



Dr. Arianna Kuhn joined the Virginia Museum of Natural History as its Assistant Curator of Herpetology.

Kuhn focuses on understanding origins of biodiversity

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Dr. Arianna Kuhn, Assistant Curator of Herpetology at the Virginia Museum of Natural History in Martinsville, focuses on understanding where biodiversity comes from in her research.

Herpetology is a branch of zoology concerning the study and research of reptiles and amphibians.

“I mean you go outside, and you go into the woods, and you see these lizards, snakes, butterflies, and these isopods

and birds, that’s the whole community of organisms that are all interacting within this ecosystem,” she said.

Kuhn said she wants to know why there are different animals in different locations and biomes.

“It might seem very obviously like ‘well, if you can’t be in the cold then you can’t be here,’ but it’s a little more complicated than that because there’s all these questions about evolutionary history that has brought these things here,” she said.

Kuhn said there’s also questions about how the landscape has changed

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While her doctoral work was on Madagascar snakes, Dr. Kuhn is now working a lot more on salamanders that are native to Southwest Appalachia.

City nixes current reversion in narrow vote, creates new commission to address issues



The current reversion process ended Tuesday when a majority of the members of Martinsville City Council approved a resolution to terminate the city’s efforts to become a town.

Staff Reports

Members of Martinsville City Council on Tuesday adopted a resolution to terminate reversion.

Mayor LC Jones and Vice Mayor Aaron Rawls, the newest members elected to the council, joined with Tammy Pearson in to support the resolution. Chad Martin and former mayor Kathy Lawson opposed it.

Pearson, who said she often felt like the lone-wolf in opposing reversion, read the resolution before the vote was taken.

It stated, in part, “following comprehensive studies and presentations of information related to the fiscal and operational impact of the City of Martinsville potentially transitioning to town status, Martinsville City Council voted unanimously on December 10, 2019 to authorize counsel to proceed with filing appropriate documents to initiate that process.”

The city “has recognized the vital nature of including its citizens and institutions in matters of significant and irrevocable consequence regarding a change in municipal status,” it stated.

The city “has expended a considerable sum of capital, effort, time, and goodwill in pursuit of municipal reversion,” according to the resolution, the city “has not duly considered the impact of or desire for municipal reversion on affected parties, including the citizens and institutions of Henry County with whom the city wishes to engage in good faith endeavors for shared mutual benefit.”

Given recent council elections, “a majority of council now believes the reversion process should be stopped,” the resolution stated.

It also directs city staff to “take all other actions as may be necessary to accomplish” the objective outlined in the resolution.

Lawson questioned the transpar-

ency of the resolution process, and added that ending reversion takes away “every bit of leverage we have” with Henry County in other issues such as consolidation.

Martin said “before you pull the plug on this, I would ask that you have two to three public comment periods,” and wait “until we at least go through our budget process to see what we are dealing with as a city.”

“If you do this now, you’re making Martinsville have to wait five years” before restarting the process, he said. “Please, please do not make this decision tonight.”

“Press pause and give people the opportunity to understand,” Lawson said.

“Why does everyone assume that if we accept reversion, all is well” and all the problems go away, Rawls asked. “I don’t think we know enough about this. I don’t think I have enough information to even

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Celebration honoring King’s life, legacy gets underway Sunday

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Morning Star Church in Martinsville will open an exhibit in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Black history at noon on Sunday, Jan. 15, with items on display through Feb. 15. It will be open on Sundays from 12-2 p.m., and other times by appointment.

The Rev. Tyler Millner said the exhibit will showcase the life and works of King, including his books and books written about him.

“It also will showcase a model for celebrating the King holiday, which we’ve developed and ran for over 20 years, including a piece of the stone from the King statue in Washington D.C.,” he said.

The exhibit also features memorabilia on Black history and the civil rights era.

“I have hundreds of pieces” relating to “the Black press and the Black college. So, there will be a significant spread in that regard,” he said.

A display on the United Holy Church of America, the oldest Pentecostal church in the United States, of which Morning Star was founded, also will be shown, as well as classic photographs and images

that reflect on the King holiday and Black history, with artifacts, visual arts, books, magazines, newspaper clippings, unpublished and published papers, and more.

Millner said he wants the exhibit to expose, showcase, and inspire people about Black history, “and hopefully draw the community into an engagement in the interests of promoting the beloved community and promoting Black history education.”

“That is more than just pictures and posters, but really to be engaged with our experience and our past in order that we may be strengthened to go forward,” he said.

With the theme of “Together,” Millner said the group is saying that really the King holiday is an extension, or result, of Black history.

He added all the exhibit’s items must be viewed together as a composite in order to understand black history.

“The third thing is, if we’re going to get over race and build a beloved community, we got to do it together. It’s not a separate task that Black folks do over or against white folks or brown,” he said.

Millner said King had a philosophy and teaching of black and white



The Rev. Tyler C. Millner, pastor of Morning Star Church in Martinsville, will share many items in his personal collection with visitors to a multi-faceted exhibit/display at the church. The exhibit opens at noon on Sunday, January 15, and runs through February 15.

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Adams, Bryant tapped to lead board of supervisors

The Henry County Board of Supervisors selected Jim Adams and Joe Bryant as chairman and vice chairman, respectively, during its 2023 Organizational Meeting on Jan. 9.

Adams, of the Blackberry District, was selected to lead the board for the tenth time during his 21-year tenure.

“I’d like to thank the board for their support,” he said “We all have some of the same needs and concerns. It’s great that we can listen to each other and try to work towards our collective goals. Thank you for the confidence that you’ve shown in me.”

Bryant, of the Collinsville District, will serve his second term as vice-chairman after being selected for the position following his 2021 reelection bid.

