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Commission approves land use amendment



Rickie Fulcher, a former member of the Patrick County Board of Supervisors, urged the county to adopt a zoning ordinance while speaking at a recent meeting of the Planning Commission.



Skyler Zunk, co-founder and CEO of Energy Right, discussed clean energy development at the March 21 meeting of the Patrick County Planning Commission.



Jamie Clark said his property would be impacted by a solar farm locating in the area.

By Taylor Boyd

The Patrick County Planning Commission approved an amendment related to the Land Use/solar section of the county's Comprehensive Plan at its March 21 meeting.

The amendment now will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

County Attorney Mark Popovich said that while the amendment would help with future solar companies wanting to locate in the county, it would not

impact projects already underway, such as the project on which a Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Small Renewable Energy Projects Local Governing Body Certification Form was signed by former county administrator Geri Hazelwood on Oct. 21, 2021.

"That bird (project) has flown. You don't have any more say on that," Popovich said. "However, the same solar company purchased adjacent property, and now is coming to us to see if we

would sign off on those certifications."

That, he said, prompted the Planning Commission to adopt a solar zoning ordinance.

"Let's not worry about whether or not it's legally enforceable, but let's just put (See Commission p. 5)

Human remains recovered from creek

By Staff Reports

Remains recovered in Patrick County on Saturday were transported to the state Medical Examiner's office in Roanoke for identification, according to Patrick County Sheriff Dan Smith.

The remains were found Saturday afternoon in a creek in the Dry Pond area of the county, near the North Carolina/Virginia border, Smith said.

His office was alerted by the Stokes County Sheriff's Office in North Carolina after authorities there received a report that teenagers on an ATV (All-Terrain Vehicle) found a body. Stokes County Sheriff's deputies determined the body was located in Virginia, and then called Patrick authorities.

According to satellite mapping, the body was 169 yards inside Virginia, in Patrick County, Smith said.

He does not know when he will receive identification results.

Patrick authorities and those from the Virginia State Police responded, Smith said.

Smith noted that Stokes County authorities were investigating the disappearance of Trinity Fain, 25, when they called the Patrick County 911 Center on Saturday afternoon.

Fain was reported missing from that jurisdiction on February 5. He was last seen leaving his residence on Puckett Road in Westfield, N.C., according to online reports. He was reported to have been to his place of employment in Mount Airy, N.C.

His vehicle was located

(See Human p. 4)



Trinity Fain, 25, was last seen on February 5. Anyone with information about his whereabouts is asked to call Detective Larry Smith or the sergeant on duty at (336) 593-8787, (800) 672-2851, or (226) 593-8130.

Crissman to retire at end of the month



Patrick County Recreation Director Clyde Crissman will retire at the end of the month after 51 years of service.

By Taylor Boyd

After 51 years of service to the county he loves, Patrick County's Recreation Director Clyde Crissman will retire on March 31.

"It's time. I'm 75, so it's time to move on to another adventure," he said.

Crissman started working part-time for the recreation department in 1973. When he began his career with the county, Crissman prepared ballfields for games, mowed the existing grounds, and officiated football, softball, and baseball games.

Before he was hired as the recreation director in 1985, Crissman joined the Patrick County Parks and Recreation Association as a board member. In this role, he organized and led fundraising activities to help support the creation of five community parks the department would manage.

Crissman believes those feats, along with the creation of the DeHart Park pool in 1980, were the highlights of his career.

"All the parks have been built since I've been here. They were started in 1978, and finished sometime in the early 1990s," he said.

During his tenure, Crissman also organized and implemented DeHart Pool activities, including the

annual July 4 car show, celebration event, firework display, the Christmas Festival of Lights, and other programs.

Crissman said he and the department could not have accomplished all it did without the community.

"The help of all of the people in the county made the parks what they are. All the people in the county, businesses, anybody I asked for help, it was always there," he said, adding the board of supervisors also were supportive.

The department has "just been a great place to work," Crissman said. "It's been a challenging. We've had a lot of good people help around here, and a lot of donations. People giving us land and giving us money, helping with the pool, and stuff like that."

For example, he said the Clyde Crissman Field was created by volunteer Cecil Hall.

Crissman said Hall created the ball field for free using much of his own equipment to do so.

"He only asked for his grandson, who was helping him, to be paid for the work he did. So, it should really be called the Cecil Hall Park," Crissman said.

Local girl scouts and eagle scouts created a picnic table area, a bridge, and an outdoor grill area for the park., he said. A community garden was created by local residents and the gazebo at the Hospice Memory Garden was built by Patrick County High School (PCHS) students.

"People in Patrick County ... they're the best. I've been all around everywhere else and people in the county here will step up

(See Crissman p. 4)

Honor Guard awarded resolution



Members of the Patrick County Veteran's Memorial Honor Guard were recognized for their service on Saturday. (Contributed by Clayton Kendrick)

By Taylor Boyd

The Patrick County Veteran's Memorial Honor Guard was awarded a resolution for its service by the Board of Supervisors.

Clayton Kendrick, board chairman, said the resolution presented at a special dinner on March 25 was for the guard's service in hon-

oring fallen soldiers.

"In 1982, veterans in Patrick County ... took it upon themselves to form the Patrick County Veteran's Memorial Honor Guard" to help "honor the service and sacrifice of deceased veterans by their dedication in performing military honors at veterans' funerals and

participating in other community events," Kendrick read and noted that the honor guard's representation at deceased veterans' funerals may be the highest honor veterans can receive for their service.

In addition, the honor guard also "conducts a Me-

(See Resolution p. 4)

Wine & Beer Fest set for April 1

The Town of Stuart's 8th annual Wine & Beer Festival will be held on Saturday, April 1, at the Stuart Farmers' Market from 12-4 p.m.

Onsite local wineries will include Stanburn Winery, Childress Vineyards, Woods Acre Fruit Wines, and Villa Appalachia.

Billy Gammons, the town coordinator, said the event began as an addition to the town's other major festivals.

"We already had the Strawberry Festival and the Apple Dumpling Festival, and we just wanted something else to put in there with the rest of the festivals. Just something to attract more people to the town to see what we have," he said.

Gammons estimated 300 people attended last year's event.

There is no admission fee, but there will be a \$10 tasting fee.

"You get a wine glass. This year, Thomas the Town Cat is going to be on the glasses," he said.

Wine bottles are available



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The Town of Stuart's 8th annual Wine & Beer Festival is scheduled to be held from 12-4 p.m. on Saturday at the Stuart Farmers' Market.

for purchase from various onsite vendors, according to Gammons. Slick Jr. and the Reactors and Marie Horne will perform during the event.

Patrick Pioneers

Update on hospital project presented Saturday

Winter of 1960

By Beverly Belcher Woody

We have enjoyed some unseasonably warm weather this past month; a very different time from the winter of 1960. Valentine's Day fell on a Wednesday in 1960, and it snowed 22 inches in Patrick County. For the following three Wednesdays, the area received heavy snowfall. By Wednesday, March 6th, the area had received 68 inches of snow.

My Dad was stationed at Aschaffenburg, West Germany with the Third Division of the U. S. Army during the winter of 1960, so my Grandfather ventured out and took the above photos to show Daddy upon his return home. The first photo was taken on Rock Church Road above Slate Mountain Church. The second photo shown is Wyatt and Edna Conner's house on Conner's Grove Road. The third photo is the Ed and Daisy Weddle home on Black Ridge Road, near the entrance to the winery.

This was a very challenging time for many people, especially folks with cattle and horses to feed. People tried to do their best to carry on business as usual, but it became quite challenging with five feet of snow on the ground (not to mention the drifts)! My aunt Gracie carpooled with several other folks to the factories in Floyd. One Wednesday evening, they got as far as Willie Edwards store on Willis Road before becoming stranded. Aunt Gracie had to stay at the store for three days before the



roads opened enough for Uncle Stowell to be able to reach her.

My cousin Ivalien remembered VDOT workers Bud West and Curtis Agee working around the clock, trying to get the roads opened back up and then it snowing all over again.

Edgar Martin McPeak died suddenly at home, February 19th, five days after the first big snow. His granddaughter, Kim McPeak Merritt, said that Cecil Hall had to use his bulldozer to cut a path to the McPeak home to remove her grandfather's body.

McPeak's death was one of several tragedies that took place during the rough winter of 1960. Emmett Green "Bob" Conner was a World War II veteran, having served with the 630th Tank Destroyer Battalion Unit at Normandy (D-Day) and in the Ardennes Forest of France (Battle of the Bulge). Harvey Dickerson Williams was a Korean War veteran, serving with the 432nd

Construction Engineers.

Thirty-five-year-old Conner and thirty-one-year Williams were last seen on February 26th (this would have been five days after the second big snow) leaving the area of Bowling's Store in Lone Ivy. The men were walking back up the mountain towards Lover's Leap. Walking from the Woolwine area to Meadows of Dan was quite common back then, as there were many old trails leading up and down the mountain. The men did not make it home before the third big snow fell on February 28th. Family and friends searched for the men for over a month before their bodies were found.

The following is an excerpt from the Enterprise reporting the men's deaths: "A three-man search par-

(See Pioneers p. 7)

Del. Wren Williams, R-Stuart, presented an update on the Foresight Hospital and Health System project in Stuart at a March 25 veteran's dinner.

Williams said the hospital secured an architect to work on a design/build program for the building's top floor.

"They shared with me that they will likely gut the bottom floor and leave it empty for now. That will be considered a basement," he said.

Foresight also secured a contractor with experience in commercial buildings. Williams said the contractor should be able to start and complete that when construction starts.

"They've also been able to obtain their COPN (Certificate of Public Need) license for the 10 additional beds that they were hoping for. Their current license is still in place for the critical care access, which is important for federal funding that we're able to get back for reimbursements at the Medicare and Medicaid levels," he said.

Williams said Foresight also secured vendors and financing to get the project off the ground.

"I'm excited to receive that report. That gives me hope," he said.



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DMV Select sets new hours March 27-31

Stuart DMV Select will be operating on a reduced schedule next week due to extended training and staffing changes. The agency will be closed on Monday, March 27. The agency will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on through Friday, March 31.

The agency will be

Pets of the Week



Peanut is a little shy, but she's extremely sweet and is coming around nicely. She will be a different dog when she is in a home and not in this scary place. She was found in the area of New Point Church and High Point Church.

This bruiser is the sweetest girl. The ladies at the shelter just love her. She is well behaved, walks on a leash and rides in the car. She was found on Ahart Ridge Road in Ararat.

Call the Patrick County Public Animal Shelter (PCPAS) at (276) 694-6259 for more information, or visit its Facebook page. Adoption fees are \$10 and include spay/neuter and rabies vaccination.

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Coons to serve as Superintendent of Public Instruction

Tennessee Chief Academic Officer Lisa Coons was appointed Virginia's 27th superintendent of public instruction, effective April 17, according to Gov. Glenn Youngkin.

"I am honored that Governor Youngkin has selected me to serve as Virginia's superintendent of public instruction in collaboration with Secretary Guidera," Coons said. "The governor has set a bold academic agenda that puts students first and empowers families to help set priorities for their children. We have an opportunity in Virginia to be the country's best state for education, and we'll achieve that vision through partnerships with families, educators and school division leaders."

Secretary of Education Aimee Guidera said, "Dr. Coons' proven leadership will serve Virginia's students, families and teachers well and help make Virginia's education system best-in-class. She has demonstrated success in addressing learning loss, creating and implementing evidence-based literacy policy and practices, and building strong partnerships with teachers, communities,

school and division leaders, and parents."

Coons has served in multiple leadership roles in K-12 education. She most recently served as chief academic officer for the Tennessee Department of Education, where she led all birth to grade-12 academic programming, including K-12 teaching and learning in language arts, mathematics, science, and fine arts; early childhood education; voluntary pre-K and Head Start.

Coons also worked as an executive officer of division priority schools for Metro Nashville Public Schools and executive director of instructional leadership at the Tennessee Department of Education. She holds a doctorate in education from Lipscomb University.

Youngkin also announced the appointment of Goochland County Superintendent Jeremy Raley as the Virginia Department of Education's new chief of staff.

"Dr. Raley is a trusted school division superintendent from the Goochland and Shenandoah County communities, and will be a great asset to the department," Guidera said. "He is

committed to serving Virginia families and educators as we all work together to support student success. Together, Dr. Coons and Dr. Raley bring decades of experience in education systems centered on high expectations and multiple pathways for every student, strong knowledge and experience in the commonwealth, and proven leadership."

"Governor Youngkin's commitment to high expectations and excellence for all students has benefitted the Virginia learners I have served," Raley said. "In this new role, I will be able to serve our community and school divisions across the commonwealth, and I am humbled by the opportunity."

Raley has been in public education for twenty-six years, serving as superintendent of Goochland County Public Schools since 2016. He began his career in Shenandoah County, where he started as a physical education teacher and served as a principal and then as division superintendent. Raley holds a doctorate in education from Shenandoah University.

Administrative, other sectors again lead industries for unemployment claims

Data from the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) indicates that the number of initial claims decreased in the latest filing week to 1,623 and remained at levels typically seen over the last twelve months.

For the filing week ending March 18, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims in Virginia was 1,623, which was a decrease of 77 claimants from the previous week. More than half of the initial claims with a self-reported industry were from administrative and support and waste management, professional, scientific, and technical services, retail trade, health care and social assistance, and manufacturing.

