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## Faulty brakes and loss of control blamed for collisions



The loss of brakes was cited as the cause of a collision last week while traversing U.S. 58, commonly called Lovers Leap Mountain.

Patrick County Emergency Management Services (EMS) Coordinator Scottie Cassell said the accident occurred on April 13. The call came in around 10:24 a.m. to report the driver of an 18-wheeler

tractor-trailer who allegedly lost control of the vehicle before a truck ramp.

The vehicle “overturned on its side,” he said, adding the vehicle “was carrying bags of fertilizer.”

Cassell said a skid steer was used to scoop up the fertilizer. “Some of it was unloaded by hand - the bags that weren’t busted,” he said.

The driver was transported to Sovah Health – Martinsville with minor injuries.

Cassell estimated the entire call, including cleanup, lasted about six hours. The road cleared at 4:30 p.m. One lane of travel was blocked throughout.

Another collision involved a red sedan and an 18-wheeler, Cassell said of the accident that occurred April 12 around 8 a.m. at the intersection of Trot Valley and Central Academy roads.

“The truck lost its brakes coming down the mountain,” he said, adding the car “was turning onto Central Academy and got side-swiped by a tractor-trailer.”

The driver of the car was also transported to Sovah Health – Martinsville with non-threatening injuries.

EMS personnel cleared the scene around 9 a.m., he added.

## Board hears curriculum concerns



Denise Stirewalt addressed members of the Patrick County School Board at an April 13 meeting.

**By Taylor Boyd**

School board members heard concerns about access to books and curriculum in Patrick County classrooms.

Denise Stirewalt said she sees a lot of videos and news articles about parents being concerned about the types of books being read to students and the curriculum being read to students.

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## Elusive fairies have new homes, gardens



Youngsters participating in a recent Youth Art Program at the Patrick County Branch Library built homes and gardens for mysterious fairies - and perhaps a few gnomes. The new digs are made of pine cones, moss, leaves, and other natural materials, as well as recycled goods such as plastic and tin. Members of the Patrick County Master Gardeners, library staff, and others helped with the construction project. See inside and online at [www.theenterprise.net](http://www.theenterprise.net) for more. (Contributed photo)

## Daycare to open in Woolwine

**By Taylor Boyd**

A new daycare hopes to fill the void created by the closing of Appletree Daycare Center in Woolwine.

Jenna Adams plans to open a daycare at the Woolwine United Methodist Church, near Woolwine Elementary School, in early June.

Adams said she was approached with the idea to open a daycare about a month ago.

“Everything just kind of started falling into place, and two weeks after that we went up to look at the church and the church agreed and we agreed, and it just kind of played out. It’s really a blessing,” she said.

Adams currently owns and operates the Little Angels Early Learning Center in Bassett.

“So, when I was approached about this second one, I prayed about it and everything. I really think that it’s part of God’s plan for me to open it there,” she said.

Adams said the daycare is religious-based and will use a Christian-based curriculum that goes along with the learning. The curriculum will include daily activities, videos, crafts, and more.

“It’s almost like a preschool, basically because we have it set up like that just to help the students have that time before they go into public schools to try and get



Jenna Adams plans to open a daycare in the Woolwine United Methodist Church.

a little bit of a boost,” she said.

Adams said children aged two-and-a-half to five years old are eligible for enrollment. She estimates the center will enroll around 30 children in the beginning, with the potential to expand

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## Montgomery is still ‘growing’ strong

**By Taylor Boyd**

Geraldine “Jinky” Montgomery is redefining retirement to suit her tastes and lifestyle.

She devotes several hours each day to cultivating her green thumb at Montgomery Greenhouse, usually arriving at a greenhouse between 8:30 and 9 a.m., and staying until about 5 p.m.

“I like my house, I love my home, but still I like to get out down here and play in the dirt too,” said Montgomery, who is now 86.

The lifestyle is one she has grown accustomed to, she said, adding that she and her husband, Gates Montgomery, started farming after purchasing their homeplace in Ararat.

“I had four kids, and his mother lived with us, so we just started the greenhouse. At first, we didn’t grow that



Geraldine “Jinky” Montgomery continues to enjoy gardening at Montgomery Greenhouse.

much,” she said. “We more or less bought most of the plants from Kalamazoo, Michigan and they brought them in.”

Montgomery said plants were delivered to all the G.C. Murphy stores in the area, including Richmond, Danville, and Lexington, N.C. as well as parts of West Virginia.

Years later, the couple started growing more plants before taking a few years off.

“After that, we went back into it. I think in ’89 or ’90, and then I’ve just been growing and fiddling at it ever since,” Montgomery said.

In the beginning, the greenhouse was primarily filled with bedded and basket plants, Montgomery said and added that her husband

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# Landmark’s Senior Forum to Focus on Prescription Costs



Tri-Area Community Health outreach coordinator Martha Puckett is the featured speaker for the Landmark’s Senior Forum on April 25.

Martha Puckett, outreach coordinator of Tri-Area Community Health, will be the featured speaker for the monthly Senior Forum at The Landmark Center in Stuart. The event is Tuesday, April 25 from noon to 1 p.m.

Puckett will address the rising costs of medications and how the Tri-Area Medication Assistance Program can help residents in our community, whether or not they are insured.

“People with no insurance coverage, those who are insured with high copays, and Medicare patients that fall into the coverage gap may all benefit from this program,” said Puckett. “Tri-Area can also assist with applying for Medicaid and Affordable Care Act insurance as well.”

Anyone who has concerns about paying for medications, or anyone who would like to learn more about the programs that Tri-Area Community Health is bringing to the community is invited to attend. A healthy lunch will be provided, and those interested in attending are asked to call (276) 694-3050 to register for planning purposes. The program will be held in the Living Room at The Landmark Center.

The monthly Senior Forum is a community programming effort sponsored by The Landmark Center, Blue Ridge Therapy Connection, and Southern Area Agency on Aging.

# Fun and learning will be on tap at Plant Sale, Ag Day

The Patrick County Master Gardeners’ Spring Plant Sale will be held in the Memorial Building at Rotary Field from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, April 29. The group will have plants available for sale just in time for spring planting.

Ag Demo Day, hosted by Patrick County Farm Bureau, will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Rotary Field. The 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

Activities will include equipment and safety demonstrations, a Tractor Skills Competition, Barnival, animal exhibits and vendors, and youngsters will have the opportunity to ride the Pig Train and interact with animals up close. The event is free and open to all ages.

Food trucks will be onsite throughout the day.

# Preview of the Stuart Farmers’ Market

The Stuart Farmers’ Market will be in full swing again this year, with plans to open early on Friday, April 21 and 28, with a grand opening set for Friday, May 5.

Operating hours are Fridays, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The market is in downtown Stuart (320 Chestnut Street).

Vendors are ready to grow when the market gets underway, with many returning vendors and several new ones added to the line-up. Meats, eggs, baked items, crafts, coffee, honey, and fresh produce will be among the wares offered.

Each Friday the market will host special events and programming provided by the Master Gardeners, Extension Office, Patrick County Library and Landmark Center. A tool sharpener will be back the first Friday of each month starting in June. Bring those dull knives and garden blades for sharpening.

The market will also host the Rise and Shine Youth Market on June 23 and July 7. This market is where our local youth sell their wares.

The annual Red, White and Blueberries

is the market’s 4th of July celebration on June 30.

The first Friday evenings, May through August, the market is host to the First Friday Summer Jam Series. This music series is a great way to kick off a weekend with live music, food, wine, beer, and community fellowship. The concerts are presented by One Family Productions.

The market will close out the season with the annual Mistletoe Market on Saturday, December 2, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This holiday event is a great

place to find locally made gifts, food, and holiday décor. This event is one of several holiday happenings during the weekend of Hometown Christmas.

To stay up to date with all the events, please visit the market’s Facebook page.

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## Road closure to begin April 24

Beginning Monday, April 24, a portion of Virginia 669 (Pedigo Ridge Road) will be closed to traffic from Virginia 773 (Ararat Highway) to Virginia 740 (Trucker Drive) for a pipe replacement.

Weather permitting, the road will re-open to traffic on Friday, May 5.

A detour will be used and directional signs will be in place to assist travelers.

## List of voters to be updated for accuracy

As part of the Virginia Department of Elections'(ELECTs') initiative to refine and update its list maintenance practices, the department has instituted a series of improvements to its current operations spurred by both feedback from the field as well as internal evaluations of existing processes.

