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City landmark to be demolished

Taylor Boyd Staff writer

historic Paradise Inn, a Fayette Street building that played a vital role in the social and cultural fabric of Martinsville's African American community, is scheduled to be demolished on Friday, August 11, two days after a ceremony to celebrate the building. the Inn's history and provide a time for she and voice their memories of the landmark.

Martinsville Mayor LC Jones said it was a bittersweet day for many in the commu-

"It's a day that we all come together and commemorate a very significant and his-

toric landmark in this community, and it's only right that we do it justice and send it off with a great farewell," Jones said during the Wednesday

Coretha Gravely, a former Paradise Inn resident, said when she and her husband wed in 1975, they lived in the top apartment of

Dillard would only residents to remember rent to men, but we lived there, and my first child was born there," said Graveley, a Martinsville Police

> Gravely recalled "so many good memories of sitting on a swing at the Inn and eating

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DeShanta Hairston, executive director of the Fayette Area Historical Initiative (FAHI), was among the speakers at the Wednesday ceremony.

Leon Towarnicki, who retired as Martinsville's City Manager on July 31, is pictured at his final council meeting with Mayor LC Jones.

Towarnicki reflects on more than 40 years with the city

Taylor Boyd

Staff writer

After 41 years of service to the City of Martinsville, City Manager Leon Towarnicki officially retired on Monday, July 31.

While he found it hard to decide what his career highlight is, Towarnicki believes his progression through the ranks is particularly nota-

Towarnicki started his career with the city

when he was hired as the city's engineer in 1982. "I look back on what I did starting and coming in as the city engineer. My plan at that point,

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Bikers for Babies ride set for Aug. 26

Taylor Boyd Staff writer

The 12th annual 'Bikers for Babies, MHC' charity ride is set for Saturday, August 26 to raise funds and awareness for The Pregnancy Care Center of Martinsville-Henry County

Registration begins at 10 a.m. at the Big Chair in the Broad Street Parking Lot. Kickstands will be raised at 12 p.m.

Organizer Patrick Rusmisel said funds raised at the event will go towards the operating expenses of the care center, a pro-life pregnancy counselor center.

The center is "completely donor funded. All the money they get, with the exception of a few grants that they've received over the years, comes from people like money to them to keep them running," he said.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

The 12th annual 'Bikers for Babies MHC' is set for Saturday, August 26.

Rusmisel said the center supports women through their pregnancies and beyond. It provides educational support through

"They supply the needs us that just donate the after the baby's born as far as diapers, formula, furniture, clothes. They

parental classes.

even venture to help with employment and housing, pretty much full service,"

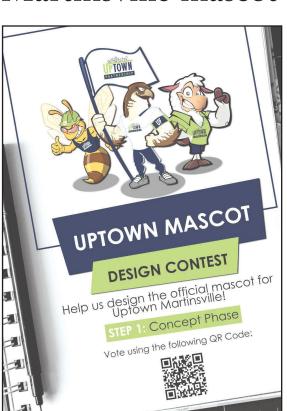
When a woman visits the center for a sonogram, Rusmisel said center staff counsel her first and foremost about the love of Jesus

The center staff "talk her through the process of pregnancy and birth, and support her through that. They do not refer to abortion, and they do not per-

form abortions," he said. Rusmisel noted the cen-

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UP to hold a contest for Uptown Martinsville mascot



Taylor Boyd Staff writer

Uptown Partnership (UP) is undertaking a new contest to adopt the first-ever mascot for Uptown Martinsville. The contest, which will help promote tourism and garner community engagement, will run through Sept. 7.

The impetus for the mascot contest came about during discussions of a promotions committee, which found it was something the community could have some input on, rally around, and get excited about, said Brandon Martin, vice president.

"The idea is for it to help with different

promotional efforts, so

just making appearances uptown, taking pictures with kids, and that sort

Martin said the mas-

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cot could also potential-

of thing," he said.

Cruise in, car show benefits local students



The Heads of State Entertainment Group on Friday held a cruise-in and car show at New College Institute. The cost to participate was a donation of school supplies for local students. Among the exhibitors were Full Throttle Cruisers: Tee Freeman (from left), with a 1964 Suburba; James McPeak, 1972 Roadrunner; Rocco Gugliotti, 1972 K-5 Blazer; Sam Adams 1963 Ford Galaxy; and Wayne Goad, 1977 COE.

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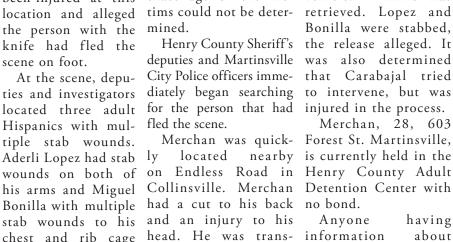
City man held with no bond after incident

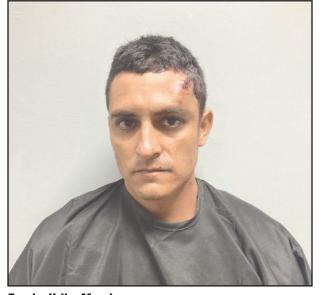
Franky Uribe Merchan was charged with three counts of malicious wounding in connection with an August 6 incident, according to a release from the Henry County Sheriff's

Office. Investigators became involved shortly after Martinsville-Henry County 911 Center received a call around 2:25 a.m. to report a person with a knife at 40 Stanley Court, Collinsville. The 911 caller advised that someone had been injured at this

in Virginia for treat- released. ment for life-threat-

ening injuries.





Franky Uribe Merchan

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Bonilla were stabbed, Henry County Sheriff's the release alleged. It deputies and Martinsville was also determined City Police officers imme- that Carabajal tried

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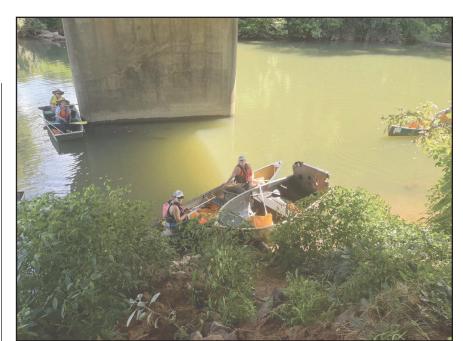
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Annual Smith River Cleanup is Aug. 12

The annual Smith River Cleanup will be held on Saturday, Aug. 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1000 Irisburg Road, Axton.

Volunteers will be able to choose the morning of the event whether they'd like to be on water or land for the cleanup.

You can choose to stay for a short time or the entire event. Around noon, all volunteers will be treated to a catered lunch at the Smith River Sports Complex provided by Hugo's Restaurant and Sports Bar.

If you want to do your own thing but still need bags and gloves, swing by

the Sports Complex for supplies.

Bring your canoes, jon boats, kayaks, and river shoes to the annual Smith River Clean-up.

The best boats for clean-ups are jon boats and canoes but you can bring your kayak if you want and drag a trash bag alongside. DRBA will help shuttle you where you need to go to start, or gladly take you back to your vehicle after the end of the clean-up.

Every year, dozens of volunteers come together to give the Smith River a good cleaning. Join the effort and give a few hours back to the river you

Scan Me, Win Me Car Giveaway Launched

ValleyStar launched its ValleyStar 300 "Scan Me, Win Me" car giveaway, with a grand prize of a 2023 Toyota Camry.

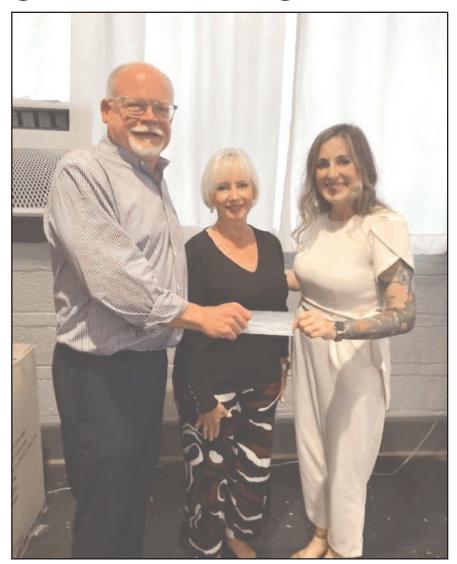
Virginia residents who are 18 years of age or older can enter the contest by finding the car, scanning the QR code, and submitting an entry form. The contest runs until September 17, 2023. Three finalists will be randomly selected to receive suite tickets and join ValleyStar at Martinsville Speedway for the ValleyStar 300 on September 23. On race day, all three finalists will receive a car key, but only one key will open the car. The finalist with the real car key wins

'This year's ValleyStar 300 will have two winners – One on the track and one with a 2023 Toyota Camry," said Mike Warrell, ValleyStar CEO. "At ValleyStar, we strive to provide our communities with exceptional service and experiences, and the Scan Me, Win Me car giveaway is just one of the many ways we will

ValleyStar is the proud sponsor of the ValleyStar 300, NASCAR's biggest and most prestigious Late Model Stock Car race. The race includes four 25-lap qualifying races, followed by the 200-lap feature on Saturday, September 23, 2023. The main event will showcase a 40-car starting field.