Continued weeks claimed totaled 11,781, which was a decrease of 56 claims from the previous week but an increase of 70% from the 6,954 continued claims from the comparable week last year.

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

In the week ending March 18, the advance U.S. figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 191,000, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 192,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs,

unadjusted, totaled 213,425 in the week ending March 18, a decrease of 4,659 (or -2.1 percent) from the previous week.

There were 182,339 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022. Looking at preliminary data, most U.S. states reported decreases on a seasonally unadjusted basis. California's preliminary weekly change (-2,411) was the largest decrease. Illinois's weekly change (-1,135) was the second largest decrease. New York's preliminary weekly change (-1,026) was the third largest decrease. New Jersey's weekly change (-838) was the fourth largest decrease. Virginia's preliminary weekly change (+84) was the 12th largest increase.

EPA Issues New Guidance on 'Forever Chemicals'

Edwin J. Viera
Virginia News Connection

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is implementing new rules on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances known as forever chemicals.

The new National Primary Drinking Water

Regulation establishes maximum contaminant levels on six different chemicals in drinking water. The chemicals were used in a variety of everyday items like nonstick cookware, stain resistant fabrics and carpets, and cosmetics.

Public water systems

would monitor for the chemicals, notify the public of their presence, and reduce levels if they exceed the proposed standards.

Geoff Gisler, program director of the Southern Environmental Law Center, described how water treatment plants can help keep them from being ingested.

"The most widely used technology is something called granular activated carbon," Gisler explained. "It's a specialized version of what people have in their Brita filters. Brita filters themselves aren't enough to get it out, but it's a specialized version of that, where the water goes through carbon, and the carbon bonds chemicals to it, so that it pulls it out of the water."

Another method of removing the chemicals is reverse osmosis, which uses a fine membrane to capture them. However, the method merely removes them from the water and does not break them down. In 2022, the EPA found heating firefighting foam containing

forever chemicals up to 705 degrees Fahrenheit successfully destroyed them. Additional tests are being done to see if this can be used to treat wastewater.

Gisler pointed out the new regulations encourage stopping the pollution of forever chemicals at the source. Outside the regulations, he feels state agencies need to take action to prohibit their discharge and address sources. Gisler noted people can take action to ensure they are not ingesting any of the chemicals.

"When people think about what can they do, I think increasingly what we're seeing is that companies are disclosing whether or not their packaging or their products have PFAS in them," Gisler stressed.

In 2022, Virginia's General Assembly considered legislation for the Commissioner of Health to study the occurrence of forever chemicals in public drinking water. The bill never got out of committee.

Portion of Hunters Chapel Road to be closed

Beginning Monday, March 27, a portion of Virginia 631 (Hunters Chapel Road) will be closed to through traffic from Virginia 773 (Ararat Highway) to Virginia 675 (Friends Mission Road) for a pipe replacement.

Weather permitting, the road will re-open to traffic on Friday, April 7.

Until then, directional signs will be used to help motorists.

Arrests reported

The Patrick County Sheriff's Office reported the following:

*Jeffrey Howard Richards, 43, of Henry County Jail, was charged March 3 with probation violation. Henry County made the arrest for Patrick County.

*Deshaun Michael Hughes, 34, of Stuart, was charged March 13 with fail to appear. Deputy R.E. Dillon was the arresting officer.

*Jason Ray Ziglar, 40, of Broadway was charged March 13 with probation violation. Middle River Regional Jail made the arrest for Patrick County.

*James Roger Dulaney, 48, of Woolwine, was charged March 14 with assault and battery. Deputy C.L. Elgin was the arresting officer.

*Shonna Dale Spence, 48, of Patrick Springs, was charged March 14 with fail to comply with bond conditions. Deputy E. Sain was the arresting officer.

*James Roger Dulaney, 48, of Woolwine, was charged March 15 with one count each assault and battery, abduction, prevent help: obstruct communication, and animal cruelty. Inv. Tennille E. Jessup was the arresting officer.

*Michael Lee Hoops, 37, of Martinsville, was charged March 16 with two counts of probation violation. Deputy F.M. Hubbard was the arresting officer.

*Anthony Clarence Carter, 23, of Stuart, was charged March 16 with fail to appear. Deputy R. Haynes was the arresting officer.

*Teddy Ray Goins, Jr., 43, address unavailable, was charged March 16 with probation violation. Sgt. C.A. Frick was the arresting officer.

*Valerie Clayton Shelton, 48, address unavailable, was charged March 16 with probation violation. Sgt. C.A. Frick was the arresting officer.

*Joah Immanuel Shively, 22, of Glade Spring, was charged March 16 with violate court order. Washington County made the arrest for Patrick County.

*Rodney Taylor Martin, 46, of Collinsville, was charged March 17 with fail to appear. Martinsville PD made the arrest for Patrick County.

*Cory Adam Martin, 34, of Patrick County Jail, was charged March 17 with probation violation. Deputy E. Sain was the arresting officer.

*Joe Edmond King, 52, of address unavailable, was charged March 17 with probation violation. Henry County made the arrest for Patrick County.

*Kelly R. Humble, 31, of Claudville, was charged March 18 with fail to appear. Deputy B. Fields was the arresting officer.

*Amber Renee Scott, 35, of Stuart, was charged March 18 with probation violation. Deputy M.T. Rorrer was the arresting officer.

*Dan Lee Hanson, 52, of Stuart, was charged March 20 with one count each disregard law enforcement command, drive with invalid license, and display alt/fic. reg./title/plates. Deputy C.L. Adkins was the arresting officer.

*Dorean Phillip East, 63, of Bassett, was charged March 21 with petty larceny. Deputy C.L. Elgin made the arrest for Floyd County.

*William Tyler Pearson, 18, of Stuart, was charged March 21 with one count each grand larceny and break and enter building. Inv. O. Tejada was the arresting officer.

*Amber Renee Scott, 35, of Stuart, was charged March 22 with one count each assault and battery on law enforcement officer, obstruct justice, and carry concealed weapon. Deputy J.S. Kendrick was the arresting officer.

*Joshua Wayne Justice, 34, of Stuart, was charged March 22 with probation violation. Henry County made the arrest for Patrick County.

*Melissa Renee Stowe, 41, of Stuart, was charged March 22 with trespass. Deputy C.L. Elgin was the arresting officer.

*Daniel Winebarger, 33, of Lawsonville, N.C., was charged March 23 with fail to appear. Sgt. J.D. Lewis was the arresting officer.

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Resolution

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morial Day service to remember those that served and are no longer with us, and an annual Veteran's Day parade and ceremony to recognize" county veterans, he said.

Kendrick said his grandfather and father served in the military.

"It was such an honor to have that honor guard at their service, and unless you're in that situation you

don't really realize what an honor it is to have you all at the service," Kendrick said. "It makes the family so proud of their loved ones."

Del. Wren Williams, R-Stuart, said he and his family really appreciate the service the guard provides for the county.

"I know that some of you have participated in some of our family members' funerals," he said. "I hope

your ranks continue to grow as folks in my age range start understanding what you did for us, and the history of that is inside of this room."

A copy of the resolution, which was crafted by Denise Stirewalt, vice-chairman, will be displayed on the Honor Wall in the Patrick County Administration Building.

(Visit www.theenterprise.net for more photos.)



Denise Stirewalt (left) and Clayton Kendrick (right) presented a resolution to Commander Clyde Thomas in honor of the Patrick County Veteran's Memorial Honor Guard.

Human

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around 8 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 6, about a mile from his home. The vehicle is believed to have been at this location overnight.

Fain was last seen wearing light-colored blue jeans, work boots, a green shirt, and a blue jean coat. Fain is about 6 ft. and weighs about 146 lbs. with brown

hair and blue eyes.

Anyone with information about Fain's whereabouts is asked to call Detective Larry Smith or the sergeant on duty at (336) 593-8787, (800) 672-2851, or (226) 593-8130.

Patrick County Sheriff's Investigator Oscar Tejada is handling the case. He is working closely with North Carolina authorities.

Free, Low-Cost Prescriptions Available Through Free Clinic Network

With recent news that drug manufacturer Eli Lilly & Co. will reduce the cost of insulin for patients, leaders with the Virginia Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (VAFCC) are reminding Virginians about the availability of low and no-cost prescriptions available at local clinics.

One in four Virginians report not filling prescriptions or cutting pills in half due to concerns about cost, according to a survey by Altarum's Healthcare Value Hub, an initiative focused on addressing high healthcare prices.

The VAFCC represents 60 free and charitable clinics that serve over 63,000 vulnerable patients annually. Many of these clinics offer prescription medications through a variety of programs and partnerships to help patients in Virginia with low incomes access the medication they need to stay healthy.

One partner, called Direct Relief, provides donations of medicines and medical supplies and at times, financial support to health centers and free and charitable clinics on an ongoing basis and during times of disaster. These medical resources are mobilized for providers free of

charge to help support patients who are low-income and lack health insurance.

"It is a privilege to work with the Virginia Association of Free & Charitable Clinics and their member clinics to provide access to healthcare for thousands of patients in need across the state," said Katie Lewis, Associate Director of US Programs for Direct Relief. "By working together to expand the availability of lifesaving medical care and medicines, we can create a healthier, more equitable world where everyone has the opportunity to thrive."

In a recently released report, Direct Relief reported donating \$2.98 million in wholesale medical aid to 31 Virginia-based free and charitable clinics in 2022.

"Patients at free and charitable clinics receive critical medications that would have cost hundreds of dollars - regardless of their ability to pay," according to Amy Yar-

cich, Executive Director of Virginia-based Rx Partnership.

Rx Partnership (RxP) started providing access to brand medication in 2004 and in 2017 began adding critical generic medications to support low-income, uninsured patients with diabetes, hypertension and over 10 other chronic conditions. Working with 30 clinic partners serving 86 Virginia localities, RxP provided nearly 50,000 prescriptions valued at \$13.5 million in FY22 according to their recently released 2022 Impact Report.

RxP has won two national awards recognizing its efficient and unique model for medication access and continues to add new programs, like mail delivery, to support patient health.

People are encouraged to reach out to a local clinic to learn about its program and medication access services. A searchable list of clinics is available through the VAFCC's Free Clinics Care website.

Crissman

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when the time comes," he said.

Crissman said that is precisely what he will miss the most -- the people and helping residents through the department's various programs.

"That's all I've done ever since I started in the Recreation Department. People always helped out here, so in turn, I tried to help people," he said.

Crissman believes service, and being able to serve, is an opportunity and a blessing.

"Service is a means of returning thanks to those who have helped and supported us," he said. "Whether you serve the young or the old, fundraise for the community or coach a ball team, you're making a difference in the lives of others, your community, and the world. We live in a beautiful place with kind and generous neighbors."

One thing Crissman said he wishes



he could have created a Senior Citizens Center, located at one end of the Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) building. However, plans are in place to meet that goal.

"That's our next phase of this building - to have a gym or a place where senior citizens" can meet, he said.

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Commission

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a stopgap in, and we'll go back and fix it later because you all have already gone down this path pretty far," Popovich said. "I just took a legal calculated risk that if we just adopt the ordinance, we'll at least put the brakes on whatever they're doing."

The commission heard concerns from residents and fielded a number of questions, including some questioning Hazelwood's authority to sign the certification form without knowledge or consent from other county officials.

Denise Stirewalt, of the Peters Creek District, speculated similar forms are an everyday occurrence in localities for business-



Larry Cowley (standing), chairman of the Planning Commission, listens intently as residents and others raise concerns about the safety of materials used to build solar farms, along with commission members Richard Hazelwood (seated left), Doug Perry (center), and Barbara Jo Newton.

es that require DEQ approval.

"All it is is an information certification form that Mrs. Hazelwood signed that says, 'we have no zoning in Patrick County and we have no land use ordinances in the county regarding solar,'" Stirewalt said, adding that the DEQ sent the form on behalf of Fairy Stone Solar, LLC.

Hazelwood "signed an information certification piece. No agreement, no approval, no contract, no anything. Just certified with DEQ, and that gave DEQ the option to say yes, we approve you moving forward with the project in Patrick County, but you have to go through the locality," Stirewalt said.

"So, no permits, no agreements, no approval, no nothing has been signed by anybody in Patrick County on the Planning Commission or the county administration level, period," she said.

Popovich said the underlying issue is the form was signed before the locality had measures in place to govern solar facilities.

"The community really didn't have any position on solar facilities," he said. "So, it's a fine line in my mind, from a legal perspective, if the county will have any say in that original proposal."

Popovich said his assumption is that Fairy Stone Solar has a reasonable intent to keep the community happy.

Regardless, "because that certification was signed off on previously, remember there were two parcels of land, that first parcel of land that was signed off on ..., effectively, the county's already given its nod. It basically said, 'we don't have any rules, so we're out of it,'" he said.

Now, the solar company has an adjacent land parcel that it wants to add to the initial certification form/project, Popovich said.

"They may run into a problem if they want to make it all part of the same project. To try and attach it to this first parcel may open them up to having to comply with our new rules," he said, adding the situation really depends on how Fairy Stone Solar wants to move forward.

Other speakers included Ed Pool, of Franklin County, who said he's trying to move to the county and believes natural water is the most valuable resource.

