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## Housing federal inmates will increase revenues in the county

**Taylor Boyd**  
Staff writer

Revenue from housing federal inmates will help make up for any future revenue shortfalls and in the future could help pay down the debt of the new Henry County Adult Detention Center.

Henry County Sheriff Wayne Davis said the center's projected \$1 million revenue shortfall for this year was addressed by moving "some money around. We were able to balance our budget."

The shortfall, he said, was due to a lower inmate population than was projected when the new



Henry County Sheriff Wayne Davis said the Henry County Adult Detention Center will start housing federal inmates from North Carolina as early as next week.

center was built.

The decreased number of inmates isn't limited to Henry County, Davis said. "Inmate

populations are down all over Virginia."

Housing federal inmates will "take care of balancing the budget

moving forward," and, as the number of federal inmates grows, Davis

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Ayla Gordon will compete in Bah Cham Dao (double swords) at the World Championships in China.

## Local athlete competing in Kung Fu World championships

**Pat Delaney**  
Staff writer

Ayla Gordon, a local martial artist, has traveled to Emeishan, China to compete in the 9th World Kung Fu Championships, August 23-28. A member of Team USA, Gordon will put nearly a lifetime of hard work and training up against the best in the world.

Gordon, now 20 and a Patrick Springs resident who works and trains in Martinsville, began Kung Fu training at the age of three. After a break to explore her interest in dance, she returned to martial arts at age 10. Her father, Kristain Gordon, a Shifu, or teacher of Kung-fu, didn't push her

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## Supervisors take step towards additional tax relief

The Henry County Board of Supervisors voted on Tuesday to schedule a public hearing for its October 24 meeting to receive public input on a proposal that would qualify additional residents for real estate tax relief.

The Code of Virginia allows localities to provide tax relief for certain eligible residents. In order to qualify, residents must be older than the age of 65 or permanently disabled.

Additionally, Henry County requires that the resident

not have a gross income that exceeds \$17,000 or a net financial worth in excess of \$50,000. The board is seeking to expand the income threshold to those making \$24,000.

Along with the hearing on the real estate tax relief, the Board also scheduled a public hearing to discuss an increase in the transient occupancy tax from two

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The Henry County Board of Supervisors received an achievement award from the Virginia Association of Counties (VACO). From left to right: Debra Buchanan, of the Horsepasture District; Parks and Recreation Director Roger Adams; Joe Bryant, of the Collinsville District; VACO Director of Governmental Affairs Jeremey Bennett; and Garrett Dillard, of the Iriswood District.

## Muse to serve as city's water resource director



Mandy Muse is settling in her new role as director of Martinsville's Water Resources Department.

**Taylor Boyd**  
Staff writer

Mandy Muse was named the City of Martinsville's new director of Water Resources to fill a vacancy created with the Aug. 1 retirement of Mike Kahle, who left the post after 15 years of service to the city.

In the slot, Muse, 41, said she is responsible for overseeing the operations of the water treatment plant, wastewater treatment plant, and the water and sewer maintenance and construction crews.

"Any project involving water lines, water tanks, sewer lines to make sure that everything is going according to plan and that all regulations are being followed. And that our customers have safe drinking water and sanitary sewers," she said.

Muse said her primary goal is to ensure city residents are getting the same

or better quality of water and service they are used to. In addition to working out a 20-year plan for the department, Muse is also still working on developing other long-term goals.

"I'm just continuously seeking out opportunities for improvement where available," she said.

Muse said the department is currently almost finished with the Summit

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## Council hears transportation committee recommendations

**Taylor Boyd**  
Staff writer

The Martinsville City Council heard recommendations from the Martinsville Transportation Committee at its August 22 meeting.

Committee chairman Michael Sanguedolce said the volunteer organization has four locations it believes need attention for the safety of residents.

"We discussed the possibility that vehicles on Memorial (Boulevard) want to make a right turn on red going onto Fayette Street would cross over Church Street where possibly green light traffic is," he said.

Sanguedolce said the suggestion is a no right turn on red sign on Memorial Boulevard heading north for traffic



Keith Holland was hired as the city of Martinsville's Community Development Director.

trying to turn right onto either Church Street or Fayette Street

"Just to avoid future situations there of crossing two lanes of possibly oncoming traffic," he said.

The second recommendation is at the intersec-

tion of Wilson Street and Woodrow Street where there's a three-point corner.

"There's a stop sign on one corner, but not the other two. The two signs being suggested are one on Wilson going towards

Woodrow and one on Wilson that would bring you down to Memorial. It's just a bad situation. Cars coming up and down that road very quickly, and really, it's a tight turn and

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# Construction underway for new pavilion at Piedmont Arts

Piedmont Arts broke ground on the construction of new pavilion on Aug. 11, 2023. A project of the Growth + Restoration Campaign, this addition will provide expanded space for bigger and better events. "The Growth + Restoration Campaign is integral to the continued success of Piedmont Arts," said Executive Director Heidi Pinkston. "With these vital funds, many projects that allow us to better serve the community have been completed. The new pavilion is the next step in creating a functional and inviting space for guests."



Construction has begun on the new pavilion at Piedmont Arts. The pavilion will provide more space for events and performances.

for more information on the Growth + Restoration Campaign.

Piedmont Arts is a nonprofit art museum in Martinsville, Virginia that inspires and engages the diverse Martinsville-Henry County community and surrounding areas through visual arts, performing arts and arts education. Piedmont Arts is a statewide partner of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and is accredited

by the American Alliance of Museums. Piedmont Arts programming is partially supported by the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. Piedmont Arts 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.

Pinkston says the pavilion is scheduled to be completed in winter 2023.

Other Growth + Restoration Campaign projects include renovations to the building and grounds, equipping the galleries with state-of-the-art lighting and climate control systems, and reducing the museum's carbon footprint. Visit PiedmontArts.org



An architect's rendering of the completed pavilion at Piedmont Arts. Construction is due to be completed in winter 2023.

# Villa Heights to get modernized sewer lines

The Villa Heights community will be getting an upgrade to its sewer system thanks to funds received by the Henry County Public Service Authority (PSA) through the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund.

The PSA Board of Directors unanimously voted on Monday to approve the use of the loan funds to cover the cost of the project which amounts

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# Garrett joins NCI staff

Olivia Garrett has joined New College Institute as its Director of Institutional Advancement.

The Martinsville resident will guide NCI through strategic leadership, government and community relations, and grant management.

Garrett grew up in West Virginia and South Carolina. She is a 2012 graduate of the University of South Carolina with a degree in social work and in 2013 earned a master's degree in social work from Virginia Commonwealth University, specializing in administration, policy and planning.

After college, she was the chief of staff and campaign manager for Del. Betsy Carr in the Virginia House of Delegates, and she worked in marketing and fundraising for a couple of years.

From August 2022 to August 2023, she was the Regional Programs Specialist for the West Piedmont Planning District Commission (WPPDC). The Commission covers the counties of Henry, Patrick, Franklin and Pittsylvania and the cities of Martinsville and Danville. There, she worked on a variety of programs focusing on tourism, marketing the area's outdoor recreation and agriculture, strengthening the local health care workforce and managing infrastructure projects.

Through the WPPDC she was familiar with the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI). VATI funds the expansion of broadband internet throughout all unserved and underserved areas of Virginia, and the WPPDC administers VATI's grants.

Now at NCI, she will see the next generation of fiber optic technicians who will install and service those fiber optic lines that will bring this high quality internet across the state. In the fall, NCI will begin training programs in fiber optics to prepare this workforce.

"I'm excited to be with NCI as we train future fiber optics technicians," Garrett said. "The fiber optics field is booming and offers great paying jobs

in high demand. A student who goes through NCI's CFOT program can make over \$60,000 upon graduation. What a wonderful opportunity for students and our local economy."

Garrett is the treasurer of the Bee City Committee – "I'm very passionate about pollinators and increasing the number of native plants in our area" – the second vice president of Piedmont Arts, a member of the Community Foundation's Women in Philanthropy, a member of the Martinsville Garden Club, in the 2023 cohort of the Virginia Rural Leadership Institute and a new board member of Uptown Partnership.

She and her husband, Martinsville native Pres Garrett, married in 2015 and moved to Martinsville in 2020. The couple have two children, Nellie, 4, and Ward, 2 1/2. Pres Garrett owns Starling Avenue Cards and Comics.

"New College Institute is fortunate to have Olivia Garrett join our ranks," said NCI Executive Director Joe Sumner. "She is a vibrant and important part of Martinsville and Henry County life through her various forms of community involvement. As part of an established local family and heavily involved in the community through Piedmont Arts, Bee City, Community Foundation and other organizations, Olivia Garrett has made her mark on Martinsville and we enjoy having her can-do spirit here at New College Institute."

"I'm excited to promote NCI, engage elected officials and community members, and help people understand all the great things that NCI is doing in the community and on the state level. NCI is playing a pivotal role in getting more folks into the advanced manufacturing pipeline as well as giving students access to four year college institutions right here in Uptown Martinsville," Garrett said.

