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Davis sweeps county precincts in Tuesday's vote

By Staff Reports

Wayne Davis won every precinct in his bid for Henry County Sheriff. He won the most votes overall among candidates in races with opposition, garnering 73.86 percent of the vote, according to unofficial results.

In his contest against Del Mills, Davis picked up 9,971 votes to the 3,495, or 25.89 percent, cast for his opponent.

At Bassett #2, Davis received 60.87 percent to Mills' 38.46 percent. The results were similar in Gunville, where Davis won 62.23 percent to 37.44 percent for Mills.

At Scott's Tanyard, Fieldale, and Horsepasture #1, Davis received 65.67

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DISTRICTS	BLACKBERRY	HORSEPASTURE	IRISWOOD	COLLINSVILLE	REED CREEK	RIDGEWAY	TOTAL
Member Senate of Virginia 7th District							
William M. "Bill" Stanley - R	179	515	874	252	522	200	521
Deborah L. "Renie" Gates - D	114	90	143	105	171	255	134
Member House of Delegates 47th District							
Patricia Lynn Quesenberry - D	120	87	148				142
Wren M. Williams - R	170	507	853				499
Jacob C. Frogel - I	2	11	22				8
Member House of Delegates 48th District							
Les R. Adams - R			311	586	324		317
M. Andrew Nester	263	556	912	320	621	410	566
Commonwealth's Attorney							
Tiffany Renee Hairston - I	159	228	252	116	205	309	175
Blake T. Minter - I	45	100	229	75	205	50	144
Dallas D. Hairston - I	21	28	62	21	36	69	48
Adrienne Harris Bowyer - I	50	195	389	113	183	61	194
Melissa Anne Zehr - I	10	32	59	25	49	23	66
Sheriff							
Del. G. Mills - I	115	228	354	90	147	76	134
D. Wayne Davis, Jr. - I	182	379	683	270	547	432	530
Treasurer							
Scott B. Gridstaff - I	183	364	587	226	375	265	377
Michael D. Minter, Jr. - I	61	139	209	77	223	139	163
David Wayne Moore - I	37	89	224	49	92	86	100
School Board Member At Large							
Cherie Joyce Whitlow - I	156	292	553	176	364	179	342
Mary S. Martin - I	127	276	415	155	270	272	251
Member Board of Supervisors - Horsepasture							
Debra Parsons Buchanan - I			315	622	441	564	
Member Board of Supervisors - Reed Creek							
Pamela C. Cobler - I							258
Gordon C. Metz, Jr. - I							106
Member Board of Supervisors - Ridgeway							
Travis L. Pruitt - I						665	165
Member School Board - Horsepasture							
Valeria Clark Edwards - I			145	224	282	166	
Stephanie A. Brinegar - I			179	454	215	473	
Member School Board - Reed Creek							
Teddy Doyle Martin, II - I						328	510
Member School Board - Ridgeway							
Champ C. Hardie, Jr. - I						719	177

Mandatory Burn Ban Implemented in Henry County

Due to continued dry conditions, Henry County Administrator Dale Wagoner has issued an immediate ban on all outdoor burning within the county.

Unusually dry weather conditions have created a high risk of wildfires; therefore, effective November 8, ALL outdoor burning is prohibited until further notice. The ONLY exceptions to the ban are covered gas,

electric, or charcoal barbecue grills/smokers and manufactured outdoor wood furnaces. Under certain circumstances, a permit for outside fires during the burn ban can be obtained.

Contact the Fire Marshal's Office or visit www.hcdps.com online for more information.

The National Weather Service forecasters expect these extreme conditions

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Big Bird Toy Run set for Saturday

Taylor Boyd
Staff writer

The 31st annual Big Bird Toy Run will be held on Saturday, November 11. The ride will start at Bird's Cycle Shop, located at 6537 Greensboro Road, Ridgeway, and ends at Sportlanes, located at 10 Koehler Road, Martinsville.

Registration for the event starts at 10 a.m. and the ride starts at 1 p.m. The cost is \$20 per rider or \$30 for doubles.

The ride was established in 1992 by Ricky "Big Bird" Holcomb to help Henry County children feel the holiday spirit.

Chad Hall, of BTW21 took over the ride about five years ago, after Holcomb's health began to decline. Holcomb passed away in February 2021.

A 50/50 auction, live music, and a meal for participants will be held at Sportlanes. Madhouse will perform following the ride.

Donations in the form of money or unwrapped children's Christmas toys can also be made without attending the event.

Annual proceeds typically range anywhere from \$5,000 to \$20,000.

The ride is sponsored by New Day Church, BTW21, Henry County Enterprise, Papa's Pizzeria Italian Restaurant, Daniel's Auto Glass, Jerry's Pizza, Domino's Pizza, Eden Jewelry, Bassett Funeral Services, and more.

For questions or to donate, call Chad Hall at (276) 647-9289.

Local Pastor Looking Forward to Retirement

By Gabrielle Walker

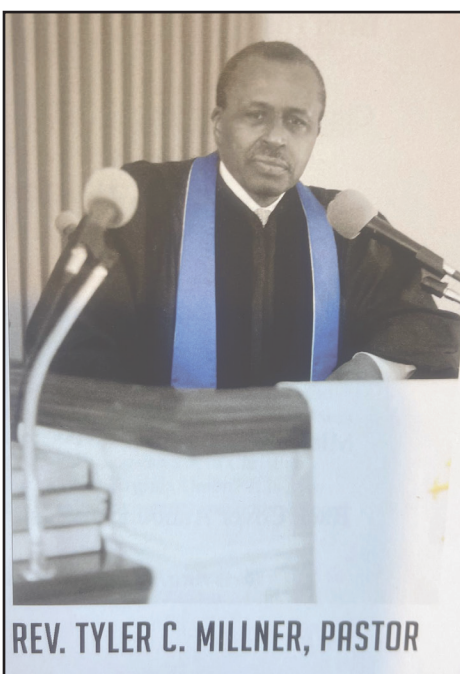
Pastor Tyler Millner, fondly called "The Rev.," is looking forward to retirement after more than 50 years in the ministry. Although he toyed with the idea of going to law school earlier in life, Millner explains he was primarily positioned to enter the ministry. His mother, Reverend Almeda F. Millner, pastored their church for 39 years, and he tagged along with her his whole life.

"I don't recall any part of my life without the church or its influence," Millner says. The church gave him the opportunity to share in worship experiences but also in community outreach. Through church outreach, he sought to right some social wrongs, give

support to those who needed assistance, and bring some sanity to the marketplace.

He entered McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago after graduating from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina. He served on staff at four different churches before returning home to pastor Morning Star Holy Church in Martinsville. A big motivation for Millner's return to Martinsville in 1992 was to preserve and protect his mother's legacy. As a minister, he said he wanted to offer his talents and skills to his congregation and community. Millner explains that while he felt he could have gone anywhere with his education, training, and talent, he wanted to give back to the commu-

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The Rev. Tyler Millner, long-time pastor of Morning Star Holy Church, is preparing to retire and spend more time with his family.

Annual Coat Drive for Kids is underway

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The 28th annual Coat Drive for Kids is underway, with donations accepted until November 30.

Started in 1996 by Debra Buchanan, the Horsepasture District Supervisor on the Henry County Board of Supervisors, the drive has distributed more than 10,000 coats throughout its history.

Last year, Buchanan estimated over 500 coats were given to children and people in need.

"Children cannot help their situation; they just know they're cold. If we can help a child by keeping them warm, if we can

make that difference in a child's life, that's what's important," she said.

Buchanan said she started collecting coats for the drive in her home.

"I would advertise the fact that I was collecting used coats, and I would bring them into the house. Those that needed washing, which most of them did, I would go down to the laundromat and wash them on my dime," she said.

Buchanan would then distribute the coats to schools in Henry County.

Eventually, Buchanan said she had to set up clothes racks in a spare room of her house. She moved it out to her carport as the drive got bigger.

"Then from there, I moved it out to the rescue squad and opened it up to people that wanted to come in and needed a coat," she said. "Particularly the adults, because a lot of times the coats that are given were more suitable for an adult than they are for a child. So, what we did was we made sure that all those coats were utilized if they were in a condition where they could be."

Over the years, Buchanan said she developed a close relationship with Avery Mills, of One-Hour Martinizing, who was willing to clean any of the coats that needed cleaning.

"So, he's been on

board with me for many, many years cleaning coats and we partnered with the Salvation Army," Buchanan said. All of the gently used coats donated to the drive were cleaned before they were given to children, "but sometimes, somebody would give a new coat and we wouldn't have to clean it."

Any coats that were not suitable for children were taken to the Salvation Army "to be distributed to people that needed one," Buchanan said, adding people were not charged for those coats.

