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## School board seat up for grabs

By Taylor Boyd

So far, no one has officially entered the race for the Peters Creek District on the Patrick County School Board in the Nov. 7 election.

The seat is currently held by incumbent Ryan Lawson.

He has not submitted the necessary paperwork for reelection, according to Patrick County Registrar Susan Taylor.

Lawson's district was among those to change in the 2022 re-districting.

If he does file for a seat on the Patrick County School Board, Lawson would face incumbent Shannon Harrell for the Blue Ridge District seat. Harrell has already filed the necessary paperwork, Taylor said.

Those who may be interested in seeking the post must com-

plete a certificate of candidate qualification form, campaign finance documents, the appropriate statement of economic interest form, a declaration of candidacy form, and a petition of qualified voters, Taylor said.

"There are five things that they have to fill out," she said.

If a candidate does not make it onto the ballot, Taylor said a resident of the Peters Creek District could run a write-in campaign.

"They are held to a different standard. They don't have to do the petitions, but they would have to do a statement of organization if they declared candidacy as a write-in," she said.

If that does not happen, Taylor said the school board would follow Virginia Code 24.2-228, which states the remaining

members of the board may appoint a qualified voter of the election district in which the vacancy occurred to fill the vacancy within 45 days of the office becoming vacant if a vacancy occurs.

"If a majority of the remaining members of the body or board cannot agree, or do not act, the judges of the circuit court of the county or city may make the appointment. Notwithstanding any charter provisions to the contrary, the person so appointed shall hold office only until the qualified voters fill the vacancy by special election" and "the person so elected has qualified," she said.

Lawson could not be reached for comment.

The deadline to file is June 20 at 7 p.m.

## Expiration date on proposed solar project is part of the process

By Debbie Hall

An official with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) says the expiration date listed on certain documents related to proposed solar projects is part of the process.

"There is no expiration date for an NOI," Aaron Proctor, Communications Manager for the DEQ said of a Notice of Intent. "NOIs may be withdrawn by the applicant but DEQ does not withdraw NOIs without a request from the applicant."

At least one company - Fairy Stone Solar, LLC - has filed a NOI for a project in Patrick County, according to DEQ records which indicate the document was received on December 10, 2021. A notice was published in the Virginia Register of Regulations on January 31, 2022, as required by law, according to previous reports.

At a recent meeting of the Patrick County Board of Supervisors, a resident said he received a copy of DEQ's Small Renewable Energy Projects Local Governing Body Certification Form, which was dated Oct. 21, 2021, and signed by former county administrator Geri Hazelwood.

"The way I read it ..., the state said that the letter of intent would expire on Feb. 9, 2022," the resident said, adding that he believes the form is null and void if additional steps are not taken on the project.

While the form includes an expiry date, it "is only in regards to where it is posted on the Virginia Town Hall," Proctor wrote in an emailed response to The Enterprise.

"NOIs received by DEQ are published in the Virginia Register and posted on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall. Notices on Town Hall are posted for 30 days on the Townhall General Notices page under the Board, Department of Environmental Quality.

"After the initial 30 days, the notices are moved to the archived notices page," Proctor said. "We have NOIs that have been active for several years," he added.

A study and survey are currently underway as part of the due diligence process for

(See Expiration p. 4)

## Patrick County's long lost baseball team



The Camels played their home games near the east end of the current Mayo River Trail.

By Pat Delaney

In the 1930s, baseball was truly America's pastime and Patrick County was no exception. During those years, a local team made the front page of The Enterprise - every game, every week.

It started locally in 1931 when area leaders met at the Courthouse in Stuart to form a baseball club that would represent all of Patrick County. Previ-

ously, towns in Patrick County had teams that would play each other, but this new team would join the Bi-State League, made up of teams from both sides of the Virginia-North Carolina border. Stuart would join Fieldale, Martinsville, and Danville on the Virginia side, along with Reidsville and Leaksville from North Carolina.

During that meeting, a board of directors was named. It was

headed by team president, and local doctor, W.C. Akers, who several years before had opened the Stuart Hospital. Tapped to be the team's manager was L.B. Rucker, who would lead a roster made up of mostly Patrick County talent. Bi-State League rules required that 18 of the 20 players be local to 'develop hometown talent,' and keep pro and semi-pro players from joining teams.

The season - split into two, twenty-game halves - got off to a rough start for Stuart, with the team losing its first 15 games. According to The Enterprise

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## Stanley qualifies as the GOP nominee

State Sen. William M. "Bill" Stanley, Jr. R-Glade Hill, qualified to be on the November ballot as a candidate for the Republican Party in the newly drawn 7th State Senate

District. Stanley said he learned the information on Friday from Eric Phillips, chairman of the 7th Senate Legislative District Committee.

Phillips "also informed me that since no other candidate had filed for election for the Republican nomination, I am officially the Republican nominee for the 7th District," Stanley said. "I am truly honored to be the candidate for this senate seat, and I want to thank everyone who signed our petitions and worked so hard for us during the nomination process."

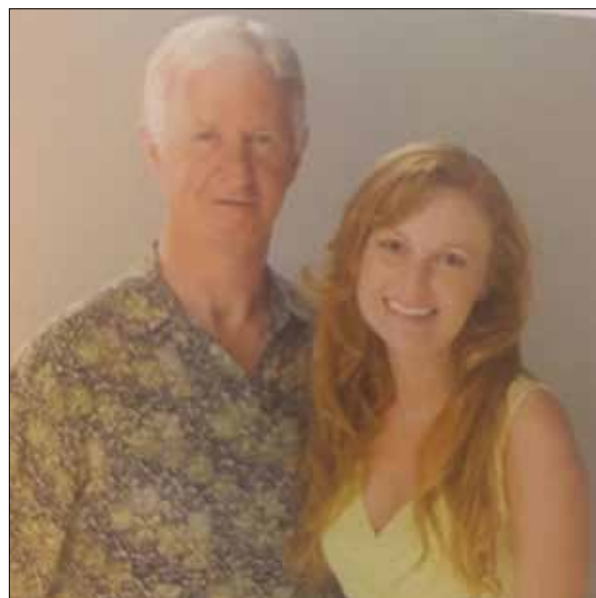
Stanley is the incumbent in the current 20th State Senate District.

The new district includes Patrick, Henry and Franklin counties, as well as Grayson, Carroll, and Floyd counties, part of Wythe County, and the cities of Martinsville and Galax.



State Sen. William M. "Bill" Stanley, Jr. (Photo by Ray Reynolds)

## PCMA show set for Saturday



Johnny & Jeanette Williams will perform at the Patrick County Music Association's (PCMA) Saturday, April 15 show. (Contributed photo)

By Taylor Boyd

The Patrick County Music Association (PCMA) is set to hold its fourth show of the year on Saturday, April 15 at the Rotary Building in Stuart.

Doors open at 5 p.m. and the music will start at 6 p.m.

PCMA President Denny Alley said Lower Dam Band, a quartet, will take the stage at 6 p.m. Johnny & Jeanette Williams will perform at 7 p.m.

"In Meadows of Dan, there's a Lower Dam Road, and that's where these people bought and moved here. So, they got a band up there,"

he said.

Alley said the March show was a great show, but the wrong night.

"There were three other shows going on and the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) basketball tournament that night. There was about half there that there normally is," he said, estimating about 100 people in attendance.

Alley said the PCMA will hold two more shows - one in May and another in June - before taking a break

for the summer. Shows are expected to return in October with the largest show scheduled in December.

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

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

For more information or to watch past music performances, visit [Facebook.com/PatrickCountyMusicAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/PatrickCountyMusicAssociation).

# Sons of Confederate Veterans to hold Memorial Service



The Wharton-Stuart Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will hold its Confederate Memorial Day service on April 15. The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. at the Patrick County Courthouse in Stuart and will serve to honor those soldiers from Patrick County who

served from 1861 to 1865 in the War Between the States. This year's speaker will be local author and historian Tom Perry. The topic of Perry's speech will be "A Portrait of JEB Stuart." A wreath will be unveiled, and flowers laid at the monument in remem-

brance of the Confederate dead. The ceremony will end with the SCV honor guard firing a 21 gun salute, followed by the playing of "Taps." The SCV is the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans, and the oldest hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate soldiers. Organized in Richmond in 1896, the SCV continues to serve as a historical, patriotic, and non-political organization dedicated to ensuring that a true history of the 1861-1865 period is preserved.

The ceremony is open to the public and all are encouraged to join us as we gather to honor these Patrick County soldiers.

# Celebration of Life scheduled for retired judge

A celebration of life will be held for Judge J. Frank Greenwalt at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, in Martinsville at the General District courtroom in the City Municipal Building.

Judge Greenwalt served as the district court judge in Patrick County for 25 years. He passed away on May 10, 2022, and this event was delayed until now due to Covid concerns.

Everyone is invited, and the family hopes his friends, neighbors and colleagues will join them to celebrate his remarkable life and decades of service to the community.

# Chamber Chat for March

By Rebecca Adcock  
*"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade."* – Charles Dickens, Great Expectations



Not only was the sun shining hot and the wind blowing cold in March, but it was also a flurry of activity. Looking back, the chamber had over ten meetings to attend on top of the normal monthly meetings.

The month started with the community meeting in Meadows of Dan regarding the bank. Things look promising for a new bank to start up in the coming months in that community. It is so needed for the residents and the businesses in the area. Growth is happening in Meadows of Dan as well, as they ended March with a ribbon cutting for The Mayberry Trading Post. The Fraizer family has restored and reinvested in opening this historic focal point of the community as a gathering place and place of commerce.

The chamber is also helping to circulate the Healthy Patrick County survey that is being done by the Department of Health. This survey is important to all residents as it helps the health department work on the community's needs. The chamber is also assisting the Blue Ridge Library system with circulation of their patron survey. Again, please take a

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# Patrick Pioneers

Booker and Lilla Shockley Dalton



Booker Dalton, Commissioner of the Revenue.

By Beverly Belcher Woody

Twenty-four-year-old Booker Dalton and 18-year-old Lilla Shockley were married on Valentine's Day in 1894. Booker was the son of Willis Dalton and Lucy Howell and Lilla was the daughter of William Henry Harrison Shockley and Mary Jane Dalton, all of Patrick County.

The couple started their lives together in a log cabin, cooking their meals in an open fireplace. By the time their first three children, Lee Swanson, Robert Banner, and John Roy had been born, Booker and Lilla had managed to save \$500.00 to purchase 200 acres of land, which (according to the inflation calculator with CPI data) is equal to

(See Pioneers p. 5)



Booker and Lilla Dalton on their 50th wedding anniversary.

# Pets of the Week



This sweet little female hound mix is homeless and would love someone to come get her.

This good looking guy comes with his harness. His name is BJ, and he would love someone to give him a home of his own.



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

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## Two charged in catalytic converter thefts



Tony Lee Epperson.



Michael Wayne Kessler.

Arrests have been made in two separate catalytic converter theft rings, according to Patrick County Sheriff Dan Smith.

Tony Lee Epperson, 50, of Mount Airy, N.C., and Susan Michelle Smith, 44, of Martinsburg, W. Va., were each charged with six counts of grand larceny and two counts of conspiracy to commit grand larceny following an on-going investigation into thefts in the Claudville and Stuart areas of the county.

Epperson was arrested by Deputy Robbie Haynes on Friday, March 31.

Susan Smith was arrested on April 3 by the Martinsburg, W. Va., Police Department and is being held awaiting extradition back to Virginia. Investigator Oscar Tejada is leading the investigation.

In a separate incident, Michael Wayne Kessler, 44, of Stuart, was arrested on April 4 and charged with one count of grand larceny in connection with the theft of a catalytic converter in the Patrick Springs area of the county. Deputy Coty Fortner was the arresting deputy and is assigned to that case, according to the sheriff. Kes-

ler is being held without bond.

“With rising precious metal prices, catalytic converter thefts continue to plague our communities nationwide,” Smith said in the release.

Platinum, palladium and rhodium are valuable metals found in catalytic converters, and the sheriff said that legislation in Virginia has recently changed making converter thefts a felony, regardless of the value.

Anyone who has information of converter thefts is urged to contact Dan Smith confidentially at (276) 692-7012.

## Arrests reported

The Patrick County Sheriff's Office reported the following:

\*Joseph Leon Thompson, 43, of Ararat, was charged April 1 with unlawfully shoot/throw in occupied building. Sgt. L.K. Carroll Jr. was the arresting officer.

\*Walter Ray Trent, 47, no address available, was charged April 3 with one count each probation violation and probation violation on felony offense. Deputy C.L. Adkins was the arresting officer.

\*Michael Wayne Kessler, 44, of Stuart, was charged April 4 with one count each larceny and obtaining money by false pretense. Deputy J.G. Pickerel was the arresting officer.

\*Michael Franklin Carpenter, 36, of Ararat, was charged April 4 with fail to appear. Sgt. C.A. Frick was the arresting officer.

\*Roger Lundy Fox Jr., 51, of Claudville, was charged April 5 with two counts possess firearm by convicted violent felon. Deputy R.S. Martin was the arresting officer.

\*Benjamin Thomas Rorrer, 34, of Stuart, was charged April 5 with possess Sch. I or II. Inv. B. Hubbard was the arresting officer.

\*Kristopher Michael Adamsn, 33, of Stuart, was charged April 5 with possess Sch. I or II. Inv. B. Hubbard was the arresting officer.

\*Amber Nicole Mullis, 33, of Stuart was charged April 5 with possess Sch. I or II. Inv. B. Hubbard was the arresting officer.

## P&HCC to expand GO TEC Pathways with grant

Gov. Glenn Youngkin announced on March 24, more than \$8.1 million in Growth and Opportunity Virginia grants and of that, Patrick & Henry Community College will receive \$118,545.

P&HCC will use these funds to increase dual enrollment opportunities in welding for students in Henry County Public Schools and Martinsville City Public Schools. The

program will enroll and train 27 students in two years, with participants able to pursue further certification upon graduation.

“This initiative will serve to expand the pool of qualified workers in our area and continue these students on a pathway to careers that provide family-sustaining wages in this high-demand field,” said Rhonda Hodges, Vice President of

Workforce, Economic and Community Development at P&HCC.

“We are so proud of the growth we’ve seen with GO TEC over the last few years. By investing in this program, we are taking direct steps to address workforce pipeline issues and investing in the youth in our region,” said Tim Clark, GO Virginia Region 3 Council Chair. “We are excited to

grow our regional partners with the projects funded at both Patrick & Henry Community College and Southside Virginia Community College.”

The dual enrollment welding classes will begin in the 2023 fall semester.

GO TEC is a collaborative project that aims to develop the regional workforce in order to meet changing industry demands. The pro-

gram begins to engage with the student at the middle school level and continues through high school dual enrollment and post-secondary programs. The focus of the project is to further develop the sectors of IT, advanced manufacturing and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) by creating a talent pipeline that begins in K-12.

## County is poised for growth with shovel ready sites

Sites in Patrick County's Rich Creek Corporate Park are among eight sites in Virginia to move from Tier-Two to Tier-Five (shovel ready sites with graded pad sites), the Southern Virginia Regional Alliance (SVRA) announced last week.

The sites include a 25 acre pad on a 70 acre site (100,000 square feet), and a 10 acre pad with a shell building on a 14 acre site (20,000 square feet). The sites are included in the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program (VBRSP).

Twenty-one sites also moved from Tier-Two to Tier-Four sites (signifying shovel-ready sites), according to the SVRA.

The agency received \$1,534,900 from GO Virginia Region 3 and \$454,100 from the Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission (TRRC) to further the preparation of sites in areas identified with specific assets for transportation such as rail and highway access, utilities inclusive of significant supply of natural gas, electricity and water supply along with a demonstrated available labor shed and workforce pipeline.

Southern Virginia leads the Commonwealth in the number of prepared sites, one of the reasons for the success in attracting business. The strategy by local elected offi-

cial, government and economic development staff to keep an inventory of ready sites that serve diverse industries leads to sites that are ready to market for prospects who need to ensure that the risks of building on the sites have been assessed and minimized.

