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Williams discusses recent legislative session



Del. Wren Williams, R-Stuart, (right), with wife Britt Schneider Williams and son Theodore "Rhett" Williams.

By Taylor Boyd

Following a completed session of the Virginia General Assembly, Del. Wren Williams, R-Stuart, took time to reflect on his second year in the House of Delegates.

Williams said it was nice to be

back in session, be prepped, ready, and know what to expect.

"I was very happy with how the session went, and very happy with my successes in the house. I'm looking forward to going back because we'll have even more opportunities next year with more bill slots and another budget year," he said.

From his second General Assembly session, Williams said he learned one has to be creative to get things done.

"You can't just go up pound your fists and wave your arms around and expect to get things done. You have to be diligent and knowledgeable," he said. "You have to be capable of explaining and arguing these nuances."

Williams said he believes he implemented those concepts this year, especially because he knows the process and rules better than during his first session.

"So, now I was able to be much more successful in the legislative

process," he said.

During the session, Williams was able to get seven bills passed. While many of them were more administrative-focused, one success was the Religious Freedom Bill, which targeted the closing of churches during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic.

"This bill stems from that because that was something that really upset me and the folks in my district, which was not being able to go to church and fellowship at that time," he said.

Williams said the bill bars the governor from using the Emergency Powers Act to close churches and other places of worship.

He believes his ability to get the bill passed was huge considering the General Assembly is split, with the House having a Republican majority and the Senate a primarily Democratic majority.

"I was able to really get creative (See Williams p. 4)

More than 40 indictments were handed down last week

Grand jurors seated in Patrick County on March 6 handed down a total of 44 indictments, according to records in the Patrick County Court Clerk's Office.

An indictment is not an indication of guilt, but a grand jury's determination that enough evidence exists to warrant a trial.

Those named in the indictments are:

*John Ernest Hale, 39, of Stuart, abduction, Oct. 8.

*Emma Shae Hall-Pack, 36, of Asheboro, N.C., grand larceny, May 20.

*Daniel Ramos, 29, of Ararat, child abuse with serious injury, Aug. 23.

*Anthony Clarence Carter, 23, of Stuart, child endangerment, Oct. 24.

*Kevin Ray Bowman, 42, of Stuart, unauthorized use of vehicle, on or between June 22 and Aug. 24.

*Cassandra Hope Cole, 33, of Critz, possess burglarious tools, March 1, 2022.

*Cory Trent Goad, 49, of Ararat, construction fraud, April 23.

*William Patrick Grayson, 73, of Stuart, malicious wounding, July 30.

*Marcus Randal Hunt, 32, of Patrick Springs, drive while intoxicated - 3rd offense within 10 years, Aug. 3.

*Jackie Jermaine Moore, 50, of Eden, N.C., shoplift - 3rd offense, Dec. 17, 2020.

*Christine Sarah Barnette, 42, of Cary, N.C., one count each felony homicide and felony eluding law enforcement, April 8.

*Carolyn Vernon, 41, of Stuart, two counts child endangerment, on or between Aug. 1 and Oct. 26.

*Chester Dwayne Vernon, 60, of Stuart, two counts child endangerment, on or between Aug. 1 and Oct. 26.

*Marque Javon Carter, 30, of Collinsville, possession of Sch. I or II drug, Nov. 19.

*Matthew Logan Cline, 18, of Ridgeway, four counts participate/film child porn; one count each rape, sodomy, and procure minor by computer system, on or between Feb. 1 through May 31, 2022.

*William David Fain, 33, of Patrick Springs, possession of Sch. I or II drugs, May 28.

*Brian Maurice Green, 50, of Mount Airy, N.C., possession of Sch. I or II drugs, Sept. 29.

(See Indictments p. 4)

Wrestling show to honor Steel scheduled

By Taylor Boyd

National Independent Championship Wrestling (NICW) will hold a Mardi Gras Brawl to honor "The Machine" Ken Steel, a former pro wrestler from Patrick County, better known to some as Kenny Pack.

The show will be held Saturday, March 25 in the Stuart Elementary School's auditorium. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the first bell will ring at 7 p.m.

Scott Rutter, of Rutter's Martial Arts, said Steel was a former independent pro wrestler for 20 to 25 years before his death more than a year ago due to diabetes.

"He actually was an assistant football coach for a few years over at Patrick County High School (PCHS), and he worked for a program called Quest over at Stuart Elementary School," he said.

Before his passing, Rutter said he and Steel kind of co-owned NICW. The promotion serves the West Piedmont area. In addition to training him in wrestling, Rutter said Steel also was a great mentor, and like a second father to him.

"As a matter of fact, I own martial arts studios - one in Stuart, one in Bassett, and one in Floyd, and he (Pack) was a big help and a big motivator on me opening the kara-

(See Wrestling p. 5)

Vehicle catches fire near woodworking business



The Meadows of Dan (MOD) Volunteer Fire Department and Stuart Volunteer Fire Department responded to a truck fire on March 9 in an area just below Kreager Wood Working, in Meadows of Dan.

Ronald Terry, captain of the Meadows of Dan crew, said the vehicle was a dually Dodge Ram.

"The truck caught fire, more than likely the transmission got hot, I don't know for sure," he said.

The Dodge Ram was pulling an enclosed trailer with two cars, a Bentley and a Land Rover. Those vehicles sustained no damage because they were unloaded when the fire began.

"When it caught fire, they

stopped, got out, and unloaded the two cars off the trailer," he said.

Terry said he believes damage to the trailer wasn't "that bad."

Three or four members from the Meadows of Dan crew, and about five members of the Stuart department responded to the call, Terry said.

He estimated fire crews had it under control within 10 to 15 minutes of their arrival.



More candidates emerge for November races

Foley seeks Mayo River seat

By Taylor Boyd

Danny Foley is vying with incumbent Clayton Kendrick for the Mayo River District seat on the Patrick County Board of Supervisors in the November election.

Foley, who previously served on the board from 2004-2007 and from 2012-2015, said he started considering campaigning for the job in December.

"I just got to seeing that the county looked like it needed a change, and needed to go in a little bit different direction than what it was doing," he said. "Nothing major, but we just needed a different shift."

Foley said U.S. 58 will be open up to tractor-trailer traffic once the construction project is complete.

"What the county needs to be planning on is infrastructure down 58 to be ready for (See Foley p. 4)



Mickles mounts bid for Peters Creek post

Lisa P. Mickles is seeking the Peters Creek District seat on the Patrick County Board of Supervisors in the November election.

She is currently unopposed in her election bid.

Mickles said she decided to run as she feels the county needs an unbiased and fresh set of eyes on the board.

"I want to help. I want to listen. I want to improve the Patrick County that we have now and assist this county in taking a measured path into the future. It is my belief that the citizens of Patrick County should have a voice in what happens in their own community," she said.

Because she is currently not on the board, Mickles believes she does not know what the exact issues the county and board are facing.



(See Mickles p. 4)

Puckett to seek Blue Ridge seat in November

Russell "Leon" Puckett announced he will seek the Blue Ridge District post on the Patrick County Board of Supervisors against incumbent Clyde DeLoach who also is seeking another term.

Puckett said he decided to seek the post because he felt like the time was right.

"I was on the" Stuart "Town Council for eight years, so I missed the interaction," he said.

If elected, Puckett said he will focus on county taxes and the meals tax.

"Those are two of the biggest things I have a problem with. I think education as far as meals tax goes. I don't think everybody's paying what they should be paying," he said.

As a business owner, Puckett said he knows (See Puckett p. 4)



Patrick Pioneers

Cain Lackey (Part Two)

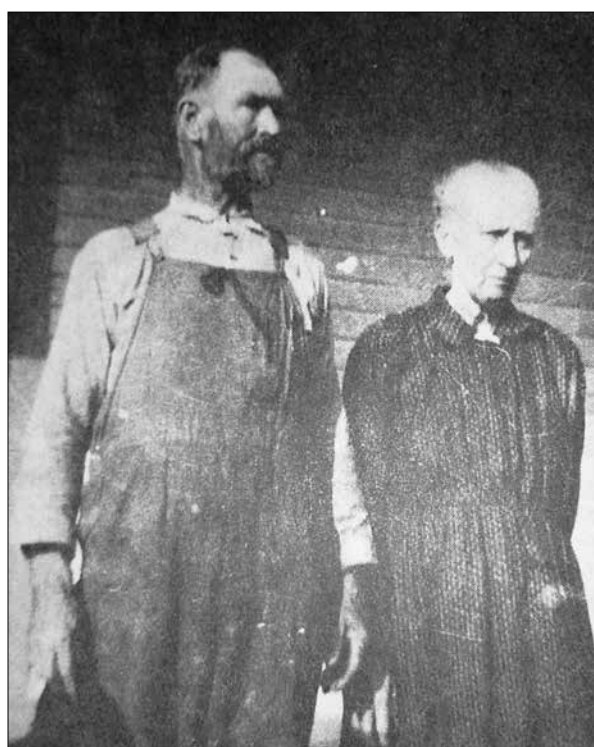
By Beverly Belcher Woody

First of all, I would like to thank Andrew Doss, the great-great grandson of Cain Lackey, for all the information provided for this column. When we last visited Lackey, the year was 1893, and he was recently widowed with 4-year-old Malissa and newborn Carrie to raise on his own.

The following year, local minister William A. Elgin was hosting popular Church of the Brethren evangelist, John Abe Dove, who

had been holding revivals all over Virginia and North Carolina. While the two ministers were traveling about the countryside inviting folks to come to church, they came across Cain Lackey, who was digging some ditches for his neighbor.

When Pastor Dove headed toward Lackey, Pastor Elgin said, "don't go down there, Cain Lackey is the worst man in this county." Dove replied, "he's the very man I want" (See Pioneers p. 10)



Cain and Hettie Lackey. (Courtesy of Andy Doss)

SHARP Logger Core Class to be offered at P&HCC

Virginia Tech, Griffith Lumber and Long Island Lumber are sponsoring a new SHARP Logger Core Class will be on Thursday and Friday afternoons March 16 & 17, from 12-6 p.m. at Patrick & Henry Community College in Stuart.

The class is for loggers who need continuing ed credits to maintain their SHARP Logger status and for new loggers who need to become SHARP Loggers. Each day gives 6 continuing ed credits.

Remember that all mills that buy logs and sells lumber, chips, dust, logs, and bark to other businesses are required to buy logs only from SHARP Loggers and the business must have a SHARP Logger employed. Please eat lunch before coming to class and a snack will be provided at break time.