At the request of general registrars, ELECT has streamlined the reporting of voters who are known to be deceased. A newly available form allows family members to report the death of a loved one to their general registrar directly. General registrars are also now permitted to use obituaries to confirm the death of a registered voter.

Additionally, ELECT has introduced a new tool that allows general registrars to lookup Virginia voters who may have died in another state. Through a national database, general registrars may now verify if the death of a registered voter occurred outside of the Commonwealth. In the past, general registrars experienced difficulties confirming the death of Virginia voters who died in out-of-state hospitals or facilities. This tool is particularly useful for general registrars who serve in areas bordering Virginia's five neighboring states and the District of Columbia.

Lastly, ELECT examined its data sharing relationship with the Virginia Department of Health. After ELECT requested a review of all VDH death records going back to 1960, VDH discovered death records that had not been previously shared with ELECT. After additional data analysis by ELECT staff, 18,990 records of registered voters were identified and will be sent to local registrars for processing in the coming week. As a result of these findings and process improvements, citizens can expect to see a significant number of names removed from Virginia's voter rolls.

"Maintaining the accuracy and security of our voter list continues to be a top priority for ELECT as the agency transitions to the new statewide voter registration system," said Susan Beals, Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Elections. "Through new mechanisms for updating our voter rolls, the department is working towards a best-in-class data voter registration list with the most accurate data available."

## Year-to-Date Revenues Still Running Ahead of Projections

The general fund revenue collections for March 2023 unadjusted for policy or timing impacts, fell by 3.8 percent compared to March 2022 mainly due to higher refund issuance, Gov. Glenn Youngkin announced last week. On a fiscal year-to-date basis, revenues are 0.6 percent higher than the same period last year. Relative to the official forecast updated in December, unadjusted general fund revenues are ahead of forecast by \$124.2 million year-to-date.

"March's revenue numbers, once again, demonstrate there's plenty of money available to lower costs for families and local businesses. We can also fund those most critical investments in education, safer communities and transforming the way behavioral health care is delivered for Virginians," said Governor Glenn Youngkin. "We remain in an and moment, not and an/or moment on tax cuts and key investments in the Commonwealth. The silent thief of inflation continues to steal the hard-earned paychecks of Virginia families and I encourage Senate Democrats to come together with House Republican leaders and let's deliver for Virginians together.

"The modest year-over-year decline in net revenues was anticipated in our December forecast," said Secretary of Finance Stephen Cummings. "Overall general fund revenue collections continue to exceed projections, adding to our confidence in our estimate of \$3.6 billion in available funds to implement of the Governor's proposed policy initiatives."

March marks the beginning of the tax processing season which peaks from mid-April to early May. The forecast projects an overall decline in total tax due payments primarily due to last year's decline in equity markets and the increase in the standard deduction. Through March, individual income non-withholding collections, which includes final tax payments, are well above projections, up 2.5 percent year-over-year after adjusting for policy changes.

## Winchester Man Pleads Guilty to Selling Fatal Dose of Fentanyl

A Winchester, Virginia man, who sold a fatal dose of fentanyl in October 2020, pleaded guilty last week to federal drug charges.

Kenneth James Hughes Jr., 27, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in Harrisonburg to two counts of distribution of fentanyl.

According to court documents, following a fentanyl overdose resulting in the death of the user on October 23, 2020, an investigation by law enforcement revealed Hughes and his supplier to be the deceased user's source of supply.

Law enforcement's investigation revealed that Hughes sold drugs to a variety of individuals throughout the Western District of Virginia. In October 2020, one of Hughes' customers contacted him in regard to acquiring fentanyl in the form of "pressed pills," namely, fentanyl pills made to appear like Oxycodone 30 mg pills. Hughes contacted his supplier and arranged and facilitated the purchase of two pressed pills by the customer from his supplier.

The individual who purchased the pressed pills subsequently consumed the drugs and was found unresponsive the following morning at

his home in Winchester. It was determined his death was the result of acute fentanyl intoxication.

Additionally, in November 2020, in Berryville, Virginia, Hughes sold twenty-two capsules containing fentanyl for \$300 to a confidential informant working on behalf of law enforcement.

Hughes is scheduled to be sentenced on July 19, 2023, and faces a sentence of six to ten years in prison pursuant to a written plea agreement with the United States. A United States District Court Judge will determine the final sentence after consideration of the federal sentencing guidelines and the sentencing factors set forth by Congress.

The Northwest Virginia Regional Drug and Gang Task Force, the Winchester Police Department, the Frederick County Sheriff's Office, the Virginia State Police, the Clarke County Sheriff's Office, and the Drug Enforcement Administration - Washington Division investigated the case.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Zachary T. Lee is prosecuting the case.

## New unemployment claims unchanged from last month

Data from the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) indicates the number of initial claims was essentially unchanged in the latest filing week at 1,558 and remained at levels typically seen over the last twelve months.

For the filing week ending April 8, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims in Virginia was 1,558, which was a decrease of five claimants from the previous week. Over half of initial claims with a self-reported industry were from administrative and support and waste management, professional, scientific, and technical services, retail trade, and health care and social assistance. Continued weeks claimed totaled 11,681, which was a decrease of 142 claims from the previous week but an increase of 68% from the 6,971 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 8, the advance U.S. figure for seasonally adjusted[1] initial claims was 239,000, an increase of 11,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 228,000. This is the highest level for initial claims since January 15, 2022, when it was 251,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 234,577 in the week ending April 8, an increase of 27,457 (or 13.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 223,751 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022. Looking at preliminary data, most U.S. states reported increases on a seasonally unadjusted basis. California's preliminary weekly change (+11,388) was the largest increase. New Jersey's weekly change (+3,228) was the second largest increase. Pennsylvania's preliminary weekly change (+2,816) was the third largest increase. Texas's weekly change (+2,776) was the fourth largest increase. Virginia's preliminary weekly change (+175) was the 23rd largest increase.

## SCC Seeks Public Comments on Financial Review of Appalachian Power Rates

The State Corporation Commission (SCC) is offering time for members of the public to give oral comments by telephone on an application by Appalachian Power Company for a triennial review of the company's rates, terms and conditions for the provision of generation, distribution and transmission services.

The overall impact of the Appalachian Power proposals would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity per month by approximately \$25.03, or 15.9 percent. For low-income customers qualifying for the proposed basic service charge waiver, the company's proposals would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity per month by approximately \$16.53 or 10.5 percent.

The SCC has scheduled a public witness session to begin at 10 a.m. on August 23, 2023. Public witnesses intending to provide oral testimony must pre-register with the SCC by 5 p.m. on August 17, 2023. The hearing will be webcast at: [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting](https://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting).

Public witnesses wishing to provide oral testimony may pre-register in one of three ways:

Completing a public witness form for case number PUR-2023-00002 on the SCC's website at: [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting](https://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting)

E-mailing the same form (PDF version on the same website as above) to [SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov](mailto:SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov)

## Real Estate Tax Statements have been mailed

2023 Patrick County real estate tax statements were mailed Thursday, April 13. The statement design is the same as last year---one statement with two payment stubs. The first half of 2023 real estate tax is due June 5, and the second half is due December 5. Taxpayers are mailed one notice for each real estate parcel owned and it is up to the taxpayer to bring or mail their payment by each due date---no reminder notice will be mailed. Please read the statement carefully---each stub states the appropriate due date and amount. If taxpayers wish, they may pay the annual amount in full by sending both payment stubs, along with the annual amount, by the June 5 due date.

A 10% penalty is added to the first½ of unpaid taxes on June 6.

Interest at a rate of 10% per annum will begin to accrue on unpaid taxes and penalty 26 days after each due date.

An insert is included with the tax statements explaining the real estate due dates.

If taxpayers do not receive their 2023 real estate tax notice by mid-May, please call the Treasurer's Office at (276) 694-7257. The Treasurer's Office is located at the Veterans Memorial Building, Room 221 in Stuart. The mailing address is P.O. Box 668, Stuart, VA 24171.

Following is a list of ways to make payments:

In person in the office.

Regular Mail - checks, money orders or cashier's checks.

Credit Card Over the Phone by calling: 1-833-398-6729, use jurisdiction code 6215, enter the 11-digit bill number and the amount you are paying (you have to enter the amount as it is not automatically generated).

Online payments can be made to: [www.acipayonline.com](https://www.acipayonline.com), use jurisdiction code 6215, enter

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ing taught in schools.