The SVRA service region has worked with the engineering firms of Dewberry and Reynolds and Clark to complete right-of-way; engineering and building for reliable, redundant and abundant sites across the region. The strategy for site development included meeting diverse needs and has resulted in six VBRSP Tier-4 industrial parks in the region that provide access to eight VBRSP Tier-5 graded sites that are ready for immediate construction. An additional 21 VBRSP Tier-4 sites have completed the engineering due-diligence and are ready for grading and building within 12-18 months.

Sites range in size from 3.4 to 67 acres with from 2.5-32 acres of developable pad sites that can readily accommodate buildings from 20,000 sq. ft. to 600,000 square feet in size. Some of the lots can be joined to accommodate larger pad sites for expansion capacity with up to double lot.

## Man charged in connection with crash

Patrick County Sheriff Dan Smith said his officers assisted the Virginia State Police following a April 3 crash on Virginia 103, near Mitchells Mill Road.

The driver of the vehicle

involved in the crash allegedly fled the scene, Smith said. Canine units were used to help locate the man on Elastic Plant Road, about 1.8 miles from the crash scene.

Joseph Eugene Dodd, 27, of Stuart, was charged April 3 with one count each reckless driving and fail to stop, Smith said.

Trooper J.N. Mabe is the investigating officer.

## Higher Standards Key to Reversing Slide in AP Achievement

Secretary of Education Aimee Guidera said higher standards for students and schools are necessary to reverse a nearly decade-long decline in the performance of Virginia students on Advanced Placement examinations. She also pledged that the Virginia Department of Education will work with school divisions to better prepare students for college-level courses and tests.

According to the College Board's latest report on AP performance, the percentage of Virginia graduates qualifying for college credit on at least one AP examination during their high school careers has fallen to 11th in the nation. The commonwealth tied for ninth in the nation in AP performance in last year's College Board report and ranked

third in 2015.

“Virginia's 2021-2022 AP results are yet another sad reminder that when previous Administrations lowered expectations, Virginia's children suffer,” Guidera said. “The commonwealth must reverse the declines in the AP scores that have occurred over the last 10 years by restoring rigor and celebrating the achievements of our students. I will be working with Dr. Lisa Coons, our incoming superintendent of public instruction, on creating a strategy to restore the performance of Virginia's students in advanced courses and expanding opportunities for students to pursue rigorous academic courses. We must raise the floor and the ceiling for Virginia's students.”

## Initial unemployment claims decrease

Data from the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) indicates that the number of initial claims decreased in the latest filing week to 1,563 and remained at levels typically seen over the last twelve months.

For the filing week ending April 1, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims in Virginia was 1,563, which was a decrease of 313 claimants from the previous week. Over half of initial claims with a self-reported industry were from administrative and support and waste management services; professional, scientific, and technical services; health care and social assistance; retail trade; and manufacturing. Continued weeks claimed totaled 11,823, which was an increase of 65 claims from the previous week and an increase of 76% from the 6,707 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 April 1, the advance U.S. figure for seasonally adjusted[1] initial claims was 228,000, a decrease of 18,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 48,000 from 198,000 to 246,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 206,931 in the week ending April 1, a decrease of 17,262 (or -7.7 percent) from the previous week. There were 194,671 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

Looking at preliminary data, most U.S. states reported decreases on a seasonally unadjusted basis. California's preliminary weekly change (-6,337) was the largest decrease. Kentucky's weekly change (-3,904) was the second largest decrease. Michigan's preliminary weekly change (-3,333) was the third largest decrease. Ohio's weekly change (-2,660) was the fourth largest decrease. Virginia's preliminary weekly change (-102) was the 23rd largest decrease.

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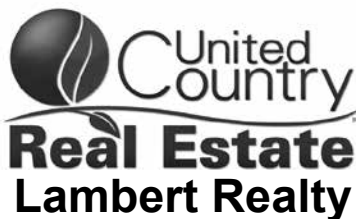
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# Baseball

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in May 1931, many of those games were lost to "bad breaks and hard luck." Stuart's first win came against Danville in the first game of a doubleheader, 8-5. The team lost the second game, 7-4.

It was in the second half of the season that the Stuart team found success. When the season came to a close, they were in a three-way tie with Martinsville and Fieldale for the second-half pennant. With Fieldale's spot in the championship series already clinched by winning the first half, a one-game playoff between Stuart and Martinsville would decide the other spot. Stuart's worst to first dreams were crushed by Martinsville, which went on to win the championship series over Fieldale in five games.

The disappointment of the playoff loss failed to dampen the local hunger for more baseball before the weather grew cold. Even with some of the Stuart lineup unavailable, an exhibition series was scheduled with a team from Critz, giving fans more baseball to watch.

After rejoining the Bi-State League for the 1932 season, the team received "a very liberal donation" from former R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company Chief Executive William N. Reynolds to help cover team expenses. In honor of his donation, the team would become the Stuart Camels. When reporting on the donation in the April 14, 1932, edition, the newspaper wrote that "Everyone should go to the games and smoke Camel cigarettes."

Joining the Camels for the 1932 season were Martinsville, Fieldale, Bassett, the Reidsville "Lucky Strikes" and newcomer, Mayodan. Once again, it would be the second half of the season when Stuart played the best baseball. When the season closed in September, the Camels were just one game back, but not for long.

League officials awarded the Camels a protested game against Martinsville after finding that team used an ineligible player. The reversal of this one game put the Camels into a first-place tie, setting up a one-game playoff with Fieldale.

Then things got interesting. Fieldale refused to play the Stuart team and conceded the second-half pennant, advancing the Camels to a championship series meeting with the Lucky Strikes of Reidsville, N.C. Local fans ready to cheer on their team in the series never got the chance. Reidsville also refused to play Stuart, opting to play Fieldale in what both teams called 'the series.' For the second year in a row, Camel fans would have to settle for a post-season exhibition series, this time with Mayodan.

The Bi-State League finally settled the dispute in December, when the Camels were awarded the championship trophy. The December 22, 1932, edition of The Enterprise described the trophy as "a beautiful silver cup," which was put on display at the Stuart Café for all to see.

# Expiration

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the project, according to Dominika Sink, Senior Director of Project Acquisition and Development with Energix, a renewables company.

To date, the DEQ has not received a Permit By Rule (PBR) application or signed local governing body certification form for the project. The local governing form is usually submitted as part of the application package, which the agency also has not received, Proctor said.

However, that does not mean the company failed to comply with the provisions of the PBR, Proctor said.

"It means they have not submitted an application which would contain the 15 provisions. DEQ does not track the status of what a company has done to meet the 15 provisions prior to submittal of the application," he said.

When asked whether certification forms are the first step in any project and if one form could be used repeatedly or whether it is limited in

Even with the on-field success and the Reynolds donation, the team operated at a 'great loss' in 1932. For much of the spring, the 1933 season appeared in doubt. As of late April, the team had not officially joined the league, with attempts to raise the needed money for the players' board falling short. What got the team financially ready for the season is unclear, but it rejoined the Bi-State League along with returning teams from Martinsville, Bassett, Fieldale, and Mayodan. As the Reidsville team left to play in another league, the team from Danville returned.

The Camels opened the season with a win against Mayodan behind the pitching of 'Buzzy' Phillips, who would be the Camels' best pitcher for the first month of the season. Unfortunately, he left the team when he moved to North Carolina. The Enterprise noted, "two more pitchers who are reported as good or better than Phillips, have been sent for," encouraging fans to "not despair, as the rest of the lineup is solid." It would not be the only roster issue in 1933. By August, there was concern about the Camels' existence.

Several players left Stuart for other teams and leagues, leaving the Camels with only seven eligible players on the roster at one point. With so few players, there was serious doubt Stuart could finish the season. League officials helped by allowing Stuart to add five more players so the team could continue playing. Adding to roster problems, the Camels lost one of their best hitters for the rest of the season due to appendicitis.

Somehow, the team found a way, adding a left-handed pitcher, a shortstop, and several others. Against the odds, the team came together late in the season, finishing second to Bassett. With Bassett winning both halves of the season, the Camels' second-place finish put them into the championship series.

In what most thought would be a best-of-five series, Bassett took the first two games at home, with the Camels winning game three in Stuart. The games were close, with games two and three going into extra innings. The season came to an unexpected end when the series was called after only three games. There was confusion at the time about the league's decision, with The Enterprise reporting simply, "for some reason, only three games were played." The Stuart Camels won their final game, but oddly, lost the series.

In December 1933, teams in the Bi-State League met to discuss becoming a Class-D minor league (roughly the equivalent of Single-A

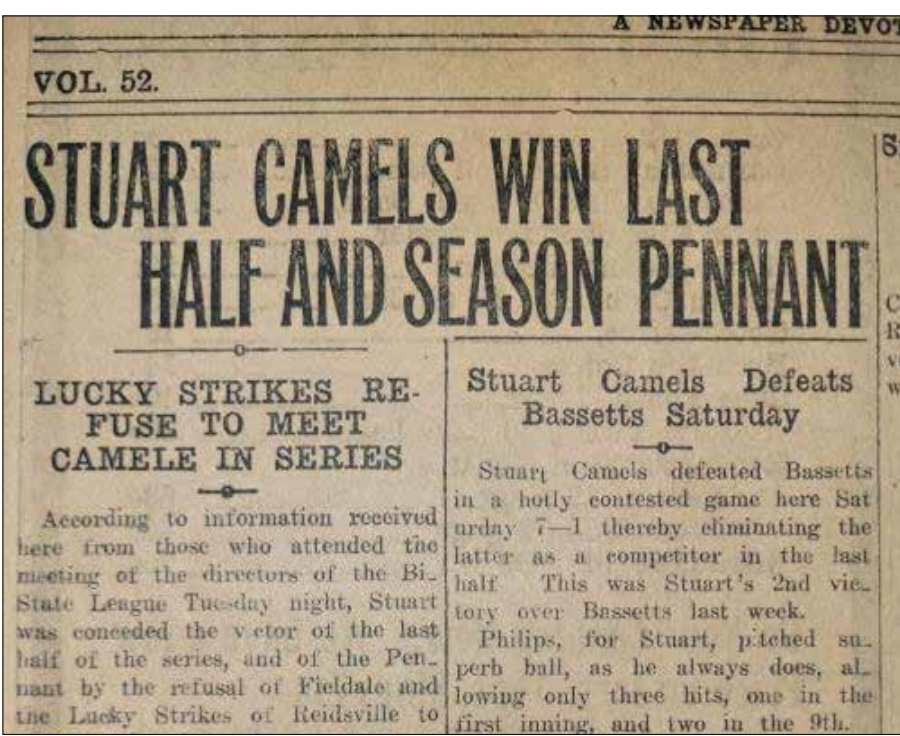
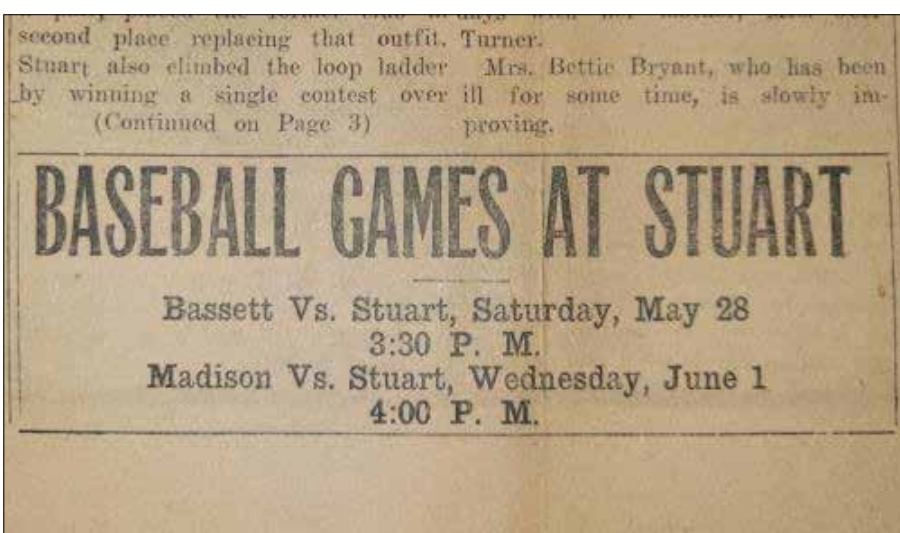
scope to the parcels of land identified on the form, Proctor wrote that "each application received by DEQ must have a locality certification specific to the parcel of land covered by each specific project. Each application we receive has to have its own local certification."

It is that requirement that prompted local officials to propose an amendment to the county's Comprehensive Plan, County Attorney Mark Popovich has said.

The two parcels included on the certification form are 4811-37, owned by Five Rocks Cidery (Nash Heath), and 4911-7, owned by Nash Heath.

Sink said the remaining parcels -- 4811-88 and 4811-88-A -- are owned by Charles Hamm.



The solar company is planning to hold a community meeting on April 21 in Stuart to discuss the potential project in Patrick County, Sink said. Additional details about that meeting will be made available as soon as possible.




today). Team officials met at the Henry Hotel in Martinsville and agreed that "each of these communities wanted baseball put on a more business-like basis." Another meeting in Mayodan completed the organization of the Bi-State League as a member of the National Association of Baseball Leagues, which oversaw all professional minor leagues. Communities invited to join the league for 1934 were Martinsville, Fieldale, Danville, Mayodan, Mt. Airy, Leaksville, and Stuart. As opening day grew closer, a "lack of financial support" and the fact the baseball

'grounds were under repair' forced the Camels to withdraw from the Bi-State League. Several members of the Camels joined other Bi-State teams. The league itself would go on for seven more seasons, closing shop in 1942. Eventually, the league, and the Stuart Camels, would fade into memory. There would be other town teams playing in local and county-wide leagues, but to date, a Stuart baseball team has not risen so close to the professional level.


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# Watch vs. Warning: What to Know Before Severe Storms

Spring time can often bring tumultuous storms like parts of the region saw this past weekend. Two tornadoes have been confirmed by the National Weather Service (NWS) in Delaware and Pennsylvania. NWS often issues watches and warnings to alert residents of severe weather and when to seek shelter. So, what is the difference and how should you prepare?

## Severe Thunderstorm Watch vs. Warning:

The NWS issues a Severe Thunderstorm Watch when the atmosphere is favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms. Watch the sky and stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio or television for information.

The NWS issues a Severe Thunderstorm Warning when

severe weather has been reported by spotters or indicated by radar. Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property to those in the path of the storm.

## Tornado Watch vs. Warning:

The NWS issues a Tornado Watch when weather conditions in an area indicate an increased risk for severe weather that may be capable of producing a tornado.

The NWS issues a Tornado Warning when a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. A warning means you should take shelter immediately.

Prepare Before the Storm

Hits:

During severe weather, remain alert, keep your cell phone charged and take steps to prepare now to potentially save lives and protect property when severe weather strikes.

Have several ways to receive alerts. Download the FEMA App (available in English and Spanish) to receive real-time emergency alerts from the National Weather Service and find a nearby shelter.

Pay attention to local warnings and follow the safety guidance of your local officials.

Make sure your emergency kit is stocked and

includes non-perishable food, cash, charging devices, a flashlight and batteries in case of power outages.

Consider special needs you and your household members might have. Older adults and people with disabilities may need extra assistance to prepare for the storm. Visit [Ready.gov/older-adults](https://www.ready.gov/older-adults) and Individuals with Disabilities to get more tips and information.

Don't forget the needs of your pets. Many shelters do not take household pets, so remember to create a plan and have supplies available for your animals.

Check on your neighbors. As you prepare your family

and loved ones for a disaster, check on neighbors in your community to see if they are doing the same or if they might need help to get started.

Prepare your property for dangerous weather by clearing out any large or loose materials. Remove dead trees, hanging branches and loose objects in your yard or patio that could be dangerous during severe winds.

Create an emergency plan with your family. Use the new "Make a Plan" form to get started. You can easily save an electronic copy or share it with other family members.