The Scan Me, Win Me promotion is free to enter and can be entered once per day. No purchase necessary to enter and purchase does not improve the odds of winning. For complete giveaway rules, visit valleystar.org/cargiveaway.

Boys and Girls Club gets funding boost



The Kiwanis Club of Bassett recently donated \$500 to the Boys and Girls Club of the Blue Ridge to be used for their afterschool programs. Shown presenting the check is Bassett Kiwanis Vice President Craig McCroskey(L), Lt. Governor of the Capital District of Kiwanis April Farmer (C), and Boys and Girls Club of the Blue Ridge Director of Fundraising and Special Events Aubree Bowman (R).

DMMUNITY 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, August 14

The Martinsville City Public Schools School Board will hold a regular meeting at 6 p.m. at the MCPS Central Offices, 746 Indian Trail, Martinsville.

The Martinsville-Henry County Lions Club regularly meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Pacific Bay Restaurant, 530 Commonwealth Blvd, Martinsville.

Events

Friday, August 11

Music Night at Spencer Penn. 2 Young 2 Old will play in Alumni Hall. Gate opens at 5 pm with the band starting at 6:15 p.m. Admission is a \$5 CASH donation. Come enjoy some great mountain music and dancing! Concessions, including our ever-popular hotdogs will be sold.

Exhibit Opening Reception - Compulsory Measures, 5:30 p.m. at Piedmont Arts. The gallery talk begins at 6:15 p.m. Free and open to the public. Complimentary wine and light refreshments. Live

Saturday, August 12

Catfish Tournament to benefit Valerie Smith, 4 p.m. blastoff from Boat Ramp #1 (Marina) at Philpott Lake. \$40 entry fee, \$10 big fish optional. Weigh in at midnight. 50/50 payout, payout for heaviest bag. Call Jonathan Scott at (276) 229-1700 for more informa-

Saturday, Aug. 19

Bassett Highway 57 Cruise-In, downtown Bassett, 3 until 7 p.m. There will be a 50/50 drawing to benefit the Bassett Library Building Fund. The Boys and Girls Club will sponsor a Duck Race on the Smith River on Saturday afternoon.

Friendly Worship Center's Generation 4 Hope in Ridgeway is holding its 2023 Lock-Up, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the CB Hut, 606 Boone Road, Eden, N.C. Prisoners will be fed bread and water until bond is reached. All proceeds go to Hometown Christmas. The event includes drawings for door prizes and concessions will be available. For more information, call Robert Hilburn at (336) 255-9494 or Dawn Hilburn at (336) 255-4443.

The 7th annual Bike Ride, Car Show & Fish Fry at Mt. Nebo Holiness Church, 30598 JEB Stuart HWY, Spencer. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Ride leaves at 10 a.m. Motorcycles, Cars & Trucks are welcome. The \$20 entry fee per bike or auto includes a meal for the driver. The Car/Truck Show includes Trophies for first, second, and third place & a People's Choice award. The entry fee is \$20. Registration is from 9 to 10:30 a.m., when judging begins. Fish Fry starts at 8 a.m. and runs until. For more information, call David Hylton at (276) 692-5878.

Auditions for "Doubt, A Parable" (October performances), 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., TheatreWorks Community Players. Cast members needed are Female (age 40s - early 60s), Female (age 30s), Female, African American (age 20s - 30s), Male (late 20's - 40s). There are also opportunities to learn to be a director, stage manager, or set crew. Indicate interest at twcpproduc-

The third annual Uptown Music Fest, 6-8 p.m. at the Virginia Museum of Natural History. The MWW Foundation will host the fest that features live music with performances by Matt Crowder & BDE and The Low Low Chariot and JD Sutphin back for a short time from Nashville. Food vendors will be on site. Bring your lawn chair for concert seating and let the music move your feet! Event is rain or shine. Sponsors include The Lester Group, BTW 21, Martinsville Uptown Farmers Market, Chamber's Partnership for Economic Growth (CPEG), and the Virginia Museum of Natural History. Free admission for those aged 12 and under. Tickets are \$10 in advance and may be purchased at https://www.facebook.com/ uptownmusicmhc/ OR on Eventbrite.

Slick Jr. and the Reactors are among the performers during Music at the Imagination Lavender Farm, 3590 Green Hill Drive, Martinsville (276) 734-2828. The show is 5 to 8 p.m. Bring a chair and cooler and enjoy an evening of outstanding music influences, including Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, Buddy Guy, the Allman Brothers, Grateful Dead Sam Cook and Marvin Gay. No cover charge but donations appreciated. Concessions will be available.

The Smith River Fest, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Monogram Foods Smith River Sports Complex. Ride the river, learn to fly-fish, browse vendors, and challenge yourself in the Helgramite Hustle 5K Mud Run. Join us as we celebrate the Smith River and its 45 miles of scenic beauty flowing through our community and the nearly 20 miles of shared-use trails that make up the Smith River Trail System. Admission and parking are free.

Sunday, August 20

80's Sock Hop at Spencer Penn, from 2-5 p.m. \$5 admission, free for Spencer Penn members.

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Tuesday, August 22-Saturday, August 26

Summer Food Series at the Library continues with Charcuterie Classes at various branches. For ages 18 and over. A nonrefundable \$5 supply fee is required. Call the branch of your local library to register.

Saturday, August 26

Bikers for Babies, MHC, registration begins at 10 a.m., kickstands up at noon. Lunch is provided for participants from 1:30 to 3, with giveaways and guest peakers. The event is to raise money and awareness for the Pregnancy Care Center of MHC, www.pregcc. com. For more information, call Patrick Rusmisel at (276) 734-9585.

Saturday, September 9

Painting workshop at the Imagination Lavender Farm, 3590 Green Hill Drive, Martinsville, 9:30 to 12:30, led by Award-Winning Artist, Lisa Garret.

Cost is \$40 (all supplies), free light lunch call of text (276) 734-2828 to enroll. Attendance is limited. Participants will produce their own 11 x 14 painting. The class is for beginners and above, with acrylic paints and basic primary colors.

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.

Henry County Parks and Recreation is accepting

registrations for its youth flag football, tackle football, girls' basketball and cheerleading programs through August 11. Flag football is offered for boys and girls ages 7-8. Tackle football is offered for boys and girls ages 11 - 12. Girls' basketball is available for girls ages 8 - 13. All ages are as of October 1, 2023. Cheerleading is offered for girls in grades 3 - 8. Call Henry County Parks and Recreation at (276) 634-4640 for additional information or

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.

Zumba is held Tuesdays and Thursdays at Spencer Penn, beginning at 5:45 p.m. Join Body by Jenise for a great, fun workout. The drop-in price

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 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

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.

Medicaid eligibility renewals have resumed. 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. MHCCHW's specially trained Medicaid/FAMIS Outreach Advocate is available to help. 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.



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surname 58. Recipe abbreviation

UPINION

The toy movie renaissance

My girlfriend Lauren and I recently saw Greta Gerwig's "Barbie." I didn't expect a movie based on Barbie to be one of the funniest and most subversive wide-release movies of the decade, but it exceeded my high expectations.

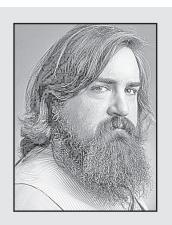
Of course, now that "Barbie" has broken box office records and grossed over a billion dollars, we're destined to see more high-profile films directed by women, along with more films where producers hire idiosyncratic directors and allow them to pursue their unique visions and craft stories that are compelling while also having something

Nah, I'm just kidding! We're going to see more movies about toys.

Already, Barbie manufacturer Mattel has announced a movie based on the "Polly Pocket" toy line; it's to be written and directed by Lena Dunham, presumably because the studio couldn't find anyone less likable. Mattel has also announced plans for movies based on Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Robots, ViewMaster, Uno, Hot Wheels, and the Magic Eight

Yes, we're about to experience a renaissance in the world of toy-based movies, and I'm here to cash in. Some jerk somewhere is going to pitch a movie about the Wacky WallWalker and there's no reason I can't be that jerk.