“I used to think, ‘thank God that’s not happening in our county.’ Then, a couple of parents approached me with a concern about a book that was being taught in third grade, and one of the students was actually having nightmares about this book,” Stirewalt said at the April 13 meeting.

Stirewalt, the Peters Creek District representative on the Patrick County Board of Supervisors, said she then contacted Ryan Lawson, who represents the Peters Creek District on the school board.

After learning about the concern, Schools Superintendent Jason Wood contacted Stirewalt and advised her that the book in question was part of the fourth-grade curriculum which has since been taken out.

A few months later, Stirewalt saw a picture of kindergarteners on the floor with little black donut pieces hanging down on the Stuart Elementary School Facebook page. The post has since been deleted.

The post stated, ‘Our pre-k stu-

dents ended Red Ribbon Week by chasing the Grinch’s dark heart to eat it.’ “Immediately, I was in shock, and someone else had actually posted and asked for clarification on that because they thought the image was disturbing,” Stirewalt said.

She added that she shared the post on her social media page because she believes “sometimes in this county, you have to shock parents into getting involved in their children’s school.”

Stirewalt cited another issue – this one with the state trying to keep parents out of schools.

“I’m of the belief that parents should teach certain things and schools should teach certain things,” Stirewalt said. “Schools should teach your major things to help you in business and in life, and if there’s any controversial topics that should be handled by the parents.”

Stirewalt said she believes the board is willing to work together to figure out ways to keep certain things out of schools.

“Our children are so impressionable. If you put little things,

just suggestive things, I mean eating somebody’s black heart, my first thought was, ‘Oh my god, where did Jeffrey Dahmer start.’ And people may think I’m crazy, but it starts somewhere,” she said.

To her understanding, Stirewalt said a committee of teachers looks at and approves curriculum for the different grades. She suggested including parents or retired teachers to potentially look at and approve the curriculums.

“I know money is attached to this from the state, I get it. Maybe apply for charter school status. That way you still get state funding, but you have a say over more so of the curriculum,” she said.

Stirewalt also asked whether the board could identify sexually explicit books in school libraries.

“I heard a sixth grader read about boys being sexual with other boys,” she said. “The teacher was reading that to them in class, and that book was available in the school library. We’re talking about masturbation with elementary school students. It’s hard to even say some of the things that you hear going on in

these schools. I don’t want that for our children.”

Stirewalt said she would like to help the board if it doesn’t want the more controversial things in the county’s schools, “and if money’s attached, let’s stand up and go to the state level and let’s fight for our children,” she said.

In other matters, the board:

- \*Heard from Vicki Bennett about the difficulties teachers have in holding students accountable.
- \*Discussed the upcoming Virginia School Board Association (VSBA) forums and conferences.
- \*Approved the personnel report as amended.
- \*Heard the superintendent’s report.
- \*Heard a budget update.
- \*Approved the consent agenda.
- \*Approved the Carl Perkins Career & Technical Education (CTE) application for 2023-2024 as presented.
- \*Approved VSBA policy updates.
- \*Approved the Patrick County High School (PCHS) handbook.
- \*Approved the special education plan.

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Girl Scouts to hold yard, bake sales, and lunch

Girl Scout Troop 1302 will be holding a Yard Sale on Friday, May 5 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

On Sat., May 6 they will be holding the Yard Sale 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., with a Bake Sale beginning at 8 a.m. Lunch that includes hotdogs, chips, sodas, water, starts at 10:30 a.m.

All events will be held at Providence United Methodist Church in

Patrick Springs.

The sales include household items, glassware, toys, clothes for adults and children, shoes, and many more items.

Proceeds will help the Scouts with their projects for their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. Come out and support the Girl Scouts and purchase treasures and lots of good food!

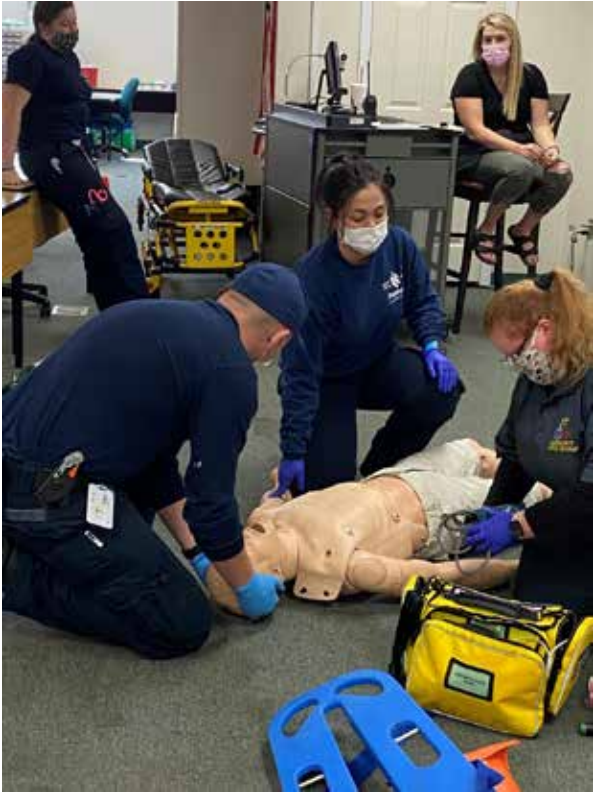
SCC Offering Initial EMT Course at Yadkin Center

Surry Community College is offering an Initial Emergency Medical Technician class beginning in May at the Yadkin Center, 1001 College Drive, Yadkinville.

The class will start on Thursday, May 18, and will run through Tuesday, October 24, 2023. Classes will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., with two additional Saturday meetings. A required orientation meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18, at 6 p.m. at the Yadkin Center, and a complete course schedule will be given out at that time.

Enrolled students will learn the basics of emergency medical care from life-threatening medical conditions to major traumatic injuries for pediatric and adult patients. This course includes the American Heart Association’s Basic Life Saving / Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation (BLS/CPR) certification, logistical operations of EMS, and basic anatomy and physiology.

Students must be 17 years old prior to the end of the course. Other pre-requisites include a required assessment of basic reading comprehension at or above the 11th grade level. This is a written assessment, which will be administered during the orientation meeting on April 18. Tuition is waived for



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members of N.C. life-saving organizations such as fire departments, rescue squads, EMS, or law enforcement agencies.

To pre-register for the course, visit [bit.ly/YadkinEMT](https://bit.ly/YadkinEMT).

nEMT. For more information about SCC’s Initial EMT Course, contact Kenneth Vaught at (336) 386-3633 or [vaughtk@surry.edu](mailto:vaughtk@surry.edu).

Congressional staff to visit

Ninth District U.S. Rep. Morgan Griffith’s staff will be in the City of Martinsville and Patrick County on April 26.

Staff will be in Martinsville from 10 – 11:30 a.m. in City Hall, Council Chambers, Second Floor, 55 W. Church Street.

They will be in Stuart from 12:30 – 2 p.m., in the Patrick County Administration Building, Conference Room, 106 Rucker Street.

Call the Christiansburg Office at (540) 381-5671 or the Abingdon Office at (276) 525-1405 with any questions.

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in the future.

“Right now, we’re just zoned for that, but we would love to expand,” she said. “Especially offerings for the after-school care or summer care, we’re really hoping that will draw some more students in since we’re right there at” the elementary school.

The daycare will also provide after-school care and summer care. It will be open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Part-time care and full-time care are available. The cost will depend on age and whether youngsters are potty trained.

For example, Adams said part-time care, three days a week or less, for a two-and-a-half-year-old would

be \$125 per week.

“Full-time, if they are potty trained, is \$140 per week. If they are not potty trained, so still in pull-ups, it would be \$150 per week,” she said.

Adams is currently accepting enrollment applications and is looking to hire employees.



“Right now, we’re just basing it off of experience, but I’m hoping to be able to do anywhere from \$12 to \$14 an hour” for employees, she said.

Those interested in applying for daycare or a daycare job may email Adams at [woolwineelc@gmail.com](mailto:woolwineelc@gmail.com).

Currently, Adams said those who apply will have the \$50 application fee waived.

For more information, call Adams at (276) 224-8401.


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# Montgomery

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and some of her daughters delivered plants on the delivery routes that occurred multiple times a week.

“After we quit that, we produced and grew tomatoes and all that stuff. We sold a lot of that at the farmers’ markets. I would take it to the farmers’ markets at night, and me and this other lady would go with me and we would go down and sell them,” Montgomery said, that adding customers met her there to get their produce.