Buchanan said different organizations, including King's Grant and many local churches, help with the drive by collecting or purchasing coats.

"It's through the generosity of people in the community" that the project has grown and now is a mainstay, Buchanan said. "It's a partnership with the people in the community, and it's worked very well because other organizations will put a box out to collect coats for the Coat Drive for Kids."

The deadline to donate coats is Thursday, November 30.

"We want to make sure we can get the coats in, and those that need to be dry cleaned will be dry cleaned, and we can give those coats out before the children leave for Christmas break," she said, adding she doesn't accept money to purchase coats for the drive.

New or "gently used" coats can be dropped off at Hollywood Cinema or One-Hour Martinizing on Rives Road. For more information, call Buchanan at (276) 358-1463.

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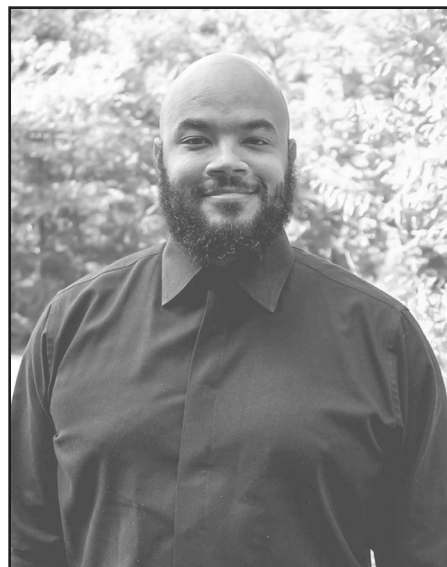
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Tyler Bassett



Matthew Brown

Bassett and Brown named to P&HCC Board

Patrick & Henry Community College's Foundation Board of Directors welcomed two new members at its fall meeting. Tyler Bassett and Matthew Brown, both of Martinsville, join the board's members and will serve three-year terms.

Bassett serves as Bassett Furniture's IT Director of Customer Experience, where he oversees the development and implementation of technology solutions to enhance the customer journey. Outside of work, Tyler remains involved in the Park Scholarship Program at NC State where he serves on the selection committee. Locally, he has served on the Henry County Broadband Planning Team, as well as the selection team for county information technology positions. He and his wife, Kelsey, have two sons.

Brown is the pastor of St. Paul High Street Baptist Church in Martinsville. He is extensively involved in the work

of Smith River Baptist Association, Virginia Baptist State Convention, and National Baptist Convention, USA Inc. Additionally, Rev. Brown serves on the local boards of Martinsville-Henry County Ministerial Association, Grace Network, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Blue Ridge, and Smart Beginnings Martinsville-Henry. He is also a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He and his wife, India, have a daughter.

"We are thrilled to welcome both Matthew and Tyler to our board of directors," stated Tiffani Underwood, Associate Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Executive Director of the P&HCC Foundation. "They both bring a great deal of knowledge, passion, and enthusiasm and we are grateful for their service. We look forward to working together to create new partnerships and resources that will positively impact our students, our college, and our community."

Early deadline set

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, submissions for the November 25 edition of the Henry County Enterprise must be received by 5 p.m. on Monday, November 20. Email dhall@theenterprise.net or submissions@theenterprise.net.

Ferrum man dies in crash

The Virginia State Police are investigating a single-vehicle crash, which resulted in the death of a Ferrum man. The crash occurred Monday, Nov. 6, at 4:01 p.m. on U.S. 220, two tenths of a mile north of Virginia 762 in Henry County.

A 2003 International tractor trailer was traveling south on U.S. 220, when the vehicle ran off the right side of the road-

way, travelled through a yard and struck several trees. The tractor trailer caught fire and the fire spread through the trees to an abandoned mobile home.

The driver of the International was identified as Norris Jay Bowman, 56, of Ferrum, Va. Mr. Bowman died at the scene. It has not been determined if he was wearing his seatbelt

Collinsville-based group to headline Veteran's Day show

The Churchmen, a bluegrass gospel group based in Collinsville, will headline the Patrick County Music Association's (PCMA's) Veteran Appreciation show in Stuart on Saturday, November 11.

Sponsored by Pilot Mountain, Inc., the event will be held at the Stuart Rotary Building on Woodland Drive. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the music will start at 6 p.m.

Alley said The Churchmen have been recording and touring since 1989, according to PCMA President Denny Alley, who added that the group appeared on the "Gospel Music Showcase" with Guy Penrod on the Daystar Television network.

Jordan T. Morrison & the Foot Hill Boys, New River Line, and None of the Above will also take the stage.

Alley said.

Admission is a \$5 donation at the door and veterans can enter for free. Lawn chairs are encouraged, and prizes will be awarded throughout the night.

Concessions will be available for purchase from the Patrick County Shooting Education Team, with proceeds going to teach children in the area firearm safety.

The PCMA's December 9 show is Sammy Shelor's Banjorama with the Lonesome River Band, sponsored by Hopkins Lumber and Patrick County Tourism. More than a dozen other players will take the stage throughout the night.

For more information or to watch past music performances, visit Facebook.com/PatrickCountyMusicAssociation.



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Bassett Kiwanis invest in community



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Representing the Kiwanis club is Len Dillon and representing the GBAC is Matt Davis. The Bassett Kiwanis Club made a donation to the Greater Bassett Area Community (GBAC) Organization in November.

County schools to receive Agriculture in the Classroom grants

Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom has awarded 75 grants in 51 Virginia localities for the 2023-24 school year, including two to schools in Henry County. Bassett High School and Henry County Career Academy were among those selected in various parts of the state receive funding.

The grants are allocated to provide 30,000 youth in urban and rural areas with unique agricultural experiences related to gardening, ani-

mal agriculture, nutrition, STEM integrations and leadership development. These grants and the projects they support also help youth gain a better understanding of food production and career opportunities in the agriculture field.


"Learning about the environment and academics through gardening is a theme for several grant projects this year—ranging from indoor and outdoor gardens to aquaponics and hydropon-

ics," said Tammy Maxey, Virginia AITC executive director. "These grant projects also create community engagement and career awareness throughout the grade levels. Youth from preschool through high school in public and private educational settings will have an opportunity to learn about a variety of agricultural concepts. Congratulations to the schools, centers and 4-H chapters across Virginia that have been selected."

Sunday Afternoon Lecture Series
"The Maps of Thomas Jefferson"
 with Zack Fleming, Cartographer

Sunday, November 12, 2023, 3:00 P.M.
Historic Henry County Courthouse
1 East Main Street, Uptown Martinsville

Free Admission • Handicap Accessible
Heritage Center & Museum open after event




Cartographer to present lecture on Nov. 12

The Martinsville-Henry County Historical Society will host its monthly Sunday Afternoon Lecture, "The Maps of Thomas Jefferson" with Zack Fleming on Sunday, November 12, 3 p.m., at the Historic Henry County Courthouse, 1 East Main Street.

The presentation will delve into Thomas Jefferson's interest in geography and maps and highlight a notable map created by his father, Peter Jefferson, in 1751, which played a crucial role in shaping early American history and served as a source for one of the most important maps in U. S. history. Lesser-known maps by Thomas Jefferson will also be explored as well as maps connected to him through the expeditions out west that he oversaw.

Fleming, a U. S. Veteran and former educator with Henry County Public Schools, is a cartographer. He served previously on the Board of Directors of the Martinsville-Henry County Historical Society. Visit his website at <http://thegeographygeek.com/>. Follow him on Instagram at <http://instagram.com/thegeographygeek>. Subscribe to his YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/c/GeographyGeek>. Receive his newsletter at <http://eepurl.com/hSeK-pj>.

John Phillips, president of the Historical Society, said, "Our community is fortunate to have an accomplished cartographer such as Fleming willing to share his knowledge and passion. He is a descendant of Peter Jefferson's brother, Field Jefferson, which



Zack Fleming

makes his lecture especially unique."

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 presentation.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

(Event information/calendar items must be received by 5 p.m. on the Tuesday before the desired publication date. Email to dhall@theenterprise.net.)

Meetings

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.

AWANA meets at Blackberry Baptist Church on Sundays, from 4-6 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15

Henry County Planning Commission meets at 5 p.m. in Conference Room 205, located in the Henry County Administration Building, Kings Mountain Road, Collinsville.

Monday, November 20

The Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) Board Budget & Finance Committee will meet at 11:30 a.m. in Room 124 in the Frith Economic Development Center. This is a public meeting, but the committee will not receive public comment.

The Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) Board Academic & Student Affairs Committee will meet at 11:30 a.m. in Room 145 in the Frith Economic Development Center. This is a public meeting, but the committee will not receive public comment.

The Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) Board will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Hooker Exhibit Hall, Frith Economic Development Center. This is a public meeting, but the committee will not receive public comment.

Events

Friday, November 10

Music Night at the Spencer Penn Centre, with Gap Civil, to play in Alumni Hall. Gate opens at 5 p.m. 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 Spencer Penn hotdogs, will be sold.

Friday-Saturday, November 10-11

TheatreWorks Community Players Readers Theatre's version of "Hospitality Suite," an internationally renowned stage play about three men

who work for an industrial lubricants firm promoting their wares at a convention hospitality suite in Wichita, Kansas, will be presented at 7 p.m. nightly in Martinsville. Tickets are \$10, only available at the door.

Sunday, November 12

"The Maps of Thomas Jefferson" by Zack Fleming: 3 p.m., at the Martinsville-Henry County Heritage Center & Museum, 1 E. Main St., Martinsville.

The Patrick County Historical Society meets at 2 p.m., at the museum/library building in uptown Stuart. Special guest speaker will be Gloria Conner Barbour, great-great granddaughter of an enslaved plantation worker, who worked at the Blue Regional Library in Martinsville for thirty years.

Monday, November 13

The Friends of the Blue Ridge Regional Library's monthly meeting, 10:30 a.m., in the Ridgeway Branch Library, 900 Vista View Ln., Ridgeway, Va. Interested in joining? Everyone is welcome.

Tuesday, November 14

Renaë "Spring Morning" Wagoner will present a Native American program, "We Are Still Here," at 10:30 a.m. in the Bassett Historical Center. Renaë is of Shawnee descent and lives in Spencer. Proud of her heritage, she is honored to be able to share a part of her culture, and hopes you will look with a more insightful view of the American Indian, with perhaps a better understanding of their views and how they came to have them all while having an enjoyable morning learning something new and realizing that yes, Native Americans are still here. This program is free and open to the public and will be held in the Susan L. Adkins Memorial Meeting Room.

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.

ONGOING

The 28th annual Coat Drive for Kids is underway. Anyone wishing to donate a new or gently used coat may call Horsepasture District Supervisor Debra Buchanan, organizer of the event, at (276) 358-1463. Drop coats off at Hollywood Cinema or One-Hour Martinizing on Rives Road. The deadline for donations is Nov. 30.

Registration for Upward Basketball and Cheerleading for youngsters aged 5 years through

5th grade, until Nov. 30. Practices begin Jan. 6, with a first game on Jan. 27 and the last game set for March 16. Cost is \$65. All practices and games are held at Fort Trial Baptist Church, 170 Oak Level Road, Stanleytown. For more information, call (276) 629-2964 or pastordreed81@gmail.com.

The Bassett Ruritan Club hosts Rook Music & More on Fridays from 10 a.m. - noon. Play Rook, work puzzles, make a craft and listen to a mixture of bluegrass, country & gospel music by different bands each week. If you want, you can bring a snack to share. This event is free to the public. Any donations received will go to the Bassett Ruritan Club to pay for electricity etc.

Registration is underway for UPWARD Basketball and Cheerleading, for youngsters 5 years old through 5th grade, \$65 each at Fort Trial Baptist Church in Stanleytown. Call (276) 629.2964 or email pastordreed81@gmail.com.

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 brl.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.

Wildlife in Franklin County Tested Positive for Rabies

To protect the health of residents and visitors, the West Piedmont Health District is advising the community that two skunks have tested positive for rabies. They were found in the same general area of Glade Hill within the past two weeks.

On October 13, a skunk testing positive for rabies was found in the vicinity of Old Franklin Turnpike and Brooks Mill Road. Most recently, on October 31, another skunk testing positive for rabies was found in a neighborhood around Crafts Church Road in Glade Hill. Due to the relative proximity and timing of these cases within Glade Hill/Union Hall, the West Piedmont Health District wants to remind everyone, and especially pet owners, of the risks of rabies.

Rabies is a deadly disease caused by a virus that attacks the nervous system. It is almost always fatal, unless preventive treatment is administered before symp-

toms develop. "Prevention is everything when you're dealing with rabies," said Dr. Kerry Gateley, director for the West Piedmont Health District. "We have to do everything we can to minimize exposures, from vaccinating pets to avoiding unnecessary human contact with unvaccinated animals. This includes not creating situations in which feral or wild animals might expose each other."

Virginia law requires that all dogs and cats four months of age and older be vaccinated for rabies by a licensed veterinarian, and that vaccinations be kept current.

Additional Steps to Protect Against Rabies Exposure:

*Do not feed stray animals. Avoid wild animals, especially raccoons, bats, foxes and skunks. Feed your pets indoors and do not let them wander.

*Make sure your pets are vaccinated against rabies and their shots are up to

date. By law, all dogs, cats and ferrets must be vaccinated against rabies.

*Teach children to avoid contact with wild animals and pets they are not familiar with.

*Do not handle sick, injured, or dead animals.

*Keep wild animals out of homes by capping chimneys with screens and blocking openings in attics, cellars and porches. Ensure trash cans have tight fitting lids.

*Do not try to trap or handle stray and wild animals.

*If bitten by a wild or stray animal, do not panic. Wash the wound(s) thoroughly with warm soapy water and contact animal control, a local medical provider or the Franklin County Health Department for further recommendations.

For additional information, visit <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/animal-contact-human-health/rabies-control/> or call the Franklin County Health Department at 540-484-0292. To report a rabies incident after hours, please contact Franklin County Animal Control at 540-483-3000.

This week at TheatreWorks . . .

Reader's Theatre production of "Hospitality Suite," an internationally renowned stage play about three men who work for an industrial lubricants firm promoting their wares at a convention hospitality suite in Wichita, Kansas. PHIL is an aging account manager who has recently begun to question his life and work. LARRY is a quick-witted salesman with a no-holds-barred tongue and absolute contempt for dishonesty. BOB is a devout young hire from the company research center, on hand to represent technical expertise. Their sights are set on the head of a large manufacturing firm whose favor could save their ailing company, and as the evening unfolds, unspoken differences between them become lines in the sand and ultimately spark a final battle that lays bare their hearts and leaves no soul unscathed.

Reader's theater is a style of theater in which the actors present dramatic readings of narrative material without costumes, props, scenery, or special lighting. Actors use only scripts and

vocal expressions to help the audience understand the story. Reader's theater is also known as "theater of the mind," "interpreters' theater," and "story theater."

Friday, November 10 | Saturday, November 11, 7 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$10, available only at the door.

Auditions for Piano Bar Sing-Along, Saturday, November 11, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Ready to take the stage? We are looking for enthusiastic, entertaining singers ready to bring music from the 50s to the 2000s. Come prepared with 16 or so bars of the song of your choice. Questions? Email info@twcp.net. (Performance Date: January 27, 2024)

Next week at TheatreWorks . . .

Improv -- Two exciting shows - one exciting night on Friday, November 17, 7 p.m. - General Audience (Rated PG); 9 p.m. - Adults Only (ages 18+), \$5 for each show (tickets at the door only)

TheatreWorks Community Players, 44 Franklin Street, UPTown Martinsville.

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 15. Remover of an apple's center
 17. The content of cognition
 18. Bleats
 19. "1836 siege" of U.S.
 20. Inquiries
 22. Bottled gas
 23. Dutch painter Gerrit
 25. An invasion or hostile attack
 28. Misbeliever
 31. South American Indiana
 32. Bone cavities
 33. Hound sounds
 34. Turtle carapace
 39. Wash or flow against
 40. Cross a threshold
 41. Pitch symbol
 42. About lizards
 45. Treat with contempt
 48. Million barrels per day (abbr.)
 49. Place to sleep
 51. Harsh criticism or disapproval
 54. Wipe out recorded information
 56. Pesetas
 58. Pitcher Hershiser
 59. Pronouncements
 60. Dodge truck model
 61. A coniferous tree
 62. Ludicrously false statement
 63. Lyric poem
 64. Determine the sum
 65. Fixed in one's purpose
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Mexican wattle & daub hut
 2. Green; playwright
 3. Building for autos
 4. Rum and lime or lemon juice
 5. Two spiral-horned African antelopes
 6. Jubilant delight
 7. Cyclic
 8. Fiddler crabs
 9. Vehicle carrying many passengers
 11. Dream sleep
 13. Afghan Persian language
 16. Gnawing small mammal
 18. B1 deficiency disease
 21. Not out
 24. Chancellor Von Bismarck
 26. RCO group of atoms
 27. Cony
 29. Makes a gas less dense
 30. Instances of disease
 34. A story
 35. Surmounted
 36. Cloisonned
 37. Counterfoil
 38. Kept cattle together
 39. Computer screen material
 43. Ancient calculator
 44. Cuddle
 46. District nurse
 47. Employee stock ownership plan
 50. Distributed game cards
 52. Murres genus
 53. Tear apart violently
 55. Umbrella support
 56. Athlete who plays for pay
 57. Small amount

OPINION

The Prisoner of Babusuland

To whom it may concern,
My name is Frantz Carvalho and ten years ago I immigrated to the United States from the country of Babusuland. Please forgive my English; it is my fourth language, and as a result, my vocabulary may seem rudimentary and my grasp of your country's nuanced vernacular may appear enervated.