Below are my elevator pitches for some exciting new movies based on the toys and games we all loved as children. Studio executives, please feel free to make out as many comically large checks



By Ben R. Williams

to Ben R. Williams as necessary and mail them to The Henry County Enterprise.

Atlantic City, 1935. A mob boss known only as "Uncle" rules the city with fear, crippling the economy by buying up cheap real estate and gentrifying it, forcing the citizens to sleep in parks and under bridges. But all of that is about to change when an unlikely trio team up to take him down. Can a stage magi-

cian, a tailor with a dark past, and a disgraced race car driver take on the mob? This summer, action has a new name ... Monopoly.

Pitch #2

A freak chemical spill has caused enormous, man-eating ants to flood Manhattan. Meanwhile, Ralph Abrams, heir to his family's struggling clothing factory in the heart of the Garment District, has just one chance left: if he doesn't sign the big deal with J.C. Penney's, he'll face financial ruin. Can Ralph fight off the mutant ants long enough to seal the deal, or will these bloodthirsty monsters destroy his birthright? Find out this summer in Ants in the Pants ... so scary, you'll split your

Pitch #3

Secret Agent William Woolworth got too close to the truth; now, a gang of mercenaries have kidnapped his wife after dumping him in a vat of toxic chemicals that left him scarred and hairless. Little

do they know he survived, and with his endless supply of convincing disguises, he's coming to exact his revenge. Wooly Willy ... there'll be hell toupee.

Pitch #4

Seven strangers awaken in a maze of constantly shifting rooms, each filled with deadly traps. There's no escape ... or is there? Only one member of the group, a strange and off-putting child, can see the method to the madness; if his theory is correct, he can line up the rooms properly and free them all. If he's wrong, they'll all face certain death ... in the Rubik's Cube.

Pitch #5

Tortured by her traumatic past, a soldier keeps seeing the ghosts of the four men she killed in the war. Unable to cope, she descends into the nightmare world of prescription pill abuse. In what's destined to be an Oscarnominated tour de force, Helen Mirren IS Ms. Pac-

News from the 9th: Here They Go Again



Griffith Representative

The size and spending of the federal government have exploded. According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, federal spending is estimated to increase 43% between 2019 and 2024.

nonprofit OpenTheBooks.com recently released a report about the growth of one of our federal agencies, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), showing that the agency's

more than \$100 billion electric and gas stoves. over the past two years According to DOE, this under Biden. Additionally, change would cause half the President is seeking to of gas stove models sold increase EPA's full-time staff in the United States to be by thousands in fiscal year non-compliant.

with more money and employees, our federal government would be working to make average Americans' lives easier. But apparently that's not the case.

A series of new rules and regulations from the Biden Administration has made clear that the federal government is going to further overregulate our lives, this time with our appliances.

The U.S Department of machines and refrig-Energy (DOE) proposed a rule which would set maximum annual energy budget has increased by consumption standards for

House Republicans One would hope that took action to prevent this government overreach by passing the Save Our Gas Stoves Act in June, legislation to prohibit DOE from implementing the proposed rule. The legislation is pending in the Senate.

Well, it hasn't stopped at gas stoves.

In February, DOE proposed new energy standards for washing erators. DOE says Americans who update both appliances would save \$425 on their utility bill over the average lifetime of the appliances, which works out to about \$16 per appliance per

Manufactures appliances warn the new standards will lead to reduced performance and much higher prices, affecting lower- and middle-income families

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Full Circle



Holly Kozelsky

Around midnight the violin struck up a lively jig accompanied by the beat set by an eightstringed guitarra and a jarana, which looks like a mini-guitar. Could it be ...? Yes! "El Corre Caballo!"

I made a brief video of the song's start, then leapt to the dance floor. From across the room two young men in jeans, colorful western-style shirts, cowboy boots and white cowmeet me there. Shortly her toddler son, and we joy. made our way as part of a larger crowd.

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The week this picture was taken, 27 years ago, Mauricio (left) and his brother Rigoberto were among the children dancing the huapango at the village

edge. Jump the fence ing me everything. of Panco Villa. My very obedient horse is the though, was new for boy hats jumped up to one my president rides. me: It was this vil-

after we were flatfoot- the darker shirt did a week in fall which ing across the floor, we fancy footwork and held honors Saint Rafael, were joined by a woman my hand and laughed, the namesake of in an evening gown smiles lighting his face, the village. When I holding the hand of and my heart filled with arrived for the fes-

"Corre caballo, salta I had by then traveled a skinned trancas de Panco Villa," Mexican village, where the singer sang in fal- the lifestyle enchanted I would! I had been setto. "Mi caballito me, and children were told that it was the muy obediente es el que always with me, run-

Run horse - jump the paths with me, show-

That back then, The young man in lage's festival week, tivities that week Almost 30 years ago, everyone was asking: we did the same dance. Will the guera (light-

Yes, I assured them,

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COUNTY OF HENRY REZONING PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Pursuant to Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia, the Henry

County Board of Supervisors will conduct public hearings on the following applications on August 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Summerlin Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, Kings Mountain Rd, Collinsville, Virginia. The purpose of these public hearings is to receive input into the pos-

sible rezoning of property. Following are the specifics of the public Case R-23-11 Lonnie D. Eggleston

The property is located at 3180 & 3186 Figsboro Rd, in the Reed

Creek District. The Tax Map number is 18.4(2)B/18. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 13-acres from Rural Residential District R-R to Agricultural District A-1. The applicant plans to sell the property to a new owner that wishes to keep chickens and Case R-23-12 Robert K. Mills

The property is located at 782 Fisher Farm Road, in the Ridgeway District. The Tax Map number is 52.7(22)/6,7. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of 2 lots from Suburban Residential District S-R to Commercial District B-1. The applicant wishes to bring the property into zoning compliance to allow for possible expansion.

The applications for these requests 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. Director of Planning, Zoning & Inspection

ci martinsville.va.us.

A public hearing will be held before the Martinsville Architectural Review Board on August 17, 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(s): 1) APPLICATION for CERTIFICATE of APPROPRIATENESS - Application of Danville Housing Authority, Applicant, and Chief

Notice of Public Hearing

Tassel, LLC, Owners, requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness

to allow for the display of signage on business property located within the Martinsville Historic District. The property is located at 51 East Church Street, currently zoned C-UB, Uptown Business District, and operates as a mixed-use development. The building is approximately 17,120 square feet and was constructed in 1929. Changes or additions of signage to buildings within the Historic District require review by the Architectural Review Board and the granting of a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Any comments or questions can be directed to Hannah Powell, Community Development Specialist, at (276) 403-5156 or hpowell@ **Notice of Public Meeting**

The City of Martinsville Planning Commission and Martinsville City Council will hold a joint public meeting on August 16, 2023, beginning at 4:00 p.m. and held in Council Chambers of the Martinsville Municipal Building located at 55 West Church Street, Martinsville, VA 24112. The purpose of the meeting is to serve as a work session to discuss development processes within the city. Questions or comments can be directed to Hannah Powell at hpowell@ci.martinsville. va.us or (276) 403-5156.

HENRY COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE INTENT TO REMOVE AN UNSAFE STRUCTURE **RECORD OWNER:** Shemita N. Williams-Yates

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. PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION - Unsafe structure

OWNER - Landowner: Shemita N. Williams-Yates PROPERTY LOCATION AND TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 52 Patrick Henry Ave. - Iriswood District

Henry County, Virginia Tax Map: 53.5(017)000A/046X Account Number - 175260001

> Charles Campbell Chief Building Inspector Telephone (276) 634-4615

County of Henry

See more at www.henrycountyenterprise.com

Patrick County is subject of Sunday Afternoon Lecture

Martinsville-Henry County Historical Society will host its monthly Sunday Lecture, Afternoon "Patrick County History Historical the Society & Museum," on Sunday, August 20, at the Historic Henry County Courthouse at 3 p.m., presented by John Reynolds, president, Patrick County Historical Society & Museum.

Patrick County was established June 1, 1791, from the western portion of Henry County. Like its parent county, it too was named for the patriot Patrick Henry. Once the home of the Native American Wolf Creek Cherokee tribe, Patrick County has served as a frontier town, a Civil War battleground, and a present-day arts and culture destination.