The operation now is a stepped-down version of the one years ago – Montgomery said she reduced it to four greenhouses filled with hundreds of plants and seedlings.



A greenhouse is filled with gallons of tomato plants that are ready to be picked up.

“I like my plants, I like to be around them, and I like people. I can sit down here and work and when people come in, I can talk with them and that’s what I enjoy,” she said.

Montgomery currently sows seeds, transplants seedlings, and grows vegetables for farmers, including gallon tomatoes for a hardware store owner in Lynchburg who picked up about 350 tomato plants in one day.

“The only one he’ll buy tomatoes from is me,” she said.

Montgomery first sows seeds in the smallest greenhouse. Once the seeds have sprouted, they are transplanted into different packs and moved to the other greenhouses, depending on whether they are flowers or fruits, or vegetables.

Once a seedling

is transplanted into larger squared pots or packs, Montgomery estimates it takes about three to four weeks before the plants are ready to sell.

She currently grows about 25 different varieties of tomatoes and at least a dozen varieties of peppers. She grows many basic flowers like “zinnias, petunias, marigolds, roses, lavender, and salvia,” and her greenhouse also houses avocado plants, lemongrass, Bok choy, rhubarb, onions, strawberries, cucumbers, herbs like basil and rosemary, and other fruits and vegetables.

Montgomery’s daughter also grows and pots succulents and cacti in one of the greenhouses, and Montgomery researched cauliflower at the behest of a professor at Virginia Poly-

technic Institute and State University.

“I grew as much as two acres of cauliflower to find out which one was the best between the different species of cauliflower,” she said.

Montgomery said her advice to aspiring gardeners is to start small.

“You can have a little space and take care of it and plant it and keep it clean and everything,” she said. “You can get a lot of vegetables and things off of that. You don’t have to have an acre garden, you can just start a little, and just do what you can to start with. And keep the weeds out.”

While she enjoys growing nearly everything, Montgomery said she likes growing new Guinea impatiens and rose flowers the most.

“I enjoy most all of my flowers, and I love



Jinky Montgomery said her plants start out in the seed greenhouse before they are transplanted into different containers and moved to other greenhouses.



Montgomery Greenhouse grows hundreds of plants in its four active greenhouses.

to root things. I like to root my roses and the different cuttings and things,” Montgomery said. “To me, it’s just a pleasure to cut them off and root them and see what they do.”

Her greenhouse is

open daily, except Sundays, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For more information, go to Facebook.com/MontgomeryGreenhouse, or call Montgomery at (276) 251-5623.

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Pictured are Tony Kendrick, 2023 Master of Mtn Home Lodge (left), center Benny L. Baliles and right, District Deputy Grand Master of the 39th Masonic District, David L. Eggleston. (Contributed)

## Baliles receives service award

Benny L. Baliles, a member of Mountain Home Lodge # 263 Stuart, was awarded his fifty year service certificate and pin at the Lodge’s stated communication on April 13.

Baliles became a member of the Lodge in March 1973. Throughout his 50 years of membership, he has served as Master of the Lodge five times and served as District Deputy Grand Master once.



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## Bobbitt, others attend Community Watch Meeting



During the visit, the four posed in front of a new LOVE sign. Pictured (left to right) is Sheriff’s Deputy Eric Sain, Nancy Turner Belcher, administrative assistant; Commonwealth’s Attorney Dayna Kendrick Bobbitt and Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney Ria Farley. (By Mary Dellenback Hill)

## NSDAR celebrates upcoming National Library Week

In anticipation of National Library Week 2023, April 23-29, the Colonel Abram Penn Chapter NSDAR met April 10 at the Patrick County Branch Library for its regular monthly meeting. “There’s More To The Story” is the theme for the week.

Garry Clifton, manager for this branch of

the Blue Ridge Regional Library, addressed the group. Clifton used a power point presentation with photographs from the late 1940s to present time to tell the story of the library in Patrick County.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-political, non-profit volunteer women’s service organization. For more information contact namcconnell@yahoo.com.



Pictured with Clifton are (l to r) Betty Banks, Lucy Rudd, Clifton, Onie Vaughn, Ann McConnell and Janice Stanley. The photographs on the screen behind the group are of the bookmobile and Patrick County school children borrowing books circa 1950.



## CARD OF THANKS

The Family of Lance Corporal Jay “Clay” Willard would like to thank the Martinsville and Henry County Veteran Honor Guard, all our family and friends, Pastor Zeke Zanatos, and Pastor Ed Hartman for all the cards, visits, food, flowers, and the friendship given to each of us on the March 12 Memorial Service. Special Singers, Crystal Turner, Karen Turner, Guy Lawless, and Shirley Freeman, May God Bless all of you.

Love from the Family











## 10% DISCOUNT FOR VETERANS



# Kyle Larson Claims First Victory at Martinsville Speedway with NOCO 400 Win

**By Holly Cain**  
**NASCAR Wire Service**

Kyle Larson’s Hendrick Motorsports team gambled on a late race two-tire pit stop to give him a fighting chance for the victory, and he took the opportunity and drove away to a commanding 4.142-second win in Sunday’s NOCO 400 NASCAR Cup Series race at Martinsville (Va.) Speedway.

It was the 2021 Cup Series champion’s first victory at the famed half-mile track; making the pass for the win in his No. 5 Hendrick Motorsports Chevy with 30 laps remaining, but then having to hold off another past champion Joey Logano, whose runner-up finish Sunday was also impressive considering he started at the rear of the field after a post-qualifying adjustment to his No. 22 Team Penske Ford.

“I feel like [crew chief] Cliff [Daniels] and everybody did a great job all day on pit road, making the right calls and having great pit stops and it all kind of worked out for me there at the end, we had a great car, that was the best my car had been,” said Larson, whose final 30 laps out front were the only laps he led on the day.

It marks the second win of the season for the 30-year-old Californian Larson, who joins his teammate William Byron as the only multiple-race winners on the year.

That late-race pit gamble for Larson was indicative of a dramatic final few laps when pit strategy played a big role in the race. Logano was one of four drivers who did not pit on a caution flag with 56 laps remaining, choosing to take track position instead after he’d gone down a lap not once, but twice earlier in the afternoon.

“Solid recovery for what the start of the race looked like,” Logano said, joking that at one point he would have been happy just to finish on the lead lap.

“Stayed out at the end when everyone pitted, which put us on the front row and had a shot to win the race,” he continued. “I tried to hold off Larson as long as I could. But overall, there’s some days when



MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA - APRIL 16: A general view of racing during the NASCAR Cup Series NOCO 400 at Martinsville Speedway on April 16, 2023 in Martinsville, Virginia. (Photo by Jared C. Tilton/Getty Images)

you’re mad about second [place]. Today’s not one of those.”

Joe Gibbs Racing teammates Martin Truex Jr. and Denny Hamlin finished third and fourth – the first top-five finishes for both drivers this season. Stewart-Haas Racing’s Chase Briscoe finished fifth, just in front of his teammate Aric Almirola.

The SHR team was especially strong Sunday with three of its four drivers combining to lead 264 of the 400 laps. Ryan Preece, who started from the pole position for the first time in his career, collected his first stage win and led a race-best 135 laps, but was penalized for speeding on pit road and had to go to the rear of the field. He recovered to finish 15th. Briscoe led 109 laps and Kevin Harvick, who claimed his first stage win since 2020, was out front for 20 laps but a late race issue left him 20th.

Logano’s Team Penske teammate Ryan Blaney was seventh, followed by this year’s DAYTONA 500 winner Ricky Stenhouse Jr. and 23XI Racing’s Bubba Wallace – who also had to recover from a pit road speeding penalty.

Perhaps the most noteworthy top-10 finish of the day belonged to Hendrick Motorsports’ driver Chase Elliott, who was making his first start since suffering a broken leg in a snowboarding accident seven weeks ago.

“It was pretty good, honestly, about what I expected, so that was a good thing,” Elliott said of his leg after the long day. “Just it was warm [temperatures] and I’ve been sitting on the couch for six weeks so that probably hurt me more than anything.

“We struggled every run but the last one and finally got it going there at the end and I was able to start making some passes and do things I didn’t really think I was going to be capable of doing. So, I was pleasantly surprised by that and got a top 10 of our first day back so that was definitely nothing to be too bummed out about.”

Elliott acknowledged the earnest and warm welcome he received at the race track all weekend – the first time he’s been to a track since his injury six weeks

ago.

