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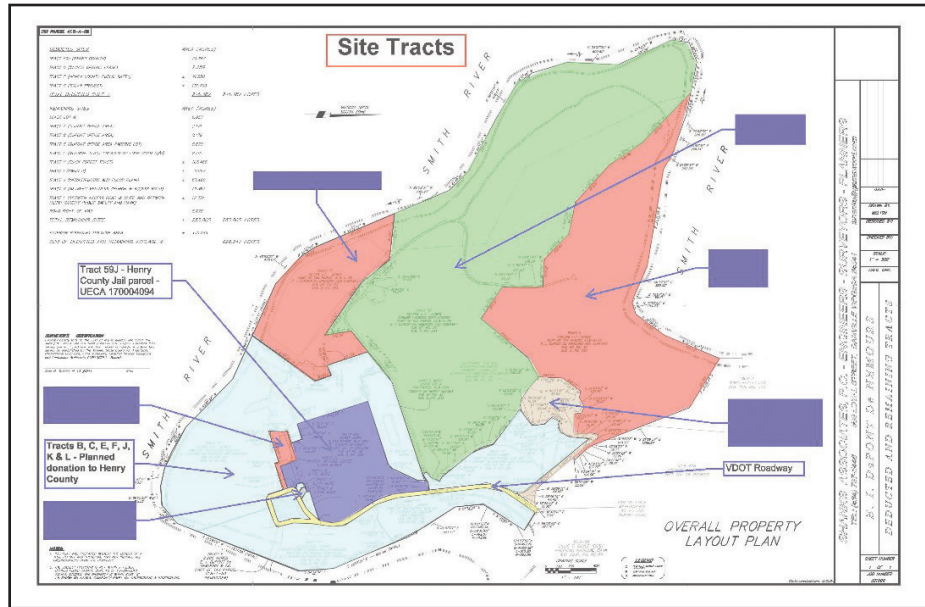
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County welcomes proposed land donation

Taylor Boyd
Staff writer

A proposed land donation of approximately 124 acres from EIDP, Inc., formerly known as E. I. Du Pont de Nemours and Company, to Henry County was approved at the October 24 Board of Supervisors' meeting.

Several county facilities – including Henry County Department of Public Safety, the Piedmont Regional Criminal Justice Training Academy and a storage building – are located on the property, Henry County Administrator Dale Wagoner said, and added that the county had been leasing the



The area that is in light blue on the map shows the proposed 124 acres that may be gifted to the county.

land from DuPont for several years.

“In years past, it was not practical for DuPont

to sell that property or to donate it because of the environmental constraints that they had

with the Department of Environmental Quality

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PHOTO BY PAT DELANEY

Extremely dry conditions persist across the region, as evidenced by the low water level at Phillpott Lake, near Ryan's Branch.

Burn ban remains in effect until further notice

A burn ban on all outdoor burning in Henry County will continue until further notice, and violators may face criminal charges.

Extremely dry conditions have led to wildfires in several localities, including Bedford County, where 1,400 acres were reportedly impacted as of Tuesday. In Patrick County, fire crews have been battling what began as a brush fire involving 20 to 30 acres on Oct. 30. By Monday, Nov. 14, that blaze was estimated to have affected up to 1,200 acres, underscoring the fact that the unusually dry weather conditions have created a high risk of wildfires.

The burn ban in Henry County that prohibits all outdoor burning until further notice went into effect on November 8. 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.

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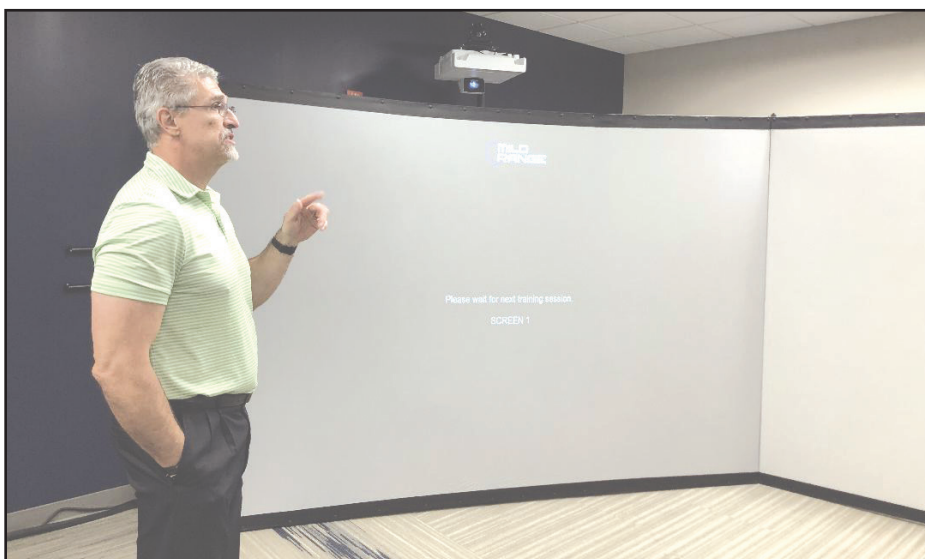
NCI home to new Virtual Training Center

When you see New College Institute's parking lot full of law enforcement vehicles, don't panic.

In fact, it should bring a sense of community safety.

The New College Institute (NCI) is now home to the Virtual Training Center for Real World Scenarios, a partnership between the Piedmont Regional Criminal Justice Training Academy (PRCJTA) and NCI.

The new state-of-the-art training center will immerse local law enforcement officers in lifelike crisis de-escalation and active shooter situations within the safety of the New College Institute (NCI) building - all thanks to virtual reality.



Each of the three MILO Range video screens are 10 feet wide and 6 1/2 feet tall to put law enforcement trainees in the center of the action. The screens can display more than 1,000 different preset scenarios as well as any custom scenario, such as local schools, the user creates.

features a MILO Range Theater 180 Simulation Training System, “a shooting simulator with a lot of different scenarios,” said PRCJTRA Director

Ben Rea. MILO stands for Multiple Interactive Learning Objectives.

“The unit has two large speakers in back, six cameras with three projectors

to run the system through a software program that MILO has created with those scenarios,” Rea said.

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Festival Latino held under fair skies

By Holly Kozelsky

The Southern Virginia Latino Association on Nov. 11 (moved back due to bad weather on the original date of Sept. 23) presented Festival Latino at the Smith

River Sports Complex. Dozens of booths were set up with vendors, food and community organizations, and entertainment was on stage throughout the day.

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BF Corazon de Mexico Company perform a traditional dance of Vera Cruz.

City school board hears update about NCI

School board members in Martinsville heard an update from Joe Sumner, the executive director of the New College Institute (NCI) at their regular meeting on Nov. 13.

Sumner laid out the goals of his presentation when he began speaking.

“I think it's good to kind of start with the big picture. I'd like to share some of our recent successes, talk about where we're going in the future, and at the end, I'd love to just open up for questions, comments, or concerns,” he said.

The overarching theme of his talk was “We want to be a part of success. We want to help,” Sumner said. “We're going to listen. We're here to learn.”

During a brief update about NCI, Sumner noted the facility was established in 2006 as a higher education center.

“Now this is one point where I do like to spend just a moment or two because there are still some folks that don't quite realize there are five higher education agencies that are spread throughout the Commonwealth, three are state agencies in and of themselves, meaning not three together but each individual organization is a state agency,” he said.

“The New College Institute is a state agency.”

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2023 Dine Small campaign kicks off for Small Business Saturday

For the sixth year, the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) will be sponsoring their Dine Small campaign on Small Business Saturday on November 25th.

The Dine Small campaign was created to encourage residents and visitors to eat at small locally owned restaurants in Martinsville and Henry County, especially on Small Business Saturday. That day also falls on one of the busiest shopping days of the holiday season, the day after Black Friday.

The EDC will be offering \$10 vouchers towards food purchases at 21 local small restaurants that agreed to participate. Many of these restaurants have menus with meals less than \$10, thereby allowing the customer to eat for free or at little cost. If a diner's meal costs more than \$10, the diner is responsible for the difference. It should be noted that the voucher amount cannot be used toward alcohol purchases or non-food/non-beverage items.

The campaign is a win-win for the diners and for the restaurants. The diners get a free or discounted meal, and perhaps will use this experi-



ence to go to a different restaurant from their norm. The restaurants get customers through their door who may even spend more than the voucher's value.

Last year, over 600 vouchers were handed out. There is no cost for the vouchers, but they must be picked up in person (one per person present, no holds, no exceptions).

Vouchers will be available beginning at 9am on Monday, November 13, at the Lower Level of New College Institute Baldwin Building (191 Fayette Street, Martinsville). **PLEASE PARK IN THE LOWER PARKING LOT.**

Pick up hours for this event are 9am-5pm on Monday-Friday (November 13-17) or until the supply has been exhausted.

A list of participating restaurants can be found

at <https://bit.ly/3QA7itK> and include:

- B o w l - B - Q Smokehouse & Bar
- Captain Tom's Seafood
- Chopstix
- Don Pepe's Taqueria
- The Ground Floor
- Hugo's Restaurant & Sports Bar
- Hylton's Wood-Cooking Grill
- Jerry's Pizza
- Kornna Kitchen
- Los Norteños Mexican Restaurant
- Luck's Lounge
- Manny's at the Park
- Manny's Seafood, Soul & Mexican
- Pacific Bay Steak & Seafood
- Papa's Pizzeria
- San José Mexican Restaurant
- Simply Suzanne's Café
- Tammy's Grill
- Tequila's Sports Bar & Grill
- Wild Magnolia
- Yummy's Bar & Grill



Professor Elliot Engel addresses a large group of English students at Bassett High School.



A crowd gathered for dinner before the lecture in the Frith Performance Hall.

Engel delights Henry County with literary insight and charming humor

Last week, Professor Elliot Engel of Raleigh, North Carolina thrilled local audiences with his engaging and informative lectures. Hosted by Piedmont Arts, Engel spent the afternoon at Bassett High School and the evening in the Piedmont Arts' gallery with a catered dinner and lecture. This sold out event was sponsored by King's Grant, had flowers provided by Draper Flowers and Gifts, and dinner was catered by Third Bay.

Engel's day in Henry County began at Bassett High School where he expounded on William Shakespeare's influence on modern language and various turns of phrase that people use every day and do not know were credited to him. His lecture was a fascinating way to teach nearly 200 students about the Bard and his impact on the English language.

His visit continued at Piedmont Arts that evening where he presented his lecture, "The Cold Genius of Robert Frost." Participants started the evening by gathering in the Frith Performance Hall for community, camaraderie, and a delicious barbecue meal catered by Third Bay. After dinner, a brief intermission took place as the audience made their way to the Hooker-Garrett gallery where seating had been arranged. After an introduction by Executive Director Heidi Pinkston,



Professor Engel shares anecdotes about Robert Frost to a sold-out crowd at Piedmont Arts.

Engel delighted the gathered audience with biographical information, poetic interpretations, and charming anecdotes about the famous New England poet. Engel is a beloved fixture in Piedmont Arts' performing arts seasons and they are excited to bring him back to Martinsville soon.

Piedmont Arts is a nonprofit art museum in Martinsville. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is free. Learn more at PiedmontArts.org.

Seeking native plants? Try the Virginia Native Plant Finder

As the movement to reduce water-guzzling manicured lawns and nurture more sustainable, native landscaping has gained momentum around the country, a Virginia agency now offers a better way to help you find the right plant for the right place.

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, the authoritative source on the state's native species, encourages individual home gardeners and large land developers alike to use its improved Virginia Native Plant Finder to search for the most appropriate species for a specific location. Visit <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural-heritage/native-plants-finder>.

The free online tool can be used for projects of any scale, from backyard gardens to large solar sites, and park management to landscape architectural design.

Choosing native plants is a critical part of designing a high-quality habitat for pollinators, birds and other wildlife.

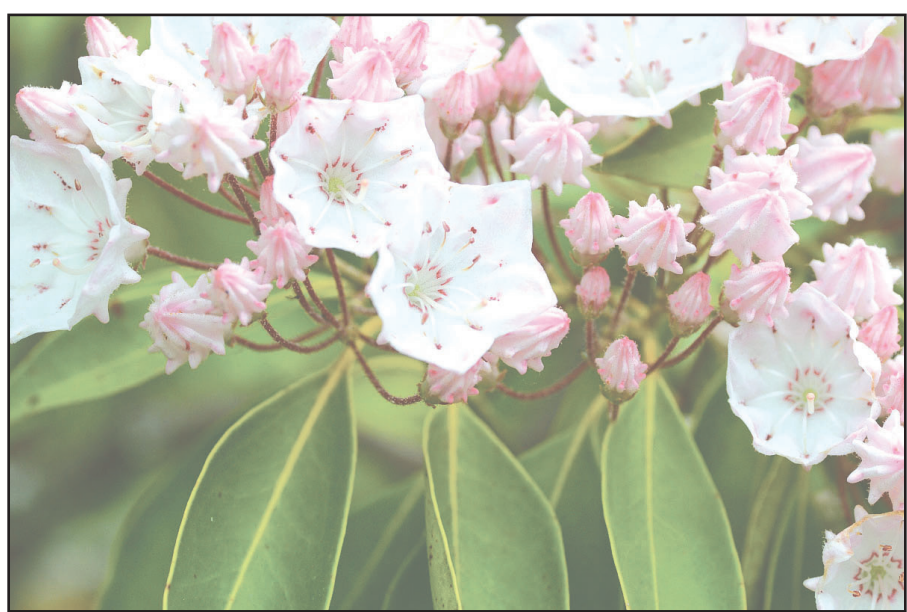
"Plant species native to our state are well-adapted to the habitat conditions

and climate, so they often require less maintenance than non-native species," said Kevin Heffernan, stewardship biologist for the Virginia Natural Heritage Program at DCR. "They provide essential food sources for native pollinator species and birds that non-native species lack. Thus, in addition to adding beauty to our landscapes, they increase ecological vitality."