Contact Virginia Tech to register at (540) 231-6494.

Jeff Little Trio headline PCMA event

By Taylor Boyd

The Patrick County Music Association (PCMA) will hold its next show on Saturday, March 18 at the Rotary Building in Stuart.

Sponsored by Pilot Mechanical, Inc., doors open at 5 p.m. and the music will start at 6 p.m.

PCMA President Denny Alley said New River Line, a country quartet, will open the show, with the Jeff Little Trio to headline the event.

"Jeff Little is the piano player. He plays bluegrass and country piano on the piano like Jerry Lee Lewis, don't even look," Alley said.

In 2014, Little was inducted into the Blue Ridge Music Hall of Fame and has been featured on National

Public Radio and Public Broadcasting Service (PBS).

Steve Lewis, the acoustic guitar and five-string banjo player is an award-winning player and a two-time national champion on the banjo.

Luke Little, "Jeff's son, plays the mandolin and he is a multi-award-winning musician," he said.

Alley estimates around 175 people attended the February show. He added that the PCMA will hold three more shows - from April to June - before taking a break over the summer. Shows are expected to return in October.

Admission is a \$5 donation at the door. Lawn chairs are encouraged, and prizes will be awarded through-



The Jeff Little Trio will headline the Patrick County Music Association's (PCMA) show on Saturday, March 18.

out the night.

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

the area firearm safety.

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

Patrick & Henry Community College receives \$16,000 donation

ValleyStar Credit Union donated \$16,000 to Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) to support school programs and double the number of ValleyStar scholarships offered to students each year. ValleyStar Credit Union is dedicated to P&HCC's goal of providing a quality education for students. As a result, ValleyStar presented two checks during a surprise presentation to Tiffani Underwood, the executive director of the

P&HCC Foundation and P&HCC President Dr. Greg Hodges.

The donation affords \$10,000 to P&HCC's motorsports program for the next three years and \$6,000 for the business program.

"ValleyStar is interested in the success of P&HCC's students and helping them achieve a journey of lifelong learning," said Kevin Laine, executive vice president at ValleyStar. "These students are a great asset to our com-



munities, and investing in their education is money well spent. We look forward

to continuing our successful partnership with P&HCC." "We were shocked and

thrilled with the surprise donation from ValleyStar (See P&HCC p. 4)

Timid winter blast



A skiff of snow and a rain/sleet mixture were the main feature in a seasonal, albeit timid blast from Old Man Winter on Sunday, as resolute daffodils offer hope of an early spring. (Pat Delaney)

Pets of the Week



This is Dixie, a tricolor hound. She looks sad and confused. Unfortunately, she has a taste for chickens, so she needs a home with no chickens.

This handsome male Blue Heeler was found on Dogwood Lane in Patrick Springs. He is a super nice dog, and someone is missing him.

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.

PAWS offers a free spay/neuter program for dogs. Call (276) 694-2378.

Clover Cat Rescue offers a spay/neuter program for cats. Call (276) 694-3598.

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Kaine, Warner among contingency to support Women's Health Protection Act

U.S. Sens. Mark R. Warner and Tim Kaine joined 47 Senate colleagues in introducing the Women's Health Protection Act (WHPA), federal legislation to guarantee access to abortion care across the country. The bill's introduction comes as states continue to pass dangerous anti-choice laws in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which overturned fifty years of precedent and access to abortion care established by *Roe v. Wade*.

The Women's Health Protection Act guarantees the right to access an abortion—and the right of an abortion provider to deliver these services—free from medically unnecessary restrictions that interfere with a patient's individual choice or the provider-patient relationship.

"After nearly fifty years of es-

tablished protections, women's reproductive health care is under attack. In states across the country, including Virginia, laws stripping back the right to choose are being introduced and taking effect," said Warner, D-Alexandria "There has never been a more urgent time to pass the Women's Health Protection Act and ensure that women reclaim the right to make their own decisions about their health care."

"We need to codify the protections that *Roe v. Wade* gave to American women more than 50 years ago so that the freedom to make personal decisions about reproductive health isn't completely dependent on your zip code," said Kaine, R-Richmond. "The Women's Health Protection Act would protect that freedom, and I am glad to cosponsor."

Following the *Dobbs* decision,

Warner and Kaine have strongly advocated for legislation to protect Americans' access to reproductive health care. Last year, the senators cosponsored legislation to protect the right of women to travel across state lines for abortion services and help protect medical providers from being punished for providing patients with this care. Warner has also taken steps to ensure that those seeking abortion care are receiving accurate information, resulting in a policy change from Google to clearly label facilities that provide abortions so that users seeking abortions are not misled by anti-abortion fake clinics or crisis pregnancy centers. In addition, Kaine has cosponsored legislation to expand access to affordable over-the-counter birth control and legislation to protect access to medication abortions.

Arrests reported

The Patrick County Sheriff's Office reported the following:

*Emily Jean Lavelle, 35, of Lawsonville, NC, was charged March 2 with drive while intoxicated. Trooper R.C. Amos was the arresting officer.

*Jared Ray Lawson, 23, of Collinsville, was charged March 2 with intentional damage to a monument. Deputy C. Strother made the arrest for Henry County.

*Ashton Peery Hunt, 32, of Stuart, was charged March 3 with petty larceny. Deputy Doug Perry was the arresting officer.

*Darian Lee Upchurch, 44, of Mount Airy, NC, was charged March 4 with interfere with property rights of another. Sgt. L.K. Carroll Jr. was the arresting officer.

*Benton Calvin Hall, 59, of Ararat, was charged March 5 with false report of crime to police. Deputy J.S. Kendrick was the arresting officer.

*Corey Adam Martin, 34, address unavailable, was charged March 5 with two counts of assault and batter on law enforcement officer, and one count each possess controlled paraphernalia and trespass. Deputy E. Sain was the arresting officer.

*Alvis McCray Foley, Jr., 56, of Patrick County Jail, was charged March 7 with probation violation. Deputy C. Strother was the arresting officer.

Virginia lawmakers mandate electric vehicle fire risk training

By **Adrianna Lawrence**
Capital News Service

Virginia firefighters will be required to complete a training program starting next year, about the risk of electric vehicle fires.

Del. Israel O'Quinn, R-Washington, proposed House Bill 2451 to require the executive director of the Virginia Department of Fire Programs to develop a training program for electric vehicle fires. The program must be developed and available by July 1, 2024, according to the bill. All firefighters, including volunteer firefighters, must complete the training by Dec. 1, 2025.

The bill unanimously

passed committees and both chambers. Sen. Bryce Reeves, R-Spotsylvania, asked for one clarification in the Senate General Laws and Technology committee, about whether the program would be offered both in-person and virtual.

"I heard from some of my fire folks, and they were concerned that this is more time away," Reeves said.

A lot of the annual firefighter training is done online, according to Reeves.

Spencer Willett, government affairs manager for the Virginia Department of Fire Programs, assured the Senate committee the training would be of-

fered in multiple modalities.

"The agency's plan would be to offer an online version for departments and then also offer an in-person version for those that would be willing to want to take that training," Willett said.

The number of electric vehicles on Virginia's roadways is set to increase with the soon-to-be implemented Clean Car law. The law states 35% of all new cars and trucks sold in Virginia with a 2026 model year must be electric. Then 100% of new models on the market must be electric by 2035, according to the law, which is based on California's final regulation order.

Del. Mike Cherry, R-Colonial Heights, a co-patron of the bill, said it is important to implement mandated training statewide, even for areas like Southwest Virginia where electric vehicles aren't prominent.

"Anytime a fire department deals with something new and unique, they will then figure out a protocol to deal with it again in the future," Cherry said.

There is currently no mandated electric vehicle training for

Virginia firefighters, according to William Boger, District 5 vice president and communications director for the Virginia Professional Fire Fighters.

However, departments can currently seek out training from car manufacturers like Tesla or Toyota, he said.

The future training program will greatly help firefighters better understand electric vehicle fires and the best ways to extinguish them, according to Boger.

Firefighters use approximately 50 gallons to 100 gallons of water to extinguish a regular internal combustion engine, or gasoline, vehicle fire while electric vehicles require about 10,000 gallons of water, according to Boger.

"They are very stubborn and very difficult to extinguish," he said.

Most electric vehicles carry large lithium-ion battery packs underneath the vehicle, where they are not very accessible. These batteries can overheat, which leads to a reaction called thermal runaway and requires thousands of gallons of water, according to Boger.

Firefighters also need to be aware that

the battery is not necessarily finished burning just because the fire is finally put out, according to Boger.

"The problem with these cars is you have to put the fire out, then you have to continuously cool the battery," Boger said.

Some electric vehicle batteries will reignite on the way to a junkyard if the battery is not properly cooled down and observed after the fire is put out, according to Boger.

Some batteries can even catch fire two to three days later, according to Doug Reynolds, battalion chief of the Henrico County Division of Fire.

"You may have to have several tankers bringing you water, so it's not the easy, you know, fire that it used to be," Reynolds said.

Dry chemicals and fire blankets have been used, but are not con-

sidered as effective as water, according to Boger.

Andrew Klock, senior manager of education and development with the National Fire Protection Association, said the best recommendation is still water.

"It's the most effective to date and if it's placed in the proper location, it can put out the fire and drain the heat from the battery pack," Klock said.

Electric vehicle fires are not more threatening than gasoline vehicle fires, which occur every three minutes, Klock said.

"But I do think that the risk and the inherent problem is that firefighters have had a 100 years to figure out and perfect how to put out an internal combustion engine vehicle [fire]," Klock said. "But it's not so with this

(See Training p. 5)

Manufacturing Leads Initial Unemployment Claims Filers

The number of initial claims increased in the latest filing week to 1,886 but remained at levels typically seen over the last twelve months, the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) reported Thursday.

For the filing week ending March 4, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims in Virginia was 1,886, which was an increase of 501 claimants from the previous week. Over half of initial claims with a self-reported industry were from manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management, professional, scientific, and technical services, and retail trade. Continued weeks claimed totaled 11,615, which was a decrease of 170 claims from the previous week but an increase of 78% from the 6,510 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 4, the advance U.S. figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 211,000, an increase of 21,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 190,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 237,513 in the week ending March 4, an increase of 35,357 (or 17.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 219,875 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022. Looking at preliminary data, most U.S. states reported increases on a seasonally unadjusted basis. New York's preliminary weekly change (+16,363) was the largest increase. California's weekly change (+10,489) was the second largest increase. Kentucky's preliminary weekly change (+2,786) was the third largest increase. Oregon's weekly change (+1,259) was the fourth largest increase. While most states had increases in claims, Rhode Island (-1,683) and Massachusetts had (-1,201) had significant decreases. Virginia's preliminary weekly change (+724) was the 10th largest increase.