"I think you should protect that at all costs

with whatever legislation or laws are required to protect that water," he said.

Pool said he's been involved in four federal litigations against large companies.

"You don't want to go there, you're right, but sometimes you have to," he said.

Pool said his issue with solar is the decommissioning and disposal of the panels used. He noted Washington state is the only place in the United States with disposal regulations.

"Only the European Union (EU) makes a manufacturer of solar cells pay in advance for the disposal of those units when they complete a lifecycle. There are 20 to 30 years in a lifecycle, and I'd argue that its hazardous waste," he said.

According to the Harvard Business Review, Pool said it costs an estimated \$20 to \$30 to recycle one panel. Sending the same panel to the landfill would cost \$1 to \$2.

"We've got lead and cadmium in those things," Pool said of chemicals that could lead to health concerns. The chemicals, he added, are "going to leech into the groundwater out of the landfill. If you have any questions about how nasty the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) can be, look at the crap going on in Ohio. They're seizing land, your land, your house."

Pool said he believes a legislation governing solar panel disposal will be in place in 20 to 30 years, but "there's nothing I see in the provision right now that takes that into account. The only way to do it on the front side is through bonds."

"You come up with the calculations based on Washington state or the EU, somebody that's really regulating this," determine disposal costs, and require interested companies to agree to a bond in advance, he said.

"Furthermore, if you want to stay out of that litigation fight, you also have a personal bond on the executive officers of the corporation ... it goes into their will, into their estate. Then you'll know how serious they are, how good that company is, and how dedicated they are to you," he said.

Based on a World Economic Forum report from Sept. 2022, more than 80 percent of solar panels are manufactured in China, Lynne Bogle said. In addition to detract-

ing from the natural beauty of the area, she also expressed concerns about the environmental impacts of solar panels.

"Prior to installation, the land must be cleared and leveled," she said. "Often, vegetation is cleared chemically, which can have a profound impact on our water. As we've seen with the 58 constructions, animals small and large have been displaced."

Based on the type of panel, toxic chemicals are leached over time, among them lead, cadmium, silver, and arsenic, which could further impact the water supply, especially as so many residents have wells.

"Lastly, at the end of their cycles, panels become toxic waste as there is currently no safe means of disposal or recycle," she said.

Bogle said batteries are used to store the power, and potentially more above-ground wire to transfer power.

She also asked if there are any safeguards to ensure the county isn't responsible for panel cleanup if the company goes bankrupt.

"Finally, what's in it for us? Has there been a cost study analysis to allowing this, and even more importantly, has there been a risk-benefit analysis? There are many things to consider," she said.

Malcolm Roach said he's read the ordinance several times and believes the section stating fencing should be 6 feet high and topped with barbed wire should be changed.

"That's ugly as sin. That's the type of fence you put around a detention center, no one wants to live next to that," he said.

Roach believes solar farms should not be allowed in a flood plain because "the accident rate is just too high. The toxins and the chemicals from the panels will leach down into the wetlands and get into our water," he said.

He is also concerned about the county's stormwater and has been told that all of the water in Patrick County is generated from sources inside the county.

"We also have a responsibility to the people downstream who need this water. I think there should be a retention pond." The ground should be raised so the drain water and rainwater go into a retention pond. "The retention pond water should be cleaned before it's put back into our groundwater," he said, adding an independent company should come and check the water periodically and with no advance notice.

At the end of the project, Roach said solar companies should be required to not only remove all solar panels but also be responsible for stripping out the soil 8-10 feet down and returning it back to its original quality.

Jamie Clark said the current solar ordinance

makes reference to the distance between one facility and another.

"It says respective to, it doesn't say distance. Well, the county has a cell tower ordinance and there is a minimum distance that must be between cell sites. I think the county needs to look into adding language in there to put minimum distance between these solar projects," he said.

Clark said the three potential sites are all within a 5-miles radius of one another, and noted that affected residents should be notified.

"I think that the county needs to require the company when they say they're going to do something like this, to notify - at least by certified letter, the local affected landowners at least within a half-mile radius of it," he said.

Clark said he's also concerned with the enforcement of county ordinances, especially as the county's mobile park ordinance is not enforced.

He also believes the county needs some type of zoning ordinance for the whole county.

"I'm not saying, 'you can't do this here you can't do that.' At least make residential versus commercial. I'm not talking about these people that have home-based businesses, but at least put some sort of zoning ordinance in effect in this county so we can potentially keep these projects out in the future if we want to," he said.

Ricky Fulcher, a former supervisor, said the fact that a document was signed, regardless of whether it was legitimate, has the potential to affect residents' quality of life and that no one knew anything about it bothers him.

"No supervisors were contacted, the planning commission wasn't contacted, and the EDA (Economic Development Authority) wasn't contacted. Nobody was contacted. That is absurd," he said.

Fulcher encouraged the board of supervisors to address the situation and create a zoning ordinance.

"When I tried to do this, you'd have thought I shot somebody's best dog. But here's what you got. This is what (a lack of zoning) brings you," he said.

Fulcher said the county could do residential, retail, and commercial zones. Residents/businesses can ask for the property to be rezoned as needed, he said.

Shannon D'Albero said the home she and her husband purchased in June 2021 is adjacent to the proposed land for the solar farm on Commerce Street.

"The complete investment of our property and the renovations is still ongoing for our property. My husband and I have invested well over half a million in our home. Also, we purchased our home with the intention of purchasing the surrounding lots in the

future. This was supposed to be our forever home," she said.

D'Albero said it was troubling to find out that Hazelwood had signed a document that could possibly allow a solar farm to be located right next to her property.

"It was even more troubling to learn that this document was signed within a few months of us purchasing our home," she said, adding the property she purchased was previously owned by a relative of Hazelwood.

If allowed, D'Albero said the solar farm will be within 100 feet of her well, and also would decrease the value of her home.

"We were bothered the idea that one person given a title by the county could sign one document that will allow a problematic company with a reputation in not adhering to regulations in multiple counties throughout Virginia to come to Patrick County and construct a large scale solar project without any consideration from the citizens of Patrick County, and especially those affected landowners," she said.

Mike Cooper, of the Peters Creek District, asked if hazard training would be required before solar panels are installed.

"The other thing that hasn't come up is electromagnetic radiation. It's not proven that it causes cancer, but there is that question: Can it if you live nearby," he said.

Cooper also wondered if the power lines would have to be moved and whether the road would have to be widened because of the panels.


"People don't want them. It causes more traffic," he said.

Skyler Zunk, co-founder and CEO of Energy Right, a non-profit company that is supported by donations from solar companies and others, discussed clean energy development.

"The whole goal of Energy Rights is to pursue clean energy the best way possible. If clean energy development is going to be coming to rural Virginia, these projects should be the best neighbors possible. We want to see them be invisible, we want them to be behind vegetative buffers and well-screened from neighbors, we want them to be quiet, and respectful of neighbors," he said.

Zunk said he became aware of Patrick County from Aaron Berryhill, the solar program manager for Virginia's DEQ, who worked with Patrick County Building Inspector Jason Brown during the solar ordinance drafting process.


Zunk was contacted by Planning Commission Chairman Larry Cowley, who invited him to attend the meeting. Zunk, who was often interrupted with questions from residents, also discussed taxes, benefits to the local economy, and disposal of solar panels.



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Parents' Bill of Rights

Ninth District U.S. Rep. Morgan Griffith

Over the past few years, there has been an alarming trend of parents being forcibly shut out of their children's education by certain school districts. I've recognized the urgency of correcting this issue.

Parents are the people primarily responsible for directing their children's education and they have rights.

That's why I voted in favor of H.R. 5, the Parents Bill of Rights Act, which passed the House of Representatives in a 213-208 vote. The legislation makes clear the rights of parents!

It also makes clear to schools their duty to parents and the limits to their authority when parents are making decisions for their children. This legislation is critical for our families.

There has been a rise in divisive ideology, like critical race theory, and sexually explicit information being taught in our schools, many times without the approval of parents.

While it may take a village to give a child a well-rounded raising, it does not give the village a right to inculcate children with a world view in opposition to parental wishes.

One democratic lawmaker recently said that if parents haven't completed their own high school education, they are unqualified to make education decisions for their children.

What an alarming, inappropriate, and classist sentiment. Parents have every right to decide if controversial information is to be taught to their children and at what age. Parents and/or legal guardians make medical decisions for their children every day without formal medical training, obviously they can make decisions on their children's education.

Speaking of medical decisions, some schools have even gone so far as to shut parents out of decisions relating to their children's health care and safety, ones that have life-long consequences. This is unacceptable.

Further, following the outbreak of COVID-19, school administrators made the decision to close many of our country's schools, moving them online. These school closures dragged on and parents objected. It was to the detriment of our children.

According to the Institute of Education Sciences, roughly half of America's students began the 2022 school year behind in at least one subject, 13% higher than the national average in a typical year prior to COVID-19.

There has also been a sharp rise in depression and anxiety in children from extended lockdowns and forced remote learning. In 2021 and 2022, the American Academy of Pe-

diatrics, the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and the Children's Hospital Association, declared a "national state of emergency" in response to this troubling trend.

Many parents have understandably become upset by the way certain school systems have handled these issues, voicing their concerns at school board meetings.

Even this has been met with resistance.

In October 2021, the National School Boards Association called on President Joe Biden to use federal agencies to stop "threats and acts of violence" on school officials during school board meetings. Accordingly, Biden's Attorney General Merrick Garland instructed the FBI to investigate. Following, the FBI's Counterterrorism Division created a "threat tag," equating concerned parents to domestic terrorists. Outrageous!

Congress needed to act.

H.R. 5 recognizes and restores parents' rights through five pillars: the right to know what's being taught in schools and to see reading material; the right to be heard; the right to see school budget and spending; the right to protect their child's privacy; and the right to be updated on any violent activity at school.

During the consideration of H.R. 5, I voted for an amendment for a Sense of Congress that the U.S. Department of Education eventually should be eliminated.

I believe taxpayer money is mostly wasted on bureaucrats in the Department of Education. In FY 2021 alone, they spent over \$2.4 Billion on "salaries and expenses." This money should be redirected to local schools.

In eliminating the Department, we can put in place protections to ensure existing education funding is dispersed appropriately around the country, through the states, while also maintaining protections for students.

Among these protections is ensuring that Title I funding remains, which provides critical funding for economically disadvantaged students, and for programs like free lunch and reduced lunch at schools.

Additionally, we must maintain protections for our physically and mentally impaired children under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

These changes, and this bill, will create better options for students and parents.

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

Decline in COVID-19 case rates in nursing homes stalls

COVID-19 deaths and cases in America's nursing homes dropped by about one-third nationwide in February. However, increases in cases and/or deaths in as many as a dozen states indicate the virus still poses a dangerous threat to some of our most vulnerable loved ones, the AARP in Virginia reported.

According to AARP's Nursing Home COVID-19 Dashboard, during the four weeks ending Feb. 19, the rate of COVID-19 resident deaths nationwide declined by 38% compared to the previous four weeks. Resident cases were down 35% during the same period, with staff cases down 31%. However, the death rates among residents were higher in 12 states for the four weeks ending Feb. 19 compared to the previous four weeks. Eleven states had an increase in resident and/or staff cases during the same reporting period. Furthermore, weekly case rates nationwide during the dashboard period and the weeks following show that the national case rate is no longer declining and has held approximately constant through February.

Here in Virginia resident deaths are down by 34% in the four weeks ending Feb. 19, compared to the previous four weeks, with resident cases down 51% and staff cases down by 47% during the same period.

"While COVID is causing fewer people to get sick or die in Virginia, the nationwide numbers show the need for us to remain vigilant about protecting our loved ones in nursing homes from COVID-19,"

said AARP Virginia State Director Jim Dau. "It is so very important that both residents and staff are up to date on vaccinations, including receiving the bivalent booster."

The new data show "up to date" vaccination rates among nursing home residents nationwide continue to progress slowly while staff rates remain stalled. For the Dashboard period ending Feb. 19, 53% of nursing home residents nationwide and only 22% of staff were "up to date" on COVID-19 vaccinations. The resident rate nationwide is a slight increase over the January reporting period, but the staff rate of 22% is unchanged. Here in Virginia nearly 53% of residents, which is about the same as the previous period, and 20% of staff were "up to date" on their vaccinations, a decrease of nearly 3%.

AARP recommends family members of a nursing home resident ask these 10 questions about vaccination rates and other COVID-related issues to stay connected and keep your loved one safe.

AARP is also urging the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services to take additional steps to help increase up-to-date COVID-19 vaccination rates for nursing home residents and staff, saying more action is needed to build upon other recent steps to protect them.

Nationwide, it's estimated that more than 180,000 residents and staff of nursing homes have died due to COVID-19 since the pandemic began in early 2020.

About 20% of Virginia facilities reported a

shortage of nurses or aides for the four weeks ending Feb. 19, and that number has remained steady since September 2022.

The Virginia General Assembly recently passed legislation that would establish minimum staffing levels in nursing homes.

"We must do more to ensure residents receive high-quality care and their families have peace of mind about their health and safety," Dau said.

Nationally, AARP also supports the establishment of mandatory federal minimum staffing levels or standards as a condition of participation for nursing homes in Medicare and Medicaid.

