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## DRBA celebrates past, looks forward at annual event

Nearly 100 people from both Virginia and North Carolina attended the Dan River Basin Association (DRBA)'s Annual Celebration last week to mark the organization's accomplishments, honor those receiving annual volunteer awards, and hear from guest speaker, Spencer Tassone.

In his Ph.D. dissertation completed this past spring at the University of Virginia, Tassone, a Postdoctoral Scholar in the Department of Biological Sciences at Michigan Technological University, examined how climate change is impacting the frequency of heatwaves in rivers, estuaries, and coastal sediments throughout the United States.

Along with publishing in peer-reviewed scientific journals, his research has been featured across



Members of the Eco Ambassador Council, DRBA's Board of Directors, and volunteers cut the ribbon and officially open the new P&HCC Beaver Creek Campus Trail. Pictured from left to right are Sonya Wolen (Danville, VA), Shawn Gorman (Greensboro, N.C.), Kathryn Converse (Westfield N.C.), Jessica Driver (Java, VA), Mark Estes (South Boston, VA), Greg Hodges (Martinsville, VA), Tyler Carter (Rocky Mount, VA), Heather Francis (Bassett, VA), Carla Moore (Reidsville N.C.), Valencia Abbott (Reidsville, N.C.) and Fletcher Waynick (Reidsville, N.C.). (Photos by DRBA)

numerous media outlets including Fox Weather, Utah Public Radio, Science News Magazine, the Coastal Current Podcast, and the Chesapeake Bay Journal. Tassone's research also has helped to inform public policy by partnering with the Chesapeake Bay Program on a Science and Technical

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Teddy Martin is seeking reelection to the Reed Creek District post on the Henry County School Board in November.

## Martin announces reelection bid

Taylor Boyd  
Staff writer

Teddy Martin, the incumbent Reed Creek District member of the Henry County School Board, will seek reelection in the November election.

Martin was first appointed in the role in 2017 and won a special election later that year. He was regularly elected in 2019.

Martin said he decided to run because he feels it is the best way for him to help the

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## Six businesses awarded funds in C-PEG's 2023 Grow Martinsville-Henry County celebration

The Chamber's Partnership for Economic Growth (C-PEG) recognized its 2023 Grow Martinsville-Henry County graduates with the check presentations as a result of the competitive pitches.

Award recipients at last week's event include Cozy Temptation - \$2,500; LeGrant Chiropractic Back & Neck Pain Relief Center, LLC, - \$4,000; Wigs Unlimited - \$8,000; N & T Transportation Service - \$9,500; Backspace Coffee - \$10,000; The 3D Shop - \$12,000. The cash and in-kind Grow awards for 2023 total \$66,000 for the expanding businesses.

Much of this funding was made possible because of the grant C-PEG received from the Tobacco Region Revitalization



Recipients of 2023 Grow Martinsville-Henry County awards are pictured with Martinsville Mayor LC Jones, Henry County Administrator Dale Wagoner, Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce President Brenell Thomas, Longwood Small Business Development Business Analyst Michael Scales, and others at a recent award ceremony.

Commission which awards a dollar-for-dollar match to businesses from the targeted sectors including agribusiness, technology, small-scale production, manufacturing, and healthcare businesses.

Martinsville-Henry County Chamber's Partnership for Economic Growth (C-PEG) is an independent, yet closely aligned, charitable affiliate of the Martinsville-

Henry County Chamber of Commerce. C-PEG is charged with funding and supporting the area's efforts to improve economic

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## Gates to face Stanley in November



Deborah "Renie" Gates, a Democrat from Willis, Va., is challenging incumbent State Sen. Bill Stanley, R-Moneta, in the November election.

Debbie Hall  
Staff writer

Deborah "Renie" Gates, a Democrat from Willis, Va., will oppose incumbent Republican Senator Bill Stanley, R-Moneta, in the upcoming race.

clear majority of the vote from the 7th State Senate District Democratic Nominating Committee during a nominating caucus at the Franklin County Democratic headquarters in Rocky Mount on Saturday, June 3.

Gates received a

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## After the storm



BY PAT DELANEY

A double rainbow was visible to many after a storm last Saturday, which was more severe in some areas with isolated pockets of hail and power outages.

## Juneteenth celebration set for June 17

Taylor Boyd  
Staff writer

The Fayette Area Historical Initiative (FAHI) is set to hold its Juneteenth celebration on Saturday, June 17, at Baldwin Park from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., in partnership with Eastman, Carter Bank & Trust, and Uptown Partnership.

Admission is free to the event, titled "Looking Back and Reaching Forward."

Music will be provided by The Spiritual Seven, Turn It Up Band, LaMoves Afro Blendz, and MHC

Elite Prancerettes. The event will include activities for youngsters,

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# Applications open for artists and entertainers for Piedmont Arts inaugural Artists Festival



The Gravelly-Lester Art Garden will be the site of Piedmont Arts' inaugural Artists Festival.

Applications are now open for Piedmont Arts' inaugural Artists Festival. This festival will take place in the Gravelly-Lester Art Garden on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. From now until July 16 at 5 p.m., artists, musicians, and food trucks alike can apply to participate in the festival. Official rules and forms are available on the Events page at PiedmontArts.org. Please reach out to Programs and Public

Relations Coordinator, Lauren Ellis, at [Lellis@PiedmontArts.org](mailto:Lellis@PiedmontArts.org) with any questions.

The Piedmont Arts Artists Festival is an opportunity for the makers of Martinsville, Henry County, Patrick County, and surrounding areas to come together and celebrate each other's processes, projects, and creations. This is a community event that seeks to highlight the amazing artists of the area and celebrate

the astounding amount of creativity that exists in the region. In addition to food, drinks, and art vendors, there will be face painting and activities for kids. Artists of all mediums are encouraged to apply. This is a family-friendly event that will surely become a long-standing fall tradition.

Piedmont Arts is a nonprofit art museum. It is located at 215 Starling Ave., Martinsville. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is free. Learn more at [PiedmontArts.org](http://PiedmontArts.org).

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like bounce houses, along with snow cones, and cotton candy available for youngsters.

Tammy's Grill, Kornna Kitchen, and Hylton's Wood-Cooking Grill were among the recently confirmed food trucks.

DeShanta Hairston, FAHI's executive director, said the event is to celebrate the emancipation of the last slaves in Texas.

"They weren't made aware that they were freed until 1865, on June 19," she said.

Hairston said it is vital to acknowledge and educate the community on the significance of Juneteenth not just in black history, but in American History.

"This Juneteenth celebration creates a platform with the potential to cultivate a better understanding of black history and culture, which fosters better relationships between groups with different backgrounds," she said.

Special musical performances will be given by The Spiritual Seven, The Turn It Up Band, The Souls of Beauty and Dancers, and the MHC Elite Prancerettes. A DJ will play family-friendly music in between the live music sets.

A bouncy house and an obstacle course will be provided by King Kidz Rentals, and Buzy Bounce will provide free snow cones and cotton candy.

Tammy's Grill, Kornna Kitchen, and Hylton's Wood Fired Grill will be onsite with food for purchase.

So far, Hairston said at least 15 vendors will be onsite at the celebration. FAHI is still accepting vendors for the event.

While the event has been held before, Hairston said it has not been on this scale.

"FAHI had something in partnership with the chamber last year at the Farmers' Market, so this is the first time it will be on such a big scale," she said.

Hairston said FAHI wants to try and make the Juneteenth celebration an annual event.

"I don't know how many people" will attend, "but I'm hoping that it will be a really good turnout so that we can make this an annual celebration that we can grow over time," she said.

For more information, visit [Facebook.com/FayetteAreaHistoricalInitiative](https://www.facebook.com/FayetteAreaHistoricalInitiative), [www.fahimuseum.org](http://www.fahimuseum.org), or call the office at (276) 732-3496.