Non-profit launches fund for community enrichment, Grassroots Grants, a project of One Family Productions

A perennial leader in live music and public event planning, One Family Productions (OFP) announced today the launch of a community-based microgrant program to spur innovation and collaboration in the region, Grassroots Grants (GRG). Accessible to Patrick County and surrounding areas, GRG is the latest initiative from OFP, the award-winning team behind First Friday Summer Jam Series, Bushels & Barrels Local Food, Wine & Beer Festival, Road to the Porch concert series, Front Porch Fest, and the Patrick County Christmas Parade. Today's announcement represents an expansion of OFP's mission to include direct investment in education, creative placemaking, art, and culture in the community.

"Grassroots Grants has been cultivated slowly -as ideas of how to be intentional and impactful have evolved over the years, our capacity and collective efforts have grown as well.

We've always believed in giving back, but we wanted to do more with Grassroots Grants," noted OFP Board President, Sarah Wray. "We want to partner with and invest in the people and ideas that improve the places we live and work. We recognize that sometimes a little goes a long way, and the most important component of community growth is planting the first seed. Grassroots Grants is an investment directly into the change we wish to see and an opportunity to usher those investments through to successful outcomes. One Family Productions is committed to helping empower the changemakers in our community." Since its incorporation in 2013, OFP has made repeated strides in developing new venues and performance spaces within the region, as well as pioneering public events that bring people together to showcase the potential concentrated here. With the launch of a micro granting

initiative, OFP opens a new avenue for discovering and cultivating fresh resources within the region. By supporting innovative, impact-oriented projects, OFP will inspire and mobilize a coming generation of passionate people to make the experiences and venues in our region even more sought-after and cherished.

Of this recent announcement, OFP Vice President Brad Crouch says, "With this program we hope to tap into the insight, drive, and motivation that the people of this community have to promote and expand community enrichment and growth in line with One Family's mission." Applications for GRG will be accepted on a rolling basis and will be reviewed by a committee consisting of OFP directors and members at large. More information on Grassroots Grants and the full application are available on the OFP website. www.onefamilyproductions.org/grassroots-grants/.

DMV Select in Stuart to close for training

The DMV will be closed from March 20-24 for training. Additional closings are possible in March and April for inventory and further training.

Williams

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with the language because that's what we have to do around here," he said.

Williams said the bill he brought before the House that was passed was similar to the one he brought last year, but then "I worked to get the words right so that voting against it was almost immoral, and that's how we were able to get it through" the Senate.

One of his administrative bills focused on the process of how to remove an elected official that is failing to do their job.

"It's always been a very complicated process because you have to have signatures on a petition, but there was no signature standard form," Williams said. "So, you might get 10 percent of the electorate to sign pieces of paper and then show up to court and the judge says you didn't do it right."

Williams said this would happen regularly over several years.

"This bill was able to craft a much better solution, and a much cleaner process, and a much more clear and understandable duty, and it moves at a much quicker pace," Williams said of the proposal that also won approval.

Under his proposal, "you don't necessarily have to wait around for 10 months to put this person on trial for not doing their job," he said. "It's much quicker, like a few months. If you had all your signatures together and you knew what you were doing, you could do it in about 45 days."

Williams said he is looking forward to the removal of a "bad actor" from office using the bill he drafted.

"That's going to be full circle for me," he said, adding that the bill came from a large committee of lawyers that regularly deal with similar issues.

"I get a lot of those like nuanced, legislative bills that are fixes, or they're like large packages of bills that really play more in a like a state-wide arena because of my relationship with the Attorney General's Office. They gave me a number of bills this year," he said, adding he's honored the office trusted him to carry some of its signature legislation.

Another bill he helped get passed was the bipartisan Parole Board Transparency Bill.

"We wanted to see more sunlight on the parole board, and so did the Democrats. We wanted to do it a little bit differently, but ultimately,

we were able to come to an agreement about what was best and that passed," he said.

The Rebuttable Presumption Against Bond bill, which Williams has been working on for two years, was not passed.

The proposal "means is like, say you're a felon and you are on bond for a pending trial, and then you go out and commit another felony. That person would have been held in jail without bond until they went in front of a court and proved why they were not going to be a flight risk and why they were safe in the community they were in," he said.

Williams said this presumption is gone since Virginia has become a "soft on crime Commonwealth and puts felons first."

The bill was among those presented to Williams from the Attorney General's Office.

"This was very important to them, and so we've got some other bills that are related to magistrates, bail, and bail reform, and that Admission of Bail Bill would likely probably take a Republican trifecta to get it back to Rebuttable Presumption Against Bail," he said.

One thing he tried to work through the Senate was a requirement that bail would be secured because some people are able to sign out on an unsecured bond.

"They're not putting up any collateral," he said. As a result, "there's not a downside if they break the law, there's no disincentive to break the law because nothing going to happen to you."

Williams said his impetus for proposals comes from a variety of sources - representatives collect ideas, problems, and needs throughout the district and the communities.

"Last year, we heard a tremendous amount of concern from all of our localities when it came to outdated and failing and crumbling water and sewer infrastructure. We heard it from multiple localities, so we worked on putting together a study for opportunities for rural area public water and sewer system upgrades," he said, adding that study would have benefitted all the communities.

"But it took speaking to all of them to realize, 'oh, we need a global solution on this issue,'" he said.

If he's elected in the Nov. election to serve the new 47th District, Williams said he looks forward to listening to the new district's concerns and issues and then putting his experience as a successful legislator to work to find solutions.

Indictments

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*Shelly Hamm, 54, of Stuart, possession of Sch. I or II drugs, Nov. 17.

*Amanda Ina Hope Handy, 45, of Meadows of Dan, one count each child endangerment and child cruelty, Sept. 23.

*Kenneth Monroe Handy, 50, of Meadows of Dan, one count each child cruelty, possess firearm by violent felon, and child endangerment, Sept. 23.

*Brandy Lynn Humphries, 39, of Cana, false statement on firearm form, Jan. 1, 2022.

*Kirsten Alexandria Lewis Jones, 27, of Ararat, one count each indecent liberties with child and use of communication system to facilitate indecent liberties, Jan. 27.

*Jerry Marshall, 46, of Stuart, one count each DMW perjury and altering/forging title, Nov. 21.

*David Bryan Ramsey, 47, of Ripplemead, one count each rape child less than 13 years old and aggravated sexual battery, on or between Aug. 6 through Aug. 8.

*Mary Jean Ramsey, 41, of Ripplemead, child endangerment, on or between Aug. 6 - 8.

*David Wayne Trent, 46, of Stuart, possession of Sch. I or II drugs, Nov. 17.

*Daniel Tucker, 61, of Critz, one count each possession of Sch. I or II drugs and possess Sch. I or II drugs while possess a firearm, Aug. 11.

*Jason Ramon Wooden, 40, of Stuart, possession of a Sch. I or II drug, Oct. 19.

Foley

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when that happens. Without infrastructure, you don't really get any growth. That's why we really don't have a lot of growth in Patrick County, because of the shortage of infrastructure," he said.

Foley believes the county needs to seek grants for infrastructure improvement and create a five-year plan. Work also may be needed on the Patrick County Administration

Mickles

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"I am particularly interested in what's actually going on and everything that's going in front of the board and being voted on," she said. "I don't have an agenda because I am going in open-minded and not making promises I cannot fulfill without a majority vote."

She added, "it is my belief that the citizens of Patrick County should have a voice in what happens in their own community. It is my de-

Puckett

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how to balance a budget using common sense business strategies.

"Fiscal management and strong leadership are crucial to our county, and I feel that my prior experience as a town councilman will assist me in the decision-making that will affect the citizens of Patrick County,"

P&HCC

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Credit Union," said Underwood. "ValleyStar has been a valuable partner to P&HCC for over thirty years, and we couldn't be more honored that they chose to increase their investment in our students, our college and our community."

ValleyStar scholarship recipients are called ValleyStar Scholars. The \$1,500 scholarships are awarded to students with financial needs studying business and/or accounting. The \$6,000 donation increased the yearly number of ValleyStar

Building.

"There's a lot of cracks in it, and I really think we need a structural engineer to check it out to try to make sure that the building will be usable for the next 50 years," he said.

"The citizens of Patrick County are very smart and have great ideas. I've heard a lot of them over the years, and we just need to work for the future of the county," he said.

sire to be a part of a Board of Supervisors that listens, learns, and lives up to their duty to represent Patrick County."

Mickles, who has served three years as a Deputy Clerk in the Patrick County Circuit Court Clerk's Office, said she has helped residents "with all their estate and probate needs, and performing other various duties" in that post.

She worked in the banking sector in the past and also previously owned a business in Henry County.

he said.

Puckett said he looks forward to serving if elected.

"I am looking forward to working with the other county supervisors and will represent the Blue Ridge district with the same energy and tenacity that I used during my tenure on the town council," he said.

Scholars from two to four.

In addition to the ValleyStar Scholars program, a donation was made to help support the motorsports program, which allows the program to race its late-model car in local races at Martinsville Speedway while continuing to provide hands-on training opportunities for students. The \$10,000 motorsports program donation will be made annually through 2025.

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Community Trash Pick Up



The Patrick Springs Ruritan Club's Community Trash Pick Up attracted help from the club and others as well as Patrick Springs

Boy Scout Troop 69. On March 4, trash was collected between Providence Drive to U.S. 58 on Spring Road (Virginia 680), and across

the highway on South Mayo Drive to the bridge before Big A School Road.

A big thanks to the Boy Scouts

from Troop 69, their leaders, and members from the Ruritan Club that participated in this community project.

Youngkin releases millions to combat pandemic learning loss

Gov. Glenn Youngkin announced the upcoming release of \$30 million in Learning Recovery Grants to parents to be used for qualifying education services intended to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on students' educational progress and well-being.