I was a successful carpenter in my own country, but violent internecine conflict forced me to flee. Upon arriving in America, I dreamed of starting my own small business selling beautiful wooden furniture, and then, once I had achieved financial security, I hoped to marry a fine woman and fill our home with the dulcet sound of laughing, joyful children. I am proud to say that I have achieved these goals.

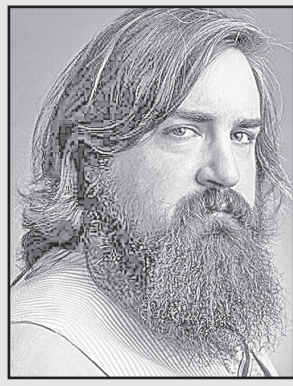
However, recent events have introduced turmoil into my life. I was in my workshop last week when my wife Mirlande

knocked upon the door and beckoned me to come see the TV.

On the news, a United States Congressman named John Michaelson was being interviewed. He said that he had four biological children and one adopted child whose name was Frantz Carvalho. Then they showed a photo of me on TV.

I had never met Mr. John Michaelson in my life. Also, I am 47 years old and he is 51, so I don't know how he could be my adopted father. He would have had to have been a very precocious child. Also, my birth parents are very much alive. They live in Florida now and I visit them twice a year.

The next day, a limousine pulled up in front of my home. Rep. Michaelson stepped out of it and gave me a hug and told me he was going to take me away from all my poverty and treat me to the life



By Ben R. Williams

I deserved. I told him that I make \$95,000 per year and my wife and children would miss me. He laughed boisterously and ushered me into the limousine. He had several large men with him. I hoped that if I went with him, I could clear up this obvious misunderstanding.

This has not been the case. On the drive back to his home, I attempted to tell Rep. Michaelson that I was not his adopted child. He just kept saying, "Oh, Frantz, you've always been such a kidder." Then he gifted me a Nintendo Switch. While I was grateful for the Switch and the exciting

world of interactive adventure it offered, I remained deeply confused and troubled.

Since then, I have been staying in a room in Rep. Michaelson's home. I sleep in a bed shaped like a racing car. It is too short and my feet get cold at night. Every time I try to leave, Rep. Michaelson intercepts me before I can leave the property and challenges me to a game of catch. Then he takes me out for ice cream. While I appreciate the ice cream, I am becoming concerned that I have been kidnapped.

I have fielded a great many questions from the media in the last week. They all want to know how Rep. Michaelson came to adopt me. I try to tell them that I am not adopted but rather I am a successful 47 year old carpenter who is being held against his will for unclear reasons, and they laugh and laugh. They think I have a great sense of humor.

Last night, Rep. Michaelson told me that he was giving me a laptop. He said the laptop has on it a program called "Covenant Eyes" that will allow me to monitor his internet usage and make sure that he does not visit any indecent

websites. I told him I did not want to be the custodian of his onanism, but he insisted. This is all very strange and terrible and I want to go back to my wife and children. I have a contract to deliver a teak conference table that I really need to finish.

I have a hard time sleeping at night because Rep. Michaelson stays up late ranting loudly about how all birth control should be outlawed and how the devil buried dinosaur bones to trick mankind. I am beginning to think that he might be insane, but everyone else acts as though nothing is out of the ordinary. I stole a spoon at dinner and have begun sharpening the handle. Also, the food here is very bland.

To whomever finds this letter, please contact the Babusuland Embassy and ask if they can liberate me from Rep. Michaelson. I have begun to feel like I'm living in a funhouse, a world where everything is wrong and crazy and disjointed yet everyone around me acts as though it's perfectly normal.

Of course, I don't expect you Americans to understand that feeling.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Palestinian War Ethics

I try to be mindful of the fact that The Enterprise is a local paper, keeping my topics to local happenings. The events concerning Israel and Palestine aren't local, however many locals are discussing it.

People have asked me, "What do you think about when a military does 'x,y,z'?" Of course, I have my thoughts, but my main thought is that it's ridiculous for civilians to judge the choices made by soldiers who, on paper, exist to protect the freedoms of civilians. I don't live in the soldier's world. I'll probably never have to ask, "shoot or don't shoot?"

That being said, there must be a recognition that war has its rules separate from civilian life. If I shoot a man on the street I would be charged with murder, possibly manslaughter. When a soldier shoots the enemy it's not murder. Historically convicted murderers received capital punishment, however we didn't call execution "murder."

All this to say: I don't have a problem if Israel, in the process of defending itself, inadvertently kills Palestinian women and children. Are the two nations at war because they hate each other or because each side thinks they have a right to the land? If you say that the latter is not a justifiable cause for war then I don't see how you could continue living in America, which was forcibly claimed by the English, and then won by warring colonists against their former sovereign.

"Caleb, you're a Christian. How could you say such things?" Because I actually read my Bible: in Deuteronomy 7:2 God commanded the Israelites to "utterly destroy" the Canaanites, and in 1Samuel 15:3 God commanded King Saul to "smite" the Amalekites all the way down to the women and children. If you don't go to such lengths you're simply leaving a remnant that will create an insurgent army:

read of Hadad's revolt against King Solomon in 1Kings 11:14-21. The mentioned scriptures serve as interlude to Romans 13:1-6.

Most Americans are happy that the Union won the Civil War. Never mind that the Union General, William Tecumseh Sherman, burned not only bridges and military posts, but farms, livestock, and homes too. Maybe he didn't kill women and children, but he sure left some destitute. Sherman famously said, "War is Hell." I doubt he enjoyed those moments.

We love our freedom in America, and we don't think too much of the women and children we killed on August 6th and 9th in 1945. Historically speaking, the death of their children represents freedom for others worldwide. It's war: rook takes pawn, knight takes rook. In the national sense we're pieces on a chess board.

It's not just the Bible that shapes my thinking, but classic literature like Thomas Hobbes' Leviathan: any people have the right to form a commonwealth, but with that right comes the responsibility of self-defense. If Israel cannot defend itself then it should expect to be overthrown.

If you disagree with me then I hope you'll write into The Enterprise. I'd like to hear from you.

Caleb Robertson,
Martinsville

Not all book clubs are created equal



Holly Kozelsky

When I lived in a little town, we went through great lengths to have a strong, solid book club that would appeal to the general public.

We met once a month in the town library, and we always chose a book from Oprah's Book Club, which was popular at the time. Riding Oprah's coattails seemed an easy way to get people involved.

About 15 or 20 of us would sit around in a circle, and our discussion about points and themes and messages of the book would be prompted by a list of thought-provoking questions someone would put together and all of us followed with dedication.

Martinsville, in comparison to my quaint hometown, is quite the booming metropolis, so when I moved here, I was thrilled with the prospect of what a big-city book club would have to offer.

Soon after my arrival, I was invited to a book club. I was thrilled; I was in the big league of books now.

I read the book carefully, from cover to cover, and gave great thought to the author's point, and the characters, and the clever foreshadowing, and all that.

At the first book club meeting, we all sat around our hostess's living room. The wine poured, and the ladies chatted.

I kept waiting for them to bring up the book.

Finally, I asked, "Are we going to talk about the book?"

A couple of ladies about book clubs when I chuckled. We talked

about the book for about 10 minutes, then returned to matters such as shopping and manicures and the new menu at the club.

The next meeting was similar, but with even less time spent on the book; yet I remained optimistic.

By the third meeting, I had realized the woman who was that week's hostess wasn't much of a reader. I put Post-it notes with key points at a few key sections of the book that I felt would come up in discussion and pulled her aside before the meeting started to explain. She laughed and said with a wave of her hand that she had not read that book (even though she was the one who had picked it out), but she liked the author.

By the fourth meeting I was becoming an old pro at this. There was a new member, and this lady was an English teacher. As the conversation and wine flowed, she leaned over to me with a worried look on her face. "When are they going to talk about the book?" she asked.

"They don't, really," I said. She looked alarmed.

The fifth meeting was the last one we had. At that one, the hostess was overwhelmed and took a Valium after already having drunk wine. She retired to her room and stayed there, even though dinner had only barely begun cooking.

Some of the members looked at each other, perplexed. The English teacher looked particularly worried. By then I was an old hat at this. I just went into the kitchen, finished some of the cooking while another lady set the table, and we got started. The hostess came back out after the dishes had been washed. The book never came up in conversation.