## Chat

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few minutes to complete these surveys. They help organizations learn where the needs and gaps are and then work to help fill them.

Many of the meetings this month were also working to lay the programming for later. The chamber plans to offer our PCVA Business Builders bootcamp for entrepreneurs later in August. Dolly Parton Imagination Library is rolling along with sign ups and getting everything set up in their system. We also want to take a moment and thank James Houchins and the department of Tourism for presenting a wonderful Tourism Summit at Fairy Stone State Park on March 27. It was a great event to learn about all the state level organi-

zations and how they assist with tourism for our county.

We also attended the Blue Ridge Rising meeting with other local leaders. This meeting was part of the gateway communities along the Blue Ridge Parkway. The funding arm, the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation, is learning how they can assist the National Park to help the local communities. We look forward to working with them in addressing the needs of the parkway in our area.

April is our Pick Up Patrick campaign month. We are encouraging groups, teams, and individuals to help pick up trash in the county. We are also holding drawings for \$500 to those groups that help make Patrick County a better place. Along with the trash pickup, we

are excited to announce that we will be hosting a Meds and Shred event on Saturday, April 22, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Rotary Field, 420 Woodlawn Drive, Stuart. This drive-through event is a drop off for your paper files to be shredded and to also properly dispose of your unused prescription medications.

Later that day (Saturday, April 22nd), the Transfer Station, located at 171 Transfer Station Lane, Stuart, will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. for the Tire Take Back program. New chamber members for March 2023 include Stop 8 Convenience Store.

For more information, check out our website at [www.patrickchamber.com](http://www.patrickchamber.com) or call us at (276) 694-6012.

(Adcock is the executive director of the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce.)

## Pioneers

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\$17,407.00 today. The young family set up housekeeping in an existing log cabin on the farm, which is located south of Stuart, just off Salem Highway.

In 1910, Booker was appointed Commissioner of the Revenue to fill an unexpired term and was elected to the office in 1911. Two years later, Booker was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates to represent Patrick County for the 1914-1915 term. He resigned as Commissioner to serve this term in the state legislature. During this same time, the farm was doing well, and the couple's family had grown by six more children, Lucy Mae, Harvey Wallace, Grady William, Booker Hughes, Bruce Atwood, and Margaret Wilson. The Daltons built a two-story frame house on the hill above the log cabin. This home is still

in use and is now known as Witt's End Lodge.

In 1922, the couple had their tenth and last child, Glen Shockley. A year later, Booker was again elected Commissioner of the Revenue and was re-elected for each successive four-year term until his retirement in 1939. He also served two years as the local game warden.

Booker and Lilla's grandson, Sandy Rodgers, (son of Margaret) stated that "in one of the elections, my grandfather was just sitting at home waiting for the results to be tabulated. He learned of the result when cars surrounded his house, all blowing their horns in celebration." Rodgers also shared that "grandfather installed an acetylene gas generator and gas lights to replace the oil lamps in the house, and they also had one of the first radios - battery powered."

Rodgers said that his grandparents' large farm "was well managed, following good agricultural practices, producing various grains, fruit, vegetables, beef, pork, etc. along orchards that allowed them to help relatives and neighbors during the Great Depression. Grandma Lilla also served as a midwife for the neighborhood as well. Rodgers added, "I recall a story about how one woman once related years later about how good they were to her when no others would help, her husband had died, and Booker and Lilla brought her meat, flour, cornmeal, etc. to assist her and her children."

Rodgers stated that neither of his grandparents learned to drive a car, but that did not stop them from traveling. While Booker was serving as a Commissioner, his young daughter Margaret drove the family to Richmond to see the

capital and when the oldest son, Swanson moved to Montana, his brothers drove the couple out west to visit.

Booker Dalton passed away in 1948 while Rodgers was a small child, but he has fond memories of his grandmother, who did not pass away until 1970. Rodgers stated that his grandfather Booker, "was sort of the local weatherman for the area. He was called upon by neighbors for advice on the best time for harvesting etc. I remember that after TV came out, my grandmother, Lilla, once commented on how much he would have enjoyed being able to watch the weather forecasts on TV - along with the news."

Thank you so much to Sandy Rodgers for providing the photographs and information for this story. Woody may be reached at [rockcastlecreek1@gmail.com](mailto:rockcastlecreek1@gmail.com) or 276-692-9626.



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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Let's talk about energy**

With cell phone alerts recently sounding at my home and many other states as meteorologists issued tornado watch and warnings, let's talk.

A Pew Research 2022 survey found 71 percent of Americans have experienced at least one heat wave, flood, drought or wildfire in the past year. Over 80 percent of those people said climate change had contributed. Yet the response is not meeting the urgency of the crisis. (Reference 2/2023 Scientific American.)

We are in a time crunch as we near Climate Change tipping points. An example -- Recent BBC news out of Sydney headlines "Antarctica Ocean Currents Heading for Collapse." The rapidly melting Antarctic ice is causing a dramatic slowdown in the deep currents there and could have a disastrous effect on the climate. The currents carry vital heat, oxygen, carbon and nutrients around the globe. Another exam-

ple-- the warming of the oceans from the heat-trapping greenhouse gases from burning fossil fuels. Scientists had long thought that the Eastern Antarctic ice sheet was resistant to global warming. Ice penetrating radar shows weak underbelly sites where warmer sea is melting massive sea ice shelves. (BBC news 3/12/23.) On 3/18/22 there was the biggest rise above normal recorded in history in Antarctica. It was 69.3 F above normal. Scientists were stunned. The heat wave described as even inconceivable. The projected rise in sea level if the Eastern Antarctica ice sheet and Totten glacier melts is over 170 feet.

Many say without China and India working on it, it makes no difference what we do. China is out stripping all the nations building wind turbines, hydroelectric plants, and manufacturing electric vehicles. They have a Trillion Tree Campaign and have

restored 173,000,000 acres in forest. Air quality improved. India's goal is one half of the electricity will be from non-fossil fuels by 2030 and exporting green hydrogen. India has built solar fields.

What can we do? Big heating and cooling bills? Own your home? Try for free estimates on putting in solar panels. Most families going solar qualify for a 30 percent Federal refund. Bankers would agree that the investment return is more than on CDs. Other ways to cut the carbon footprint --- the heat pumps, double paned special windows, insulation, heat pump water heaters and clothes dryers, electric stoves rather than gas. Many will qualify for rebates. Electric vehicles, hybrids cut carbon footprints. Make trips counts. Gardening, recycling, LED lighting, cutting food and energy waste are very important.

People and politicians need to pay attention to important issues not distracted

into la la land over drag queens, CTR, and other spurious issues. The UN has issued a Code Red for humanity

because of the Climate Change from the heat trapping gases. Driving to net zero carbon emissions is a joy in

small and/or big steps. It's urgent.

**Gerry Scardo,  
Clintwood, VA**

**Children- one of God's most precious gifts**

(Bible NKJV, OAN, Daily Caller, New York Post, Heritage Foundation, Newsweek)

It is well documented that the Biden administration has released a series of documents encouraging gender-reassignment surgery and hormone treatments for minors.

The Biden administration is aggressively pushing a radical left anti-family, anti-religion and LGBTQ agenda upon America that includes physical and chemical castration of gender-confused children under the euphemism of "gender affirming care."

President Biden has claimed states have no right to restrict treatments like hormone blockers or sex change operations for transgender children. "I don't think any state, or anybody should have the right to do that. As a moral question or as a legal

question, I just think it's wrong," Biden told transgender TikToker Dylan Mulvaney.

In his State of the Union address, Biden assured younger transgenders that he has their "backs" so they can reach their "God-given" potentials. On June 15, 2022 the Administration issued an executive order to promote transition procedures for children, including puberty blockers, other hormone treatments, and surgery.

I don't care if someone is, or chooses to be, LGBTQ+ or any other acronym. I do care however, when the administration prosecutes pre-pubescent children to transition through hormone therapy and surgery. That is child abuse. Further, when the government removes parents from the decision-making process, that makes children wards of the State. That is Marxism. It also violates the Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment. As a unanimous Supreme Court explained in *Pierce v. Society of Sisters* (1925), the State may not "unreasonably interfere with the liberty of parents and guardians to direct the upbringing and education of children under their control," adding "The child is not the mere creature of the state."

The mutilation of

adolescent sex organs has been a barbaric practice limited to antiquity and third world countries. Now it is a barbaric practice sanctioned and promoted by the President of the United States, and radical left clinics, hospitals and doctors to be inflicted on American children.

I am 74 years old, and I never thought I would witness the President of the United States encourage and agree with the mutilation of children for a political agenda. This administration represents the very essence of evil and the malevolent power of wickedness.

Luke 17:2 "It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones."

Matthew 18:10 "Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven."

Isaiah 5:20 "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil."

**William Salsler,  
Stuart**

**New Man**

**Ninth District U.S. Rep. Morgan Griffith**

This Easter I want to revisit one of my favorite hymns, He Is Risen. Though I've shared this one before, the message of He Is Risen is enduring and its history fascinating. As any staff member who has ridden in the car with me during the Easter season knows, I love to talk about He Is Risen and about Joachim Neander, who wrote the music.

In early April, both Christians and those of the Jewish faith will celebrate significant observances in their liturgical calendar. Members of the Jewish religion will be observing April 5-13 as Passover. Passover commemorates the time when the Jews were enslaved in Egypt, and one of the plagues Moses foretold was that each family would lose their first-born son. This was true unless they placed the blood of a lamb on their doorpost. Thus, the plague would "pass over" the marked houses.

In the middle of Passover week, Christians will celebrate Easter, which commemorates the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As a Christian, I believe Christ was sacrificed for us so our sins could be forgiven, thus "the Lamb of God" allows the judgment of God to pass over us.

For those who read my column frequently, you know at times of religious celebration I often harken back to church music.

Joachim Neander, born in 1650, gives us an example of how sometimes God creates interesting situations. Bear with me. His family name was

originally Neumann (meaning "new man") but, as was fairly common at the time, the family changed it to a foreign equivalent. In this case, they went from 'Neumann' to 'Neander,' the Greek form.

Neander's years as a student of theology were reportedly rather boisterous. As it goes, however, a sermon at St. Martin's Church in Bremen, Germany by Pastor Theodor Underreyk touched Neander's heart and seemingly served as a turning-point in his life, leading to significant spiritual growth.

In 1671 Neander began tutoring in Heidelberg. While there, Neander learned to know and love the beauties of nature. He later spent time in Frankfurt and was appointed Rector of a Latin school in Dusseldorf. In 1679, Neander returned to St. Martin's Church in Bremen to serve as an unordained assistant to Pastor Underreyk. Neander passed away in 1680 at the age of 30. During his lifetime, he became known as a German teacher, theology, and hymn writer. He is said to have written approximately 60 hymns, including well-known hymns like Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation and He Is Risen.

One valley in Dusseldorf served as a particular source of inspiration for Neander as he wrote his compositions. After his death, that valley was named in his honor. It was first called Neandershole (or 'Neander's Hollow,' in English) and then Neanderthal (or 'Neander Valley').

Interestingly, this valley later became famous for the 1856 discovery of bone specimens which were the first specimens to be recognized as early man-like fossils.

And so, Neander, a servant of God, whose name means "new man," has a valley named after him because it served as an inspiration for musical compositions that exalted God and, in particular, the God who promised to make us all "new men."

Further, nearly 200 years after Neander's death, scientists searching for new wisdom came across bones of what, to them, was a new man. And they named their "new man" for the valley in which they found him -- Neanderthal. Translated into English, they named the new man for the Valley of the New Man.

Accordingly, that is the rather roundabout way in which Homo neanderthalensis got its name -- as a result of the spiritual development of German hymn writer Joachim Neander, who grew from a boisterous student into a "new man" of faith.

(Seems that God has a sense of humor!)

In honor of this interesting situation God created and in hopes that you all have a happy Easter, below you find the lyrics added to Neander's hymn now known as He Is Risen:

*He is risen! He is risen!*

*Tell it out with joyful voice.*

*He has burst his three days' prison;*

*Let the whole wide Earth rejoice.*

*Death is conquered;*

*man is free.*

*Christ has won the victory.*

During this holiday period, I wish people of all faiths peace and joy.

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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## Family-friendly farm festival focuses on ag education, fun

**At the annual Virginia Farm Festival, you can marvel over a fluffy alpaca; delight in an antique tractor show; and learn how garden crops grow.**

You also will be able to watch a cornhole tournament and demolition derby, and listen to Richmond's own Gone Country band.

The family-friendly festival will be held May 5 and 6 at The Meadow Event Park in Caroline County. Now in its third year, the event

features several of the State Fair of Virginia's most popular family attractions, including Young MacDonald's Farm with animals like alpacas, chickens, goats and pigs. It also will include cow milking demonstrations by SouthLand Dairy.

Educational field trips for school groups will be offered May 5 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The festival opens Friday to the general public at 3 p.m. and will close at 10 p.m. On Saturday, the festival will be open to everyone from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m.

This year's festival will be held in and around the 63,000-square-foot Farm Bureau Center exhibition hall so that "rain or shine," the

event will take place, said Marlene Jolliffe, executive director of the State Fair. "The past two years have presented us with weather challenges, so we thought it best to take advantage of the covered space the Farm Bureau Center provides."

Guests will be able to park for free in a lot right behind the center and have the option of enjoying indoor and outdoor activities.

New this year is a culinary competition. Entrants are asked to submit a creative picnic dish by noon on Saturday. Judging will take place at 12:30 p.m., and winning entries will be decided based on taste, creativity, ease of preparation and presentation.

Advance registration is required, and the deadline to sign up is April 28. Registration forms can be found at [forms.gle/PH9Wa9Cp4NjVfT768](https://forms.gle/PH9Wa9Cp4NjVfT768).

Both days will feature a mix of agriculture-focused activities, musical entertainment, food, beverages and retail vendors. The festival aims to highlight planting season in Virginia, in advance of celebrating the harvest season during the State Fair, from Sept. 22 through Oct. 1.

"The Virginia Farm Festival is an entertaining event, but it also expands our mission of promoting agricultural education that we typically reserve for the State Fair," Jolliffe noted. "This is a good blend of fun and agricultural education.

We want visitors to recognize that the fair food they enjoy every year originated on a farm."

Sarah Jane Thomsen, agriculture education manager for the fair, added that they are excited to kick off this year's festival with the educational field trips. "They are a great way to increase our agricultural outreach to students who may have no other exposure to farming."

During the festival, visitors can investigate Virginia State University's Mobile Agriculture Education Unit, a trailer that interactively showcases Virginia's largest private industry. Attendees also can see and pet farm animals, explore how food travels from farm to fork, savor some fair food favorites and watch live entertainment. Richmond-based Jonathan the Juggler will entertain audiences both days, with performances at 3:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Friday and 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. Judging for the antique farm and garden tractor show will take place at noon Saturday, followed by an antique tractor parade! The demolition derby will be held at 6 p.m. that evening.

Adults can enjoy assorted beverages while listening to the self-proclaimed "neotraditional country" band Gone Country at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights.

There also will be exhibits from a variety of agricultural commodity groups, and bounce houses, pedal tractors and pony rides for children.

Tickets go on sale April 3. For more information or to sign up for the cornhole tournament, visit [virginiafarmfestival.org](https://virginiafarmfestival.org).

The Meadow Event Park in Caroline County is the birthplace of Secretariat and home to the State Fair of Virginia. It is operated by Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, which is committed to preserving Virginia's rich agricultural heritage and ensuring that The Meadow thrives as a regional event and equine venue.