While some nurseries and garden centers may identify plants as being native to the continent of North America, this webpage focuses on species considered native to the physiographic regions within the state of Virginia (Mountain, Piedmont, Coastal Plain) and even drills down to the locality level.

For instance, a user who is seeking types of grasses – no taller than 3 feet, for a sunny and dry habitat – could plug in those characteristics and enter the specific locality for a list of recommendations.

Of the nearly 1,600 species in the database, many are commercially available as live plants or seeds. With each species, if it is commercially available, links to vendors who list it in



Mountain laurel, a plant species native to Virginia.

their catalog are provided.

The finder is built using data collected by Natural Heritage scientists, who are responsible for identifying and conserving Virginia's plants, animals and natural communities. The finder does not include any rare species, or any non-native plants that have been introduced to Virginia. The finder was

first created in 2014. In 2018, a separate Solar Site Native Plant Finder for large-scale projects was developed. The newest version combines both into one.

The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, Virginia Native Plant Society and Virginia Department of Environmental Quality contributed to the development of the tool.

Upcoming Shows Presented By

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| SAT. 11/25 | R.W. SHUCKS Seafood Block Party <small>On the Historic Courthouse Square in Uptown Martinsville</small> | LOW TICKET WARNING! |
| SAT. 12/2 | RUMOURS A Fleetwood Mac Tribute <small>HJDB Event Center, Bassett, VA</small> | ON SALE |
| SAT. 12/9 | SNEEZY Funk Soul Band at TAD Space, Martinsville, VA | ON SALE |

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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.

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 17

Theatre [in the] Works presents All The Fixins! Hold up Rudolph, 7 p.m. for all ages and 9 p.m., 18 and over, \$5 at the door, TheatreWorks Community Players, 44 Franklin Street, UPTown Martinsville.

Saturday, 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.

Thursday, November 30

Piedmont Arts will kick off the holiday season at 4 p.m. with the annual lighting of the Art Garden Christmas tree in the Gravely-Lester Art Garden.

This free event will feature holiday music by the Martinsville High School Jazz Band and the First Baptist Church Choir, Gale Buck: Storytelling Santa, hot chocolate and crafts. Just like the sculptures in the Art Garden, the Christmas tree will be a work of art. Created by Ian Hogg using more than 3,000 lights, the tree will be lit at sunset and brighten the Art Garden through New Year's Day.

Friday, December 1

The MHC Historical Society's annual Christmas Music Program will be held from 7-8 p.m., at the Historic Henry County Courthouse at 1 E. Main St, as part of that evening's North Pole Jingle in uptown Martinsville. Featured performers will be Valeria Edwards, Joanne Linscott, John Fulcher, Beth Chapman, Virginia King, Davis Scott, Regula Daily and Lynn Pritchett. Peter Marshall will give remarks on the history of Christmas music.

Sunday, December 3

Roanoke Symphony Holiday Pops Spectacular, 3 p.m. in the Martinsville High School Auditorium. The most highly anticipated holiday event of the season returns with an all-new matinee performance. This year, David Stewart Wiley conducts the Holiday Pops. Altrusa will collect non-perishable food items for Grace Network in the lobby during the symphony's performance. Tickets are \$30 for reserved seating, \$20 for general admission, and \$5 for students. Tickets are available for purchase at the museum or at PiedmontArts.org.

Friday, December 8

Music Night at the Spencer-Penn Centre. The Country Boys will play in Alumni Hall. Gate opens at 5 pm with the band starting at 6:15 p.m. Admission is a \$5 CASH donation. Concessions, including our ever-popular Spencer Penn hotdogs, will be sold.

Saturday, December 9

Dinner, crafts, hot cocoa, and a movie, plus photos with Santa, Spencer Penn Centre. Pre-registration is required. \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members.

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 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.

Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims Increase

Data from the Virginia Department of Workforce Development and Advancement (DWDVA) indicates that the number of initial unemployment insurance claims increased in the latest filing week to 1,730 and remained at typical pre-Pandemic volumes experienced in 2019.

For the filing week ending November 4, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims

for unemployment insurance in Virginia was 1,730, which was a decrease of 70 claimants from the previous week. Continued weeks claimed totaled 12,341, which was unchanged from the previous week and an increase of 78% from the 6,951 continued claims from the comparable week last year. An industry was reported for ninety-three percent of continued claims. Of

those, over half (53 percent) of continued claims were from professional, scientific, and technical services (1,851), administrative and support and waste management (1,715), manufacturing (1,410), and health care and social assistance (1,096). Eligibility for benefits is determined on a weekly basis, and so not all weekly claims filed result in a benefit payment. This is because

the initial claims numbers represent claim applications; claims are then reviewed for eligibility and legitimacy.

In the week ending November 4, the advance U.S. figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 217,000, a decrease of 3,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 3,000 from 217,000 to 220,000. The

advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 213,132 in the week ending November 4, an increase of 13,826 (or 6.9 percent) from the previous week. There were 206,079 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

Looking at preliminary data, most U.S. states reported increases on a seasonally unadjusted basis. California's

preliminary weekly change (+3,416) was the largest increase. New York's preliminary weekly change (+2,457) was the second largest increase. Pennsylvania's preliminary weekly change (+1,677) was the third largest increase. Minnesota's preliminary weekly change (+1,510) was the fourth largest increase. Virginia had the fourth largest decrease (-314).

Heat Your Home Safely This Winter

We're approaching months where the temperatures begin to drop, and many families are beginning to turn the heat on. Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fires in the U.S., and the American Red Cross is urging families to take steps to heat their home safely.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), fire departments respond to more than 44,200 home heating fires each year which cause hundreds of deaths and more than 1,300 injuries.

Also, the NFPA reports space heaters are most often responsible for home heating fires and a Red Cross survey showed that more than half of us have used one. It's critical to keep at least three feet of space around all heating equipment, and never leave space heaters unattended. Follow these additional tips:

If you must use a space heater, place it on a level, hard and nonflammable surface, such as a ceramic tile floor. Don't place it on rugs and carpets, or near bedding and drapes. And keep children and pets away from the heater.

Plug space heater power cords directly into outlets — never an extension cord. Turn it off every time you leave the room or go to sleep.

Never use a cooking range or oven to heat your home.

Never leave a fire burning in the

fireplaces unattended. Make sure any embers in the fireplace are extinguished before going to bed or leaving home. Use a glass or metal fire screen to keep embers in the fireplace.

Have furnaces, chimneys, fireplaces, wood and coal stoves inspected annually by a professional and cleaned if necessary.

To help protect your family year-round, test your smoke alarms monthly and practice your home fire escape plan until everyone can escape in less than two minutes — the amount of time you may have to get out of a burning home before it's too late.

If you cannot afford to purchase smoke alarms or are physically unable to install one, the Red Cross may be able to help. Contact your local Red Cross for help.

Visit redcross.org/fire for more information, including an escape plan to practice with your family. Download the free Red Cross First Aid app so you'll know what to do if emergency help is delayed and the free Emergency app for weather alerts, open Red Cross shelter locations and safety steps for different emergencies. Choose whether you want to view the content in English or Spanish with an easy-to-find language selector. Find these and all of the Red Cross apps in smartphone app stores by searching for the American Red Cross or going to redcross.org/apps. [HS1]

Christmas Music Program to be held Dec. 1

The Martinsville-Henry County Historical Society will hold its popular annual Christmas Music Program this year in conjunction with Martinsville Uptown's North Pole Jingle.

Businesses across Uptown — most with special events and activities — will be open until 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, for the North Pole Jingle. Highlights will include the Tree-Lighting Ceremony at 5:30 p.m., with Santa Claus and the Magna Vista High School Choir.

The Historical Society's Christmas Music program will be held from 7-8 p.m. that night in the courtroom of the Historic Henry County Courthouse at 1 E. Main St. Featured performers will be Valeria Edwards, Joanne Linscott, John Fulcher, Beth Chapman, Virginia King, Davis Scott, Regula Daily and Lynn Pritchett. Peter Marshall will give remarks on the history of Christmas music.

The Martinsville-Henry County Heritage Center and museum in the Historic Courthouse will be open that evening, along with its Gift Shop which includes Christmas ornaments, books, fairy stone jewelry, shirts and other gift items.

The Historical Society normally holds the Christmas Music Program as part of its Sunday Afternoon Lecture Series.

Other participants in the North Pole Jingle include:

- The 3D Shop, with a lithophane station
- American Patriot Liquidation
- BlueTattoo, with festive coloring
- Collins-McKee-Stone Funeral Home, with goodie bags for children Forever Younger
- Gallery 22
- Glitzy Mermaids, with an ornament station and mermaid hair
- The Ground Floor
- Holland Accounting, with letters to Santa
- Martin Plaza, with an open house
- MHC Elite Cheer
- Oakstone Health & Nutrition, with healthy holiday treats
- Sweet Heaven, with festive coloring and reindeer candy canes
- Studio 107, with an ornament station
- Uptown Partnership, with an ornament station
- Uptown Roxie Suites & Camille Slayyyed That, with cookies and a photo booth

Additionally, Holidays at the Market at the farmers market site will feature vendors, and Santa Claus will be there from 6-8 p.m.

OPINION

The threat from within

A couple of months ago, I listed some air pistols for sale online and got a message from a gentleman who wanted to buy the lot.

Over the course of about a week, I exchanged three or four phone calls with him totaling about an hour and a half. The reason it took so long, I came to realize, was that the gentleman mainly just wanted a friend to talk to, and buying air pistols was largely incidental to that goal.

I learned a lot about the man. He used to shoot cartridge firearms, he said, but he had a bad heart and his doctor told him he needed to stop; air pistols, being much quieter and having virtually no recoil, were the heart-healthy option. Additionally, he had been in a terrible car accident a few years earlier and it left him confined to a wheelchair. He had set up a little target range in his basement where he could do some plinking, usually accompanied by his grandson.

When he finally offered me a price for the lot of pistols, he told me that I could definitely get a little more from someone else but his offer was as high as he could afford to go. I told him I'd take it; I wanted the air pistols to go to someone who would appreciate them. And I obviously didn't say this part to him, but I could tell they would bring a little joy to his

life and he seemed like a guy who could use it.

The gentleman was thrilled with the sale and he had plenty of kind words for me. We had become friends, at least as far as two people doing a business deal who are never going to meet in person can become friends.

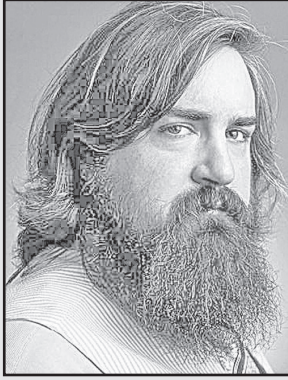
On our last phone call, he asked me if I ever shoot cartridge firearms. I told him that I do; mostly revolvers, I said, but I keep a couple shotguns on hand to scare off the coyotes that wander onto the property.

"I used to go shooting out behind my house, too," he said. "None of my neighbors shoot, though. F***** liberals."

He spat those last two words with uncharacteristic venom. I didn't say anything and he moved on to a different topic. But all I could think was, man, we're having a very nice conversation right now, but if you knew what I really think about the state of the world, you would probably despise me.

It's not the first time that thought has crossed my mind. It happens frequently these days.

I think regular readers of this column would label me a progressive and hate-readers of this column would label me a Godless heathen liberal. Politics never came up once when I was talking to the gentlemen who bought my air



By Ben R. Williams

pistols; why would he assume I wasn't progressive?

There are, I think, two answers to that. The obvious answer is that I live out in the woods and own guns. I know a number of progressives who live out in the woods and own guns, but that's definitely not the popular perception.

The second reason, however, is more troubling.

At no point in our conversations did I advocate for dismantling democracy and letting anarchy reign. At no point did I say I hated America. At no point did I insult the troops. At no point did I say I hated the American flag.

Since I didn't do any of that, he must have figured I was a nice, normal, reasonable person and therefore on his team. You obviously can't make a human connection with one of those awful liberals you hear about on the news. They're monsters who hate this coun-

try.