“It is an honor to serve as a vice-

chair,” Bryant said. “Mr. Adams has served with honor on the Board of Supervisors for the last several years. He has done an excellent job. I can look and see bright things in the future. Mr. Adams worked real hard to make sure this county stands for excellence. That’s why I’m honored to be second in command.”

In other matters, the board:
*Set the regular meeting dates for 2023. It will meet every fourth Tuesday in the month except December, when the board chose to meet on Dec. 19 to avoid scheduling conflicts with the holidays.
*Adopted the board’s bylaws for 2023.

*Adopted the budget calendar for the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget.
*Scheduled its 2023 Planning Session for Feb. 6 from 4-7 p.m.



Jim Adams, of the Blackberry District, was selected to serve as chairman of the Henry County Board of Supervisors during a reorganizational meeting on Monday.



Joe Bryant, was elected to serve as vice-chairman of the county board. Bryant represents the Collinsville District.

(Contributed photos)



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)

Meetings

Monday, January 23

The P&HCC Local Board will meet at noon at the Dalton IDEA Center, located at 26 Fayette Street, Martinsville, VA 24112.

The Patrick & Henry Community College Local Board Budget & Finance Committee and the Legislative Committee will meet jointly at 11:30 a.m. at the Dalton IDEA Center, located at 26 Fayette Street, Martinsville, VA 24112. This is a public meeting, but the Committees will not receive public comment.

The Patrick & Henry Community College Local Board Academic & Student Affairs Committee will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Dalton IDEA Center, located at 26 Fayette Street, Martinsville, VA 24112. This is a public meeting, but the Committee will not receive public comment.

Events

Sunday, January 15

The Martinsville-Henry County Historical Society will have speakers at the Historic Henry County Court House for “Founders Day: Lumber” in an educational program about the his-

tory of lumber in the area. The event will begin at 3 p.m.

Sunday, January 22

The Spencer-Penn Centre will host a barn quilting class from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Class will be filled on a first paid first served basis. Once payment is received by Spencer-Penn, design choice should be sent to the instructor, Lauren at misslaurenbyron@gmail.com. Registration deadline in January 13.

Tuesday, Jan. 24- Tuesday, May 9

Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) will hold a NC3 Festo Certified Industry 4.0 Certification Program at the P&HCC Patrick County site. The class will meet Tuesday and Wednesday from 6-9:30 p.m. Tuition is \$4,200 or \$1,400 for the FastForward Price. For more information, call (276) 656-0260.

Friday, January 27

Exhibit Opening Reception, 5:30 p.m. at Piedmont Arts. Join Piedmont Arts for an opening reception in honor of the museum’s new exhibits, Freeman Vines’ Hanging Tree Guitars, Rupe Dalton Retrospective, The World Beside the Rails, and Works by Rocky Wall. Free and open to the public. Complimentary wine and light refreshments will be served.

ONGOING

The Briarpatch Amateur Radio Club

will hold an in-person at the First Christian Church in Galax. Elections will be held at the BARC meeting, membership dues will be collected, an auction of analog gear is anticipated, and the 2023 events calendar will be discussed. All amateur radio operators and interested non-hams are welcome to attend. Find important test prerequisites and other club activities on our *new* webpage, www.briarpatcharc.com, and our BARC Facebook page. And join us on air each Tuesday, 8 p.m. on 147.090+ with 103.5 Tone.”

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 (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. MHCCHW’s specially trained Medicaid/FAMIS Outreach Advocate can answer questions about existing coverage or help you apply for new coverage by phone Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5p.m. In-person application help is available on Wednesdays at Community Storehouse’s new location UPTOWN at 128 East Church Street LOWER LEVEL from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call or text Ann Walker today at (276)732-0509 to see if you may qualify and get help applying.

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.

Delegate requests electric bills, plans to investigate increased costs

Taylor Boyd
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In response to many who have said their electric bills increased significantly or doubled, Del. Wren Williams is asking residents to send the last four months of their Appalachian Power bills to him.

Williams, R-Stuart, added that he plans to investigate the rate increases.

“A lot of households in our district are seeing a huge spike in their electricity bills, owing in large part to the recent cold snap we just had,” Williams said.

The power company, a subsidiary of American Electric Power, has said Virginia customers would see an increase in their bills beginning Nov. 1, due to increased costs of coal, natural gas and purchased power.

Williams cited the “Clean Economic Act” passed by Virginia Democrats in

2020 as a factor in the spike. The act, he said, “picks winners and losers in the energy sector instead of letting the market decide.”

As a result, “power companies in Virginia are being forced to endure absurd regulations,” he said, adding “the cost of compliance is being passed on to the consumer.”

Late last year, the State Corporation Commission (SCC) concluded a revised triennial review of the base rates for Appalachian Power Company that reduces the annual rate increase that has been in effect on an interim basis since October 1, 2022.

For a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month, the new rates result in a monthly charge of approximately \$6 compared to the interim charge of \$8.55. Appalachian Power also was to submit revised tariffs to the SCC that recalculate the bill impact of the application of the new

rates and refund the difference with interest to customers within 90 days of the commission’s order.

In August, the Supreme Court of Virginia found that the SCC did not have the authority last year to decide whether it was reasonable for Appalachian Power to include costs associated with the closure of several coal-fired plants in its accounting expenses between 2017 and 2019. The commission had found that the costs, called an asset impairment charge, were unreasonable.

The court directed the SCC to revise its final decision in the triennial review and remanded the case to the commission for further proceedings.

“We’re currently gathering data, looking at the regulations, and having conversations so we can understand what the viable solutions are,” Williams said.

Residents can send their bills to c/o Wren Williams Delegate P.O. Box 406 Richmond, VA, 23218.