**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 **June 28, 2023 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 a Special Use Permit for the following case:

**Case S-23-09 Yasmin Holland**

A request for a Special Use Permit has been received under Section 21-902 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for the use of the property as a drive-in movie theater. The property is located at 301 Koehler Rd, in the Collinsville District and shown on Tax Map 41.1(58)/2A. The property is zoned Commercial District B-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. Lee H. Clark, AICP Director of Planning, Zoning & Inspection

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Advisory Committee. This committee focused on examining the ecological implications of rising water temperatures and developing management strategies to address these challenges.

“The Dan River Basin Association is an excellent community leader that improves and advances environmental education, recreation, and stewardship,” said Tassone. “It was exciting to share my research with this informed and dedicated group.”

Mark Estes, president of DRBA’s Board of Directors and emcee for the event that was held at the Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) in Martinsville, discussed DRBA’s mission.

“The Dan River Basin Association continues to set the standard for giving back to our Dan River Region. I can think of no other group of supporters, volunteers, and talented staff that have accomplished so much over the past twenty-one years,” Estes said. “I am excited about the future as we look for even more opportunities to promote our natural resources through our core mission of education, recreation, and stewardship. That is what we are celebrating.”

His speech was followed by an organizational update presented by DRBA staff members Tiffany Haworth, Melissa Mericle, Brian Williams, Krista Hodges, and Anna Wheeler.

“As many of you know, DRBA’s mission is to preserve and promote the natural and cultural resources of the Dan River Basin through recreation, education, and stewardship programs and services. Our service area is roughly the size of the state of Delaware and covers 16 counties – 8 in Virginia and 8 in N.C.,” said Haworth, executive director. “On January 1, we started off the year with 129 projects and as of today, we’ve added almost another dozen projects to our list.”

“We could not do any of this important work however without our dedicated Board of Directors, almost 1,000 volunteers, and of course, our dedicated donors who support DRBA,” she added.

The event included a musical performance of “Song of the Dan,” written and performed by Angela Upchurch, who was accompanied by her son Jameson Harris. Upchurch lives in Milton, N.C., and she has been inspired by some of the stories and people from Milton’s past to write storytelling songs as an entertaining way to



**Guests hike the new P&H CC Beaver Creek Campus Trail after DRBA’s Annual Celebration on June 3.**



**Hikers try out the new observation platform constructed along the P&HCC Beaver Creek Campus Trail. The observation platform will be used for environmental education programming.**



**Rosco, shown here with his pet parent Anthony Gallant of Martinsville, was one of several dogs who also enjoyed the hike on the new trail.**

share the town’s history. Chris Adcock announced the 2023 DRBA Annual Awards, with Service Awards presented to Jessica Driver, Valencia Abbott, and Keith Elliott.

The Volunteer of the Year award was presented to Sonya Wolen, of Danville.

DRBA also presented its annual Partnership Award to the Tourism Development Authority of Rockingham County (TDA). The Pickle & Ash restaurant, located in Patrick Springs, received the 2023 Corporate Award.

A ribbon cutting of the Patrick & Henry County Beaver Creek Campus Trail capped off the event. The addition is a new 2+ mile trail constructed to connect to the existing P&HCC Loop Trail.

The trail project was funded by the Eco Ambassador Council, which is a group of regional businesses that support environmental projects. Members include Blair Construction, Carter Bank & Trust, Clark Oil & Gas, Frith Construction, Hooker Furnishings, Jones & DeShon Orthodontics, Lester Group, and Pickle & Ash.

Businesses located in the

Dan River watershed are invited to join the leadership group year-round.

“Patrick & Henry Community College is extremely grateful to DRBA and the Eco Ambassador Council for their efforts in creating the P&HCC Beaver Creek Campus Trail,” said Greg Hodges, president of the college. “These partners have worked for weeks to construct a new trail measuring more than two miles in length which creates yet another incredible community asset on the campus of P&HCC. Our students and the communities that we serve will enjoy the fruit of this work for decades.”

Guests were encouraged to have lunch locally and then return to the P&HCC campus to hike the new trail. More than 30 people returned and gathered for the hike.

DRBA helps plan and construct trails, parks, and river access points in the 3,300 square miles of the Dan River Basin watershed. To learn more about DRBA and its recreation, education, and stewardship programs that protect and preserve our local natural resources, visit [www.danriver.org](http://www.danriver.org).

# Beware of scams in the age of AI

Scammers are adept at manipulating the latest technological advances to commit their crimes. These days it’s happening in the world of artificial intelligence – commonly known as AI.

AI voice cloning is already bringing a new twist to scams that have been around forever. For instance, the grandparent scam calls now can feature the actual voice of the loved one the criminal is impersonating. These tactics are startling, but the ways we protect ourselves haven’t changed.

The first sign of any fraud attempt is when an unexpected contact causes an immediate emotional reaction – often fear, panic, or excitement. Maybe training our brains to disengage when we feel that emotional surge could be the best way to disrupt the criminal act.

Otherwise, stay updated on the

latest fraud tactics by bookmarking [www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork](http://www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork). And know that anytime you are asked to address some urgent financial matter with a gift card, cryptocurrency or peer-to-peer payment app, it’s a scam.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

Visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at [www.aarp.org/fraud-watchnetwork](http://www.aarp.org/fraud-watchnetwork) or call the AARP Fraud Watch Helpline at 1-877-908-3360.

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# Change in state hiring practices takes effect July 1

Gov. Glenn Youngkin recently announced a landmark change in how state agencies will recruit and compete for talent by eliminating degree requirements, preferences or both for almost 90% of state classified positions. The new Commonwealth hiring practices will expand opportunities for Virginians and give equal consideration to all qualified job applicants.

“On day one we went to work reimagining workforce solutions in government and this key reform will expand opportunities for qualified applicants who are ready to serve Virginians,” said Youngkin. “This landmark change in hiring practices for our state workforce will improve hiring processes, expand possibilities and career paths for job seekers and enhance our ability to deliver quality services. Last month, Virginia achieved the highest labor force participation rate in nearly ten years demonstrating the Commonwealth’s sustained workforce developments.”

“Changing how we think about workforce planning, talent acquisition, and leveraging knowledge, certifications, technical skills, apprenticeships, and work experience into measurable business results has been a Day 1 Workforce Development priority for this Administration,” said Secretary of Administration Margaret “Lyn” McDermid. “As an employer, state government has one of, if not the most diverse occupational portfolios in Virginia. Our employees design, build, manage, and sustain public services across hundreds of lines of business and giving equal consideration to all job applicants, including those who have experience solving real world problems is a smart business practice.”

“This is great news for state government and all job seekers. By giving equal consideration to applicants with an equivalent combination and level of training, knowledge, skills, certifications, and experience we have opened a sea of opportunity at all levels of employment for industrious individuals who have the experience, training, knowledge, skills, abilities, and most importantly, the desire to serve the people of Virginia,” said Secretary of Labor Bryan Slater. “We are also working hard to examine regulated occupations and professions to find ways to simplify and speed up credentialing processes and universal licensing recognition for individuals who want to live and work in Virginia.”