The AARP Nursing Home COVID-19 Dashboard analyzes federally reported data in four-week periods going back to June 1, 2020. Using this data, the AARP Public Policy Institute, in collaboration with the Scripps Gerontology Center at Miami University in Ohio, created the Dashboard to provide snapshots of the virus' infiltration into nursing homes and impact on nursing home residents and staff, with the goal of identifying specific areas of concern at the national and state levels in a timely manner. The full AARP Nursing Home COVID-19 Dashboard is available at www.aarp.org/nursinghomedashboard.

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Social Security Matters

By National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens

Ask Rusty – Widow Stung by Social Security’s “Claw Back” Rule

Dear Rusty: My husband of 48 years died on December 30th, and he received a Social Security direct deposit for December’s benefits in early January, but Social Security demanded the bank return his December payment. I used part of his December benefits to pay for household expenses, so his bank account was overdrawn after his bank paid back his Social Security for the December benefit. My questions are:

1. Is it legal for Social Security to demand a return of his benefits because he died one day prior to 1/1/2023? That just seems so wrong to me!
2. Am I legally responsible for the overdrawn amount his bank repaid to Social Security? I was not notified by Social Security or his bank before “the deed was done”.
3. Aren’t there Social Security spousal benefits available for the surviving spouse, and how do I apply for them? (Form #, please)

My husband medically retired early, and his Social Security benefits were always lower than mine, but I fear that my benefits may be affected by his death. Is that true? Signed: Grieving Widow, Feeling Wronged

Dear Grieving Widow: Please accept our sincere condolences on your husband’s passing. Unfortunately, I don’t have good news for you about his December benefit payment. Social Security pays benefits in the month following the month they are earned, and the recipient must live the entire month to be eligible for that month’s benefit. Even though your husband lived until almost the end of the month, Social Security’s rule says that he must live the entire month to be eligible for December benefits; thus, they took back (often referred to as “Clawed Back”) the December benefits paid in January.

So, is all of this legal? Yes, I’m afraid it is. From what you’ve shared Social Security took back the money they are legally entitled to, so you have no further obligation to Social Security. The bank had no choice but to return your husband’s December Social Security payment – they were legally obligated to do so. Thus, your obligation to resolve your husband’s overdrawn bank account resulting from the bank fulfilling its legal obligation to Social Security still remains.

As for any spousal or survivor benefits you might be entitled to – you say your husband’s Social Security payment was less than yours, which means you weren’t getting a spousal benefit and cannot get a surviving spouse benefit as a widow (you can only get your benefit or his, whichever is higher). You will, however, be eligible for a one-time lump sum death benefit of \$255. I know it’s not much, but you’re entitled to it and should claim it. And, from what you’ve described - that your monthly Social Security amount is more than your husband’s - your own benefit will not be negatively affected by any of this.

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The Importance of Good Posture

An antagonist is typically someone who is against us. Defined as an opposing, limiting, nullifying force, the antagonist does not carry a positive connotation. In the world of physiology though, a healthy balance of life could not be maintained without the antagonist and the agonist working together.

When you are ready to be totally honest with yourself, look into a full-length mirror. With eyes closed, shake your arms and legs, roll your shoulders and then stand in a relaxed natural pose, feet shoulder-width apart. Now, open your eyes without moving your body, and take a good look. More than likely, what you will see, to some degree or other, is poor posture. Looking down from your stance, how many of your knuckles can be seen? From the side view, if an X was marked on your shoulder, and a plumb line hung from your ear, the line should fall right through the middle of the X, and then your knee. Have another assess where your plumb line falls. If your plumb line is off, or your knuckles can be seen, read on.

Perfect posture is so rare that typically when we see it we assume, “she must be a dancer,” or “he looks like he is in the military.” The rest of us pay for the hours spent in front of com-

puters, books, sinks, at work, and lifting loads, with slight to dramatic deviations from what should be.

The muscles in our body are strategically wired so that for every action there is a corresponding opposition to that action, providing counteracting tension. Unfortunately, repeated actions, or strengthening of certain muscles to the neglect of others, places the body out of the position in which it functions best. Consider ‘Joe Hercules’ in the gym with bulging back muscles. He is noticeably strong. Yet, as a result of the overdevelopment of obvious muscles to the neglect of the less obvious, his arms may have a gorilla like internal rotation, a sign of poor posture. Free range of motion and movement is hindered and there is a lack of support for neutrally positioned joints. In a typical elderly woman pose, where the plumb line from the ear falls two to three inches forward from the shoulder, similar effects are experienced. For every inch forward from where it should be, the head doubles in weight. Naturally, certain muscles will compensate for this while others are inactivated.

Agonist muscles are prime movers of a specific movement. Typically, synergists work

alongside of and aid the agonist in their job. Antagonists, on the other hand, are muscles that oppose or reverse a particular movement. They help to regulate the action of the prime mover by contracting slightly to provide some resistance. They give stability and smoothness to movement, and prevent overshooting the mark with excessive motion. Working together, these two oppositional muscle groups keep things, like our joint posture, balanced. When agonists or antagonists take over, there is imbalance.

Symptoms of imbalance include back, shoulder and neck pain, tight muscles, disc and joint damage, fatigue, headache, affected breathing, slouching, misalignment. Additionally, the body typically compensates for bad posture with worsening posture. To achieve good posture, we need to think of agonist and antagonist muscles. Instead of limiting our mental focus in visualizing a straight spine, one should also focus on the chest being lifted up off the diaphragm, which will put the spine in a correct posture.

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Pioneers

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ty discovered the bodies about 1 pm, partially buried in snow and leaves, about a mile from the top of Lover’s Leap. It was believed that the men were taking a short-cut path up the rugged mountain to reach US 58. Sheriff Baliles said the snow prevented searchers from determining whether the two men were still on the path, a little-used former horse trail. The bodies were found by Lloyd Handy, Thomas Belcher, and Arlie Belcher, all of Meadows of Dan.”

I feel it is especially tragic and sad to have survived D-Day and the snow and freezing temperatures of the Ardennes Forest a half a world away, and then freeze to death only a few miles from home.

Thank you to Shirlien Belcher, Michael Belcher, and Kim Merritt for information for this article.

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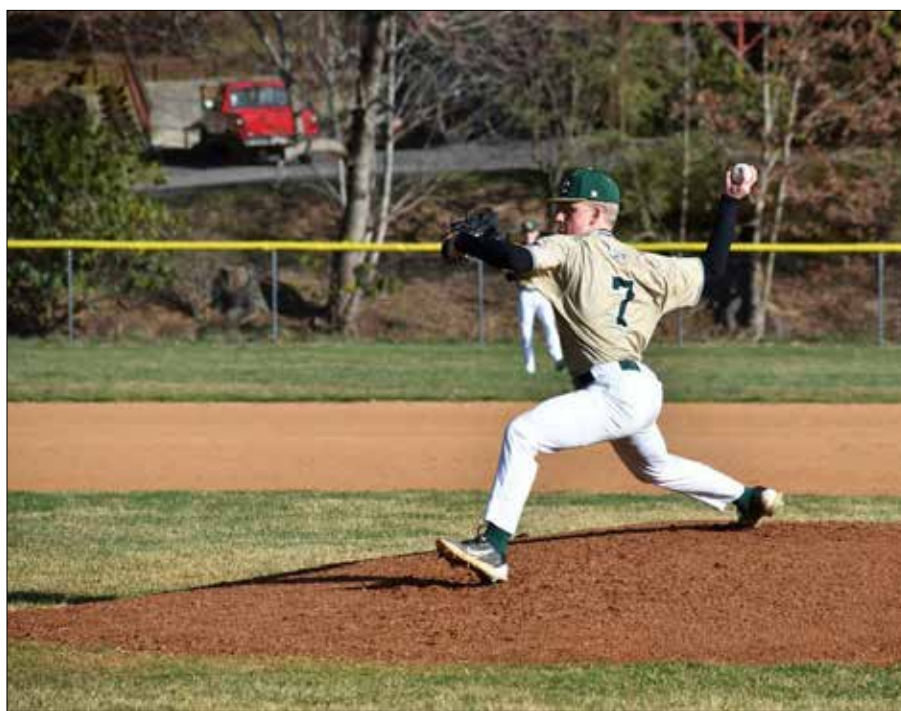
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JV Baseball Gets Win



Calvin Lancaster got the win for the Cougars.

By Ashlee Mullis

The JV Cougar Baseball Team Patrick rode the arms of Calvin Lancaster and David Lawson to a 12-0 win at Dan River March 20. Lancaster threw 4 innings, allowing 1 hit while striking out 6. Lawson came in for the final 2 frames, allowing no hits and striking out 4. The Cougars headed into the 5th

with a 3 run lead, and exploded for 5 runs behind RBIs by Christian Hylton, Easton Harris and Chad Corns. Lawson led the hitting attack with 2 hits and an RBI. Harris had a hit with 3 RBIs, while Chance Corns had 2 RBI's. Lancaster, Jaiden Wilson, and Hylton all scored 2 runs for the Cougars.



Samantha Harris gets a hit for the Lady Cougars.

Varsity Softball Team Splits the Week

By Ashlee Mullis

McKenzie Holt threw a no hitter on Monday, March 20, in the 8-2 win over Dan River. Holt had 9 strikeouts and 6 walks on the night. Holt also led the way at the plate going 4 for 4. Journey Moore went 2 for 4 with a home run and 3 RBIs, and Lauren Fulcher was 2 for 4 with 2 RBIs. Samantha Harris also had 2 hits with a triple in the win.

The Lady Cougars traveled to Franklin County to compete in the Battle of the Bases Friday Night. PC lost 2-4 to Chestnut Ridge High School out of New Paris, Pennsylvania. Journey Moore had the tough loss in the circle, pitching all 7 innings, striking out 7 and giving up 1 earned run. Lauren Fulcher had 2 hits with 2 RBIs. Moore and Brylee Pike each had hits in the loss.

Fishing duo places second in tourney



By Sandra Heath

Tripp Thompson and Jacob Spencer placed 2nd and won the "Big Fish" contest with a 2.7 pound catch in the JR division. The total weigh in was 7.03 pounds. On March 18, they competed in the Junior Division against 15 other area high school teams at the B.A.S.S. Nation of Virginia Youth tournament at Philpott Lake. Pulaski County duo placed first in the Junior Division with a total of 10.64 lbs. (Photo courtesy of B.A.S.S. Nation of Virginia)



Cecilia Leon-Cisneros took the win in singles.

Lady Cougar Tennis Team Plays Halifax

By Ashlee Mullis

The Lady Cougars were 3-6 against the Lady Comets of Halifax on Tuesday, March 21.

In Singles, PC was 2-4. Mia Stowe defeated Christina Bruce 8-5. Madison Mullis fell to Myah Forest 3-8. Cecilia Leon-Cisneros defeated Ka'Myjah Sprattley 8-2. Katie Vernon fell to Francesca Potenza 1-8. Aaliyah Reynolds fell to Meredith Duffer 0-8. Shyanne Holt fell to Kendall Crowder 1-8. In doubles, Mia Stowe/Madison Mullis (PC) defeated Christina Bruce/Myah Forest 8-5, Cecilia Leon-Cisneros/Katie Vernon (PC) fell to Abigail Baisch/Francesca Potenza 2-8. Aaliyah Reynolds/Shyanne Holt (PC) fell to Meredith Duffer/Kendall Crowder 0-8.

Baseball Team Gets Win Over Radford

By Ashlee Mullis

The Cougars' JV Baseball team overcame an early deficit with key hits, solid baserunning, and gritty pitching to down Radford 12-2 at Radford on March 24. Tied at 2 heading into the 3rd inning, the Cougars executed a suicide squeeze bunt by Zach Holt that scored 2 runs to start an 8 run inning that broke open the game. Easton Harris also had a 2 run double in the 3rd. The hitting attack was led by Holt with 3 RBIs, while Harris and Chance Corns also had 2 RBIs a piece. David Lawson added 2 hits with Harris and Eric Martinez adding a hit as well. Lucas Taylor pitched 3 and 2/3 innings allowing 6 hits and 2 runs while striking out 5. Christian Hylton closed the game with an inning and a third by striking out all 4 batters he faced. The Cougars are 5-0 on the season.

Vipperman competes at regional championship



Kendra Viperman is pictured at a conference championship meet in Salem. She is pictured with some of the medals she won.

Regional Championships for the Upper Southeast Region of YMCA Swimming Regional were held on March 16-19 at two sites in Goldsboro, NC and Duncan, SC.

Thirty-two teams and a total of 915 swimmers from across the region, which includes North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia, competed at the combined regional championships in 105 events.

Qualifying time standards for each age division and event are determined by the Regional Committee. The qualifying time standard for the girls 10U age division 50-yard butterfly was 42.39. Kendra Viperman (10) qualified for that event with a time of 41.34 and competed at the regional championship as one of only 28 swimmers to qualify from the four states.



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Sports Briefs

By Ashlee Mullis

Varsity Baseball Remains Unbeaten

The Cougar Baseball Team remained unbeaten with their 7-0 win over Radford on the road, March 23. Tucker Swails got the start and the win going 5 shutout innings, giving up 1 hit, 0 walks, and 14 strikeouts. Stuart Callahan finished the game on the mound with 2 scoreless innings, striking out 3. Swails led the Cougars at the plate going 2-4 with an RBI. Toby Perkins added a 3-run home run to open the game up in the 2nd inning. The Cougars have a big week, playing Floyd on Monday, Tunstall on Wednesday, and Halifax on Friday.