The Patrick County Historical Society was formed on December 16, 1971, with Nannie Ruth Terry as its first president. After a generous response to a fundraising drive, a building in Stuart was purchased and renovated for a museum, and an open house was held on March 25, 1973. When the Patrick County Board of Supervisors voted to undertake the construction of a new library building for the county, the Historical Society offered to donate their museum building to the county in exchange for equal or greater space in the new building. After reaching an agreement between the two boards, moved to the new location in Stuart in 1991.

from Hardin Reynolds and documented Patrick

"Patrick County History and the Historical Society & Museum" Sunday Afternoon Lecture Series, Martinsville-Henry County Historical Society John Reynolds, President, Patrick County Historical Society & Museum Sunday, August 20, 2023, 3:00 P.M. Historic Henry County Courthouse, 1 East Main Street, Martinsville, Virginia Free admission • Handicap accessible • M-HC Heritage Center & Museum open following lecture

Memorial School. He received bachelor's and master's degrees in history from Virginia Tech. Through a grant from the Historical Society the National Endowment for the Humanities, he recorded oral inter-Reynolds graduated views with local people

County's history from the early 20th century at the Reynolds Homestead. After serving as secretary of the Patrick County Historical Society for 34 years, he was elected president of the Historical Society in 2022. He served in the U.S. Army

during the Vietnam War and volunteers with the local Veterans Memorial Honor Guard American Legion Post

Admission to the Sunday Afternoon Lecture series is free, made possible by corporate sponsors,

Carter Bank & Trust and The Lester Group. The Historic Henry County Courthouse is fully handicapped accessible. The Martinsville-Henry County Heritage Center & Museum will be open following the presenta-

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sonograms in the county.

around \$5,000 each year.

ter is also the only place that performs

The ride, which has kept a consistent route over the years, will leave Martinsville on King's Mountain Road. It will go through Figsboro, into the Snow Creek and Sontag areas of Franklin County, and back into Henry County via U.S. 220 South.

The ride will end at the Ridgeway Volunteer Fire Department on Joseph Martin Highway.

"The route is about 53 miles long, and it takes about an hour and a half," he said. On average, the charity ride raises

"It's varied over the years. Last year we raised nearly \$9,000, which was our greatest year to date. We've had ups and downs. The first couple of years we didn't make much money," he said.

Following the ride, Rusmisel said a free barbeque lunch will be provided to all participants, and guest speakers will talk about the pregnancy center and what

"I think (Del.) Wren Williams is planning on being there to talk about the legislative side of reproductive rights in Virginia and the work he's done," he Rusmisel added he invited Sen. Bill

Stanley, R-Moneta, and Del. Danny Marshall, R-Danville to the event, but does not know if they will attend.

There will also be a 50/50 drawing and T-shirts available for purchase.

The event is sponsored by Absolute Machine, BSN Trucking, CSE Incorporations, Forest Hill Presbyterian Church, Norris Funeral Services, Bassett Furniture, Santos Lawncare, and other companies and individuals.

The cost to enter is \$10 for a solo rider, \$15 for a rider with a passenger, and \$20 per full car. A free barbecue meal is included in the cost. For more information, visit www.

mhcbikersforbabies.com, Facebook. com/BikersforBabiesMHC, or contact Rusmisel at (276) 734-9585, or Jay Santoemma at (276) 732-4100.











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Letters to the Editor Guidelines

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do not necessarily reflect the views of Henry County Enterprise.

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who can't afford the skyrocketing prices of new refrigerators and washing machines.

Years back a woman from Bluefield told me she was filling her washing machine with a hose because Obama-era water restrictions for washing machines wouldn't allow for enough water to properly clean her clothes.

Now the new Biden DOE regulations will require washing machines to use almost 25 percent less water – the problem is only getting worse!

Also, DOE released a rule to cut water use by more than one-third for dishwashers.

According to the Institute for Energy Research, these changes to dishwashers would result in higher upfront prices for the appliance, while only saving Americans \$17 annually on water and energy costs (based on a standard-size dishwasher).

Further, DOE released a draft rule to force most electric water heaters in the future to deploy heat pump technology and gas-fired water heaters to use condensing technology. According to Fox News Digital, experts have criticized the draft rule, as the new standards would ban cheaper alternatives while minimally impacting utility bills.

Around the same time, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission proposed a policy which would ban the sale of almost all portable gas-powered electric generators.

It seems that no appliance is safe from the Biden Administration.

In fact, a new light bulb ban has just gone into effect.

Under DOE regulations, manufacturers and retailers are no longer allowed to sell most incandescent light bulbs, which

make up about 30% of light bulbs sold in the United States, in an effort to force Americans to use light-emitting diode, or LED, light bulbs.

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According to the Residential Energy Consumption Survey, this new regulation will particularly impact lowerincome Americans as they prefer to use incandescent over LED.

Forcing Americans to use LED light bulbs may have negative health effects. According to reports from a University of Exeter study, LED emits more blue light, which suppresses melatonin. This can affect your sleep cycle and over time, lead to problems like hypertension, diabetes, or even a heart attack.

This overregulation by the federal government hurts the working poor and middle class the most. When a family has to replace their appliances, some Americans won't be able to afford to do so.

That is a heap of pain for little gain!

It's not like the current regulations date back to the 1950s! Most of these regulations are about a decade old.

These new overreaching regulations on appliances by the federal government are making Americans' lives more difficult and more costly. The Biden Administration is focused on small gains without a care for the financial burden being placed on lower- and middle-income families.

The increased costs will not affect wealthy folks. The Biden Administration has lost touch with average Americans.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, call my Abingdon office at (276) 525-1405, my Christiansburg office at (540) 381-5671, or via email at www.morgangriffith.house.gov.

Book Tour to kick off in Stuart

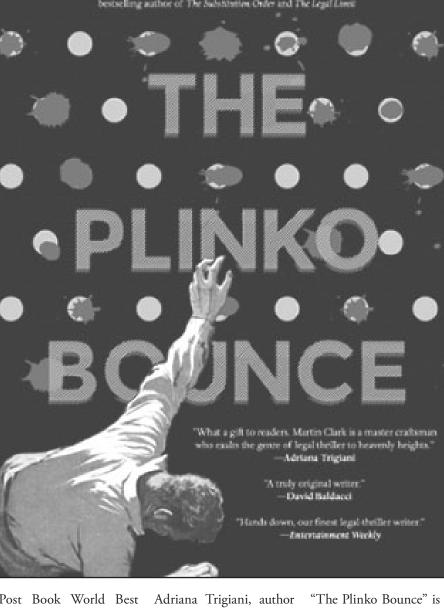
Mark your calendar now for the September release of Martin Clark's latest book, "The Plinko Bounce."

A retired circuit court judge from Patrick County, Clark plans to kick off his book tour once again with a book signing and celebration on September 12, from 3:30-8 p.m. at the Patrick County Branch Library. The profits from that event will be used to fund a \$10,000 scholarship in memory of Ann Belcher, with the winner announced at the event. Like all of Clark's pre-

vious novels, his latest book is set in Virginia, primarily in Patrick and Henry counties. It features Virginia courts and is populated by both real and fictional Virginia attorneys and judges, making for a great local connection. His last book, The Substitution Order (Knopf 2019), was a New York Times Editors' Choice, the winner of the Library of Virginia's People's Choice Award and has been optioned. He was awarded the Virginia State Bar's Harry L. Carrico Professionalism Award in 2018 for his work in his "day job" as

Clark is a cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Davidson College and attended law school at the University of Virginia. When he was appointed to the bench in 1992 at age 32, he became one of the youngest judges in the history of the commonwealth. His novels have appeared on numerous bestseller lists, and the audio version of The Substitution Order was a number one national bestseller. Additionally, his novels have been chosen as a New York Times Notable Book, a New York Times Editors' Choice, a Washington

a circuit court judge.



Post Book World Best Book of the Year, a Bookmarks Magazine Best Book of the Year, a Boston Globe Best Book of the Year, a Book-of-the-Month Club selection, a finalist for the Stephen Crane First Fiction Award, and the winner of the Library of Virginia's People's Choice Award in 2009, 2016 and 2020.

Clark received the Patrick County Outstanding Community Service Award in 2016 and the Virginia State Bar's Harry L. Carrico Professionalism Award in 2018. His wife, Deana, is a photographer, and they live on a farm with dogs, cats, chickens, guinea fowl and three donkeys.

Early praise from of Big Stone Gap, is that "The Plinko Bounce" "is jam-packed with crime, murder, old wounds, new thrills, disillusionment and the mayhem that ensues when dumb mistakes are made by wellmeaning people. What a gift to readers on Judge Clark's 23rd anniversary in literary show business."