## 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 - Retired Public Servant Feels Government Pension Offset is "Unjust"

Dear Rusty: I'm a retired firefighter and live in Ohio. I earned Social Security from my side employment, but the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) hit my Social Security very hard. My wife worked in the school system and earned a state "SERS" pension. I understand the WEP offset and that doesn't bother me as much as the fact that my wife doesn't get my Social Security benefits when I die - her state pension is above the monthly limit for her to receive my Social Security. I earned that benefit by working extra jobs and being away from my family, and it seems unjust that my benefits expire with me. Thanks for letting me vent. Signed: Retired Public Servant

Dear Retired Public Servant: The provision you deem as "unjust" isn't the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) which affects SS retirement benefits for those who also have a "non-covered" pension (a pension earned without contributing to Social Security); rather it is the Government Pension Offset (GPO) which also affects those who have a pension earned without contributing to Social Security. Though I know it is no consolation, your frustration about the Government Pension Offset (GPO) is shared by nearly a million other Americans in a similar situation. The GPO has been law since 1983 and is intended to "equalize" how spousal and survivor benefits are paid to all beneficiaries. I'm certainly not defending it, but I've researched why the GPO was enacted decades ago.

Historically, ever since spousal and survivor benefits became part of Social Security's benefit structure in the late 1930s, if a spouse also has their own personally earned SS benefit, any spousal/survivor benefit they also became entitled to was offset by their personally earned SS retirement amount. The prevailing opinion in the 1983 Congress was that because regular spousal and survivor benefits are normally offset by the spouse's own earned SS benefit, it was unfair that a spouse who had a "non-covered pension" didn't incur the same offset as those who had no such non-covered pension. Thus, GPO was enacted in 1983 to "equalize" how spousal and survivor benefits were paid. It is the GPO which will affect your wife's benefit as your surviving spouse because she earned her state pension while not contributing to Social Security.

To give you a more personal perspective, if your wife had, instead, worked outside of the OH school system and was entitled to a full Social Security benefit based on her own earnings from which she contributed to SS, any survivor benefit she might become entitled to from you would still be offset by her personally earned SS retirement benefit. If her own SS retirement benefit was more than her entitlement as your widow, she would get no additional amount as your surviving spouse. Or if her own SS retirement benefit was smaller than yours, her survivor benefit would still be offset by her own benefit (her benefit would be paid first and only a supplement added to bring her payment to the higher amount she was entitled to as your widow). The purpose of the Government Pension Offset is to equalize how spousal, or survivor benefits are paid to those with, and to those without, a non-covered pension. Indeed, because the GPO only offsets the potential spousal/survivor benefit by 2/3rds of a spouse's non-covered pension, the GPO is actually a bit more forgiving.

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## Marriage licenses issued in March

The following marriage licenses were processed in March, according to records in the Patrick County Circuit Court Clerk's Office.

- Hector Espana Xum – Samantha Martin
- Joshua Ridriguez Berrios Sr – Angel Jarrett
- Amy Jones – Derek Shrophire
- Kristie Clifton – Bobby Nance
- Duncan Merritt – Sara Caine
- Fred Spence – Karen Bocock
- Hunter Whitney – Bridgette Viperman

## Fear. God. Love.

Test your knowledge. Put your hand over this article and guess the three most common mental disorders in the US. They are, in order, with lifetime prevalence rates: Anxiety disorders (about 18%), mood disorders (about 10%), and ADHD (about 5%).

It might come as a surprise to you, but anxiety rates are significantly higher than depression. Actually, in the Diagnostic Manual put out by the American Psychiatric Association, anxiety diagnoses seem to be multiplying like rabbits. Here are the primary ones:

- Acute stress disorder ('shellshocked,' 'gunshy,' 'once-burned, twice shy')
- Agoraphobia (fear of being trapped)
- Panic disorder (panic attacks)
- Social phobia (extreme shyness)
- Specific phobia (such as fear of snakes)
- Obsessive-compulsive disorder (using rituals to stave off fear)
- Post-traumatic stress disorder (trauma-induced flashbacks and nightmares, etc.)
- Generalized anxiety disorder (fear of everything).

Sum up these diagnoses and you have the staggering near 20 percent lifetime prevalence rate.

Make a fearful face for a moment. Notice your eyes—they're wide open. Notice the 'o' of your lips and your flared nostrils. Fear literally opens up the orifices of the face so that we can take in more information about the potential threat. This way we can see, smell and taste it better, process the information, and scream if necessary. In other

words, when afraid we pay extremely close attention to the object of our fear. Fear engages our focus.

Focusing on a car barreling down your lane enables you to make a life-saving swerve. Noticing a snarling Doberman, cues you to pick up a rock. In situations like this, fear can be a good, protective thing. But pathological fear leads us to focus exclusively on non-threats, often causing us to miss actual threats. Post-traumatic stress possesses this tragic feature, leading victims into dissociative hypervigilance. We can be so afraid of thugs in dark alleys that we miss the white-collar criminal at the front door. In addition, long-term, unabated stress causes a plethora of health complications.

The Bible contains a very simple formula for anxiety management. It involves redirecting our fear to a place where it can be ultimately resolved. Recall Jesus' words: "Fear not those who can kill the body but not the soul, but fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell," Matthew 10:28. Here Jesus redirects our fear from 'them'—human threats, to 'Him,' God. The reason? God is actually more threatening than 'them'. He can do more damage. He, "Is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

Don't fear the house cat, fear the lion. Don't fear the bb gun, fear the assault rifle. Don't fear the common cold, fear cancer. If you're going to fear, fear intelligently.

The problem is this hardly puts God in a flattering light. One might think God is encouraging us to view him with some kind of mindless terror, simply because He is all-powerful. But remember that this

fear serves the valid purpose of arresting our attention. And remember that, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," Proverbs 9:10.

Once God has our attention, He can speak to us. He can pour in new information. He can tell us things like: 'I laid aside my divine power so I could suffer alongside you as a human. I lived a life of self-sacrifice and compassion and touched people from all walks of life. I submitted myself to hate and persecution and ultimately carried your sins to a rough, lonely cross where they crushed Me. My eyes grew wide with terror as I felt God's wrath. My nostrils flared with the fear of separation from Him. My mouth froze into a woeful circle, never to smile again in this life. I finally yielded up My spirit and lay in a grave where I kept Adonai's Sabbath. When the sun rose, I burst forth, carrying with me a new, glorified humanity, sealing you to everlasting life. I am love. Far from wanting to destroy you, I was willing to be destroyed in order to save.'

"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear," 1 John 4:18. Fear intelligently and God will put your fears to rest in the warm embrace of His everlasting love. He'll turn your fears to tears of repentance forever doubting His goodness. Go to Him now, submit to His Word, surrender yourself, "And you will find rest to your souls," Matthew 11:29.

(Submitted by Betty Dean. Written by Jennifer Jill Schwirzer. Used by permission from [www.lifeandhealth.org](https://www.lifeandhealth.org) Courtesy of LifeSpring – Resources for Hope and Healing Stuart, VA.)

# Patrick County 4-H Marksmen Compete in 2023 Virginia 4-H Spring Air

The Patrick County 4-H Marksmen recently traveled to W.E. Skelton 4H Educational Center at Smith Mountain Lake in Wirtz, VA to take part in the 2023 Virginia 4-H Spring Air. More than fourteen 4-H shooting clubs from around the state attended, with more than 159 kids competing in 8 different events.

Competing for the Patrick County 4-H Marksmen were Lauren Murphy, Abby Corriher, Levi Corriher, Bethany Gilbert, Levi Gilbert, Magdalene Gilbert, Reagan Underwood, Cooper Wikstrom, Ethan Craft, Bailey Walker, and Jake Bryant.

Individual and team results include:

**Air Rifle – Senior Sporter Individual:** Lauren Murphy, 10th place, Bethany Gilbert, 12th place, Abby Corriher, 15th place, Levi Corriher, 19th place

**Air Rifle – Senior Sporter Team – 4th place team:** Lauren Murphy, Bethany Gilbert, Abby Corriher, Levi Corriher

**Air Rifle – Senior Prone Position Individual:** Lauren Murphy, 2nd place, Abby Corriher, 5th place, Levi Corriher, 12th place, Bethany Gilbert, 15th place

**Air Rifle – Senior Standing Position Individual:** Lauren Murphy, 8th place, Abby Corriher, 9th place, Bethany Gilbert, 13th place, Levi Corriher, 22nd place

**Air Rifle – Senior Kneeling Position Individual:** Bethany Gilbert, 13th place, Lauren Murphy, 14th place, Abby Corriher, 21st place, Levi Corriher, 22nd place



Group photo of Patrick County 4-H Marksmen (Contributed)

**Air Rifle Silhouettes – Senior Individual:** Lauren Murphy, 9th place, Abby Corriher, 11th place, Levi Gilbert, 14th place, Bethany Gilbert, 16th place, Levi Corriher, 21st place

**Air Rifle Silhouettes – Junior Individual:** Jake Bryant, 3rd place

**APP Basic Supported – Junior Individual:** Reagan Underwood, 7th place, Magdalene Gilbert, 17th place, Cooper Wikstrom, 20th place

**APP Basic Supported – Junior – 5th place team:** Reagan Underwood, Magdalene Gilbert, Cooper Wikstrom

**APP Standing Supported – Junior Individual:** Ethan Craft, 14th place

**APP Silhouettes – Junior**

**Supported:** Cooper Wikstrom, 5th place, Reagan Underwood, 13th place, Ethan Craft, 19th place, Jake Bryant, 25th place

**Archery Genesis – Senior Individual:** Lauren Murphy, 1st place, Levi Corriher, 2nd place, Levi Gilbert, 7th place, Abby Corriher, 10th place, Bethany Gilbert, 11th place

**Archery Genesis – Senior Team - 1st place team:** Lauren Murphy, Levi Corriher, Levi Gilbert, 7th place

**BB – Individual:** Bethany Gilbert, 10th place, Levi Gilbert, 23rd place, Jake Bryant, 28th place, Levi Corriher, 32nd place, Reagan Underwood, 43rd place, Magdalene Gilbert, 45th place, Ethan Craft, 47th place, Bailey Walker, 48th

place, Cooper Wikstrom, 50th place

**BB – Team – 3rd place team:** Bethany Gilbert, Levi Gilbert, Jake Bryant, Levi Corriher, Reagan Underwood

For more information on the 2023 Virginia 4-H Spring Air results visit <http://www.orionresults.com> and choose Virginia 4-H Spring Air Shoot under the Tournaments and Leagues section.

The Patrick County 4-H Marksmen use shooting as a vehicle to teach youth ages 9-19 life skills such as responsibility, self-discipline, and teamwork through skills learned in archery, muzzle loading, pistol, rifle, and shotgun. Through these disciplines, youth also

learn firearm safety and marksmanship. The Patrick County 4-H Marksmen would like to thank American Legion Post # 105 and Stuart Family Restaurant for their continued support. The Patrick County 4-H Marksmen operates on fundraising and grant funding and would like to thank the NRA Foundation for their generous grant that helps make shooting club programming possible in our community.

The Patrick County 4-H Marksmen Club practices in Stuart and new members are welcome starting in October. For more information, please contact the Patrick County Extension Office at (276) 694-3341.

# Hazard Signs to Play Basketball at Hollins



**By Ashlee Mullis**  
Patrick County High School Senior, Missy Hazard, recently signed her letter of intent to play basketball for Hollins College.

Hazard said, "I'm really blessed to be able to continue my career at the college level. It's going to be challenge adjusting to the different players, coaches, and atmosphere, but I will

do anything to play more ball."

In attendance at the signing were (front row, from left) dad Pete Hazard, Missy Hazard, mother Michelle Valis; (back row, from left) PCHS Principal Hope Perry, PCHS Assistant Coach Grace Helms, PCHS Head Coach Donny Rakes, PCHS Athletic Director Terry Harris.

## Patrick County High School Sports Schedule – 4/13-19

### Thursday 4/13

- 5pm Baseball vs Martinsville
- 7pm Girls Soccer @ Martinsville
- 7pm Boys Soccer vs Martinsville

### Monday 4/17

- 4pm Girls Tennis @ Martinsville
- 4pm Boys Tennis @ Martinsville
- 5pm Baseball @ Magna Vista
- 5pm Softball @ Magna Vista
- 7pm Girls Soccer vs Magna Vista
- 7pm Boys Soccer @ Magna Vista

### Wednesday 4/19

- 4pm Girls Tennis @ Halifax
- 5pm Track @ Magna Vista
- 5pm Boys Tennis @ Halifax

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# “Dirt guy” Christopher Bell wins intense NASCAR Cup race on Bristol dirt



Christopher Bell, driver of the #20 DeWalt Power Stack Toyota, celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Food City Dirt Race at Bristol Motor Speedway on April 09, 2023 in Bristol, Tennessee. (Photo by Jared C. Tilton/Getty Images)

## By Reid Spencer NASCAR Wire Service

Before Sunday night's Food City Dirt Race at Bristol Motor Speedway, Christopher Bell lamented that a “dirt guy” hadn't won the NASCAR Cup Series' only race on the red clay in Thunder Valley.

Bell fixed the problem—in a race that also saw hard feelings between pole winner Kyle Larson and Ryan Preece boil over.

Holding off charging Tyler Reddick in the final stage of the 250-lap race, Bell held a slim lead over Reddick when NASCAR called the 14th caution with 200 yards left in the final circuit.

A dirt-track aficionado who won three straight Chili Bowl Midget Nationals from 2017-2019, Bell collected his first victory of the season and the fifth of his career.

“Man, let me tell you, these are some of the longest laps of my entire life,” Bell said of the later stages of the race. “This place is so much fun, whether it's dirt or concrete. Whenever the cushion got up there on the top, it was very tough, because you couldn't drive it super hard. Otherwise, you'd get sucked in.

“If you got your right front into it, you'd push a little bit. If you got your right rear into it, you'd slide. It was a lot of fun.”

Bell used his experience on dirt to negotiate the two ends of the half-mile track, which featured markedly different racing characteristics.

“(Turns) 3 and 4, that was the scary corner for me, because if you got into it too far, you lost all your momentum,” the driver of the No. 20 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota explained. (Turns) 1 and 2, I think I kept hitting the wall a couple times.

“Seems like there was a little bit more moisture up there—it would hold me better. I'm like, ‘OK, I can really attack 1 and 2.’ But 3 and 4, I had to be careful... Definitely the track tonight favored experience.”

Staying out on old tires after the end of Stage 2, Bell led the last 100 laps. Reddick, on the other hand, forewent a pit stop after Stage 1 and won Stage 2, but paid the price with a pit stop at the second break and rested 12th on Lap 151.

It wasn't until Lap 223 that Reddick passed eventual fifth-place finisher Chase Briscoe for the second position, as Briscoe scraped the outside wall in Turn 4. Reddick began his pursuit of Bell, but the final caution foiled any opportunity he might have had.

“Yeah, towards the end there definitely feel like I had a little bit more,” Reddick

said. “I thought I had the edge, but I wasn't quite there in the last couple laps. Definitely found it.

“Just hate it for everybody on this (No. 45 23XI Racing) Toyota. Just needed to be a little bit closer than I was. I think with two (laps) to go, it would have been really bold to try to make that move work. Obviously, on the white flag coming into (Turns) 3 and 4, I was going to see. We'll never know if it (would have) worked.”

Larson won 75-lap Stage 1 wire-to-wire, but he angered Preece with a move that forced the Stewart-Haas Racing driver into the outside wall. On Lap 175, 20 circuits after Larson spun and fell to the rear of the field, Preece returned the favor in Turn 4. Larson's No. 5 Chevrolet then shot to the inside into the door of Preece's No. 41 Ford before spinning into the outside wall.

“Yeah, I'm guessing he was paying me back

for whatever I did earlier,” said Larson, who exited the race with suspension damage to his car. “He ran me straight into the fence, and my car was broke and we crashed.

“It sucks, but I should just be mad at myself for spinning out earlier and putting myself back there. Just sucks.”

Austin Dillon ran third, followed by Daytona 500 winner Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Briscoe and Justin Haley, as drivers with dirt-track backgrounds claimed the top six finishing positions. Martin Truex Jr., Todd Gilliland, Kevin Harvick and Ty Gibbs completed the top 10.