If you think I'm exaggerating, consider former President Donald Trump's Veteran's Day speech from this past Saturday. Near the end of the speech, Trump said the following:

"We pledge to you that we will root out the communists, Marxists, fascists, and the radical left thugs that live like vermin within the confines of our country that lie and steal and cheat on elections," he said. "They'll do anything, whether legally or illegally, to destroy America and to destroy the American Dream. ... The threat from outside forces is far less sinister, dangerous, and grave than the threat from within. Our threat is from within."

First things first, that is an absolutely insane speech from anyone, much less a former President ostensibly talking about Veteran's Day.

Secondly, while I don't consider myself a communist or a Marxist, and I definitely don't consider myself a fascist, I do have to ask myself: am I a "radical left thug?" Well, I'm pretty progressive, I'm a former full-time journalist who maintains a weekly newspaper column, I don't believe the election was stolen, and I don't like Trump, so I'm going to guess that I fit his definition. I'd wager that about 81 million other Americans do as well.

Up until recently, there was a certain understanding in American politics: no matter the party affiliation, a

President represented all of his constituency, not just his supporters. It was understood that regardless of political party, no one goes out and casts a vote hoping to destroy their country.

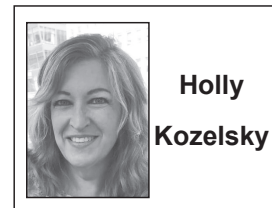
Trump not only has no interest in serving those who didn't vote for him, he's actively saying they're not human.

Trump's use of the word "vermin" to describe American citizens is straight out of the fascist playbook. Hitler compared the Jews to rodents. Mussolini compared communists and socialists to vermin. The Rwanda government propaganda prior to the Rwandan genocide characterized the Tutsis as cockroaches and snakes.

This is the language of dehumanization, the language that allows a dictator's followers to commit atrocities because their enemies are unlike them; they are members of the great Other, an unknowable species that only wants to destroy everything that good citizens value. None of this is new, which makes it all the more frustrating that so many refuse to see it for what it is.

When I was a kid, I always used to wonder how the German people allowed Hitler to rise to power. What I've come to realize is that it didn't start with putting people in gas chambers; it started with convincing the citizenry that the people who would end up in the gas chambers weren't people at all.

Walnut soup and a first Thanksgiving



Holly Kozelsky

In every family there comes a passing of the baton, when the hosting of the Thanksgiving dinner moves down a generation.

So it was one year too many ago to admit to, other than to say that my sister and I were young ladies back then, and it was my first year in a beautiful, elegant, spacious 1920's house that I had just bought, and just wallpapered the dining room of, and just recovered my chairs to coordinate.

I couldn't wait to host a large family meal there

and my mother, whose ideas of proper entertaining always greatly exceeded her energy to pull it off herself, was delighted with the offer.

My sister stayed with me on her college break, and we spent days cooking together.

Of course, before the cooking for a large meal starts, there are the days of cleaning and polishing everything in sight so the house sparkles and gleams.

And cook we did. It was our first time hosting a major meal, and we pulled out all the stops. For days, we minced and we chopped and we julienned. We sauteed and we boiled and we baked. We rolled and we mashed and we crimped.

Every now and then one of us would have to

make a trip to the store not only for more ingredients but also for more bowls and pots and pans and utensils because we were at the just-starting-out stage of life. That Thanksgiving dinner alone put me well on my way to having a finely appointed kitchen.

And we washed a never-ending stream of bowls and pots and pans and utensils.

The refrigerator was jam-packed full, and thank goodness it was cold during those days, because more food was held over in the porch.

Finally, that fine Thursday, delectable aromas filled the house.

The doorbell rang. Our mother and stepfather walked in, eyes wide in anticipation.

They surveyed the

table laden with a feast, every surface covered except for the clear spot in the center for the entree. Mom clapped her hands in delight and Stepdad grinned from ear to ear and rubbed his belly.

One by one, they looked at the dishes, some easily recognizable, others that required a bit of explanation. The biscuits were sweet potato biscuits using Mama Dip's recipe. The stuffing was no Stove Top thank you, but made entirely from scratch. There were both mashed potatoes and sweet potato casserole topped with brown sugar-peccan crunch.

They exclaimed over each and every dish, nodding approval, giving compliments.

We had green beans and we had asparagus. There was Waldorf salad just like Mom made at every Thanksgiving, and also the cranberry mold that no family holiday table ever had gone without.

There was even pineapple-cheese casserole topped with crushed Ritz crackers toasted in butter.

And desserts? Oh, who could even think about desserts after a meal like that? There would have to be a rest of several hours before the pumpkin pie, apple pie and mincemeat pie could come to the table, but the delicate China dessert plates were ready to take them, and the silver coffee pot, creamer and sugar bowl that had been Mom's wedding gift back in 1964 gleamed from its recent polishing.

Their faces were aglow in happiness as they sat at the table while we went into the kitchen for the final item.

Very carefully, we carried the beautiful huge white tureen and serving platter that I was so proud of and set it on its spot in the middle of the table.

With a flourish, we lifted the lid and proudly proclaimed, "Walnut soup!"

The parents looked at us in shock.

"Walnut soup?!" they asked.

"Walnut soup!" we replied.

"What about turkey?" they asked.

"We're vegetarians," we reminded them. "We didn't cook a turkey."

They looked at us in utter dismay, eyes wide in horror and mouths agape.

Mom broke the silence: "How are we going to put gravy over the potatoes and stuffing?"

"There's no turkey?" our stepfather asked again, still reeling from the unexpected blow.

No, that wasn't the last Thanksgiving meal we ever hosted. But it was the last time we ever cooked walnut soup for our parents.

From then on, at every Thanksgiving dinner we still cooked a big feast and left the spot open in the middle.

Our parents cooked the turkey at home, bundled it up carefully and very gingerly brought it into the house and set it in the center of the table.

As we'd say grace, we'd thank the Lord for being together as a family, and for the bountiful feast He had provided for us, and then one of them would throw in the final words: "And thank you Lord for the TURKEY."

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 - 5. Enter forcibly
 - 11. Southwestern Native American tribe
 - 12. Helps you smell better
 - 16. Sun or solar disk
 - 17. Low frequency
 - 18. Former Houston football player
 - 19. Federal crime
 - 24. Home to Boston (abbr.)
 - 25. Approval
 - 26. Those who fight an establishment (abbr.)
 - 27. ___ student, learns healing
 - 28. Indian groomer of horses
 - 29. Line where two pieces meet
 - 30. One might be brief
 - 31. Type of sword
 - 33. Knife for fruits or vegetables
 - 34. Stinkhorns
 - 38. Stroke
 - 39. Industrial process for producing ammonia
 - 40. Sir ___ Newton
 - 43. Wild goat
 - 44. Muslim ruler
 - 45. Scottish ancestor
 - 49. Hat
 - 50. Horse mackerel
 - 51. Alcoholic accompaniment
 - 53. Tech department
 - 54. Manifesting approval
 - 56. Upper bract of grass
 - 58. Of I
 - 59. Large wading bird
 - 60. Military prisons
 - 63. Famed American cartoonist
 - 64. Rise
 - 65. Greek God of war and courage
 - CLUES DOWN**
 - 1. Sewing needles
 - 2. Functionary
 - 3. Induces vomiting
 - 4. The finger farthest from the thumb
 - 5. Not moving
 - 6. Sports official
 - 7. Water purification process (abbr.)
 - 8. University of Dayton
 - 9. Indo-Malaysian evergreens
 - 10. High schoolers' math course
 - 13. Yankovic is a weird one
 - 14. Adversaries
 - 15. Merchandisers
 - 20. Radioactive metal (abbr.)
 - 21. Atomic #52
 - 22. The back
 - 23. One-time computer giant
 - 27. Female of a horse
 - 29. Football's big game (abbr.)
 - 30. Vehicle
 - 31. Single Lens Reflex
 - 32. It's becoming more prevalent
 - 33. Political action committee
 - 34. Makes lightbulbs
 - 35. Natural home of an animal
 - 36. In bed
 - 37. Superman villain
 - 38. The Golden State
 - 40. One who leads prayers in a mosque
 - 41. They accompany a leader
 - 42. Atomic #18
 - 44. Electronic countermeasures
 - 45. The appearance of something
 - 46. Connecting line on a map
 - 47. Deep red color
 - 48. Secret affairs
 - 50. Drenches
 - 51. Contains music
 - 52. Expression of surprise
 - 55. Where birds are born
 - 57. ___ and behold
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Look out for any online sales that are too good to be true; experts say to be suspicious of anything marked down 55% or more. Also be wary of any product or websites that offer popular or hard-to-find products at a steeply discounted price. Purchasing products on these sites can lead to shoddy products being delivered or receiving nothing at all. Worse, the site could steal your pay-

ment information or upload credential-stealing malware onto your device.

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Burn Ban

The National Weather Service forecasters expect these extreme conditions 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 firefighting 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.

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County

(DEQ), so they were only able to lease that to us in the past," he said.

Wagoner said all the environmental issues have been mitigated and there's now clearance for DuPont to now transfer ownership of that property to the county.

"The county already owned the buildings that were sitting on the property, but technically we didn't own the land that the buildings were sitting on," he said. "So, in this case with the donation of the land coming to us now, the county will own the land that the buildings are sitting on."

Wagoner said the land donation doesn't cost the county anything, but it also won't save any money either because the county's lease payment to use the land was equivalent to the amount of taxes owed on the land.

"So, now they won't be paying taxes, but we won't be paying lease either. It's still a net zero anyway you look at it," he said.

Wagoner said the current plan for the land is to continue the county's operations currently housed on the site.

Because the agreement includes areas like the parking lot, Wagoner said the county is provided more opportunities for fire and EMS training and law

enforcement training.

"We've also had some interest from the DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles) and VDOT (Virginia Department of Transportation) about using some of the parking lot for driver training for CDL (Commercial Driver's License) drivers," he said.

County officials also stressed that there are a few steps that need to happen before the proposed land donation is finalized.

While there is no definitive long-term plan for any of the other property that is essentially in use by Public Safety, Wagoner said there was some discussion in the Board of Supervisors' planning meetings about eventually locating all public safety functions in that complex.

This would include the Henry County Sheriff's Office and the Henry County Animal Shelter.

"Right now, we don't have a financial plan to get to that point," he said.

Wagoner said DuPont still owns other land in the area.

"DuPont will still maintain ownership of several hundred acres of land on the backside of the property, and anywhere there's still ongoing environmental litigation matters," he said.

School

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We have multiple lines of reports that we have to provide at the state level," he said. Although Sumner directly reports to an executive board of directors, "we also report directly to SCHEV," the Virginia State Council of Higher Education, "as the Secretary of Education."

Sumner said that sometimes "it helps to understand that we're a state agency because there are times when you might drop by NCI, look and say, 'what the heck are they doing?'"

In those cases, he said, "Chances are we probably got a call from Richmond that said, 'You all are going do this,' and we said, 'Yes sir.'"

NCI has three facilities located in Uptown Martinsville: the Baldwin Building, King Hall, and the Fayette Lab. "We employ approximately 25 personnel," Sumner said, adding that the total includes a combination of full-time, part-time, and contract employees.

Because NCI is a state agency, "we are told exactly what it is that we are to do and how we are to do it," Sumner said. "We have six line items in the code. We take those six line items and distill them down into four basic areas of operation."

Those areas are degree opportunities, workforce development – which is mostly on a statewide level, K-12 operations whether direct instruction, professional development or extracurricular," and community engagement, he said.

In addition, Sumner said there are "unwritten laws" that he will adhere to during his tenure at NCI.

We will not compete with other institutions in the immediate vicinity, whether the community college or the

school system. It does not matter."

"It does not matter if I get called" about beginning some new program, Sumner said his first calls would be to the school divisions and Patrick and Henry Community College to determine whether the program is offered elsewhere and to "see if I can help put some rear ends in some seats, so to speak."

Regardless, "we will not compete. We will not carry on programs that are already in place," he said, adding some programs have been sunset, "and any new programs we start will follow the next three" areas.

"We'll address workforce needs at the local, regional, and Commonwealth levels, and that's important because if it is a local need, we want to partner locally with those institutions," Sumner said. "If it is a regional or Commonwealth need, we will approach our local organizations first and if they say, 'you know what, that's kind of out of the realm of where we operate,' then we'll take care of further" steps. New programs, he said, are driven by workforce demands, "and all programs must be sustainable to (ensure) the need is met."

NCI is not "chasing grants because there's a bunch of money for this category of training," Sumner said. If a program "does not lead to a career locally or at least a minimum, lead to a career that is driven by one of these state initiatives, such as broadband or something in this area, then we are not going to pursue it just simply for the fact that there's a grant or there's lots of money out there."

Rather NCI wants "to train and educate

individuals to stay here."

NCI currently has four university partners that offer bachelor level, master level, and even doctoral level degrees "at our institution," Sumner said, and added, "we also operate on the do not compete principle." None of the degree programs offer the first two years at NCI, Sumner said. "Those first two years are to be taken at" Patrick and Henry Community College or Danville Community College.

"The idea is that we create that pipeline where students get the education they need, all the way from pre-K up to graduate level degrees, right here in Martinsville," he said.