This change will take effect July 1. Virginia is the latest in a growing number of state governments to elevate the value of work experience and its new prominence in the future of America’s workforce. On average, Virginia state agencies advertise over 20,000 job opportunities each year.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Slovenian mountain
  - 5. Growl
  - 9. Where things stand
  - 11. Made a sharp sound
  - 13. Female spirit in Irish folklore
  - 15. Deteriorate with age
  - 16. A way to save for retirement
  - 17. The Big Apple
  - 19. Intestinal pouches
  - 21. City in New Hampshire
  - 22. Giving a bad impression
  - 23. Samsung laptops
  - 25. Without (French)
  - 26. Scientist’s tool (abbr.)
  - 27. System of one more computers
  - 29. Captures
  - 31. Authentic
  - 33. Female mammal’s
  - nipple
  - 34. Pandemonium
  - 36. Satisfy
  - 38. Arrived extinct
  - 39. Shipborne radar (abbr.)
  - 41. Network of nerves
  - 43. Monetary unit
  - 44. Showed old TV show
  - 46. They help you hear
  - 48. One who eliminates
  - 52. Congress’ investigative arm
  - 53. Parties
  - 54. Most supernatural
  - 56. Takes illegally
  - 57. Breathes while asleep
  - 58. Sea eagles
  - 59. German surname
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Looks at for a long time
  - 2. Solution for diseases
  - 3. Belonging to a thing
  - 4. Former Packers fullback
  - 5. Contemptible person
  - 6. One billionth of a second (abbr.)
  - 7. Helps
  - 8. Final section of the large intestine
  - 9. Invests in little enterprises
  - 10. Look for
  - 11. Unbeliefs
  - 12. Susan and Tom are two
  - 14. Female sheep
  - 15. A poet writes it
  - 18. Affirmatives
  - 20. “Full House” actress
  - Barber
  - 24. Traveled rapidly
  - 26. Long upholstered seat
  - 28. Set wages
  - 30. Peter Gabriel song
  - 32. Sides of a jacket
  - 34. More beautiful
  - 35. Actress Kate
  - 37. Furniture with open shelves
  - 38. Indicate
  - 40. The cost of a room
  - 42. Gets rid of something
  - 43. Impudence
  - 45. No No No
  - 47. Drunkards
  - 49. Middle eastern country
  - 50. High energy lasers (abbr.)
  - 51. Primary component of ribosomes
  - 55. An informal debt instrument

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## OPINION

# The Hazzard County Bridge Builders Union

Hazzard County Administration Building, to the attention of Commissioner Jefferson D. Hogg:

My name is Larry Jarvis, and I'm the newly-elected President of the Hazzard County Bridge Builders Union. My father was a bridge builder, his father was a bridge builder, and his father before him was a bridge builder. Needless to say, I have known bridges all my life.

As you no doubt well know, Hazzard County, Georgia has 2,730 bridges, a disproportionate and perhaps unprecedented number for a single county. As you also know, the vast majority of these bridges are in a terrible state of disrepair.

All too often, our union is blamed for the sorry state of these bridges. Nothing could be further from the truth. Frankly, my men and I are working

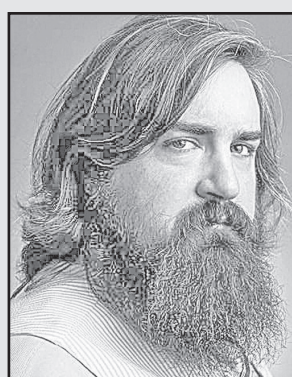
around the clock to attempt to provide the necessary repairs that will allow the citizens of Hazzard County to cross our hundreds of creeks safely and efficiently.

However, our efforts are constantly stymied by two factors.

The first factor is that, with all due respect, the funds that you allocate to our organization each year for bridge repair are woefully inadequate. We barely have enough money to cover the cost of building materials, much less provide attractive wages for employees. We're consistently losing bridge builders to our neighboring counties each year.

The second issue is so obvious that it hardly bears pointing out, but I'll state it anyway: whatever progress is made towards bridge repair is undone almost instantly by the high-flying antics of the Duke cousins.

I cannot begin to



By Ben R. Williams

tell you how many times I have just completed erecting and hand-painting a sign advising motorists that a bridge is out ahead, only to see that hateful car of theirs round the corner and drive clean through the sign, then jump across the creek using the half-completed bridge as a makeshift ramp. These sorts of stunts cause immense damage to the structural integrity of the bridge, often requiring us to completely redo the surfacing of the deck and replace damaged cap sills.

To make matters worse, mere moments after the Duke cousins have made

their escape, your Sheriff Coltrane generally comes roaring along behind them and crashes his police cruiser directly into the creek. I have personally seen Sheriff Coltrane wreck his cruiser as many as 27 times within a single year. The amount of money this county spends solely on law enforcement vehicles could easily fund both the repair of existing bridges and the construction of new ones.

It seems to me, Commissioner Hogg, that bridge repair should rank high on your personal agenda, given that nearly every time you and your sheriff are attempting to arrest Beauregard and Lucas Duke (and occasionally their far less popular cousins Coy and Vance), your pursuit ends in failure when they escape by jumping a half-completed bridge.

Far be it from me to question your judgment, Commissioner Hogg, but I sometimes wonder whether you actually WANT to apprehend the Duke cousins. You and your sheriff have engaged in high-speed pursuits with them on more

than a hundred occasions. You know exactly who they are. You know exactly where they live. You know the identities of their co-conspirators. You know that they drive the only orange 1969 Dodge Charger in the entire county and possibly the entire state. If nothing else, they're certainly guilty of reckless driving, a misdemeanor charge punishable by up to a year in jail. How is that not a violation of the terms of their probation?

With all of these concerns in mind, it brings me no pleasure to announce that the members of the Hazzard County Bridge Builders Union will be going on strike effective this coming Monday. Our sole demand is quite straightforward: increase our budget allocation by 75 percent, allowing us to finally repair and modernize our county's bridge infrastructure.

I should also inform you that another union will be joining us in a sympathy strike. The International Brotherhood of Fruit Stand Owners, Cardboard Box Stackers, and Plate Glass Transporters was eager to support our cause.

## News from the 9th: The REINS Act



Morgan Griffith  
Representative

Recently I voted against the Fiscal Responsibility Act, the debt ceiling legislation negotiated by Speaker Kevin McCarthy and President Biden.

As I've said before, I have long believed that Congress has a responsibility to the American people to "rein in" wasteful and excessive spending.

In late April, I voted to raise the debt ceiling by supporting the Limit, Save, Grow Act. Limit, Save, Grow was the House Republicans common-sense legislation to limit by Congress' reckless spending, while raising the debt ceiling

by \$1.5 trillion.

Unfortunately, not only were the reforms in the Fiscal Responsibility Act not anywhere close to those in Limit, Save, Grow, but it increased the debt limit by an additional \$2.5 trillion to \$4 trillion.

I could not justify voting in favor of legislation that raises the debt ceiling by a projected \$4 trillion without a majority of the spending reforms previously agreed to.

Specifically, I was disappointed that the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act was not included in this new legislation, a provision I strongly supported in Limit, Save, Grow. The REINS Act requires economically significant regulations proposed by federal agencies, or those costing in excess of \$100 million per year, to be approved Congress before

taking effect.

Article 1 of the Constitution grants Congress the "power of the purse", giving Congress taxing and spending power and the authority to appropriate money collected by the federal government.

Historically, this power has been one of the main tools by which Congress has limited executive power. Unfortunately, over the years, Congress has increasingly given away this power to the federal branch indirectly through granting authority to the executive branch to pass regulations that can force spending by both the federal government and private enterprise without first obtaining congressional approval for said spending.

Many times, the agencies take authority not explicitly given to them. Just one example would be the recent decision by the U.S. Supreme Court overturning the interpretation of the 'Waters of the United States,' made by the Environment

Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers.

For example, during President George Bush's first year in office, his administration finalized 36 economically significant regulations, or major rules. In 2021, the Biden administration finalized 69 of these major rules. It is time we stop this trend.

This trend has led to a powerful administrative state of unelected bureaucrats. They often act outside the bounds of our Constitution framework and our country's democratic republic principles.

By requiring Congress to approve any major rule proposed by the federal branch, the REINS Act would take a significant step in restoring Congress' legislative authority, as originally intended. Elected officials, not bureaucrats, should be in control of federal policy.

Moving forward, I am committed to finding ways to advance the REINS Act in the House and, eventually, get it enacted into law. We are scheduled to soon debate

REINS. The House will pass the REINS Act and I call on the Senate to do the same.

It's not about Democrats or Republicans, it's about the legislative branch reasserting their authority over the executive branch.

### D-Day

On another note, June 6 is the 79th anniversary of D-Day, the allied invasion of Normandy during World War II. More than 150,000 soldiers, sailors, and airmen were part of D-Day and the Normandy campaign.