That false call I had about book clubs when I was new here has come

back to mind recently as I've been the guest at a couple of meetings of other book clubs.

How refreshing to see book clubs that actually are about books. These book clubs have been operating for many decades; one celebrated its 100th anniversary.

Some of these long-standing book clubs have the following format: At the start of each year, the members choose their books for the full year. Each buys a book and shares it with the others, taking turns to read them. Their meetings are a combination of food, fellowship, Robert's Rules of Order and book talk. They are excited about their books.

These long established book clubs predate libraries in our area. They were formed when books were not widely available, so it makes sense that women got together back in those days to trade books with each other in a dependable, orderly fashion.

Now a new book club is in the making. A young lady – daughter of a friend my age – posted on Facebook that she'd like to start a book club and she was assessing interest. A lot of other young ladies chimed in enthusiastically that they'd love to have one.

These book clubs are signs of their times: The early ones, book exchanges when it was otherwise hard to get book; that wine book club, when everyone was supposed to read the same book but usually didn't, apparently just a way for bored housewives to get away from their husbands and children; and this fledgling book club, being formed by women who are looking for something beyond social media, something classic and enduring – the book.

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to continue into the near future, with only a slight chance for precipitation during that period. This will contribute to the county's already challenging fire-fighting conditions. The effects of successive weeks of very little rainfall have significantly elevated our fire danger throughout the county.

"Henry County, along with adjoining jurisdictions, are at a high level of fire danger," said Lisa Garrett, Henry

County Fire Marshal. "Conditions are dangerous, and we need everyone to understand the seriousness of this issue. We need this ban for everyone's protection."

Citizens are asked to cooperate by adhering to the ban until it is rescinded. Failure to comply may result in criminal charges.

Call the Fire Marshal's Office at (276) 634-4660 with questions.

Gene Haas Foundation awards \$18,000 grant



Instructors Denver Smith, Justin Durden, and Talmage Thomas receive a big check presented by Tiffani Underwood, P&HCC Foundation Executive Director.

The Gene Haas Foundation (GHF) awarded an \$18,000 grant to Patrick & Henry Community College to support scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded to students who are currently enrolled or will be enrolling in a CNC Technology training or CNC machining-based engineering program and to support student participation in SkillsUSA's CNC competitions.

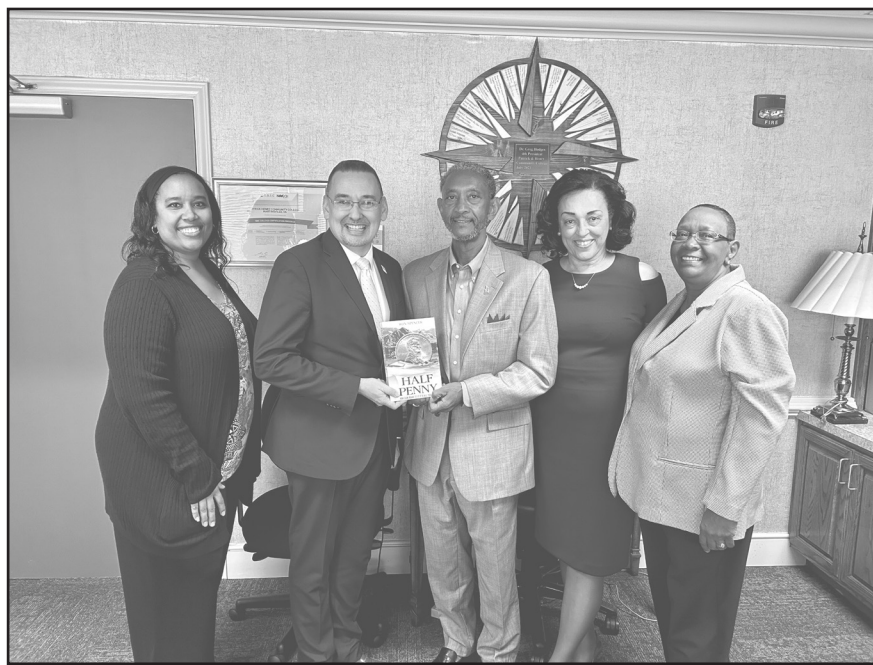
P&HCC offers multiple training programs that teach CNC machine technology and/or engineering. P&HCC's programs are designed to prepare graduates for immediate employment within advanced manufacturing including careers in motorsports, engineering technologies, advanced technology and industrial positions, and other manufacturing related positions. P&HCC is proud to prepare students for work in a high-demand, high wage field to meet the growing needs of employer partners.

"The Gene Haas Grant gives students an opportunity to excel in the Precision Machine Program by providing scholarships to students to assist them in completing our programs ultimately earning them Career Studies Certificates in Machining

Technician (manual machining) and CNC Operator/Programmer. These skill sets are vital to support our region in the national mission to bring manufacturing back to the US from overseas. These manufacturing jobs are in high demand, pay well, and are constantly evolving to meet the needs of local and regional manufacturers. I am very thankful to the Gene Haas Foundation for supporting our students here at P&HCC," said Precision Machining instructor Justin Durden.

GHF's primary goal is to build skills in the machining industry by providing scholarships for CNC machine technology students also to provide students with the experience of collaboration with a team by competing in a competition that highlights design, engineering and manufacturing with CNC machined parts as a primary component.

Motorsports instructor Talmage Thomas said, "Gene Haas Foundation provides financial assistance for students so that they can apply to repair cars and have gas money for transportation. The grant's support for buying basic tools needed to pursue careers in motorsports manufacturing is critical for our students."



P&HCC librarian Marcia Seaton-Martin and P&HCC president Dr. Greg Hodges accept a copy of Half Penny from Ron Spencer, Stephanie Stone Spencer, and Karen Spencer.

Spencer donates memoir to P&HCC

Patrick & Henry Community College nursing alum and Patrick County native Ron Spencer has donated a copy of his memoir, Half Penny, You Can Make It If It's All You've Got to P&HCC's library and partnered with his sister, Karen Spencer, and wife, Stephanie Stone Spencer, to make a donation to P&HCC's Patriot Pantry.

Spencer's memoir centers on four generations of his family, revealing their colorful past. This motivational and entertaining memoir, filled with vignettes, is Spencer's effort to be the "memory" for many in his family. The open and easy-to-read book is a life story which many people will relate to as some situational descriptions were likely a part of their own upbringing in the same marginalized community. The

themes of self-reliance, self-determination and hard work are scattered throughout to capture, retain and inform the reader of growth tracks and steps to take to achieve their goals.

"As the son of a coal miner and a domestic worker, I am grateful for all their parenting decisions while working with limited resources. I am appreciative that we don't have to dwell on the past; however, the instructions from that time are still especially relevant today," said Spencer.

"From the 'force-multipliers', the instructors, administrators and support staff at P&HCC who intentionally guided us through to matriculation, we learned the importance of paying it forward. Other important lessons we learned were to be consistent, bring good energy, man-

age stress and provide encouragement for others; just as my dedicated instructors had done for us. Most importantly, we learned that education is the gift that keeps on giving so rarely did any of us ever miss a day of classes. Dr. Greg Hodges and staff are indeed accountable to make sure the door stays open so others can enter behind us to make their own 'Razz-Ma-Tazz' with the same high-quality education in a richly diverse environment," Spencer added.

Donations to P&HCC's Patriot Pantry support food insecure students as they work toward their goals. Donations can be made online by clicking Donate on P&HCC's website (www.patrick-henry.edu).

Spencer's Half Penny is available for purchase on Amazon.com.

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Chip Weismiller (NACE Philanthropic Advisor), Stuart Weismiller (NACCE Philanthropic Advisor), Beth Kerly (NACCE Senior Director of Marketing & Communications), and Dr. Rebecca Corbin (NACCE President and CEO) present the Entrepreneurial College of the Year to Dr. Greg Hodges (P&HCC President) and Matthew Ratliff (P&HCC Coordinator of Community Development Programs) at NACCE's annual conference on October 31.

P&HCC Named NACCE Entrepreneurial College of the Year

Patrick & Henry Community College has been named National Association of Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE) Entrepreneurial College of the Year for its StartUP and Grow program, offered in partnership with MHC Chamber of Commerce. The award was presented at NACCE's annual conference, held in Nashville.

"This recognition is a testament to P&HCC's dedication to fostering entrepreneurship and driving positive change in the local community," said Corbin. "P&HCC has demonstrated an unwavering commitment and leadership as a member of NACCE's inaugural Entrepreneurial College of the Future (ECoF) program, yielding impressive results."