"Overall I hope to be a positive force at NCI and in the Uptown community and look forward to promoting both NCI and Martinsville to the greater region and Commonwealth."

# Carlisle celebrates more than 50 years

For the 55th year, Carlisle School welcomed students, faculty, and staff to their first day of school. Since 1968, Carlisle School has embraced the philosophy of offering a rigorous college preparatory program that encourages intellectual discipline and creativity while fostering character development and individual responsibility. In this monumental year, our students dream of excellence in the classroom, in service to our community, and on the stage and athletic fields.

Carlisle kicked off the new year with its annual Opening Ceremony, a long-standing tradition that recognizes the senior and first grade classes. This year, the school recognized the graduating classes of 2024 and 2035.

Carlisle is celebrating 55 years of first-class academic education, creativity, outstanding teachers, shaping tomorrow's leaders, character development, distinguished alumni, intellectual rigor, and excellence in education. While this year is Carlisle's emerald anniversary, the school stays true to its blue and gold roots. What does staying true to blue mean? It means instilling and fostering intelligence, wisdom, and imagination. To uphold gold standards means striving for victory, achievement, and strength by empowering each student to achieve their personal best.

Head of School, Neal Meyer, said, "I am filled with anticipation and excitement for the 2023-2024

school year. The possibilities are endless when working with such talented students, knowledgeable educators, and supportive parents. I look forward to a year where we turn dreams into reality." Learn more at carliseschool.org, and stay tuned for more information regarding the 55th-anniversary celebrations.

Carlisle School is an independent preschool through 12th grade, college preparatory school empowering students to achieve their personal best by fostering a community of character, intellect, and leadership. Additional information can be found at www.CarlisleSchool.org.



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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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## Meetings

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.

### Monday, September 18

P&HCC Local Board meeting, 11:30 a.m. in the Hooker Exhibit Hall, Frith Economic Development Center. Lunch will be provided at noon.

## Events

### 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 speakers. The event is to raise money and awareness for the Pregnancy Care Center of MHC, [www.pregcc.com](http://www.pregcc.com). For more information, call Patrick Rasmusel at (276) 734-9585.

### Saturday, September 2

Storytime, 10 a.m. at Spencer Penn

Centre. This monthly program will include special readers, crafts, and other fun activities related to Falling Leaves! Come out and join us for this free program, fit for all ages! No registration needed.

### 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.

### Friday, September 15

MHC is for Book Lovers Trivia and Dinner with Authors/Silent Auction, from 6-8 p.m. at the Spencer-Penn Centre, \$30 adults/\$20 children. Limited seating.

### Saturday, September 16

MHC is for Book Lovers Bookfest at the Spencer-Penn Centre, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Send off summer with a bang and welcome fall with a fun evening by sharing your original works of poetry as TheatreWorks hosts Open Mic Poetry

Night. "Younger" audience members are welcome from 6-6:30 p.m. for G-Rated Performances - 2-minute time limit. From 6:45-8 p.m. - PG-Rated Performances are scheduled, with a 5-minute time limit and up to 2 poems. Register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfuhkQvzQhprHXgpe5wCDfHmsiMyzwVT16gY1Dg3mhoe283Q/viewform>.

## ONGOING Saturdays through Nov. 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.

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.

The Blue Ridge Regional Library offers free one-day passes to the Virginia Museum of Natural History and the Henry County YMCA with your library card. The passes are good for one day and exclude special events. There is a

wait period before you can check out the pass again. For more details and exclusions, visit [brrl.lib.va.us](http://brrl.lib.va.us).

The Fontaine Ruritan Club hosts Bingo every Tuesday at 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.

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.

## Albert Harris Elementary recognized as Virginia Naturally Year 2 School



AHES Monarch Waystation



Butterflies on Butterfly Bush outside AHES



DeCari Giggetts Natalie Hall and Kerri Stockton sample vegetables from AHES vegetable garden.



DeCari Giggetts Kerri Stockton and Natalie Hall sample peppers from the AHES vegetable garden.

For the second consecutive year, Albert Harris Elementary School (AHES) has been recognized as a Virginia Naturally School by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) for its efforts to increase environmental awareness and stewardship of our youngest citizens.

According to DWR's website, "Virginia Naturally Schools is the official environmental education school recognition program of the Commonwealth," recognized by the Virginia Board of Education as the "official environmental education school recognition program for the state." The goal of the program is to "recognize the exemplary efforts undertaken by Virginia Schools to increase Environmental Literacy of its students."

"Our recognition as a Virginia Naturally School for a second year is exciting," said AHES

STEM teacher Laurie Witt. A key component of AHES' environmental education effort is the Green Schoolyard.

"The Green Schoolyard is an ongoing program that Krista Hodges of the Dan River Basin Association and I created to maximize students' opportunities to learn science Standards of Learning in a natural setting," Witt said. "Albert Harris Elementary's Green Schoolyard has expanded to include a new outside learning space with raised beds where teachers can teach hands-on lessons. Students enjoy being able to learn outdoors where they can apply what they are learning about in a real-world setting. It is wonderful to work with such a great community partner like DRBA to enrich our students' learning."

In addition to the raised beds, the Green Schoolyard initiative has included a vegetable garden planted by AHES students to help reduce erosion, a certified monarch waystation created

and maintained by second graders to benefit monarchs and other local pollinators, and rain barrel systems to water the school's many plants while simultaneously reducing the amount of water entering the school's storm drains.

This summer, a sensory garden (funded by a grant from the Community Foundation Serving Western Virginia) became the newest addition to the Green Schoolyard initiative.

In the classroom, environmental education lessons align with the scientific and engineering practices found in Virginia's Science Standards of Learning (SOLs).

"Thank you for your continued efforts to introduce students to the environment and stewardship of our natural resources," wrote DWR Statewide Wildlife Education Coordinator and Virginia Naturally Schools program chair Courtney Hallacher in a letter announcing AHES' year 2 designation.

"Being honored once again as a Virginia Naturally School by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources holds a special place in our hearts," said AHES Principal Dr. Renee Brown. "This pres-

tigious accolade serves as a testament to the profound impact that outdoor education, aligned with the Virginia Standards of Learning, has on our students' learning experiences. It is with utmost

gratitude that I extend my sincere appreciation to Ms. Witt for her unwavering dedication to fostering a strong partnership with the Dan River Basin Association in promoting outdoor education."

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# OPINION

## Presidential nominee round-up

Well folks, it's that time again: by the time this column is published, the first debate between the field of Republican Presidential nominees will have taken place, and we'll all be left to consider their various merits while drinking heavily and staring into the middle distance.

There's little question of who the Democratic candidate will be going into the election: incumbent President Joe Biden, a man who by all rights should be enjoying the second decade of his retirement. Sure, he faces competition from Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Marianne Williamson, but many believe they don't have a clear path to the Democratic nomination on account of their howling, all-consuming madness.

Who, then, will win the Republican primary? Let's go through all the current candidates and consider their odds.

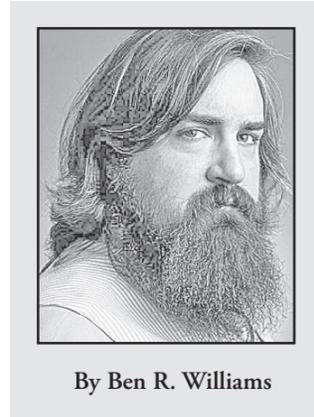
**Francis Suarez — 0.3%**  
Miami Mayor Francis Suarez is running on his fairly

moderate record, which means he will be quickly obliterated.

**Will Hurd — 0.4%**  
A former CIA officer and U.S. Representative from Texas, Hurd has gone on record as saying he believes in bipartisanship, so he's doomed.

**Doug Burgum — 0.5%**  
North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum loaned his campaign \$10 million and used that money to give people \$20 gift cards in exchange for donations of as little as \$1 so that he could meet the donor criteria for getting on the ballot. While he won't win his party's nomination, there's a decent chance Elon Musk will hire to him for his expertise in inventing exciting new ways to waste millions of dollars.

**Asa Hutchinson — 0.6%**  
Former Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson is primarily famous for being the only person named "Asa" since the hey-



By Ben R. Williams

day of 1800s baseball. He polls well among those who fondly remember the rivalry between the Brooklyn Bridegrooms and the Worcester Ruby Legs, but it probably won't be enough to secure the vote of anyone under 160 years old.

**Tim Scott — 3.4%**  
Despite serving as the junior U.S. Senator from South Carolina since 2013, there's one big reason that Tim Scott will never secure his party's nomination: His stance on police reform. Why, what did you think I was going to say?

**Chris Christie — 3.5%**  
Former New Jersey Governor and current walk-

ing punchline Chris Christie is a vocal critic of Donald Trump. You can always count on Chris Christie to follow his conscience after he's tried everything else.

**Nikki Haley — 3.5%**  
Former South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley is colloquially known as "The Meteorologist" because her support for Donald Trump changes depending on which way the wind is blowing.