“The people, honestly, from my peers to my teammates, just the competitive nature of being here and wanting to be better,” Elliott said of what he missed most being away from the track during his recovery.

“Really nice to be back and I appreciate the warm welcome this weekend by everybody. I appreciate that and it didn’t go unnoticed.”

With the win, Larson moves to fourth in the championship standings – only 17 points behind leader Christopher Bell, who finished 16th on Sunday. Trackhouse Racing driver Ross Chastain is second, five points behind Bell. He finished 13th at Martinsville.

The NASCAR Cup Series returns to action next Sunday in the GEICO 500 at the renowned Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway (3 p.m. ET, FOX, MRN, SiriusXM NASCAR Radio). Ross Chastain in the defending race winner.

## NASCAR Cup Series Race NOCO 400

**Martinsville Speedway**  
**Martinsville, Virginia**  
**Sunday, April 16, 2023**

- 1. (19) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 400.
- 2. (15) Joey Logano, Ford, 400.
- 3. (5) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 400.
- 4. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 400.
- 5. (4) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 400.
- 6. (3) Aric Almirola, Ford, 400.
- 7. (31) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 400.
- 8. (16) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, 400.
- 9. (9) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 400.
- 10. (24) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 400.
- 11. (23) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 400.
- 12. (18) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 400.
- 13. (34) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 400.
- 14. (10) Chris Buescher, Ford, 400.
- 15. (1) Ryan Preece, Ford, 400.
- 16. (22) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 400.
- 17. (2) Daniel Suarez, Chevrolet, 400.
- 18. (12) Ty Gibbs #, Toyota, 400.
- 19. (20) Michael McDowell, Ford, 400.
- 20. (7) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 400.
- 21. (17) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 400.
- 22. (6) Tyler Reddick, Toyota, 400.
- 23. (8) William Byron, Chevrolet, 400.
- 24. (21) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 400.
- 25. (13) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 399.
- 26. (27) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 399.
- 27. (14) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 399.
- 28. (26) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 398.
- 29. (32) Harrison Burton, Ford, 398.
- 30. (29) Noah Gragson #, Chevrolet, 398.
- 31. (28) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, 398.
- 32. (35) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 397.
- 33. (25) Austin Cindric, Ford, 397.
- 34. (33) Zane Smith(i), Ford, 395.
- 35. (30) Anthony Alfredo(i), Chevrolet, 390.
- 36. (36) JJ Yeley(i), Ford, Accident, 337.

Average Speed of Race Winner: 74.005 mph.  
Time of Race: 2 Hrs, 50 Mins, 35 Secs. Margin of Victory: 4.142 Seconds.

Caution Flags: 5 for 50 laps.  
Lead Changes: 10 among 9 drivers.

Lap Leaders: R. Preece 1-135;R. Chastain 136-166;K. Harvick 167-185;C. Briscoe 186-256;D. Hamlin 257-292;B. Keselowski 293-299;D. Suarez 300-306;C. Briscoe 307-344;K. Harvick 345;J. Logano 346-370;K. Larson 371-400.

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led): Ryan Preece 1 time for 135 laps; Chase Briscoe 2 times for 109 laps; Denny Hamlin 1 time for 36 laps; Ross Chastain 1 time for 31 laps; Kyle Larson 1 time for 30 laps; Joey Logano 1 time for 25 laps; Kevin Harvick 2 times for 20 laps; Brad Keselowski 1 time for 7 laps; Daniel Suarez 1 time for 7 laps.  
Stage #1 Top Ten: 41,10,45,99,14,4,23,11,5,24  
Stage #2 Top Ten: 4,14,11,45,6,1,38,99,10,5

## 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](https://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 Telecommunication 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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information).

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY



**Nadean Plasters Gilbert**

Mrs. Nadean Plasters Gilbert of Patrick Springs, Virginia passed away peacefully early Tuesday morning on April 11, 2023. She was born in Patrick County to the late John C. Plasters and Rosa Lee Hundley Plasters. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband, James Fredrick “Jimmy” Gilbert; two sisters, Artie P. Milton and an infant sister, Bessie Mae Plasters; two brothers, Billy Wayne Plasters, and an infant brother, James Plasters; and one half-brother, John Calvin Cockram. She was a member of Patrick Springs Pentecostal Holiness Church. Nadean truly enjoyed playing softball, basketball, and bowling. She owned and operated Nadean’s Fabric Shop, drove a school bus, and worked for P.A.R.C Workshop, she poured herself into each of her jobs by showing motherly care. She will be remembered for her outgoing personality, how she never met a stranger, was the life of the party, and how fiercely she loved her family and friends.

Left to cherish the memory of Nadean Gilbert are her four devoted children, Deborah Cox (Barry), Donna Pendleton (Dale), Jimmy Gilbert (Serena), and Galen Gilbert; six grandchildren, Josh Draper (Danielle), Jessica Draper Sarver, Leigh Ann Hazelwood (Mike), Chris Pendleton (Heather), Jimmy Gilbert,



and Jackson Gilbert; nine great-grandchildren, William Sarver, Elizabeth Sarver, Lily Hazelwood, Lauren Hazelwood, Aubrey Pendleton, Emma Pendleton, Madilyn Hazelbaker, Haley Gillispie, Karson Gillispie; three sisters, Lucille P. Harris; Shirley P. Meade (Steve); and Jane P. Clifton; special sister-in-law, Donna “Donna Reggie” Gilbert; several nieces and nephews; and her beloved canine companion, Zeva.

A funeral for Nadean will be held on Friday, April 14, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at Patrick Springs Pentecostal Holiness Church with Pastor Samuel Leonard officiating. Burial will immediately follow in the Plasters Family Cemetery. The family will receive friends Thursday evening from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Patrick Springs Pentecostal Holiness Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Jeb Stuart Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 340, Patrick Springs, VA 24133, to Patrick Springs Vol. Fire Dept., P.O. Box 121, Patrick Springs, VA 24133, or to Plasters Family Cemetery, C/o Linda Harbour, 1233 Elamsville Road, Stuart, VA 24171. Moody Funeral Home in Stuart has been entrusted with the services and online condolences may be sent by visiting [www.moodyfuneralservices.com](http://www.moodyfuneralservices.com).

**James “J.W.” Waller Cockram**

Mr. James “J.W.” Waller Cockram, age 81, of Stuart, Virginia passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at the Blue Ridge Nursing Center in Stuart. He was born in Patrick County on July 15, 1941, to the late Paul Cockram, Sr., and the late Mae Vaughan Cockram. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Harmon Cockram, Paul Cockram, Jr.; and one niece, Janice Cockram Slumber. Mr. Cockram was a dedicated and faithful employee of the Rubber Thread plant for 41 years. He enjoyed NASCAR racing. J.W. was a loving brother, uncle, and a friend to all. Mr. Cockram will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish the fond memories of Mr. Cockram are a loving sister, Pauline Cockram Hutchens of Spencer, Virginia; one niece, Tam-



my Hutchens Cummings; three nephews, Danny Cockram, Otis Cockram, Steve Hutchens; and many special friends.

A Celebration of Life memorial service for Mr. Cockram will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at 1:00 P.M. at Moody Funeral Home Chapel in Stuart with Elder David Kamoda officiating. The burial will be private. The family will receive friends thirty minutes prior to the memorial service at the funeral home on Saturday afternoon. Flowers will be accepted, or memorial donations in memory of Mr. Cockram may be made to the Jack’s Creek Primitive Baptist Church, c/o Marena Hylton, 611 Elamsville Rd, Stuart, VA 24171. Moody Funeral Home in Stuart is serving the Cockram family, and online condolences may be sent by visiting [www.moodyfuneralservices.com](http://www.moodyfuneralservices.com).

**Margaret Marie Hill Cassell**

Mrs. Margaret Marie Hill Cassell, age 87 of Stuart, Virginia went to be with the Lord and Savior on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at Northern Hospital in Mount Airy, North Carolina. She was born in Patrick County on May 7, 1935, to the late Frank and Minnie Nunn Hill. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Roy “Junior” Larkin Cassell; four sisters, Glistar Gray, Juanita Montgomery, Thelma Vangol, and Alma Hill; and three brothers, Mack Hill, Tom Hill, and Doc Hill. Margaret attended The Gathering Place at Critz. She enjoyed watching birds, western movies, and wrestling. She was an outgoing person who loved talking to people, she never met a stranger and was an all-around kind, loving person. To her family, she was a devoted mother, loving wife, and “Crazy Grandma.”