“I just have to thank (Speedway Motorsports Inc.) for all of the hard work they've done with this dirt racing,” Dillon said. “I don't care what anybody says, that was an amazing show throughout the field. I felt like it was some great racing.”

## NASCAR Cup Series Race - Food City Dirt Race

Bristol Motor Speedway Dirt  
Bristol, Tennessee  
Sunday, April 9, 2023

- 1. (4) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 250.
- 2. (6) Tyler Reddick, Toyota, 250.
- 3. (2) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 250.
- 4. (22) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, 250.
- 5. (14) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 250.
- 6. (25) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 250.
- 7. (27) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 250.
- 8. (15) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 250.
- 9. (26) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 250.
- 10. (23) Ty Gibbs #, Toyota, 250.
- 11. (13) Michael McDowell, Ford, 250.
- 12. (11) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 250.
- 13. (10) William Byron, Chevrolet, 250.
- 14. (18) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, 250.
- 15. (20) Harrison Burton, Ford, 250.
- 16. (29) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 250.
- 17. (33) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 250.
- 18. (28) Chris Buescher, Ford, 250.
- 19. (7) Austin Cindric, Ford, 250.
- 20. (3) JJ Yeley(i), Ford, 250.
- 21. (32) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 250.
- 22. (30) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 250.
- 23. (9) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 250.
- 24. (8) Ryan Preece, Ford, 250.
- 25. (34) Daniel Suarez, Chevrolet, 250.
- 26. (37) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, 250.
- 27. (31) Josh Berry(i), Chevrolet, 250.
- 28. (16) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 249.
- 29. (17) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 248.
- 30. (35) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 247.
- 31. (19) Aric Almirola, Ford, 240.
- 32. (5) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, Suspension, 236.
- 33. (36) Noah Gragson #, Chevrolet, 205.
- 34. (24) Matt Crafton(i), Ford, Engine, 185.
- 35. (1) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, Accident, 177.
- 36. (21) Jonathan Davenport, Chevrolet, Accident, 176.
- 37. (12) Joey Logano, Ford, Accident, 96.

Average Speed of Race Winner: 46.68 mph.  
Time of Race: 2 Hrs, 40 Mins, 40 Secs. Margin of Victory: Under Caution Seconds.

Caution Flags: 14 for 71 laps.  
Lead Changes: 4 among 4 drivers.  
Lap Leaders: K. Larson 1-75; T. Reddick 76-134; K. Busch 135-140; T. Reddick 141-150; C. Bell 151-250.

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led): Christopher Bell 1 time for 100 laps; Kyle Larson 1 time for 75 laps; Tyler Reddick 2 times for 69 laps; Kyle Busch 1 time for 6 laps.

Stage #1 Top Ten: 5,3,8,41,12,20,14,45,31,24  
Stage #2 Top Ten: 45,3,5,20,8,14,19,12,31,10

## Legal Notice

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF A PETITION BY APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF MIDDLE-MILE BROADBAND CAPACITY PROJECTS PURSUANT TO § 56-585.1:9 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA CASE NO. PUR-2023-00028

- Appalachian Power Company has applied for approval of two (2) new projects to provide broadband capacity to Internet Service Providers in areas of Virginia that are unserved by broadband.
- The Hearing Examiner appointed to this case will hold a telephonic hearing on June 27, 2023, to receive public witness testimony on this Petition.
- The Hearing Examiner will hold an evidentiary hearing in this case on June 28, 2023.
- Further information about this case is available on the SCC website at: [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information).

On March 2, 2023, Appalachian Power Company (“APCo” or “Company”) filed a petition (“Petition”) with the State Corporation Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to § 56-585.1:9 of the Code of Virginia (“Code”), seeking approval of two new projects to provide broadband capacity to Internet Service Providers (“ISPs”) in areas of Virginia that are unserved by broadband. Specifically, APCo requests approval of: (1) a project to provide middle-mile broadband Internet capacity in unserved areas of Patrick, Henry, and Franklin Counties, Virginia (the “PHF Project”); and (2) a project to provide middle-mile broadband Internet capacity in unserved areas of Giles County, Virginia (the “GC Project”) (collectively, the “Projects”). Pursuant to Code § 56-585.1:9, the Commission must issue a final order on the Petition within six months of the date of filing.

According to the Petition, with the proposed Projects, APCo seeks to expand middle-mile broadband capacity in the unserved areas of Patrick, Henry, Franklin and Giles Counties. The Company states that the areas targeted by the Projects are “unserved by broadband” pursuant to Code § 56-585.1:9 D. The Company states that, for the PHF Project, the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative of the Department of Housing and Community Development (“DHCD”) has issued a grant or loan to construct a broadband service project within the last 18 months, and the grant or loan recipient is the ISP to which the utility proposes to lease capacity. The Company further states that, for the GC Project, the DHCD has certified within the last 18 months that the designated area is unserved.

The Company states that the PHF Project entails the installation of approximately 380 miles of 288-strand fiber optic cable on the Company's distribution system, and the GC Project entails the installation of approximately 100 miles of 144-strand fiber optic cable. The Company states that these installations will also provide a communications platform for APCo's own distribution grid network backhaul requirements.

The Company states that it will lease a portion of the middle-mile broadband infrastructure to RiverStreet Networks of Virginia, the ISP selected by the counties to provide service to unserved areas in Patrick, Henry, and Franklin Counties, and a separate lease to GigaBeam Networks, LLC, as the ISP selected to provide service to unserved areas in Giles County. APCo states that the estimated capital investment for the PHF Project is approximately \$56.9 million, and the estimated investment for the GC Project is approximately \$12 million. APCo is not requesting cost recovery through a rate adjustment clause at this time, but expects to do so in a future filing.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the Petition and supporting documents for the details of these and other proposals.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCo's Petition. On June 27, 2023, at 10 a.m., the Hearing Examiner assigned to this case will hold a telephonic hearing, with no witness present in the Commission's courtroom, for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before June 22, 2023 any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting); (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to [SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov](mailto:SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov); or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting).

On June 28, 2023, at 10 a.m., in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Hearing Examiner will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Petition from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff (“Staff”).

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, all pleadings, briefs, or other documents required to be served in this matter shall be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by 5 VAC 5-20-150, Copies and format, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (“Rules of Practice”). Confidential and Extraordinarily Sensitive information shall not be submitted electronically and should comply with 5 VAC 5-20-170, Confidential information, of the Rules of Practice. Any person seeking to hand deliver and physically file or submit any pleading or other document shall contact the Clerk's Office Document Control Center at (804) 371-9838 to arrange the delivery.

Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, Filing and service, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission has directed that service on parties and the Commission's Staff in this matter shall be accomplished by electronic means. Please refer to the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing for further instructions concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information.

An electronic copy of the Company's Petition may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: James R. Bacha, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, OH 43215, [jrbacha@aep.com](mailto:jrbacha@aep.com); or James G. Ritter, Esquire, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, Riverfront Plaza, East Tower, 951 East Byrd Street, Richmond, VA 23219, [ritterj@huntonak.com](mailto:ritterj@huntonak.com).

On or before June 21, 2023, any interested person may file comments on the Petition by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: [scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments](http://scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments). Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2023-00028.

On or before April 28, 2023, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling](http://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling). Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail with the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, Participation as a respondent, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by Rule 5 VAC 5-20-30, Counsel, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2023-00028.

On or before May 11, 2023, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, at [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling](http://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling), any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail with the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be served on the Staff, the Company, and all other respondents simultaneously with its filing. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, including 5 VAC 5-20-140, Filing and service; and 5 VAC 5-20-240, Prepared testimony and exhibits. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2023-00028.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, Copies and format, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

The public version of the Company's Petition, the Commission's Rules of Practice and the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing may be viewed on the Commission's website at: [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information).

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**Mabel Inman Howell**



Mrs. Mabel Inman Howell, age 79 of Stuart, passed away Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at the Blue Ridge Therapy Connection in Stuart. She was born in Surry County, NC on July 30, 1943, to the late Ernest Inman and Hallie Lawson Inman Davis. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard William Howell; one son, Randall Howell; one brother, Ernest Junior Inman; and two sisters, Blanche Collins and Etta Mae Collins. Mabel was an avid quilter, loved to sew, and loved cats.

Surviving is four daughters and sons-in-law, Dorothy Anne and Billy Quesenberry of Stuart, Sally and Greg Manley of King, NC, Mary and Stanley Hill of Stuart, Amy and DeWitt Clark of Roanoke; one son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Dixie Howell of Patrick Springs; 10 grandchildren; 4 step grandchil-

dren; 10 great grandchildren; 2 step great grandchildren; one sister, Rachel Martin of Danville; her beloved pet cat, Sam; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Monday, April 10, 2023, at 2:00 PM at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart with Pastors J.R. Shelton and Tommy Nichols officiating. Burial will follow in Patrick Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends two hours prior to the service at the funeral home. Flowers will be accepted, or memorials may be made to The Alzheimer's Association, Patrick County Chapter, P. O. Box 1301, Stuart, VA 24171. The family would like to thank the wonderful staff and doctors at Blue Ridge Therapy Connection for the wonderful care of Mabel. Online condolences may be sent to [www.moodyfuneralservices.com](http://www.moodyfuneralservices.com).

**Arthur Lee "Papa Lee" Hylton**



Arthur Lee "Papa Lee" Hylton, 89, of Bassett, Va., went to his eternal home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, on March 16, 2023. He was born in Stuart, Va., to the late George Cabell Hylton and Callie Rakes Hylton. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Susanna Hylton; and two brothers, William Howard Hylton, and Harvey Ray Hylton.

Mr. Hylton was a longtime member of Rich Acres Baptist Church and loved nothing more than witnessing to people and leading them to the Lord. He retired from Stanley Furniture at age 60.

He is survived by his two daughters, Katherine (Kathy) Hylton Sharpe, and Carol Hylton Hancock and husband Ken, all of Bassett; two grandsons, Travis Hancock and wife Laura of Newport News, and Jordan Hancock of Fredericksburg, great-granddaughter, Leah, of Newport News; stepson, John-

nie Puckett of Stuart; brother, George "G.C." Cabell Hylton and wife Margaret, of Stuart; and his four sisters, Gay Nell Floyd of Stuart, and Estelle Rakes, Virginia Sheppard, and Redith Shough and husband David, all of Patrick Springs; as well as several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on March 20, Monday evening from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Bassett Funeral Service chapel, and at other times at the home.

Funeral services will be held at Bassett Funeral Service chapel at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, with Pastor Gary Hughes officiating. Burial will follow in the Old Center Church Cemetery with military rites by the Martinsville Henry County Honor Guard.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.bassettfuneralservice.com](http://www.bassettfuneralservice.com).

Bassett Funeral Service is serving the Hylton family.

**Frances Blackard Shelton**



Mrs. Frances Blackard Shelton, age 79, of Stuart, Virginia completed this earthly journey on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at her home. She was born in Stokes County on March 12, 1944, to the late William Robertson and the late Claris Mae Shelton Doss. In addition to her parents, Frances was preceded in death by her husband, Roger Leon Shelton; and one grandson, Brandon Lee France. Frances was a bus driver for Patrick County Public School System for 43 years. Frances will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Left to cherish the memories of Mrs. Shelton are two sons Derek Blackard (Melissa Blair) of Stuart, Virginia, Jimmy Blackard (Teri) of Rutherfordton, North Carolina; seven grandchildren, Mandi Hall, Josh Easley, James Blackard, Mariah Easley, Allen Gray France, Roger Alan Blackard, Jacie Blackard; five great-grandchildren, TJ, Allana, Colton, Wyatt, Blakely; one sister,

Betty Bullins of Lawsonville, North Carolina; several nieces; and many dear friends.

A memorial service for Mrs. Frances Shelton will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2023, from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the home, 2245 Big A School Road, Stuart, Virginia 24171. Mrs. Shelton will lie in

state at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart on Friday, April 14, 2023, from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. for relatives and friends to pay their final respects. Moody Funeral Home in Stuart is serving the Shelton family, and online condolences may be sent by visiting [www.moodyfuneralservices.com](http://www.moodyfuneralservices.com).

The family of Mrs. Frances Shelton would like to extend their sincere gratitude and their thanks to a few close friends who visited her during her last days, Pete Law, George Law, Rudy Rogers, Shirley Mabe, Nancy Lawson, Glenn Handy, and brother-in-law, Cecil Shelton.

**Harold Smart**



The last Smart boy is gone. Harold, 87, of Charlottesville, Virginia passed away April 4, 2023. He was born in Stuart, Virginia on November 6, 1935, to the late Goldie Mae and Grover Cleveland Smart.

After serving in the Army, Harold married Sue Reynolds and they settled in Charlottesville where they raised their family. Harold worked at Sperry Marine Systems for 35 years then began his second career with the University Village where he stayed for 25 years. He did not have any hobbies, he just liked helping people. If you met him, you immediately liked him and his great smile.

Harold is survived by his two daughters, Beverly D. Smart of

Charlottesville, VA and Susan S. Mead (Glen) of Palmyra, VA; and two grandchildren, Jordan L. Hessler (Kasia) and Hailee R. Hessler of Richmond, VA.

Harold was preceded in death by his loving wife, Sue, of 65 years and his 12 siblings.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the hospice team who cared for Harold.

A service will be held on April 7, 2023, 11:00 AM at Moody Funeral Services in Stuart. We invite you to make a donation to Hospice of the Piedmont, 675 Peter Jefferson Parkway, Suite 300, Charlottesville, VA 22911 ([www.hopva.org](http://www.hopva.org)) in his honor in place of sending flowers. Online condolences may be sent to [www.moodyfuneralservices.com](http://www.moodyfuneralservices.com).

**Paul Clinton Rorrer**



Paul Clinton Rorrer, 81, of Martinsville, Virginia, passed away on the afternoon of April 7, 2023 at Moses Cone Memorial Hospital.

Paul was born on June 30, 1941 to Beamer Lee and Lillie Mitchem Rorrer in Anawalt, West Virginia. He is survived by his daughter, Andrea K. Rorrer and her husband Brian Warren (Salt Lake City, Utah) and his son Ronald A. L. Rorrer and his wife Velvet Rorrer (Denver, Colorado), and his three grandchildren—Anna Sophia Rorrer Warren, Alexander Rorrer Warren, and Nickolas Rorrer. He is also survived by his fiancé Shirley Tatum and her extended family of Angela and Brian Dupstadt and their children Hannah, Allison, and Jack as well as his brother Robert "Jackie" Rorrer (Lu Rorrer, wife, and daughter Lisa). In addition, he leaves behind Mike, Kyna, Angie (Forrai), and Aaron Rose and other numerous loving nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by Gerda K. L. Rorrer (divorced) and siblings Joann Minnick, Mattie Lou Perry, James "Jimmy" Rorrer, Doris Rose, Mary Ellen Roberts, Lucille Rorrer, and George Rorrer.

Paul, who had served in the Army, received his associate's degree from Patrick & Henry Community College. Prior to his retirement

and self-employment, he was a manager with Bassett Walker/Vanity Fair. Alongside Gerda Rorrer, he operated 58 Market for many years and created the Mayo Court Mobile Home Park. He was an entrepreneur at heart and believed in the value of independence, motivation and perseverance,

and grit.

Paul lived a full life and never met a stranger regardless of where he was. He was the person you called if you needed anything, as he was always willing to lend a hand and support others. Paul loved spending time with his grandchildren, extended family, and friends. He also enjoyed travel and adventures, hunting, music and dancing, winemaking, and racing. He was a vocal advocate of learning and formal education for his children and for others.

He will be dearly missed in this life.

Visitation and remembrance will be held at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart, Virginia on Thursday, April 13, 2023, from 12:00-2:00 followed by the funeral services at 2:00 and graveside burial at Sycamore Baptist Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Library Fund at Spencer Penn Center at P.O. Box 506 Spencer, Virginia 24165.

**Card of Thanks**

The family of Patty Hazelwood would like to thank each person who showed such tremendous support, sympathy, and kindness during this difficult time.