**Mike Pence — 4.7%**  
Former Vice-President Mike Pence has begun to develop sour feelings towards Donald Trump, which just goes to show that some people turn ungrateful the moment you attempt to have them publicly hanged by an angry mob. Mike Pence is running as the strongest anti-abortion candidate, which might have meant something about a year ago.

**Vivek Ramaswamy — 9.3%**  
If elected, Vivek Ramaswamy has promised to pardon Donald Trump, abolish the FBI, and raise the voting age to 25. Many of his critics have labeled him "delusional." Not because of his campaign

promises, but because he seems to think a guy named "Vivek Ramaswamy" could ever secure the Republican Presidential nomination.

**Ron DeSantis — 15.2%**  
What's to say about Ron DeSantis that hasn't already been inarticulately screamed at an elderly Florida librarian just trying to do her job? Sure, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has suggested that slavery taught black Americans valuable skills, started a feud he can't possibly win against one of his state's biggest employers, gotten bogged down in meaningless culture war nonsense, and objectively made his state a worse place to live, but on the other hand, he's also deeply, deeply unlikely.

**Donald Trump — 52.2%**  
Former President Donald Trump is currently facing 91 charges across four criminal cases, including 44 federal charges and 47 state charges, and may spend the rest of his life in prison.

He is the current Republican frontrunner leading Ron DeSantis by 37 points. That was the punchline.

## News from the 9th: Second Quarter Accomplishments



**Morgan Griffith**  
Representative

In April, I reflected on what we have been able to accomplish in the House of Representatives during the first three months of the year.

Now that it is August, let's look back through the rest of spring and summer.

### Legislation Passed

My legislation, the HALT Fentanyl Act, to permanently schedule fentanyl analogues, passed the House in May with bipartisan support, with a vote of 289-133. It is now pending in Senate. I hope they will vote on this important legislation soon.

Also in May, House

Republicans passed H.R.2, the Secure the Border Act, in an effort to combat the humanitarian crisis at our southern border. Unfortunately, Biden Administration policies have led to increased rates of human and drug smuggling. They have also led to an historic number of unaccompanied minors living in our country, many being exploited and abused (see below). The House Republicans' bill will force the Biden Administration to restart the construction of the border wall, deploy needed technology to increase security to both the southern and northern borders, and provide funding to increase the number of border patrol agents. It will also strengthen current law aiming to protect unaccompanied children from human trafficking.

In late April, House Republicans passed H.R.734, the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports

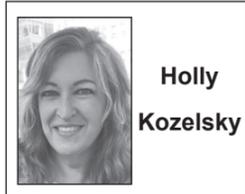
Act of 2023, legislation to ensure that women and girls have a fair playing field in sports by guaranteeing that schools adhere to Title IX's recognition of biology and genetics of an individual at birth. This bill is about fairness, which is why I was an original cosponsor. Women fought for years for equal opportunities in sports. Why should women be forced to sacrifice playing time and scholarship opportunities? They shouldn't.

The House has also passed other impactful legislation, like the fiscal year (FY) 2024 National Defense Authorization Act, the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization bill, and the FY 2024 Veterans Affairs appropriations bill.

**Committee Work**  
The Energy and Commerce (E&C) Committee has worked hard

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## Purr-fecting the Meal Deal



**Holly Kozelsky**

The cats revolt. It sneaks up on you at first.

The affectionate one suddenly is more affectionate than usual. He climbs up onto your lap, rolls around and purrs vigorously.

No matter what you're doing, he's hard to resist, and a lovefest ensues. As you pet him and snuggle him, he wallows in your embrace. What a special kitty!

A little while later, the aloof one approaches. She hasn't come up to be pet in a week or two, but suddenly, she seems very loving. Since petting this one is so rare and short-lived, her cuddly attention is a real treat.

Then the old one starts running around your feet.

As you head down the hall, the old one rushes ahead of you, stopping to sit expectantly in front of the empty food dish.

Uh-oh. And you realize you had forgotten to get cat food during the last trip to the store.

The other cats also rush to the food dish and sit with an air of expectation and a hint of impatience.

Since you sure don't plan on going into town today, you give the cats a real treat instead of the standard chow they are clamoring for.

You get out the turkey that's being saved for something else and chop it into fine bits, distributing it evenly between the dishes.

You have to lock the old one in the bathroom with her dish, because if you don't, whenever she eats canned cat food or something else special, she wolfs it down quickly, then rushes over to another cat, smacks that cat on the face with a paw to chase it away, then eats the remainder of that

cat's food – quickly, so she can get to the next one, too, before it gets eaten up.

After the other cats have safely (and happily) eaten all of their turkey, it's safe to open the bathroom door. Surprisingly, the old cat rushes out and heads straight to the empty cat food dish – the turkey untouched.

Now, that's odd. Normally this cat will eat anything at all. She hovers around the kitchen during meal preparation hoping for food to drop on the floor for her to snap up. She tries to sit on the kid's lap during meals, and when she's successful, she tries to share the kid's meal. It doesn't matter what the food is – rice, broccoli, pasta, cheese, peas – when Mom's back is turned – or sometimes, when Mom is looking and the kid is just feeling cheeky -- the kid feeds it to the old cat, who

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| <p><b>CLUES ACROSS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. One point north of due west</li> <li>4. Indigenous peoples of northern Scandinavia</li> <li>9. Popular California/Nevada lake</li> <li>14. Go quickly</li> <li>15. Fatty acid in soaps</li> <li>16. Brand of fuel stations</li> <li>17. State of fuss</li> <li>18. Romance novelist</li> <li>20. Members of a household</li> <li>22. Asserts to be the case</li> <li>23. Type of infection</li> <li>24. With metal inlays</li> <li>28. Chinese philosophic principle</li> <li>29. Early multimedia</li> <li>30. Employee stock ownership plan</li> <li>31. He investigated Clinton administration</li> <li>33. Shells</li> <li>37. Six</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>38. Snake-like fish</li> <li>39. Capital of Kenya</li> <li>41. Influential group (abbr.)</li> <li>42. Used to chop</li> <li>43. It comes as a case</li> <li>44. Challenges</li> <li>46. Small amounts</li> <li>49. The Golden State</li> <li>50. Peyton's little brother</li> <li>51. For walking in Alaska</li> <li>55. Buddhist honorific titles</li> <li>58. Lively ballroom dance</li> <li>59. Capital of Albania</li> <li>60. Late night host</li> <li>64. Draw from</li> <li>65. A way to utilize</li> <li>66. One who is not native Hawaiian</li> <li>67. A power to perceive</li> <li>68. Bulky</li> <li>69. Horse mackerels</li> <li>70. Proclaim out loud</li> </ul> | <p><b>CLUES DOWN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hits</li> <li>2. Bathroom accessory</li> <li>3. Young</li> <li>4. Beef cattle</li> <li>5. It's often in soap</li> <li>6. For each</li> <li>7. Innermost membrane enveloping the brain</li> <li>8. A way to leave</li> <li>9. Emaciation</li> <li>10. Punish with a fine</li> <li>11. Steeds</li> <li>12. Having eight</li> <li>13. Greek goddess of the dawn</li> <li>19. Mature reproductive cells</li> <li>21. Armadillo species</li> <li>24. Ancient country in what is now Romania</li> <li>25. Extreme greed</li> <li>26. Stars</li> <li>27. Poems</li> <li>31. Places to sit</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>32. One from the Lone Star State</li> <li>34. Small rails</li> <li>35. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)</li> <li>36. Where coaches work</li> <li>40. Indicates position</li> <li>41. Mammals</li> <li>45. Resembling a wing</li> <li>47. Beliefs</li> <li>48. Hindu male religious teachers</li> <li>52. Mischievously</li> <li>53. Where athletes want to end up (abbr.)</li> <li>54. Large, deep-bodied fish</li> <li>56. Horned squash bug genus</li> <li>57. Excessively sentimental</li> <li>59. Shared verbally</li> <li>60. You can put it on toast</li> <li>61. Data mining methodology (abbr.)</li> <li>62. Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects</li> <li>63. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano</li> </ul> |
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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Can I talk to you about politics, but not really politics? I really mean to talk about level-headed thinking and getting along with your neighbors in 2024.

Years ago, I bought an antique lapel pin at the Hillsville flea market that said, "Kennedy For President." Well, the pin is no longer an antique as Bobby Kennedy Jr. is now running for President. I've never voted for a Democrat, but I'm looking seriously at Bobby (I've only been eligible to vote for three elections and in the first one I didn't vote at all).

The first thing that caught my ear was when Bobby said that more gun control would not cause less crime. I said, "Amen!" America has a heart problem, not a gun problem. Plenty of Americans believe in the Second Amendment and don't even own a gun.

The second thing Bobby said that caught my ear was that if elected he would end "chronic illness" in America. Not that he would magically cure illnesses, but that he would put pressure on the pharmaceutical companies. People have gone from "patients" to "customers." There are illnesses that could be reduced or treated by a lifestyle change instead of throwing pills at them. Again, I said, "Amen!" Many didn't trust the modern American health industry before 2020, and now even fewer do.

However, a headline was published stating: "RFK Jr. Supports Abortion Up To Birth." I shared that quote with a friend of mine, and they said, "Nope. I'm done with him."

