobs to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

"As we strive to make Virginia the best place for veterans to live, work and raise a family, I am thrilled to announce the groundbreaking of our new IALR Center for Manufacturing Advancement in Danville," said Gov. Glenn Youngkin. "This partnership will diversify, transform and grow Southern Virginia's production capability for the Submarine Industrial Base as well, marking another major win for Virginia's defense economy and labor market."

Youngkin joined IALR and industry partners for a ribbon cutting to recognize the CMA as Virginia's newest pro-business platform for developing manufacturing technologies that support business expansion in the region and skilled workforce development.

The 51,250-square-foot facility is a \$28.8 million investment to promote collaboration among technology leaders and to provide state-

of-the-art space for industry partners to optimize their operations and scale. Both existing manufacturers in the region looking to expand and manufacturers looking to enter Southern Virginia with a new site location will benefit. The CMA will help these companies improve quality and innovate technologies that aid economic and manufacturing competitiveness.

"The advancements that are to come out of the Center for Manufacturing Advancement will have significant implications for developing the processes that support manufacturing expansion, as well as the workforce needed to support that growth," said Telly Tucker, president of IALR. "Today's manufacturing and workforce challenges require comprehensive and innovative approaches to the way industry collaborates, along with significant investments in infrastructure, equipment and people. The CMA fosters each of these obligations in a way that will benefit the region, the Commonwealth, and the country."

Funded largely by Virginia, the CMA was built in cooperation with Virginia's Division of Engineering and Buildings with financial incentives

provided by the Economic Development Administration, IALR and the IALR Foundation, and the Danville Regional Foundation. The CMA and IALR campus is situated on land owned by the Danville-Pittsylvania Regional Industrial Facility Authority.

The two-story center features:

\*rapid-launch facilities that will enable new businesses to begin limited operations off-site during what is traditionally the initial downtime as new businesses wait for their factory to be constructed and equipped to support full operations;

\*an ISO-certified inspection lab that will provide integrated inspection capabilities required to validate product quality. This service will reduce the start-up phase for a new company by 4 to 6 months, the time required to certify an inspection lab;

\*process improvement labs that will enable new and existing businesses to improve their processes in a more expeditious manner, thereby ensuring global competitiveness;

\*an industry 4.0 integration and training lab that will support next-generation manufacturing requirements

\*a platform for collabora-

tive innovation that allows manufacturing companies, technology companies and engineering students to work together to discover, integrate and showcase emerging technology; \*concierge service that provides the wrap-around support needed by companies new to the U.S. during their critical start-up phase.

"The opening of the Center for Manufacturing Advancement brings state-of-the-art technological support and increased workforce development capabilities to the economic growth efforts in Danville, Pittsylvania County, and the entire region," said U.S. Rep. Bob Good (R-Va.)

The opening was held during the second annual Accelerated Training in Defense Manufacturing (ATDM) Summit where stakeholders convened on topics pertaining to closing skills and workforce gaps within the naval defense industrial base. United States Secretary of the Navy, Carlos Del Toro, and other defense leaders, legislators, and industry groups addressed the challenges and opportunities for building a labor pool that supports emerging technologies for supplying the nation's shipbuilding industry.

The Navy will be the first project partner locating in the CMA, selecting three of the high bays as part of a new center of excellence it announced at the ATDM Summit.

"This investment of \$28.8 million is a huge win for the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research as well as Danville and Pittsylvania County. Education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty and IALR continues to create new opportunities for students in Southside Virginia," State Sen. Bill Stanley, R-Moneta, said, and thanked Youngkin "for his work in this project as we ensure that Southside and Southwest Virginia is the best place to live, work, and to raise a family."

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# Harvest Foundation announced investment

The Harvest Foundation made a three-year investment of \$300,000 to fund a new position with Cardinal News. Harvest Program Officer DeWitt House said with more than 150 years of combined experience in journalism, the agency brings a unique product to

Martinsville-Henry County. The investment directly aligns with Harvest's strategic plan goal of developing a Vibrant Community by building a connected and revitalized MHC to attract and retain residents, according to the foundation.