We wish to thank our dedicated and committed extended family, neighbors, and friends who showed up, helped, and supported us every step of the way. Thank you to everyone who came to the funeral and demonstrated such an outpouring of love for the Hazelwood family.

To the many others who helped by preparing meals, sending flowers and cards, helping arrange

details of the funeral and memorial service, and a thousand other things that we can't begin to list here, thank you.

We wish we could thank each one of you in person and hear stories of how Patty has impacted your lives. We are comforted knowing that her legacy lives on through each of you. To each and every one of you who have been in our lives in some way, we think of you all like family, and we are deeply grateful for your support.

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## I Thirst

**Rev. Junior W. Wimbush,  
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After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I Thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. John 19: 28-29

Jesus was crucified at nine o'clock in the morning. For the first three hours he hung on the cross in the bright sunlight. Since he had not eaten or drunk anything since dinner in the upper room the night before, he must have been hungry and thirsty.

His first three hours were spent being compassionate. He was concerned for the need of others, the Roman soldiers, (Father forgive them, for they know not what they do), the thief hanging on his right side (This day you will be with me in paradise), and his mother, (Woman, behold thy son). It was not until

his fifth saying that he became concerned for himself.

At noon the darkness descended; so, from noon until three in the afternoon he concentrated on his own suffering. His suffering was a total sacrifice for our sins. The words I Thirst, revealed a lot about Christ. First, Christ suffered physically. Secondly, he fulfilled scripture, and thirdly, he provided for our thirst because He knew that he was nearing the end of His suffering - all because of us.

I thirst is not an original saying, you will find them in Psalms 22:15 and Psalms 69:21. In order for the scripture to be fulfilled, Jesus had to say I Thirst. Jesus was there when water was made, so he could have gotten water at any time. All He had to do was speak the word and water would have rained down on Him. He died for our thirst so my question for you is, "Are you Thirsty?" Surrender your all to Jesus and your thirst will be quenched with living water.

## Land Transfers

The Patrick County Circuit Court Clerk's Office recorded the following land transfers for the month of March:

Deron J Allen and other to Brian J. Stamm and other, 4.1 acres, Blue Ridge District.

Flynn D. Allen Jr. to Stephen Flynn Allen, 10.987 and 10.398 and 2.009 and 39.592 acres, Dan River District.

Anna L. Bartlett to David M. Perico and wife, 11.533 acres, Smith River District.

Joshua D. Bassett and other to Joshua D. Bassett and other, .0808 acres, Blue Ridge District.

Michael Calvin Baucom to Raymond Kennedy, Unit 44, Blue Ridge District.

Heather Jane Handy Beasley to Kevin R. Handy and other, 1.8626 acres, Blue Ridge District.

Gregory C. Bell and other to Larry Goff, Apartment 11, Blue Ridge District.

Tammy Rorrer Benfield to Scott Rorrer, 1.668 acres, Smith River District.

BH Cooper Farm LLC to Mary Sue Terry and other, 54.88 acres, Mayo River District.

Donnie D. Blackard to Aaron H. Blackard, 1 acre, Mayo River District.

Darlene Blake to Gloria Gilley Schwarting, 12.625 and 4.625 acres, Mayo River District.

David A. Bower to Lawrence Clifton Wright and other, 1 acre, Mayo River District.

Roger L. Carter to Crossroads Rentals LLC, 3.414 acres, Peters Creek District.

Roger E. Cassady and other to Bradley J. Cassady and other, 1.3 acres, Peters Creek District.

Roger E. Cassady and other to Dianne H. Hughes and other, 37.7 acres, Peters Creek District.

Allen Wayne Cassell to Sandra J. Harris and other, 140.483 acres, Mayo River District.

Ralph Cline and other to Travis J. Southard and other, 2.469 and 2.741 acres, Mayo River District.

Carolyn H. Hiatt Collins and other to Wanda O. Ross and other, 76.36 and 2.47 acres, Smith River District.

Christopher A. Corbett to Theodore Festa III, 8.902 and .021 acres, Smith River District.

Patricia Davis to Jerry Lynn Huffman, 5 acres, district not listed.

Paula Dayl Hemrick Dawson to Glen Mitchell Dowell Sr. and other, 1.98 and 1.68 acres, Dan River District.

Steven M. Dodson to Ryan I. Galimore and other, 1.205 acres, Smith River District.

Jean M. Grace to Brinda Jarrett Moody, 2.3591 and 2 acres, Peters Creek District.

Teresa H. Graham and other to Larry A. Kerns, 22 acres, Mayo River District.

Leon Greeno and other to David A.

Belcher and other, 0.25 acres, Blue Ridge District.

Keith B. Gunter and other to Worley Machine Enterprises Inc., 15.534 and .1317 acres, Smith River District.

Marie C. Hall to Roger B. Cassady and other, 37.7 acres, Peters Creek District.

Sherry Lynn Handy to Cheryl Renne Ramsey and other, INT 1.69 and 1.567 acres, Mayo River District.

Philip E. Haynes to Donald L. Thompson Jr., 3.334 acres, Peters Creek District.

Brandon Jarrett Hazlewood to Sara Craddock Hazlewood, 2.2192 acres, Mayo River District.

Madeline M. Hill and other to Jonathan H. Emmett and other, 21.085 acres, Blue Ridge District.

Mildred M. Hill and other to Ararat Key Tree LLC, 0.67 acres, Dan River District.

Richard Carl Hill and other to Samantha N. Hill, 1 acre, Blue Ridge District.

Darel W. Hodges and other to Nathaniel Wray Hodges, 0.77 acres, Dan River District.

Shelby Jane Honeycutt to Steven Frankenbach and other, 0.54 acres, Peters Creek District.

Marc Hoopingartner and other to Ralph Whitman Jr. and other, 28.79 acres, Blue Ridge District.

David C. Johnson and other to Mark Anthony Vaughn and other, 11.935 acres, Blue Ridge District.

Joy Ranch Inc. to Laura Davidson, 17.5 acres, Blue Ridge District.

Robert E. Kadle and other to Robert E. Kadle, tracts, Smith River District.

Robert E. Kadle and other to Robert E. Kadle, 2.825 acres, Smith River District.

Bradley David Keith and other to 32911 Properties LLC, 1.765 acres, Dan River District.

Cheryl S. Kiefer to Ellen M. Fulcher, 1.3 acres, Mayo River District.

William E. Kiefer to Cheryl Steele Kiefer, 0.6509 acres, Mayo River District.

Stephen Charles Maltrotti to Gullermo C. Manzotti, 9.080 acres, Dan River District.

John R. Mangrum and wife to John B. Mangrum and wife, 1.4775 acres, Smith River District.

Chamberlyn Kitchens Marks to Joshua D. Bassett and wife, 0.7196 acres, Blue Ridge District.

Betty Light Martin and other to Timothy Lee Scurlock Jr., lots, Peter Creek District.

Donald Felix Martin and other to Joshua Darryl Clement, 10.4398 acres, Dan River District.

Gladys Lucille B. Matthews to Victor Matthew Maines and wife, 5.94 and 1.236 and 4.73 acres, Dan River District.

Judy Niten to Michael Niten, 1 acre, Dan River District.

(See Transfers p. 13)

## BIBLE TRIVIA

BY WILSON CASEY

1. Is the book of Job (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. In Luke 17, when Jesus healed 10 men of leprosy, how many returned to thank Him? 0, 1, 3, All

3. What woman restored to life by Peter was known for helping the poor? Dorcas, Leah, Abigail, Miriam

4. Where are the names Abaddon and Apollyon

used to denote Satan? 2 Peter, 3 John, Jude, Revelation

5. Who contracted leprosy for lying to the prophet Elisha? Deborah, Gideon, Gehazi, Matthew

6. From 2 Samuel 20, who led David's armies? Aaron, Dan, Abner, Joab

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) 1, 3) Dorcas (also called Tabitha), 4) Revelation 9:11, 5) Gehazi, 6) Joab

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| 1 "Same Old Love" singer Gomez                         | 1 Toothed tools                    | 33 That is, to Tiberius        | 74 Bakers get their mitts on them |
| 7 Taken-back autos, e.g.                               | 2 Jacob's twin                     | 34 Not closed all the way      | 75 Oz lion player Bert            |
| 12 Most adultlike                                      | 3 Actor Waggoner                   | 35 Stubborn sort               | 76 Busy as —                      |
| 20 Sanctuary   | 4 Edifice extensions               | 36 Land in el agua             | 77 Cartoon pics                   |
| 21 Novelist Jong                                       | 5 Granola bit                      | 37 Go no further               | 78 Retained                       |
| 22 Undeveloped expanse                                 | 6 Mixtures                         | 39 Go — diet                   | 81 — wee Herman                   |
| 23 Carole King album hanging as a decoration?          | 7 Della of song                    | 42 Greta of the silver screen  | 82 Smiling evilly                 |
| 25 Surpass   | 8 Of times past                    | 44 Part of OTB                 | 83 "Yikes!"                       |
| 26 Drags to court                                      | 9 Fruit stones                     | 45 Cordage fiber               | 85 Huge wave                      |
| 27 Endures   | 10 Scanner of bar codes, for short | 46 Dunne of the silver screen  | 86 Rds.                           |
| 28 Big primate   | 11 Doc's throat-checking request   | 47 Labor leader Chávez         | 87 Bury                           |
| 30 San — (Texas city, informally)                      | 12 Copied a cow                    | 50 Extensive                   | 88 Actress Raven —                |
| 31 Nixon veep Spiro                                    | 13 Clerk on "The Simpsons"         | 51 Supporting the idea         | 89 Speechifier                    |
| 32 Taylor Swift album signed for a Catholic dignitary? | 14 The "T" of the DPT vaccine      | 52 Seed casing                 | 91 Fast-food cookers              |
| 34 Title ship in a 1997 Spielberg epic                 | 15 Detach, as a jacket fastener    | 54 Compadre                    | 93 Not inclined                   |
| 38 Hullahaloo  | 16 Toy in a crib                   | 55 Chopped into small cubes    | 94 Spirits in lamps               |
| 40 Hoodwink  | 17 Mistake                         | 56 Lyre relative               | 95 Of the moon                    |
| 41 John Lennon album sitting there all by itself?      | 18 River by the Louvre             | 57 Tibias' places              | 96 "Hee Haw" co-host Buck         |
| 43 Shoe parts  | 19 Affixed, as gift wrap           | 58 Spiral shape                | 98 Bohemian                       |
|  | 20 Comical tumble in slapstick     | 59 Title cousin in a 1992 film | 101 Delts' neighbors              |
|  | 21 Very busy                       | 61 Purple fruits               | 102 "Dear" advice columnist       |
|  | 22 Sebastian of England            | 62 Letter flourish             | 103 In addition to                |
|  |                                    | 63 "Hey, dude!"                | 104 Cry feebly                    |
|  |                                    | 64 Turin "Ta-ta!"              | 105 Blacken, as a steak           |
|  |                                    | 65 Turns rancid                | 107 Scot's cap                    |
|  |                                    | 66 Part of OTB                 | 109 Mauna —                       |
|  |                                    | 67 Chapeau                     | 110 Mediocre grade                |
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# Millions available in new round of workforce grants

Gov. Glenn Youngkin last week announced \$4.5 million in new workforce grant opportunities for workforce development through an open, competitive bid process. The applications and more information can be found on the Virginia Career Works website at [virginiacareerworks.com](http://virginiacareerworks.com).

"We are transforming how the Commonwealth delivers workforce development services to both businesses and hard-working Virginians. Through these grants, we are looking for innovative and proven ways to equip more Virginians with the tools they need for a better economic future," said Youngkin.

The funds, awarded through the Governor's discretionary allotment from the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title 1 program, are dedicated to efforts that boost workforce development opportunities in Virginia. The application deadline is Friday, April 21, at 5 p.m.

"A strong workforce equals a strong Virginia economy. We must utilize all our resources to upskill current workers and prepare younger generations for the workforce of tomorrow. I strongly encourage our workforce training partners to put their best ideas forward to maximize the use of these grants," said Secretary of La-

bor Bryan Slater.

The newly released grant opportunities include five categories:

\*Soft Skill Training – Total of \$1 million with a maximum award of \$150,000 per application. A 50 percent match is required from the applicant or a partner organization. The intent of this project is to provide opportunities for innovative soft skills trainings to individuals in low income and disadvantaged, rural communities. Skills to be provided to these populations must include at a minimum the following: adaptability - how quickly participants can respond to change and how easily they may master new skills; communication - expression of ideas clearly and engage in productive interaction with others; critical thinking, time management, accountability; problem solving, public speaking, professional writing; and teamwork, leadership, professional attitude, and negotiation.

\*Transportation to Learn – Total of \$250,000 for a maximum award of \$25,000 per application. A 50 percent match is required from the applicant or a partner organization. The intent of this project is to increase youth exposure to the benefits and opportunities of workforce develop-

ment programs, such as registered apprenticeships and in-demand occupations. Projects should enable youth (in-school and/or out-of-school youth, 14 to 24 years of age) with barriers to employment to visit in-demand trades employment opportunities that are available in their local communities.

\*Technical Skills Training – Total of \$1.5 million with a maximum award of \$200,000 per application. A 50 percent match is required from the applicant or a partner organization. The intent of these funds is to increase the number of technical training offerings in information technology and healthcare fields statewide to meet the growing needs of Virginia businesses.

Youth Outreach and Marketing Development Grant – Total of \$250,000 with a maximum award of \$25,000 per application. A 50 percent match is required from the applicant or a partner organization. The intent of this project is to develop and implement outreach programs that engage and inspire high school students to pursue education, training, and careers in the skilled trades. Outreach strategies must educate parents, students and guidance counselors on the benefits of skilled trades.

\*Opportunity Grant – Total of \$1.5 million with a maximum award of \$150,000 per application. A 50 percent match is required from the applicant or a partner organization. The intent of these funds is to increase the number of participants in workforce development training activities statewide, with a specific focus in work-based learning activities, including but not limited to on-the-job training, registered apprenticeships, internships, and customized training. The training activities must lead to job placement in in-demand occupations as listed in the request for proposals.

The federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act was signed into law on July 22, 2014. Under the ACT, Title I funds are available to states for the development and support programs that provide job search, education, and training activities for adult, youth, and dislocated workers seeking to gain or improve their employment prospects. Funds are also used to establish the one-stop delivery system for workforce development services.

Each year, the Governor has discretion over a portion of the funds that may be distributed to projects based on a competitive grant process.

## Transfers

(cont. from page 11)

Dellanah G. Owens to Benjamin Pupa, 10.2901 acres, Blue Ridge District.

Bobby N. Pendleton and other to Charles H. Buchanan Jr. and other, lots, Mayo River District.

Donna G. Pendleton and other to Christopher D. Pendleton and other, 7.0643 acres, Mayo River District.

Leon T. Pendleton to Darrell T. Pendleton, 2 acres, Smith River District.

Norman Lee Reynolds and other to Norman Lee Reynolds, 2 acres, Mayo River District.

Ginger S. Ross and others to Marvin E. Harris and other, lots, Smith River District.

Derina Hylton Scott to Duane B. Scott, 23.58 and 34.99 acres, Smith River District.

Edward B. Seagraves and other to Buckley Lansdowne Gardner and

other, 0.567 acres lot 98, Blue Ridge District.

Amy K. Shelor and other to Mountain Tract LLC, 107.1245 acres, Blue Ridge District.

Israel Gaye Smart Shelor to Israel Gaye Smart Shelor, 1.1326 acres, Blue Ridge District.

Israel Gaye Smart Shelor and other to Audrey Alice Smart Meeks, 1.0263 acres, Blue Ridge District.

Virginia Lee Beasley Sheppard to Sharon Almond Wilson, 2 and 6.10 and .47 acres, district not listed.

David Lane Shockley and other to David Lane Shockley and other, 103.019 acres, Mayo River District.

Glenn L. Smith and other to Allen W. Cassell and other, 2.757 and 5.371 acres, Mayo River District.