Mrs. Cassell is survived by her caring daughter, Wanda Layman and husband, Doug of Stuart; two grand-



daughters, April Hazelwood and husband, Austin, and Amanda Holt; three great-grandchildren, Brianna Holt, Ashlyn Holt, and Tyler Holt; and two great-great-granddaughters, Amelia and Layla Ferguson; one brother, Herbert Hill; several nieces and nephews; and her beloved dog, Pudge.

A funeral service for Mrs. Cassell will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart with Pastors Donnie Gray and Roger Moore officiating. Burial will immediately follow in Old Center Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10:30 until the time of the service at the funeral home on Saturday morning. Flowers will be accepted, or memorial donations may be made to The Gathering Place at Critz, P.O. 177, Critz, VA 24082. Online condolences may be made by visiting [www.moodyfuneralservices.com](http://www.moodyfuneralservices.com).

**Pioneers**

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it at the point of blazing guns if necessary.”

Shortly after 10:00 p.m., a call came from police in Winston-Salem reporting that a car answering the description of the getaway car and bearing the same first three numbers that Mrs. Rucker had managed to see was reported stolen from the city the day before the robbery. According to witnesses, the car, after leaving Stuart, was headed south in the general direction of Lawsonville, Mt. Airy and Winston-Salem. If the car had continued south on Route 8, it would pass through Lawsonville, but if it took Route 103, it would go on to Mt. Airy, and then on to Winston-Salem.

Mays figured the man would be less likely to go toward Winston since that was where he had stolen the car. Mays told his officers that he figured the bandit had given them the slip somehow, and that he felt they could learn more by back-tracking than any other way. After back-tracking from the point where the robber’s car was seen last, the deputies reached a local restaurant, about a mile from Stuart. The owner distinctly remembered that a man fitting the description given by police had spent the night there on Monday night. He further noted that he had seen the man around several times in the past four months. The Sheriff finally found someone who had spent some time with the man, whom she only knew as “Willie.” She said he told her he worked in a tobacco warehouse in Winston-Salem but grew up near Floyd.

Officers decided to place a group of officers around the suspect’s former boarding house on Hillsboro Street in Raleigh, because they learned that some of the suspect’s things were still there. Later that same afternoon, the suspect approached the house, and the officers quickly ran toward him. The suspect dashed down the street with two FBI agents and a highway patrolman behind him and captured him after a short chase. He had \$1,900 in his pocket. The suspect told police that he had won the money in a poker

game in Norfolk on Saturday night.

The police felt his story could have been true, since \$3,125 had been stolen from the bank and with police on his trail every minute he could not have been able to get rid of so much money in such a short time. However, when he was taken back to Stuart, he was positively identified by the Ruckers and eight others who swore to have seen him in and around Stuart. He was also positively identified by the owner at the restaurant as well as the girl he met there. Confronted with this information, he admitted that he had been the robber.

A later check at the bank disclosed that nearly a thousand dollars, at first thought missing, was safe in the vault, so nearly all the stolen money was recovered. He was found guilty and on March 7, 1944, he was sentenced to serve 30 years in the State penitentiary.

After the 1944 bank robbery, Sheriff Mays served for four more years before retiring and his wife, Iris, continued working at United Elastic as an inspector. Mays passed away in 1962, at the age of 81. He was laid to rest in the Stuart Cemetery beside his wife Annie and their little son.

Information for this article was obtained from newspaper archives and the January 1945 issue of “Official Detective Stories” magazine. The name of the article on Frank Mays was entitled “Mountain Men’s Guns Don’t Wobble.”

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# PATRICK PULPITS

## We Have a Task

By Thomas Shepherd,  
Stuart Methodist Church

### Matthew 28:1-10

The Church has just celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, aka: Easter. Those who believe in Jesus Christ have something to celebrate – He is Alive! The tomb was empty; Jesus is alive, and he lives forevermore and one day he will return to claim his bride, the Church.

Sadly, many people in the world believe that once you die that is it. You live, you die, and that's the end! That's the way the world looks at death - dead people do not come back to life! Yet the whole Christian faith is grounded on the fact that just as Jesus rose from the dead, so too, will those who believe. So, I ask you, "Do you believe Jesus rose from the dead?" What are you doing about it?

In Matthew 28:1-10 we find the two Mary's going to the tomb. There is an earthquake and an angel of the Lord rolls back the stone. Just a little side note here; the angel didn't have to roll away the stone so Jesus could get out but so that the Mary's could look in. We can deduct from reading the other resurrection accounts that they were going to the tomb to anoint his body. In their mind Jesus was dead and they simply wanted to perform one last act of devotion by anointing His dead body. The last thing these women expected to see that morning was an empty tomb, or an angel of the Lord, or a Living Christ! Because Jesus was dead.

Everyone who was there saw something. We are told that the soldiers became as dead men. Maybe they fainted out of fear, for the angel tells the women "Do not be afraid." The phrase "do not fear" or "have no fear" is in the scriptures some 365 times. Then the angel tells them, "I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay." The stone was rolled away so they could see that Jesus wasn't there. Then the angel tells them to, "go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you" (Matthew 28:5-7). They have a task to perform!

If we believe that Jesus rose

from the dead, then we have a task to perform! We are to go and tell! These women believed! How do we know that? We know because they met Jesus on their way to tell the others. They saw Him! They held Him! They worshiped Him! And they spoke with Him! Did the disciples believe them? Mark 16:11 says, "But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it" (NRSV) and Luke 24:11 "But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them" (NRSV). But these women believed, and they were given a task by the angel to "go and tell" and they were given a task by Jesus to "go and tell" and they did just that. They went and they told. They weren't told to go and convince people but simply go and tell.

What does Jesus expect of his followers today? Just one thing! To go and tell! Friends, if you really believe that Jesus is the Lord; if you really believe that he is the Son of God who was crucified and raised from the dead, you will tell others! Who have you told lately? We have a task to perform. It is fitting that Matthew ends his Gospel with the "Great Commission" go and tell the world. We have a task to perform, to Go and tell!

There is urgency to the task because we all need hope, even believers need hope. The good news is "Jesus is alive." So, Go and tell! If we don't go and tell, people will not hear the good news! We have a task to perform, to go and tell everyone "Jesus is alive!" There is urgency because we are not the only ones delivering a message! In verses 11-15 we find that the guards were bribed into telling a lie. That lie continues to this day. Dead people don't come back to life! The tragedy of the guards is that they knew the truth, but they didn't share the truth and started telling a lie. Don't allow that to happen to you! Because if you stop telling the truth you may begin to believe the lie! "Go and tell!"

If you really believe in the resurrection of Jesus, He expects only one thing from you: "Go and tell others!" We need to share with people that Jesus is the Savior who died for the sin of the world and was resurrected to life everlasting and that He is our only hope for salvation. So, "Go quickly and tell!" for we have a task to perform.

## Jam attracts out of state visitors

The Open Jam at the Willis Gap Community Center recently hosted visitors from the State of New Jersey, and Meadows of Dan, Virginia. Many posed for photos with the new LOVEWORKS sign.



Pictured left to right is Les Edgell, member and director of the order of the jam; Nettie L. Whitehead, (NJ) Bill Hall, Lance Whitehead, (NJ), Mary Dellenback Hill, member and secretary, a young girl, Lanie Whitehead, (NJ).



Pictured left to right is Les Edgell, and Barbara Jo Newton, secretary of the Meadows of Dan Ruritan Club. (Photos by Mary Dellenback Hill's Video Camera.)