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Martinsville student named to Dean’s List at Shenandoah

Fabiola Vazquez Becerra, of Martinsville, is one of 1,087 students who earned a spot on the Dean’s List at Shenandoah University for the Fall 2022 semester.

To qualify for the Dean’s List, students


enrolled in baccalaureate degree programs must complete at least 12 semester hours and earn a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher. Students with a GPA of 3.90 or higher also qualify for Shenandoah’s President’s List.

West Piedmont Better Housing Coalition

2023

Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

The PIT Count aims to provide a snapshot of the individuals and families experiencing homelessness in a geographical area over the course of one night.




Where?

Unsheltered Locations

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- Transitional Housing
- Emergency Shelter




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Attorney General urged to investigate high school leaders

Following recent news reports, Gov. Glenn Youngkin called for Virginia’s Attorney General Jason Miyares to investigate allegations that information about National Merit Awards, as determined by student PSAT scores, was withheld from students at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology until after important deadlines for college scholarships had passed.

Late last year, some parents called for leaders at the school to be fired, alleging that notifications to students about the awards were delayed, which in turn is

alleged to impact students’ ability to gain acceptance in a top college and earn scholarships.

In the Jan. 3 letter to Miyares, Youngkin said he was “stunned by news reports” alleging the information was withheld.

“I believe this failure may have caused material harm to those students and their parents, and that this failure may have violated the Virginia Human Rights Act,” Youngkin wrote in the letter. “I urge you to use the authority conferred on you ... to protect the civil rights” of students and parents at

the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.

“We need to get to the bottom of what appears to be an egregious, deliberate attempt to disadvantage high-performing students at one of the best schools in the country,” Youngkin said in a subsequent release. “Parents and students deserve answers and Attorney General Miyares will initiate a full investigation. I believe this failure may have caused material harm to those students and their parents, and that this failure may have violated the Virginia Human Rights Act.”

Girl Scouts Kick Off 2023 Cookie Season

This week, Girl Scout Cookies are rolling into the Virginia Skyline Council region, and booth sales officially kick-off this weekend. New to the 2023 cookie season, the highly anticipated online exclusive Raspberry Rally cookie joins the iconic lineup, alongside classic family favorites like Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, Do-si-dos, and more.

Consumers can support their local Girl Scout troops by purchasing their favorite varieties and trying the new, online exclusive Raspberry Rally, a thin crispy cookie infused with raspberry flavor and dipped in the same delicious chocolaty coating as the beloved Thin Mints cookies. This must-try new cookie will be the first in the Girl Scout Cookie lineup to be exclusively offered for online sale and direct shipment only, enhancing

girls’ e-commerce sales and entrepreneurial skills. Local troops will be selling them online starting February 27.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the world’s largest entrepreneurial program for girls. Girl Scouts’ newly updated Financial Literacy badges offer entrepreneurial playbooks for every age level. From the Cookie Goal Setter badge earned as a Daisy Girl Scout to the Entrepreneur Accelerator for girls in high school, the Girl Scout Cookie Program teaches girls financial literacy, planning, budgeting, teamwork, innovative thinking, and confident decision making.

How to Purchase Girl Scout Cookies This Season

Girl Scout Cookie season runs until March 31 in the Virginia Skyline Council

region. Fans of Girl Scout Cookies can support Girl Scouting by purchasing cookies for \$6.00 a box in a few different ways:

- If you know a registered Girl Scout, reach out to her to find out how she’s selling cookies this year.
- If you don’t know a Girl Scout, visit www.gsvsc.org/cookies to use the official Girl Scout Cookie Finder to find cookie booths in your area. Can’t find a local booth? Then contact us at info@gsvsc.org and we’ll find a local troop to fix that cookie craving you have!
- Beginning February 27, enter your zip code into the Girl Scout Cookie Finder at www.girlscoutcookies.org to purchase from a local Girl Scout troop online for shipment to your door or to donate cookies to first responders and



local causes.

Girl Scouts in grades K–12 can start their journey to fun, friendship, and new experiences by joining the world’s largest entrepreneurial organization for girls at any point in the year. Girls can join and adults can become a volunteer at www.girlscouts.org/join.

Radford University Students Present Research at 4th Winter CARD

The Radford University Office of Undergraduate Research (OURS) sponsored the 4th Winter CARD, or Creative Activities and Research Days Nov. 29 through Dec. 2. Working closely with faculty and other students during the fall semester, undergraduate students solved wicked problems we face in society and on our planet. Students presented their research projects through poster projects or orally to an audience. Participants included:

Charlie Koger, Bassett, Poster | Sustainable Cities: Stockholm, Sweden,

Liliana Dailey, Ridgeway, Poster | Sustainable Cities: Edmonton, Canada,

Heidi Pinnix, Martinsville, Artwork Installation | Art History: Exploration of African Arts,

Victoria Dean, Collinsville, Poster | Dobbs v. Jackson Supreme Court Case,

Jessica Martinez, Bassett, Poster | The Impact of the Supreme Court Decision Castle Rock v. Gonzales,

Connor Webber, Collinsville, Interdisciplinary Poster | Trends in American Attitudes Towards Welfare Spending,

Nicholas Robertson, Martinsville, Interdisciplinary Poster | Trends in Support of Legalization of Marijuana by Sex, Race, Class, and Education,

Lauren Luther, Ridgeway, Oral | Understanding the Molecular Tools to Study the Insect Gut Microbiome,

Whitley Manns, Spencer, VA: Interdisciplinary Poster | Who’s Hungry?: Food Recovery on Campus, OURS provides transformative experiential learning

opportunities to undergraduate college students to help them gain experience that will serve them well in their workplace and all of their lives. Students’ experience in tackling ambiguous processes and solutions transforms them well beyond learning skill in their disciplines, to include being more engaged in their workplace even decades later (Purdue Gallop Poll), developing critical thinking and communication skills which are the most desired Career Readiness skills by employers, and helping get that first job as 86% of employers indicate they are more likely to hire students who have conducted a research project with faculty.