"Virginia's students and children across the country experienced catastrophic learning loss throughout the COVID-19 pandemic from the loss of in-person instruction and in-school support services," he said. "These targeted resources for parents will

ensure that many children in Virginia have access to the tutoring, summer enrichment programs and other specialized services they need in order to reach their full potential and combat the severe learning losses."

Qualifying students whose family income does not exceed 300% of Federal Poverty Level will receive a \$3,000 K-12 Learning Recovery Grant; all other qualifying students will receive a \$1,500 K-12 Learning Recovery Grant.

"Virginia fourth graders had the largest decline in the country for both math

and reading -- three times worse than the national average," said Secretary of Education Aimee Rogstad Guidera. "We are on the cusp of losing an entire generation of students. Parents deserve actionable information and financial support to determine and access the tools for their child to combat their learning losses."

A parent-friendly, accessible, and secure online service will allow qualifying students and their parents to access the vetted and approved education services more quickly; services that they need to address the negative effects

the pandemic has had on their educational progress and well-being.

Accompanying this rollout is the unveiling of Virginia's Visualization and Analytics Solution (VVAAS), a revolutionary platform that provides parents and teachers actionable data that will shed greater light on individual student learning loss and growth. Nearly half of Virginia school divisions now have access to the VVAAS platform with the rest joining the platform in the next two months. The Virginia Department of Education is currently training

over 800 school division staff members to access, navigate, understand and ultimately use this powerful information to best meet student needs, target remediation efforts, and strategically use division resources.

An additional 25 innovative Bridging the Gap school divisions will receive additional training through a partnership with William and Mary where they will also develop best practices and ways to effectively use this data, which will be shared with all school divisions this summer.

Training

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new technology or newer technology of hybrid and electric vehicles."

Reynolds' department looks forward to seeing the curriculum and learning everything they can about this unique type of vehicle fire, he said.

"It affects every firefighter, you know from paid to volunteer, big departments, small departments, you know, the car fires are out there every day," Reynolds said. "So it's just better to protect us to learn how to fight those fires because it's important."

The Virginia Department of Fire Programs will develop the training program, utilizing fire experts and industry representatives, according to Will Merritt, VDFP marketing

and communications manager.

A workgroup will create the curriculum in concert with VDFP staff, Merritt stated via email. The curriculum is then "piloted, finalized and posted for registration in VDFP's learning management system, Cornerstone OnDemand," he stated.

"As electric vehicles become more popular, it is important that Virginia's fire service be adequately trained to fight electric-vehicle fires," Merritt stated.

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Wrestling

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te school up in Floyd," Rutter said.

The March 25 event is because "wrestlers in the community and local wrestlers wanted to do something just as a tribute to" Pack, and "also to do it at Stuart Elementary where he worked," Rutter said, adding that proceeds from the event will go back to the school and to Steel's family.

The show will include six matches, plus a Battle Royal for the vacated NICW Heavyweight Championship will be the main event.

"That was the championship that Kenny had held until he passed away. So, that one's going to be decided in that Battle Royal," Rutter said.

Other championship matches will be for the vacated NICW Tag Team Championship, the vacated NICW Mid-Atlantic Heritage Championship, and a five-man Gauntlet match for the NICW Cruiserweight Championship.

A Legends Grudge match and two other singles matches also will be held.

"All the guys who are in the Legends match are kind of the ones that all either trained or came up with

Kenny when he started wrestling," Rutter said. "Everyone that's on the card wrestling has either trained with Kenny or have been on shows with Kenny, and they all think a lot of him."

He estimated 25 wrestlers will perform during the event.

Rutter said around 200-300 people usually attend the wrestling events. The auditorium can hold 500 people between the 300-floor seats and 200 bleacher seats.

"We really want to invite as many people as possible to come out" to the show, he said.

Before the matches begin, Rutter said some of the wrestlers will be out to meet the fans, sign autographs, and sell their merchandise.

Advance tickets are \$12 for floor seats and \$10 for bleacher and general admission seats. Tickets at the door are \$15 for floor seats and \$12 for bleacher and general admission seats.

Advance tickets can be purchased at Stage Coach, the Stage Coach Wagon, El Rancho, Boyce-Holland Veterinary Services, Lowes Foods, Country Convenience, and Little Caesars.

Concessions will also be available for purchase.

For more information, call Rutter at (276) 340-3944.

Affordable Health Screenings Coming to Stuart

Residents living in and around Stuart, Virginia can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. John D Hooker Memorial Building will host this community event on 4/4/2023. The site is located at 420 Woodland Drive in Stuart.

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No to WOTUS Rule

Ninth District U.S. Rep. Morgan Griffith

In January, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the Army Corps)'s published a final Waters of the United States, or WOTUS, rule. This rule is scheduled to take effect on March 20th. It makes significant changes to expand the federal government's authority to regulate any body of water.

Using sweeping terms to define millions of acres, the rule places enormous burdens on private property owners, creating uncertainty for Americans.

This new rule arguably gives the EPA and Army Corps the ability to regulate a medium sized mud puddle in your yard. When building a fence on their land, Americans shouldn't need a team of attorneys to navigate federal regulations.

The Obama administration proposed a similar rule. I have always opposed this flawed regulatory approach.

As soon as the final Biden rule was published, I co-sponsored House Joint Resolution, H.J.Res.27, to terminate this rule through the Congressional Review Act, which provides a mechanism to overturn regulations.

I voted for H.J.Res.27 on March 9th, which passed 227-198.

The Senate must also pass the resolution in their chamber. I think the Senate is likely to pass this resolution.

However, the President must sign the resolution into law. I do not foresee that happening.

As an aside, I have always thought this part of the Congressional Review Act was illogical because it takes both houses of Congress and the President to pass a bill, but an unelected bureaucracy working for the president can pass regulations on their own. The elected Congress ought to be able to disapprove with a mere majority.

Since that is not currently the law, the fight against this bad policy turns to the courts.

After the rule was published in January, Texas filed a lawsuit to stop the rule. The lawsuit argues that the federal agencies tasked with implementing this rule, "unconstitutionally and impermissibly expand their own authority beyond Congress's delegation in the Clean Water Act—intruding into state sovereignty and the liberties of the states and their citizens."

I agree with the theory put forward in the Texas lawsuit.

In February, Virginia's Attorney General Jason Miyares filed a similar lawsuit against the EPA and Army Corps. He did so along with 23 other states.

I support Attorney General Mirayes joining the lawsuit on behalf of Virginia as landowners in the 9th District and around the

state shouldn't have to worry about the federal government policing rivulets or medium sized mud puddles.

As the Farm Bureau said, farmers are worried about noncompliance after doing something as simple as plowing their fields.

WOTUS sounds like big brother has reared its ugly head.

Recognizing the negative effect this rule will have on thousands of small businesses, multiple business groups like the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, filed their own lawsuit in February to challenge the Biden Administration's WOTUS rule.

In their press release announcing their lawsuit, the NCBA Policy Vice-Chair Gene Copenhaver of Washington County, Virginia, stated, "My cattle operation in southwest Virginia has a creek that only carries water after large storms. Under this WOTUS rule, we could be subject to complex federal regulation."

That being said, this all may soon be a moot point.

The Biden Administration went forward with their new WOTUS rule despite the fact that there is an impending Supreme Court ruling in Sackett v. EPA, which is expected to provide a plain, unambiguous, meaning of the law upon which the WOTUS rule is based.

In the 2006 U.S. Supreme Court case Rapanos v. United States, which challenged federal jurisdiction to regulate isolated wetlands under the Clean Water Act, Justice Kennedy created the "significant nexus" test. In determining what constituted waters of the United States, this test had two parts: First, there must be a connection to a downstream waters of the U.S. Second, the area in question must have an effect on the chemical, physical, or biological integrity of traditional navigable water.

Many have criticized the "significant nexus" test as being too vague and that the expansive language encourages regulators to interpret the definition of WOTUS as increasingly broad.

While the Trump administration did not utilize the test, instead opting for a narrower definition, the Obama and Biden Administrations both used the "significant nexus" test when defining WOTUS.

If the Supreme Court rules that the significant nexus test is not valid or changes it in a significant way, the Biden Administration rule will be void and they will have to start the process all over again.

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

New requirements for the "Product of USA" label proposed

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) released a proposed rule with new regulatory requirements to better align the voluntary "Product of USA" label claim with consumer understanding of what the claim means. The proposal allows the voluntary "Product of USA" or "Made in the USA" label claim to be used on meat, poultry and egg products only when they are derived from animals born, raised, slaughtered and processed in the United States. The increased clarity and transparency provided by this proposed change would prevent consumer confusion and help ensure that consumers understand where their food comes from.

"American consumers expect that when they buy a meat product at the grocery store, the claims they see on the label mean what they say," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

"These proposed changes are intended to provide consumers with accurate information to make informed purchasing decisions. Our action affirms USDA's commitment to ensuring accurate and truthful product labeling."

The USDA's proposed rulemaking is supported by petitions, thousands of comments from stakeholders, and data. In July 2021, USDA initiated a comprehensive review to understand what the "Product of USA" claim means to consumers and inform planned rulemaking to define the requirements for making such a claim. As part of its review, USDA commissioned a nationwide consumer survey. The survey revealed that the current "Product of USA" labeling claim is misleading to a majority of consumers surveyed, with a significant portion believing the claim means that the product was made

from animals born, raised, slaughtered and processed in the United States.

The USDA's comprehensive review shows there is a clear need to revise the current "Product of USA" label claim so that it more accurately conveys U.S. origin information.

Under the proposed rule, the "Product of USA" label claim would continue to be voluntary. It would also remain eligible for generic label approval, meaning it would not need to be pre-approved by USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) before it could be used on regulated product, but would require supporting documentation to be on file for agency inspection personnel to verify. The rulemaking also proposes to allow other voluntary U.S. origin claims we see on meat, poultry and egg products sold in the marketplace. These claims would need to include a description on the package of all preparation and processing steps that occurred in the United States upon which the claim is made.

The agency encourages stakeholders, both domestic and international, to comment on the proposed rule. The proposed rule will be open for public comment for 60 days after publishing in the Federal Register. Public comments can be submitted at www.regulations.gov.

Congressional staff to visit communities

U.S. Rep. Morgan Griffith's Ninth District staff will be available at the following locations on March 22:

* Henry County from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Summerlin Room of the Henry County Administration Building, located at 3300 Kings Mountain Road, Martinsville.

* Patrick County from 12:30 - 2 p.m. in the Patrick County Administration Building Conference Room, located at 106 Rucker Street, Stuart.