Joshua Smith and other to Ryan Cooper, 0.6881 acres, Peters Creek District - Town of Stuart.

Suzanne B. Stafford to Suzanne B. Stafford Trust, 15.26 and 8.3817 acres, dis-

trict not listed.

Joshua Paul Stegall and other to Joshua Paul Stegall and other, 4.7 acres, Smith River District.

Denise Litten Stirewalt and other to James E. Litten and other, tracts, Mayo River District.

Gregory S. Tardy and other to David L. Auer and other, 5.357 acres, Smith River District.

Mary Sue Terry and others to BH Cooper Farm LLC, five tracts, Mayo River District.

Jefferson Tolbert to Amanda Gayle Scott and other, 1434370 acres, Dan River District.

Dorsey Dewayne Troutt and other to Lisa McDaniel, 0.397 acres, Smith River District.

Joan H. Turner to Jamie E. Turner, 1 and 22 2/8 and 80.375 and 6.2093 acres, Peters Creek District.

Bonssi Vincenti and other to WV Hillbilly Hauling LLC, 9.5922 acres, Blue Ridge District.

Gerald Keith Wagner and other to Gerald Keith Wagner and other, 17 1/2 acres, Smith River District.

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Gerald Keith Wagner and other, 10.9425 and 5.005 acres, Smith River District.

Wescor Farming LLC to Grayson Farm & Leasing Inc., 13.5316 and 30.9017 acres, Blue Ridge District.

Chad Williams and other to Britany Kaye Lester, 1.761 acres, Peters Creek District.

Wind Chase Inc. to William Bradley Davis and other, 9.06 and 2.69 acres, Dan River District.

Wind Chase Inc. to Michael W. Robertson and other, 0.89 and 10.89 acres, Dan River District.

Wind Chase Inc. to Henry Clavin Oakes Jr. and other, 4.75 acres, Dan River District.

Woodbridge USA Properties LP to Shelby Honeycutt, 0.54 acres, Peters Creek District.

Worley Machine Enterprise Inc. to K & T Properties, 8.156 acres, Smith River District.

Dana Nicole Worley to Ricky O. Walton and other, 1.87 acres, Smith River District.

58 West Lumber Company to Clay Gideon Hauser IV and wife, 25.7284 and 7.7198 and 23.9533 acres, Mayo River District.

## LEGAL

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**PUBLIC HEARING:** The Patrick County Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing, Monday, April 17, 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 adopt the School Bus Video-Monitoring Ordinance. 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 would like to review the School Bus Video-Monitoring Ordinance, you may do so at the County Administration Office, Suite 218.

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

## LEGAL

### TOWN OF STUART PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REMOVE AN UNSAFE STRUCTURE RECORD OWNER:

Thomas A. Dehart *et als.*

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 11-03 of the Town of Stuart, and §15.2-906 of the 1950 *Code of Virginia*, as amended, NOTICE is hereby given that the owner shall remove the structure which might engender the public health or safety of other residents of the Town, on or before thirty (30) days following two consecutive weeks of this publication, and failure to comply will result in the Town having to remove the structure and the cost or expense shall be charged to and paid by the owner and collected as taxes are collected.

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION - Unsafe structure OWNER - Thomas A. Dehart *et als.*, c/o Thomas A. Dehart

PROPERTY LOCATION AND TAX IDENTIFICATION - Parcel ID 4811-3-5

Property Description - S Mayo R DB 102/1 8577 Salem Hwy Stuart, VA 24171

## LEGAL

### Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 6 p.m. at the (Stuart Site) Patrick & Henry Community College in the Community Room. The purpose of this hearing is to add an amendment to the Patrick County Comprehensive Plan and to amend the 1st page of the Solar Ordinance.

Authorized by: Patrick County Planning Commission

## LEGAL

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Patrick County Planning Commission will have a sub-committee work session meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 3 p.m. The meeting will be at the Patrick & Henry Community College (Stuart Site) in the Community Room.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE To Class "A, B, & C" CONTRACTORS To Include Minority and Female Contractors

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Individuals and businesses interested in participating in the competitive opportunities associated with these projects should submit written requests, including their name, address, phone number and the product or services provided to:

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### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No. CL23000278-00

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

JUANITA REYNOLDS WRIGHT v. JOHNNIE REYNOLDS  
ANNIE HAGWOOD, ET AL

The object of this suit is to:

PROVIDE DILIGENCE UPON UNKNOWN LOCATION OF DEFENDANTS

It is ORDERED that ALL DEFENDANTS NAMED IN THIS CASE appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before APRIL 24, 2023

APRIL 3, 2023

*M. B. B. Interim Clerk*

## LEGAL

### PUBLIC NOTICE

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a water body in Patrick County, Virginia  
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: April 6, 2023 - May 5, 2023

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit - Wastewater issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board  
APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS, AND PERMIT NUMBER: Town of Stuart, PO Box 422, Stuart, Virginia 24171, VA0022985

FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Town of Stuart WWTP, 709 Commerce street, Stuart, Virginia 24171  
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Town of Stuart has applied for a reissuance of a permit for the wastewater treatment plant in Patrick County. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewater at a rate of 600,000 gallons per day from the current facility into a water body. A sludge management plan has been submitted proposing to haul sludge to a landfill. The facility proposes to release the treated sewage to into the South Mayo River in Patrick County in the Upper South Mayo/River/Russell Creek Watershed (VAW-L43R). A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: organic matter, solids, bacteria, dissolved oxygen (minimum), physical and chemical properties

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for a public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if a public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.  
CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS, AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Becky L. France; ADDRESS: Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Blue Ridge Regional Office, 901 Russell Drive, Salem, VA 24153; (540) 562-6700; E-MAIL ADDRESS: [becky.france@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:becky.france@deq.virginia.gov); FAX: (804) 698-4178. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above (by appointment) or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.

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# Stiffer swatting penalties take effect in July, including potential jail time

By Cassandra Loper  
Capital News Service

Legislation to increase penalties for alerting police, fire or emergency medical services personnel to false emergencies passed the General Assembly with bipartisan support and will take effect on July 1.

House Bill 1572, introduced by Del. Wendell S. Walker, R-Lynchburg, will now make it a Class 1 misdemeanor to report a false emergency to emergency services, according to the bill. There are stronger penalties if someone is in-

jured or dies as a result of the fake emergency.

Another term for this is “swatting.” Swatting involves calling 911 and faking an emergency that draws a response from law enforcement, according to a 2008 FBI warning.

Celebrities who were popular victims of swatting in the 2010s included Justin Bieber, Tom Cruise, Selena Gomez and Ashton Kutcher, according to an Indy Star article. More recently, schools and colleges have become the new tar-

gets of swatting, according to AP News. The increase in false threats to schools may not originate in the U.S., an FBI agent told AP News in November.

“We were finding out that a lot of the schools were getting these so-called bomb threats,” Walker said. “People calling in and saying something terrible is going to happen in the school or there’s a bomb going to go off.”

The bill came out of several conversations with the Lynchburg police chief, law enforcement and local government, according to Walker. Young people are not taking these crimes seriously, Walker said.

“Not only is it a lot of cost to the localities as far as law enforcement, fire, 911, people like that responding,” Walker said. “What if in a situation, somebody was hurt or injured as a result of trying to evacuate a building or facilities?”

The law, when it goes into effect, will lead to either or both a \$2,500 fine and up to 12 months in jail for calling in a fake emergency.

“If somebody was injured, say had a heart attack or somebody was hurt trying to get out of the building, that would be a Class 6 felony,” Walker said.

A Class 6 felony can come with prison time of no less than one year, according to state code.

“If there was a death, a fatality, then this would be a Class 5 felony,” Walker said.

In Virginia, Class 5 felonies come with a sentence ranging from at least one year of prison up to 10 years, or jail for no more than 12 months and a fine up to \$2,500, according to state code.

“That was the message we wanted to send,” Walker said.

The individual who called in the threat would also be financially responsible for all costs associated with an emergency services re-

sponse, according to Walker. Taxpayers should not be burdened with the cost because someone wanted to do something “dumb or crazy,” according to Walker.

“It was a much-needed bill, and it wasn’t a partisan bill, it was more about public safety and about protecting our localities, our schools, other institutions,” Walker said. “I was glad to see that it was passed with an overwhelming majority of the vote.”

The new law has a very strong preventative message to it, according to Dana Schrad, executive director for the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police. The VACP is a nonprofit organization of over 600 active and retired law enforcement members, including administrators and managers, according to its website.

“This really does meet a need in terms of having an avenue to charge someone who makes a false report to law enforcement,” Schrad said. “We have these kinds of things happen at schools.”

Swatting can create a large public safety response, she said.

“You have a hard time determining whether or not you truly have an incident to respond to or whether it is based on a false report,” Schrad said.

Young people must understand the risk that comes along with prank calls, as they can “start an avalanche of events” that are both expensive and dangerous, according to Schrad.

The state legislature also passed an identical Senate bill. Both were signed by the governor on March 16.

*Capital News Service is a program of Virginia Commonwealth University’s Robertson School of Media and Culture. Students in the program provide state government coverage for a variety of media outlets in Virginia.*

## Ag Day, Plant Sale set for April 29

Patrick County Farm Bureau’s Ag Demo Day will be held on Saturday, April 29 at Rotary Field, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with activities that include equipment and safety demonstrations, a Tractor Skills Competition, Barnival, animal exhibits and vendors. This event is free and open to all ages.

The Patrick County Master Gardeners’ Spring Plant Sale will be held in the Memorial Building from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Lunch will be available all day via food trucks.

Ag Demo Day is an opportunity for visitors to experience agriculture up close. Farm equipment will be used to show hazards as well

as the amazing opportunities that farmers experience every day on the job, ag related businesses will showcase their products, the Master Gardeners will have plants available for your home and garden, and youth will get to enjoy their time riding the Pig Train and interacting with animals up close.

The Farm Bureau supports our agricultural community with a variety of protection products and works to keep agriculture a vibrant industry and key economic driver for Patrick County, for Virginia and for the nation. Join us for a full day of fun, competition, education, food and neighbors meeting neighbors.

# Performers sought for upcoming talent show

The Patrick County Alzheimer’s Group, LLC is looking for performers for its Patrick County’s Got Talent, a local talent show that will be held on Saturday, April 22 at 7 p.m.

The event will be held at the Patrick County High School (PCHS) auditorium and has a \$5 entrance fee.

In addition to being a fundraiser for the Alzheimer’s Group, member Joanne Hill said it’s an opportunity to demonstrate the multiple and various talents we have in the community. Anyone

“Anyone that wants to be in it can be in it. You don’t have to audition, and you don’t have to pay a fee to be in it, you just register and sign up,” she said.

The group is looking for local musicians, singers, dancers, gymnasts, actors, comedians, magicians, and other talents.

There are about a dozen acts currently registered to perform, primarily musical acts.

“We have Charles Bowman, he’s gospel and he’s from Ararat, and he does guitar with vocals. Karen Wood from Patrick Springs will probably be playing a piano solo,” she said.

However, she said the show could be cancelled if more talent doesn’t register for the show.

“So far, we don’t have enough acts. We’re looking to have about 20 acts,” she said.

Hill said the show is open to all ages with three age groups: 12 and under, 12-18 years old, and 18 and over. Cash prizes will be awarded to the best performer in each age group.

To register, fill out the form at the bottom of the event’s flyer and send it to the Alzheimer’s Office.

The deadline to register is Wednesday, April 19.

For more information, go to Facebook.com/PatrickCountyAlzheimer’sGroupLLC, or call Sally Smith at (276) 229-1724.

## Panther Promise—Free Tuition for Qualifying In-State Students

Ferrum College President Mirta Martin hosted a press conference and all campus meeting last week to announce a new financial aid initiative for the 2023–2024 academic year—the Panther Promise—which will provide free in-state tuition to qualifying Virginia students.

Martin said the Panther Promise is a natural continuation of Ferrum College’s legacy of offering an accessible, affordable and excellent education.

“We are a dynamic learning community where students enter with promise and leave with purpose,” she said. “Our students, faculty, staff and alumni are known for their commitment to service and community action, as expressed in our College motto, Not Self, But Others. These are not words on a page—it’s our way of life.”



Ferrum College President Mirta Martin

The college “is proud to affirm its identity as Virginia’s College of Opportunity. In a time when there are a multitude of challenges facing students and their families, as well as extended support systems, Ferrum College is committed to providing affordable access to higher education,” she said, adding that Panther Promise will offer free tuition to attend Ferrum College to qualifying Virginia students.



### Yikes! We’ve been REDISTRICTED due to the 2020 U.S. Census.

Say *Goodbye* to the old 9<sup>th</sup> VA House District and *Hello* to the new 47<sup>th</sup> comprised of Patrick Co., Western Henry Co., Floyd Co., Carroll Co., and the City of Galax. Consequently, the District Republican Party will participate in a state-run **PRIMARY ELECTION ON JUNE 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023**, to reelect local Delegate WREN WILLIAMS (Patrick Co.) or Marie March (Floyd Co.) as the Republican Candidate in the 47<sup>th</sup> house district for the November 7<sup>th</sup> general election.

#### HOW DOES THIS EFFECT YOU AND HOW CAN YOU HELP?

If you’d like to keep your voice from Patrick County in the VA House of Delegates, here are some important dates\* and actions you can take:

- **Register immediately to vote** so you can participate in the June 20<sup>th</sup> Primary.
- **May 5<sup>th</sup> – First day to vote** in **PRIMARY** in person at registrar’s office.
- **Voting Early** is the **BEST way to keep someone from stealing your vote.**
- **June 20<sup>th</sup> – Last Day to Vote in the Primary** at your local polling place but check in advance as some local voting districts have changed.
- **Spread the word** – Help get out the vote so your voice in southwest and southside Virginia will continue to be heard in Richmond!

#### \*\* FACTS TO CONSIDER WHEN VOTING:

Delegate	Session	House Bills Introduced	House Bills Passed	Success Rate
	2022	20	1	1 of 20
	2023	15	0	0 of 15
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1 of 35</b>
<b>Williams</b>	2022	14	6	6 of 14
	2023	15	7	7 of 15
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13 of 29</b>

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For more information or to find out how you can help PatCoVA PAC continue to deliver timely, factual information to local voters, please visit our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/PatrickCountyPAC>

Information sources: \*Patrick County Registrar and website <https://www.co.patrick.va.us/departments/registrar-office-of-elections>, \*\* <https://www.vpap.org/legislators/331499-wren-williams/> and <https://www.vpap.org/legislators/374469-marie-march/>



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# Be on the lookout for invasive pests this month

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is declaring April 2023 Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month (IP-PDAM). This national outreach month is dedicated to highlighting the impact of invasive plant pests and diseases on plants nationwide and informing Americans how they can help reduce their spread. IP-PDAM aims to raise public awareness about the threat and how U.S. residents can help protect U.S. resources from hungry pests.

"Each year, invasive insects and plant diseases cause an estimated \$40 billion in damages to plants that sustain us," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "Invasive species threaten our food security, agricultural livelihoods, and way of life. Luckily, there's a lot we can do to protect our resources. This spring, familiarize yourself with the invasive pest quarantines in your area and do your part to avoid inadvertently moving invasive insects and plant diseases to new areas."

"Many invasive plant pests and diseases are natural hitchhikers and can be hard to see. It's all too easy to unintentionally move them to new areas, said Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Jenny Moffitt. "Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month is a reminder to all of us to limit the spread of plant pests and diseases."

Nonnative plant pests can hitchhike in untreated firewood, attach themselves to cars, boats, and other outdoor surfaces—or take a ride in the mail. They can travel to new areas on agricultural material such as soil, seeds, homegrown produce, and plants.

Invasive pests have few or no natural predators in their new environments, so their populations quickly outpace native species and spread. These nonnative plant pests and diseases disrupt our ecosystems and reduce biological diversity. Climate change can magnify the impact of invasive species by increasing the level of plant pest infestations and disease infection, allowing pests to produce more generations each year, and increasing their suitable habitat. We need the public's help to protect our ecosystems, food supply, livelihoods, and way of life from the devastating impact invasive pests have on domestic plant health each year. Together we can make a difference.