Here's where I say levelheaded thinking. Candidates say things that have no chance of fruition; candidates say things to corral the constituents. What difference do Bobby's opinions on abortion limits make? A President cannot overturn a supreme court decision, and in 2022 the Supreme Court ruled to make abortion a "states issue." Translation: I could still vote for RFK Jr. and not feel bad about it.

In 2016 Donald Trump said if elected he would abolish the Department of Education. Didn't happen. Ron DeSantis has said that if elected he will abolish the I.R.S. We all know that will never happen. Politicians make empty promises and then citizens fight with each other for four years. We can do better.

Do you know that headline on RFK's abortion views came after he had said that he only supported abortion through the first trimester? During an interview with NBC RFK Jr. answered, "yes" when asked, "Would you sign federal bill capping abortion to the first 21 weeks of pregnancy?" People began to cry, "He's not a Democrat!" while others cried, "He's waffling!", but I say that's par for the political course.

You're going to vote for whoever, and so will I, but in the meantime, I actually live next door to you. I see you at the bank; I go to church with you. I refuse to allow a 4-year cycle make me feel angry towards you. I hope you think the same of me.

Caleb Robertson,  
Martinsville

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to \$5,970,100. Of the total, approximately \$300,000 qualifies for principal forgiveness, bringing the loan amount down to about \$5.6 million. The PSA will pay down the loan over a 30-year period at a 0.5 percent interest rate. Staff estimates the loan will require a \$203,626 annual payment.

“We received a fantastic rate from the state on this loan,” said Dale Wagoner, PSA General Manager. “The sewer lines throughout Villa Heights are quite dated and require a lot of ongoing maintenance. So, while this project may come at a slight cost for the PSA, it is a worthwhile endeavor to alleviate some of those ongoing costs while also improving services for an underserved community.”

In addition to the sewer line

replacement, the project will also include creating more manhole access spaces throughout the community to address any potential future complications with the system. Staff estimates that construction could begin in 2024 with an expected timeline of completion of about two years.

In other matters, the board:

- Approved an additional appropriation of \$547,575 in grant funds received through the state’s Hazard Mitigation Grant program for the purchase of standby generators. The generators will be placed at water booster pump stations in Oak Level and Fieldale to provide backup power during extended power outages.
- Received monthly reports on Finance, Engineering, Construction, and Regulatory Compliance.



## Kiwanis club helps historical center

The Kiwanis Club of Bassett recently donated \$1,000 to the Bassett Historical Center for the ongoing operation of the center. Kiwanis Club Vice President Craig McCroskey (C) is shown presenting the check to Bassett Historical Center Director Fran Snead (L) and Director Emeritus Pat Ross (R).

# Celebrate the culture, food of Italy at Savory September

Join Piedmont Arts for a ‘bellissima’ night celebrating all things Italian at Savory September. This year’s event will take place on Friday, Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Piedmont Arts. Admission to Savory September is \$50 per person. Tickets are on sale now at Piedmont Arts and PiedmontArts.org.

Local chefs will cook dishes that range from regional delicacies to showcases of Italian ingredients. Traditional Italian cocktails will be served in addition to beer and wine. Singer-songwriter Jake Earles will provide live entertainment.

In addition to the party, participants can win big in the 50/50 raffle. Raffle tickets are \$20 each or \$100 for six.



**Savory September will feature a menu celebrating all things Italian.**

Raffle tickets are on sale now at Piedmont Arts. Proceeds from Savory September support Piedmont Arts programming in Martinsville-Henry County.

Savory September is sponsored by Beegins

With You Foundation, Burton & Co., Collinsville Printing Co., Diversified Trust, Visit Martinsville, Martinsville Eyecare, Draper Flowers & Gifts, Ameristaff, Third Bay, and Hairston Funeral Home.

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difficult to see,” he said. Sanguedolce said improvements to the pavement at the corner crosswalk at Brookdale Street and Carillon Way is needed as it’s very uneven.

He believes this is important as many elderly and those that have mobility-limiting issues live in the nearby Spruce Village Apartments.

“The sidewalk and crosswalk there is very uneven, the road is very uneven, there have been numerous falls and trips and carts going over not only observed and photographed by members of our committee who live in that area, but also by local police who have assisted members,” he said.

The last recommendation is on Peters Street, a one-way street off W. Church Street, that has cars parked on both sides of the street.

“If they don’t pull tight to the curb, it

makes it almost impossible for another car to pass up the middle of the road. The suggestion was to limit parking to one side of Peters,” he said.

In other matters, the council:

\*Heard from interim city manager Glen Adams that Keith Holland was hired as the city’s Community Development Director.

\*Approved a resolution for the ANCHOR Commission regarding the ANCHOR/Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act and authorized Mayor LC Jones to sign it.

\*Heard from John Ferman about the city’s kudzu issue.

\*Approved the joint resolution with Henry County regarding the proposed amended and restated revenue sharing agreements and authorized Jones to sign it.

\*Heard an update on the search for a

# OBITUARIES

## Chelsey Lee Curry

Chelsey Lee Curry, 32, of Axton, VA passed away Friday, August 18, 2023. She was born July 8, 1991, in Martinsville, VA.

She is survived by her father, Milton Curry; mother, Angela Greer Rigney; stepfather, Gary Rigney; son, Jaxton William Willard; brother, Brandon Curry and wife, Jessica; aunt, Sheila Eames; nephews, Branson Curry and Wade Curry; niece, Karissa Curry; grandparents,



Alvina and Steve Rea; and several cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Hazel

Brock. Chelsey was a free spirit who had a big heart and loved her son unconditionally. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at Norris Funeral Services, Martinsville Chapel with Minister Curt Ashley officiating. Norris Funeral Services, Martinsville, VA is serving the Curry family. Online condolences may be made at [norrisfuneral.com](http://norrisfuneral.com).

## George Tatum “Buddy” Turner

George Tatum “Buddy” Turner, 71, of Collinsville, Virginia passed away Thursday, August 17, 2023, at his residence. Buddy was born December 10, 1951, to the late George Walker and Mary Susan Tatum Turner. He was a 1970 graduate of Fieldale Collinsville High School and attended Virginia Tech. He was a mechanic with the



school bus garage for over 5 years. Buddy is survived by

numerous cousins and friends. A graveside service was held on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, Sycamore Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Roy McVey officiating. Wright Funeral Service and Crematory is serving the family. Online condolences may be made at [www.wrightfuneralservices.net](http://www.wrightfuneralservices.net).

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gobbles it down.

There won’t be any cat food until tomorrow, so you give the old cat other offerings to tide her over: milk (ignored). Cheese (the cat turns her face away). Cream (runs straight from the untouched dish back to the empty cat food dish). Rice and mixed vegetables (no, thank you). (By the way, dairy upsets a cat’s stomach, so unless you’re out of cat food, it’s best avoided, and should be watered down when given.)

Sighing, you put away your project

and head to the store. When you get back home, cats swirl around your feet and meow as you open the bag and fill the dish. The other cats sit nearby, watching intently as the old cat eats first (lest they get slapped across the face), then move in on their meal once she walks away, satisfied.

Later that night at dinner you get up a moment to get something else.

The moment you turn back toward the table, you catch the old cat eating some of the dinner food – broccoli and cheese – out of the kid’s hand.

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on issues within its jurisdiction.

As Chairman of the E&C Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, I have held 13 hearings since the beginning of April. One focus of the subcommittee is to provide oversight of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

We have worked to hold HHS responsible for their abject failure to competently manage the record number of unaccompanied minors in this country. While we may disagree on what brought these kids to the U.S., once we have taken responsibility for these children, we have a moral obligation to ensure they have the care they need.

We have also explored emerging public threats like antimicrobial resistance (bacteria that is resistant to antibiotics) and how phage therapy (the process of using viruses that kill or weaken bacteria by attacking the bacteria) can combat this growing problem.

I am also a member of the Health Subcommittee and Energy Subcommittee. In the Health Subcommittee, we have held hearings covering our country’s overdose crisis, a serious problem in our district and our nation. We also continue to look for ways to lower our health care costs, whether that be Medicare or prescription drug costs.

On the Energy Subcommittee, we have held hearings about the need to secure our nation’s power grid, a real problem in the age of ever-increasing cyberattacks.

We have also looked at all of the above

solutions in energy, including the future of nuclear energy in the United States. Nuclear energy is a dependable energy source and with the advent of small modular nuclear reactors, it is a potentially more significant electric provider for the future. That does not mean that we, and the rest of the world, will not need thermal coal.

I also serve on the House Administration Committee. The Committee continues to examine our country’s elections and voting processes. In July, Committee passed the American Confidence in Elections (ACE) Act, which included my NO VOTE for Non-Citizens Act. The bill reaffirms it is a crime for non-citizens to vote in our federal elections and withholds some federal dollars from state/local jurisdictions that allow non-citizens to vote in their elections.

The Committee has also done oversight work over the U.S. Capitol Police (USCP), bringing in the USCP police chief, inspector general, and police board. I am investigating the sweetheart retirement deal granted to former Assistant Chief Pittman, which was revealed to the public through our hearings.