With redistricting, the Ninth District has been expanded to include Bedford and Franklin Counties. This means that the District now includes the National D-Day Memorial, as well as the Bedford Boys Tribute Center. The Bedford Boys, otherwise known as the Virginia National Guard – Company A of the 116th Infantry Regiment, 29th Division, were one of the American units at the forefront of the D-Day invasion.

When Company A stormed Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944, there were 35 soldiers from Bedford, as well as other men from counties across the Ninth District. By the end of the campaign, 23 of the boys from Bedford would be dead. Because of this, Bedford, Virginia had the highest per capita death toll of any town or city in the United States. This is what inspired Congress to establish the D-Day memorial in Bedford.

I encourage everyone to visit Bedford and stop by both the D-Day Memorial and the Tribute Center to learn more about the D-Day invasion and to honor the men who were the point of the spear in cracking through Hitler's "Atlantic Wall."

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, call my Abingdon office at (276) 525-1405, my Christiansburg office at (540) 381-5671, or via email by visiting website at [www.morgangriffith.house.gov](http://www.morgangriffith.house.gov).

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## Pro March

I am writing to express my support for Marie March as the Republican candidate for the 47th District of the House of Delegates. Marie is a staunch conservative and does not back down. She sponsored bills that would increase citizens' school choice, repeal red flag laws, and preserve life at conception. I would like to urge the citizens of the 47th District to vote for Marie March, who will not betray our conservative values.

Sue Anne Boothe,  
Floyd

**HENRY COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**INTENT TO REMOVE AN UNSAFE STRUCTURE**  
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**Yo Daddy's Properties, LLC**

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

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# 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).)

## Meetings

The Martinsville City Public Schools School Board meets at 6:15 p.m. in the MCPS Central Offices, 746 Indian Trail, Martinsville.

## Events

### Friday, June 9

Music Night at Spencer-Penn, with The Country Boys playing in Alumni Hall. Gate opens at 5 p.m. with the band starting at 6:15 p.m. Admission is a \$5 donation. Concessions will be sold.

### Saturday, June 10

Yoga in the Galleries, 10:30 a.m. at Piedmont Arts with instructor Ally Snead. Bring your own mat and equipment. Suitable for all ages. Admission is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members and will be paid in cash to the instructor.

Alcohol Ink Painting Workshop with Melani Helms, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., \$40, with all supplies provided at Imagination Lavender Farm, 3590 Green Hill Drive, Martinsville. Call or text (276) 734-2828 to register.

Music from 5 to 8 p.m. at Imagination Lavender Farm with Dr. Jamie Woodall, David Oaks and Amy Stuart, no cover charge, donation appreciated.

### Sunday June 11

Music in the Garden featuring the Alma Ensemble, 2 p.m. at the Gravely-Lester Art Garden. Free admission. The Alma Ensemble was founded by flutist Sarah Wardle Jones, clarinetist Michelle Smith

Johnson and pianist Erica Sipes. Alma also means "nourishment" or "soul" which is something the ensemble endeavors to bring to every performance.

Floral Arranging with Sandi Hite at the Spencer Penn Centre. \$40 members; \$45 non-members.

### Monday, June 12

The Friends of the Blue Ridge Regional Library will hold their monthly meeting, 10:30 a.m., at the Bassett Branch, 3969 Fairystone Park Hwy., Bassett. Interested in joining? Everyone is welcome!

### Tuesday, June 13

Chix with Stix, 10:30 a.m. at Piedmont Arts. Knitters are invited to work together in the Piedmont Arts classroom on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Sessions are self-guided and provide a space to socialize while creating. Bring your own supplies. Free to members. \$5 for non-members (pay at the door). Advanced registration required.

### Saturday, June 17

Busy Bee's Craft Meet, 3 p.m. at Piedmont Arts. The first of three informal circles to socialize, learn and share with fellow crafters. Bring your lap-sized handcraft, such as cross-stitch, knitting, crochet, paper crafts, hand sewing, needle felting, etc. Led by Jennifer Reis and Lara Blair. Advanced registration required. Tickets are available on the Piedmont Arts website and are free for members and \$5 for nonmembers.

### Friday, June 16

Free Workshop, 10 a.m. to noon at Imagination Lavender Farm. Right Plant, Right Place led by VA Tech Extension Agent, Melanie Barrow, Learn how to make gardening life easier by simply choosing the right plant for each spot in your garden. Call or text (276) 734-2828 to register.

### Friday, June 23

Double Down For The Arts at this fun casino night fundraiser that begins at 7 p.m. Live music, games, heavy hors d'oeuvres, open bar, photo booth and more. Black tie optional. Tickets are \$75 and are available on the Piedmont Arts website.

### Saturday, June 24

Painting Workshop led by award-winning artist Lisa Garrett, 9:30 a.m.

to 12:30 p.m., \$40, with all supplies provided at Imagination Lavender Farm. Participants will create their own 11 x 14 painting to take home. Call or text (276) 734-2828 to register.

### Tuesday, July 18

The Bassett Historical Center will present The Life of Patrick Henry, Virginia's First Governor at 10:30 a.m. in the Susan L. Adkins Memorial Meeting Room. The program is free and open to the public.

### Tuesdays in September

A series of four genealogy classes will be offered at the Bassett Historical Center on Tuesdays in September (5, 12, 19, 26), from 10 a.m. until noon. Classes are free and open to the public, but there will be a limit of 12 participants. Call (276) 629-9191 to register.

### ONGOING

Saturdays through November 18 Martinsville Uptown Farmers' Market is open from 7 a.m. to noon, with the freshest fruits and veggies, homemade snacks, locally raised beef, and more. July 5-September 27, the market is open Wednesdays from 7 a.m. to noon.

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 [brll.lib.va.us](http://brll.lib.va.us).

The Fontaine Ruritan Club hosts Bingo every Tuesday at 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.

Book Bingo on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Martinsville Branch of the Blue Ridge Regional Library, 11 a.m. to noon. Call (276) 403-5430 to register.

The Disability Rights and Resource Center (DRRC) will be represented at the Henry-Martinsville Health Department in Martinsville every third Wednesday afternoon to provide information to health department visitors about DRRC and its services.

Medicaid eligibility renewals have resumed after almost 3 years. Martinsville-Henry County Coalition for Health and Wellness (MHCCHW) offers Medicaid/FAMIS application and renewal assistance for Virginia residents from birth to 64 years of age in-person: Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Community Storehouse, 128 E. Church St (lower level of the old Leggett Building) in Martinsville, or by phone, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Medicaid members may need to update their mailing address to renew their health insurance. MHCCHW's specially trained Medicaid/FAMIS Outreach Advocate can answer questions, let you know when to expect your renewal packet and help you apply or renew. Call or text Ann Walker at (276) 732-0509 to learn more or for an appointment.

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. Call (276) 647-9585.

Trail Trekkers meet as a group on Thursdays (1 p.m. Fall & Winter; 9:15 a.m. Spring & Summer) 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 Henry County Parks & Recreation (HCPR) Senior Services to find out more at (276) 634-4644.

Ride and Dine Friday afternoons with members of the Henry County Bike Club. Fellow cyclists meet at the Liberty Street access point of the Dick & Willie Trail to put in some miles and refuel with lunch at a different eatery each week. For more information, call Marti at 276-358-1312. Rides are year-round but are canceled if it's raining or if the temperature is below 50 degrees.

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community.

"I felt that where we are currently, with ... we need a new superintendent, and get that individual hired and started on the right way," he said.

There are also a few other projects he would like to see fulfilled, such as securing full-time School Resource Officers (SROs) in all the county schools, and potentially the Career Academy.

Martin said the reason he announced

his candidacy so late was because "that was really what I was trying to figure out was what was the best thing I could do to help our community."

If re-elected, Martin said he wishes to establish a foundation and improve some of the division's test scores coming out of the pandemic.

"I'm hopeful that we can continue with our capital improvements and make sure that all our schools are first-class in terms of facilities.