Varsity Softball Wraps Up Tournament

The Lady Cougars went 1 and 1 Saturday in the Battle of the Bases at Franklin County High School. McKenzie Holt got the win in game 1 against William Byrd with 14 strikeouts. Journey Moore, Lauren Fulcher, Alexis Knight, and Kayleigh Gusler each had 2 hits. Samantha Harris had a walk off solo home run in the bottom of the 7th. In game 2, Kursten Hylton started in the circle in the 11-4 loss to Staunton River. Moore had 2 hits and Fulcher, Holt, and Knight each had RBIs. Emma Nickelston and Bryley Pike each had hits.

Tyler Reddick wins first race with 23XI Racing at Circuit of The Americas

By Holly Cain

NASCAR Wire Service

Tyler Reddick prevailed in three overtime re-starts to claim his first trophy of the year – and first with his new team, 23XI Racing, with a 1.411-second victory over two-time series champion Kyle Busch in the EchoPark Automotive Grand Prix – the NASCAR Cup Series' first road course race of the season.

It was a field of international champions and NASCAR's very best at the famed Circuit of The Americas course but for most of the race the outcome looked to be decided in a good ole Texas duel between the two fastest cars all weekend driven by Reddick and Hendrick Motorsports' William Byron. The pair exchanged the lead, lap after exciting lap for most of the afternoon.

And on the final two-lap restart Reddick was able to put his No. 45 23XI Racing Toyota out front exiting Turn 1 - a tight left-hander - and power forward to the lead; while Busch and third-place finisher Alex Bowman, fourth-place finisher – and defending race winner - Ross Chastain and fifth-place Byron fought door-to-door bumper-to-bumper as they chased after him.

"I've been wanting to win here in a Cup car for a long time," the 27-year-old Californian Reddick said, who now has four NASCAR Cup



Kimi Raikkonen, driver of the #91 Onx Homes/iLOQ Chevrolet, signs an autograph for a NASCAR fan prior to the NASCAR Cup Series EchoPark Automotive Grand Prix at Circuit of The Americas on March 26, 2023 in Austin, Texas. (Photo by Chris Grayther/Getty Images)

Series wins, but noted this was his first as a Toyota driver and with his 23XI Racing Team – co-owned by fellow competitor Denny Hamlin and NBA superstar Michael Jordan.

"It means the world," said Reddick, who sat down on the track and leaned against his car with a bag of ice after winning to cool down on the typically Texas-hot afternoon. "This whole 23XI team has been working hard all winter long to make the road course program better and was extremely motivated to come in here and improve performance. Just so proud of this Monster Energy team and TRD (Toyota Racing Development). All the resources they've put in to turn around the road course program means a lot."

As often happens late in a road course race, patience

lags and urgency increases. That was certainly the case Sunday with three different overtime restarts deciding the outcome. Reddick and Byron's No. 24 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet combined to lead 69 of the race's 75 laps with Reddick out front a race best 41 of those, most of them after hard-fought challenges and back-and-forth corner after corner with the race polesitter Byron.

"It feels good to get a top five, but we had a top-two race car really with the 45, he was really better than everybody, but I thought we were a close second," said Byron, a two-race winner already in 2023, whose fifth-place finish at COTA was his career best on a road course. "We'll keep building on it."

Busch's runner-up effort

was an impressive comeback. He had been mid-pack for most of the afternoon but gambled on fuel strategy to move forward during some late race cautions in regulation.

"Even if we were on equal tires, they were lights out," said Busch, driver of the No. 8 Richard Childress Racing Chevrolet.

"Overall, for as much effort as we put into coming here and focusing on this place and all the testing we did in the offseason, we're coming out of here with a good finish. Tyler's obviously a really good road course racer."

In addition to the NASCAR stars, the field that raced Sunday included four big names from other racing genres including IMSA champion Jordan Taylor, who drove the No. 9 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet for injured former COTA winner Chase Elliott; a pair of former Formula One champions in Jenson Button and Kimi Raikkonen and popular IndyCar Series regular Conor Daly.

Among these four, the Englishman Button – the 2009 Formula One champion – claimed the top finishing position, 18th in the No. 15 Rick Ware Racing Ford. Taylor, a two-time winner at COTA in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Series finished 24th but made a huge impression in his de-

but after qualifying fourth.

Raikkonen, the 2007 F1 World Champion from Finland, finished 29th but ran as high as fourth place late in the race. Daly only got 16 laps into the race before his team had to take his No. 50 The Money Team Racing Chevrolet behind the wall for extended repairs. He finished 36th.

Seven-time NASCAR Cup Series champion Jimmie Johnson didn't even get a full lap of green flag racing in only his second start of the 2023 season. The owner-driver of the No. 84 Legacy Motor Club Chevrolet was collected in a multi-car accident that eliminated his Chevrolet and left him 38th in the standings.

Team Penske's Austin Cindric, 2023 DAYTONA 500 winner Ricky Stenhouse Jr., RFK Racing's Chris Buescher, Joe Gibbs Racing's Ty Gibbs and Front Row Motorsports' Todd Gilliland rounded out the top-10.

Chastain takes over the championship lead by 19 points over Busch. Ty Gibbs, who finished ninth, continues to lead the Sunoco Rookie of the Year points standings.

The NASCAR Cup Series returns to competition next Sunday in the Toyota Owners 400 at Richmond (Va.) Raceway (3:30 p.m. ET on FS1, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio).

NASCAR Cup Series Race - EchoPark Automotive Grand Prix

Circuit of The Americas Austin, Texas Sunday, March 26, 2023

- 1. (2) Tyler Reddick, Toyota, 75.
- 2. (9) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 75.
- 3. (6) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 75.
- 4. (12) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 75.
- 5. (1) William Byron, Chevrolet, 75.
- 6. (3) Austin Cindric, Ford, 75.
- 7. (18) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, 75.
- 8. (32) Chris Buescher, Ford, 75.
- 9. (17) Ty Gibbs #, Toyota, 75.
- 10. (36) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 75.

- 11. (27) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 75.
- 12. (20) Michael McDowell, Ford, 75.
- 13. (29) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 75.
- 14. (13) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 75.
- 15. (19) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 75.
- 16. (21) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 75.
- 17. (25) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 75.
- 18. (24) Jenson Button, Ford, 75.
- 19. (23) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 75.
- 20. (10) Noah Gragson #, Chevrolet, 75.
- 21. (38) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 75.
- 22. (16) Harrison Burton, Ford, 75.
- 23. (8) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, 75.

- 24. (4) Jordan Taylor, Chevrolet, 75.
- 25. (37) Cody Ware, Ford, 75.
- 26. (33) Josh Bilicki(i), Chevrolet, 75.
- 27. (5) Daniel Suarez, Chevrolet, 75.
- 28. (15) Joey Logano, Ford, 75.
- 29. (22) Kimi Raikkonen, Chevrolet, 75.
- 30. (39) Aric Almirola, Ford, 74.
- 31. (14) Christopher Bell, Toyota, Accident, 73.
- 32. (26) Ryan Preece, Ford, Accident, 68.
- 33. (28) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, Accident, 62.
- 34. (7) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, Accident, 60.
- 35. (30) Brad Keselowski, Ford, Driveshaft, 56.

- 36. (35) Conor Daly, Chevrolet, Transmission, 16.
- 37. (11) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, Accident, 10.
- 38. (31) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, DVP, 0.
- 39. (34) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, Accident, 0.

Average Speed of Race Winner: 72.886 mph.

Time of Race: 3 Hrs, 30 Mins, 32 Secs. Margin of Victory: 1.411 Seconds.

Caution Flags: 8 for 17 laps.

Lead Changes: 16 among 7 drivers.

Lap Leaders: W. Byron 1-5; A. Cindric 6-7; T. Reddick 8-12; W. Byron 13-23; T. Reddick 24-31; C. Buescher 32; W. Byron 33-38; T. Red-

dick 39-41; W. Byron 42; J. Logano 43; W. Byron 44-46; T. Reddick 47-57; D. Suarez 58; C. Bell 59; T. Reddick 60-61; W. Byron 62-63; T. Reddick 64-75.

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led): Tyler Reddick 6 times for 41 laps; William Byron 6 times for 28 laps; Austin Cindric 1 time for 2 laps; Christopher Bell 1 time for 1 lap; Joey Logano 1 time for 1 lap; Chris Buescher 1 time for 1 lap; Daniel Suarez 1 time for 1 lap.

Stage #1 Top Ten: 24,2,16,48,1,99,8,9,20,41

Stage #2 Top Ten: 45,3,34,4,17,47,5,43,14,42

Twelve Students Graduate from Surry's Truck Driver Training Program

Twelve students graduated from Surry Community College's Truck Driver Training Program at the Yadkin Center on March 10.

The graduates include Christy Miller of Lowgap, Brendon Eads of Hamptonville, Sandy Clements of Wilkesboro, Gerado Diaz of Pilot Mountain, Epimaco Fermin of Winston Salem, Taylon Dancy of Hamptonville, Grantly Benton of Lowgap, Carson Swinney of Lowgap, Jesse Branch of Ennice, Michael Phillips of Ararat, Roy Tripp of Yadkinville, and Dawson Walker of Jonesville.

The guest speaker at the graduation was Jay Boaz, Chief Operating Officer for Cooke Trucking in Mt. Airy.

Surry Community College will be offering additional sections of Truck Driver Training this summer. A class will be offered May 22 through July 28, with an orientation on May 4, at 10 a.m. A second session will be offered July 31 through October 6, with an orientation on July 12, at 10 a.m.

Median pay for truck drivers is \$47,100 per year, according to the United States Department of Labor. Drivers with experience can make more than \$50,000.

With a shortage of up to 12,000 truck drivers in North Carolina and as many as 200,000 nationally, CDL-certified drivers will easily be able to find jobs. The U.S. Department of Labor says the profession is expected to keep growing – by 6 percent during 2020-2030.

"There are currently job openings for truck drivers locally and nationally. We developed this program as a direct response to the requests from local truck driving representatives who need skilled applicants to fill job vacancies," said SCC President Dr. David Shockley.

The SCC Truck Driver Training Program teaches proper driving procedures, safe driver responsibility, commercial motor vehicle laws



Twelve students graduated from Surry Community College's Truck Driver Training Program at the Yadkin Center on March 10. They are pictured with their instructors. (Front row, left to right): Christy Miller of Lowgap, Brendon Eads of Hamptonville, Sandy Clements of Wilkesboro, Gerado Diaz of Pilot Mountain, Epimaco Fermin of Winston Salem, Taylon Dancy of Hamptonville and Lead Instructor Brandon Cockerham. (Back row, left to right): Instructor Charles Jester, Grantly Benton of Lowgap, Carson Swinney of Lowgap, Jesse Branch of Ennice, Michael Phillips of Ararat, Roy Tripp of Yadkinville and instructors Dale Myers and Grayson Sanders. Not pictured: Dawson Walker of Jonesville.

and regulations, and the basic principles and practices for operating commercial vehicles. The coursework includes motor vehicle laws and regulations, map reading, vehicle maintenance, safety procedures, daily logs, defensive driving, freight handling, security and fire protection.

Highway driving training exercises and classroom lectures are used to develop the students' knowledge and skills. Graduates are qualified to take the Commercial Driver's License Test and are employable by commercial trucking firms. They may also become owner-operators

and work as private contract haulers.

Special admission requirements include official driving record; physical examination; reading placement test score of 40 or higher; disclosure form; high school transcript; and drug testing.

For more information about SCC's Truck Driver Training Program, contact the Yadkin Center at (336) 386-3580. The tuition is \$1,999.00. You may qualify for a tuition scholarship. To see if you are eligible, please visit www.surry.edu/funding.

Andrea Carolyn Frazier

Andrea Carolyn Frazier passed away unexpectedly at her home the evening of March 10, 2023. She was born in Danville, Virginia, on June 30, 1946 to J.B. and Vada "Vadie" Frazier. She married Thomas McDuffie Childs in December 1966, and gave birth to her only child, Timothy Michael Childs, on July 21, 1967. She moved to Charlotte, NC, where she was a successful business woman and single mother, and slowly but steadily earned her college degree. She married her fourth and best husband, Pike Sullivan, in 1993. She and Pike built their dream home on a piece of her grandfather's land in Meadows of Dan, and lived there "happily ever after." She worked for the Chateau Morrisette Winery in Floyd, Va. She is preceded in death by her husband Pike (2011), and her older siblings Judith "Judy" Sutker and Franklin "Frank" Frazier.

She is survived by her younger brother James Brantley Frazier, her son Michael, her daughter in law Selena Berrier Childs, her step-children Marshall Sullivan, Jamie Sullivan, and Robert Sutton, Jr., and her grandchildren June Vivian Childs and Theodore Jett Childs, and step-grandchildren Luke and Matthew Sullivan, Elijah Scales, Sabastian Dean and Anthony Noel Sullivan, and Sydney Sutton. It was her wish that she be cremated and have no funeral. However, a remembrance for family and friends was held on her property Saturday, March 25th, 2023. She enjoyed having her many friends and family over for a glass of wine and good conversation. She will be missed. In lieu of flowers, please instead donate to the Meadows of Dan Ruritan Club, of which Andrea was a proud member: <https://ruritanmod.square.site>.