NCI is working on new opportunities, and has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a new university that plans to bring two new degree offerings to Martinsville, Sumner said. However, NCI has been asked to not provide specific information about that partnership yet but to wait for a joint announcement that Sumner said may come by the end of the year or early 2024.

"We are excited to share that with everyone just as soon as I can," he said.

In other matters, the Martinsville City School Board:

*Heard an update about the Magical Unicodes LEGO Robotics Podcast at Martinsville Middle School.

*Heard details about The Kennel Café, also located at Martinsville Middle School.

*Considered approval of a Consent Agenda.

*Learned that November 22-24 is fall break. All schools and offices will be closed during that time frame.

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Black Friday shopping tips

Retail holidays now dot the consumer landscape throughout much of the year. That shift has made a day like Black Friday somewhat less unique than it was in years past. However, Black Friday remains the unofficial kickoff to the holiday shopping season, and it's still a major day for retailers big and small.

According to Adobe Analytics, in 2022 consumers spent \$9.12 billion, while online shopping on Black Friday. A separate report from the National Retail Federation and Prosper Insights & Analytics indicated just under 200 million consumers shopped online and in stores between Thanksgiving Day and Cyber Monday, which is the Monday following Black Friday. Such figures indicate that holiday shopping on the weekend of Thanksgiving might have changed, but it's still wildly popular. This Black Friday, shoppers can consider these tips to ensure they find the right gifts at the right price.

• Do some research before the big day. The spirit of competition is alive and well on Black Friday. Consumers once flocked en masse to store parking lots in the wee hours of the morning in order to get sale items before shelves emptied. Some still do, so shoppers may need to be will-



ing to compete to find the best deals. But some pre-Black Friday research might prove the best way to land the best deals, and it may not require waking up in the middle of the night. Much like shoppers compete with one another to grab sale items, retailers also compete to get shoppers in store or on their websites. As a result, it's not uncommon for retailers big and small to advertise Black Friday sales weeks in advance. Shoppers can research these sales and plan when to visit certain stores in order to land the best deal.

• Wake up early. Shoppers may not need to get out of bed at 3 a.m. to land the best Black Friday deals, but the early bird still gets the worm on the day after Thanksgiving. Plan to shop early in the morning, which increases the chances of finding the right gift at

the right price. If an item you've earmarked is part of a doorbuster deal, plan to get to the store or onto the website as early as possible.

• Establish a budget. It's easy to go overboard when shopping deals on Black Friday. However, busting the budget on the first day of the holiday shopping season sets a bad precedent for the weeks to come. A holiday debt survey from LendingTree found that 35 percent of shoppers took on debt to pay for their holiday purchases in 2022, with the average consumer accumulating more than \$1,500 in debt. Savvy shoppers devise a budget prior to shopping and stick to that budget.

Black Friday remains a wildly popular retail holiday. A little research, a willingness to get up early and some determination to stay on budget are a formula for a successful Black Friday.

Community Foundation awards VMNH with grant to support EBT admissions

The Community Foundation Serving Western Virginia has awarded the Virginia Museum of Natural History (VMNH) a grant of \$3,700 in support of the museum's initiative to provide free admission to EBT card holders and their families.

"We're incredibly grateful to have the support of Community Foundation Serving Western Virginia as we continue to aim to make the museum more accessible to all Virginians," said Ryan Barber, VMNH Deputy Director. "Through this funding and funding from additional corporate partners, the museum is pleased to be able to continue offering free admission to all EBT card holders and their families."

Specifically, the grant supports the museum's participation in the Institute of Museum and Library Services' Museums for All program, which provides reduced admission rates for EBT card holders and their families. In recent years, the museum has received supplemental funding from local businesses, which has allowed the museum to waive all remaining admission fees associated with the program.

"It's exciting to see the local and regional support of this program continue to grow," said Barber. "Hooker Furnishings has supported this program since 2021 and, this year, we've been thankful to also receive the support of Carter Bank & Trust and Community Foundation Serving Western Virginia."

Thousands of VMNH visitors have already participated in the Museums for All program this year, and the museum looks to grow participation in 2024.

"Not only will this grant play an important role in allowing us to waive all admission fees for Museums for All program participants, but it will also help us in our efforts to expand awareness of this opportunity locally, regionally and statewide," said Barber.

The grant not only furthers the

museum's goal of increasing access to the museum, but furthers Community Foundation Serving Western Virginia's (Community Foundation) history of supporting access to the arts.

"The Community Foundation has a long standing history of supporting access to the arts, and we are thrilled to be in a position to provide this opportunity to individuals and families in the Martinsville community," said Michelle Eberly, Community Foundation Serving Western Virginia Director of Grants and Donor Engagement.

To receive free admission to the Virginia Museum of Natural History, EBT cardholders from any state must simply present their EBT card and accompanying photo identification at the museum box office upon arrival. Free admission will be granted to the cardholder and the cardholder's immediate family members living within the same household, with a limit of six individuals total.

The museum is open to visitors Tuesday - Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and closed all other days, including some holidays.

Regular museum admission is \$10 for ages 18-59 and \$5 for children and youth ages 3-17, seniors 60+, and college students. VMNH Members and children under 3 receive free admission.

The museum's current special exhibit is Dinosaur Discoveries: Ancient Fossils, New Ideas, which is on exhibit at VMNH through January 20, 2024. The exhibition is organized by the American Museum of Natural History, New York (www.amnh.org), in collaboration with the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco; The Field Museum, Chicago; the Houston Museum of Natural Science; and the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, Raleigh.

For more information about the museum, visit www.vmnh.net.

Felon convicted on federal charges of unlawfully possessing firearm

A federal jury convicted a Roanoke man for possessing a firearm as a previously convicted felon.

Robert Overstreet II, 31, was previously convicted for malicious wounding, attempted burglary, and distribution of methamphetamine. Overstreet also had a disqualifying misdemeanor conviction for assault and battery on a family member.

According to court documents and evidence presented at trial, on December 14, 2022, a detective with the City of Roanoke Police Department saw Overstreet fire a pistol from an SUV parked in the 1200 block of Hanover Avenue NW. Police stopped

the SUV and found a pistol in the driver's lap. Forensic analysis revealed gunshot residue on both of Overstreet's hands.

United States Attorney Christopher R. Kavanaugh and Craig Kailimai, Special Agent in Charge of the ATF Washington Field Division, made the announcement.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the City of Roanoke Police Department investigated the case.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys R. Andrew Bassford, Lee S. Brett and Drew O. Inman prosecuted the case.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and gun violence, and to make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. On May 26, 2021, the Department launched a violent crime reduction strategy strengthening PSN based on these core principles: fostering trust and legitimacy in our communities, supporting community-based organizations that help prevent violence from occurring in the first place, setting focused and strategic enforcement priorities, and measuring the results.

Festival

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Vendors, food and community organizations were among those participating in the Festival Latino, held Nov. 11 at the Smith River Sports Complex.



The BF Corazon de Mexico Company dance (including Juanita Garcia in yellow and Naeli Montes in green).



Grupo Imperio MX Sierrero of Henry County performs traditional Norteno music common in rural regions of Mexico. They are (from left) Anthony Garcia Davila on the requinto, Mendoza singer Daniel Rodrigues, Samuel Aboytes on armonia guitar and Eddie Aguilera on escalante bass.

VADOC aims to hire more veterans

As America recognizes the men and women who have served this great country on the 69th Veterans Day, the Virginia Department of Corrections (VADOC) would like to remind our military veterans that the VADOC values our veterans and their families, and the Department is committed to supporting them with employment opportunities.

Around 7.5 percent of the VADOC's more than 11,000 employees are veterans, who bring with them a wealth of skills, experience, and abilities that enable them to excel in their new roles. In return, we provide a competitive salary, excellent benefits, and numerous opportunities for professional growth and advancement.

Employment opportunities at the VADOC range from security to food service, maintenance, nurs-

ing, information technology, and much more from the Eastern Shore to the Appalachian Mountains. The Department has boosted its veteran ranks by its strong connection with the Virginia Department of Veterans Services whose V3 initiative links veterans with employers.

"As veterans have displayed their commitment to serving the United States of America, the Virginia Department of Corrections is equally committed to ensuring employment opportunities for those who served," said VADOC Director Chadwick Dotson. "Leadership and integrity are just two of the transferrable qualities veterans possess that make them excellent candidates for careers with the Department and we hope veterans consider VADOC as a career option, either post-military

career or while in reserve."

Virginia is home to one of the largest veteran populations in the United States, with more than 691,000 veterans residing in the Commonwealth. Virginia's population of more than 8.6 million ranks 12th in the nation. Virginia ranks 5th in the number of veterans and has the second-highest percentage of veterans among all U.S. states.

To view open job opportunities, please visit <https://vadoc.virginia.gov/job-opportunities/> and apply. Job openings are updated each Friday. Follow the VADOC on social media to stay informed about the Department's regional hiring events. Don't miss your opportunity to start your new career with the Virginia Department of Corrections.

Martinsville City Public Schools Honor Roll, Principal's List, and Counselor's List Students for First Nine Weeks

Albert Harris Elementary

3rd Grade Principal's List

Kaleb Burgess, Connor Brecht, Floyd Lennette, Daniel Gionelli, Zion Gipson, Camila Lara Diaz, Nathan Santiago, Madysen Scales, Aaden Schmidt, Ka'Myrah Stockton, Myles Stockton, Callie Torres, Joshua Vasquez, Willie Walker.

3rd Grade Honor Roll

Abby Cruz-Santiago, Khamisi Daniels, Heaven Dillard, Timothy Giles, Ja'Mairius Golden, Josiah Harris, Grayson Hawks, Eduardo Hernandez DeJesus, Kacie Hylton, Dennis Moore, Carmela Nakhle, Oscar Ruiz-Telles, Maliyah Sessions, Waller Melo, Elija Woody.

4th Grade Principal's List

London Bervine, Miriam Carter, Semaiya Craighead, Sophia Marciel, Antonella Rodriquez.

4th Grade Honor Roll

Micah Barton, Sariyah Carter, Nevaeh Daniels, Kyndall Gravely, Jy'Quirian Hairston, Amara Hemphill, Adorian Hodge, Maireny Marchorro, Rhiaquel Martin, Christian Millner, Gabriella Murillo, Chau'Nasia Moore, Kaitlyn Nelson, Zi'ere Poindexter, Nyseir Preston, Taevon Turner, Esterlla Velazquez Ortiz, Jaylah Word, Rania Womack, Yetzael Ramos-Tellez, Daleyza Vazquez-Vazquez.

5th Grade Principal's List

Christian Millner, Jackson Branch, Fernando Carrillo, Jaidence Hairston, Yetzael Ramos-Tellez, Nylah Kay Scott, DeCoyia Smith, Leonel Villanueva.

5th Grade Honor Roll

Maccabeus Daniels, Victor Dominguez-Machuca, Kendrick Floyd, Keiana Hairston, Zoe Jones Aria Lewis, Shaurya Mahajan, Khamari McRae, Riley Moore, Mariah Mose, Jasmin Nolasco, Andrea Nowlin, Yahir Yanes.

Patrick Henry Elementary

3rd Grade Principal's List

Emilia Blankenbaker, Allison Chavez-Dominguez, Adrielle Dickerson, Aalaysia Dillard, Aiden Kirby, Allan Meyers, Amreen Narula, Dantonio Penn, DaMari Perkins, Emmanuel Ray, Solomon Ray, Kerri Scales, Espen Troncoso, Ky'Leigh Turner, Paris Turner, Jade Venable, Ashton Wells, Kaidance Williamson, Zamari Witcher.

3rd Grade Honor Roll

Ashley Bayoumy, Joseph De Leon Reyes, Robert De Leon Reyes, Kalia Dillard, Brantley Janey, Ashanti Gravely, Gabriella Gravely, Laila Gravely, Jeremiah Hairston, Matthew Hernandez-Sanchez, Serenity King, Sebastin LaPrade, Kash Marshall, Monae Moyer, Jaylon Palmer, Aiden Parr, Anthony Pham, Kim Quach, Jacob Ratliff, Matteo, Rodriguez, Geoffrey Ruschak, Ashur Worley.

4th Grade Principal's List

Winter Bethany, Aiden Boaz, Adelaide Brent, Aubree Carter, O'Derion DeShazo, Amyrah Dillard, Holden Hylton, Kenyon Jones, Adelyn McKenzie, Shania McPherson, Jayona Moore, Mercy Moore, Phoenix Moore, Jesmari Morales, Sophia Odberg, Daniel Robinson, Margot Sharp, Aubrey Stone, Emery Taylor, Hailey Turner, Soulliona Walker, Naryah Williams, Wesley Walker, Lillith Wilson.

4th Grade Honor Roll

Elena Alvarez-Lozano, Brazen Bradner, A'Nyah Brown, Zefrina Capulong, Cassandra Cardwell, Kavany Flores, Aubrey Kirby, Dawayne Lawson, Liam Martin, Christian Newsome, Katie Palmer, Destinee Penn, Lanay Pruitt, Mason Rea, Khwaja Sediqi, Lilyann Stallard, Lilliana Torres, ZaKayden Warren.