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## OBITUARIES

## David Nelson Henderson

David Nelson Henderson of Martinsville, age 57, passed away Tuesday, September 27, 2022. A 1984 graduate of G.W. Carver High School, he served as a Junior Deputy of the Henry County Sheriff's Office. David worked in various sales positions including Mitchell Howell Ford and 96.3 FM radio station. David was very generous and a good friend to many.

He was born to Gerald Henderson and the late Sandra Palmer Henderson and was the grandson of the late Perry D. and Myrtle



Shelton Henderson, and Mark and Myrtle Nelson Palmer. David is survived by his wife Crystal, sister Lisa Henderson of Graham, NC, brother Eddie (Stephanie) of Ridgeway, and niece Ashley Roberts (Nick) of Los Angeles, CA. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, New York 10306

Wright Funeral Service & Crematory is serving the family. Online condolences may be made at [www.wrightfuneralservices.net](http://www.wrightfuneralservices.net).

## Etta Geraldean Ratliff Smith

Etta Geraldean Ratliff Smith, 77, of Bassett, Virginia passed away Saturday, September 17, 2022, at her residence. She was born February 17, 1945, in Patrick County, Virginia to the late Dimond Ratliff and Verna Etta Cassell Ratliff.

Geraldean was of the Baptist faith and attended Valley Drive Baptist Church. She enjoyed working in her plants, listening to music, dance, canning foods, and talking on the phone. The highlight of her day and what she loved most was spending time with family and friends.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her son, James D. Smith; brothers, Guy Ratliff, and Clyde Ratliff.

She is survived by her loving



husband of 58 years, James "Eddie" Edward Smith; son, Tommy Smith (Evelyn); sisters, Alice Young, Mary Sigmon (Guy), Myrtle Smith, Carol Martin (Elmer), Dot Shough (Roger), Barbara Holt; brothers, Grady Ratliff (Lois), Coy Ratliff, Eddie Ratliff (Kay); grandchildren, Jessica

Edwards, Daniel Smith, and Tim Smith.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at Valley Drive Baptist Church with Rev. Bobby Rakes officiating. Burial followed at Pleasant Grove Christian Church Cemetery.

Wright Funeral Service & Crematory is serving the family. Online condolences may be made at [www.wrightfuneralservices.net](http://www.wrightfuneralservices.net).

## Elizabeth Teague Coglitore

Elizabeth Teague Coglitore, 34, of Melbourne, FL passed away on Saturday, October 1, 2022. She was born on June 11, 1988, in Martinsville, VA to Robert Dean Teague and Lisa Parcell Teague. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Melvin and Mae Parcell.

She was a teacher at Christa McAuliffe Elementary School in Melbourne, FL. Elizabeth had a great passion for teaching and loved her students dearly, characteristics that were highly noticed by everyone that she met. She received Teacher of the Year in 2020, an achievement that she was incredibly proud of.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her husband, Adam Joseph Coglitore of the home; daughters, Liviana "Livi" Helen Coglitore and Maeana "Mae" Marie Coglitore of the home; sister and brother-in-law, Julia Teague Van Nutt and Garrett Van Nutt of Roanoke, VA; her nephew, Gabriel Van Nutt of Roanoke, VA; her niece Mia Coglitore of Charlotte, NC; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Santo "Skip" Coglitore and Kathleen "Kathy" Coglitore of Charlotte, NC; her sister-in-law, Christine Coglitore



of Charlotte, NC; her brother-in-law Joseph "Joe" Coglitore of Charlotte NC; her grandparents, Bobby and Helen Teague of Collinsville, VA; and a host of many family and friends.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 8, 2022, at McCabe Memorial Baptist Church in Martinsville, VA, the family will be at the home of Dean and Lisa Teague. Funeral service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 8, 2022, at McCabe Memorial Baptist Church with Dr. G.H. Vaughan officiating. Burial will follow the service at Roselawn Burial Park.