There is more work to be done between now and the end of the year. I will continue to take our Fightin’ Ninth values to Washington.

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 my website at [www.morgangriffith.house.gov](http://www.morgangriffith.house.gov).



**The Martinsville City Council plans to hold interviews for the new city manager soon.**

new city manager. The council plans to hold the interviews for the seven candidates soon.

\*Approved the requested changes to the organizational structure and hiring of new positions.



**P&HCC's Director of Workforce Development Shelira Morrison speaks with students at RSVP orientation for Certified Clinical Medical Assistant students.**

## Increased RSVP Grant Funds Awarded to P&HCC

Patrick & Henry Community College has been awarded the Road to Success in Virginia Program (RSVP) grant in Virginia Community College System's (VCCS) annual renewal process. The program incorporates in-demand, industry recognized, credential based training, work readiness development, and coaching to assist students with securing self-sufficient employment. The grant award for 2023-2024 was increased approximately \$20,000 from the 2022-2023 year to \$158,375.77, which will allow the college to serve even more students in its adult workforce preparatory programming.

To be eligible for RSVP grant support, a student must meet 200% of the poverty level and have a child 19 or younger. He/she must complete both Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) and National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) assessments and participate in Moral Reconciliation Therapy Training to support the development of healthier lifestyle habits so they can simultaneously balance work, school and family at once. Students also complete digital literacy acclimation prior to beginning coursework.

Partners enable students in the program to participate in grant opportunities and additional supportive services they may also have available in addition to the RSVP grant support. P&HCC's RSVP instructors collaborate with Henry County Public Schools' adult education staff at Center for Community Learning to provide information for preparatory courses so that students are equipped and ready when they enter the program of interest.

"One of the things I love about this grant is that it gives us the opportunity

to really embrace our relationship with our partners. Robbie Knight with West Piedmont Workforce Investment Board provides experiential learning and career opportunities for our students and Martha Bowman with VA Career Works provides additional supportive services and refers students interested in skilled trades, phlebotomy, Nurse Aide, and Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) programs. The collaboration with community partners is essential to enhancing students' success," said Shelira Morrison, P&HCC's Director of Workforce Development.

Program participants attend an annual orientation to gain a clear understanding of what to expect from courses and the supports available to them as they complete their courses of study. Workforce team members recently celebrated the success of a CCMA student who successfully completed the course but did not successfully achieve the credential. Following additional advising sessions and an additional class, the student was able to earn the credential and secured a position making \$19 per hour – one of the highest salaries for CCMA program completers.

"Our program students have access to supportive services that make a difference. Gas cards, grocery support, and car repair are just some of the ways we are able to assist them as their studies. It is astounding the level of support we are able to provide our students. Whatever the challenge is, we are prepared to take a look at the need on a case by case basis and provide assistance to address the barriers students experience so that we can make sure students who get in to a program stay in," said Morrison.

## Sports Schedule

Following are the dates and times of local high school teams and their games for the week of Aug. 28-Sept. 2.

8/28	2pm	Golf	Bassett at George Washington (Danville Country Club)
	2pm	Golf	Magna Vista at George Washington (Danville Country Club)
	2pm	Golf	Martinsville at George Washington (Danville Country Club)
	7pm	Volleyball	Staunton at Bassett
	7pm	Volleyball	Gretna at Magna Vista
8/29	7pm	Volleyball	Bassett at Chatham
	7pm	Volleyball	William Fleming at Martinsville
8/30	2pm	Golf	Bassett at Patrick County (Gordon Trent GC)
	7pm	Volleyball	Morehead at Martinsville
8/31	TBD	Cross Country	Bassett – Meet at Smith River Sports Complex
	5pm	Cross Country	Magna Vista – Meet at Smith River Sports Complex
	5pm	Cross Country	Martinsville – Meet at Smith River Sports Complex
	7pm	Volleyball	Bassett at James River
	7pm	Volleyball	Magna Vista at Halifax County
	7pm	Volleyball	Martinsville at Tunstall
9/1	7pm	Football	Bassett at Patrick County
	7pm	Football	Dan River at Magna Vista
	7pm	Football	Gretna at Martinsville

## 2023 Hill-Clark Family Reunion

The descendants of James Hill (October 13, 1864-March 22, 1919) and Jenny Clark (October 12, 1870-March 24, 1941) gathered in Patrick County on July 21-23, 2023, for the 15th Hill-Clark Family Reunion. We Are the Hope and Dreams of our Ancestors, was the theme for this year's family reunion. The itinerary included a fish fry on Friday at Fairy Stone State Park, a banquet on Saturday at the New College Institute in Martinsville, and concluded with church service on Sunday at Hylton Thessalonian Primitive Baptist Church in Stuart.

The first Hill-Clark Reunion was held in Stuart in 1980 and has been hosted by family members in vari-

ous states including Georgia, Maryland, Michigan, Tennessee, and West Virginia. The 2023 family reunion was one of the largest with 220 attendees from sixteen states including family members from Toronto Canada. The turnout was noteworthy including a 72-year-old couple who traveled from West Virginia to attend their first family reunion.

The importance of recognizing our ancestors and celebrating family ties can be summed up in this poem penned by Donnell Hill entitled Turn the Page. Let us not forget the ones, that have come and gone. The ones who have paved the way for us to carry on. From generation to generation passing down hope and

love still watching over us now from the heavens above. Let us not forget the ones that are still with us here today. Like a beacon in a storm, they help to guide our way. Their light gives us strength so that we can hold steadfast. Bridging the gap from our present back to our past. Let us teach our children for the future is in their hands. Give them the tools so that one day they can make their stand. The future is coming, and we all can help to set that stage. Another year is upon us so let's smile and turn the page.

The 2025 Hill-Clark Family Reunion will be held again in Patrick County. Until then be safe, keep in touch, and remember to Turn the Page.

## Craft Beer Culture Takes Center Stage at 'Ale On The Rail Festival' in Bassett

Virginia, the beloved destination for craft beer enthusiasts, is set to host the highly anticipated 'Ale On The Rail Festival' on September 30. This one-day event will showcase local craft breweries at the historic Bassett Train Station.

Scheduled from 12 to 7 p.m., the festival offers an afternoon and evening of craft beer exploration from breweries you can't try in stores. With an impressive lineup of breweries, guests will have the opportunity to sample over 38 unique and flavorful brews that embody the spirit of Virginia's craft beer scene.

The 'Ale On The Rail Festival' also features music from the Chuck Mountain Band, The Andy Burnette Trio and The League of Ordinary

Gentlemen. The event will also feature food truck vendors from all of the Blue Ridge.

This event is a gathering of passionate brewers, beer enthusiasts, and community members, all coming together to celebrate the craftsmanship of the local craft beer industry. Whether you're a weekend traveler or a seasoned beer expert, this festival promises an unforgettable experience.

For more information about the 'Ale On The Rail Festival,' including tickets and participating breweries, visit [(aleontherailfestival.com)]. Stay updated by following the Ale On The Rail Facebook page.

Designated Driver tickets are also available at a discounted price.

## Stanleytown man held with no bond

The Martinsville-Henry County 911 Center received a call reporting a disturbance at 74 Halifax Drive, Collinsville around 4:22 p.m. on August 18.

Deputies and investigators from the Henry County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene and located a woman suffering multiple stab wounds.

During the investigation, authorities learned that a man and woman got into an argument about living arrangements. When the man arrived at the apartments on Halifax Drive, police alleged he went to one of the apartments to get his belongings.

During this time, the man saw the woman leave a neighboring apartment, and allegedly became upset because the woman had changed her living arrangements. The man allegedly approached the victim and stabbed her in the back with a knife.



**John Wright Goodman**

The woman suffered multiple stab wounds and was transported to Sovah Health Martinsville for non-life-threatening injuries. John Wright Goodman, 26, of 590 Henry St., Stanleytown, was located walking on Halifax Drive and taken into custody without incident on a charge of malicious wounding. He is currently held at the Henry County Adult Detention Center with no bond.

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

## Smith River Spirits Celebrates Virginia Spirits Month

Virginia Spirits Month celebrates its eighth anniversary this year. The month serves as a time to recognize the Commonwealth's rich history as the birthplace of American spirits and highlights the innovation and passion of local distillers today.

To celebrate, Smith River Spirits will host tastings and tours throughout September. Tastings and Tours are offered at no cost during regular business hours. No reservation needed.

Smith River Spirits is open Thursday-Saturday from 1 until 6 p.m. weekly.

As part of the celebration, Virginia ABC is hosting the Virginia Spirits Sale-A-Bration. This means throughout September, customers can save 20% on select Virginia spirits pur-

chases made in Virginia ABC stores, distilleries and online stores, including the entire collection from Smith River Spirits.

"Virginia has a rich history of producing craft spirits, and we're proud to celebrate alongside other talented producers in the Commonwealth as part of Virginia Spirits Month," J. Peyton Gravely, Communications Director. "We hope the promotions will introduce potential new customers to our line of pure products, while also inspiring spirits enthusiasts to support Virginia distilleries."