5th Grade Principal's List

Abbas Bayani, Remington Crockett, Archer Deatherage, Andrew Dillard, Deontre Fitzgerald, Jade Holland-Dallas, Wyatt Hoyer, Ayden Jones, J'Amira Lockett, Kennedy Martin, Jycere Moorman, Samuel Olivares-Rosas, Bradley Richardson, Asma Sediqi, Katherine Wall, Dillon Wilson, Mason Wright.

5th Grade Honor Roll

Takeria Beal, Chloe Curry, Tamare Davis, Lily DeJesus, Brooklyn DeShazo, Alanna Gerlach, Ka'Nasia Hairston, Justin Hodge, Jamison Jackson, Josiah Law, Kenneth Lucas, Aubree Mahan, JaZai Moore, Virgil Moore, Taylor Moore, Kei'Yauni Morrison, Kendrick Moyer, King Ray, Kaydien Valentin.

Martinsville Middle School

6th Grade Principal's List

Alyce Airington, Zariyah Bouldin, Janette Carillo-Llamas, Jeffery Cousins, Skyla Euceda, Elaina Hairston, James Hall, Jewel-Armani Martin, Jairo Mata, Daniya Penn.

6th Grade Honor Roll

Kevin Avila- Santiago, Miceal Belcher, Cassidy Boden, Jaydah Burnette, Alan Carillo-Tamayo, Ethan Christopher, Hailey Coleman, Litzy Contreras Rosas, Layce Everhart, D'annah Fitzgerald, Jaymi Henriquez Ramos, Luis Hernandez, Tyler Hounshell, Fredy Jimenez Romero, Taimir Manns, Freddy Munoz, Akaysha Myers, Zion Powell, Dennis Reyes, Qandel Richards, Alexis Stallard, Ma'Kiya Walton, Maya Williams.

6th Grade Counselor's List

Kendall Banks, Mariyah Brandon, Destiny Breeland, Jaden Briggs, Ja'Veona Coles, Princeton Dillard, Chloe Eanes, Maia Eccles, Janae Eggleston, Dania Fields, Landon Gammon, Nina Giles, Kamiyah Gipson, Appalania Gravely, Hope Hairston, Tay'Shawn Hairston, Ty'Kell Hairston, Zariyah Harris, Kaylee Hightower, Asonti Hodge, Kamira Johnson, Shanyia Kelly, Macari Long, Eduin Mendoza Sanchez, Skylar Mitchell, Allison Mooney, Zaylee Myers- Wells, Isabella Palmer, Bryson Penn, Kyra Penn, Ny'Asia Richardson, Kyla Steward, Jordyn Thomas, Ty'Jon Waller, Ny'Sean Watkins, Ariyah Webster, Elijah Wertz, Lamerius Woods, Michelle Yanes-Videa.

7th Grade Principal's List

Joshua Branch, Bridgette Brent, Olivia Campbell, Fabian Devora Guerrero, Nadia Dominguez Gonzalez, Marisol Garcia- Macias, Renisha Millner, Hazel Moore, Maheva Simon.

7th Grade Honor Roll

Aylen Airington, Tylicric Barbour, Ziad Bayoumy, Edward Brown, Christopher Carpio Yanez, Mahcori Chapman, Kayleigh Cristobal, Ty'Layiah Dillard, Keira Frazier, Kendra Handy, Zoey Hannans, Zachary Harter, Zanyasia Jones, Ayane' Pharr, Jeremiah Porter, Josiah Porter, London Preston, America Ramos Tellez, Samson Ray, Ayden Roberts, Adreal Stultz, Dayanna Torres- Jose, Kailyn Venable, Nyshawn Walton, Arianna Ybarra.

7th Grade Counselor's List

Sophia Allridge, Emely Amaya Turcios, Christian Branch, Kaleb Briscoe, Mackenzie Church, Kyrie Dillard, Ny 'Kura Giggetts, Marcus Hairston Jr., Dre'dyn Hairston, Eyvonne Hairston, Zimari Hairston, Kirsten Henderson, Amelia Humphrey, Rachiyah Hunt, Kamarii Johnson Clark, Jayren Marchorro- Macias, NyJurrian Martin, Zy'Jerryah Martin, Amariyah Matthews, Yarel Mendoza- Martinez, Nathaly Morales, KaVaughn Mune, Ana Nunez- Torres, Ja'nasiah Richardson,

Skylar Robertson, Diarion Turner, Jasaan Turner, Malik Waller, Braeligh Kylo Williams, Neveah Wilson.

8th Grade Principal's List

David Argueta, Jaryus Brim, Abbigail Campbell, Zhedrick Capulong, Chanity Chism, Brennan Coleman, Kira Compton, Cordell Daniels, Keyara Dillard, Jada Eggleston-Wade, Jayden Farris, Christopher Floyd, Hudson Grant, Harmoni Hairston, Abraham Michael, Aileen Nolasco, Zion Perkins, Xavier Rodriguez, Veronica Smith, Zaina Talley, Ja'Corian Turner, Lilly Wall, Paris Waller, Addison Williamson.

8th Grade Honor Roll

Meki Akins, William Bela, Eland Blankenbaker, Latoya Bradner, Maine Brown, J'Kobe Covington, William Craig, JKyiah Daniel, Markese Dillard, Kyisere Eggleston, D'Anna Fields, Ny'Kerion France, Harmony Galloway, Brandon Gearheart, Acoma Hairston, Leeayla Hairston, Benjamin Haley, Leonardo Hernandez Mata, Aubrey Hill, Jakiya Hodge, Navaih Hood, Jonathan Hudson, Isabella Hurd, NyKira Johnson, McKenna Mahan, Levi Martin, Trinity Martin, Faith Pack, Colby Robertson, Erzart Shahini, Symphany Talley, Phyllis Thompson, William Wall, Noah Wright, Ashley Yanes Videa.

8th Grade Counselor's List

Cristofer Avila- Santiago, Keandrius Beal, Keimani Brandyburg, Mason Cassell, Olivia Chigwerewe, Tyasia Coles, Nicholas Davis, Jequiwn Giles, Tristen Hairston, Amia Holland, Demetria Johns, Timiyah Jones, Demetria King, Niema Merritt, Keilaj'ah Morrison, Akorea Neblett, Tameyia Niblett, Kaden Paitsel, Jayden Penn, Camarion Plunkett, Kemiah Scales, Rickia Smith, Gionna Valentine, Viet Vo, A'Vari Waller.

Martinsville High School

9th Grade A

Jaden Ayoub, Kyndall Benton, Kayra Carr, Angeliah Eccles, Crystal Gravely, Sarah Greene, MyShea Hairston, Carrie Hudson, Caden Martin, De'Mari Martin, Gabriella Michael, Aniyah Millner, Jazmin Mota-Ocampo, Julie Nguyen, Ariyana Nowlin, Erika Ortiz-Soriano, Jaden Porter, Briana Reid, Amyah Richardson, Dulce Romero-Jimenez, Tyrese Smith, Olivia Turner, Caleb Valentine, Karter Wimbush.

9th Grade AB

Serenity Bradshaw, Kavia Brim, Sherman Dillard, Fernanda Dominguez-Machuca, Jordan Foster, Kamare Gravely, Alyana Hairston, Kyniah Hairston, Tyneah Harrell, Ky'Asia Keen, Ja'Niyah Kellam, Sariyah Little, Travion Long, Brendan Nelson, Tristan Niblett, Nickolas Prewitt, Trinitee Prunty, Joshua Redd, Aaron Scott, Isaiah Stone, Ja'Vonna Stubblefield, Emauri Tinsley, NaSir Turner, Jarquavis Vaughn.

9th Grade B

Luz Cartagena Melgar, Jordin Hernandez Machuca, Nikita Hodge, Angel Martinez Mendoza, Noah Michael, Sariyah Millner, Caish Moyer, Pedro Nicasio, Chance Price, Jayce Prillaman, Jamarius Pritchett, Yaretzy Ramos Tellez, Logan Richard, Betty Sifuentes, Shayla Tatam, Maria Velasquez- Zaldivar, Jakaiah Williams, Jamauri Williams, Tristen Williams.

10th Grade A

Quentin Chism, Sincere Cook, Kamori Dillard, Abigail Hernandez, Jun Olea, Michael Parker, Evan Pickett, Jailyn Reynolds, Rilynne Williams.

10th Grade AB

Aubrey Blankenbaker, Kymani Brim, Alessio Cox, Jeneka Craghead, Coriama Davila-Butler, Shatavia Dillard, Zaniah

Dillard, Caesar Draper, Nadea Elam, Chekiya Galloway, Omari Garcia, Ka'Nyah Giggetts, London Hairston, TyShawn Hairston, De'Nyiran Hodge, Ny'Asia Hood, Aliyah James, Jahrine Jones, Aerran Kellam, Beyonce Lara Diaz, Myasia Long, Parker Lusk, Morgan Niblett, Xavier Perkins, Jared Santiago-Martinez, TaMarion Siddle, Jayden Stockton, Ileona Stokes, Tanaisa Walker, Kaira Womack.

10th Grade B

Mykala Akins, Gabriel Davis, Jordan Draper, Nataly Enriquez-Santiago, NyKeia Flood, Layla Garrett, Kaleeya Hairston, King Hairston, Kalece Hylton, Nyasia Long, Gregory Moore, Yoshikoe Moyer, Janetzy Rodriguez, Brooklyn Sneed, Zechariah Taylor, Avianna Watkins.

11th Grade A

Anne Agee, Adam Aguilar, Sontrell Daniels, Elijah Dixon, Cassidy Dodson, Natalie Dunagan, Ruby Flores, Cameron Giles, Ava Grant, Deniyah Hightower, Aidan Hood, Isabella Hood, Kamryn Kirby, Ashley Lintag, Gavin Luther, Alondra Machuca Tiznado, Rickyah Mitchell-Hairston, Brooke Turner, Isabella Vega, Jayden Williams.

11th Grade B

Elvin Amaya Turcios, Naun Andrade Paredes, Jaydin Ayers, Montel Bradner, Caleb Burgess, Esmeralda Castillo-Ocampo, Brianna Chigwerewe, Ana Compton, Destinie Dillard, Xavier Dunham, Jamirah Farris, Abigail Haskew, Kasey Inman, Jose Lara-Alvarado, Jerryon Lowe, Monserrat Machuca Tinzado, Skyla Martin, Skyyler Miller, Trayton Nelson, Jacey Pamintuan, Yash Patel, Terriah Roberts, Elisa Rodriguez, Destiny Salda, Jariyah Smith, Jaylen Solomon, Ayona Stultz, Timarius Wilson, Conner Worthington, Noah Young.

11th Grade B

Yadira Carrillo Tamayo, Keara Carter, NaDasia Cobbs, Ny'Asia Cobbs, Noah Cook, Hayden Cundiff, Jaquarius Gallant, Nicorius Giles, Kaya Gravely, Aliyah Hairston, Ventson Kent, Zoe Lewis, Laimen Lowe, Honesty Martin, Skyla Martin, Sayvion Milton, Amondre Moseley, John Nguyen, Asonti Price, Natatlie Rodriguez, Chevis Spencer Jr, Antione Swanson, Christopher Thacker, Kalem Tomlinson, Cayden Walker, DeArrieon Williamson.

12th Grade A

Kirsten Blankenbaker, Shamiyah Carter, Niikko Dews, Ryan DiMingo, JKyan Finney, Paris Fulp, Aleeyah Galloway, Trevion Gravely, Latrell Hairston, Gabriel Haley, Makenzie Hylton, Arlette Jaramillo Mata, Natalie Loreda, Mallori Lowe, Suilma Navarrette Saligan, Martiniano Orozco, Nayti Patel, Elijah Pickett, John Ratliff II, Kaylee Rea, Mason Rorrer, Skyler Spence, William Stanley, Christopher Talley II, Aniya Torrence, Tyra Valentine, Jordan Vaughn, Jackson Via, Whitney Williams, Destiny Witcher, Sariyah Woods, Reagan Wright.

12th Grade AB

NyQuis Bradley, Isaiah Brimmer, Shi'Mora Brown, Tyler Carr, Johnny Clerc, Robert Davis, Briana Garcia-Macias, Jacob Hairston, Sarah Hoff, Caleb Joyce, LynAsshia King, Aaliyyah Mitchell, Adam Mounkaila, Aubrey Price, Cortay Price, Syriah Roberts, Jacqueline Servin Hernandez, Kamora Turner, Jayden Williams, Malachi Williams.

12th Grade B

Tanner Braley, Cheyenne Eldridge, Khionna Howard-Hamilton, Luke Luffman, Fonshay Moyer, Nadia Moyer, Emarious Tinsley, Mia Torres, Saniya Turner, Makayla Warren, Monica Washington.

Keep Risky Habits Out of the Kitchen this Thanksgiving

America's biggest food holiday is almost here, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) wants to remind consumers to avoid habits that increase the risk of harmful bacteria in their Thanksgiving meal.

"Unsafe handling and undercooking your turkey can cause foodborne illness," said USDA Under Secretary for Food Safety Dr. Emilio Esteban. "To ensure your Thanksgiving meal is wholesome and memorable without the illness, follow the four steps to food safety: clean, separate, cook and chill, and avoid risky food handling habits that go against USDA guidelines."