## BIBLE TRIVIA

BY WILSON CASEY

1. Is the book of Philip-pians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Mark 8, Jesus healed a blind man by putting what onto his eyes? Sand, Wind, Blood, Spit
3. What elderly cousin of Mary was the mother of John the Baptist? Jael, Rahab, Sarah, Elisabeth
4. In Hebrews 13:17, how should Christians act to-
5. What book of the Bible foretold the virgin birth? Joel, Isaiah, Jonah, Malachi
6. Who was Shamgar the son of? Ehud, Samson, Anath, Tola

ward elders? Respectfully, In submission, Cheerfully, Timidly

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Spit (spittle), 3) Elisabeth, 4) In submission, 5)Isaiah 7:14, 6) Anath

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"TAKE IT BACK"

### ACROSS

- 1 Reid and Lipinski  
6 "Born Free" lioness  
10 Really bothered  
15 Refer to as an example  
19 Beethoven's "Für —"  
20 "The Wizard of Oz" actor Bert  
21 Abu — (Persian Gulf emirate)  
22 Over again  
23 Ailey of choreography  
24 Mild Dutch cheese  
25 Tricky billiards shot  
26 Fare: — -well  
27 Start of instructions for making sense of  
67-Across  
31 "— Haw"  
32 "A Wrinkle in Time" director DuVernay  
33 Aleve may relieve it  
34 Got in a trap  
37 Rowing blades  
39 Be present  
41 Renoir's skill

- 42 Vent views  
43 Part 2 of instructions  
45 Appear to be  
47 Goulash, e.g.  
48 Fetal homes  
49 Cooing park scavenger  
51 Genre of serious films  
54 Kissing and caressing  
58 Greek god of the sun  
63 Huge Brit. lexicon  
64 Pedicured body part  
66 "Ay, —" (cry on "The Simpsons")  
67 Message to congratulate solvers who figure out this answer  
72 Northeast African nation  
73 Decorator  
74 Suffix with Gabon  
75 Welding alloy  
76 Jihad  
78 Capri and Aruba  
80 Plant lice  
82 Disconnected  
85 Units of work  
89 Locale

- 90 Part 3 of instructions  
96 Ballet moves  
98 "Planet Money" ailer  
99 Misspends  
100 Spout off  
101 Calif. volcano  
103 Basic idea  
104 "We need assistance!"  
106 Onetime Pan Am rival  
107 End of instructions  
111 Heath  
113 Former congressman Mo  
114 For — (not gratis)  
115 Acoustic  
116 Push along  
117 Gymnastics legend Comaneci  
118 — a soul (no one)  
119 Headstone locale  
120 Disarray  
121 Artery-opening tube  
122 Portuguese for "years"  
123 More rational

- DOWN**  
1 Cousin of a coffeehouse  
2 Curative plant

- 3 Monte Carlo setting  
4 "Yeah, right!"  
5 Actress Berger of "De Sade"  
6 Brits call it a "lift"  
7 Put freight on  
8 Make pointy, as a pencil  
9 Hostile insect in a swarm  
10 Guys writing slogans, maybe  
11 This and —  
12 Item dyed for a spring holiday  
13 One who fails to show up  
14 Stadium rows  
15 Sleeps lightly  
16 Get via will  
17 Simple shirt  
18 Baaing "ma"  
28 Dodge  
29 Venetian beach resort  
30 "Fifth Beatle" Yoko  
35 Indy-to-Cleveland dir.  
36 Dawn droplets  
38 Pond gunk  
40 Coiled like ivy  
41 Speller's clarification

- 44 Zeta follower  
46 Fine goat coat  
49 What a head rests on in bed  
50 Brand of spongy balls  
51 Sleeps lightly  
52 Printing proof, for short  
53 Aleve alternative  
55 Naval acad. grad's rank  
56 Groups devising plots  
57 Tyke  
59 Tyke  
60 Push along  
61 Like Santa, weight-wise  
62 Strongboxes for valuables  
64 Pipsqueaks  
65 Three — kind  
66 Pool stick  
68 "— be my pleasure!"  
69 La — Tar Pits  
70 Title for a monk  
71 Mesmerized  
76 List of currently popular songs  
77 Polish river  
78 Hip-hop mogul Gotti

- 79 Mix together  
81 Suggested subtly  
83 Elvis and Priscilla  
84 Fable writer  
85 Tree infested by bark beetles  
86 No longer active: Abbr.  
87 Fake hearth items  
88 Balls, geometrically  
90 Taunt in fun  
91 Rosh —  
92 "Here We Are" singer Gloria  
93 Fiber source in some muffins  
94 Disentangle  
95 Country music's — Brothers  
97 Used a chair  
102 Shell-shocks  
103 Note a half step above F  
105 Thick rugs  
108 Actress Lena of "Chocolat"  
109 Streamlined, informally  
110 Ambience  
111 Not saying a word  
112 Metal in rocks

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many “gays”, but before transgen-der treatment was available. They were very intelligent, and very nice people. I worked with them. As I got older and learned to really look at facts rather than badly formed opinions, I learned why such oc-curs. I would summarize it as some males at birth actually have female brains, and some females at birth actually have male brains. Imag-ine the mental conflicts that can produce! But now with medications and surgery, those conflicts can be resolved, but it seems only by solv-ing the physical attributes and not the mental ones.

I am attaching a link to one pub-lication by the National Library of

Medicine, which is a pretty good summary of the facts. There is a lot more information available, and if anyone really wants to see all the evidence just google the issue as many medical reports are avail-able. Fact and science defeat opin-ions. Be glad Biden deals with facts and science rather than conspiracy theories developed by the current version of the GOP.

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**William S. “Sandy” Rodgers, Brentwood, Tenn.**

To the Editor:

Each spring, the Virginia Depart-ment of Transportation (VDOT) and other state DOTs recognize Work Zone Awareness Week to remind drivers of the importance of avoid-ing distractions and driving safely through work zones. We invite you to join VDOT as we promote our theme this year, “You play a role in work zone safety. Work with us.”, for National Work Zone Awareness Week, April 17-21. This week is a reminder that work zone safety is a team effort by everyone working on and using our roadways. It is every-one’s responsibility.

Our employees and contractors put their lives on the line in work zones every day while working to improve travel for motorists in Virginia. This is true in mobile op-erations like mowing, paving and plowing snow, short-term work zones set up to replace bridges and culverts, as well as in our es-tablished work zones for long-term construction projects like widening I-81 from Roanoke to Salem, im-proving Route 58 at Lover’s Leap in Patrick County, or working on the New River Bridge at exit 105 in Montgomery County. Although signs, cones and safety vests can be effective in warning motorists of a work zone, these tools are no protection against a fast-moving ve-

hicle or an inattentive driver. Last year, work zone crashes resulted in 22 fatalities in the state of Virginia. In fact, most work zone deaths are motorists, not workers, so slowing down and paying close attention in work zones can help all of us. All motorists — whether a seasoned driver or someone new behind the wheel — should follow these in-structions when driving through a work zone:

- Work zones are a sign to slow down.
  - If you see the orange work zone warning signs, be alert for changing conditions ahead.
  - Eliminate distractions and stay aware of your surroundings at all times.
  - Follow Virginia’s phone down and move over laws.
- In addition, to show support for National Work Zone Aware-ness Week, VDOT encourages you to participate in these activities during the week:
- Show us your Orange! Wednesday, April 19 is national “Go Orange Day.” Everyone is en-couraged to wear orange in support of work zone safety across the coun-try. Share your pictures with us on Twitter and Facebook! #GoOrange-Va
  - Attend the vigil at the VDOT

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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

*Mr. B. B. Interior Clerk*  
T. J. BISHOP, CLERK

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN PATRICK COUNTY, VA, AND DESIGNATED AS TRACTS 1, 2, 3, & 4 ON SUSAN CIRCLE/BOWLING DRIVE, PARCEL IDS: 5012-106, 5012-105, 5012-104, AND 5012-98

In execution of a Commercial Real Estate Deed of Trust from Gloria J. Goff, dated January 9, 2008, recorded January 10, 2008, as Instrument No. 080000088, in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of Patrick County, Virginia (the “Deed of Trust”), the Trustee, Clement & Wheatley, a Professional Corporation, hav-ing been requested to do so, will offer for sale at public auction, at the main entrance to the Patrick County Circuit Court located at 101 W. Blue Ridge Street, Stuart, Virginia, at:

**11:00 a.m., May 17, 2023 (the “Sale Date”)**

the following described property with improvements thereon (the “Property”), situate, lying and being in Patrick County, Virginia, and being described as follows:

MOBILEHOME PARK - All those certain tracts or parcels of land, together with the improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being in the Mayo River Magisterial District of Patrick County, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:  
BEING TRACT NO. 1 CONTAINING 2.6140 ACRES, TRACT NO. 2 CONTAINING 2.9799 ACRES, TRACT NO. 3 CONTAINING 2.6365 ACRES, AND TRACT NO. 4 CONTAINING 3.5121 ACRES, as shown on a plat entitled “Plat of Survey J.A. Taylor Estate”, prepared by Larry G. Rakes, C.L.S. dated the 17th date of September, 1985, of record in Patrick County Circuit Court Clerk’s Office in Plat Book 18, at page 19 (see Cabinet I, Slide 22E), subject to the indenture of the Commonwealth of Virginia to make Route 819 fifty feet wide, recorded in Deed Book 225, page 137;  
AND BEING the same property conveyed to Gloria J. Goff by Deed dated March 25, 2005 from Jackey D. Goodbee, recorded in the aforesaid Clerk’s Office as Instrument No. 0500956.