For more information on Smith River Spirits, visit [www.smithriverspirits.com](http://www.smithriverspirits.com) and follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@smithriverspirits) and Twitter/X (@SRS\_BrandyVA).

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percent to five percent. Revenues generated from the increase will be designated for tourism-specific activities at the Smith River Sports Complex. The transient occupancy tax is charged on hotels, motels, boarding houses, and travel campgrounds at a rate based on the occupancy of any room or space. The tax currently generates approximately \$155,000 annually.

In other matters, the board:

- Approved items of consent.
- Heard the monthly delinquent tax collection effort report.
- Heard an update from Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HC) president Dr. Greg Hodges about the college.
- Recognized the presentation of the 2022 Achievement Award to the Henry County Fair. The fair was selected by the Virginia Association of Counties for its success over the first two years of operations since its reinstatement.



**The Henry County Board of Supervisors will accept public input at its Oct. 24 meeting on proposal that would qualify additional residents for real estate tax relief.**

- Approved the notice, resolution, and submission of documents related to the revenue-sharing agreements with the City of Martinsville on Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre and the Bryant property.
- Approved an additional appropriation of \$547,575 in grant funds received through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for the purchase of standby generators.
- Established a 30-day comment period beginning August 23, 2023, to receive additional input regarding the 2023 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) application.
- Conducted a public hearing and denied a request to rezone approximately 13-acres of the Reed Creek District from Rural Residential District to Agricultural District. The applicant wished to sell the property to a new owner who sought to keep chickens and live-stock.
- Conducted a public hearing and approved a request to rezone two lots in the Ridgeway District from Suburban Residential District to Commercial District. The applicant wishes to bring the property into zoning compliance and allow for possible expansion.

# LEGAL NOTICES

**VIRGINIA:**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HENRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY, )  
a public service corporation )  
organized and existing under )  
Title 56 of the Code of Virginia, )  
Plaintiff, )

v. ) Law No. CL23001089-00

PATRICIA WADE, )  
BRUCE WADE, )  
BERNARD FRANKLIN, )  
CORDELIA FRANKLIN, )  
JEFFREY FRANKLIN, )  
REGINALD PRESTON, )  
MICHAEL PRESTON, )  
BRYANT PRESTON, )  
SHARON TAYLOR, )  
DOROTHY PENN, )  
PHYLLIS PENN JONES, )  
MELINDA PENN, )  
DAVID DANDRIDGE, )  
DEDRA DANDRIDGE, )  
BRANDON DANDRIDGE, )  
UNKNOWN OWNERS, HEIRS OF JAMES T. )  
PRESTON, )  
UNKNOWN OWNERS, HEIRS OF OSCAR )  
PRESTON, )  
and )  
a transmission line right-of-way easement, )  
comprising 1.16 acres, more or less, and a )  
temporary construction easement, comprising )  
0.74 acres, more or less, across a parcel land )  
located in Henry County, Virginia and )  
identified as Tax Map No. 51.5 (000) 000/111, )  
Defendants. )

**NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR CONDEMNATION BY PUBLICATION**

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to an order entered on the 10th day of August, 2023, this notice is hereby given:

In this proceeding, the petitioner seeks to acquire by condemnation a right-of-way easement and temporary construction easement across a certain parcel of land situated in Henry County, Virginia, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating an electric transmission line, which is described more particularly in the Petition for Condemnation and exhibits attached thereto on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Henry County, to which reference is hereby made for a full and accurate description thereof; for the right of immediate entry in accordance with Virginia Code §§ 25.1-223 and -224; and for the appointment of commissioners or the empanelment of a jury to ascertain just compensation to the owners of any estate or interest in the property to be taken or affected as a result of the taking and use thereof by the petitioner.

A hearing on the petitioner's request for immediate entry onto the property for the purpose of improving the transmission line will be held on **October 19, 2023 at 4:15 p.m.** in the Circuit Court of Henry County. Any person with an interest in the property is invited to attend and participate.

At a later date, the petitioner will move the Circuit Court of Henry County to set a date for the trial of this proceeding. The purpose of the trial will be to determine just compensation for the easement to be condemned and to ascertain the damages, if any, resulting to the adjacent property as a result of the taking.

And it appearing by affidavit filed according to law that after diligent inquiry, the following owners of the property are not residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia, or their names and addresses are unknown:

**PATRICIA WADE, 33 Hamilton Court, Apt. C, Stamford, CT 06902;**  
**BRUCE WADE, 1757 Lakota Dr., Florence, SC 29505;**  
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**MICHAEL PRESTON, Unknown Address;**  
**BRYANT PRESTON, 240 7th Ave., Apt 3D, Mount Vernon, NY 10550;**  
**SHARON TAYLOR, Unknown Address;**  
**DOROTHY PENN, Unknown Address;**  
**BRENDA WATFORD, 4363 Campus Hills Cir., Jacksonville, FL 32218;**  
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**PHYLLIS PENN JONES, Unknown Address;**  
**MELINDA PENN, Unknown Address;**  
**DAVID DANDRIDGE, Unknown Address;**  
**DEDRA DANDRIDGE, Unknown Address;**  
**BRANDON DANDRIDGE, 695 Atlantic st., Stamford, CT 06902,**  
**UNKNOWN OWNERS, HEIRS OF JAMES T. PRESTON;**  
**UNKNOWN OWNERS, HEIRS OF OSCAR PRESTON;** and

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**VIRGINIA:**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HENRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY, )  
a public service corporation )  
organized and existing under )  
Title 56 of the Code of Virginia, )  
Plaintiff, )

v. ) Law No. CL23001090-00

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VALERIE HODGE, )  
AUDREY LANEY, )  
DEBORAH HINES, )  
ROBERT HAIRSTON, )  
UNKNOWN OWNERS, THE HEIRS OF )  
DAVID NANCE, )  
JAMES RANDOLPH NANCE, )  
DEAN NANCE, )  
KIM NANCE, )  
RODERICK RUCKER, )  
WAYNE RUCKER, )  
LORI JEAN RUCKER, )  
COLLETTE JEANINE MAHAFFEY, )  
MAXINE HAIRSTON, )  
WALTER PRESTON HAIRSTON, )  
CINDY BROWN, )  
and )  
a transmission line right-of-way easement, )  
comprising 1.07 acres, more or less, and a )  
temporary construction easement, comprising )  
0.74 acres, more or less, across a parcel land )  
located in Henry County, Virginia and )  
identified as Tax Map No. 51.4 (000) 000/037, )  
Defendants. )

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A hearing on the petitioner's request for immediate entry onto the property for the purpose of improving the transmission line will be held on **October 19, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.** in the Circuit Court of Henry County. Any person with an interest in the property is invited to attend and participate.

At a later date, the petitioner will move the Circuit Court of Henry County to set a date for the trial of this proceeding. The purpose of the trial will be to determine just compensation for the easement to be condemned and to ascertain the damages, if any, resulting to the adjacent property as a result of the taking.

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**VALERIE HODGE, 4632 Griscom St., Philadelphia, PA 19124;**  
**AUDREY LANEY, 1310 Glenwood Ave., Salisbury, NC 28146;**  
**DEBORAH HINES, Unknown Address;**  
**ROBERT HAIRSTON, Unknown Address;**  
**UNKNOWN OWNERS, THE HEIRS OF DAVID NANCE;**  
**JAMES RANDOLPH NANCE, Unknown Address;**  
**DEAN NANCE, Unknown Address;**  
**KIM NANCE, Unknown Address;**  
**LORI JEAN RUCKER, Unknown Address;**  
**COLLETTE JEANINE MAHAFFEY, 7326 Skyview Trail, Roscoe, IL 61073;**  
**WALTER PRESTON HAIRSTON, Unknown Address; and**

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# LEGAL NOTICES

## FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTION PARTIALLY WITHIN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN

August 26, 2023  
 County of Henry  
 PO Box 7  
 Collinsville, VA 24078  
 276-634-4620  
 (Voice 800-828-1140)  
 (TTP 800-828-1120)

### To: All interested agencies, groups and individuals

This is to give notice that Henry County under Part 58 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. This activity is funded under the Appalachian Regional Commission's POWER grant under DHCD CONTRACT # 22-PW-01A. The proposed project, Dick and Willie Passage Trail Phase 6a-2, Henry County, Virginia, is located in a 100-year floodplain.

Within the 100-year floodplain project activities include construction of a mile-long segment of the 2.96-mile gap in the Dick & Willie Passage Trail segment. Phase 6A entails 10,742' of new Dick & Willie Passage Trail segment and 1,461' sidewalk connection. This funding is for Phase 6A-2, the final mile of the 2.96-mile gap known as Phase 6A.

Henry County has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values:

A. Locate the Project Within the Floodplain - The alignment leading to the least impact was identified (156 linear feet of trail and bridge, 6,120 SF of disturbance within the floodplain).