For more information about Winter CARD at Radford University, contact ours@radford.edu.

Foster Gallery at Piedmont Arts showcases art from area schools

Artwork by students from Magna Vista High School and Carlisle’s Upper School will be on display through Jan. 31, in Piedmont Arts’ Foster Gallery. A reception will be held for exhibiting students and their families, Tuesday, Jan. 31 from 4-6 p.m. at the museum.

Piedmont Arts is known for hosting amazing and innovative exhibits. Nowhere is that truer than in the Foster Gallery. Exhibits are curated every six to eight weeks, allowing work by students from all 19 schools in Martinsville-Henry County to be displayed during the year.

Curated by Charity League of Martinsville and Henry County,

the Foster Gallery is an important part of Piedmont Arts’ community programming, encouraging young people to participate in the arts and giving the public the opportunity to experience the wealth of talent in the area. Piedmont Arts and Charity League believe that the arts are a vital part of an excellent education, and both are pleased to take an active role in arts education in the community.

Piedmont Arts is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The museum, including the Foster Gallery, will be closed Jan. 15-27 for exhibit installation.



The current exhibit on display in the Foster Gallery. All of the art pictured was created by local students.

Collinsville blaze that resulted in death ruled accidental

Henry County Fire Marshal Lisa Garrett determined a fire, which claimed the life of a man in Collinsville, was accidental.

The Henry County Department of Public Safety, the Collinsville Volunteer Fire Department and Garrett responded to a brush fire call at 216 Ridge Road in Collinsville on Dec. 30, at approximately 2:30 p.m. Upon arrival, a man was

found lying in the back yard with burn injuries. He was identified as Richard William Harris, 78, of 216 Ridge Road Collinsville, Virginia.

During the investigation, it was discovered that Harris had been cleaning leaves from the back yard and burning them when his clothing caught on fire. He suffered burns to his entire body and was pronounced dead at the scene.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Respiratory disorder
7. Bulgarian mountain peak
10. Group of important people
12. South American nation
13. Amazes
14. ___-Castell, makers of pens
15. Perlman and Seehorn are two
16. Early medieval
17. Legislator (slang)
18. Tasty crustacean
19. Course of action
21. Airborne (abbr.)
22. Permanent church appointment
27. Larry and Curly's pal
28. Famed American journalist
33. 12th letter of Greek alphabet
34. In a way, vanished
36. Afflict in mind or body
37. Egyptian Sun god
38. Source of the Blue Nile
39. Egyptian unit of weight
40. Be the source of pain
41. Esteemed award ___ d'Or
44. Partner to pains
45. Deep blue
48. No longer living
49. Country in the UK
50. Not even
51. Arizona city

CLUES DOWN

1. Wager
2. Classical portico
3. As a result
4. Bird
5. A type of "Squad"
6. Autonomic nervous system
7. Dish with food on a stick
8. City northwest of Provo
9. C. European river
10. One out of jail
11. Henry Clay estate
12. Heathen
14. Refrained
17. Parts per billion (abbr.)
18. "The Stranger" author
20. Not old
23. Periods of starvation
24. Language of tribe in India
25. Savings account
26. Pitching stat
29. Megabyte
30. Ribonucleic acid
31. A place to put your feet
32. The fun part of a week
35. We all have our own
36. Partner to "oohed"
38. African nation
40. Breezed through
41. Sets out
42. Other
43. Not fattening
44. "Much ___ about nothing"
45. Central Time
46. Former EU monetary unit
47. Charles S. Dutton sitcom

OPINION

The good old days

Kids today don't know what it was like.

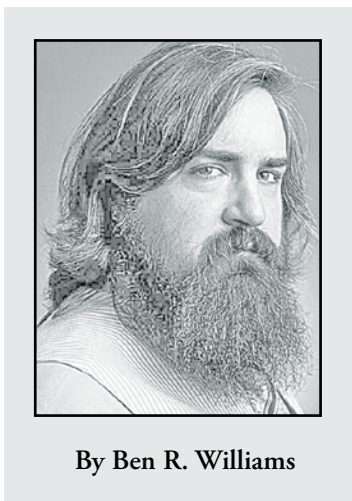
Back when I was growing up, we didn't have safety helmets and knee pads; we'd ride our bicycles down to the quarry and come back home with skinned knees. If we weren't on our bikes, we were bouncing around in the backseat of the old station wagon, not a seatbelt in sight, but we were fine. When we got home, all us kids would wrestle and play in the backyard, and when we got thirsty, we'd drink from the hose.

We didn't have any fancy video games or computers; we had Matchbox cars and a patch of dirt. We'd play out back until it got dark; sometimes we'd almost forget to come home to dinner or get a drink from the hose!

And when it was dinnertime, we didn't sit there playing on our phones. We would sit quietly and listen to dad talk about his day and answer his questions when asked. If we had to get up from the table, we would say, "Excuse me, may I go outside and drink from the hose?" and dad would say yes. That was called "manners," something in short supply these days.

And the music! It required real talent, not like these modern filthmongers who call themselves musicians. I still remember sitting on the porch with my little 45 record player listening to records by Pat Boone and Jan & Dean, a GI Joe in one hand and the hose in the other, just rocking out and drinking that precious hose water.