To protect domestic plant health:  
\*Learn about possible quarantines in your area, as well as the signs of invasive pest infestation on wild plants and agriculture.

\*Invasive plant pest egg masses on outdoor surfaces are easily mistaken for a smear of mud, so it's important to clean your car and outdoor gear before traveling with them to new places.

\*If you find signs of new invasive plant pests and diseases in your area, report them to your local Extension office, state department of agriculture or your USDA State Plant Health Director's office.

\*Don't move untreated firewood—even if it looks pest-free on the outside. To avoid unintentionally spreading tree-killing beetles that hide in firewood, buy or source wood locally, or use certified, heat-treated firewood.

\*Source your plants and seeds responsibly. When ordering online, ensure the plant is coming from a

domestic source or follow import regulations. If you don't know where an agricultural product is coming from, don't buy it online. U.S. regulations apply to the importer of record—meaning the person purchasing and importing the product from overseas—not the online merchant. Learn how to safely and legally order plants and seeds online.

\*Don't mail homegrown plants, fruits and vegetables to avoid inadvertently mailing a plant pest with them.

\*When in doubt, contact your local USDA State Plant Health Director's office to find out what you need to do before buying seeds or plants online from an international vendor

or before mailing homegrown agricultural goods.

\*To comply with U.S. laws and avoid introducing new invasive species into the U.S., declare all agricultural items, including seeds, soil, and handicrafts to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for inspection when returning from overseas travel.

To share plant health protection messaging in April, join the conversation on Facebook and Twitter and follow #IPPDAM on social media. To learn more about invasive plant pests and diseases in your area and how to stop them, visit HungryPests.com.

## Power company issues requests for renewables projects

Appalachian Power issued three Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for renewable energy facilities to include wind, solar and renewable energy certificates. Under the Virginia Clean Economy Act (VCEA), Appalachian Power must meet annual interim Renewable Energy Portfolio (RPS) standards as it works to ultimately deliver 100 percent carbon-free energy to its Virginia customers by 2050. The company anticipates it will receive offers through these RFPs that will help meet its clean energy requirements.

"I'm extremely pleased with the results of the RFPs we've issued over the past couple of years," said Aaron Walker, Appalachian Power president and chief operating officer. "The RFPs we issued today will help us continue to diversify our energy mix while providing our customers with safe and reliable power."

The first RFP requests bids for up to 600 megawatts (MW) of wind and/or solar generation resources. The company seeks to acquire completed wind and/or solar projects through one or more purchase and sale agreements (PSAs) with a preference for projects located in Virginia or West Virginia. Facilities must be at least 50 MW in size and achieve a commercial operation date of no later than Dec. 15, 2026. The company is requesting proposals for both new and operational projects. Bidders of solar projects may also include proposals with an option for a battery energy storage system.

The second RFP requests bids for up to 200 megawatts (MW) of solar and/or wind resources via one or more long-term power purchase agreements (PPAs). With a PPA, the company enters into an agreement for the energy, capacity, ancillary services, and environmental attributes including renewable energy certificates (RECs) from the

facility. To qualify for consideration, resources must be at least 50 MW in size for wind and 5 MW in size for solar and be operational by Dec. 31, 2026.

The third RFP centers on renewable energy certificates (RECs). A REC is a market-based instrument issued when one megawatt-hour (MWh) of electricity is generated and delivered to the electricity grid from a renewable energy resource. Under the RFP, all RECs purchased must be produced from eligible energy resources as defined in Subsection C of the Virginia Code. Bidders may submit proposals for contract terms between 15-and 30-years beginning January 1, 2026.

Businesses seeking to submit a proposal may access RFP participation criteria, required forms, and other specifics online at [www.appalachianpower.com/rfp](http://www.appalachianpower.com/rfp). Proposals must be submitted by May 31, 2023. Any project selected by Appalachian Power through the RFP process is conditional upon and subject to approval by the required regulatory authorities.

Appalachian Power has 1 million customers in Virginia, West Virginia, and Tennessee (as AEP Appalachian Power). It is part of American Electric Power, which is focused on building a smarter energy infrastructure and delivering new technologies and custom energy solutions. AEP's approximately 17,000 employees operate and maintain the nation's largest electricity transmission system and more than 225,000 miles of distribution lines to efficiently deliver safe, reliable power to nearly 5.6 million customers in 11 states. AEP is also one of the nation's largest electricity producers with approximately 31,000 megawatts of diverse generating capacity, including 6,900 megawatts of renewable energy.

## Tips to prevent wildfires this spring

With spring fully underway, the Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) is reminding residents that the 4 p.m. burning law, which restricts open-air burning of any kind until after 4 p.m., remains in effect through April 30.

Last month, the VDOF responded to more than 150 wildfires that burned approximately 1,400 acres. Suppression efforts by VDOF and our firefighter partners since the start of this year are credited with saving more than 170 homes and buildings, with an estimated protected value in the millions.

"April is one of Virginia's busiest months in terms of wildfire activity each year," said VDOF Director of Fire and Emergency Response John Miller. "As we enter April, days are increasingly warm and windy. When these conditions combine with lower humidity, fire danger increases dramatically. If you plan on doing any outdoor burning, take the proper precautions."

Unsafe equipment is a common cause of wildfires. Avoid driving

through or parking on dry grass or brush, as hot exhaust pipes can set vegetation on fire. Sparks from lawnmowers and power equipment can also start wildfires. Mow before 10 a.m., but never when it's windy or excessively dry. Remember that lawnmowers are designed to mow lawns, not weeds or dry grass.

The leading cause of wildfires in Virginia every spring is escaped debris burning. Follow these tips when burning debris:

- No open-air burning until after 4 p.m.
- Check for local burn bans in your area
- Avoid burning on dry, windy days
- Keep your burn pile small
- Have a rake or shovel and a charged water hose on hand
- Have a phone ready to call 911 if a fire escapes your control
- Stay with your fire until it's completely out (drown, stir, drown again, ensure it's cool).

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PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_



# SES to host Wildcat Glow5K Run/Walk



These Running Club members are excited to announce that Stuart Elementary is hosting its annual Wildcat Glow 5K Run/Walk on Friday, April 21. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m., and the race starts at 7:30. Those interested can preregister online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Stuart/WildcatGlowRunWalk5K>.

# Signs of Spring



From the trees in bloom to activity on the baseball field, nearly any view of DeHart Park in Stuart these days show signs of spring. (Pat Delaney)



Trees near the Patrick County Branch of the Blue Ridge Library are covered with blooms. (Joanne Hill)

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**ESTATE AUCTION ONLINE ONLY**

**House with 14.73 acres on South Mayo**  
**Betty Roberson Estate**  
**Real and Personal Property**  
 2 Tracts - House with 14.73 Acres on South Mayo & Also 2 Acres on South Mayo.  
 Preview April 13th and 23rd  
 Bidding ends April 26th



Both tracts are on Stocked Trout stream just outside Stuart. Large open field with house tract and plenty of woods behind it for hunting, hiking, or walking. Perfect location for gardening and plenty of room for pets to roam.

**Bid at [rogersauctiongroup.com](http://rogersauctiongroup.com)**



**Keith Gunter – Auctioneer/Sales Manager**  
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# Ruritans donate to fire, rescue



The Red Bank Ruritan Club met last week and made donations to the local fire and rescue squads. Representatives included (l-r) Jerry Felts, Billy Aldrich, Pat Shouse, Randy Burge, D.J. Lawson, Mike Fulk, and club vice president Rachel White.

# Specially themed Story Time events held



The Patrick County Branch of the Blue Ridge Library system recently held two specially themed Story Time events.

'Reading with Goats,' was held on March 28. Stephanie Kelley's baby goats were special guests.

The theme on April 4 was 'Caterpillars,' with Master Gardeners, assisting in butterfly crafts and planting host plants for butterflies in the Books, Blooms and Bugs Garden.



# Treasure Island, The Musical, comes to Ferrum



Local youngsters rehearsing for their upcoming performances of Treasure Island.

April 20-23, Ferrum College Theatre Arts will present Treasure Island, The Musical, which tells the story of Jim Hawkins, a young boy and his adventures after finding a treasure map.

Treasure Island, The Musical, is an adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's novel by R. Rex Stephenson, and directed by Emily Blankenship-Tucker. The cast features Ferrum College students, locals and students from area elementary, junior high and high schools. Show times are April 20, 21, 22

at 7 p.m. and on April 23 at 2 p.m. Admission for adults is \$5 and for senior citizens and those under 18 are \$3.

On April 20, high school students get in for \$1, as long as there are available seats.

The April 22 performance also features a dinner & show option, with dinner at 5 p.m. and the show follows at 7 p.m. Adults are \$20, under 18 and senior citizens are \$17.

Treasure Island will be performed in the Flex Theatre, on the lower level of Schoolfield Hall.



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## ONLINE AUCTIONS

### Ends Wednesday, April 19th @ 4 PM

#### Stone Cabin and Yurt for Sale! 2332 Woods Gap Rd, Floyd VA 24091

You have the opportunity to purchase this truly unique property at Online Auction! Property features a Stone Cabin, Yurt and +/- 37 acres of pristine land in Floyd County VA! This property is designed for those who love the Outdoors: for relaxing in its serenity, for investigating and learning about the natural world, for its physical opportunities in working on the land or in working out. The land is +/- 37 acres of rhododendron forest adjacent and directly accessible to (150 yds) the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway, only 5 miles from the town of Floyd VA. The wooded portion is around an open grassy field (2-3 acres) level enough for various recreational use. At the south end of the field is a large garden area enclosed by an 8' chain link fence. Within this fenced area is a solar power installation feeding into the grid as well as a small garden shed. Across the field is a majestic forested escarpment that catches the rising sun. Water on the property is abundant with a clear water stream fed by several on site spring systems. A well provides a high-volume flow to the structures and for watering. On the perimeter of the land below the escarpment there is a constructed trail, precisely one mile in length, for walking or for a challenging mountain biking trek. The fauna is diverse and profuse and a trail camera has recorded many deer, wild turkey, bear, bobcat, coyote, fox, raccoon, rabbit, etc. The structures on the property are adjacent to the field with easy access from Woods Gap Road and ample parking. There are two separate living quarters, each with one queen bed, open sitting area and full bath. The Stone Cabin (of heavy fitted gray limestone over insulated cinder block) has a very efficient fireplace quite adequate for the coldest of winter days. But it has also a radiant hot-water subfloor system if necessary. Cooling in the summer is adequate by fan and open windows. A small kitchenette is within with sink, cabinets, a mini fridge and counter for microwave, small oven etc. At the rear of the cabin is an outdoor entry storage/utility room within which is a full size refrigerator/freezer and a standing gun safe. The other living quarters is a recently constructed Yurt. This sits on an elevated Trex deck with a unique reinforced steel under structure, therefore maintenance free. A larger portion of the deck faces the field for relaxing, grilling, etc. Inside the yurt is a railing enclosed loft for children's use. It's access is by spiral stairs also with safety railing. The Yurt has a kitchen with stove/oven and mini fridge. It also has a stacked washer-dryer. Between the stone cabin and the Yurt, there is an outdoor kitchen. This is also constructed of matching limestone and hardwood beaming. It is a high use living space with an outdoor TV, and a sitting terrace next to an outdoor firepit. It has a two burner gas cooktop, large stainless steel sink and mini fridge. Separate from the living spaces, there are two sheds. The smaller older structure has an open drive thru portion with roofed side area. This shed is currently used primarily for firewood storage. Another larger (60'x40') and newly constructed shed has three compartments. In the rear is a closed (rolling overhead doors) drive thru for storage of motorized equipment and there is a single car garage facing the parking area. There is also a large 30' x 20' workshop/storage area. This space is connected for electrical and plumbing installment. There is a small family cemetery in the SW corner of the property. There is a 50' right of way from Woods Gap Road along the southern border for adjoining property access.



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

Terms: 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$10,000 required day of sale. Close on or before June 5th, 2023. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence. Download Bidder for complete terms and conditions, purchase contract and maps.

### Ends Thursday, April 20th @ 3 PM

#### Land for Sale on the Little River! 194 Weddle Creek Road NW, Floyd, VA 24091

Looking for a picturesque piece of land with timber and farmland to call your own? Look no further than this 215 acre real estate auction offered in 6 tracts located just minutes from the charming town of Floyd, VA. With stunning views of the Blue Ridge Mountains and over 1.3 miles of West Fork Little River frontage, this property is perfect for hunting, and farming enthusiasts. With multiple springs and streams on the property, it's also an ideal spot for recreation. For those looking to build their dream home, the excellent views of the Blue Ridge Mountains and proximity to town make this property an unbeatable choice. And with trout fishing in the river, you'll always have a source of entertainment close by. Accessed by a private road, this property offers both privacy and convenience. Has an old 2 story farmhouse already on the property, complete with 4 bedrooms and 1 bath that could be used to get a head start on creating your dream homestead. Overall, this property is a great investment for anyone seeking a peaceful retreat surrounded by nature, with ample space for both recreational and residential purposes. This land offers a perfect combination of natural beauty, recreational opportunities, and potential for development. Whether you are looking to build a home or you're a hunter, fisherman, hiker, or simply enjoy the great outdoors, this property is sure to meet your needs. Don't miss your chance to own this amazing property!



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Restrictions and Road Maintenance— Properties will be subject to road maintenance agreement and deed restrictions. See Bidder Packet. Deed Restrictions are No Feed Lots, No Trailer Parks, No Junk Cars, No Shooting Ranges, No Goat, Chicken or Pig Farm Feed Lots, No Manufacturing or Industrial uses.

Offering # 1 – 25.439 Acres and 1,900 square foot 2 Story Farmhouse • Offering # 2 – 29.1845 Acres • Offering # 3 – 53.657 Acres  
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### Ends Thursday, May 11th @ 3 PM

#### Beautiful Land for Sale Near the Blue Ridge Parkway! 777 Black Ridge Rd., Floyd, VA 24091

This property features beautiful land for sale in Floyd VA. Located near the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway, this property features +/- 80 acres and a 1,600+ sq. ft. brick ranch home. Property is being offered in 3 tracts ranging from 2.8 acres to 39 acres. Enjoy peaceful country views yet within an easy commute to Floyd, Hillsville, Christiansburg and Roanoke VA. Ideal property for farming, recreation such as hunting, hiking, camping or for building your dream home in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Floyd VA. Don't miss your opportunity to own this beautiful country property.

Offering # 1 – Brick Home on 2.84 Acres • Offering # 2 – 38.23 Acres  
Offering # 3 – 39.12 Acres

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Preview – Friday, April 28th @ 4 PM



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### AUCTIONS WORK!

#### PENDING

Pre-Auction Offer Accepted  
Ends Thursday, May 4th at 4 PM  
Large Wooded Land Tract for Auction!  
TBD Slaughter Dr., Axton, VA 24054  
111.98 +/- acres of prime wooded hunting land in Henry County VA.  
Located near Martinsville VA and Danville VA

#### PENDING

Pre-Auction Offer Accepted  
Ends Thursday April 6th @ 4 PM  
Creek Front Land for sale in Woolwine VA  
Woolwine Hwy, Woolwine, VA 24185  
Beautiful +/- 65.79 acre recreational property available for sale at auction.  
This property is located in the Woolwine Community of Patrick County VA,  
situated between the towns of Stuart and Floyd VA.

#### SOLD!

Ended Thursday, February 23rd @ 4 PM  
Creek Front Land for Sale in Franklin County VA!  
TBD Truevine Rd, Penhook, VA 24137  
This property features 30.29 acres in Penhook VA. The property  
Has approximately 2000' of frontage on Snow Creek and  
is mostly wooded with a small cleared area.

#### SOLD!

Ended Wednesday, March 8th @ 4 PM  
Affordable Land for Sale in Bassett VA!  
TBD Warehouse St. Bassett VA 24055  
This property features 57.09 acres of wooded land.  
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