B. Locate the Project Outside of the Floodplain - The only other option to locate the project outside the floodplain was significantly more expensive and created more challenges to ensure full ADA and PROW-AGS accessibility. This phase connects two existing trail segments (6A-1 and 5). A Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) conducted by VDOT in 2017 represents accord that this alignment allows for the completion of the trail with the least environmental impact possible.

C. No Action or Alternative Actions that Serve the Same Purpose - A no action alternative was considered and rejected because of the long-standing plans and support for creating this trail. Without this trail segment, the Dick & Willie Passage Trail would be incomplete.

Henry County has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Henry County at the following address on or before September 4, 2023: Henry County, P.O. Box 7, Collinsville, VA 24078, ATTN: Dale Wagoner, County Administrator and Phone: 276-634-4600. A full description of the project may be reviewed at the Office of Engineering, 3300 Kings Mountain Road, Martinsville, VA 24112 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Comments may also be submitted by email to [dwagoner@co.henry.va.us](mailto:dwagoner@co.henry.va.us)

## VDOT Virginia Department of Transportation ADVERTISEMENT FOR SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT SERVICES WITH OPERATOR SIGNUP

The Virginia Department of Transportation invites heavy equipment owners to sign up for the rental of their equipment with operators for SNOW & ICE REMOVAL purposes in Martinsville Residency which includes the counties of Henry, Patrick and Carroll during the winter of 2023-2024. Price per hour shall include operators, fuel, tire chains, supplies and required insurance. VDOT will need dump trucks, pickups with plows, motorgraders, backhoes, dozers, track loaders, tractors, rubber tire loaders and farm tractors. All equipment shall be equipped for night work and be in good mechanical condition to ensure a safe and dependable 24/7 operation. VDOT reserves the right to determine acceptability of equipment size and condition for the task. Contractors submitting prices meeting the requirements of the Agreement may be contracted with and may be eligible to receive a mobilization payment and a minimum guaranteed payment for the season.

Contractors must submit their application on the electronic M7B bidding site at <https://p1ow4va.com/>. All new and returning Contractors must be active in the Virginia eProcurement Portal (eVA) in order to do business with the Commonwealth of Virginia (<https://eva.virginia.gov>).

Applications received by 7:00 PM on Monday October 2, 2023 may be eligible for a mobilization bonus. See the EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements.

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

Email: [SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov)  
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 ALICE PENN, ) PUBLICATION  
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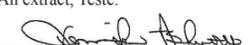
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- ANTHONY FERRELL, 5709 Lansdowne Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19131
- KIM PRESTON, 3288 Bellerive Drive, Pickerington, OH 43147;
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- CLARENCE O'BRIAN JACKSON, 7621 Rainforest Dr., North Jacksonville, FL 32277;
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## Housing

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said the additional revenues “can certainly be used to help pay down the debt on the jail.”

Davis shared the specifics of his solution at the August 22 Henry County Board of Supervisors meeting and noted that in June, the county's Adult Detention Center was approved to house inmates for the federal government.

“We signed an intergovernmental agreement between the Henry County Sheriff's Office, the United States Marshal's Office from the Western District of Virginia to house 20 inmates at a \$65 per day per diem,” he said.

Davis estimated that the arrangement would produce \$465,000 in annual revenue. The first federal inmate from Virginia was housed in the center in July.

Reiterating the decrease in inmate population across Virginia, and noting there was not a serious need for inmate bed space in the Western District, Davis said, “So, what we've done is we've continued to work on that relationship with the Western District of Virginia and we've grown and fostered that relationship.”

Last Thursday, he said the Henry County Sheriff's Office, the United States Marshal's Office for the Western District of Virginia, and the United States Marshal's Office for the Western District of North Carolina met at the county detention center.

“As a result of that meeting, we have finalized and signed a new intergovernmental agreement between the Henry County Sheriff's Office and the United States Marshal's Office for the Western District of North Carolina to house 200 federal inmates,” he said.

As early as the beginning of next week, Davis believes the Adult Detention Center will start housing those inmates. The agreement states the Adult Detention Center will start with housing 50 inmates.

The county will be paid the federal daily per diem, which is \$65, Davis said, noting that amount is more than double the \$30 daily rate paid by other jurisdictions.

“The \$65 federal rate is a true win/win for us. If we house inmates for another local jail, the rate is \$30 per day,” he said.

The arrival of federal inmates in the county will be “phased in slowly over the coming months. They won't be bussed in at one time,” Davis said, adding the number will build up to the agreed-upon 50 inmates.

The gradual pace also will give jail staff the opportunity to adjust to the federal system, he said.

“There's a tremendous amount of paperwork that comes with a federal inmate. So, our staff has to get accustomed to handling their paperwork and billing processes associated with these federal inmates,” he said.

“Those 50 inmates equate to \$1.1 million in annual revenue. So, as we continue to move that up, the Western District has a need for a lot of bed spaces, so we hope to grow this agreement to the full 200,” he said, adding the Henry County Adult Detention Center has a rated capacity of 400 inmates. The current average daily number is 251.

The 50 additional inmates “will still only take us to about 300 inmates, which leaves us about three-fourths of the way full,” he said.

The center's current rated capacity is 400 inmates. Davis said it can begin to double bunk some of the low and medium-risk inmates to increase the capacity to 600 inmates.

Additionally, “when the facility was constructed, it already has a footprint for an annex” that would house an additional 200 inmates, he said, and added core facilities such as laundry and kitchen were built to handle 800 inmates.

The Adult Detention Center will hold all of the inmates it receives, regardless of their offenses.

“We didn't put anything into the agreement of level of offenses we would hold and what we wouldn't hold,” Davis said, adding the facility is “extremely secure” and its staff can handle all offense levels.

If the arrangement works out well, Davis said housing 200 federal inmates would equate to \$4.7 million in annual income at the \$65 per day rate.

“I know several board members and myself had discussed this and the importance of getting it done, and I believe we got it done,” he said.

Davis said the federal intergovernmental agreement includes a transportation agreement to provide some level of transportation, but that also will be at an hourly rate and federal mileage.

On August 8, Davis said he met with the City of Martinsville Sheriff Steve Draper about also housing inmates from Martinsville.

“It was an excellent meeting, and Sheriff Draper agreed to allow us to house a number of his inmates. He still needs to maintain a certain number or percentage of inmates, so he can assure the security of his staff having a job,” he said.

The Adult Detention Center is currently housing 22 inmates from Martinsville.

Henry County Administrator Dale Wagoner said the additional revenue generated from the agreement will help alleviate the burden on taxpayers.

While Wagoner said the construction debt may not be paid off earlier, “getting this revenue secured makes it easier to make that payment and less of a burden on the taxpayers.”

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# Traveling exhibit of motorsports legend featured at library

The Library of Virginia and Dominion Energy recently recognized Wendell Scott posthumously, presenting the trailblazing African American motorsports legend with the esteemed 2023 Strong Men and Women of Virginia Award.

In celebration of Scott's achievements and the work of the Wendell Scott Foundation, a traveling exhibit will be showcased at the Martinsville Library from now until September 16. The exhibit offers a unique opportunity for the public to delve into the life and accomplishments of Scott, exploring his impact on motorsports and his significant contributions to Virginia's history.

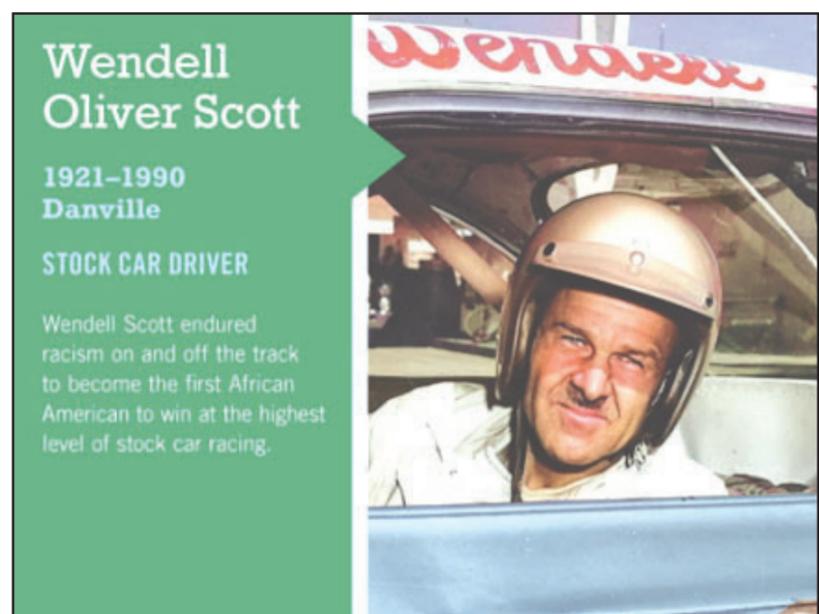
Scott etched his name in history as the first African American to compete full-time in NASCAR's premier series, shattering barriers and paving the way for diversity and inclusion in motorsports. His unwavering determination, extraordinary achievements, and indomitable spirit continue to inspire generations, leaving an indelible mark on American motorsports history.