"This award speaks to our dedication to small business development in the communities served by our college," said P&HCC President Greg Hodges, adding, "it is our great honor to support the members of our community in solidifying their financially stable futures through careers they love."

Since the start of the program, P&HCC has graduated 314 entrepreneurs, culminating in the creation of 74 new businesses and 270 new jobs with over \$500,000 in cash and in-kind prizes awarded. The college has also expanded its Entrepreneurial Boot Camps with the Martinsville and Henry County Chamber of Commerce and established "MHC Grow," a four-week program designed for fledgling entrepreneurs. Both programs are free to all participants and provide small business owners with the knowledge and skills to succeed.

"Patrick & Henry Community College's selection as NACCE's 2023 Entrepreneurial College of the Year attests to the leadership of President

J. Gregory Hodges, Ph.D., who has continued to expand the college's entrepreneurial programs," Corbin said, adding, "A notable achievement is that over half of the program participants in the program are women, and in a community comprised of 20 percent people of color, almost half of the participants are minorities. This has contributed to a surge in women and minority-owned small businesses in the region."

P&HCC offers its Entrepreneurial Boot Camps entirely free of charge to all participants through its partnership with the MHC Chamber of Commerce. This inclusive approach has made entrepreneurship education accessible to a broader spectrum of the community. The economic renaissance experienced in the local community is a testament to the college's dedication to expanding regional entrepreneurship.

"We are so pleased to partner with P&HCC to encourage entrepreneurship in our community. The StartUP and Grow programs have been critical in the economic revival of our community and I'm very pleased to have this important work recognized on the national level," said MHC Chamber President Brenell Thomas.

The National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE) is a 501(c) (3) organization dedicated to promoting entrepreneurship through community colleges by providing resources and support to build and sustain high-impact entrepreneurship programs. The association represents 340+ community and technical colleges, universities and HBCU's, including over 2,000 faculty, staff, administrators, and presidents who serve more than three million students. For more information, visit nacce.com.

Ferrum College Announces a \$10,000 Reduction in Tuition for Fall 2024

Ferrum College president Dr. Mirta Martin hosted a press conference and all campus meeting last week to announce a \$10,000 reduction in undergraduate tuition for Fall 2024. Following the launch of the Panther Promise of free tuition to qualifying Virginia students in April, the reduction is a natural next step in the College's commitment to accessible and affordable higher education.

In her remarks at the press conference, Martin said "Today, we are here to yet again affirm our identity as the College of Opportunity by announcing a \$10,000 reduction in our tuition rates for fall 2024."

"Additionally, we are excited to offer a \$500 institutional Persistence Grant to all returning Juniors and Seniors in recognition of their commitment to continuing their academic journey at Ferrum College," she continued.

"Not only will 99% of Ferrum College students continue to receive institutional aid, the Panther Promise, the Ferrum Promise and



the Battler's Promise will continue to be offered to qualifying students in the Commonwealth of Virginia and beyond.

"We know this decrease in tuition will expand opportunities to incoming and returning students seeking an excellent education in an inclusive, value-based environment where every individual is a cherished member of our Ferrum family," Martin said.

"Ladies and Gentlemen... Ferrum College is alive and well and open for business and ready to welcome home the next generation of

leaders. Come join us!"

Ferrum College will welcome the first members of the Class of 2028, the first freshmen to benefit from the \$10,000 tuition reduction, this Saturday, November 4th at the fall Black and Gold Open House. The College reminds all students and their families that the FASFA form will be available beginning December 1 and is the first step in applying for financial aid for Fall 2024. For more information about Cost and Aid at Ferrum College, visit: <https://www.ferrum.edu/admission/aid-affordability/>.

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The Stanley Law Group is included in the esteemed 2024 Best Law Firms® rankings, a testament to the firm's unwavering commitment to excellence and exceptional legal services. In addition, two of its attorneys, Anthony "Tony" Troy and William "Bill" Stanley, were individually honored for their outstanding achievements in the legal field.

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Stanley, a Managing Partner of the firm, has been acknowledged for his excellence in Criminal Defense. His unwavering commitment to defending the rights and interests of his clients has solidified his reputation as a dedicated advocate and a true pillar of the legal community.

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The Stanley Law Group remains dedicated to delivering exceptional legal services and ensuring that clients receive the best possible representation, marked by professionalism, expertise, and a steadfast commitment to justice.

Henry County crews among those to fight wildfire

By Staff Reports

Fire crews and others from Henry County were among those responding to a massive wildfire in the Woolwine area of Patrick County this week.

The blaze began last week as a brush fire that initially was limited to between 20 and 30 acres. By early this week, it was considered a wildfire, with 500 acres involved and only about 10 percent contained.

Emergency crews are on the scene of the wildfire in the Ravens Den, Tuggles Gap, and Blue Ridge Parkway area of Woolwine, Patrick County Emergency Management said in a release.

Patrick officials declared a local emergency that included a county-wide burn ban. It will remain in effect until further notice, while firefighters and others created fire containment lines to protect against

the loss of life, property, and structures.

Motorists were asked to avoid the area and beware of increased emergency vehicle traffic, with homes in the communities of Ravens Den, Tuggles Gap, and Blue Ridge Parkway notified.

Gov. Glenn Youngkin included the Tuggles Gap area in Patrick as one of the two sites named in a state Declaration of Emergency issued on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

The initial brush fire began when a tree fell onto a powerline and knocked it down, according to Kenny Brady, a member of the Woolwine Volunteer Fire Department.

Emergency personnel from Henry, Patrick, Floyd, Surry, and Carroll counties, along with the Virginia Department of Forestry and Virginia Department of Emergency Management, will remain on the scene and on patrol throughout the week.



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Notice of Public Hearing
 The Henry County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing in the Summerlin Meeting Room at the Henry County Administration Building at 6 p.m. November 28, 2023, or as soon thereafter as can be heard, to take comments from the public on an ordinance approving an amended revenue sharing agreement between the Henry County Board of Supervisors, The Industrial Development Authority of Henry County and the City of Martinsville. The purpose of the revenue sharing agreements is (1) an amended and restated revenue sharing agreement for Patriot Centre Expansion concerning approximately 1206 acres in Henry County commonly known as the "Bryant Property," and (2) an amended and restated revenue sharing agreement for Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre, an industrial site near US Highway 220 at the Virginia-North Carolina border, including an addendum to this agreement setting forth specific terms to equitably share future revenue from proposed Lot 2 between the City, the County and the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation. A copy of the proposed agreement is available in the County Administrator's office, 3300 Kings Mountain Road, Martinsville, Va.

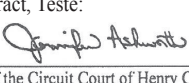
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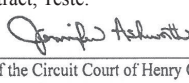
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 Pursuant to Section 15.2-2316.8 of the Code of Virginia, the Henry County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Summerlin Meeting Room on the first floor of the Henry County Administration Building at 3300 Kings Mountain Road in Collinsville, Virginia.
 The purpose of the public hearing is to receive citizen input on a proposed Solar Facility Siting Agreement between Henry County and Rocky Ford Solar Energy, LLC.
 A copy of the full text of the proposed Solar Facility Siting Agreement may be viewed in the Office of the County Administrator in the County Administration Building on Kings Mountain Road, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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 a public service corporation)
 organized and existing under)
 Title 56 of the Code of Virginia,)
 Petitioner,) Law No. CL23001090-00
 v.)
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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,)
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 MAXINE HAIRSTON,)
 WALTER ANTHONY PRESTON,)
 CINDY BROWN,)
 and)
 a transmission line right-of-way easement,)
 comprising 1.07 acres, more or less, and a)
 temporary construction easement, compromising)
 0.74 acres, more or less, across a parcel of land)
 located in Henry County, Virginia and)
 identified as Tax Map No. 51.4(000)000/037)
 Defendants.)
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FOR CONDEMNATION
BY PUBLICATION
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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 **December 14, 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.
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 Petitioner,) Law No. CL23001088-00
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 DAVID MARTIN,)
 ANN QUARLES,)
 ESTELLE PRESTON,)
 PAULINE PRITCHETT,)
 AVERY N. PENN,)
 MARGARET CALDWELL,)
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Launch of Virginia's Insurance Marketplace Connects Virginians to Affordable Health Insurance

The State Corporation Commission (SCC) announced the November 1 launch of Virginia's Insurance Marketplace, which replaces HealthCare.gov as the Commonwealth's official health benefit exchange. Virginia residents can enroll now in health insurance for 2024 on Virginia's Insurance Marketplace during the Open Enrollment Period, which ends January 15, 2024.

Virginia's Insurance Marketplace was created by Virginia, for Virginians. The Health Benefit Exchange, a division of the SCC, operates Virginia's Insurance Marketplace.