Because I think for one that shows our care for our students, and some of the items that we've talked about like safety," he said.

Martin also wishes to redo the division's strategic plan and set the course for future plans.

"I think we are successful; I think we're doing well, but I want to maintain that, and I want to build on that, and my hope is that our voters will agree with that," he said.

## Martinsville resident earns President's Honors, makes Dean's List at Shenandoah University

Fabiola Vazquez Becerra, of Martinsville, is one of 427 students who made the President's List at Shenandoah University for the Spring 2023 semester.

To qualify for this prestigious academic recognition, students enrolled in baccalaureate degree programs must complete at least 12 semester hours and earn a semester GPA of 3.90 or higher. Students who earn President's List honors at Shenandoah are also named to the Dean's List, which recognizes students who have a semester GPA of 3.50 or higher.

Fabiola Vazquez Becerra is also one of 943 students who earned a spot on the Dean's List at Shenandoah University for the Spring 2023 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 3.50 or higher.

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She was one of two candidates to file for the nomination, emerging victorious against Sherman David Witcher, of Rocky Mount. Witcher is a former Independent who lost a bid for the 20th district in the 2019 election.

"I am running because I want to make a difference," she wrote on her website. "We need to have more legislation and funds that will benefit the people in our region. Far too often our voices are never heard and people in power ignore us and our needs. We need better roads and infrastructure. We need better access to health care. We need to have more regulations to stop utility companies from exorbitant increases. Rural folks need working-class rural representation."

Gates, a speech therapist, also wrote that she is the proud mother of two young children, and owns and operates a small farm, called Country Heart Farm. The farm focuses on gardening, preserving products from the garden or orchard; educating those who are interested in learning the 'old ways,' such as canning and food preservation; providing farming experiences such as collecting eggs, planting seeds, and milking goats.

"We teach people firsthand the importance of caring for their livestock. I am very interested in promoting agro-tourism in our region of Southwest Virginia. I want to promote a better understanding to visitors from more urban areas of what the day-to-day life of being a farmer is like, and the hard work that goes into it,"

she wrote.

A lifelong resident of Floyd County, Gates is a 1997 graduate of Floyd County High School. She attended New River Community College and received a degree in Arts and Associates Science in 2004. Gates then attended Radford University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in 2007 and a master's degree in Speech Therapy, with honors, in 2009.

"I learned the importance of working hard to further my education. It was important to me to get into a career where I could use my skills and love the job that I was doing serving people," she wrote. "My family and I have a lifelong commitment to volunteering and service in our community. As a young adult, I volunteered with Floyd County Rescue Squad as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and assisted with transporting and saving lives.

"Because our county does not have any hospitals, I learned the importance of making every minute count to save a life. While on the squad I participated in demonstrations and tours of our ambulance at local elementary schools and loved to see the prospect of future EMTs for our county," she wrote.

More information about Gates is available at [www.friendsofreniegates.com](http://www.friendsofreniegates.com), or from John Reynolds, chairman of the Patrick County Democratic Committee, and/or the Franklin County Democratic Committee at [fcdemocratsva@gmail.com](mailto:fcdemocratsva@gmail.com) or (540) 238-7307.

## Genealogy Classes to begin in September

A series of four genealogy classes will be offered at the Bassett Historical Center on Tuesdays in September, from 10 a.m. until noon. Classes are free and open to

the public, but there will be a limit of 12 participants. Please call the Bassett Historical Center at (276) 629-9191 to register if you are interested.

## Patrick Henry program to be held in Bassett

The Bassett Historical Center will present The Life of Patrick Henry, Virginia's First Governor on Tuesday, July 18, at 10:30 a.m.

Bill Moorefield, of Martinsville, studied Patrick Henry and is particularly interested in the influences that Henry's parents had on his life. Patrick

Henry's parents, both accomplished individuals in their own right, greatly impacted the lives of Patrick Henry and his siblings, especially in the areas of education and work. His parents' shared values, intellect, drive, and their willingness to educate their children provided a strong basis for what he was able

to accomplish in his lifetime.

Come join us at the Bassett Historical Center to listen as Moorefield discusses the life and influences of Patrick Henry, the first Governor of Virginia.

This program is free and open to the public. It will be held in the Susan L. Adkins Memorial Meeting Room.

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growth. Annually, the C-PEG offers GROW MHC - a business plan competition that includes a requirement to participate in a boot camp to help small businesses evaluate their entrepreneurial mindset readiness, write a business plan, and present a business pitch to compete for funding and receive ongoing mentoring. The training component is provided by Patrick & Henry Community College in partnership with C-PEG, Longwood Small Business Development Center, Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation, staff from the city and county, and local entrepreneurs, several of who are graduates of the program which began as a Community Business

Launch Grant through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. Partners that support this important C-PEG economic development initiative include the City of Martinsville, Henry County, Campbell Family Group, George W. Lester II Fund, and The Anonymous Fund through the Community Foundation Serving Western Virginia and a three-year grant, Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission for specific industry sectors. Additionally, Appalachian Power is a sponsor of Startup and Grow MHC, and American National Bank is the small business sponsor for Chamber and C-PEG events. With the recent graduates and awards, this ini-

tiative has awarded 60 businesses with more than \$420,622 in cash and in-kind funding, and had 275 graduates. This group will build on the accomplishments of Startup and Grow MHC businesses while maintaining an 87 percent success rate in comparison to the nationwide 50 percent average for small businesses. All participants received training at no cost, and any participant who opens a business will receive a one-year, free membership in the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce. Please contact Brenell Thomas with the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce/C-PEG at (276) 632-6401 with questions about participating in the next program offering.

## Culpeper Woman Pleads Guilty in Dark Web Murder-For-Hire Plot

A Culpeper, Virginia woman, who went online in an attempt to hire a hitman using bitcoin, pleaded guilty recently in federal court. Annie Nicole Ritenour, 27, pleaded guilty to one count of using interstate commerce facilities in the commission of a murder-for-hire. According to court documents, in 2021 Ritenour accessed a website on the dark web whose advertisements boasted the ability to “kill any person you want as long as it is not a president or very important person that is guarded by the military.” On June 26, 2021, Ritenour set up an account with the website and placed an “order” for murder-for-hire services. The order was titled, “shoot and get away.” With her order, Ritenour included a picture of the intended victim, his workplace address, and his work hours. She also included the following instructions: “I am just looking for a simple quick job. The address of the person will be best place to make the target, as it is his workplace. He works 6am to 3 pm Monday through Friday...” Ritenour also included a description of the victim’s vehicle and license plate number. After placing the order, Ritenour made three separate payments via Bitcoin to the website’s “escrow account” totaling \$3,200. She was arrested before the balance of payment could be made. At sentencing, Ritenour faces 36 to 87 months in prison. United States Attorney Christopher R. Kavanaugh and Stanley M. Meador, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Richmond Division, made the announcement. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is investigating the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Ronald M. Huber is prosecuting the case for the United States.

## E & K Caskets celebrates new location in Martinsville



A ribbon cutting at E & K Caskets included officials from the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce, Martinsville Mayor LC Jones, as well as friends and family of Katharine and Eric Giles.



Katharine and Eric Giles, owners of E & K Caskets LLC, are pictured with Michael Scales, a business analyst with the Longwood Small Business Development Center.