In the event of inclement weather (heavy snow, sleet, icy rain, etc.), traveling office hours may be rescheduled to avoid putting constituents at risk. If a locality's schools are closed, then its office hours will be closed as well.

Call the Christiansburg Office at (540) 381-5671 or the Abingdon Office at (276) 525-1405 with any questions or to schedule an appointment time in the event of office hour closure.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Feel Like A Million Bucks (Or Like 247,000 Bucks)

Be honest—have you ever driven past a billboard or convenience store advertising the lottery and thought, how great would it be if I won that...?

It's not even a question; we've probably all had that thought cross our minds at least once or twice in our lives, even though the chances of winning are 1 in 4 million. Those odds aren't so hopeful, more like impossible, but what I'm suggesting here is that there's a surefire way to feel as though you've won the lottery. How? With sleep.

In a recent study published in the journal *Sleep*, researchers followed over 30,000 patients and found that better sleep was similar in affecting how you felt as winning over \$247,000! They measured "well-being" using several well-studied and standardized surveys like the General Health Questionnaire and Short-Form Health Survey. Another interesting aspect of the study was that the group with the best sleep also took the least sleep medications.

Who wouldn't want to wake up feeling refreshed and revived? Here's how you can make it happen:

*Sleep longer. You don't have to feel overwhelmed by this and suddenly try to change your whole routine. Start off gradually, by going to bed just 30 minutes earlier each night.

*Improve your sleep hygiene. You may have never thought of "sleep" and "hygiene" in the same sentence, but this is what that looks like: a dark room, no TV watching or reading books in bed, and minimized cell phone use. Why? To keep your mind distraction-free and ready for rest.

*Offload your mind. Is your mind racing when you lay down to sleep? Here are some ways to combat that:

*Exercise hard. Exercise reduces stress and makes you so tired so that you can fall asleep earlier.

Write down what you need to remember to do. Do this so that you don't stress out about

forgetting what you need to do as you lie in bed. Better yet finally utilize that Calendar app and use it to "remember" things for you.

*De-stress. Stress itself is far too big of a topic to talk about here but it's critical to reduce stress, not just for sleep but also for health, and for avoiding sentences with too many commas.

*Turn down the heat. People like to be warm, but most people actually sleep better and longer in a cooler room. Turn down the thermostat, pile on less blankets, and see how that can actually make you feel more rested when you wake up.

*Minimize not only water, but especially caffeine after dinner. Caffeine keeps you up and water can make you get up from sleep to use the bathroom. (Submitted by Betty Dean. Written by Harvey Hahn, MD. Used by permission from www.lifeandhealth.org. Courtesy of LifeSpring - Resources for Hope and Healing Stuart, VA)

Free school meals can help bridge the gap as SNAP Emergency Allotments end

This week is National School Breakfast Week and No Kid Hungry is encouraging parents in the south Virginia area to fill out free school meal applications to help reduce food costs in the wake of emergency SNAP benefits ending.

Free school meals can help eligible families save \$11 to \$39 per month on grocery bills, according to an analysis by the National Bureau of Economic Research. This year, children with families at or below 185 percent of the poverty level are eligible for free meals.

"Applying for school meals is more important than ever before," said Sarah Steely, direc-

tor of No Kid Hungry Virginia. "While they can't replace all the funds families received through the emergency SNAP benefits, free school meals can help parents save money on groceries that can cover other necessities, while also providing important nourishment for students. Children can't learn on an empty stomach. Please apply now."

As of March 1, families no longer receive pandemic-era emergency SNAP allotments, which increased the monthly benefit amount for SNAP recipients.

The average SNAP recipient received around \$90 in additional benefits each month

thanks to the allotment, according to The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. The funds helped parents combat the loss of jobs and wages during the peak of the pandemic, and more recently helped offset the rising inflation and high food prices.

Although the emergency allotment is ending, families can find support by applying for school meal assistance through their local school district or access information regarding statewide and local resources by contacting 2-1-1 Virginia or visiting the Virginia Department of Social Services' food and other nutritional assistance webpages.

HRMS announces winners of Spelling Bee



Kylee Childress won the spelling bee at Hardin Reynolds Memorial School (HRMS).



The top three winners of the HRMS spelling bee are (left to right), Ronald Davis (3rd place), Kylee Childress (winner), and Rylan Montgomery (2nd place).

Kylee Childress emerged as the winner of the Hardin Reynolds Memorial School's (HRMS's) school wide spelling bee on January 18. Students from grades 4-7 participated to determine the top spelling champion.

Kylee is a sixth grader who enjoys going to church, writing, and playing the piano. She is a member of the Jr. Beta and Bible Clubs at HRMS. Kylee is the daughter of Christy and Jacob Keffer. She enjoys hunting

with her dad, spending time with little sister Paisley, and getting coffee with her mom.

"I am a Christian who loves Jesus. I give God all of the glory for winning the school spelling bee," Kylee said.

Seventh grader Rylan Montgomery is the runner-up winner and fifth grader Ronald Davis placed third. Congratulations to these spellers!

The school also recognized all of the top classroom spellers who participated, including

Mason Leath, Halo Martin, Bentley Rowe, Wyatt Barlowe, Madison Watts, Braiden Brooks, Mason Whitlow, Jada Stump, Aiden Hagwood, Bentlee Davis, Jensen Harbour, Avalynn Huffman, Jake Holt, Leila Stephany, Cooper Wikstrom, Jennifer Stowe, Noah Jenkins, Asher Vaughn, Ariana Hagwood, Paul Matthews, Gabby Reynolds, Cali Biggs, Lily Pritt, Madison Purdy, Jayson Turney, and Sky Evans.

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 - Cutting Social Security Will Make Me Lose My Home!

Dear Rusty: Politicians are talking about taking money from Social Security, but I need that money to support my daughter and pay for my home. I'm a widow, and my husband passed in 2017. I'll lose my home if my Social Security benefits are cut. Please help. Signed: Widowed Senior

Dear Widowed Senior: Despite what you might read or hear in the media, the main threat for you to lose any of your Social Security money is if Social Security is not reformed. In that case, everyone who receives benefits will see a cut of about 23% to their monthly benefit starting in about 2034. The way to avoid that is by updating the current Social Security law to address two primary issues:

1. People now live much longer than when Social Security was enacted in 1935 and when the last major program change occurred in 1983. Average life expectancy of beneficiaries today is mid-80s, compared to mid-60s when the program started. In other words, people now collect benefits for much longer (often decades longer) than the program is designed to support.

2. The number of workers contributing to the program is growing much slower than the growth in beneficiaries receiving benefits. That means the ratio of contributors to recipients is much less now than it has been in the past, which means program costs are growing faster than incoming revenue.

Reality is that reform is necessary now to avoid cuts to everyone's benefits later. But here's a very important point that should comfort you - any reform enacted will almost certainly affect only those who have not yet claimed their Social Security benefits. That means you should not be affected because you're already receiving benefits, and you will continue to do so at the same amount except for the increases you will get from Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA). Every Social Security change ever made has affected only future beneficiaries, not current ones. The only real threat to your Social Security benefit is if no changes are made and, even then, any cuts wouldn't happen until about 2034.

So please rest assured that your personal Social Security benefits will not be cut. Anything you hear now implying otherwise is a scare tactic designed to make headlines for political gain. The program must be reformed or face insolvency in a bit more than 10 years, and that is what both Republicans and Democrats want to prevent. The difference between the parties is that one side wants to solve the problem mainly by raising Social Security payroll taxes on workers, whereas the other side wants to adjust the program to deal with the above two factors causing the problem. What is needed is bipartisan cooperation to reach a compromise, which Congress will hopefully eventually achieve. They already know how to fix Social Security; they just need to find the bipartisan spirit needed to do so. For its part, the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) has, for years, proposed changes which would restore Social Security to full solvency without raising taxes on American workers, and AMAC's proposal has been well received by many in Congress. If you wish to review AMAC's proposal, please go to www.amac.us/social-security/.

In any case, contrary to what you might hear in the media, your current Social Security benefits should not be negatively affected by any future Social Security reform enacted.

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PCHS committee hosts Prom Dodgeball

By Maria Turner
Student Intern

Patrick County High School's Prom Committee hosted a dodgeball tournament March 3 as a fundraiser for the 2023 Junior and Senior Prom. There were 6 teams in the student division and 9 adult teams. Each team paid \$40 to enter the tournament.

Many supporters and students came out to watch the tournament for \$5 per person. The sponsors and students on the Prom Committee worked together to organize and work the event. The Prom Committee ran the concession stand, took up money for admissions, admitted adult and student teams, sold raffle tickets, and updated the brackets.

The tournament began at 7 p.m. and ended after about an hour and a half. The winners included Red Fern Services for the adult division and the Blue Ballers for the student division.

Although a final profit has not been confirmed, Ashley Nowlin, a Prom Committee sponsor, said, "Just by admission cost, team registration fees, and 50/50 raffle tickets alone, we made around \$3,500-\$3,700." The money raised will go exclusively towards funding the prom. This includes the cost of the venue, vendors, and decorations.

The Prom Committee will not be doing any other fundraisers for the 2023 Junior and Senior Prom, but donations are appreciated and can be delivered to Patrick County High School.



The winning teams of PCHS' Prom Committee's Dodgeball Tournament are pictured. The event raised between \$3,500 and \$3,700. All of the proceeds will benefit the prom.

Social Media Lifestyle Influencer Encourages Ferrum College Students to "Find Things That Bring You Joy"



On Thursday, March 2, mental health advocate and social media lifestyle influencer Sydel Curry-Lee exclusively spoke to Ferrum College students and employees about balancing college life, mental health, and athletics as part of the College's JED Campus programming in support of student well-being and mental health. Curry-Lee, who was on campus for Mental Health Awareness Day and Women's Leadership Day, has over 700,000 Instagram followers with whom she shares her life while emphasizing mental health advocacy.

Curry-Lee became a mental health advocate because of her interest in psychology. "I always knew I was going to be a psychology major, even in high school," said Curry-Lee, who began her

mental health journey after an abusive relationship. She attended Elon University to study psychology and child development and play volleyball. After injuries—including a concussion that sidelined her freshman year—forced her early retirement from volleyball, Curry-Lee worked to find an identity outside of being a student-athlete.