Beth Macy, author of Dopesick, said "Martin Clark injects life into a topsy-turvy murder case in rural Virginia as only he can in this propulsive tour de force, which had me riveted from beginning to end."

"What I love about the novels of Martin Clark is how smart they are about the law, of course:

"The Plinko Bounce" is a legal thriller, after all. But he's just as smart about people, their attachments and losses, and what drives us to assume our roles in the murky moral mess that's life," said Daniel Wallace, author of Big Fish and This Isn't Going to End Well.

"Martin Clark is back stronger than ever. With all the legal tomfoolery of Better Call Saul and the dutiful heart of Longmire, "The Plinko Bounce" underscores why I've been an ardent Clark fan since the beginning," said Matthew Quick, New York Times bestselling author of "The Silver Linings Playbook" and "We Are the Light."

Land Transfers in July

Following are the land transfers recorded in the Henry County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in July:

ALG Trustee, LLC, TR to BKC Properties Inc., Lot, Ridgeway District. Floyd M. Anderson to Zachary Matthew Fleming, Lots, Martinsville

District.

Curtis Junior Ashley to John Kevin Pace, Parcels, Blackberry District.

BKC Properties, Inc. to SU&P Property Management Inc, Lot, no district given.

Hannah Lynn Boyd to Amber M. McMullen, 1.321 acres, Iriswood District.

Benjamin D. Brooks to Sheridan

Thagard, Lot, no district given. Margie L. Brown to Beth Hairston,

Lot, Iriswood District. Donna Bryant to Margaret C.

Garrison, Lot, Ridgeway District. Jeffery S. Buchanan to Anthony Angles Ocana, Lot, Collinsville District.

Lucy Carol Byrd to Bryson Riley Justice, Lot, Horsepasture District. Commonwealth Trustees, LLC to

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Cor, Lot, Reed Creek District. Christopher James Cox to Addison

Merricks, Lot, Collinsville District. Jordan M. Crawford to Greg Weinschreider, Lot, Reed Creek District.

Shannon Deisher to Denise Vanessa Martin, 0.662 acres, Ridgeway District. Deutsche Bank National Trust to

Juan Francis Galvan Castruita, Lot, Reed Creek District. Done Deal Home Buyers LLC to

Tyler Brian Green, 1.0 acre, Ridgeway Brian Scott Dowell to Ryan Edwards,

Lot, Collinsville District. Evelyn E. Dunkley to Christopher A.

Whalen, Parcel, Horsepasture District. Gerald Wayne Eanes to William Charles Booth, House, Reed Creek District.

Eastland Properties, LLC to Victor

Cook, Lot, Ridgeway District.

Family Latitude LLC to Brittney Mercer, 5.516 acres, Reed Creek District. Farmingdal Limited Liability C to Ford Construction, Inc., 0.511 acres, no

district given. Ronnie Dee Freeman to Ellen Fisher, Lot, Horsepasture District.

Jordan J. Gaylor to Gregg K. Dean, 3.607 acres, Reed Creek District.

James L. Griffith to Warren Carl Childers, Parcels, Blackberry District. Leetonja Hagwood to Lee Horace

Butler, Lot, no district given. Glen E. Hairston to James A. Satterfield, Lot, partly in Collinsville District.

Zachery R. Harris to Mark Stocks, 0.457 acres, Blackberry District.

William B. Heath to Margaret E. Baker to 1.0 acre, Horsepasture District. Cathy E. Helms to Lori Dianne Brown, 1 acre, Collinsville District.

Randall Henderson to Tod D. Gibson, Lots, Blackberry District. Mary Gail Hunt to Shannon Davis,

5.0 and 5.055 acres, no district given.

Jarrett Ingalls to Timothy A. Killough, ½ acre, no district given. James A. Evans, Attorney at Law

to BKC Properties, Inc., 0.455 acres, Collinsville District.

Jimmy Wayne Joyce, Exec to Ramiro Garcia Huerta, 1.395 acres, Blackberry

Abdul Khan to Dermaine Jordan,

0.416 acres, Reed Creek District. Robert J. King III to Emil J. Frymark,

Lot, no district given. Evan A. Kissel to Jordan Kyle Smith,

Lot, Reed Creek District. Seth R. Konopasek to Countryside

Land Company, LC, 5 and 15.4 acres, Iriswood District. Seth R. Konopasek to Miguel

Contreras, Lot, Reed Creek District.

Naresh S. Lalchandani to Ronald Dahlgren, Lots, Collinsville District.

Charles Lawson; sole heir, to Roger Hylton, Parcels, Martinsville District.

Lawson, parcels, Horsepasture District. James O. Lawson Jr. to Melody D.

Justice, .5477 acres, Collinsville District. Allison Hancock Lemons; Execut to James Ray Tuttle III, 0.694 and 0.234 acres, no district given.

Harvey L. Lockhart to Done Deal Home Buyers LLC, Lot, no district given.

James Kenneth Mullins to Carrie April Rollinson, 1 ½ acres, Blackberry

District. Roger A. Nester to Michael Steven Foley, 2.075 acres, Blackberry District.

Euna Parcell to CFM Properties LLC, 0.514 acres, Collinsville District. Nancy T. Parcell to Mason T.

Kendall, 19.777 acres, Iriswood District. Pinkesh Patel to P & T Assets LLC,

0.385 acres, Reed Creek District. Donna R. Pruitt to Catherine A.

Green, Lot, Reed Creek District. Linda Price Reynolds to Yo Daddy's

Properties, LLC, 2 parcels, Horsepasture District. Robert W. Haley, Guardian to

McKenzie Lee Shough, Parcels, Horsepasture District. Andrea Kathe Rorrer to Terramore

Vinetum LLC, Trustee, 1.167 and 0.894 acres, Horsepasture District. Roberto V. Sanchez to Sean Kendall

raig, Lot, Martinsville District. Patsy R. Sanders to Placido Lopez-

Cruz, 1.575, Blackberry District. Brandi J. Sechrist to Guy Venerand

Brown, Lots, Horsepasture District. Darwin R. Shelton to Jefferson Hairston Jr., 9 acres, Ridgeway District.

Smith River Properties LLC to Sandra Signs, Lot, Reed Creek District.

Claude E. Souther to Angela Marie D.

leadows, Lot, no district given. Mark A. Spencer to Natale Pintello Jr.,

13 acres, Horsepasture District. Jeremy Adam Spinks to Angela Holt,

Lot, Collinsville District. Bruce Neal Stewart Jr. to Mark Le

Dedoming, 1.960 and 1.000 acres, Horsepasture District. Deborah L. Stone to N. Saleem Christopher Stovall to David John

Lonnie R. Tatum to Terri Lynn Sawyer, ¾ acres, no district given.

Andreas, 0.551 and Lot, Horsepasture

Lonnie R. Tatum to Brian Scott Smith, 1.600 acres, Blackberry District. Matthew Tatum to Steven C. Lunt,

6.594 acres, Ridgeway District. Bobby C. Taylor to Sheila L. St Clair, 1.040 and 1.027 acres, Iriswood

Bobby C. Taylor to Mary Gretchen Brown, 0.704 acres, Reed Creek District.

Brenda O. Thacker to James Gillette, 27 acres, Ridgeway District. The Secretary of Housing and U to

Holly J. Hawthorne, Lot, Collinsville District.

David Thomas to Headwater Capital LLC, Lots, Reed Creek District.

Chadwick T. Trammell to Richard Raione, Lots, no district given.

Valimakrupa Corporation to H & H Hospitality, LLC, 43.185.34 sq ft, no district given.

Shekeem Hairston Vaughn to David L. Stiles, 1.99 acres, Horsepasture

District. Katherine Goudie Wagner to Lonnie R. Tatum, Lot, Blackberry District.

John W. Wagoner to Randy L. Arrington, 0.828 acres, Blackberry

District. Everette J. West to Julisa Walter, 0.482 acres, Horsepasture District.

Kimberly Skiles Wiederholt to Johanah Kancherla, Lot, Blackberry District.

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Mathew David Willis to Alberto Valderrama Banda, Parcels, Blackberry District.

Merlin M. Winckler to Marth R. Fleenor, Lots, Collinsville District. Michael Wayne Wingfield to Charlie

Joyce, Lots, Horsepasture District. Barbara Ann Woodward to Dora

Moreno, Lot, Martinsville District. Betty H. Wright to Avery N. Pressley,

Parcels, Reed Creek District.

Be safe while enjoying nature

Whether hiking or enjoying a paddle, the Dan River Basin Association (DRBA) is encouraging safety while outdoors, with several basics when enjoying outdoor activities.