Here are seven dangerous habits USDA would like consumers to drop:

#1 Not washing your hands or kitchen surfaces before, during and after food prep: Handwashing is the first step to avoiding foodborne illness. Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water before, during and after handling food.

Clean and sanitize any surfaces that have touched raw turkey and its juices and will later touch food, such as kitchen counters, sinks, stoves, tabletops, etc. Cleaning with soap and water physically removes the germs, and sanitizing kills any remaining. Many different sanitizers can be used: an easy homemade version is to make a solution of one tablespoon of liquid chlorine bleach per gallon of water, or you can use a commercial sanitizer or sanitizing wipe.

Thorough handwashing remains a concern for the USDA. The most recent USDA study shows that 87% of participants self-reported they washed their hands before starting to cook in the test kitchen. However, only 44% of participants were observed doing so before meal preparation. Additionally, handwashing was not attempted 83% of the time when it should have been done (after handling raw meat or touching contaminated surfaces). Throughout the study, 96%

of handwashing attempts did not contain all necessary steps.

#2 Using the same cutting boards and utensils for raw and ready-to-eat foods: Cross-contamination is the spread of bacteria from raw meat and poultry onto ready-to-eat food, surfaces, and utensils. Avoid this by using separate cutting boards — one for raw meat and poultry and another for ready-to-eat foods like fruits and vegetables that will be served raw.

#3 Defrosting your turkey on the kitchen counter: Leaving any frozen package of meat or poultry for more than two hours on the counter at room temperature is dangerous. Even though the center of the package may still be frozen, the outer layer of the food is in the "Danger Zone" between 40 and 140 F — a temperature where foodborne bacteria multiply rapidly. You can safely thaw a turkey using the following methods:

Refrigerator Thawing: When thawing in a fridge, allow roughly 24 hours for every four to five pounds of turkey. After thawing, a turkey is safe in a refrigerator for one to two days.

Cold Water Thawing: When thawing in a cold-water bath, allow 30 minutes per pound and submerge the turkey in its original wrapping to avoid cross-contamination. Change the water every half hour until the turkey is thawed. Cook it immediately after thawing.

#4 Cooking your turkey overnight at a low temperature: It is not safe to cook any meat or poultry in an oven set lower than 325 F. At lower temperatures, meat stays in the Danger Zone for too long. Cook your turkey at 325 F or above and ensure all parts of the turkey reach a safe internal temperature of 165 F.

#5 Relying only on a pop-up temperature indicator: While the pop-up timers found in many turkeys tend to be fairly accurate, they only check the internal temperature in one spot when we recommend three.

Always use a food thermometer to ensure your turkey has reached a safe internal temperature of 165 F in the thickest part of the breast, the innermost part of the wing, and the innermost part of the thigh to check its internal temperature.

#6 Stuffing your turkey the night before: USDA recommends against stuffing your turkey since this often leads to bacteria growth. If you plan to stuff your turkey, follow these steps:

Prepare the wet and dry ingredients for the stuffing separately from each other and refrigerate until ready to use. Mixing the dry and the wet ingredients produce an environment that bacteria can thrive in hours before being placed in the oven. Mix wet and dry ingredients just before filling the cavity of the turkey.

Stuff the turkey loosely — about 3/4 cup of stuffing per pound.

Never stuff a whole turkey and store in the refrigerator before cooking. Immediately place the stuffed, raw turkey in an oven set no lower than 325 F.

A stuffed turkey will take 50% longer to cook. Once it has finished cooking, place a food thermometer in the center of the stuffing to ensure it has reached a safe internal temperature of 165 F.

#7 Keeping leftovers for more than a week: Store leftovers in small shallow containers and put them in the refrigerator. Thanksgiving leftovers are safe to eat for up to four days when stored in the refrigerator. In the freezer, leftovers are safely frozen indefinitely but will keep the best quality for two to six months.

For more food safety information, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854), email MPHHotline@usda.gov or chat live at ask.usda.gov from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. On Thanksgiving Day, the Hotline will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Eastern Time.

NFPA urges extra caution when preparing your Thanksgiving feast, by far the leading day of the year for U.S. home cooking fires

The National Fire Protection Association* (NFPA*) urges added caution when cooking on Thanksgiving Day, by far the leading day of the year for home cooking fires. In 2021, an estimated 1,160 home cooking fires were reported to U.S. fire departments on Thanksgiving Day, reflecting a 297 percent increase over the daily average.

"Thanksgiving is a hectic holiday with multiple dishes cooking and baking at the same time, along with lots of guests, entertaining, and other dis-

tractions that can make it easy to lose sight of what's on the stove or in the oven," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. "With all these factors at play, it's not surprising that the number of cooking fires spikes so dramatically."

Overall, cooking is the leading cause of U.S. home fires and injuries, and the second-leading cause of home fire deaths. Unattended cooking is the leading contributing factor in cooking fires and fire deaths.

"Keeping a close

eye on what's cooking and minimizing the likelihood of getting distracted are key steps people can take to ensure a festive, fire-free holiday," said Carli.

Following are additional tips and recommendations from NFPA to help cook safely on Thanksgiving:

*Never leave the kitchen while cooking on the stovetop. Some types of cooking, especially those that involve frying or sautéing with oil, need continuous attention.

*When cooking a turkey, remain at home

and check it regularly.

*Make use of timers to keep track of cooking times, particularly for foods that require longer cook times.

*Keep things that can catch fire like oven mitts, wooden utensils, food wrappers, and towels at least three feet away from the cooking area.

*Avoid long sleeves and hanging fabrics that can come in contact with a heat source.

*Always cook with a lid beside your pan. If a small grease fire starts, smother the flames by sliding the lid over the pan, then turn off the

burner. Do not remove the cover because the fire could start again. Let the pan cool for a long time.

*For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed. Only open the door once you're confident the fire is completely out, standing to the side as you do. If you have any doubts or concerns, contact the fire department for assistance.

*Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried. Hot

foods and liquids should be placed away from table and counter edges.

In addition, NFPA strongly discourages the use of turkey fryers that use cooking oil, which can cause devastating burns. For a safe alternative, NFPA recommends purchasing a fried turkey from a grocery store or restaurant or buying a fryer that does not use oil.

For more information, visit www.nfpa.org. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed online for free at www.nfpa.org/free-access.

FBI headquarters move to Maryland faces new headwinds from agency and Congress

By **FATEMA HOSSEINI and JOSIE JACK, Capital News Service**

The Biden administration's announcement that the new FBI headquarters would be constructed in Greenbelt, Maryland, was met Thursday with criticism from the agency's director and allegations of corruption in the selection process from Virginia lawmakers.

On Capitol Hill, a spending measure that would be a vehicle for helping to pay for the new FBI headquarters was pulled from the House floor, part of a broader battle among lawmakers ahead of a looming Nov. 17 government shutdown.

The latest developments suggest that the years-long debate over the location of the new FBI headquarters seems to be continuing, notwithstanding Wednesday's announcement by the General Services Administration.

FBI Director Christopher Wray said there was a "potential conflict of interest" in the agency headquarters decision, writing in an internal email Thursday to FBI employees, according to multiple media sources. Wray said he believed one senior GSA executive may have acted in favor of Greenbelt's selection.

Wray said the FBI has "concerns

about fairness and transparency in the process and GSA's failure to adhere to its own site selection plan."

"Despite our engagement with GSA over the last two months on these issues, our concerns about the process remain unresolved," Wray wrote.

Senator Mark Warner, D-Virginia, said on a call with reporters that Virginia lawmakers will be calling for a Department of Justice inspector general's review due to alleged "corruption" in the selection process.

"The fact that you've got three career professionals, two representing GSA and one representing the FBI, coming together even with the new criteria and still choosing Virginia only to have that overwritten by a political appointee is outrageous," Warner said. "This is the kind of behavior I expected from the Trump administration, but I think we all expect better from the current administration."

Rep. Gerry Connolly, D-Virginia, whose district includes the rejected Springfield site for the headquarters, said in a statement that the "GSA has shamelessly caved to political pressure," and that the agency did not warn lawmakers in advance about the decision.

Amidst these allegations, Maryland's state and federal officials hailed the move.

"This is a historic moment for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

and our nation," said a joint statement from the officials, who dubbed themselves "Team Maryland." "For decades, the dilapidated J. Edgar Hoover Building has failed to meet the FBI's operational needs, which has undermined our national security. The once-fabled building has crumbled before our eyes, with nets surrounding the facility for years to protect pedestrians from falling debris."

The 61 acres in Greenbelt emerged as the preferred location due to its proximity to multiple transportation networks, including Metro, and other federal facilities, the ease of developing the now-vacant site and the desirability of promoting equity, according to the GSA. Greenbelt had the highest score for all the mentioned criteria compared to the other two sites, the GSA said.

Greenbelt also represents the lowest cost to taxpayers, with an estimated cost of \$26.2 million for site acquisition and preparation, GSA said. That compared to over \$100 million for a site in Landover, Maryland, and \$64 million for the Springfield site.

President Joe Biden in March issued his fiscal 2024 budget plan under which \$3.5 billion would come from a proposed Federal Capital Revolving Fund, and \$645 million from earlier appropriations for the GSA.

In addition to moving about 7,500 people from the FBI's headquarters to

Greenbelt, the GSA is planning to keep up to 1,000 FBI employees in a federal facility in downtown Washington.

But prospects for funding the FBI headquarters move are hazy at the moment. That is because Congress is deadlocked over spending bills, even as a current stopgap funding bill expires on Nov. 17.

On Wednesday evening, after the FBI move was made public, Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Florida, proposed an amendment to an appropriations bill to block the move.

While the amendment to the financial services and general government spending bill failed, the FBI headquarters decision was one of the reasons House Republican leaders pulled the overall bill from the floor, Roll Call reported.

The establishment of the FBI headquarters is poised to bring significant economic benefits to the region, including job creation and infrastructure improvements, local, state and federal officials said.

"After a long push from Team Maryland, the FBI Headquarters is officially coming to Prince George's County!" Sen. Chris Van Hollen, D-Maryland, tweeted. "This is the right decision - it's a win for the FBI's mission, for taxpayers, and for our goal of ensuring federal investments advance equity in our communities."

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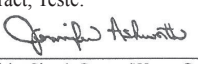
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REZONING PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**
Pursuant to Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia, a public hearing has been scheduled for **December 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Summerlin Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, Kings Mountain Rd, Collinsville, Virginia. Following this public hearing, the Planning Commission will make a recommendation on the application to the Board of Supervisors.
The Henry County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on **December 19, 2023 at 6:00 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 input into the possible rezoning of property. Following are the specifics of the public hearing.
Case R-23-19 Betty Lampkins and Paul Dillard
The property is located on the west side of Wedgedale Dr, approximately 500' feet north its intersection with A.L. Philpott Hwy., in the Collinsville District. The property is shown on Tax Map number 43.4/8A. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 1.9-acres from Suburban Residential District S-R to Mixed Residential District M-R. The applicant wishes to place a double wide manufactured home on the property.
The application for this requests may be viewed in the Department of Planning, Zoning & Inspection between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Lee H. Clark, AICP
Director of Planning, Zoning & Inspection

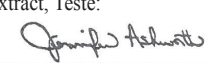
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
COUNTY OF HENRY, VA
SOLAR FACILITY SITING AGREEMENT
Pursuant to Section 15.2-2316.8 of the Code of Virginia, the Henry County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Summerlin Meeting 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.

**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

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.