"When I stopped playing, I went through a struggle of not knowing who I was and not knowing how to deal with all of the mental health issues I was faced with. At the time, social media was a place where people could go to relate to others and to feel less alone. I couldn't find anyone who was speaking authentically about what they were going through. I wanted to be that person for someone else," explained Curry-Lee.

A friend convinced Curry-Lee to begin posting mental health related content on her Instagram account and after seeing how many people were making content creation their full time careers, Curry-Lee decided to quit her job and give social media a try. She received positive feedback from her followers and built her own community to not only help

others, but to also help herself.

Now, Curry-Lee posts her content on a variety of different platforms. In addition to her Instagram account, she has a YouTube vlog channel titled "A Curry Girl" and a TikTok account. Curry-Lee also produces a podcast, "Because Life", on which everyday people share stories about their lives and a licensed therapist offers input. In addition, Curry-Lee, has a young son, Daxon, with her husband, Phoenix Suns professional basketball player Dameron Lee, and is the co-owner Domaine Curry Wine, which she owns with her sister-in-law, Ayesha Curry.

With all she has going on, Curry-Lee has difficulties finding balance. "In the influencer space, you're constantly comparing yourself to what others are doing. You have to stay on trends, and grow. Because I struggle with my mental health, I sometimes struggle with being an influencer because I'm not like everyone else. To find balance, I take time for myself, and I'm honest with my audience if I do take a social media break," said Curry-Lee.

Curry-Lee hopes that the Ferrum College students are able to relate to her because she's been in their shoes before. "I went to school for four years and was a student-athlete. Even though it's been six years [since I was a student], I still remember

what it's like to be in that position. Freshman year, I went in with high hopes of contributing to my team and making friends in my dorm, and just having great expectations for myself. Not everything worked out the way that I wanted it to, and that's normal with anyone's journey. No one is going to completely do what they envision for themselves, and that's okay," she said.

Curry-Lee offered advice to students who are struggling with mental health. "Take advantage of the resources that are available on campus. Every school has a counselor, and it's a great place to start. Talking with a counselor was the first step in my therapy journey. I also recommend telling someone how you're feeling, and to say it out loud. Don't make any irrational decisions until you have spoken to someone about it," she advised.

She also encouraged student-athletes to find hobbies outside of their sport and other activities that will make them happy. "Start finding things that bring you joy, and bring that into your post-grad career. It's going to be a big change," concluded Curry-Lee.

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Late caution—again—lifts William Byron to NASCAR Cup victory at Phoenix



William Byron, driver of the #24 Valvoline Chevrolet, drives during the NASCAR Cup Series United Rentals Work United 500 at Phoenix Raceway on March 12, 2023 in Avondale, Arizona. (Photo by Meg Oliphant/Getty Images)

By Reid Spencer
NASCAR Wire Service
Kyle Larson and Kevin Harvick hate late-race cautions.

William Byron loves them. After a two-tire call under the fourth caution flag in Sunday's United Rentals Work United 500 at Phoenix Raceway, Byron surged past Hendrick Motorsports teammate Kyle Larson in overtime to win his second straight NASCAR Cup Series race.

Byron can thank Ford drivers Aric Almirola and Harrison Burton, who on successive weekends spun with a handful of laps left—at Las Vegas and Phoenix, respectively—and gave Byron a chance to capitalize on the opportunity.

As a result, Byron had his second victory of the season and a guaranteed ticket into the Cup Series Playoff. The driver of the No. 24 Chevrolet won for the first time at Phoenix and for the sixth time in his career.

Byron credited crew chief Rudy Fugle with the two-tire call that got him out front with a chance to win.

"Owe the last couple weeks to him," said Byron, who also won at Las Vegas on two fresh tires. "He's done a really good job strategy-wise, and execution-wise we've done a

good job to put ourselves in those positions on the front row with a shot at the end.

"Thanks to everybody back at Hendrick Motorsports, putting together great cars, doing a great job. This is a big credit to them, engine shop, (team owner Rick) Hendrick, everybody."

Harvick leaves his best track with a mountain of frustration as tall as spectator-friendly Rattlesnake Hill at the east end of the 1.0-mile speedway. That he posted his 20th straight top 10 at Phoenix—a NASCAR Cup record for a single track—was of scant consolation.

"It's what I would have done," Harvick said of crew chief Rodney Childers' four-tire call. "I'd always rather be on offense. I just didn't get a couple cars when that first caution came out. Kind of lost our chance. Still thought I had a chance there at the end. Those cars were quite a bit slower. They get all jammed up.

"That's the way it goes. Just smoked 'em up until the caution. They did a great job with our Hunt Brothers Pizza Ford Mustang. Didn't need the caution at the end." Harvick had a commanding lead when Burton spun at the start/finish line on Lap 302 of 312. Harvick

took four new tires on the ensuing pit stop but came out seventh behind Larson, Byron, Ryan Blaney, Ross Chastain, Kyle Busch and Denny Hamlin—all of whom opted for two tires.

Larson took the lead on a Lap 310 restart, but an accident on the backstretch involving Noah Gragson, Ty Gibbs and AJ Allmendinger forced overtime, and Byron grabbed the lead after the restart on Lap 316.

Blaney and Tyler Reddick, who had taken four tires, also got past Larson during the two-lap overtime to finish second and third, with Larson holding fourth. Harvick came home fifth after leading 36 laps.

For the first two stages, it appeared Larson and Byron would decide the race between them. Byron grabbed the lead from his teammate on Lap 2 and held it thought the end of Stage 1 on Lap 60. During the stage break, Larson regained the top spot under caution, taking advantage of the No. 1 pit stall he earned for winning the pole on Saturday.

Larson dominated the second stage on the way to leading a race-high 201 laps. But Harvick beat Byron off pit road for the second position during the Stage 2 break and kept Larson in his sights. After an exchange of green-flag pit stops that saw Harvick gain considerable ground, Harvick closed on Larson.

With NASCAR's new lower-downforce competition package in use for the first time, the driver of the No.

5 Chevrolet struggled in traffic, and Harvick closed in. When Larson had difficulty passing Justin Haley and Austin Cindric in succession, Harvick was on his bumper.

On Lap 269, Harvick made the pass for the lead and pulled away to an advantage of nearly four seconds before Burton's spin slowed the field.

Though Larson held the lead after one late restart, the second time proved the charm for Byron. For the second straight week Larson was frustrated. At Las Vegas, he lost a big lead when Almirola hit the wall. At Phoenix, he was mad at himself.

"Restarts are just tough," Larson said. "I felt like I ran William up pretty high. I was expecting him to lose some grip. But he did a really good job of holding it to my outside, clearing me down the back.

"Yeah, I'm pissed off. Great fight by the team, great car—way better than we were here last year. Yeah, I mean, it's a long season, but hopefully we're in the Final 4 (Championship 4 race) when we come back here in November and can have a run similar to that with speed and try to execute a little bit better at the end."

Christopher Bell ran sixth, and defending race winner Chase Briscoe finished seventh after a slow start. Kyle Busch was eighth, and Hendrick drivers Alex Bowman and Josh Berry (subbing for injured Chase Elliott) were ninth and 10th.

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Bass Fishing Team competes in tournament



Pictured are Zach Heath and David Bryant members of the Patrick & Henry Community College Bass Fishing Team. Heath brought home Big Fish honors and a cash prize. Their lunker of the day was weighed in as their 9.99 pound limit and anchored by a 4.82 kicker. They are all members of BASS Nation of Virginia as well as members of Collegiate Major League Fishing (MLF) the largest tournament fishing network in the world. The weigh in was held at Oconeechee State Park, Clarksville, Virginia and James Madison University brought home first place with 15.92 pounds. (Photo courtesy of BASS Nation of Virginia.)

By Sandra Heath
Congratulations to PCHS recent graduates & members of the Patrick & Henry Community College Bass Fishing Team Zach Heath and David Bryant and Ethan Hubbard, and fishing partner Shelby Rigney. They competed and fought windy

conditions in their First BASS Nation of Virginia Collegiate Championship tournament at Kerr/Buggs Island Lake against 10 other college fishing teams including James Madison University, Virginia Tech, Liberty and more.

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Let the Storm Rage On

By Robin Reichelt

Patrick County Master Gardener

It was March 4th and you'd been watching Disney's Frozen with your kids, but it was 50 degrees outside and sunny. It sure didn't feel like winter, and yet we know that winter may not be over. The average last frost date for this area is April 28th, according to the Farmer's Almanac.

The urge to plant your garden was strong. It was a warm, sunny day and so you planted. You weren't worried. Unlike Elsa, your touch won't turn your surroundings into a winter storm. You were going to get an early start on your garden.

The weather was supposed to be nice for the next week and then the temperatures were supposed to drop. We were going to get a hard frost or maybe even worse a freeze. So, the timing is a little off. You have to protect your plants. But how?

Frost or freeze?

First you need to understand the difference between a frost and a freeze. The difference helps to determine what steps you'll take to save your precious plants and battle those cold northern temperatures, even if the cold doesn't bother you.

A frost happens when the sky is clear, and the winds are calm. The temperatures near the ground become colder, dropping below 33 degree F, and the air higher above the ground is warmer. This causes a temperature inversion.

A freeze occurs when winds accompany cold air. The wind is usually above 5 mph, and the cold air is

below 32 degrees F.

So now you know the difference, how does this help? This knowledge will allow you to make a better decision on what protection to use for which event.

What can be done?

One of the first and easiest things to do is ensure that your plants are well watered. A drought stressed plant is more susceptible to the cold. This goes for either a frost or a freeze. The moist soil will hold on to the heat longer and release it more slowly than dry ground. Notice I said moist, not wet.

Make sure you are not tilling the ground before a frost or freeze for the same reason. Freshly cultivated ground losses moisture, allows cold air to penetrate deeper into the ground and exposes tender roots to the cold.

You are going to have to cover your plants. Again, the best way to cover will depend on the cold event.

For a frost, you can cover with row covers. The three most popular types of row covers are plastic-covered trenches, floating row covers, and low tunnels which are hoop supported. Any of these will work well in a frost with no wind. All of them trap radiant heat from the ground around your plants and help to keep the temperature above 32 degrees.

It is key to remove them as soon as the temperatures rise above freezing as heat will build up quickly under them.

However, your hope for an easy solution is dashed when the weather report predicts and a freeze with

wind gusts of 30 mph -- more like a scene from Frozen.

Now what?

There are a couple of things you could do. If you have only planted a few plants you could dig them back up and put them in a cold frame. These are usually glass or plastic covered frames that sit on the ground and are not heated.