"We work every day to better understand the unique needs of individuals and families in our state, and we have created a marketplace that connects them to high-quality, affordable health care coverage they can depend on," said Keven Patchett, director of Virginia's Insurance Marketplace.

The goal of Virginia's Insurance Marketplace is to increase access to affordable and reliable health coverage for Virginians.

"We have had the privilege of working closely with state agencies, health insurance carriers, insurance agents, navigators and our technology vendor, GetInsured, to make this transition a reality for Virginia," said Patchett. "We look forward to continuing these relationships as we work together to improve access to coverage for Virginians, reduce the number of uninsured, and support the continuity of coverage for those experiencing coverage transitions."

"Transitioning to a state-based exchange is no small feat," said Chini Krishnan, CEO of GetInsured. "Transitioning from the federal marketplace will put the Commonwealth in a strong position for the upcoming Open Enrollment Period and beyond, allowing the state more flexibility to provide the best access to affordable coverage for Virginians."

Individual and family plans are available to eligible Virginians, including those who are unemployed, are self-employed, or have jobs that don't provide affordable insurance options. Residents who have

lost Medicaid or FAMIS coverage are also encouraged to shop for affordable insurance on the Marketplace.

The Marketplace is the only place where Virginians can apply for financial assistance to help lower their monthly insurance costs. Nearly 9 out of 10 customers qualify for financial assistance.

Every health plan offered on the Marketplace covers the 10 essential health benefits required by law, which include doctor visits, hospitalization, prescription services and more.

To get started, Virginians can visit Marketplace.Virginia.gov to browse and compare health insurance plans. For additional help — either online or in

person — Virginians can access the following resources:

The Marketplace Help Center can connect Virginians to someone either in person or on the phone. Free translation services are also available.

The FAQ page answers some of the most common questions about the Marketplace.

For Virginians to receive coverage during 2024 through the Marketplace, they must enroll in a health plan at Marketplace.Virginia.gov by January 15, 2024. After January 15, Virginians experiencing a Qualifying Life Event (such as having a baby or losing health insurance coverage) may be eligible to enroll during a Special Enrollment Period.

LEGAL NOTICES

COUNTY OF HENRY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia, a public hearing has been scheduled for **November 29, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Summerlin Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, Kings Mountain Rd., Collinsville, Virginia. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive citizen input into the possible issuance of a Special Use Permit for the following case:

Case S-23-14 Capital Outdoors, Inc.

A request for a Special Use Permit has been received under Section 21-215 of the Henry County Zoning Ordinance to allow for the construction of an off-site general advertising sign. The property is located in the north-west corner of AL Philpott Hwy and Maple Leaf Rd., in the Horseshoe District, is zoned Commercial District B-1, as shown on Tax Map 58.2/15.

The application for this request may be viewed in the Department of Planning, Zoning & Inspection between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Lee H. Clark, AICP
Director of Planning, Zoning & Inspection

Submit your community news and photos to dhall@theenterprise.net

Fiancé charged in disappearance, death

Laura Cardenas was reported missing by her employer on Wednesday, October 25, after she didn't show up for work for two days, according to a release from Henry County Sheriff Wayne Davis.

Deputies responded to her home and spoke with her fiancé, Adam Hughes, who told them he had not seen her since Saturday, October 21.

On Thursday, October 26, investigators executed a search warrant on the home and alleged they discovered human blood inside. Investigators also seized two vehicles from the home and subsequently obtained search warrants to search them for evidence. Inside Hughes's truck, authorities allege multiple blood samples were recovered from the bed of the truck and the back seat.

Investigators explored leads that Cardenas's remains were possibly located in South

Boston, VA. On Tuesday, October 31, Henry County Sheriff's investigators and the Virginia State Police traveled to South Boston to search for those remains. Her remains were located in a wooded area near the roadway.

On November 1, Virginia State Police Agents conducted rapid DNA testing and confirmed those remains were Laura Cardenas.

As a result of this investigation, Hughes, 41, of 1588 Kings Mill Road, Ridgeway, was charged with second degree murder and concealment of a dead body.

Davis extended his gratitude to thank Henry County Commonwealth Attorney Andrew Nester and his staff, the Virginia State Police, the South Boston Police Department, as well as his deputies and investigators for their tireless work to provide closure for the family.



Adam Hughes

Davis also said, "most of all, we would like to give our deepest sympathies to Ms. Cardenas's family during their time of grief."

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

Second person charged in connection with shooting death

A man from Ferrum and a woman from Hardy were arrested on a charge of first degree murder in connection with the shooting death of a Martinsville man, according to releases from Henry County Sheriff Wayne Davis.

The Martinsville-Henry County 911 Communication Center received a call to conduct a well-being check at 84 Summit View Drive, Apartment 1, Martinsville at 7:28 a.m. on October 23. Henry County Sheriff's deputies responding to the scene entered the apartment, and found a deceased man inside the home. He was identified as Michael Jerome Hairston, 46, and a resident of the apartment.

Investigators determined that Hairston arrived home around 5:12 p.m. on October 21. Less than two hours later, at approximately 7:08 p.m., two people arrived at Hairston's home, and appeared to go inside the apartment.

Several minutes later, both people allegedly were seen running from the apartment, as recorded on a neighbor's doorbell camera. One of the people

appeared to be a woman, and the other a man.

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner determined the cause of Hairston's death was a gunshot wound to the head.

Investigators discovered a 2008 Audi had been captured on video leaving the area after the homicide occurred.

The man in the video was identified as Louis Jerrell Webb, 44, of Cooks Knob Road, Ferrum. Authorities alleged he is believed to be the shooter. Webb was charged with first-degree murder, use of a firearm in commission of a felony and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Webb is currently being held in New River Valley Regional Jail without a bond on an unrelated charge.

Henry County Sheriff's Office investigators, with the

assistance of the Roanoke Police Department, were able to locate the vehicle and operator in Roanoke. She was identified as Angelina Jai'lynn Spade, 19, 335 Truman Hill Drive, Hardy.

In addition to the murder charge, Spade was also charged with use of firearm in commission of a felony.

She is currently held in Roanoke City Adult Detention Center without a bond.

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Louis Jerrell Webb



Angelina Jai'lynn Spade

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Petitioner,) Law No. CL23001089-00

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CORDELIA FRANKLIN,)
JEFFREY FRANKLIN,)
REGINALD PRESTON,)
MICHAEL PRESTON,)
BRYANT PRESTON,)
SHARON TAYLOR,)
DOROTHY PENN,)
BRENDA WATFORD,)
ROSA PENN,)
PHYLLIS PENN JONES,)
MELINDA PENN,)
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DEDRA DANDRIDGE,)
BRANDON DANDRIDGE,)
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PRESTON,)
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CORDELIA FRANKLIN, 2104 Marbury Dr., District Heights, MD, 20747;
JEFFREY FRANKLIN, Unknown Address;
REGINALD PRESTON, Unknown Address;
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A sea of red was visible at a victory party Tuesday for Henry County Sheriff Wayne Davis. Red was used during Davis's campaign to demonstrate support.

percent, 75 percent, and 78.48 percent of the votes, respectively, with Mills picking up 34.04 percent, 25 percent, and 21.09 percent.

In Horsepasture #2, Spencer, Axton, and Irisburg, Davis garnered 84.87 percent, 79.82 percent, 84.44 percent, and 80.14 percent respectively to the 14.93 percent, 20.18 percent, 15.31 percent, and 19.29 percent respectively, for Mills.

In Mount Olivet, Mountain Valley, Collinsville #1, and Daniels Creek, Mills received 18.24 percent, 13.40 percent, 27.31 percent, and 33.97 percent respectively to the 81.64 percent, 86.60 percent, 72.69 percent, and 65.56 percent respectively cast for Davis.

Davis also topped Collinsville #2, with 68.38 percent; 77.60 percent in Mountain View; 64.08 percent in Bassett, 74.59 percent in Figsboro, and 63.08 percent of the vote in Stanleytown.

In Oak Level, he picked up 59.70 percent of the

vote; 83.99 percent in Dyers Store; 74.74 percent in Fontaine; 78.53 in Hillcrest; 77.06 in Ridgeway #1; and 76.29 percent in Ridgeway #2, unofficial results indicate.

Tiffany Renee Hairston emerged as the winner of Commissioner of Revenue contest against candidates Adrienne Bowyer, Blake T. Minter, Dallas D. Hairston, and Melissa Zehr.

Scott Grindstaff easily won his reelection bid for Treasurer, defeating challengers Michael D. Minter, Jr., and David Moore.

Cherie Whitlow won her reelection bid for School Board Member At Large against challenger Mary Martin.

Pam Cobler handily won her first term to represent the Reed Creek District on the Henry County Board of Supervisors against Gordon Metz, Jr.