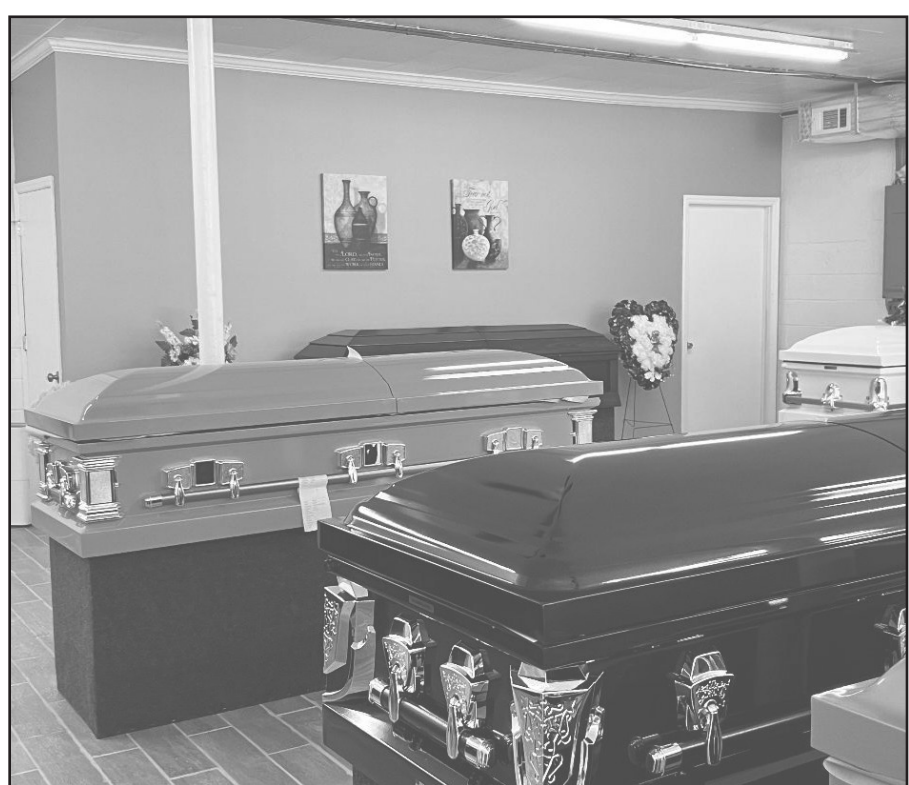


Katharine and Eric Giles, owners of E & K Caskets LLC.

by Tara Lucas

A ribbon cutting was recently held at E & K Caskets LLC, which is located at 8620 A.L. Philpott Highway, Martinsville. Owners Eric and Katharine Giles acquired the building, which was formerly a pawn shop, and renovated the space, transforming it into their current business space. The inspiration for starting their business came from the desire to help people. “We see people struggling during this time of need and we wanted to help people,” said Eric Giles. The business offers a variety of caskets at various price points that can

be purchased by funeral homes as well as individuals. The caskets can be customized to a variety of designs and financing is available, if needed. An in-house flower shop offers a variety of arrangements, sympathy baskets, and special occasion florals. “We can customize anybody’s flowers that they like for a gravesite or any occasion,” Katharine Giles said. The floral shop includes a variety of Styrofoam forms and artificial flowers available for purchase so individuals can make their own arrangements if desired. E & K Caskets is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The phone number is (276) 934-6637.



A selection of the available caskets in E & K Caskets’ showroom.



A flower shop is also located in the building at 8620 A.L. Philpott Highway, Martinsville.

# Bauble Noelle Clothing Boutique has grand opening

by Tara Lucas

Bauble Noelle recently opened at 2042 Rives Road in Martinsville. The boutique is owned by Chelsey Holland, who operated an online boutique before the pandemic strained her business.

"I playfully posted on my personal page recently about bringing (the business) back and I had a good response,"

Holland said.

The boutique carries a variety of clothing sizes from small to 3X.

"I carry stuff that is affordable and comfortable, and some upscale boutique items," said Holland. The clothes are described as "body positive" for women of all shapes and sizes.

Bauble Noelle is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.



Styles and colors galore are among the items for sale in Bauble Noelle Clothing Boutique.



Bauble Noelle Clothing Boutique Chelsey Holland is pictured with some of the items available in her store, located at 2042 Rives Road, Martinsville.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Chelsey Holland (center) at a ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of Bauble Noelle Clothing Boutique with chamber members.



## Workforce programs now consolidated

Gov. Glenn Youngkin's recent signing of House Bill 2195 and Senate Bill 1470 will create the Virginia Department of Workforce Development and Advancement, which will create, sustain, and retain a highly skilled workforce.

"Last year, my administration released its 'Compete to Win' plan and we have been laser-focused on bringing the Commonwealth of Virginia to a whole new level. The bills I signed will fundamentally transform our workforce for the future and better position the Commonwealth to not only compete, but win," said Youngkin. "With our foot on the accelerator, I am confident we will win big and set the national standard for talent."

"It is essential that every Virginian has access to top-notch education and training for in-demand jobs," said First Lady Suzanne S. Youngkin. The recent "announcement is a shining example of government working better for employers and employees."

"After 30 years of people trying, we have been successful in bringing workforce development programs under the mission of the new Department of Workforce Development and Advancement and that will allow us to provide better services and training to Virginians, measure and optimize our programs, create more high-paying jobs, and enable the Commonwealth to better compete with other states," said Secretary of Labor Bryan Slater. "This effort will accelerate Virginia's economic

growth and keep Virginia as the best place to live, work, and raise a family."

"For Virginia to have a bright future, we must have a well-trained workforce ready and able to fill the jobs of tomorrow. A trained workforce is the best economic development tool that we can possibly have. This legislation makes Virginia more attractive for businesses looking to grow," said Senator Frank Ruff.

"A skilled and readily available workforce is essential to building a strong and vibrant economy," said Delegate Kathy Byron. "By transforming the delivery of Virginia's workforce development programs, we are strengthening our ability to attract and grow businesses throughout the commonwealth, creating jobs and growing our economy."

## National Guard Troops deployed to southern border

Virginia National Guard Troops are being deployed to Texas, in support of Operation Lone Star, which intends to secure the border and reduce the illegal flow of fentanyl.

Gov. Glenn Youngkin issued Executive Directive Four on Wednesday, to deploy targeted resources in response to an Emergency Management Assistance Compact Request from Texas that was issued to address the ongoing southern U.S. border crisis.

Due to continued instability along the U.S. border with Mexico, including the increase in supply of illegal drugs and human trafficking, Texas sent a request for assistance to all states and territories through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), of which Virginia is a founding member.

On May 16, Texas requested states provide military support to assist in managing such conditions. Per Gov. Abbott's request, Virginia will be deploying 100 troops. Fentanyl and illicit drugs flowing over our border are devastating Virginia families and communities, an average of five Virginians die per day from fentanyl.

"The ongoing border crisis facing our nation has turned every state into a border state," said Youngkin. "As leadership solutions at the federal level fall short, states are answering the call to secure our southern border, reduce the flow of fentanyl, combat human trafficking and address the humanitarian crisis. Following a briefing from Governor Abbott last week, Virginia is joining other states to deliver on his request for additional assistance. Given the intensive resource demands on Texas, the dangers posed by the fentanyl crisis, and impact of the border crisis on criminal activity to the Commonwealth, Virginia will do its part to assist the State of Texas' efforts with the coordinated deployment of Virginia National Guard soldiers to assist in key aspects of their mission."

Ninth District U.S. Rep. Morgan Griffith issued a statement in support of the deployment.

"Our country is currently in crisis due to the Biden Administration's inability to control our southern border. Here in Virginia, we too feel the effects of the Administration's flawed open border policies. Fentanyl smuggled over our southern border has devastated communities across the Commonwealth and continues to do so every day," Griffith, R-Salem, said.

"I applaud Governor Youngkin's decision to deploy 100 Virginia National Guard troops to Texas in an effort to secure our southern border, combat human trafficking, and stem the flow of deadly fentanyl pouring into our country," he added.

## Avoid contact with the water in some areas of Smith Mountain Lake

A harmful algal bloom (HAB) prompted the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) issued an advisory to avoid contact with the water until algal concentrations return to acceptable levels.

The Blackwater River arm of Smith Mountain Lake in Bedford, Franklin, and Pittsylvania counties are among the affected areas. The reported blooms have produced blue/green discoloration and algal scums that should be avoided. Some harmful algae, called cyanobacteria, can cause skin rash and gastrointestinal illnesses, such as upset stomach, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. The area to avoid can be seen on an interactive Harmful Algal Bloom map.