Notice of Public Meeting
A public input meeting will be held on November 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the City of Martinsville Municipal Building located at 55 W Church St., Martinsville, VA 24112 for those parties in interest to the following:
The consideration of the abandon of an approximately 40-foot wide unopened street space between Forest Street and Virginia Street known as Harvard Street.
If you are unable to attend the public hearing, but would like to provide input, please contact Karen Roberts, (276) 403-5182, kroberts@ci.martinsville.va.us

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,)
Petitioner,) Law No. CL23001089-00
v.)
PATRICIA WADE,)
BRUCE WADE,)
BERNARD FRANKLIN,)
CORDELIA FRANKLIN,)
JEFFREY FRANKLIN,)
REGINALD PRESTON,)
MICHAEL PRESTON,)
BRYANT PRESTON,)
SHARON TAYLOR,)
DOROTHY PENN,)
BRENDA WATFORD,)
ROSA 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, compromising)
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located in Henry County, Virginia and)
identified as Tax Map No. 51.5(000)000/111)
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 **December 14, 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 ct., Apt. C, Stamford, CT 06902; BRUCE WADE, 1757 Lakota Dr., Florence, SC 29505; BERNARD FRANKLIN, 2104 Marbury Dr., District Heights, MD 20747; CORDELIA FRANKLIN, 2104 Marbury Dr., District Heights, MD, 20747; JEFFREY FRANKLIN, Unknown Address; REGINALD PRESTON, Unknown Address; 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; ROSA PENN, Unknown Address; 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 it is ordered that any of the aforesaid owners or any person with an interest in the property appear within 10 days after due publication of this order in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Henry County and do -what is necessary to protect his or her interests; and it is further ordered that if any of the above named owners or any person who has an interest in the property desires to assert any objection or defense to the taking or damaging of the property or to the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court of Henry County to hear the case and to proceed with the appointment of Commissioners or the empanelment of a jury shall file his or her answer and grounds of defense, the grounds of any objection or defense to the taking or damaging of his her property or to the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court of Henry County to hear the case and proceed with the appointment of commissioners or the empanelment of a jury for the determination of just compensation. Should any such person fail to file an answer and grounds of defense as herein above provided, such failure shall not preclude the owner from appearing on the date set for the appointment of commissioners or the empanelment of a jury nor from presenting evidence as to valuation and damage nor compensation according to his or her interest therein or such failure shall preclude such owner or otherwise.
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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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Land Transfers Early deadline set

The following land transfers were recorded in the Henry County Circuit Court Clerk's office in October:

Noel E. Adams to Perry Richard Stone, 0.620 acres, Blackberry District.
 Tamala Bahorich to Judy P. Fulcher, 0.106 acres, Collinsville District.
 Tierra D. Baliles to Serita D. Willis, 0.437 acres, Blackberry District.
 Roger Lee Bartlett Sr. to Charles E. Long Sr., Tract, Blackberry District.
 BKC Properties, Inc to Headwater Capitol, LLC, 0.345 acres, Collinsville District.
 David W. Bowles to Stephen M. Doby, Lot, Iriswood District.
 Roger L. Boyd to Guadalupe P. Ortiz, Parcel, Blackberry District.
 Jeff C. Brewer to Carleigh Vanskiver, Lot, Collinsville District.
 Sandra Bridgett to Sandra Tomlinson, 2.594 acres, Ridgeway District.
 Jerry Michael Brown to Brian Lee Oakley, 36.58 acres, Horsepasture District.
 Brownz, LLC to Sayrel Helen Garcia-Zuniga, Lots, Reed Creek District.
 Jesse D. Cahill to Oak Level Properties, LLC, 0.649 acres, Reed Creek District.
 Benjamin Jason Callahan to Lisa E. Crosse, 1.07 acres, Blackberry District.
 Carrington Mortgage Services to Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Lot, Collinsville District.
 Sandy L. Chadwick to Mohammad Zaghab, 2.928 acres, Reed Creek District.
 Caleb E. Clark to Samantha Beghtol, 6 3/4 acres, Reed Creek District.
 CMH Homes, Inc to Cameron A. Stout, 3.056 acres, Blackberry District.
 Brenda C. Cochran to Felix Eduardo Montero Jr., 12.5 acres, Blackberry District.
 Rudy Damron to Roger Dale Lovins, 3.605 acres, Blackberry District.
 Digital Business Corp. A Cali to Travis Holsclaw, 19.39 acres, Iriswood District.
 Done Deal Home Buyers, LLC to Christopher Lathrop Blue, Lot, Reed Creek District.
 Susan Elliott to Edward Alan Moore, 136 acres, no district given.
 Family Latitude, LLC to Michelle Villain, 6.848 acres, Reed Creek District.
 Flagstar Bank NA to J. Zenon Chavez Ramirez, 0.721 acres, Iriswood District.
 Judy P. Fulcher to Joshua D. Smallwood, Lot, Reed Creek District.
 Donald Wayne Gusler to Rolando Espana Patricio, 0.502 acres, Reed Creek District.
 Kenneth J. Hale to Harris Rental Properties, LLC, 2.24 acres, Reed Creek District.
 Jason Brandon Harbour to Sarver Properties, LLC, Lot, Reed Creek District.
 Tami R. Harper to James G. Horne Jr, 5.72 acres, Horsepasture District.
 Bobby R. Haynes Jr. to Miguel Ruiz, 1.28 acres, Iriswood District.
 Headwater Capitol LLC to Tiffany Robyn Riddle, Lot, Martinsville District.
 Danny H. Hodges to Bethany Meadows, 0.991 acres, Blackberry District.
 Stephen Ray Isom to Logan Harr, tracts, Horsepasture District.
 J & H Market, LLC to Sat Kaival Property Holding, L, 0.868 acres, Horsepasture District.
 Co-Trustees of Keelia Taylor to Randi M. Goldman, .9 acres, no district given.
 Matthew D. Kendall to Seth Robertson Heating & Cooling, 0.227 and 0.102 acres, Iriswood District.
 Janice B. Lawson to Timothy M. Nuckles, Lot, Ridgeway District.
 Vernon W. Louk to Annette Gebeau, 0.946 acres, Blackberry District.
 John J. Mahan to Urgo Properties 3 LLC, Lot, Martinsville District.
 Linda Lackey Martin to Martin Gaston Grenier, 3.00 acres, Reed Creek District.
 Walter Martin to Dylan Jackson Massey, 0.26 acres, Blackberry District.
 E. Glenda McDonald to Brettly Gage Newman, 9.968 acres, Iriswood District.
 Jesse G. Meeks to Stephanie

Stanley, Lots, Horsepasture District.
 Scott Allen Morgan Jr. to Tyshaun Maurice Benguche, Lot, Blackberry District.
 Sherri L. Morgan to Vaught Investments, LLC, Lot, Ridgeway District.
 Sherri L. Morgan to Vaught Investments, LLC, 0.880 acres, Ridgeway District.
 Jason L. Morris to Daniel S. Reynolds, Lots, Blackberry District.
 Harvey E. Mulligan to James Preston, 1.235 and 0.045 acres, Iriswood District.
 New Venture LLC to Adolfo Jesus Dubon Orellana, Lot, Ridgeway District.
 New Venture LLC to Kenia Cruz-Rodriguez, Lots, Ridgeway District.
 Ian Timothy O'Hare to The Enders Living Trust Agreem, 5.61 acres, Blackberry District.
 Trustee of the 1 Paul Maestas to Trial Property Associates, LLC, Lots, Blackberry District.
 Caryn Ruth Paul to Jerald Beebe, Lots, Collinsville District.
 Thomas Clifton Pegram Jr to Allen C. Weese, Lot, no district given.
 Iris F. Perry to Daniel Wayne Perry, 2.9 acres, Horsepasture District.
 Leslie Wayne Peters to Rebecca Vernell Peters, Lot, Ridgeway District.
 Jerry H. Phillips to Eric J. Phillips, 0.550 acres, Iriswood District.
 Don Philpotts to Betsy P. Whitlow, lot, Collinsville District.
 Darrell L. Porter to Ian Borowski, 9.718 acres, Iriswood District.
 Tina M. Powell to Billy Lawrence Fain, 1.171 acres, Horsepasture District.
 Christina Pritchett to Archway Homes, LLC, lot, Ridgeway District.
 Professional Foreclosure Corpo to Federal National Mortgage Asso, lot, Iriswood District.
 Robert Wayland Pulliam to Priority Investment Properties, lot, Town of Ridgeway.
 Quest Trust Company FBO Christ to Jose Manuel Galvan, lot, no district given.
 Timothy Ray Radford Jr. to Michal Shalom Leamer, 0.3 and 1.2 acres, Reed Creek District.
 Desiree Christine Reyes to Marvin R. Meadows Jr., parcels, Ridgeway District.
 Cloy C. Roark to William Jason Alverson Jr., 0.642 acres, Blackberry District.
 Lonzy Robertson to Tiffeny D. Hairston, lot, Iriswood District.
 Rocuda Mortgage Company to Jermelle Penn, 1.053 acres, Iriswood District.
 Robert C. Roseman to Edward Martinez, 0.374 acres, Blackberry District.
 Nancy C. Rotenberry to Joey A. Harris, .3 acres, Blackberry District.
 Jeffery Scott to Jennifer L. Shirley, 0.491 and 1.197 acres, Blackberry District.
 Lucille Riddle Shelton to James Gregory Hagwood, lot, Ridgeway District.
 Carolyn Aaron Shively to Danny Merricks, lot, Reed Creek District.
 Mark A. Spencer to Lance E. Price, 30 acres, Horsepasture District.
 Springs Global US, Inc to Sky VA, LLC, tract, Collinsville District.
 Steve Martin Family Properties to Bassett Real Estate, LLC, 1 acre, Blackberry District.
 Frances L. Stone to Derrol Price, 0.619 and 0.746 acres, Blackberry District.
 Jeffery L. Townsend to Jasmine P. Fain, 1.009 acres, Reed Creek District.
 Richard B. Tyler to Kenneth Brown, 5-95/100 acres, Ridgeway District.
 Shenita N. Williams-Yates to Y-2Morrow, LLC, lot, Iriswood District.
 Wilmington Savings Fund Societ to Gary Nester, 0.755 acres, Horsepasture District.
 Ashley Clark Wimbish to Oscar I Funes Amaya, lot, Horsepasture District.
 Winn Properties, LLC, to Hydroclean Services, LLC, 3.029, 0.140 and 1.907 acres, Iriswood District.
 Blane T. Woody to Alvin S. Horsley, lot, Collinsville District.

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.

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 MARGARET CALDWELL,)
 ALICE PENN,)
 JAN PENN,)
 JAMES ANTHONY PENN,)
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 EARL MCCOY PRESTON, SR.,)
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 Defendants.)

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DAVID MARTIN, 86 Tyler Dr., Willingboro, NJ 08046;
 ESTELLE PRESTON, Unknown Address;
 AVERY N. PENN, 607 Stone Barn Road, Towson, MD 21286;
 MARGARET CALDWELL, 1091 Sagecrest Dr., Columbus, OH 43229;
 ALICE PENN, 6726 Hawthorne St., Hyattsville, MD 20785;
 JAN PENN, Unknown Address; JAMES ANTHONY PENN, Unknown Address;
 JERVIS PENN, Unknown Address;
 JEROME PENN, Unknown Address;
 JASON PENN, Unknown Address;
 WILLIAM JOHNSON, Unknown Address;
 RENETTA JOHNSON, 4552 Wokker Dr., Lake Worth, FL 33467;
 UNKNOWN OWNERS, THE HEIRS OF RUSSELL LANE;
 ANTHONY FERRELL, 5709 Lansdowne Philadelphia, PA 19131
 KIM PRESTON, 3288 Bellerive Dr., Pickerington, OH 43147;
 ANTHONY PRESTON, 3233 Bellerive Dr., Pickerington, OH 43147;
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 LESHAY SMITH PRESTON, Unknown Address;
 ASKYA SMITH PRESTON, Unknown Address;
 JACQUELYN JEANINE FERGUSON, 13509 Princess Kelly Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32225;
 CLARENCE O'BRIAN JACKSON, 7621 Rainforest Dr., North Jacksonville, FL 32277;
 CAROLYN PRESTON, 3801 26th St., NE, Washington, DC 20018;
 DOROTHY PRESTON FERGUSON, 3840 W. Girard Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19104;

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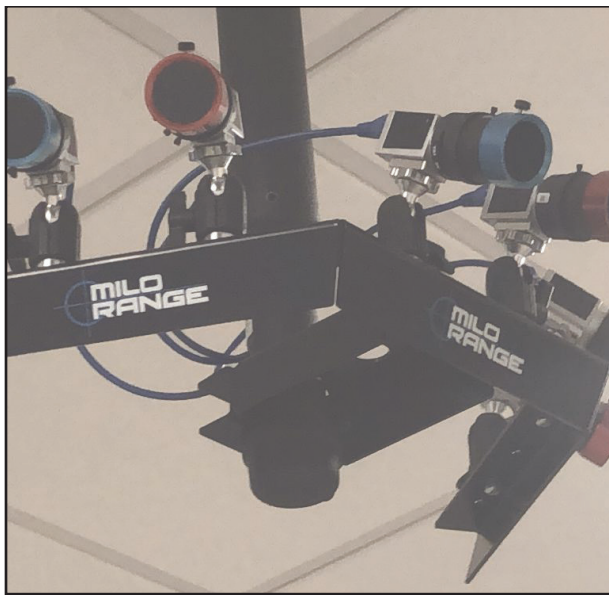
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NCI

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Piedmont Regional Criminal Justice Training Academy Director Ben Rea sits at the MILO Range control panel.



This ceiling component projects images onto three screens which surround the law enforcement trainee.



NCI Executive Director Joe Sumner.

It also has a control station, three laser projection screens which are 10 feet wide by 6 1/2 tall each, a Surround Sound system, an 8-lane laser hit detection and two trainee weapon sets, each with firearm lasers, OC lasers and flashlights, MILO's website, faac.com, states.

It will be used to train law enforcement officers and recruits for a variety of situations including crisis management, de-escalation and active shooter.

Some of the more than 1,000 training scenarios that come with the program include:

- *Mental Health, an encounter with a man who has come out of his car, with verbal defense
- *Homeless: an encounter with a homeless person at his encampment
- *De-escalation: a disorderly or intoxicated employee and fired employee escort
- *Crisis Management, a waiting area disturbance by a disorderly or intoxicated person
- *Cross-Cultural, featuring a traffic pull-over with a cynical and on-guard driver
- *Youth/juvenile, featuring teenagers at a park
- *Inherent Bias, featuring a motorcyclist pulled over
- *School Safety, featuring a disorderly student
- *In-Custody, featuring an inmate irate over bugs on his tray of food
- *Tactical Skill-Builder, featuring exercise
- *Autism, featuring an autistic man in a park
- *PTSD, featuring a non-disabled veteran with PTSD in a park

The "scenario content includes multiple layers of distractions" so trainees "consider their surroundings and potential risks to bystanders," the MILO release states.