Travis Pruitt was unopposed in seeking his first term to the Ridgeway District seat on the Henry County Board of Supervisors.



Retired sheriff Lane Perry, (left) congratulated interim Henry County Sheriff Wayne Davis after the election returns Tuesday. Davis easily won his initial bid for the post.

Stephanie Brinegar topped Valeria Edwards for the Horsepasture District seat on the Henry County School Board.

Unopposed incumbents winning reelection include Henry County Clerk of Court Jennifer Ross Ashworth; Commonwealth's Attorney

M. Andrew Nester; Debra Parsons Buchanan, Horsepasture District on the Henry County Board of Supervisors; Teddy Martin, II, Reed Creek District on the Henry County School Board and Champ Hardie Jr., Ridgeway District on the Henry County School Board.



PHOTOS BY RAY REYNOLDS

Wayne Davis addressed the crowd attending his victory party Tuesday. Davis, appointed interim Henry County Sheriff in July, won his first election, sweeping all of the precincts in Henry County. His wife, Tashah, and son are pictured with him on the stage.

R. Darryl Holland and Andrew L. Barker, Jr., were elected Soil and Water Conservation Directors, Blue Ridge District.

Sen. William M. "Bill" Stanley, Jr., R-Moneta, defeated Deborah I. "Renie" Gates; and Del. Wren M. Williams, R-Stuart, topped Patricia Lynn Quesenberry,

a democrat, and Jacob C. Frogel, an independent. Del. Les R. Adams, R-Chatham, was unopposed in his reelection bid.

In the City of Martinsville, Jeannie Nunn was unopposed in the Clerk of Court contest.

Stanley and Adams also won among city voters.

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nity which loved and supported him from the start.

He said, "I wanted to move Morning Star out of Sunday morning listening to the sermon and into the community." Since becoming pastor of Morning Star, he has taken an active role in social justice. Some have called him a community pastor, while others called him an agitator pastor.

When Millner first returned to Martinsville, he says there was nothing but negative talk in the community. Drugs, church scandals, and corruption in leadership dominated the conversations.

"I said, 'We need to do something that brings up something positive.' The Blue Ribbon Campaign was meant to amplify the positive things in the community to encourage others into getting active," he said.

The Blue Ribbon Campaign was a community-based marketing strategy meant to lead the congregation into the community and to be a mechanism for Millner to teach the church about social action and social justice. From that impetus, four core ministries began: citizen involvement in community affairs, education, intentionally mentoring young people, and encouraging citizens to vote.

Blue Ribbon operated for about 18 years. The end result saw the church get involved in the community and build relationships with the two school divisions



The Rev. Tyler Millner, long-time pastor of Morning Star Holy Church, is preparing to retire and spend more time with his family.

and colleges. He explains, "Our faith tells us we should be hopeful, and the Blue Ribbon was a practical way for us to live this faith out. The role of the church is to be a lighthouse and a means of hope. You can't do that if you just stay in the church."

Some of his public activities included voicing his opinions on the state of education and community safety. Millner remembers that at a spirited meeting discussing the consolidation of schools, a law enforcement officer approached him.

"I told him you don't have to monitor me and tell me how to act," Millner said. "I stood my ground. I'm proud of that."

Another proud moment for Millner was the construction of a rail next to an embankment across from the church, as well as the installation of a traffic light near the church, two structures Millner argued for. These two areas were dangerous for motorists and

pedestrians, and several people died before the rail and traffic lights were installed.

When asked about his time in ministry Millner said, "I describe my own ministry as prophetic - to speak of the possibility of what can be, speak of what God says is not right or just, and to insist that elected officials be accountable and responsible. They need to know we are keeping account, and that has to be said in the public square."

Millner also invested time in preserving African American history, artifacts, and experiences, especially in a positive light. The church fellowship hall became a "teaching academy" for Black history. Millner's collection allowed community members to bring their children and grandchildren to the church to learn African American history hands-on.

"I told the community to bring their children and sit for a couple of hours. Anything you talk about, there will be an

artifact here that will be an expression of that," Millner said.

He explains that history is a good way of empowering and strengthening the family and church in order to advance and make progress. "Look at all the milestones and achievements African Americans made without the support and backing of others. They were told they can't do nothing or be nothing, but they rose to the top. This could get students excited about their own progress."

The teaching academy has since shut down, and most of the artifacts were given to Henry County schools. Administrators from the university and seminary are coming soon to look through what is left to see how they can be integrated into their institutions, and Millner is now looking forward to retirement. He explained that it took a couple of years for him and the Lord "to come to an agreement" about his retirement, but once that was settled, he began feel-

ing excitement.

When asked what retirement looks like he responded, "It looks like doing nothing for a while! I'd like to have the experience of doing nothing for a while before I start doing something else."

He specifically mentioned his desire to spend time with his family.

"My family has been so gracious to lend me (to the community) and tolerate me being separated from them," he said. "They have been quite generous and understanding of my calling. I do appreciate that, and I hope I can make up for some of that by giving some back to them in retirement."



Morning Star Church—Martinsville, Virginia

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Installation
March 17, 1991

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Listed Among Richmond 100 Leaders
Richmond Surrounding Magazine
General Assembly of Virginia Joint
Resolution Saluting Millner Work
behalf of Honoring Dr. King
Virginia Union University Lifetime of
Service Award

Roanoke Symphony Orchestra and Piedmont Arts team up for Holiday Pops Spectacular

Piedmont Arts and Roanoke Symphony Orchestra and Chorus are thrilled to announce the most highly anticipated event of the season: the Holiday Pops Spectacular. This year, this musical treat returns with a matinee performance. The concert starts at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3rd in the Martinsville High School Auditorium. Tickets are on sale now and are \$20 for general admission, \$30 for reserved seating, \$5 for students, and can be purchased at Piedmont Arts or at PiedmontArts.org. Altrusa will collect non-perishable food items for Grace Network in the lobby during the symphony's performance.

There's no better way to lift your spirits than with the music of the season delivered in full sound and spectacle by the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra. This year, David Stewart Wiley conducts the Holiday



Roanoke native Emme Cannon will lend her vocal stylings to the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra Holiday Pops Spectacular.

Pops with all the magical elements you have come to expect — high energy, familiar carols and lots of holiday warmth. The event will also feature the vocals of the talented Emme Cannon, a Roanoke native and recent Berklee graduate. Cannon has shared her “hypnotizing voice and delivery” (The Roanoke Times) with the Boston Book Festival,

The Boston Calendar, the Songwriters in the Round (Part IV) at the iconic Grandin Theatre (BB King, Ray Charles), and the Two Track series where her performance has accumulated over 10,000 views. Her first self-written and produced EP, Home Planet explores aspects of life beyond this realm and finding love in life's uncertainties.



Conductor David Stewart Wiley looks on as Santa makes a surprise musical appearance.



Over a thousand students a day enjoyed Mark Nizer's performances at Martinsville High School.

Mark Nizer brings innovation and spectacle to Martinsville and Henry County

Last week, juggling legend Mark Nizer shook up Martinsville and Henry County with his own unique blend of stage magic, juggling, technology, and comedy antics. Hosted by Piedmont Arts, Mark Nizer performed a total of five performances: four school shows on Tuesday and Wednesday and a public performance on Thursday night. His school performances were performed for a total audience of over 3000 students from all over the county. The school performances were free for all students.

Sciencespllosion, his educational touring show, centers around an acrobatic juggling act interrupted by a transmission from the future: an asteroid is set to destroy the earth, and it's up to Nizer and his audience of young scientists to learn fundamental scientific



An enraptured full house at Fieldale-Collinsville Middle School.

knowledge to prevent the earth's destruction. With sections focusing on the periodic table, the laws of gravity, the way light and lasers work, and basic concepts of DNA, the performance had something interesting to teach everyone. Punctuated by incredible feats including juggling machetes and laser shows, children were riveted by the production and

applauded, screamed, and chanted loudly throughout the performance. Nizer's 4D show took place at the Martinsville High School Auditorium on Thursday, Oct. 26. Performed to a house of Piedmont Arts regulars and local performance art lovers, Nizer kept everyone entertained and on their toes with his antics and comedic beats.

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Joseph C. Campbell, Jr., M.D.

Dr. Campbell is originally from the town of Buena Vista, Virginia. He attended college at Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Va. and Medical School at the University of Virginia Medical School in Charlottesville, Virginia. He did his residency in Orthopedic Surgery at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Bethesda Maryland. He was a staff Orthopedic Surgeon at Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, NC 1997-1999. Orthopedic areas includes General Orthopedic Surgery. Special Orthopedic Interests include Sports Medicine, Arthroscopic Surgery, Foot and Ankle surgery. Dr. Campbell is a board certified Orthopedic Surgeon.



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