A status report containing the advisory area may be viewed at Smith Mountain Lake – Blackwater River HAB Status Report June 6, 2023.

Sample results from collections on June 1 indicated a swimming advisory

is necessary due to unsafe levels of cyanobacteria, which have the potential to produce multiple toxins. Toxin results at these sites are pending but will not change the advisory. People and pets are advised to avoid swimming, windsurfing and stand-up paddle boarding, as well as other activities that pose a risk of ingesting water in this area. Activities such as boating may continue with proper precaution in the advisory area. Follow-up samples indicating algae and toxins are below levels of concern are necessary to lift the advisory – dates of next sampling are to be determined.

The areas within the Blackwater River arm of Smith Mountain Lake where samples were collected include an unnamed creek cove, Blackwater River at Kemp Ford Road; Blackwater River cove at Virginia Key Trail and Blackwater River cove near Anthony Ford Landing.

Algal blooms can occur when warm

water and nutrients combine to make conditions favorable for algal growth. Most algal species are harmless. However, some species may produce irritating compounds or toxins. Avoid discolored water or scums that are green or bluish-green because they are more likely to contain toxins.

To prevent illness, people should:

\*Avoid contact with any area of the lake where scums are present or water is green or blue-green or an advisory sign is posted,

\*WHEN IN DOUBT, STAY OUT!

\*Not allow children or pets to drink from natural bodies of water.

\*Keep children and pets out of the areas experiencing a harmful algal bloom and quickly wash them off with plenty of fresh, clean water after contact with algal scum or bloom water.

\*Seek medical/veterinarian care if you or your animals experience symptoms after swimming in or near an algal bloom.

\*Properly clean fish by removing skin and discarding all internal organs and cook fish to the proper temperature to ensure fish fillets are safe to eat.

\*Contact the Harmful Algal Bloom Hotline at 1-888-238-6154 if you suspect you experienced health-related effects following exposure to a bloom.

Visit [www.SwimHealthyVA.com](http://www.SwimHealthyVA.com) to learn more about harmful algal blooms or to report an algal bloom or fish kill.

In general, advisories will be lifted following two consecutive test results (a minimum of 10-days apart) with acceptable levels for algal cell counts and/or toxin concentration. An advisory may be lifted or maintained at the discretion of the health department. For example, after one test an advisory may be lifted if results are within safe levels for swimming if other information indicates exposure or human health risk is low.

# Summer P-EBT benefits will be issued to school-age children

The Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) will issue Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) program benefits of \$120 to households with eligible children in grades K-12 beginning July 22.

P-EBT is a federal program created in spring 2020 to supplement school meals that students missed while schools were closed or placed on part-time attendance schedules due to COVID-19. The United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service approved Virginia's plan to release a single summer benefit payment of \$120 to eligible school-age children in accordance with the guidelines issued by Congress.

School-age children are eligible for the P-EBT issuance if they attended a school that participated in a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) or the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) during school year 2022-2023. Children are also eligible if they were approved for free or reduced-price meals during the

2022-2023 school year or are determined newly eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please note that Virginia cannot issue Summer 2023 P-EBT benefits to children who did not attend an NSLP-participating school by the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

Households that do not have an existing P-EBT or SNAP EBT card will have a card mailed to the address provided by their school within 3 weeks of benefit issuance. Households that have lost or discarded their previously issued P-EBT or EBT cards, or are in need of updating their address, should contact the P-EBT Call Center at 866-513-1414 or 804-294-1633 Monday - Friday from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

In accordance with the end of the federal public health emergency on May 11, 2023, the Summer 2023 P-EBT issuance will mark the end of the P-EBT program for K-12 children.

Households in need of additional food resources may be eligible for assistance through the following community-based resources:

\*The USDA National Hunger Hotline, operated by Hunger Free America, provides food assistance for families with children. The Hotline connects callers with emergency food providers in their community as well as through government assistance programs and various social services. For more information, call 1-866-3-HUNGRY (1-866-348-6479) or 1-877-8-HAMBRE (1-877-842-6273) (en Español).

\*SNAP households can also utilize the Virginia Fresh Match program, which matches SNAP benefits dollar-for-dollar when purchasing fruits and vegetables at participating farmers' markets and neighborhood grocery stores. A list of participating outlets can be found by using the interactive map.

\*The Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program helps eligible seniors get locally grown fruit, veg-

etables, and herbs, while supporting local farmers and farmers markets in Virginia. Contact a local operations center here.

\*The Federation of Virginia Food Banks utilizes partnerships across the state to provide a healthier, food secure Virginia. Use the Virginia Food Bank Locator to find a food bank near you.

\*2-1-1 Virginia is also available to individuals or families in need of additional food or other resources. Call 2-1-1 or visit the 2-1-1 website for information on available programs.

Visit PebtVA.com and reference the P-EBT FAQ page for answers to many frequently asked questions. Call the P-EBT Call Center (866-513-1414 or 804-294-1633, Monday-Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) or use the P-EBT Online Inquiry Form for more information. Do not direct questions regarding P-EBT to the child's school or local department of social services.

## A duplex produced in Martinsville was showcased in advocacy event

Nationwide Homes, a member of Cavco Industries, Inc. and its Family Home Brands, announced that its Martinsville production facility built, transported and staged a modular home featured on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. this week for the Manufactured Housing Institute's (MHI) "Homes on the Hill" advocacy event, of which Cavco is a Partner Sponsor.

The two-day initiative, organized in collaboration with the Innovative Housing Showcase hosted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), returned June 6-7 to Capitol Hill, with representatives from Nationwide Homes and Cavco joining to advocate for the industry and showcase the value of manufactured homes to policymakers, affordable housing influencers and supporters, the media and consumers.

This year, Cavco and Nationwide are displaying the Sanibel model, a one-level duplex with a shared porch that's great for infill and narrow lots that are popular in urban neighborhoods. Each of the two units is 914 square-feet, with 885 square-feet of living space, two bedrooms, one bathroom, and an open layout in the living areas. For additional affordability over the life of the home, this model meets the energy efficiency requirements for designation as an EPA ENERGY STAR® Version 3.1 Single-Family New Home (Rev 11).

"Cavco is thrilled to return to the nation's capital to exhibit our affordable solutions to the country's severe housing deficit," said Cavco CEO and President Bill Boor. "Homes on the Hill is a unique opportunity to show policy makers the quality of today's factory-built homes and talk with them about removing barriers to the most affordable form of unsubsidized home ownership. This year, we are displaying a duplex model as a multi-family option for much needed infill projects and workforce housing. Additionally, we are extremely proud of this home's ENERGY STAR designation for a lifetime of energy efficiency and cost savings."

Leaders from Cavco and Nationwide, including Boor, Don Aheron, General Manager, Nationwide Homes, Martinsville, Cavco President of Manufacturing Brian Cira, Vice President of Sales Eric Coulter and other members of the company's national sales team will be on hand to meet with key policymakers, encourage congressional leaders to vote to protect this vital source of affordable homes and answer questions about manufactured and modular homes for the general public.

"At Nationwide Homes, our approach and commitment to innovative afford-



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A rendering of the Sanibel model home, which is being displayed on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

able housing leaves 'no stone unturned.' It ensures all elements support culture and comfort levels associated with daily living. To achieve this goal, we perform extensive research on our customer base and familiarize ourselves with sustainable practices, design trends, and functional living patterns — Enabling us to create state-of-the-art multigenerational living spaces across both of our single and multifamily product lines," said Allen Guinn, Director of Sales, Nationwide Homes.