Oh, it was a different time, all right. We didn't have all this division. People didn't argue about stuff like politics and religion and identity. We argued about which hoses were best to drink from, or whose turn it was to drink from the hose. Sometimes we'd get in fistfights,



By Ben R. Williams

but we'd always patch things up by passing around that wonderful old hose.

These kids don't know what they're missing. Can you believe that back when I was a kid, you didn't go to the doctor, the doctor came to YOU? I still remember when I was sick in bed and the doctor made a house call. He sat down next to me with his little head mirror and his black bag, and I'll never forget what he

said: "Son, this is the third time you've contracted Legionnaires' disease just this year, and you appear to be in the early stages of lead poisoning. You have to stop drinking from the hose."

Of course, I didn't get where I am today by listening to doctors!

These young people today don't know the meaning of the word sacrifice. I was drafted to fight in Vietnam and stop the spread of Communism, something these young people actually LIKE! It was lonely out there, nothing to keep me company except a locket containing a photo of a hose. I would lay out under the stars, pining for that old hose, and think up words that rhyme with hose, like rose or clothes. Sometimes I'd stare up at the big dipper and just imagine it was filled with sweet, sweet hose water.

Of course, I didn't see combat; I never made it out of basic training due to my various health conditions. But I imagine it was pretty bad. Charlie probably didn't even have spigots, much less hoses. Kids today will never understand that. Under Communism, no one gets a hose.

Of course, the young folks today think that I'M the one who's wrong. My nephew called me on the phone the other day and told me he was worried about me. He said I needed to "get psychiatric help" because I had an "unhealthy obsession" surrounding hoses. He said that it's "unnatural" to refer to your garden hose as your wife, and then he yelled at me because he "could hear slurping noises in the background." He said that I needed to "find the root cause of my fixation" and "develop a personality that isn't solely based around drinking water from the hose."

Kids today want to send you to a shrink at the drop of a hat, everything's a big old trauma for them. I didn't need therapy when I was four years old and watched that drifter beat my grandpa to death with a garden hose, and I sure don't need it now!

Powerful exhibit of hand-carved guitars opens at Piedmont Arts

Join Piedmont Arts for an opening reception in honor of the museum's new exhibits, on Friday, Jan. 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the museum.

"Hanging Tree Guitars" features the work of Freeman Vines, an artist, luthier, and spiritual philosopher. Vines' life is a witness to the truths and contradictions of the American South. He remembers the hidden histories of the eastern North Carolina land on which his family has lived since enslavement. For more than fifty years Vines has transformed materials culled from a forgotten landscape in his relentless pursuit of building a guitar capable of producing a singular tone that has haunted his dreams. From tobacco barns, mule troughs, and radio parts, he has created hand-carved guitars, each instrument seasoned down to the grain by the echoes of its past life. In 2015, Vines befriended photographer and folklorist, Timothy Duffy (b. 1963) and the two began to document Vines' guitars and his life story. In addition to Vines' haunting sculptures, this exhibit also includes a number of tintype photographs by Duffy.

"Hanging Tree Guitars" is organized by Music Maker Foundation, a non-profit that provides financial grants and assistance to senior and vulnerable artists — those marginalized by age, poverty, race, gender, etc. — because these are the artists least likely to have the resources to share their musical messages with the world. Since 1994, Music Maker has served over 500 musicians whose work spans the entire history of American music.

Rodney Scott "Rupe" Dalton (1965-2022) was a nationally recognized artist from Henry County, Virginia. His paintings depict scenes from the everyday lives of his friends, family and neighbors and speak to the traditions of many Black Southern families. Often called a renaissance man, Rupe was a barber by trade, a comedian at heart and a born artist who used airbrush to create works with depth and soul. His work elevated airbrush to new heights and his powerful subject matter invites memory to play an intimate roll in viewing his work.

"The World Beside the Rails" features photographs by Richmond, Virginia native, Robert Wright Forsyth IV (1952-2021). Forsyth often found himself at odds with society and the world outside the forest cottage he called home. As a link to the world around him, he began photographing the natural world. Forsyth was fascinated with the interplay of light, object and motion. When he began work with Norfolk Southern Railroad, machines took on a larger role in his photography, incorporating a sense of space very different from the wooded home he loved.

The natural world and the mechanical world formed a union that he explored until his death. This exhibition is on loan from the Robert Wright Forsyth Estate and Trust.

The Lynwood Artists Gallery features work by Rocky Wall. Wall is a photographer and self-described "tech geek" from Axton, Virginia. He works in 35 mm, digital photography and graphic art. His scenes range from landscapes to wildlife to night photography, and include many shots of southern Virginia scenery.

The opening reception is free and open to the public. Complimentary wine and light refreshments will be served. Music by Ann Nichols. Artist talk with Music Maker founders Denise and Timothy Duffy at 6:15 p.m., followed by the unveiling of a never-before-seen work by Rupe Dalton. RSVP required by Jan. 24 to 276.632.3221 or online at PiedmontArts.org.

Exhibits will be on display Jan. 28-March 18. Exhibit admission is always free.

Exhibits and reception sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Kappa Delta Omega Chapter Sorority, Sharon and Bob Bushnell, Ashley and Ronnie Fultz, Olivia and Pres Garrett, Harold Jones, Karyna Jones, Susan and John Kellett-Forsyth and Lynwood Artists.