Shelby Jean Lawless

Ms. Shelby Jean Lawless, age 86 of Stuart, passed away Sunday, March 26, 2023, at Woltz Hospice Home in Dobson, NC. She was born in Floyd County on January 28, 1937, to the late Early R. Goad and Kayoulah Marshall Goad. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Esther Lawless, four brothers and a sister-in-law, Lewis and Ruby Goad, Braynard Goad, Alwin Goad, and Bobby Lee Goad; and a sister, Mary Lou Dawson. Shelby had worked for Bassett Furniture for 27 years and was a loving mother, granny, great granny, great great granny, sister, aunt, and friend. he was of the Baptist faith.



Surviving are her children, Randall Alex Lawless of Stuart, Curtis Matt Lawless of Bassett, John Wayne Lawless of Martinsville, Barbara Jean Foley and husband, Jerry of Stuart; eight grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; ten great great grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ervin and Bonnie Goad of Stuart, Clyde and Janet Goad of

Collinsville; sisters and brothers-in-law, Anna Mae and Terry Reid of Willis, Carolyn and Joe Hogan of Roanoke; one sister-in-law, Essie Goad of Ferrum; a brother-in-law, Joseph W. Dawson of Stuart; and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 30, 2023, at 12:00 PM at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart with Pastor Shaun Draughn officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. A committal service will be held Thursday, March 30, 2023, at 2:30 PM at Henry Memorial Park in Bassett. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 4200 Innslake Drive, Suite 301, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060 or to the American Parkinson Disease Association, P.O. Box 61420, Staten Island, New York 10306. Moody Funeral Home in Stuart is handling the arrangements, and online condolences may be sent by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

Empty Bowls fundraiser nets more than \$10,000

More than \$10,000 was raised during this year's Empty Bowls fundraiser, which was held March 19 at Ferrum College. Event proceeds will support Panther Packs, a program that sends food insecure Ferrum elementary students home with backpacks stocked with nutritious, non-perishable food every weekend.

This year marked the thirteenth Empty Bowls, said event organizer Nell Fredericksen, adjunct professor of art and ceramics at Ferrum College. Attendees selected a handmade pottery bowl, enjoyed a meal of homemade soup and bread provided by Aladdin Food Services, and participated in a silent auction featuring a wide variety of artworks donated to the event by their makers.

"We call the event Empty Bowls in hopes that the beautiful pottery each attendee selects—the 'empty bowl' they take home—will be a reminder of the need in our community," said Fredericksen, who noted that more than 500 bowls were made for this year's event

and that the number of artworks donated to the silent auction doubled.

Since its founding in 2007, Panther Packs has served over 1,000 children and provided more than 9,000 meals.

"This really is a community event. Ferrum College donated the use of the Blue Ridge Mountain Room; Aladdin donated the soup and food service; Ferrum College staff and students regularly help us put together the packs, and the Ferrum Rescue Squad stores the packs and supplies for us. When you say 'Not Self, But Others' you have to live by the [Ferrum College] motto. If you don't, it's just words, and today shows our community continues to live it out," said Martha Puckett, manager of Tri-Area Community Health in Ferrum, who co-founded Panther Packs with the late Marcie Altice.

The remaining bowls from the event will be sold in the Clay House at Ferrum College on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dovie Hughes "Shirley" Lawrence

Dovie Hughes "Shirley" Lawrence, of Martinsville, Virginia, passed away on March 25, 2023. She was born on November 15, 1934, in Patrick County, Virginia, to the late John Crawford Hughes and Dovie Morrison Hughes.



She was married to the late Billy B. Lawrence for 64 years. Also preceding her in death are sisters, Nellie Joyce, Edna Carter, Lillian Plasters, and Jean Wood as well as brothers, Winfred, Leonard, Clarence, Henry, Dillard, and Raymond Hughes. Dovie worked for 11 years at E. I. DuPont. When she and Billy decided to start a family, she became a full-time stay-at-home mom until her children were teenagers. At that point, she worked for 10 years in the office of Lawrence Distributing Company, the family business founded and operated by her husband Billy. When grandchildren came into the picture, she retired from office work to spend more time with her grandchildren. She was a loving, selfless, and caring wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. Dovie was a member of Granbery United Methodist Church.

also survived by a very special nurturing niece, Carolyn Carter as well as many other beloved nieces and nephews. A visitation for Dovie Lawrence will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2023, at Norris Funeral Services, Martinsville Chapel. A funeral service officiated by Pastor Tom Blair will take place immediately after the visitation at 1:00 p.m. at Norris Funeral Services. At the conclusion of the funeral service, interment will be at Roselawn Burial Park. Those wishing to pay tribute in memory of Dovie are encouraged to make donations to Granbery United Methodist Church, 200 Granbery Road, Martinsville, VA 24112. Norris Funeral Services, Inc. and Crematory is serving the Lawrence family. Online condolences may be made at www.norrisfuneral.com.

Still time to respond to the 2022 Census of Agriculture

Virginia farmers still have time to be counted in the 2022 Census of Agriculture, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

Although the deadline for submitting the ag census has passed, the NASS will continue to accept completed census questionnaires through the spring to ensure all farmers take advantage of the opportunity to be represented in the widely used data.

"Many farmers have already responded, and that information will be great for the future of Virginia agriculture," said David Knopf, director of the NASS Eastern Mountain Regional Office in Kentucky. "There's still time for every producer to let their voice be heard by responding to the Census."

Census data inform decisions

about policy, farm and conservation programs, infrastructure and rural development, research, education and more. NASS will continue to follow up with producers through the spring with mailings, phone calls, and personal visits.

Farmers are encouraged to complete their ag census either online at agcounts.usda.gov or by mail as soon as possible. It's important that everyone who received the 2022 Census of Agriculture questionnaire complete and return it, even if they are not currently farming. NASS will release the results of the ag census in early 2024.

To learn more about the Census of Agriculture, visit nass.usda.gov/AgCensus. On the website, producers and other data users can access frequently asked questions, past ag census data, special study information, and more.

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“Jesus’ Hour of Glory”

John 12:23-28
Pastor Wayne Moore,
High Point Baptist Church

Jesus has just recently entered Jerusalem to the praise of the people. (John 12:12-14) Responding to the request by certain Greeks to see Him (John 12:20-22), Jesus announces, “The hour has come that the Son of man should be glorified. (John 12:23) Is Jesus referring to the praise of the people? Is He referring to the fulfillment of the prophecies that He should be made king, restore the Davidic kingdom, and establish it forever? (Psalm 118:25-26; Zechariah 9:9; Daniel 7:14) Is He referring to the prophecies that salvation will be extended to the Gentiles? (Isaiah 11:10; 60:1-3) Certainly, all of these things will bring Him glory in due time, but these are not what He is referring to. Surprisingly, Jesus is referring to His death. John 12:24, 32, and 33 make this clear.

Do you ever think about dying or do you avoid it until a close call or the death of loved-one forces you to think of it? Do you know that you will die, or do you deny it? Are you prepared to face eternity, or do you keep putting it off, hoping it will never come? Do you think of death as an attendant who brings you to glory or as a thief who takes everything you have?

Jesus speaks of His death as His hour of glory. How can He view death so positively? Because He knows that His death will bring forth much fruit. (John 12:24) Because He can guarantee eternal life to those who realize that they cannot live forever in this world. (John 12:25) Because He will make sure that those who serve and follow Him are honored. (John 12:26) Before we have time to process what Jesus has said and accept His death as His hour of glory, He surprises us again.

Suddenly, Jesus bemoans, “Now is my soul troubled, and what shall I say?” Then, He pleads, “Father, save me from this hour.” (John 12:27) This seems confusing. First, He speaks of His death as His hour of glory. Then, He asks His Father to save Him from this hour. So, is it His hour of glory or His hour of dread? It is both. How can it be

both? Because He is both the Son of God and the Son of man. He is both God and man. As God, He is glorified by His sacrificial death that provides the atonement for our sins. As man, He relates to our dread of death. As God, He is “the resurrection and the life.” (John 11:25) As man, He is “a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.” (Isaiah 53:3) He is not troubled because He has no power over death; He is troubled because we have no power over death. Without Him, we are condemned by our sin and doomed to perish. Our fate troubles His soul, but it also presses Him forward.

As soon as Jesus asks the Father to save Him, He knows the answer to His prayer. In the same breath, He exclaims, “But for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify Thy name.” (John 12:27b-28a) Jesus submits to His Father’s will because “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

I hope you know how much God loves you. He loves you so much that He sent His only begotten Son to die for you, a sinner doomed to perish. (Romans 5:8). Jesus loves you so much that “when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.” (Hebrews 5:7-9)

Jesus’ death was the hour of His glory and yet, it troubled His soul. But not so much that He refused to die. He submitted to His Father’s will for our sake. It is okay to grieve in the face of death, but it is not okay to despair. Because of Jesus, we can say with the Apostle Paul, “O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:55-57)

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Nursing is one of the most rewarding professions available to young adults today. In the fall of 2022, Twin County Regional Healthcare (TCRH) leadership team met with the leadership of Wytheville Community College’s nursing programs. Several challenges and barriers for individuals wanting to enter the

medical field were identified by both leadership teams and ideas on how to eliminate some of those challenges and barriers were discussed.

Last week, William (Bill) Alley, MHA, BSN, RN, CNOR, Chief Nursing Officer of Twin County Regional Healthcare met with Karla Yates, MSN, RN, Program

Head for the Associate Degree of Nursing Program, to present the college with “nursing kits” for incoming students.

“These kits were created with the intent to remove one significant barrier, access to medical equipment that must be purchased by the students at the start of their program,” said Leslie Bowers, Director of Human Resources of Twin County Regional Healthcare. “Each 7-piece kit includes a stethoscope, blood pressure cuff, nurse’s watch, pen light, utility scissors, measuring tape, and a carrying case for easy access.”

“We feel every nurse should have the tools needed to be successful,” said Gregory Pearson, Chief Executive Officer of Twin County Regional Healthcare. “And today we were able to do a small part in Making Communities Healthier by investing in the future, today.”



Pictured (left to right) are Karla Yates, MSN, RN, Program Head for the Associate Degree of Nursing Program and William (Bill) Alley, MHA, BSN, RN, CNOR, Chief Nursing Officer of Twin County Regional Healthcare. (Contributed)

BIBLE TRIVIA

BY WILSON CASEY

1. Is the book of Thyatira (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who was David’s oldest brother who picked on him for coming to the battle lines? Abner, Omri, Amasa, Eliab
3. After Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed, who lived in a cave with his daughters? Job, Lot, Levi, Joel
4. In Luke 3, who told

5. What Canaanite city was burned down by the men of Dan? Tarsus, Antioch, Laish, Cana
 6. In which book is the phrase, “Salt of the earth”? TITLE: None, Matthew, Mark, Jude
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Eliab, 3) Lot, 4) John the Baptist, 5) Laish, 6) Matthew 5:13

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| 1 Sponsored part of a magazine | 54 1970 Godfrey Cambridge comedy | 99 Give a massage to | | 49 — artery (aorta offshoot) | 92 Addressee of a New Testament Epistle |
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| 19 Ripped into | 63 Pipe mouth | 110 1947 romantic comedy co-starring Claudette Colbert | 3 Early baby | 52 Mocking irony | 100 Occupy, as a hotel |
| 20 Buccaneer’s topper | 64 Fly apart | 113 1099 fig. | 4 “Life of Pi” director Lee | 53 “Lucky” pilot | 101 Electric resistance |
| 22 Major Norse god | 65 Jazz singer Jones | 114 “Va-va- —!” | 5 Attire | 55 Eclectic fusion | 102 Acid — (cause of heartburn) |
| 23 1940 drama based on a Steinbeck novel | 67 Health resort | 115 Dual radio designation | 6 List abbr. | 56 “Grand” liqueur brand | 104 Part of the plan |
| 25 Tri- tripled | 69 Unprocessed | 116 Siouan tribe member | 7 Divisor, e.g. | 57 Alias lead-in | 106 “By the power vested — ...” |
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| 27 Become indistinct | 76 Start-up loan org. | 120 “I wonder ...” | 9 Fall | 61 Gloom-filled | 108 Common lawn grass |
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| 29 Five doubled | 79 French painter Dufy | 124 New Haven school | 11 Eternally, in verse | 68 Animal skins | 111 Decide to play for pay |
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SCC's PTK Honor Society Earns 13 Regional Awards



PTK Co-advisor Dr. Kathleen Fowler (left) and SCC Chapter President Sydney Presa receive an award from PTK Division I Vice-President Andrew Schoppelrei at the Carolinas Region Awards Ceremony in Columbia, S.C.

Members of Surry Community College's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society recently attended the Carolinas Region Awards Ceremony in Columbia, S.C., where they received 13 awards on March 18.

The award recognitions include: Most Distinguished Chapter in the Carolinas Region 1st Finalist; Beta Tau Continued Excellence Award for being a Distinguished Chapter for four years straight; Five Star Chapter; Distinguished Honors in Action Project; Distinguished Honors in Action Theme Two: The Economics of Play; Distinguished College Project; Carolinas Region Super Stars; Outstanding Participation in Carolinas Region Honors in Action Project; and Outstanding Participation in Carolinas Region Service Project.