Trail Safety

Using trails is a great chance to experience nature, history, and get exercise. Here are some safety tips to ensure that your trip is an enjoyable experience.

For All Trail Users

Trails are available from sunrise to sunset every day unless otherwise marked at the trail-

Before you leave for the trail, make sure you know where you are going. It is also a good idea to tell a responsible

person about your plans of where you will be and when you expect to

Check the weather forecast before you leave for your destination so that you can pack the proper equipment.

Before you leave your vehicle, make sure all valuables are out of sight and make sure you lock your doors.

If possible, park in a well-lit, heavily traveled Carry identification

that includes your name, phone number, pertinent medical information, and emergency contact information. Know the regulations

and obey all trail rules posted at trailheads.

Stay on designated

Be cautious of poisonous plants, insects, arachnids, and animals.

Make sure you bring drinking water and stay hydrated.

Please leave plants and animals undisturbed.

Any trash that you create, please make sure it finds its way to a trash

Trust your instincts; don't walk where you are uncomfortable. Be aware of your sur-

roundings and others around you.

Pets should be on a For Trail Walkers/

If you are in a group,

do not block the trail to other users. If a person approach-

es you that is traveling faster than yourself, step aside and let them pass.

For Bicyclists

Wear a helmet.

Give a verbal warning and use caution when passing others on the trail.

Follow the traffic laws for biking on paved trails and when on the road. Stay to the right unless you are passing others. Travel at a safe speed

at all times. Approach turns with caution as if someone was around the corner. Use verbal warning to let people know you are coming around a turn. When approaching

horses from behind, let the rider know you are there. Ask the rider if it is safe to pass. Some

horses spook easy, and you do not want to danger the rider or yourself. When approaching an oncoming horse, stop and pull off the downhill side of the trail and let the horse pass.

For Equestrians

Wear a helmet.

Travel at a safe speed at all times. Approach turns with caution as if someone was around the corner. Use verbal warning to let people know you are coming around

Let other trail users know when it is safe to pass you and your horse. **River Safety**

Paddling is a great way to experience nature and get exercise. There are several important things that you must know before you get out on the water. Safety is everyone's responsibility and should not be taken lightly. Accidents can happen on any type of water. It is important to review safety guidelines before paddling and to learn the appropriate techniques need to safely navigate the water.

Know Your Flows

A good way to know river conditions is by checking the USGS flow gauges that are located on major rivers and understanding how the cubic feet per second (CFS) or the water in feet relates to safe or dangerous paddling levels. Here is a link to the USGS mobile data site:

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its famous homemade hamburgers. We used to go there on Saturdays and Friday nights, and they had a dance floor. You couldn't dance on Sunday because of the Blue Law until they changed it," she said. "It's a nice, respectful place.

There wasn't no trouble, no fighting, no disagreement," she said. "Everyone got along and every-DeShanta Hairston, execu-

tive director of the Fayette Area Historical Initiative (FAHI), said while she's part of the younger generation, she had the opportunity to have a Paradise cheeseburger when she was a young girl. "I used to go and get candy from

the candy counter, so I do have my own memories of Paradise. I never got to go and party, go out and hang out and stuff like that, but I did go out during the daytime and eat and stuff," she said.

Being raised by her grandparents, Hairston said she knows how important Paradise Inn has been to the city's black community and its history.

"Not just to my grandparents, or my dad, my mom, my aunt. They all talk about how when they first became legal and they could go out, Paradise was their first stop. They couldn't wait to go to Paradise," she Hairston said nine times out of 10,

every member of Martinsville's black community that was raised in the city has a story about Paradise Inn. Because of this, her mission is to

preserve the inn's history. But for that to happen, she must have help. Hairston issued a call to action to the community. "If you have old pictures or just

memories that you want to share about times from Paradise, stop by FAHI Museum and see me. Bring your pictures, we can make copies of them so we can try to preserve the memories of the things that took place here," she said.

Hairston said she feels the longer FAHI waits to get these things the harder it will be because memories of the Paradise Inn were largely those of the older generations. Martinsville City Councilman



The Paradise Inn, a historic landmark in Martinsville, will be demolished Friday.



good day and a bad day. "It's sad, but we have to think

Lawrence Mitchell said it was a

about it. Just say your grandfather. He had a chair, it was his favorite chair, right, but one day grandpa passed on, so you had to let the chair go," Mitchell said.

"This is Paradise," he said. "It's something you cherished all your life. It's something that everyone in the community remembered."

And like the chair, the Paradise Inn will exist in memories and photographs after it is demolished on Friday.

Towarnicki

to come and stay for a couple of years and then move on to something else," he said. But it didn't work out

which was in 1982, was

that way. Towarnicki became

the director of Public Works in 1985, and the interim city manager in 2011. On March 26, 2013, Towarnicki was named Martinsville's city manager. Towarnicki believes

his 10-year tenure in the top slot, and having maintained a good relationship with all his mayor, city counci members, and staff, is

impressive. "That's a pretty long tenure by most standards for a city manager. When you look across the state, a lot of

managers don't survive long at all," he said. Most leave "usually within a few years. So, the fact that I think I

was able to do that for

seem to be an extended period of time for that particular position" is significant. Throughout his more

probably what would

than four decades with the city, Towarnicki believes his greatest accomplishment was being able to balance budgets and keep the city's reserves where they were needed despite several financial challenges. "With our finance

team, we were able to work through that year after year. Our budgets were balanced and there weren't a lot of rate increases that we ended up asking for council to approve, and yet continue to fund just about everything that everybody was asking

of projects done through

creative financing.

for with the city departments," he said. Towarnicki said the city was also able to get a lot

ticularly proud of is the result of the city's landfill closure in 2005. The locality was required to install a cap over the top of the landfill during that process. "Landfills produce

One project he is par-

methane, so we ended up with a methane issue," Towarnicki said, adding the city then installed a methane collection system and applied for a grant for a methane electric generator.

"We were able to take a closed landfill, capture the methane, collect it, pipe it, and then installed a pretty large methane gas generator that backed electric power back onto the

city's grid," he said. Projects he wished he could have seen through include the project at the BB&T building, where contractors are

asbestos, the potential

hotel project at the site

removing

currently

of the former National Guard Armory, and now five-year plan with Landmark Development. "That should be start-

ing up here literally any day now, where part of the old American Plant that burned maybe about 2015 or so, we were able to get a grant through Virginia Brownfields to get it cleaned up," Towarnicki said. By doing that, Towarnicki said the

city partnered with the developer on the current plan to put a \$12 to \$13 million senior living complex at that site. 'The site's been

cleaned, the plans have been submitted and approved, the contractor and the developers have obtained financing and pretty much gotten all

that squared away. So,

it's at a point where the

project's going to kick

off here anytime within

the next month or so,"

he said. Another plus is the

solar project at the closed Lynwood Golf Course. He expects construction to start on that later this year, with the site projected to be online possibly in the second half of 2024. "There's half a dozen

or so projects in various stages of starting," Towarnicki said, and he will miss being involved in the city's projects. "There's always a lot

of variety with the different projects. There really was no time to get bored, that's for sure."

he said. Towarnicki will also miss the people he worked with during his

tenure with the city. "I worked with some fantastic people. We had a great staff and a good working relationship with our staff, being in

contact with those peo-

ple day in and day out,"

he said.

Towarnicki plans to spend his retirement taking "some decent vacations," because since taking the helm, everything has revolved around city council meetings and putting agendas together for upcoming meetings. "It's been difficult to

really get any lengthy time off," Towarnicki said. "Usually, when we take a vacation - if we do that, we'll squeeze in a couple of days toward the end of one week and maybe the first day or two of another week," he said. He also plans to trav-

el and visit family. Even with those plans, Towarnicki is not

ruling out future work. "At some point, I may get back in and con-

sider doing something, maybe on a limited part-time basis, depending on what comes up and what opportunities kind of show up."

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traditional dance of the Huasteca Indians, whose blood mixed for generations with that of Spaniards and Frenchmen from centuries back.

Of course, when they said traditional dance of the Indians, back then the only reference I had was what the images children of the 1970's like me had, of Indians stomping around a campfire, and I was prepared to do that.

Imagine my surprise when the huapango music sounded a whole lot like bluegrass. The first song I heard at the community dance was "El Corre Caballo," and a dozen children pulled me up and led me to the center of the town square, between the church and the jailhouse. Along with all the others we flatfooted around and around the pavement, joyously laughing.