The award, which celebrates exceptional contributions to the state, the nation, or respective professions, was accepted by Warrick Scott, CEO of the Wendell Scott Foundation and Wendell Scott's grandson, during a special ceremony held in honor of his grandfa-

ther's enduring legacy.

Warrick Scott, a visionary leader in his own right, carries forward his grandfather's legacy. The Wendell Scott Foundation tirelessly works to preserve and promote Wendell Scott's remarkable contributions by providing educational opportunities, mentorship, and support to aspiring young individuals pursuing careers in motorsports and beyond.

"We are deeply honored by this recognition of my grandfather's legacy," Warrick Scott said. "Wendell Scott's enduring impact on motorsports and civil rights is a testament to his resilience and determination. Accepting this award on behalf of the Wendell Scott Foundation is a proud moment, as we



continue to inspire and empower future generations to break barriers and fulfill their dreams."

Following its stop in Martinsville, the exhibit

will move to the Ruby B. Archie Library in Danville, where it will be on display from November 13, until December 23. To learn

more about The Wendell Scott Foundation's impact, visit [www.wendellscott.org](http://www.wendellscott.org), contact [info@wendellscott.org](mailto:info@wendellscott.org) or call (434) 533-0097.

# Mazda MX-5 Cup Completes Successful Two-day Test at Martinsville Speedway

The Idemitsu Mazda MX-5 Cup presented by BFGoodrich Tires took part in two days of testing with four cars and eight total drivers, including NASCAR Hall of Famers Bobby Labonte and Dale Earnhardt Jr., as well as Martinsville Speedway track president Clay Campbell, to determine the feasibility of bringing the IMSA-sanctioned series to the half-mile track.

And while additional logistics and scheduling need to be hammered out, by the end of the two days, optimism from all sides was high that it would be feasible to bring the fan-favorite excitement of the MX-5 Cup to the oval in the future.

The Mazda MX-5 Cup, prior to this week's test, had only seen action on road and street courses. Martinsville Speedway hadn't seen an open-top race car turn laps since the NASCAR Convertible Series last raced there in 1959.

The test was a collaboration between NASCAR, IMSA, and track executives alongside Flis Performance and the Mazda MX-5 Cup. Flis Performance, based in Daytona Beach, Florida, builds the race cars.

"We've talked about it for a couple of years, would these be a good fit at Martinsville and we would like to see a test done to find that out," Martinsville track presi-



dent Clay Campbell said about the collaboration. "I think it's just so unique, it's never been done before. To run at an iconic facility like Martinsville brings something that is traditionally a road course car, it just has everybody pumped."

It didn't take long for Troy Flis, Managing Partner of Flis Performance, and the rest of the Flis Performance team to realize the test was a success, despite not knowing what to expect heading to Martinsville.

"We were a little bit concerned on how the cars were going to drive, but in realistically two-thirds of a day, the car was dialed in really well," said Flis. "I think they'll race really well, I'm super excited to see 30 or 35 of these things around Martinsville. It gives our drivers the opportunity to see a different style."

He added that the best moment of the test for him was that realization on Monday that, "We can do this."

"When that hit yesterday, that was cool. I think the biggest thing was us yesterday knowing that we could put on a really good show, and it's not just a show. It would be competitive and it's going to be hard to pass, and you're going to have to not make mistakes. All the things that we try to introduce to these new kids coming into this series and try to learn before they get to the national level."

Current Mazda MX-5 Cup regulars Connor Zilisch, the 2022 series rookie of the year, and Gresham Wagner, the 2021 series champion, took part in the test. They were joined by veteran driver Chad McCumbee, who brought extensive oval experience to the track with 105 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series races under his belt, as well as numerous starts in the ARCA Menards Series and CARS Tour. Veteran sports car drivers Andrew Carbonell and Tom Long also joined the test.

"It's about exactly as what I thought it would be, the car adapted amazingly well," said McCumbee, who is also co-owner of McCumbee McAleer Racing, which fields an MX-5 Cup Series team. "That's just a testament to what Mazda and Flis gave us for a platform to race with these cars. We'll see what kind of limit we can get with these cars, but a lot of excitement."

On Tuesday, Labonte, Earnhardt Jr. and Campbell also took turns around the track, providing their feed-

back on both the car and the excitement around the series testing at Martinsville.

Labonte agreed with other assessments that the MX-5 Cup could put on a great show for fans at Martinsville.

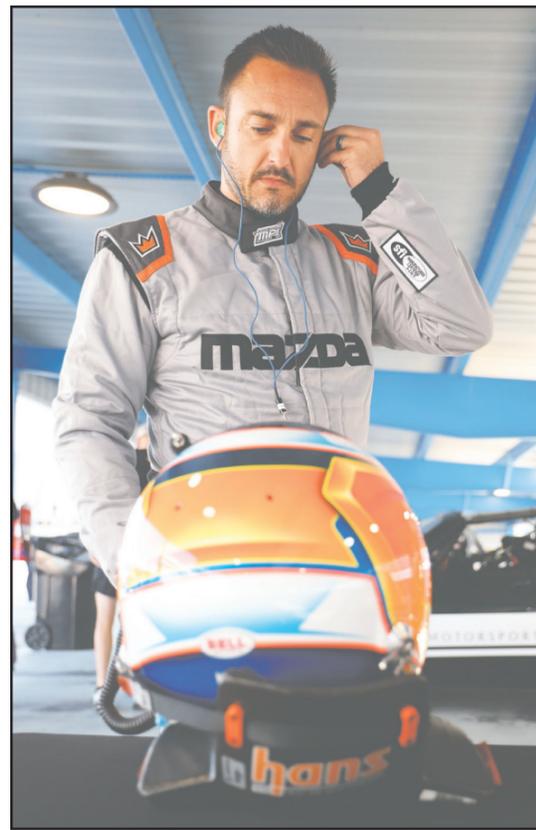
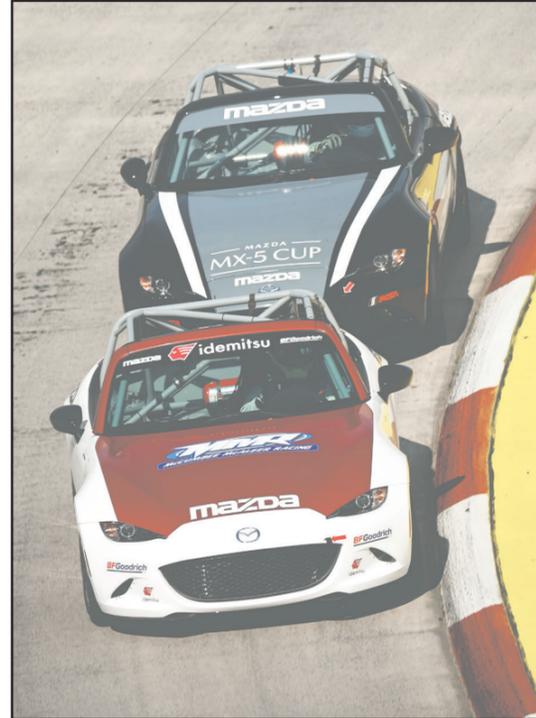
"I can see where you can start to run two-wide as the race goes on, and I know this is not a drafting place, but you can still feel it. I think that it would be for sure a little side-by-side battle and rubbing on each other a little bit, pretty exciting."

For some, bringing the MX-5 Cup to Martinsville was like bringing a video game to life, as many have run the short track on iRacing with an MX-5 Cup car.

"It's already got a cult following in sim racing," said Earnhardt. "The series is very exciting and well-respected, people know when they tune in to MX-5, whether it's at Daytona or Road America, that they're going to see a fantastic show. And I think that they want to see what that would look like on a short track like Martinsville, and the sim world has already checked that box. It would be very tempting for a lot of oval racers to come be a part of the series if they were to come to Martinsville."

Any plans to add the Mazda MX-5 Cup to the Martinsville Speedway calendar will be released at a later date, but the appeal is there for Campbell.

"We're always trying to attract new fans to our events here at Martinsville,"



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Campbell said. "I hope to be able to run one of these in the very near future, I think the fans would love it. Drafting, passing, side-by-side, that's what fans want to see."

The Idemitsu Mazda MX-5 Cup presented by BFGoodrich Tires has two races this weekend at VIRginia International Raceway and ends its season at Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta. All races are streamed live on RACER.com.

Martinsville Speedway will host the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour season finale on Thursday, Oct. 26, and penultimate races of the Xfinity Series in the Dead On Tools 250 on Saturday, Oct. 28, at 7:30 p.m. and the Cup Series in the Xfinity 500

on Sunday, Oct. 29, at 2:00 p.m. In an intense short track battle that can only happen at Martinsville, the races will set the field for the respective series for the NASCAR Championships the following week at Phoenix Raceway.

The ValleyStar Credit Union 300, the nation's biggest, richest and most prestigious NASCAR Late Model Stock Car race, will also return for an evening of intense competition on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m.

Tickets to the NASCAR Playoff weekend and the ValleyStar Credit Union 300 are available for purchase via phone at 877-RACE-TIX or online at [martinsvillespeedway.com](http://martinsvillespeedway.com).

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