The focus of the training is on de-escalation, the release states: "Almost every scenario with armed engagements includes a 'compliance' for successful de-escalation. In the MILO system, an 'OK officer, I'll go with you' response is an example of a win."

Users also can create any localized, custom scenario. Recently, Stephen Brockway and James Curtis of the PRCJTA filmed a scenario at NCI, guided by MILO Range instructor Josh Goodrich. Curtis fell on the floor "dead" several times -- as well as cringed from pretend pepper spray -- as he portrayed a trespasser refusing to cooperate with an officer.

"We have two GoPros," Rea said, referring to small, durable, portable action cameras that can film a 180-degree video. "That video can be shot anywhere. We will be doing it all over the place: Schools, businesses" and other local areas.

Thus, when officers or trainees stand among the three large screens, they would be surrounded by the sights and sounds of any school, park or other place in the local area.

The PRCJTA will offer training to students of law enforcement. NCI's agreement with PRJCTA is that the training also will be made available to regional law enforcement teams as professional development for active law enforcement officers such as those with the Henry County and Martinsville sheriff's offices and the

Martinsville Police Department, said NCI Executive Director Joe Sumner.

Martinsville Police Chief Rob Fincher visited the training center on Aug. 30, right after it had been set up.

"It will be a great benefit for the officers of the MPD and for the community," Fincher said the next week.

"Police officers will benefit from training with the shoot-or-don't-shoot scenarios. The public will benefit as they will be able to experience first-hand a glimpse into the decision-making process of officers in critical situations."

Opportunities will arise for members of the general public to experience the MILO Range, through participation in programs such as classes or Chamber of Commerce leadership class events, Fincher said.

"When we have instructors/operators trained, public education will be one of the elements of the course," Fincher said.

Two of the PRJCTA staff and a third as backup will be trained during the last week of September to operate the MILO Range, Rea said.

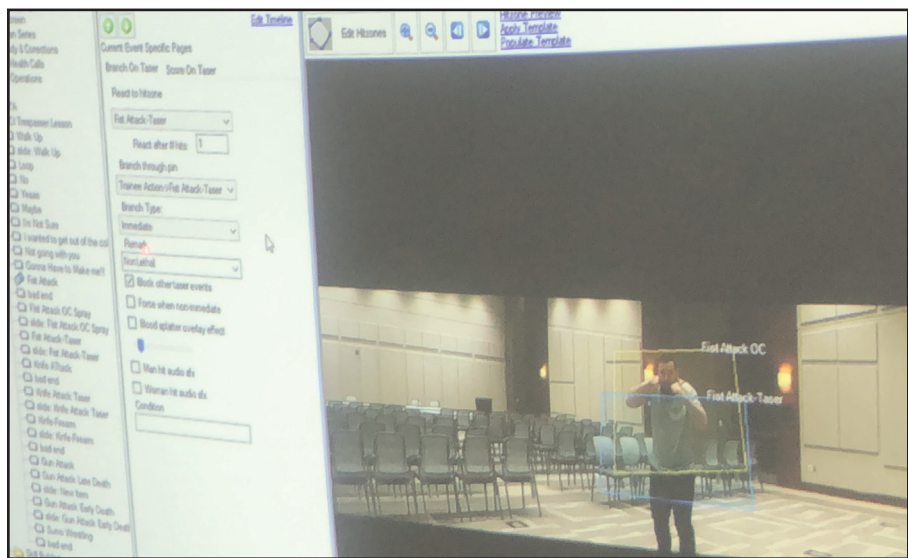
After that, regular training sessions for law enforcement officers will begin. Groups in the community, such as business and leadership training classes and students of college criminal justice classes, also will be invited to experience the MILO Range, Rea said. Additionally, "the public will be able to come in and take tours."

The equipment was purchased with a \$75,000 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021(ARPA) grant, Rea said.



MILO RANGE

With MILO Range 180 training, trainees are immersed in situations they must resolve.



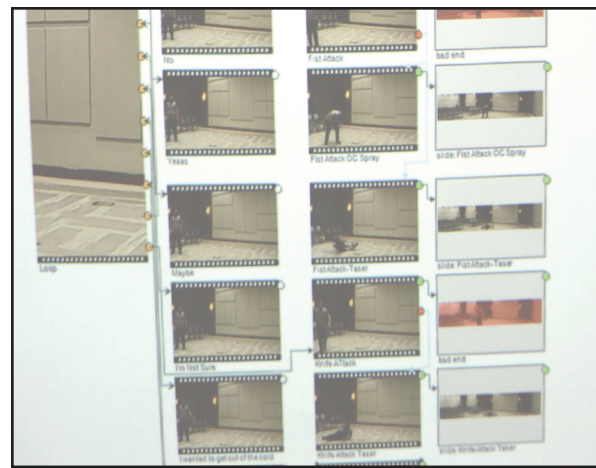
Hit boxes are drawn around the fictional suspect.



Acting in a film made for virtual reality training, James Curtis plays dead.



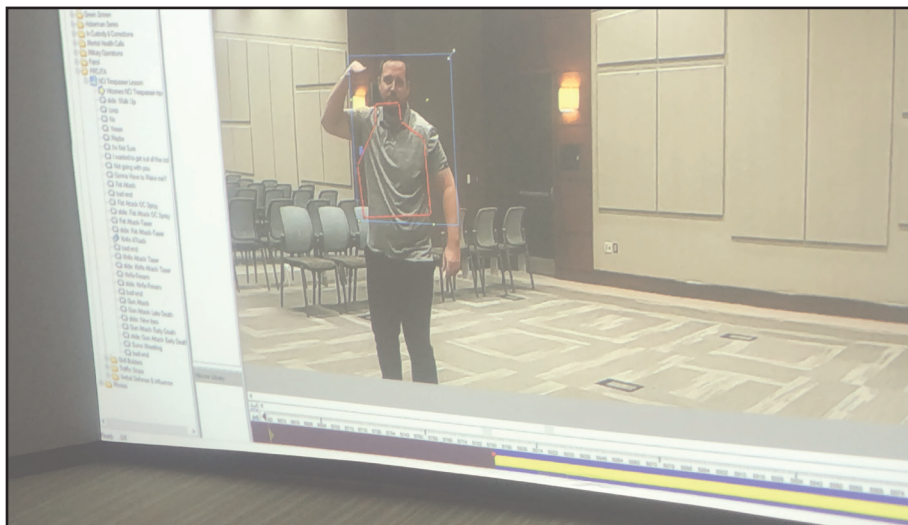
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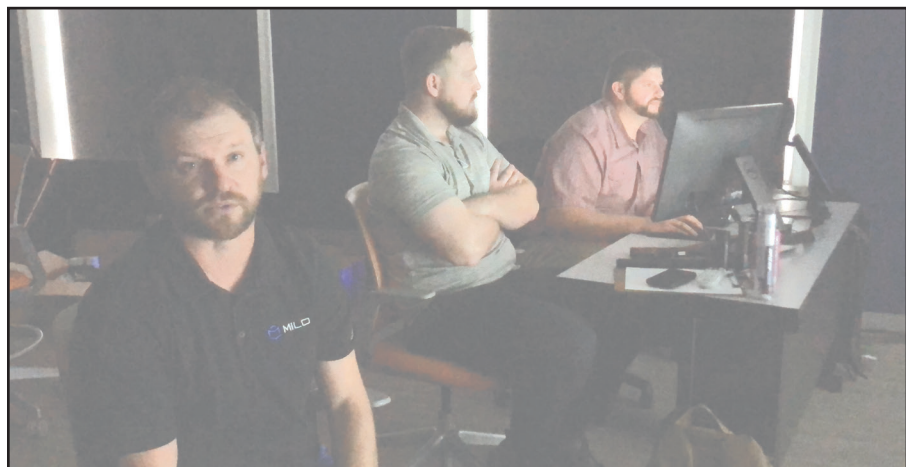
Frame by frame, a film is edited for virtual reality.



Filming a training session.



Hit boxes are drawn around the fictional suspect.



In the simulation room.



Watching the scenario.

Voting now open for Dancing for the Arts

Dancing for the Arts, Piedmont Arts' biennial fundraiser will return in 2024. On Saturday, March 9 at 4 p.m., local celebrities will take to the Martinsville High School stage to dance their way to winning both votes and the highest judges' score. Voting is open now.

This fabulous fundraiser returns with a fresh slate of local celebrities dancing in support of the arts in Martinsville-Henry County. The contest features eight teams competing to win the most votes, the highest score from the judges and a set of gorgeous mirror ball trophies handcrafted by local artist Terry Mitchell.

The teams competing in Dancing for the Arts 2024 are:

Jewel Drewery (Realtor, Rives S. Brown) and Ouss Sahar (SSC Unit Director, Henry County Public Schools)

Bonnie Favero (Preventative Program Manager, Piedmont Community Services) and Damian Wainwright (JROTC Army Instructor, Magna Vista)

Claudia Graham (Office Manager, Martinsville Surgical Associates) and Spencer Koger (Executive Director, Uptown Partnership)

Anna Hatchett (Art Teacher, Henry County Public Schools) and Louis Campbell (Basketball Coach, Martinsville High School)

Jennie Rabon (Office Manager, Rabon Law Firm) and Bobby LaPrade (Owner, Xtreme Martial Arts of Eden)

Tekela Redd (Service Center Director, Salvation Army) and Pres Garrett (Owner, Starling Avenue Cards & Comics)

Jamie Turner (Marketing Director, King's Grant) and Justin Kline (Theatre Teacher, Bassett High School)

Anna Wheeler (Program Coordinator, Dan River Basin Association) and Jacob Frith (The Lester Group Management Program)

More information about each dancer can be found at PiedmontArts.org. Teams are coached by a team of extraordinarily talented dancers and choreographers: Jane Leizer, Janeka Hairston, Stacey Davis, and Catherine Rodenbough.

Voting is open now and will remain open during the big event. Supporters of the arts

are invited to vote for their favorite teams. Votes raise money to support Piedmont Arts programming in Martinsville-Henry County. Like Dancing with the Stars, 50% of each team's final score is tallied from votes and 50% is tallied from scores awarded by the judges during the contest. Each \$1 donation = 1 vote. You can double your votes (\$1 = 2 votes) by applying your total donation toward a Piedmont Arts membership. A \$40 minimum is required for this option.

To vote for your favorite Dancing for the Arts teams, visit PiedmontArts.org or vote online at PiedmontArts.org.

Dancing for the Arts will take place on Saturday, March 9, at 4 p.m. at Martinsville High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$30 for reserved seating, \$20 for general admission, and \$5 for K-12 students. Tickets are on sale now at PiedmontArts.org.



Sen. Bill Stanley (right) and Del. Wren Williams discussed the legislative process.

Legislators connect with students

Sen. Bill Stanley and Del. Wren Williams enjoyed the recent "Legislators Day" at Galax High School.

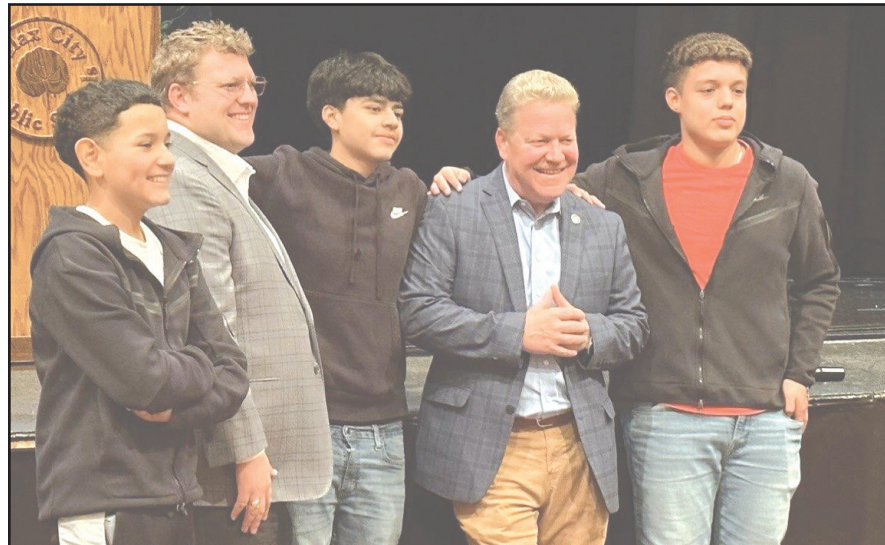
Williams, R-Stuart, and Stanley, R-Moneta, visited with 8th graders and seniors, and discussed the legislative process.



Del. Wren Williams converses with a Galax High School student during Legislators Day.



Students in Galax High School gathered for Legislators Day, which featured Sen. Bill Stanley (left) and Del. Wren Williams.



Sen. Bill Stanley (middle) and Del. Wren Williams are pictured with a group of students.

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