I had the feeling then that this was one of those magical moments I'd remember for the rest of my life, and I was right.

One of those youngsters was Mauricio, a shy but smiley toddler

who would spend a lot of time with me when I visited. Over the years I saw him grow up to become a cheerful, enthusiastic teenager.

Eventually I stopped traveling, and we lost touch. There wasn't any way to keep in touch, as there wasn't much phone service back then, and the mail didn't make it.

Once Mauricio grew up, though, he found his "Mama Holly" on Facebook. Those little children I loved so much back then had grown into adults who had to emigrate to big cities to make a living. Mauricio and several of his cousins are now in North Carolina and invite me to family functions. The rest of the kids honor me by calling me "tia" - aunt - though Mauricio, his sister and a cousin call me Mama. adventures

I had ages ago with those kids enriched my life beyond measure, and I thought I'd never know such magic again. Yet thanks to the wonders of coincidence, which has brought some of them within driving

distance, and music, which brings joy on so many levels, the adventures continue.

But is that coincidence, or a blessing from above?

Saturday night Mauricio asked me if I remembered dancing to "El Corre Caballo" with him and the other children all those years ago back in his village.

"Claro que si!" -Of course!

As the song ended, we hugged, then went back to our tables.

I pulled out my phone and sent the brief video I had made of the start of the song to Mauricio's sister, Estela, and their cousin, Sofia, who now live in Monterrey, Leon, Mexico.

Both of them responded with heart emojis and exclamations of our dancing that one together so long ago.

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BITUARIES

John Kenneth Arrington

John Kenneth Arrington, of Callands, passed away Thursday, August 3, 2023, at Sovah-Martinsville Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Betty.

Kenneth retired from Goodyear Tire and Rubber and was a veteran and member of Liberty Baptist Church. Kenneth was a loving man who never spoke an unkind word about anyone. He loved all and would do anything for you if you needed.

Betty and Kenneth ere high school were sweethearts. They worked alongside each other, supporting each other through the years of their lives as married couples should always seek to do.



In addition to his wife, he leaves behind a sister, Debra; nephew, Jerome (Sherry); nieces, Lynn (Robert), Susan, Lee (Kenneth), and Andrea (Donald); sisters-in-law, Priscilla and Claire; great-nieces and nephews, and greatgreat-niece and nephew. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, John and Lena Arrington and his brother, Melvin.

The memorial service was held on Sunday, August 6, 2023, at Liberty Baptist Church, Franklin Turnpike,

Callands.

The family asks for no visitation or food at the home and no flowers. In lieu of flowers, please make a charitable donation to Callands Fire Dept. or to the Danville Humane Society in memory of Kenneth.

Funeral Norris Services, Martinsville, VA is serving the Arrington family. Online condolences may be made at norrisfuneral.

ly be featured on Uptown for our community and Martinsville merchandise. serve as an ambassador

to align some of this vision with what the city is plan- two phases, with the ning, so that's still going first being the concept to be determined for the phase. most part," he said.

have a volunteer inside the you actually want it to costume. The only cost be, whether that be a UP will have thus far is bee, whether that be a the price of the costume. tree, whatever the com-

of UP, said the mascot ting them dictate that contest is a fun way to and submit different engage with city residents ideas," Martin said. and promote Martinsville's Main Street District.

staple of Uptown, attend- and determine what it ing events and interacting thinks will be the best with children and tourists. option for the mascot, We want a mascot that he said. will create a positive image

"In the future, we'd like for Uptown," she said.

The contest will have

"Phase one is to decide The current plan is to the what. Like what do Cristina Slate, president munity decides we're let-

The UP tions committee will "The mascot will be a then look at the ideas

"From there, we'll put that idea back out to the artists when we do the call for them to submit their own design. Then that's where phase two will start" with people voting for their favorite, he said.

UP plans to give a \$100-\$200 prize for the winning submission.

The organization has received a lot of excitement and several mascot ideas, he said.

"Somebody submitted a groundhog, someone suggested we do a rooster to go along with the Rooster Walk theme, a lot of people have been excited about the bee concept, someone said a train in honor of the Dick & Willie Trail, a little bit of everything," he said of the entries thus far.

UP Executive Director Spencer Koger said the group is excited to see what ideas the community comes up with.

"The last community engagement project we did was the Wall Street Alleyway, where residents got to vote on the design. That project was well-received by the community and I'm confident this contest will garner a similar amount of excitement for Uptown," he said.

То social media, Facebook.com/ UptownPartnership, or www.surveymonkey. com/r/uptownmascot.



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William James Law & Martin Slaughter By Beverly Belcher Woody

The late Lawrence R. Burton, who practiced law his entire career in Stuart, loved to share stories of the folks from Patrick County. One of his most memorable stories was about William James Law, more commonly known as "Uncle Billy," who was a frugal, thrifty man and viewed as the "unofficial" banker of the Elamsville/Fairystone

community. It was known that "Uncle Billy" kept a stash of gold coins somewhere in his log cabin, but the location was not disclosed after his death in 1907. Probably the most successful loan that "Uncle Billy" ever made was to his first wife's nephew around 1900. The young man rode from Henry County on a mule to ask Uncle Billy for a loan to start a small furniture business. Uncle Billy listened to his business plan and agreed to loan him the gold coins, if the young man's father would endorse the note. The young man returned to Henry County to get his father's signature.

Once the young man left, Uncle Billy retrieved the gold coins that would cover the loan. Uncle of logs that were approximately one foot thick. To support the shelves on the walls, holes were bored in the logs and pegs were placed in the holes. Uncle Billy had bored the holes extra deep and stored the gold coins behind the pegs. A couple of days later, the young man returned on his mule with the endorsement from his father and Uncle Billy gave him the gold coins. The endorsement signature to guarantee the loan was John Henry Bassett, the father of John D. Bassett!

When I heard this story, being a genealogist first and foremost, my immediate thought was "first wife's nephew?" Who was William James Law's first wife and who was his wife at the time that John D. Bassett had come to ask for the loan? During my research, I discovered that William James Law AKA "Uncle Billy" first married Priscilla Ruth Spencer, who was the sister to John D. Bassett's mother, Nancy Jane Spencer. Priscilla and Nancy were the daughters of Lewis Spencer and Priscilla Adams. "Uncle Billy" and Priscilla had seven children, Drucilla Jane Law Pilson, Lewis Green "Tuck", Joshua Thomas, Nancy Elizabeth Law Foley, Martha Adeline Pendleton Foley, Law Ardena Rosabelle Law Billy's cabin was built out Morrison, and Lucy Law Turner. Priscilla died in

childbirth on the 22nd

of April 1872; she was 40 years old.

On May 26th, 1874, Uncle Billy married Miss Judith Delilah Slaughter, the daughter of Reverend Martin Slaughter and Mary Conner Slaughter. Mary is my third great aunt and family lore passed down through the generations is that Martin and Mary gave each of their six daughters \$800 in gold coins and a fine horse for their dowry. It was thought Martin and Mary's coins were buried near their spring, which was located on a ridge behind where Roberts' Lighthouse Grill is now located.

Lawrence Burton, knowing the Bassett story about Uncle Billy having a cache of gold coins and his second wife coming with a dowry of \$800 in gold coins, seems to just tie things together. I wonder if there are any more of those gold coins out there.

Woody may be reached at rockcastlecreek1@gmail. com or (276) 692-9626.

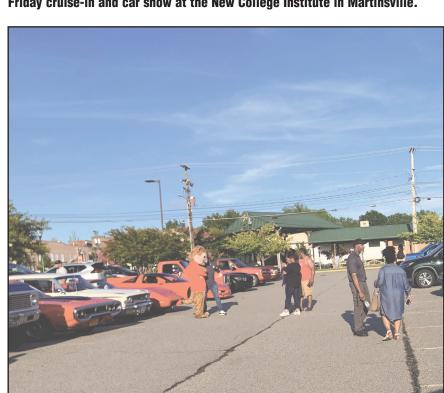
(Editor's Note: We decided to share this story from our sister paper, The Enterprise, after learning that the Martinsville-Henry County Historical Society's Sunday Afternoon Lecture, titled "Patrick County History & the Historical Society Museum," will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 20, in the Historic Henry

County Courthouse.)

Cruise-in from page 1



Vernon "Koonny Frog" Gilbert has a chat with Alvin the Chipmunk during a Friday cruise-in and car show at the New College Institute in Martinsville.