Any donations can be made in her honor to the Advent Health Foundation of Central Florida to help support the NICU in Orlando. Since her twin daughters were born early, donating to this organization on her behalf would be a wonderful way to remember her and to help future children just like they helped her Livi and Mae.

Norris Funeral Services, Martinsville, VA is serving the Coglitore family. Online condolences may be made at [norrisfuneral.com](http://norrisfuneral.com).

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## Carter Bank & Trust Teams up with Innovation Refunds to Help Companies Claim Refunds

Carter Bank & Trust ("CBT") (NASDAQ:CARE) has partnered with Innovation Refunds ("IR"), a financial solutions provider connecting businesses to payroll tax refunds through the Employee Retention Credit (ERC), to help companies collect money they're owed from the government.

Through this partnership, CBT and IR can help businesses get up to \$26,000 per employee kept on payroll during the COVID-19 pandemic. Even if a company has obtained Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funds, it could still qualify for a payroll tax refund through the ERC. With more than \$1 billion in refunds secured for businesses and an average refund of \$375,000, IR is CBT's preferred ERC partner.

"We're the first bank in Virginia and North Carolina to partner with Innovative Refunds to help businesses access money through the Employee Retention Credit," Carter Bank & Trust CEO Litz Van Dyke said. "Navigating the IRS can be difficult, especially for businesses that are still trying to get back on their feet after the pandemic. Through this partnership, we're making that process as seamless as possible, allowing for

business owners to focus on their day-to-day operations."

"Even through the worst of it, many businesses were unaware of the benefits available to them," said Howard Makler, CEO of IR. "In today's economy, these amounts could very well make or break a business. Organizations must leverage the expertise of tax professionals like ourselves to ensure they take advantage of the opportunities afforded to them by the Federal Government."

With a mission to empower businesses for growth, IR makes it easy for companies to collect their refund through a simple application and refund evaluation with no upfront costs. IR's more than 300 combined years of business and accounting experience help ensure no money is left on the table.

"The pandemic presented a litany of challenges for small businesses. As they look to bounce back in the years following 2020, it is critical for business owners to participate and take advantage of relief opportunities such as the ERC program," said Makler.

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**COUNTY OF HENRY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Pursuant to Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia, a public hearing has been scheduled for **October 26, 2022, at 1:00 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 citizen input into the possible issuance of Special Use Permit for the following case:  
**Case S-22-13 Justin B. and Sandi D. Hite**  
A request for a Special Use Permit has been received under Section 21-302 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for the operation of a wedding venue and event center. The property is located at 350 Charlton Drive, in the Horsepasture District and shown on Tax Map 60.1(6)/10; 50.7(38)/1.2. The property is zoned Agricultural District A-1. 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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Contractors must submit their application on the electronic M7B bidding site at <https://www.plow4va.com/>. All new and returning Contractors must be active in the Virginia eProcurement Portal (eVA) in order to do business with the Commonwealth of Virginia (<https://eva.virginia.gov>).

Applications received by 7:00 PM on Friday October 7, 2022 may be eligible for a mobilization bonus. See the EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements.

Questions can be directed to the Martinsville Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday - Friday. Phone: 276-629-2582  
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**Notice of Unsafe Structure**

To All Owners and Parties in Interest of the Following Property:  
**201 First Street - condemned 12/13/2021**

Owner: Josephine Niblett

The City of Martinsville's Inspections Division inspected the above referenced property and found it to be in violation of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) for the maintenance of existing structures. The violations are listed below:

**201 First Street**

- PM-106.0 - Unsafe structure, extensive damage due to fire and neglect.
- PM-301.3 - Vacant structure, not maintained safe and weather tight.
- PM-304.1 - Exterior not maintained in state of good repair.
- PM-304.4 - Exterior wall structural members deteriorated.
- PM-304.6 - Exterior walls not maintained free from holes or breaks.
- PM-305.2 - Structural members not capable of supporting the imposed loads.
- PM-501.1 - Plumbing and water service not maintained as approved.
- PM-601.1 - Electrical system not maintained as approved.