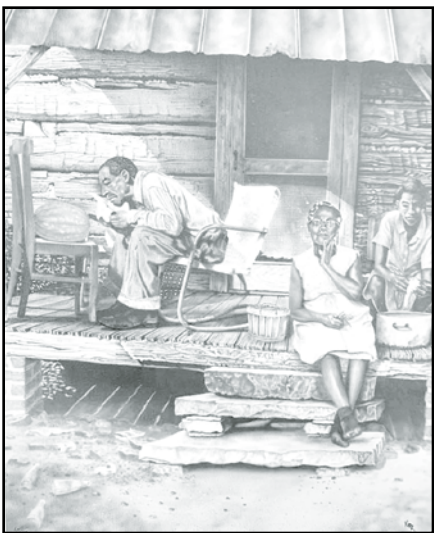
Timothy Duffy, "Freeman Vines, Hanging Tree Guitars #2," Freeman and his guitars in the tobacco field outside his home, 2015.



Rocky Wall, "Glade Creek Grist Mill," Babcock State Park, Clifftop, West Virginia, 2022.



Robert Wright Forsyth IV, Untitled.



Rupe Dalton, "Sunday at Ms. Maxie's," 2010.

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MLK Celebration

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together.

“He was really saying we got to do this together, the task of building the beloved community, the task of making sure the dream is fulfilled. That we must do together,” he said.

Millner also wants parents to bring their children to the exhibit, and have a conversation about King, race,

Black history, and heritage.

“It’s not just abstract, you can come and sit down for an hour and have conversations,” he said.

A series of three lectures will also be held in conjunction with the exhibit. The first lecture will be about the King holiday on Monday, Jan. 16 at 3 p.m. at the church.

The other two lectures will be on the Black church, history and the concept of Black history education. Remaining lecture dates will be given at the exhibit. The church is located at 2839 Stoney Mountain Road, Martinsville. For more information, call the church at (276) 650-8755 or email Millner at tcmpastorms55@gmail.com.



A celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s life and work will be held Sunday, Jan. 15 through February 15 at Morning Star Church, 2839 Stoney Mountain Road, Martinsville. (Contributed photos)

Reversion

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begin to let this continue.”

Rawls said, “we are not killing reversion. It was killed by the former government who wouldn’t make the case and tried to force it on citizens (and) did not hear their voices.”

After the roll call vote was taken, and the resolution passed, the audience filling the council chambers and spilling into the hallway, erupted in applause.

Council then opened the floor to comments from uptown business owners and others, including those who currently are homeless.

“I was dropped off at the library” in Martinsville from another locality, said a homeless man.

Rawls repeated some of the man’s comments for verification. The man was told the hospitals would allow a stay of five nights if a person was suicidal. He was given a tent, and it was suggested that he find a spot on the Dick & Willie Trail. “And it was raining that night,” Rawls asked, as the man confirmed the statements.

“We all need to come together as a community and get justice for the people that are homeless,” he said.

Brenda Stovall, of Brenda’s Catering, “I walked outside my back door to empty some oil. Two guys smoking weed” and drinking. Asked them politely to leave. I asked them one more time—one of the guys was over there urinating right in front of me. The other guy said, ‘Bitch, call the police.’ I said, no problem.”

Noting that there are youngsters and adults visiting business uptown, Stovall said, “who wants to see that? You don’t want that around your business.

You should have respect in your community to keep your businesses growing.”

Tim Martin, a business and property owner, said “I do think we need some sort of service to take care of the people.” The issue has “gotten way out of hand. I’m hoping we can find some kind of resolution to this. This really has to be addressed. It’s way out of control.”

A representative of Prillaman’s Market said the parking situation on Fayette Street is a “terrible situation,” and noted that some vehicles are parked in front of the dental clinic “for a month at a time. I really would like to see more patrolling uptown. Cars without tags parked there. I don’t understand it. I really don’t. I love to have the dental clinic over there, but looks like they could just tell the patients to park in the parking lot.”

Mary Rives Brown, a property owner uptown, read a letter from Alice Ann Blevins, of Fido’s Finds, which raises funds to support the SPCA. Fido’s Finds was housed on Main Street, and currently is located at 119 E Church St.

“Things changed when Peer Recovery moved into our old space” on Main Street, Rives said Blevins wrote, and added that interactions between the homeless population and customers have prompted “several calls expressing customers would not come back unless this problem is resolved.”

Dean Johnston, president of Move to Martinsville, stated in a memo that the population of some groups currently present in uptown “are not conducive to a good business model.”

Julian Mei said his phone buzzes incessantly with many asking “what in the world is going on in uptown Martinsville?” The plight of those who are down on their luck and suffering is tragic and dire, “and we want to support wherever we can.”

The homeless population is “increasing and increasing exponentially every day. Some of these people seem to have been intentionally relocated here,” Mei said, adding that he recently learned a city resident planned to relocate from Martinsville “because they do not feel safe to live here.”

If Martinsville is unable to continue its efforts to revitalize and grow, “we are doomed,” he said.

Cory Williams, CEO of Epic, addressed reports that his company’s name was included among those that allegedly brought some of the people to Martinsville.

“We want to help. We don’t want to be a hindrance,” Williams said. “I want to be part of the solution. Epic wants to be part of the solution. We are in the fight with you guys. We see a need.”

Epic, which also has locations in Danville and Richmond, is an agency that provides community-based services that include substance abuse services, Williams said, adding that it confronts homelessness among its clients on a regular basis.

He added the agency currently is still investigating the case of two homeless people who said they were transported from Danville to Martinsville.

Barbara Seymour, said “homelessness has a ripple effect” on communities, with problems that include poverty, hunger, lack of education and dilution

of services, as well as others. The problems often become generational.

When she sees “evidence of homelessness in the community,” and searches for agencies that help, she said she finds “nothing.”

Bobby Price, business owner, said he is in the thick of this homeless situation, which has gone from a non-violent, small group to “a violent situation. This is not just a homeless situation. This is a mental health situation as well.”

For the first four months he rented the building that houses his business, Price said there were four homeless people, but that num-

ber has grown. “Now they are coming from larger cities, very aggressive, panhandling. Uptown was changing for the good the first four months I was there, now it’s sliding.”