Vintage and antique vehicles packed the parking lot during the cruise-in and car



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https://m.waterdata.usgs.gov/

The National Weather Service also has gagues on local waterways: https://water.weather.gov/ahps2/ index.php?wfo=rnk

MAYO:

North Fork- Spencer, VA South Fork- Nettle Bridge, VA Mayo- Price, NC

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Bassett, VA

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Danville, VA A link to the YouTube video

explaining how to use the USGS site is https://youtu.be/eTOQRbamrSo. Additionally, there is a phone app

called "River Data" that allows you to see real-time data from the USGS sites in an easy-to-understand format and allows you to save favorites.

There are several large and small dams on the rivers in the Dan River Basin. Although you can portage around most they are hazardous and should be avoided. This video will give you an introduction to Lowhead

Below are some safety guidelines to

remember while you are on the water. If it is your first time on the water, take an on-water course or travel with an experienced person that has navi-

gated that part of the river before.

Wear your life jacket! It's always possible to capsize in any water condition. Learn how wearing your life jacket can save your life.

Before you leave, make sure you know where you are going. It is also a good idea to tell a responsible person about your plans of where you will be and when you expect to return.

Check the weather forecast before you leave for your destination so that you can pack the proper equipment. Before you leave your vehicle, make

sure all valuables are out of sight and make sure you lock your doors. If possible, park in a well-lit, heav-

ily traveled area.

Carry identification that includes your name, phone number, pertinent medical information, and emergency contact information in a waterproof bag. You can also store your cell

phone and camera in the bag as well. Know the water conditions. Sometimes the river will be high, low, or a dam may be releasing. This

makes the water conditions different, and it is important to know what to Know the rules to navigate the

water. Find out what you need to know while on waterways.

Beware of Strainers. Strainers are fallen trees; bridge pilings, undercut rocks, or anything else that allows the current to flow through it while hold-

ing you. Strainers are deadly! Never go boating or tubing while

drugs.

under the influence of alcohol or If in doubt, get out and scout

Know your paddling abilities and

plan your outings accordingly

Dress appropriately for weather conditions. Carry extra clothes in a dry bag in case you flip and go for a swim. Hypothermia can be deadly

Never float or paddle over low-head dams, avoid fallen trees and other instream obstructions. Do not stand up in a canoe or

kayak, and avoid weight shifts that may cause capsize. Carry a supply of food and water

adequate for your trip length. Avoid weather or water conditions beyond your skill level.

Learn rescue skills necessary to assist others. Plan for emergencies: carry basic

Inform others of your trip plan.

Leave the river and shoreline cleaner than you find them. Leave rocks and plants as you find

Leave No Trace and Wildlife Ethics

Carry out your trash. Respect wildlife; stay clear of nests,

dens, and rookeries. Human food is unhealthy for wildlife. Please do not share your food with animals.

View a list of helpful safety tips for the next time you go on the water. Make sure you bring drinking water

and stay hydrated! Know Your Limits! Make sure you know what you can endure before you

leave the shore.

View the River Paddler's Guide to Rescue.

Learn more useful tips when scheduling your next trip.

In normal, moderate conditions,

any moving water can capsize a canoe or kayak that accidentally leans upstream, something that happens easily and often without warning. The faster and more turbulent the water, the more quickly this can happen. In addition, most recreational streams contain obstacles and in flood conditions, many more are washed in. These are generally difficult to deal with when the water is running high and fast.

River Etiquette

Obey all rules and regulations. Respect private property. Be considerate of others. Give fish-

erman a wide berth. Avoid taking disposable contain-

ers; take it in, take it out. Please do not litter. Do your part

to keep the river clean so the next person can have the same experience. DRBA also has a River and

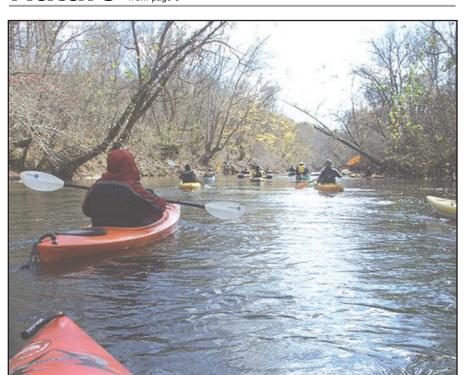
Trail Safety webinar on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=qen4W7pPuLQ.

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cant potential hazards including risk of injury or death, and each person participating in this activity needs to understand the risks involved, obtain the necessary training and take all the

needed precautions. This guide provides general information on the topic of paddling. By providing this information, we do not assume any liability for the use of this information.

Winchester Man Sentenced to 84 Months for Selling Fatal Dose of Fentanyl

A Winchester, Virginia man, who facilitated the sale of a fatal dose of fentanyl in October 2020, was sentenced yesterday to 84 months in federal prison.

Kenneth James Hughes, Jr., 27, pled guilty in April to two counts of distribution of fentanyl.

According to court documents, following a fentanyl overdose resulting in the death of a user on October 23, 2020, an investigation by law enforcement revealed Hughes to be the deceased user's source of supply.

In October 2020, one of Hughes' drug customers contacted him in regard to buying fentanyl in the form of "pressed pills," namely, fentanyl pills made to appear like Oxycodone 30mg pills. Hughes sold two pressed pills to the customer who subsequently consumed the drugs and was found unresponsive the following morning at his home in Winchester.

It was determined his death was the result of acute fentanyl intoxication.

The following month in Berryville, Virginia, Hughes sold twenty-two capsules containing fentanyl for \$300 to a confidential informant working on behalf of law enforcement.

United States Attorney Christopher R. Kavanaugh and Jared Forget, Special Agent in Charge of the DEA's Washington Division, announced the sentence today.

The Virginia State Police, the Northwest Virginia Regional Drug and Gang Task Force (composed of the Virginia State Police, the Winchester Police Department, the Frederick County Sheriff's Office, and the Clarke County Sheriff's Office) and the Drug Enforcement Administration - Washington Division, investigated the case.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Zachary T. Lee prosecuted the case.

Attorney Henry "Hank" Carkhuff '18 Learned to "Never Lose Sight of My Goals"

"Hank" Henry Carkhuff '18 came to Ferrum College because he was recruited to play on the men's lacrosse team and now applies the lessons he learned on and off the field in advising

his clients. As a freshman, Carkhuff was not sure what he was going to major in, but he leaned into a subject he was always good at in high school – political science. It was not until his junior year at Ferrum that he committed to the idea of becoming a lawyer. Today, Carkhuff is an insurance defense attorney and has a master's degree in business administration with a concentration in finance from Elon University.

Previously, Carkhuff worked as a real estate attorney and shared why he decided to go into real estate law. "I never really wanted to get into the courtroom. I didn't want to be a litigator. I've always liked the transactional side of law. Having an MBA, I also wanted to utilize it. I find business very fascinating and real estate law is one big puzzle you're trying to solve. Real estate law is something new; I didn't have any prior experience from internships I've done. It's fun for me," said Carkhuff.

Carkhuff first heard about Ferrum back in

2013 through an assistant coach from the lacrosse team. He liked the College because of the smaller class sizes and that he would be able to know his professors. He also liked the people and that Ferrum felt like a community.

During his time on the men's lacrosse team, Carkhuff won two conference championships in 2015 and 2016. He also stayed involved with his fraternity, Delta Chi, where he served as the secretary and as the scholarship chair. Carkhuff also volunteered with the Panther Packs program and participated in various canned food drives.

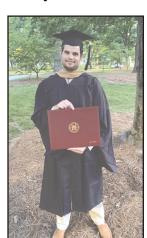
Carkhuff's

sors had a huge impact on him. "Dr. Vie told me to never lose sight of my goals. If you really want it, you're going to make it happen. Dr. Halley reminded me to take a break, have freedom, and not to overwork myself. Dr. Daniels was a great man, and a great motivator. He was one of my favorite professors that I had class with. He was always very caring and genuine," shared Carkhuff.

Edmond Halley, program coordinator of political science, remembers Carkhuff as a very engaged student. "He participated often in class and really enjoyed exploring multiple sides of an issue during class discussion, which is a valuable skill for a lawyer to have. Students like Hank likely would have thrived no matter what they majored in or which professors they associated with."

Carkhuff shared advice for students who might be interested in becoming a lawyer. "Never be afraid to take an opportunity that is new - treat it as an investment. Everything that you do the minute you step on campus is an investment to your future, and an investment to yourself."

to current and prospective to staff members that student athletes. "When you're always going to you come to Ferrum, it's treat them with respect," a commitment, not only concluded Carkhuff.



to your teammates and coaches, but also to the professors that you're going to show up, and do what you need to He also offered advice do. It's a commitment



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