Or you could pot your plants and move them to a garage or into the house until the weather warms up.

You could put cloches on your plants. These mini greenhouses work well if you only have a few plants to cover. They are heavier because they are usually made of glass, so the raging wind won't touch your plant and they shouldn't blow away.

However, they can be expensive. A cheaper version of the cloche is to

cover your plants with clear plastic tubs, but you'll need to weigh them down to keep the wind from blowing them away. A couple of bricks placed on top should do the trick even if Elsa has lost her temper and a storm is raging.

Another option is to put up hoop houses. These are semi-permanent structures similar to low tunnels. Hoop house are very effective for freezes. They provide wind protection and retain heat. They are secured to the ground so they shouldn't blow away in a raging wind. They are more expensive and time consuming to put up and secure, but can be reused as the need arises.

So, as you can see, there are options that will protect your plants should a frost or freeze be forecasted.

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OBITUARIES

Linda Darlene Gilley

Linda Darlene Gilley, 73, of Patrick Springs, Va passed away on Sunday March 12, 2023 at her home. She was born on November 30, 1949 to the late Christine Manning Fain and Lee Fain. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her brother, J.L. Fain.

She worked at Stanley and Bassett Furniture and was a loving mother and grandmother.

Surviving are her son Scottie Gilley SR of Critz, VA, one sister, Pat Nowlin of Fieldale, VA, two brothers, Doug Fain of Bassett, VA, Tim Fain of Collinsville, VA and one grandson, Scottie Gilley JR.

All service will be private. Norris Funeral Services in Stuart is serving the Gilley family. Online condolences may be made at www.norrisfuneral.com.

Mary Kathleen "Kat" Knowles Layman

Mrs. Mary Kathleen "Kat" Knowles Layman, age 89 of Stuart, passed away Saturday, March 11, 2023, at Northern Regional Hospital in Mt. Airy, NC. She was born on May 15, 1933, in Patrick County to the late David Early Knowles



and Louemma Puckett Knowles. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Billy Layman; one sister, Stella Harris; and three brothers, Roy Knowles, Jack Wilson, and David Early Knowles, Jr. Kat was a member of Community Primitive Baptist Church. She was a sweet loving lady who loved the Lord, her family, her children, her Boston Terriers thru the years and working in her many beautiful flower beds.

Surviving is one daughter and son-in-law, Laura and Chris Hausler of Meadows of Dan; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Doug and Wanda Layman of Stuart, Jeff Layman of Stuart; three grandchildren,

Heather Pendleton and husband, Chris, Jonathan Layman, Jacob Hausler; 6 great grandchildren, Halley, Karson, Maddie, Emma Rose, Adelyn, Harley; one brother and sister-in-law, Pat and Barbara Knowles of Meadows of Dan; special friends, Ruth Wingfield and Alice Cobbler; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 11:00 AM at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart with Pastors Danny Redman and Page Cobbler officiating. Burial will follow in the Community Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Community Primitive Baptist Church c/o Brenda Ayers, 735 Clark House Farm Rd., Stuart, VA 24171. Online condolences may be sent to www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

Pioneers

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to see, because Christ came to save sinners." When Dove asked Lackey to come to church, he responded with hesitation that he would come. Lackey attended church that night, and he kept on coming back! On the last night of the revival, Dove asked for those who wanted to give their life to Christ to come forward. The small church was overflowing, and the aisles were crowded with people. Overcome with the Holy Spirit, Lackey stood on the back of the pew in front of him, with his baby daughter in his arms, going from pew back to pew back, until he reached the front of the church!

From the night of his conversion, Cain Lackey was a changed man. He had never learned to read or write, but now had a strong desire to learn more about the Christian faith. He asked Pastor Elgin for a Bible and proceeded to teach himself to read and write. He was later quoted as saying, "The Lord Jesus has been my teacher."

The same year as his conversion, Lackey married Miss Louvenia Carter, the daughter of Joseph and Mary Hylton Carter of Floyd County. Cain and Louvenia were both twenty-four years old. The year following their marriage, they added a

daughter named Ida Belle, followed the next year by their first son, James Paul, and a year later, Barney Lackey was born. The young couple now had three daughters and two sons. Tragedy struck again in 1900, when Louvenia died at the age of thirty.

Cain Lackey began the new century at the age of thirty-one, having buried two young wives, and two infant children. These were very hard times, but Lackey never lost his faith. He devoted his life to caring for his family by farming and sawmilling and evangelizing to those that reminded him of himself before his conversion. It was not unusual to find Lackey preaching openly to the drinking men at a "corn husking."

In 1904, Lackey married Miss Hattie Virginia Elgin, the daughter of Alfred Elgin and America Houchins of the Woolwine community. Coincidentally, Hattie was the sister to the minister who had called Cain Lackey "the worst man in the county" only ten years before!

Next week, we will conclude our journey with Cain Lackey by learning more about his life in the ministry. Thank you again to Andy Doss. Woody may be reached at rockcastlecreek1@gmail.com or 276-692-9626.

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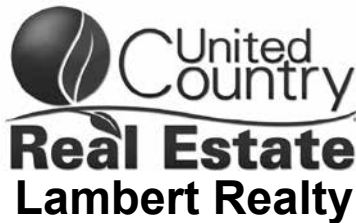
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Red Bank Ruritan Club welcomes new members, presents Youth Award



At its March 7 meeting, the president (far right) and other members of the Red Bank Ruritan Club welcomed seven new members.



Red Bank Ruritan Club's 2022 Youth Award was presented to Ryan Chaney.

Musical Theatre Senior Sarah Laliberte Performs Flashes of Life

Last month, Ferrum College Musical Theatre major Sarah Laliberte took to the stage in Sale Theatre on February 24 and 25 to perform *Flashes of Life: The Story of Lee Miller, Model Turned Photographer*, a one-person show she wrote, produced, and performed for her senior capstone project.

The play chronologically tells the story of Lee Miller, who was a New York fashion model in the 1920s before becoming a fashion and fine arts photographer in Paris. After the

outbreak of World War II, Miller began a career in photojournalism as a war photographer for *Vogue*, taking some of the most famous images of the war.

Laliberte was inspired to tell Miller's story after Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts and Program Director Rebecca Crocker sent her an article about Miller. Crocker thought that Miller's story would be a good fit for Laliberte, who was immediately intrigued. "The more I researched about her, the more I thought she was really interesting," said Laliberte, who was able to connect to Miller to tell her story in her own way.

Laliberte included personal photos in her show. One photo that was very special to her was a photo of her father, who unexpectedly died of cancer during the spring of her freshman year. "He was never able to see me perform so this is a dedication to him. He really meant a lot to me," said Laliberte.

Crocker explains the importance of Laliberte and other students being able to put on their own shows. "The thing I love about this idea is that students can take this project and make their own work in the world.



It's a very powerful process, and can be pretty frustrating sometimes, but at the curtain call it is worth it. I am incredibly proud of Sarah, and I think she has really proven to herself that she has the ability to make it out there," said Crocker.

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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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Public Notice

The Patrick County Planning Commission will be having a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The location of the public hearing will be at the Patrick & Henry Community College in the Community Room.

The purpose of the hearing is to amend the Land Use section of the 2021 Comprehensive Plan to include the use of residential, commercial, and utility scale renewable energy by providing for the location of solar generator facilities while minimizing the impact of such facilities on Patrick County's view shed and the County's natural, agricultural, scenic, tourism and cultural resources.

Any citizen of this county shall have the right to state his or her views regarding this amendment to the Land Use section of the 2021 Comprehensive Plan.

Authorized by: Patrick County Planning Commission

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF PATRICK

COUNTY OF PATRICK, VIRGINIA,
a Political Subdivision of
the Commonwealth of Virginia,
Complainant,
v.
JAMES F. NOLEN, ET AL.,
Respondent(s).

Case No. CL22-651

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Patrick, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Patrick, Virginia, described as follows:

Tax Map No. 4910-(-)-138-
Account No. 18367

All of that certain lot or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon located and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying in the Mayo River Magisterial District of Patrick County, Virginia, and being more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at a point on the northeastern margin of State Road 682; said point being 372.61 feet northwest of the intersection of State Road 682 and a 50 foot proposed street and running along said margin of State Road 682 North 34° 47' West 125 feet to a point; thence leaving said margin North 39° 57' East 246.02 feet to a point; thence South 36° 54' East 148.86 feet to a point; thence South 45° 38' West 246.28 feet to the point of beginning and being known as Lot four (4) as shown on a plat of survey for John D. Maselli as made by A.M. Barnard, C.L.S., dated June 21, 1977 and of record in Patrick County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Plat Book 13, Page 34. And being the same real property conveyed to James F. Nolen and Peggy A. Nolen from Nationwide Homes, Inc. by Deed dated September 7, 1982 and recorded on September 10, 1982 in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Patrick County, Virginia in Deed Book 229, Page 124. This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Deed Book 144, Page 412; Deed Book 162, Page 238; Deed Book 173, Page 510.

IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: James F. Nolen, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 3271 Big A School Rd., Stuart, Virginia 24171; Peggy A. Nolen, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Otis Lee Bowman, whose last known address is 91 Pole Bridge Rd., Stuart, Virginia 24171; Wanda Gail Nolen Gray, whose last known address is 2275 New Hope Rd., Stuart, Virginia 24171; Margaret Ann Nolen Sowder, whose last known address is 2954 Iron Bridge Rd., Stuart, Virginia 24171; Shannon N. Marshall, whose last known address is 3211 Big A School Rd., Stuart, Virginia 24171; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby

ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before April 17, 2023 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Patrick, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered on the 6th day of March, 2023.

Mary Beth Tolson
Clerk

I Ask For This:
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Phoenix

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Chevrolet drivers have won all four Cup races this season.