Chapter President, Fatima Almanza won a Distinguished Chapter Officer Award and a Hall of Honor Award. Co-advisor, Dr. Kathleen Fowler won a Horizon Award for continued excellence. She also received a Certificate of Excellence for completion of the Healthcare Edge Program.

Phi Theta Kappa is an honor society recognizing the academic achievement of students at associate degree granting colleges and helping them to grow as scholars and leaders. The society is made up of more than 3.5 million members and

nearly 1,300 chapters in 11 nations.

For more information about Phi Theta Kappa and their projects, contact PTK's faculty co-advisors Dr. Kathleen Fowler at (336) 386-3560 or fowlerk@surry.edu or Kayla Forrest at 336-386-3315 or forrestkm@surry.edu or go to www.ptk.org. Follow the local chapter on Facebook @surry-PhiThetaKappa.



Fatima Almanza is the PTK chapter president who won Distinguished Chapter Officer for her work on the club's service projects last year. In the photo, she is working on the chapter's Sickle-cell awareness campaign, which earned Outstanding Recognition at the PTK Regional Convention.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING: The Patrick County Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing, Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the third floor courtroom of the Patrick County Veteran's Memorial Building located at 106 Rucker Street in Stuart, Virginia, to establish a real estate tax rate increase, not to exceed \$.73 per \$100 of assessed value for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor courtroom of the Patrick County Veteran's Memorial Building, 106 Rucker Street in Stuart, Virginia. Action will be taken at the meeting.

If you plan to attend and have any special needs requirements, please contact the County Administration Office at 276-694-6094.

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Free tests are limited to one per Patrick County household. You may receive additional kits by paying normal price. Results and water system care and maintenance information will be given to each participant at an in-person interpretation meeting on June 21.

Anyone not able to attend will receive their results through the mail and will be forwarded a pre-recorded presentation to help explain the summary results and recommendations to address problems. All information is kept strictly confidential.

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MARCH 6, 2023

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING: The Patrick County Public Board of Supervisors will have a special called meeting on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the third floor Boardroom of the Patrick County Veteran's Memorial Building. If you plan to attend and have any special needs requirements, please contact the County Administration Office at 276-694-6094.

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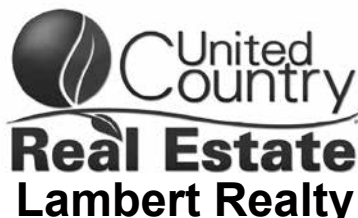
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New River Bridge Trail to Undergo Series of Repairs

The 31 bridges of New River Trail State Park, Virginia's 57-mile rails-to-trails linear park, will experience closures as a series of repairs are made over the next 18 months. While portions of the trail will be closed intermittently as work takes place, the park remains open thanks to its many access points.

The first bridges affected are the Dalton and Sammy Brown near the southern end of the trail at Galax (mile marker 51), as well as the Big Reed Island Bridge near Allisonia at mile marker 13. Beginning in April, visitors traveling north on the trail may easily park at Cliffview just above Galax while the Dalton and Sammy Brown bridges are closed. To avoid Big Reed Island Bridge, visitors can park at and travel north from Allisonia or park at Foster Falls to travel south on the trail, or north

the several miles below the closed bridge.

Specific dates for any bridge closures are dependent upon contractors and their receipt of construction materials. The Department of Conservation and Recreation will share updates via the park's website at www.virginiastateparks.gov/new-river-trail and on social media. A trail guide map is also available on the website.

Other bridges that are scheduled to be repaired in the first phase of the project include Brush Creek, Cat Hole, Double Shoals 1, Fenders Curve and Fries School House bridges on the southern end of the trail between Fries and Byllesby Dam. A second phase addresses six additional bridges along the central section of trail, and the project wraps up with a final three northern bridges in the third phase.

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aged by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. For more information about Virginia State Parks' activities and amenities or to reserve one of the

more than 1,800 campsites or 300 climate-controlled cabins, call the Virginia State Parks Reservation Center at 800-933-PARK or visit www.virginiastateparks.gov.

Greenteam, Rotary pickup 1,360 pounds of litter



The Patrick County Greenteam and Rotary Club of Stuart organized a roadside litter pick up on Saturday, March 18. With orange trash bags in hand, the group of 33 volunteers, ages 7 – 70, successfully removed 1,360 pounds of litter along a two mile stretch of Ararat Highway. Organizers applauded the community-minded representatives from Blue Ridge Bull Dogs, Erica Wade, Nancy Belcher, Rotary members, and the Patrick County Greenteam. (Contributed photos)

Youth Music Festival Features Competition and Prizes

The Crooked Road Festival & Competition on Saturday, May 13 at the Southwest Virginia Cultural Center & Marketplace. There is no admission fee, but donations will be accepted, which will be split between The Crooked Road's education programming and Junior Appalachian Musicians.

The festival will prominently feature a 2nd annual youth music competition. The music competition will feature cash prizes for individual instruments and bands. Categories include Fiddle, Guitar, Mandolin, Clawhammer Banjo, Bluegrass Banjo, Other (instruments and dance) and Band. Prizes for individual instruments are: 1st place: \$75, 2nd place: \$50, 3rd place: \$25. The band competition prizes will be 1st place: \$125, 2nd place: \$100, 3rd place: \$85.

Music competition registration will begin at 10 am on Saturday, May 13 and the music competition will begin promptly at 12:00 pm. There is no entry fee for the contestants and this is an open competition. Regis-

tration will continue after the start of the competition, through 2 pm. Full details on the entry rules and form can be found at www.thecrookedroadva.com/education.

Other activities will include music workshops presented by Tyler Hughes and Jim Lloyd, and jam spaces will be available throughout the SWVA Cultural Center.

The Crooked Road's Youth Music Festival is supported by the Wayne Henderson Festival and David & Judie Reemsnyder. The Crooked Road and this project are supported [in part] by the Virginia Commission for the Arts, which receives support from the Virginia General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. Support for this project also comes from an award from the National Endowment for the Arts American Rescue Plan grant program.

For more information about The Crooked Road, please visit www.thecrookedroadva.com, call (276) 492-2400 ext. 2409, or email: info@thecrookedroad.org.

Yadkin Center Offers Variety of Classes in April

The Yadkin Center has many classes that will begin in April including Vehicle Escort Operators Course Renewal, eNotary, Auto Dealer Pre-license Initial and Auto Dealer Renewal.

Vehicle Escort Operators Course Renewal is scheduled for Saturday, April 1, from 8 a.m. to noon in YA-112 at the Yadkin Center. This course is designed to meet the training requirements set by the N.C. Department of Transportation to certify oversize-overweight load escort vehicle drivers. Course components consist of defensive driving, escort driver requirements, skills training,

and an exam. The cost is \$71.

eNotary will be offered on Wednesday, April 5, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Yadkin Center. This 4-hour course prepares a current North Carolina Notary Public to take the examination to become qualified to notarize documents electronically. The tuition is \$71.

Auto Dealer Pre-license Initial will be offered April 12-13, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Yadkin Center. This course is designed to meet the 12-hour training requirement for individuals seeking an initial Used Motor Vehicle Dealers' license. Course content will include an in-depth review of North

Carolina motor vehicle dealer rules, regulations, and application requirements. Students will be introduced to the forms and other necessary documentation required for motor vehicle transactions as well as audit procedures conducted by the NC DMV. The tuition is \$146.

Auto Dealer Renewal will be held on Friday, April 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Yadkin Center. This course is designed to meet the six-hour training requirement for individuals renewing their Used Motor Vehicle Dealers' license. Course content will include a refresher of North Carolina motor vehicle dealer rules and regula-

tions along with in depth discussion of rule or regulation changes made in the past year. The tuition is \$125.

For more information on any of these classes, contact Dr. Douglas Underwood, Director of Yadkin Center/EMS Programs, at (336) 386-3584 or underwoodd@surry.edu.

Genealogy workshop held Saturday by NSDAR



The Colonel Abram Penn Chapter NSDAR conducted a genealogy workshop Saturday, March 25 at the Stuart Branch Library. Chapter members assisted participants with online research and instructions where to start researching, resources and using an ancestor chart. Pictured among those attending are (L to R) Michael McKenzie, Sheree Russo (chapter registrar), John Reynolds, Caroline Harnsberger (DAR member), Marcy Parks, Gail Reynolds and Rita Wray.

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Housing installed to attract butterflies, bees

Master Gardener John Morehead installed Butterfly and Mason Bee houses in the Uptown Native Gardens and the Stuart Farmers' Market Herb Gardens. The houses were built by Morehead and painted by Master Gardeners. You can ask Morehead about the birds, bees and butterflies at his table at the Stuart Farmers' Market, or listen as he discusses many gardening and wildlife topics with other

master gardeners on WHEO community profiles, which airs on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 8:30 a.m. Plant markers are another recent addition to the Native Gardens and Library Gardens. The markers are to help the community learn more about the plants. For more information on project by the Patrick County Master Gardeners, email mgp-cva@gmail.com. (Contributed photos)



P&HCC team takes top prize at RISE Collegiate Business Plan Competition

A student at Patrick & Henry Community College earned first place and a \$1,000 prize at the second annual RISE Collegiate Business Plan Competition (CBPC) hosted last week at Hampden-Sydney College's Crawley Forum in Farmville, Va.

P&HCC's Sara Wall, of Martinsville, was among seven teams – totaling 12 student entrepreneurs – who presented their business pitches to a panel of judges and a live audience. The teams came from four different institutions of higher education in Southern Virginia, including Averett University, Hampden-Sydney College, Longwood University and Patrick & Henry Community College. The panel of judges included Anne Tyler Paulek of the Farmville Area Chamber of Commerce and High Bridge Stables (Farmville, Va.); Ilsa Loeser of Letterpress Communications (Farmville, Va.); Logan Ryan of Long & Foster Real Estate (Richmond, Va.); Steve Creedle of Benchmark Community Bank (Kenbridge, Va.); and Varun Sadana of The Launch Place (based in Danville, Va.).

Wall will use the prize funds to help with launching Swam, an eco-friendly products store that will serve the Martinsville and Henry County community. Wall plans to develop the Swam brand by staffing booths at local events and placing products in other stores, such as Made In Martinsville. Her long-term vision includes a brick-and-mortar storefront in Martinsville.

Wall was one of three entrants in the 2023 RISE CBPC to earn a cash prize. Second place was a tie between Longwood University student Dusten Wood of Chatham, Va. and Longwood University student Danielle Whittington of the Washington, D.C. area. Wood will use his \$750 prize fund winnings to continue prototype development and play-testing of his strategy board game designed to enhance social skills. Whittington will use her \$750 in prize funds to continue developing her mobile application designed to be an all-in-one mental health resource for college students.

Additional competitors included Jack Whelahan of Hampden-Sydney College, who pitched his jewelry brand; Longwood University students Caitlin Wiley, Jacob Poteat and John Eddy, who pitched their food-waste prevention mobile app; Longwood University student Olivia Hopkins, who pitched her nonprofit catering concept; and Christopher Byrd, Andrew Rabon, Blake Frost and Brayden Fair of Averett University, who pitched "What's Up Water."

The RISE Collegiate Business Plan Competition is open to Southern Virginia college students of all backgrounds, skills, interests and majors. To participate, students form teams, identify the



Sara Wall, of Martinsville, earned first place and a \$1,000 prize at the second annual RISE Collegiate Business Plan Competition (CBPC) hosted last week at Hampden-Sydney College's Crawley Forum in Farmville. (Photo by Von Wellington Photography & Film Group)

problem they want to solve and gain hands-on entrepreneurial experience by interviewing potential customers and developing their business plan. Throughout the competition, student teams receive support from faculty mentors.

Winners of the inaugural 2022 RISE Collegiate Business Plan Competition included five teams from five schools: Project Connect (Averett University), The Ville (Longwood University), Fail Harder Fitness (Hampden-Sydney College), BFX Studios (Patrick & Henry Community College) and You're Not Alone (Danville Community College).

The RISE Collegiate Business Plan Competition is one of several programs organized by RISE Collaborative that provides access to capital through cash prizes, mentorship and networking opportunities. The 2023 RISE Collegiate Business Plan Competition sponsors include Benchmark Community Bank, American National Bank & Trust, First Citizens Bank, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative, Long & Foster Real Estate, Letterpress Communications and the SOVA Innovation Hub. Information about sponsoring future RISE Collaborative events is online at SOVARISE.com/partners.

RISE Collaborative will continue its pitch competition series on Tuesday, March 28, with the RISE Business Pitch Competition at the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center's (SVHEC) Innovation Center in South Boston, Va. That event will feature 15 aspiring entrepreneurs and existing businesses of all ages and will award more than \$15,000 in prize money. Prize categories include the "Start-Up" category for new businesses, the "Grow" category for existing businesses, and the recently announced Female Founder's Fund for women entrepreneurs. For more information, visit SOVARISE.com/business-pitch-competition.

Childress newest volunteer at museum



Miss Kylee Childress is the Patrick County Historical Society and Museum's newest volunteer.

The daughter of Christy and Jacob Keffer, Kylee is a 6th grade student at Hardin Reynolds Memorial School. Her volunteer duties include greeting visitors, making copies, filing, and other clerical tasks.

Lucky Days in May raffle tickets available now

Mountain Valley's annual raffle fundraiser, the Lucky Days in May Raffle (formerly Big Hospice Raffle) is back this year boasting a record-breaking \$10,000 prize value.