Manufactured housing is the largest form of unsubsidized affordable housing in the country, and the only type of housing built to a federal construction and safety standard — the Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards, also known as "the HUD Code." The HUD Code's single regulatory framework for home design and construction includes standards for health, safety, energy efficiency and durability. The affordability of manufactured homes enables individuals to obtain housing that is often much less expensive than renting or financing the purchase of a site-built home. Manufacturers deliver high-quality, HUD-Code and modular homes with designs and features that consumers desire and at manageable prices. Additionally, Cavco's manufactured and modular home construction process creates a tight energy efficient envelope using renewable materials as well as providing better indoor air quality, tighter ductwork, best use of space and other features that make them highly energy efficient.

Today, 22 million people live in manufactured housing in the United States, and the industry employs hundreds of thousands of Americans across all 50 states. Manufactured housing helps make the American Dream of homeownership a reality for countless families.

For more information on Nationwide Homes, visit nationwide-homes.com; for Cavco Industries visit cavcohomes.com.

Nationwide Homes, founded in 1959 and acquired by Cavco in 2015, is a leading builder of high-performance modular homes for single family or multi-family residences, commercial structures and remodeling additions, with a reputation for high quality, design flexibility and innovative marketing. Nationwide knows builders and homeowners expect the best when creating custom modular homes.

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# Historical Society participates in archeological dig at Red Hill



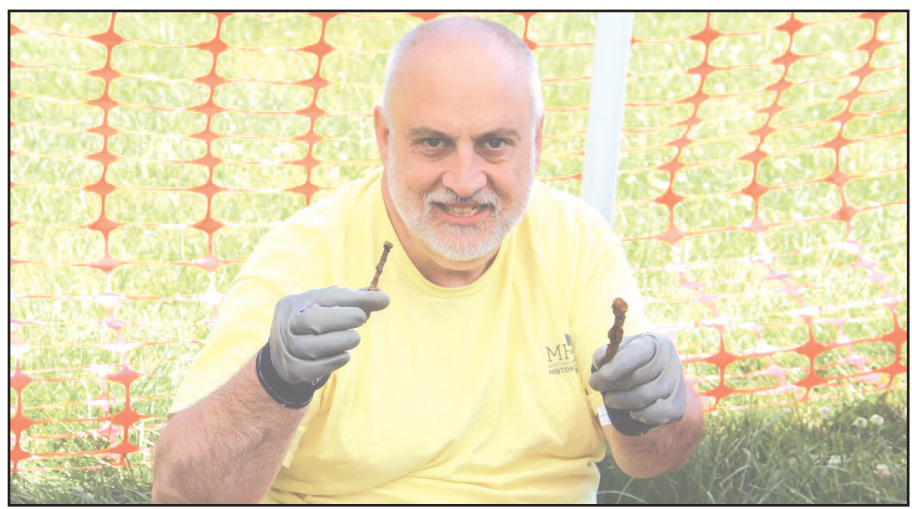
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Callie Doss and Lori Doss use a large sieve to separate dirt and other particles under the watchful eye of Lucia Butler.



John Phillips, Trey Collins, and Claudia Phillips use trowels to dig in 2" levels.



Historical Society President John Phillips shows nails discovered during the archeological excavation. Shards and ceramic pieces were also found.

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The Martinsville-Henry County Historical Society participated in an archeological excavation at Red Hill – Patrick Henry National Memorial, the last home and burial place of Patrick Henry, on Wednesday, May 31.

Members explored an area northwest of the Henry House where several early 20th century structures used to stand, including a domestic building, an icehouse, and a kitchen. By starting archaeology in this area, Red Hill hopes to learn more about the people who lived in and used these spaces and include more information in its narrative about sharecroppers who lived here until the mid-20th century.

Individuals participating included John Phillips, president; Bob Tuggle, vice president; Andy Doss and Jarred Marlowe, directors; and members Trey Collins, Callie Doss, Lori Doss, Nolen Doss, James Garnes, Meghan Marlowe, Sharon Mullen, Westley Mullen, Claudia Phillips, and Kim Phillips.

Funded by the E. Stuart James Grant Charitable Trust, the project is coordinated by Dr. Brian Bates, Longwood University faculty; J. Craig Rose, archaeologist and principal investigator, Dominion Research Group; and Lucia Butler, Red Hill's staff archeologist.

Butler said, "As we begin archaeology at Red Hill,

we're looking for volunteers who have a passion for history, so we were thrilled to have the Martinsville-Henry County Historical Society come help us dig as the first group! Volunteers of any age and experience are invited to participate in the fieldwork which will last from now through October. This winter, we'll also need volunteers to help with artifact processing in the lab. The Martinsville-Henry County Historical Society is welcome back anytime to help us uncover more of Red Hill's history."

John Phillips added, "Upon arriving at Red Hill, I was proud but surprised to learn that we were the first group to volunteer for this project. Folks should be lining up to make history while discovering it. Our Historical Society will lead by example that volunteers of all ages and from all backgrounds may participate in an archeological excavation – and enjoy it."

The County of Henry was established in 1777 when it was formed from Pittsylvania County. The new county was initially named Patrick Henry County in honor of Patrick Henry who lived in Henry County at Leatherwood for five years (1779-1784) between the two periods that he served as the first and fifth post-colonial governor of Virginia. In 1794, Henry and his wife retired to Red Hill where he died on June 6, 1799.

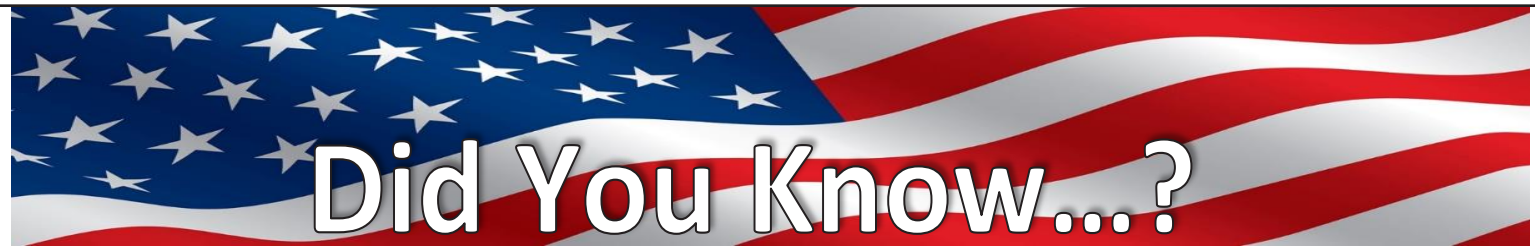
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The number of initial claims decreased in the latest filing week to 2,401 and remained at the typical pre-pandemic volumes experienced in 2019, according to the most recent data released by the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC).

For the filing week ending May 27, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims in Virginia was 2,401, which was a decrease of 69 claimants from the previous week. Over half of initial claims with a self-reported industry were from manufacturing, accommodation and food services, administrative and support and waste management, and health care and social assistance. Continued weeks claimed totaled 12,821, which was essentially unchanged from the previous week but an increase of 36 percent from the 9,426 continued claims from the comparable week last year.

Eligibility for benefits is determined on a weekly basis, and so not all weekly claims filed result in a benefit payment. This is because the initial claims numbers represent claim applications; claims

are then reviewed for eligibility and legitimacy.

In the week ending May 27, the advance U.S. figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 232,000, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 229,000 to 230,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 207,941 in the week ending May 27, an increase of 5,296 (or 2.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 183,446 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022. Looking at preliminary data, most U.S. states reported increases on a seasonally unadjusted basis. Ohio's preliminary weekly change (+2,133) was the largest increase. New York's weekly change (+1,277) was the second largest increase. Illinois's preliminary weekly change (+1,181) was the third largest increase. Connecticut's weekly change (+875) was the fourth largest increase. Virginia's preliminary weekly change (+433) was the eighth largest increase.

# Wynn recognized for advancing rank



At their June 3rd meeting, the Colonel George Waller Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution recognized Joe Wynn for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Joe is a recent Bassett High School graduate and plans on attending P&HCC in the fall. Pictured left to right are Joe's father Irby Wynn, Joe's mother Cindy Wynn, Joe Wynn, and Chapter President Jarred Marlowe.



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