NASCAR Cup Series Race - United Rentals Work United 500
Phoenix Raceway
Avondale, Arizona
Sunday, March 12, 2023

- 1. (3) William Byron, Chevrolet, 317.
- 2. (8) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 317.
- 3. (12) Tyler Reddick, Toyota, 317.
- 4. (1) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 317.
- 5. (15) Kevin Harvick,

- Ford, 317.
- 6. (5) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 317.
- 7. (24) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 317.
- 8. (9) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 317.
- 9. (18) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 317.
- 10. (17) Josh Berry(i), Chevrolet, 317.
- 11. (16) Joey Logano, Ford, 317.
- 12. (25) Ryan Preece, Ford, 317.
- 13. (7) Michael McDowell, Ford, 317.
- 14. (19) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 317.
- 15. (21) Chris Buescher, Ford, 317.
- 16. (30) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 317.
- 17. (13) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 317.
- 18. (4) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 317.
- 19. (23) Ricky

- Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, 317.
- 20. (22) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 317.
- 21. (10) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, 317.
- 22. (11) Daniel Suarez, Chevrolet, 317.
- 23. (2) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 317.
- 24. (6) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 317.
- 25. (20) Austin Cindric, Ford, 316.
- 26. (28) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 316.
- 27. (26) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 316.
- 28. (14) Ty Gibbs#, Toyota, 316.
- 29. (32) Noah Gragson #, Chevrolet, 316.
- 30. (35) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 315.
- 31. (34) Zane Smith(i), Ford, 315.
- 32. (29) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 314.

- 33. (31) Aric Almirola, Ford, 313.
 - 34. (36) Cody Ware, Ford, 311.
 - 35. (27) Harrison Burton, Ford, 310.
 - 36. (33) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, Fuel Pump, 50.
- Average Speed of Race Winner: 105.491 mph.
Time of Race: 3 Hrs, 0 Mins, 18 Secs. Margin of Victory: 0.330 Seconds.
Caution Flags: 5 for 35 laps.
Lead Changes: 10 among 6 drivers.
Lap Leaders: K. Larson 1;W. Byron 2-63;K. Larson 64-118;R. Chastain 119;B. Keselowski 120;K. Larson 121-246;E. Jones 247-260;K. Larson 261-268;K. Harvick 269-304;K. Larson 305-315;W. Byron 316-317.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION Case No. CL22000651-00

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
PATRICK CIRCUIT COURT
101 W. BLUE RIDGE STREET, STUART, VA 24171
COUNTY OF PATRICK, VIRGINIA v. JAMES F. NOLEN, ET ALS
The object of this suit is to:
ENFORCE THE LIEN OF THE COMPLAINANT FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
It is ORDERED that THE PARTIES UNKNOWN WHOSE LOCATION CANNOT BE ASCERTAINED appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before APRIL 17, 2023
MARCH 6, 2023

Mary Beth Tolson
TOLSON
CLERK

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE

172 Vesta Church Road, Meadows of Dan, VA 24120
By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated June 19, 2015 and recorded at Instrument Number 150000978 in the Clerk's Office for the Patrick County Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally \$135,801.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Circuit Court for Patrick County located at 101 W Blue Ridge Street, Stuart, VA 24171.

April 12, 2023 at 2:00 PM
improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit:
ALL of that certain tract of land, together with the improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being in Blue Ridge Magisterial District of Patrick County, Virginia, being Lot #1 containing 5.4546 acres as shown on that survey entitled "MARK L. WOOD & HEATHER WOOD" prepared by Fork Mountain Surveying and Mapping, Inc. dated April 20, 2015, to be recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Patrick County, Virginia, simultaneously herewith. AND as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of \$20,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at the time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of \$470.00 for review of the settlement documents.
Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.
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Meetings

Wednesday, March 15
 The Stuart Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the town office.

Monday, March 20
 The Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) local board meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the Hooker Exhibit Hall, Frith Economic Development Center.

Wednesday, March 22
 The Patrick County Economic Development Authority (EDA) will meet at 7 p.m. in the second-floor meeting room of the Patrick County Administration Building.

Events

Wednesday, March 15
 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.

Thursday, March 16
 The Patrick County Republican Committee will meet at 6 p.m. in the Motorsports Hall of Fame Auditorium at the end of Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) Stuart site.

Friday, March 17
 The Woolwine Methodist Church food truck will be at the Fairystone Fire Department from 3-5 p.m.

Saturday, March 18
 Xperience Youth Rally, Patrick County High School Auditorium, 6 p.m., Corey Ball is the speaker. A drama will be presented by Redemption Point Church. The PCHS Praise & Worship Team will be featured.

Country breakfast, from 6:30-10 a.m. at the Fairystone Volunteer Fire Department. Adult plates are \$10 each and child plates are \$5 each. All to go plates are \$10 each. To call in an order, call (276) 930-2113.

The Collinstown-Stateline Community Building in Westfield, NC, will hold its annual Chicken Stew starting at 4 p.m. Food will be carry-out only, and donations will be accepted.

The Ararat Ruritan Club will hold a sausage and pancake breakfast with beverage from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Plates are \$8 each and can be eat in or take out. Proceeds will benefit the club's scholarship fund.

Tuesday, March 21
 The Dobyns Community Crime Watch meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the Dobyns Community Center. The guest speaker will be Inv. Jason Kruse speaking on internet crimes against children.

The Patrick County Planning Commission will hold a sub-committee work session at 4 p.m. in

the Community Room of the Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC), Stuart site.

Thursday, March 23
 An informational meeting to gauge interest in the Stuart area for a new Ruritan club will be held at 7 p.m. in the community room of Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC). This will be the 3rd in a series of informational meetings.

Saturday, March 25
 The Colonel Abram Penn and Patrick Henry Chapters Daughters of the American Revolution will conduct a genealogy workshop from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Stuart Library.

Batts Blooming Blessings Farm will hold a fundraiser for the Homebound and homeschool prom. The event starts at 11 a.m. and includes a fish fry/bake sale and a free petting zoo. Plates are \$8 each, and combos with dessert and drink are \$10 each. A cake walk with a \$5 entry fee will also be held. For more information, call Shavonda Redd Teague at (276) 229-5569.

Sunday, March 26
 Mountain View Church, 3639 Mountain View Road, Meadows of Dan, will hold a community meal free of charge at 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 1
 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.

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.

Saturday, April 8
 Patrick Springs Pentecostal Holiness Church will hold a Community Easter Egg Hunt from 2-4 p.m.

Ongoing

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. Various items are raffled off at \$10 or \$20 per limited chance. There are 30-35 chances on each raffle. Prize values range from \$150 to \$400. 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 Stuart Elementary School Running Club will hit the pavements along the sidewalks in town on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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

Beginning tai-Chi classes, especially for seniors, will be offered at the Hooker Building at Rotary Field in Stuart on Mondays and Thursdays. Monday hours are from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and Thursday hours are from 3-4 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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Youth Art Month celebrated with library exhibit

Art teachers in Patrick County schools hosted a reception at the Patrick County Public Library on March 9 for Youth Art Month (YAM) show, which met with success, according to Grace Helms, an art teacher.

"The night was full of laughter and scavenger hunts. Music was provided by Cedar Wade, a young musician that plays the fiddle," said Helms. "A lyrical dance performance was given by Abigail Lavinder, a sophomore at PCHS."

Art teachers "would like to thank

the young artists, families, patrons, and library staff. We appreciate Garry Clifton and the Patrick County Library team for allowing us to do the show. We had approximately 130 people attend the show," Helms said.

Sam Edmonson, Library Storytime director, procured refreshments and helped out in other ways, Helms said.

The four art teachers in Patrick schools are Cynthia Ballard, who serves Blue Ridge and Woolwine elementary schools; Pepper Mar-

tin, who serves Hardin Reynolds Memorial and Patrick Springs Primary schools; Kassandra Dalton, who serves students in Meadows of Dan and Stuart elementary schools, and Helms, who works with Patrick County High School students.

"Many thanks to all that came and supported the young artists," Helms said, adding the show runs in the library through the end of March. "Go by and see it," she said.



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Quilting group makes gifts for preschoolers



Members of the Mountain View Piece Makers delivered quilts to Meadows of Dan preschoolers in late January.

By Taylor Boyd

To help out in the community, a Meadows of Dan group has created quilts for local preschoolers.

The Mountain View Piece Makers of the Mountain View Church have been making quilts for youngsters for about four years.

Mary Locke said for a long time, there weren't any preschoolers.

"We heard there was a group of preschoolers about four years ago, and we decided to give to them and so we've been doing it ever since," she said.

Locke said five quilts were

made this year.

"Last year I think we did eight, and the year before that we did nine. We've made about 26 quilts in total. Just however many preschoolers they have are" how many we make, she said.

Locke said the quilts are used by the children during naptime at school.

"Then, they get to keep them for the rest of their lives," she said.

The project started as a way to help the school.

"We couldn't do it for everybody. We're all just trying to help out in the community," she said.

Locke said she has also made quilts for sick children to cuddle up in while they wait for their parents to come get them.

"We love doing it and we love seeing the children's faces when their name is called, and they realize that they're

getting a quilt, and they get to pick it. We just love their enthusiasm and excitement. It makes them feel good and it makes us feel good," she said.

The group started in 2011 as a way of getting people together to sew. There are currently five members and one potential member.

"We make quilts for people in need. We started making quilts to give to people that maybe their house burned or maybe they're sick," she said.

The group also makes and gives quilts to Heritage Hall Laurel Meadows and Blue Ridge Therapy Connection.

Locke said the group also gave clothes and protectors to nursing home residents.

"We've even gone to the nursing home there in Stuart with our machines and did some sewing and ladies that are there in the nursing

home came and visited with us," she said.

Locke said the quilt designs are decided by the fabric the group buys and receives as a donation.

"So, a lot of times if you're looking at the fabric itself, the prints on it, and the kind will dictate it. If it's busy then maybe you'd want to put a little bit of solid in with it and that brings in an idea," she said.

All the quilters also have a preference of what type of quilt they prefer to do. Locke said one lady likes to do half-inch squares and another likes to do different sized squares.

"I think the fabric talks to us really," she added.

Those wishing to donate to the group can do so by making out a check to the Mountain View Church with the memo line "Mountain View Piece Makers."

Symposium attracts more than 80, as Master Gardeners announce spring events

More than 80 people attended the Patrick County Master Gardeners' 14th annual symposium on Saturday March 11. Dr. Patrick McMillan gave an enjoyable presentation on Native Plants and Hummingbirds.

Mark your calendar for upcoming Master Gardener events that include:

The first Learning Garden workshop



of 2023 begins at 10 a.m. on April 8th at 1208 Tudor Orchard Road. Topics will be soil, and scoop on poop. The event is free and open to the public.

The Master Gardener's Annual

Plant Sale will be held on Saturday April 29 Rotary Building, which is located on Woodland Drive in Stuart. The sale gets underway at 8 a.m. and ends at noon.

An Agricultural Fair also will be held at Rotary Field from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 29.

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