**ORDER**

The Building Official has determined that in order to abate the unsafe or dangerous conditions on this property, this building must be razed and removed within (30) days of this notice.

Failure to comply with this order to abate the unsafe and dangerous conditions on this property will result in the City of Martinsville taking action to abate such conditions in accordance with the provisions of Virginia Code Section 15.2-906 and or the USBC, as the Building Code Official deems appropriate. This may result in legal action against you, which would subject you to a fine of up to \$2,500.00, or the City may take the necessary action, up to and including the taking down and removal of this building, and charge the costs or expenses thereof to you. Any charges assessed that are unpaid would constitute a lien in that amount against the property.

**Right of Appeal**

You have the right to appeal this decision of the Building Code Official to the local Board of Building Code Appeals as provided for in Section 108 of the USBC. A written request for such an appeal shall be made on forms provided by the Code Official, and filed with this office within 14 calendar days from receipt of this notice and accompanied by a fee of \$100.00. Applications for appeal may be obtained in the Inspections Office located in Room 217 of the Municipal Building on W. Church St., Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

**DCR announces \$13.6 million in awards from Community Flood Preparedness Fund**

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation announced \$13.6 million in awards from the Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund.

Twenty-seven applications for flood prevention and protection projects including mitigation, capacity building, planning and studies were funded in communities across the commonwealth.

Grant round 3 was initially advertised for \$40 million. DCR received 64 applications with grant requests totaling nearly \$93 million.

DCR therefore also announced that 32 proposals totaling \$68 million in requests would be given a 60-day supplemental review period, allowing applicants to correct application deficiencies and submit additional information.

Finally, in order to support as many beneficial projects as possible, DCR announced that it has been authorized

to release an additional \$30 million in funding for grant round 3.

"The impacts of flooding are felt across the commonwealth, and Governor Youngkin has ensured that resiliency and flood mitigation efforts are a priority for this administration," said Travis Voyles, Virginia's acting secretary of natural and historic resources and chief resiliency officer. "These projects will support important flood protection and resilience efforts in inland and coastal communities across Virginia."

DCR, in cooperation with the Virginia Resources Authority, administers the fund and grant program. It oversees the commonwealth's floodplain management program and is responsible for the development of the Coastal Resilience Master Plan and the Virginia Flood Protection Master Plan.

DCR Director Matthew Wells said, "We are pleased

to award this initial group of grants and look forward to working with applicants who require additional review. Given the importance of addressing flooding and resilience challenges, and the level of interest in this grant round, we are extending this opportunity broadly to applicants with potentially viable projects. This supplemental review period and the release of additional funds will allow us to support critical projects now, rather than waiting for a future grant round."

As a part of its commitment to transparency, DCR has made all grant round 3 applications available on its website. The list of approved projects, along with scoring sheets, will be posted later this week. The agency plans to release grant round 4 in early 2023, along with the initial round of the newly created Resilient Virginia Revolving Fund. Information is available at <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/dam-safety-and-floodplains/dsfpm-cfpf>.

*Black Vulture Depredation Permit Pilot Program Launched*

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) announced a new program to assist livestock producers who are experiencing losses of livestock due to Black Vulture predation.

The program will allow these livestock producers to obtain a permit to "take" up to five Black Vultures per year. Black Vulture attacks on livestock is recognized as a potentially serious threat to Virginia's livestock producers.

The program will be implemented through the Virginia Cooperative Wildlife Damage Management Program. This cooperative program, between VDACS and the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services, provides assistance to livestock producers who experience wildlife predation on their livestock. VDACS has obtained a depredation permit through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which authorizes the issuance of sub-permits to livestock producers.

Livestock producers in Virginia may apply for a sub-permit, which allows the lethal "take" of five Black Vultures per year. A sub-permit will be provided at no charge to the livestock producer. Producers wishing to take more than five Black Vultures must obtain their own individual depredation permit.