With a fresh new look, the 2023 fundraiser aims to be the most successful in its eleven-year history.

"We are so excited about this year's raffle," said Sara Tavery, vice president of philanthropy. "Tickets can be purchased online or at any of our office locations, and we begin drawings for the main event in May." Proceeds from the raffle will help support the Mountain Valley mission of providing care for patients facing serious illness, especially those who are under- or uninsured.

"As a nonprofit agency, we don't turn anyone away due to their inability to pay. We rely on the generosity of our community to help sustain our mission," said Tavery. "This raffle is a fun way for the public to help raise funds that go directly to providing care for patients and support for their families."

Twice-a-day drawings will begin on May 1 and continue every day throughout the month. Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$10 each, and winning tickets are replaced and remain eligible to win throughout the event.

There will be 67 chances to win more than \$10,000 in gift cards and prize items, with 5 pop-up mini raffles leading up to the main event. Tavery said, "If you join our event group on Facebook, you'll see sneak peaks of the prizes as well as special announcements of mini raffles that offer additional chances to win."

Winners and their prizes will be announced daily on Facebook at facebook.com/groups/mvluckydays. Winners will also be contacted directly and listed on the agency's website.

You can find all event information, full prize calendar, and online order form at mtnvalleyhospice.org/raffle or call (888) 789-2922 to purchase tickets over the phone.

Community Center home to historic instruments

At the March 24 Open Jam, two historical instruments were placed in the Willis Gap Community Center.

A historical Appalachian Dulcimer donated by a member (Les Edgell), director of the Order of the Open Jam, who purchased the instrument about 30 years ago in the mountain town of Brevard, N.C. He played it a little, but now wanted others to see and enjoy it, which is why he donated it to the Willis Gap Community Center.

A historical Banjo also was donated by Rick Sebastian, who plays banjo and guitar and often attends the Open Jam events.

Sebastian said he recalled his Grandpa played the banjo, and "also, I feel fellowship and a warm welcome when I enter the Willis Gap Community Center and wanted them

to have it."

Wooden display boxes were handmade specially for the instruments and donated by member Waymond Dawson.

The center is located

at 144 The Hollow Road in Ararat

Photo (L to R), Les Edgell (Dulcimer), Waymond Dawson (Wooden Boxes), and Rick Sebastian (Banjo).



Submitted by Mary Dellenback Hill, Secretary/Videos/Photos, Willis Gap Community Center.

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Meetings

Wednesday, March 29
The Patrick County Board of Supervisors will hold a special called meeting at 6 p.m. in the third-floor court room of the Patrick County Administration Building.

Events

Saturday, April 1
Fort Trail Baptist Church will hold a Family Easter Celebration at 10 a.m. There will be games, an egg hunt, crafts, Bible stories, prizes, and a free lunch.

The Ararat Ruritan Club will hold a Community Easter Egg Hunt for kids of all ages. Fun and games will begin at 10:00 am at the Ararat Ruritan Club, located at 4711 Ararat Highway, Ararat.

Easter Egg Hunt will be held at New Beginnings Church from 10 a.m. until 12. Events include games, stories and prizes. Food will be served.

The annual Stuart Wine & Beer Festival will be held from 12-4 p.m. at the Stuart Farmers' Market. Admission is free and there will be a \$10 wine tasting.

Sunday April 2
First United Methodist Church will hold a Palm Sunday service at 11 a.m. and the sanctuary will feature the children's music ministries. There will not be an early service.

Monday, April 3 – Friday, April 7
Holy Week Midday services will be held this year at Stuart Methodist Church, 101 East Blue Ridge Street in Stuart. The services begin at noon with speakers from local Patrick County churches. A light lunch will be provided each day in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service. Speakers include:
Monday – John Franklin, Concord / Salem UMC;
Tuesday – Tammy Franklin, Creasey's Chapel/ New Hope/Nettle Ridge UMC; Wednesday – Danny Redman, Stuart Presbyterian; Thursday – Thomas Walker, Stuart Baptist; Friday – Stephen Dixon, Stuart Baptist.

Thursday, April 6
First United Methodist Church will hold a Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Friday, April 7
The Patrick County Alzheimer's Group, LLC, will hold a Gift Card Bingo event at the Stuart Rotary – Hooker Building. Doors open at 6 p.m.

and games start at 7 p.m. Individual bingo cards are \$20, and the bingo game card pack is \$25. Concessions will be available for purchase.

First United Methodist Church will hold a Good Friday service at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Woolwine United Methodist Food Truck will be at the Woolwine Rescue Squad building from 3-5 p.m.

Saturday, April 8
Patrick Springs Pentecostal Holiness Church will hold a community Easter egg hunt from 2-4 p.m.

First United Methodist Church will be open Good Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for prayer.

Sunday, April 9
First United Methodist Church will hold an Easter Morning Worship at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary featuring the Chancel Choir and Brass 5 from Roanoke. There will not be an early service.

Wednesday, April 12
The Patrick County Community Food Bank will hold a food distribution day at the Stuart site from 8:30-11 a.m. and from 5-6:30 p.m. There will be a morning distribution in Ararat from 8:30-11 a.m., and an evening distribution in Meadows of Dan from 5-6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 21
The Woolwine United Methodist Food Truck will be at the Fairy Stone Rescue Squad building from 3-5 p.m.

Saturday, April 22
The Patrick County Alzheimer's Group, LLC, will hold a Patrick County's Got Talent at the Patrick County High School (PCHS) Auditorium at 7 p.m. The competition is open to all ages and prizes will be awarded by age groups. For more information or to get a registration form, call Sally Smith at (276) 229-1724.

Ongoing

The Patrick County Parks and Recreation Office is now accepting soccer registration for the 2023-24 school year. Students who are 3-14 years of age (7th grade or under) as of August 1, are eligible to participate in the recreation department's soccer program. Registration forms are available at any elementary school or parents can call the recreation office at (276) 694-3917 to register children. The deadline for registration is May 31. Games will be played in August - September.

The Coffee Break Café hosts live music on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. Bring an instrument, or just come and listen.

The Patrick County Library hosts Story Time with Ms. Sam at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, with books, songs, finger plays, and more. For more information, call (276) 694-3352.

The Patrick County Library will hold the LEGO Club with Ms. Sam on Mondays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. This program is mainly intended for school age children. For more information, call the library at (276) 694-3352.

The Ararat Ruritan Club hosts virtual raffles on its Facebook page on the first of each month. For more information, go to Facebook.com/AraratRuritanClub or contact the club via email at AraratRuritanClub@gmail.com or Kevin Smith at 276-229-6493.

The Patrick County Quilters' Sit-N-Sew is held on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Quilted Colors. For more information, call 276-694-3020 or email patrickcountyquilters@gmail.com.

The Ararat Ruritan Club will hold Rook games every Monday night from 6:30-8 p.m.

The Briarpatch Amateur Radio Club (BARC) and our Region Four Auxiliary Communication network (AUXCOMM) are meeting in person. Everyone interested in ham radio is invited to attend the BARC meeting, and all AUXCOMM volunteers and curious hams are encouraged to attend the AUXCOMM meeting. AUXCOMM meets at 6:30 p.m. and BARC meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 4th Thursday of each month at the First Christian Church in Galax, VA. Mark your calendars! Both organizations serve SW Virginia and NW North Carolina. Visit www.briarpatcharc.com for the latest scoop, local on-air networks details and VE test sessions for station licensing.

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Directions From Stuart, VA – Highway 58 West; Veer Right on Route 8 North / Woolwine Highway towards Floyd County and Blue Ridge Parkway; Property on left before Woolwine VA. Right of Way entrance beside auction sign just before adjoining property 8735 Woolwine Highway, Woolwine VA.

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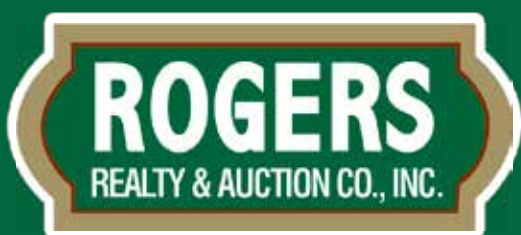
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You have the opportunity to purchase a beautiful contemporary home in Meadows of Dan VA. This property features +/- 5 acres of land near the Dan River! Built in 2022, this high quality home features +/- 944 square feet with 2 bedrooms, and 1 bath. Construction beyond building code and includes concrete floors, vaulted ceiling in great room, split unit heating and cooling, PBR metal roof used in industrial construction, metal siding, 2x6 exterior walls foam insulation in walls and ceiling. Has a private well and septic, and gravel driveway. Storage building also on the property. Located on +/- 5 acres, this property is in a secluded location with nice views. Enjoy quiet country living near the Dan River in Meadows of Dan VA! This would make a great recreational or fishing retreat! Great as a year round home or vacation retreat. Don't miss your opportunity to own this unique mountain get-away!

Maps provided in the bidder packet were plotted through advanced mapping software using metes and bounds description from deed and is most likely more accurate than the county GIS in regards to the boundary.

Directions – From Hillsville- Rt 58 East to 58 East Business at Blue Ridge Parkway and Meadows of Dan. Take right on Squirrel Spur Rd, left on Bent Rd, to left on Ramp Hollow Lane. Access is by private drive – Ramp Hollow Lane.

Contact Broker & Auctioneer Matt Gallimore at 540-239-2585 or Gallimore.Matt@gmail.com; or Realtor Darrell Hylton at 540-250-0850 or dwh@swva.net

Terms: 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$10,000 required day of sale. Close in 45 days. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold "as is, where is, with any and all faults." Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence. Download Bidder Information Pack for complete terms and conditions, purchase contract and maps at VAAuctionPro.com



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ONLINE AUCTIONS

Ends Wednesday, April 5th @ 4 PM

New Contemporary Home Near Dan River!

323 Ramp Hollow Lane, Meadows of Dan, VA 24120

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Ends Thursday, April 6th @ 4 PM

Recreational Land For Sale in Woolwine, VA

Woolwine Hwy, Woolwine, VA 24185

Beautiful +/- 65.79 acre recreational property located in the Woolwine Community of Patrick County VA, situated between the towns of Stuart and Floyd VA. This mostly wooded property features rolling topography and approximately 6.5 acres of open land. Has over 1,700 feet of frontage on Conner Creek, and over 2,500 feet of frontage on Jacks Creek. Also only a minute to Smith River and close to 2 lakes! This property is an ideal location for hunting and recreation, with plenty of space for hiking, hunting, camping, and exploring the outdoors. It would also make a great location for building a home, with the scenic beauty and natural surroundings providing a peaceful and serene setting for a private retreat. Located near the Blue Ridge Parkway, this property offers easy access to some of the most breathtaking views and outdoor activities in the region. Only minutes from the Smith River, 15 minutes to Fairystone Lake and 20 minutes to Philpott Lake! This property would be the ideal location for an avid fisherman or outdoor enthusiast. Don't miss out on the opportunity to own this stunning piece of land in a prime location.



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Directions From Stuart, VA – Highway 58 West; Veer Right on Route 8 North / Woolwine Highway towards Floyd County and Blue Ridge Parkway; Property on left before Woolwine VA. Right of Way entrance beside auction sign just before adjoining property 8735 Woolwine Highway, Woolwine VA.

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Ends Tuesday, April 11th @ 4 PM

WOODED LAND FOR SALE!

Brammer Spur Road, Woolwine, VA 24185

Looking for the perfect spot to build your dream home or vacation cabin? Look no further than this beautiful +/- 65.32 acre wooded land tract located in Woolwine VA. With stunning views of the Blue Ridge Mountains and plenty of good building sites, this property is perfect for anyone looking for a peaceful, secluded escape. Whether you're an avid outdoorsman or just looking for a relaxing retreat, this land is ideal for hunting and recreation. The property features a picturesque pond located at the front of the property, perfect for fishing or simply enjoying the serene surroundings. Property is located only minutes from the Smith River! Is also only 15 to 20 minutes from Philpott Lake and Fairystone Lake. Situated in Patrick County VA between the charming towns of Stuart VA and Floyd VA. Conveniently located near the Blue Ridge Parkway, offering easy access to some of the most stunning natural scenery in the country. Don't miss your chance to own this incredible piece of land and start living your dream today!

Directions from Stuart, VA – Highway 58 West; Veer Right on Route 8 North / Woolwine Highway towards Floyd County and Blue Ridge Parkway; Take left on Mill House Road just past Woolwine VA; Right on Brammer Spur; Property on right at sign.

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Ended Thursday, February 23rd @ 4 PM Creek Front Land for Sale in Franklin County VA! TBD Truevine Rd, Penhook, VA 24137	Ended Wednesday, March 8th @ 4 PM Affordable Land for Sale in Bassett VA! TBD Warehouse St. Bassett VA 24055	Ended Thursday March 16th @ 4 PM Beautiful Land for Sale in Willis VA! TBD Long Mountain Rd., Willis, VA 24380	Ended Thursday December 1st @ 4 PM Recreational Land on Smith River for Sale in Patrick County VA! 2271 Bob White Rd., Stuart, VA 24171	Ending Wednesday, August 17th @ 4 PM Wooded Hunting Land for Sale in Patrick County VA! TBD Belcher Mtn Rd, Stuart, VA 24171

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