Pearson made a motion to create an Emergency Housing and Community Support Commission. The commission would not only address the housing issue but the overall packaging of community support.

The motion was approved after much discussion about the guidelines, structure, membership, etc., of the commission.



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Pastor Tyler C. Millner





Opening Date

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Biodiversity

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over a period of time, long before humans got here.

“Also, this tradeoff between stochasticity, which is this randomness that can cause patterns but through not a deterministic means, and of course the deterministic stuff, or adaptations. Like a bird evolves this beak that allows it to eat this nectar, so it can be in this place this flower is,” she said.

This research helps Kuhn to answer the question of what’s going to happen to plants and animals, especially as there’s a loss every day in terms of the landscape, organismal biodiversity, and floral biodiversity.

“We kind of need to understand where it came from, and we need to be able to understand this so we can understand what’s going to happen to it and how we can remediate that at the present day, and also to prevent further loss in the future,” she said.

While her doctoral work was on snakes from the island of Madagascar, Kuhn is now working a lot more on salamanders. “It makes sense because now I’m sort of in one of the greatest hotspots for salamander diversity on the globe. So, working here in Southwest Appalachia, this is where if you want to look at salamanders and look at biodiversity from a salamander’s perspective this is where you want to be,” she said.

To help explain her research, Kuhn also serves as an ambassador with some animals, including one egg-loving snake named Christina ‘Egguilera.’

As Kuhn’s research is done at the molecular level and not on organisms in her lab, the animal is there to serve as an opportunity to talk about snakes when she has visitors.

“It’s a really ecologically interesting species and so I think that it’s absolutely something no one would ever actually see on their own. It’s not regional to this area, it’s from Africa, and it has no teeth because it specializes in eating eggs,” she said.

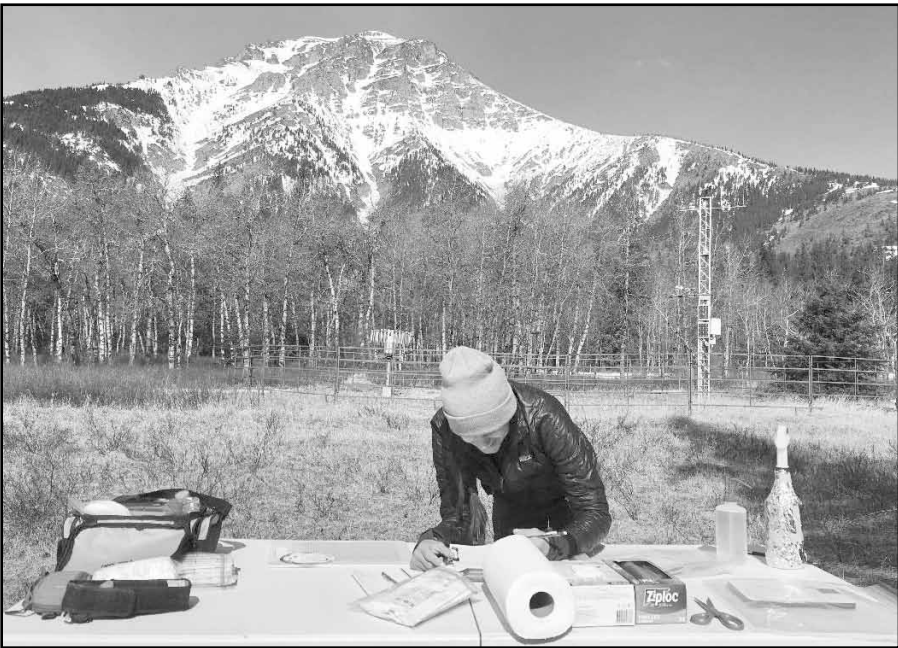
Originally from Pennsylvania, Kuhn’s entire family is involved in the medical and science fields with one sister being a doctor and the other being a physician’s assistant. Her younger brother is currently studying marine science in Florida.

Unlike many in her field, Kuhn, 32, said she did not know immediately that she wanted to study herpetology.

“A lot of people in my field have been obsessed with lizards and snakes since they were a kid and it’s just catalyzed from there. For me, it’s not that I didn’t like them, I liked all animals as a kid,” she said.

However, Kuhn always knew she wanted to do research science and design experiments, answer questions, and write papers.

“But I ended up getting into this lab, it was like the Gecko lab, and I got so lucky that I walked into there and they had openings for undergraduate researchers in the lab and I got super hooked,” she said.



In her research, Dr. Kuhn focuses on understanding where biodiversity comes from.

Kuhn said it was a fun environment where the graduate and undergraduate students and principal investigators (P.I.) were all into the outdoors and doing field work.

“So, I felt really a part of this community and it was so exciting. I just hadn’t known it existed until that point, which is kind of crazy,” she said.

Kuhn said the exciting part was being able to pair all the things she was passionate about together in one place.

Kuhn received her B.S. in biology and her M.A. in biology from Villanova University. She received a PhD in biology through a partnership between the City University of New York Graduate Center and the American Museum of Natural History, and a post-doctoral fellowship through the University of Lethbridge in Alberta, Canada.

In her spare time, Kuhn enjoys cycling, running, reading, camping, and doing yoga.



As a herpetologist, Dr. Kuhn studies and researches reptiles and amphibians.



Dr. Arianna Kuhn, Assistant Curator of Herpetology at the Virginia Museum of Natural History in Martinsville, focuses on understanding where biodiversity comes from in her research.