To qualify, livestock producers must have already implemented non-lethal, mitigating actions such as attempting to disperse the vultures through hazing solutions using light or sound, and best management practices to reduce attractants, such as open garbage, dead livestock, or outdoor feeding of domestic or wild animals.

Additional information and instructions on how to apply can be found at [www.vdacs.virginia.gov/plant-industry-services-black-vulture-depredation.shtml](http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/plant-industry-services-black-vulture-depredation.shtml) or by contacting Chad Fox, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services, at (540) 381-7387.

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## Evictions in VA Continue to Grow

Evictions are on the rise in Virginia after numerous protections provided by federal and state rental assistance programs ended.

According to the Richmond Eviction Lab, the number of renters in Virginia fearing eviction during the first quarter of 2022 was 58%, almost double from the fourth quarter of 2021.

Christie Marra, director of housing advocacy at the Virginia Poverty Law Center, said a "perfect storm of evictions" has been brewing for some time now. She pointed out tenants' protections have practically evaporated over the last few months, but identified an important one remaining.

"The tenant still has what we call a right of redemption, which simply means that they have the right to pay everything they owe the landlord up until 48 hours before the sheriff comes, and they have to stop that eviction, in most cases," Marra explained. "There are a few exceptions to that for tenants who rent from small mom-and-pop landlords."

Numerous landlords have filed eviction cases to be prosecuted over what advocates said are unrealistic periods of time. Marra cites one apartment complex in Chesterfield called Rollingwood prosecuting 59 cases in one week. Another

has 99 eviction cases to be prosecuted over a 10-day period. She does not want people to think it is about people unable to pay their rent, rather she charges there is a larger issue with evictions becoming part of a larger corporate landlord's business model.

Though the numbers are rising, Marra feels elected officials at each level of government can take action to slow it down or stop it entirely. At a local level, she suggested having a right to legal counsel to provide tenants with more equal footing when fighting eviction cases. On a state level, she hopes to see some pandemic-era requirements return.

"We had, during the pandemic, requirement that made landlords give tenants 14 days to pay late rent, between the time they get the notice that, 'Hey, you didn't pay your rent. Here's what you owe. Here's the rent, here's the late fee. Please pay,' and the time they can take them to court," Marra recounted. "Five days is not enough time."

More time allows people to get their next paycheck, which Marra feels will help people make late payments more quickly. Federally, she feels emergency rental assistance needs to be made available all the time, not just in times of great crisis.

## New Tool Maps Substance-Use Recovery Hotspots

As part of National Recovery Month, a new tool identifies different areas in the U.S. in need of a stronger recovery system for people dealing with substance abuse.

The Recovery Ecosystem Index Mapping Tool is an online dataset of recovery ecosystems across the country. It uses a bevy of indicators, from availability of treatment and transportation, to income, age and disability access, to determine where people are seeing real recovery from substance abuse.

Michael Meit, co-director of the East Tennessee State University Center for Rural Health Research, said the tool has led to some interesting findings so far.

"What we noticed is the areas that have the greatest challenge with substance use disorder, tend to have the strongest recovery ecosystems," Meit pointed out. "And that kind of makes sense, because those are the areas that have needed to respond. They have a community where there's need, and the communities come together to respond."

He added those areas not as greatly

affected by substance abuse tend to have weaker recovery ecosystems. He noted the others, with the biggest addiction problems and strongest recovery systems, are not seeing a cycle of abuse and recovery, but people there are able to remain successful in their recovery.

One of the biggest challenges in developing the tool has been the availability of data. Although Meit pointed out what the team managed to collect is accurate, some information is not available on a national scale, and he is hoping for more data about COVID's effects on recovery programs.

"During the pandemic, people's treatment programs were disrupted, there was greater isolation, there was job loss," Meit outlined. "A lot of things that go hand-in-hand with substance use disorder, but also mental health issues and other types of health crises."

He added the goal of the new online tool is to ensure communities have an ability to develop supportive environments for people in recovery.



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