Emergency Allotments to Continue for SNAP Households in January

Virginia’s Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) received federal approval to release emergen-

cy benefits to eligible households in January. These enhanced benefits will be automatically loaded to recipients’

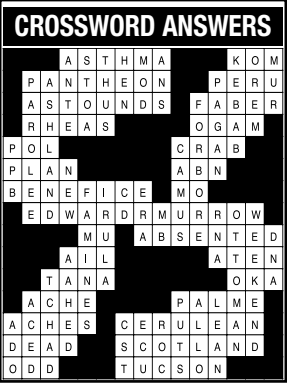
Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards on Monday, January 16.

The enhanced SNAP benefit is made available through a public health emergency declaration that requires government agencies to request an extension of emergency allotment issuances on a month-to-month basis. Future benefit allotments are dependent upon this monthly approval process and are subject to change.

The emergency allotments temporarily raise existing SNAP households’ monthly benefit amount to the maximum allowable based on household size as follows:

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3	\$740
4	\$939
5	\$1,116
6	\$1,339
7	\$1,480
8	\$1,691
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Notice of Unsafe Structures

To All Owners and Parties in Interest of the Following Properties:

200 Emmette Street - condemned from previous code enforcement

Owner: Robin I Morrison

1004 Jordan Street - condemned from previous code enforcement

Owner: Priscilla Hodge

1217 Lawson Street - condemned from previous code enforcement

Owners: Robert Nixon Collier et seq & William Thomas Collier

211 Stuart Street - condemned from previous code enforcement

Owners: Waverly Cousin Jr. & Barbara Cousin

1223 Top Street - condemned from previous code enforcement

Owners: Baldwin Memorial Trust, 1223 Lt Trust, Estate For years, G E Ennis, Trustee C/O Baldwin 1223 The City of Martinsville’s Inspections Division inspected the above referenced properties and found them to be in violation of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) for the maintenance of existing structures. Each property listed above has two or more of the violations listed below:

200 Emmette Street

PM-106 - Unsafe structure, extensive damage due to neglect.

PM-304.2 - Exterior surfaces not maintained in good repair.

PM-304.4 - Structural members not maintained free from deterioration.

PM-304.6 - Exterior walls not maintained free from holes or breaks.

PM-702.1 - Safe, continuous and unobstructed path not provided.

1004 Jordan Street

PM-106 - Unsafe structure, extensive damage due to neglect.

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PM-304.6 - Exterior walls not maintained free from holes or breaks.

PM-304.7 - Roof system not sound or tight to deter rain.

PM-304.10 - Deck not maintained structurally sound and in good repair.

PM-702.1 - Safe, continuous path of travel not maintained.

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ORDER

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

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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.

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A joint meeting will be held between the Martinsville Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals on January 18, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the City of Martinsville Municipal Building located at 55 W. Church Street, Martinsville, VA 24112. The purpose of this joint meeting is to review and discuss the final draft of amendments to the city's Zoning Ordinance, draft amendments to the Zoning Map, and a possible boundary increase to the C-UB, Uptown Business District. Any comments or questions can be directed to Hannah Powell, Community Development Specialist, at (276) 403-5156 or hpowell@ci.martinsville.va.us
Notice Submitted By:
Hannah L. Powell, CZA
Community Development Specialist

Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held before Martinsville City Council on January 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the City of Martinsville Municipal Building located at 55 W. Church Street, Martinsville, VA 24112, for those parties in interest to the following request:
REQUEST to APPEAL - Request of Teresa Carter, property owner, to appeal the decision of the Architectural Review Board of the City of Martinsville, which denied a demolition request for the residential structure located at 632 Fayette Street and in the Historic District. Section XXII.C.13, *Provisions for demolition and razing*, of the Zoning Ordinance, requires approval of the Architectural Review Board for demolition in the Historic Districts. Section XXII.C.11, *Appeal of Architectural Review Board decision*, of the Zoning Ordinance, allows decisions of the ARB to be appealed to City Council. Any comments or questions can be directed to Hannah Powell, Community Development Specialist, at (276) 403-5156 or hpowell@ci.martinsville.va.us
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Martinsville Planning Commission Regular Meeting Schedule 2023 City Council Chambers, Martinsville Municipal Building 4:00 p.m.

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February 15, 2023
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June 21, 2023
July 19, 2023
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October 18, 2023
November 15, 2023
December 20, 2023 (Tentative)

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Architectural Review Board (ARB) Regular Meeting Schedule 2023 City Council Chambers, Martinsville Municipal Building 10:00 a.m.

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August 17, 2023
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November 16, 2023
December 21, 2023

Deadlines for applications for public hearings are approximately 30 days before the scheduled Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting. This allows staff proper time to advertise and have all supporting documentation prepared. All ARB meetings are held in Council Chambers, at 10:00 a.m., on the 3rd Thursday of each month. ARB meetings are held on an as-needed basis and may be cancelled by the board Chair if there are no items for the agenda. For further information regarding the ARB please contact Hannah Powell, Community Development Specialist, at hpowell@ci.martinsville.va.us or (276) 403-5156.

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A public hearing will be held before the Martinsville Architectural Review Board on January 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers at the City of Martinsville Municipal Building located at 55 W. Church Street, Martinsville, VA 24112, for those parties in interest to the following request:

- 1) APPLICATION for CERTIFICATE of APPROPRIATENESS**
- Application of D.C. Saufley, Inc., Applicant, and Cynthia Edgerton, Owner, requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow for the construction of an addition to a residential structure located within the Martinsville Historic District. The property is located at 1 Starling Avenue, is currently zoned R-T, Residential Transitional, and is currently operating under a bed and breakfast use. The existing structure is approximately 4,712 square feet and was built in 1925. Exterior changes to buildings within the Historic District require review by the Architectural Review Board and the granting of a Certificate of Appropriateness.

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