This sale is subject to all conditions, restrictions, reservations, declarations, easements, leases and rights-of-way of record or contained in the deeds forming the chain of title to the Property, and subject to any and all prior liens, including, but not limited to recorded and unrecorded mechanics’ and materialmens’ liens, if any. WARRANTIES: THE PROPERTY AND ALL THE IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON WILL BE SOLD IN THEIR “AS IS” CONDITION WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND.

The parcels comprising the Property may be offered initially for sale individually, and separate bids may be accepted for each parcel and then reserved (hereinafter, the “Individual Bid”). The parcels would then be offered for sale together, as a group, and any bid shall be for the parcels collectively (hereinafter the “Col-lective Bid”). The higher of the aggregate Individual Bid or the Collective Bid, as determined by the Trustee, would be the successful bid(s). Written fixed dollar price bids may be received by the Trustee from the Note-holder or any duly qualified bidder for entry by announcement by the Trustee at the sale. The Property will be offered for sale to the highest bidder in accordance with the foregoing, subject however to the Trustee’s right to reject any bid(s) that the Trustee deems inadequate and/or unacceptable in his sole discretion.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. Purchaser shall pay for all recording charges (EXCLUDING Grantor’s Tax), examination of title, settlement fees and all costs of conveyancing. Transfer of title of the Property to the purchaser shall be by special warranty deed of bargain and sale. To bid on the Property, each bidder, other than the noteholder, shall qualify as a bidder by demonstrating to Trustee prior to bidding the ability of such bidder to satisfy deposit requirements immediately upon acceptance of a bid by delivery to Trustee of deposit IN CASH or by CERTIFIED or CASHIER’S CHECK as follows: (i) \$10,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, for the Collective Bid, (ii) \$2,500.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, for Tract No. 1, (iii) \$2,500.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, for Tract No. 2, (iv) \$2,500.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, for Tract No. 3, and (v) \$2,500.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, for Tract No. 4. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing, settlement in full shall be made within 30 days from the date of the sale. Taxes will be pro-rated to the date of the sale. If the Trustee fails to convey title to the Property to the Purchaser, the Purchaser’s sole remedy is return of the deposit.

Delivery of possession of the Property will be the responsibility of the purchaser. The Purchaser may be required to execute a Memorandum of Sale containing terms and conditions relating to sale and the purchase of the Property, a copy of which will be available immediately before the sale. The Trustee reserves the right to amend terms of the sale by announcement prior to sale.

THIS NOTICE IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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Contact Darren W. Bentley, VSB #48092; Clement & Wheatley, P.O. Box 8200, Danville, VA 24543 434-793-8200

Worker’s Memorial on Afton Moun-tain on Wednesday, April 19 at 6 p.m.

- Follow us all week long and share our Facebook VDOT Salem District group page at [www.face-book.com/groups/VDOTSalem](http://www.facebook.com/groups/VDOTSalem) and

Societal concerns

What I write here could offend some very wonderful people, and if so, I apologize; it is meant in love. However, I believe we’ve reached a point in our national history when some very difficult truths need dis-cussion in the light of day. I’m re-ferring to the LGBTQ/transgende-rism movement, which is sweeping across America like a wildfire. And just like wildfire, this movement threatens to destroy everything in its path.

The LGBTQ/transgenderism movement contends that gender, the notion of biological male and fe-male, is an artificial, fluid construct. Accordingly, one can choose from among more than a dozen gender identities, ranging from male and/or female to “nonbinary” to “gender-fluid” to “agender” (someone who claims no gender at all). Not sur-prisingly, a host of new pronouns have had to be devised to account for all the new categories, and in some institutions, particularly lib-eral universities, “misgendering” someone can get you disciplined. What a few generations ago was a simple distinction, male or female, has now become a matter of su-preme confusion, and this confusion is destroying lives and our society in the process.

God’s Word clearly states He cre-ated only males and females, and He reserved sexual relations for bi-ological men and biological women within the bounds of marriage. Sug-gesting otherwise to suit changing social morals does not alter God’s will. Some activists claim that it can be “natural” for someone to be born with a gender identity differ-ent than their birth sex, but that seems neither scientifically sound nor moral, for it would suggest God can make mistakes in creating someone. Yet this is precisely what

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the LGBTQ/transgenderism move-ment claims as truth. I believe we do a gross disservice to someone struggling with sexual identity is-sues by suggesting it’s okay and that they should go along with it. Doing so is counseling someone to live outside God’s will, and that is not a recipe for happiness. Tragical-ly, America’s youth bear the brunt of the confusion and heartache the LGBTQ/transgenderism movement is generating. Predictably, youth who “identify” as LGBTQ/trans-gender are 4-times—yes, 4 times—more likely to attempt suicide than their peers. Instead of affirmation of gender confusion, these youth need the overwhelming love of Je-sus Christ and the transforming, healing power of God’s Holy Spirit. There is no other path to true hap-piness and personal fulfillment.

I believe it’s time America’s Christians unapologetically pro-claim with love and compassion the truth of God’s Word where it comes to sex and gender. Our society can-not survive otherwise. Sadly, to contend—especially publicly—that the LGBTQ/transgender movement is counter to God’s intentions and destroying our society is to invite an increasingly violent response. Riley Gaines, a collegiate swimmer, should know, for she was recently verbally and physically assault-ed by a mob in San Francisco for speaking against biological males competing as females and changing in women’s locker rooms.

Left unopposed, I fear the LGBTQ/transgender movement will alienate our youth from God and completely undermine our mor-al foundation, destroying America in the process.

**David Robinette Jr., Patrick Springs**

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**Meeting Notice**  
**Patrick County Public Service Authority Business Meeting**  
The Patrick County Public Service Authority will hold a Quarterly Business Meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Court Room of the Patrick County Veterans Memorial Building. Petitions and requests from the public shall be submitted in writing to the PSA located in the Patrick County Administration Building at 106 Rucker Street, Suite 218, Stuart, VA, not less than five (5) business days prior to the scheduled meeting and placed on the official meeting agenda in order to be considered.

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# Viticulture and Enology Open House to be Held April 21



Viticulture and Enology students at Surry Community College learn all aspects of grape harvesting and winemaking. SCC is hosting a Viticulture and Enology Open House on Friday, April 21, starting at 1 p.m. for prospective students. Pictured is a tour group in the Surry Cellars Vineyard from the 2022 Viticulture and Enology Open House. To register for this year's open house, go to [surry.edu/wine](http://surry.edu/wine).

Surry Community College will be hosting a Viticulture & Enology Open House on Friday, April 21, starting at 1 p.m. at the Shelton-Badgett North Carolina Center for Viticulture & Enology on the Dobson campus.

During the open house, prospective Viticulture and Enology students will tour the Surry Cellars winery and vineyard and meet Enology Instructor David Bower and Viticulture Instructor Sarah Bowman. Attendees will also be able to apply to college, as well as receive help with financial aid and class registration in preparation for the Fall 2023 semester. Additionally, there will be a chance to learn from industry members during the Meet and Greet session.

The event is free, but pre-registration is requested. Prospective students who attend will be entered for a chance to win a \$500 scholarship from the Surry Community College Foundation. Those who wish to attend the open house can register at [surry.edu/wine](http://surry.edu/wine).

Viticulture is the study of grape growing, and enology is the study of winemaking. Both areas of study are a part of the Viticulture and Enology program at SCC, which offers the option of a two-year degree or four certificate options in Viticulture, Enology, Wine Marketing, and Tasting Room Operations.

SCC has the only licensed, bonded winery in the Southeast as part of a college educational program. The 2,500-gallon capacity winery has produced wine that has earned 96 medals since 2009, including two Double Gold awards

at the 2016 NC State Fair, a 2020 NC Fine Wines Competition Best White Vinifera award, and 2021 NC Fine Wines Competition Best Sparkling award.

SPCC is the only college on the East Coast to teach the production of sparkling wine. The college produces about 1,500 cases of wine per year along with offering instruction for the degree program, continuing education classes, performing applied research, conducting grant work, and hosting an annual wine symposium each November.

Additionally, SCC has recently expanded sustainable agriculture facilities that are just steps away from the Surry Cellars Vineyard, extending student learning in vineyard equipment use and responsible agrichemical storage and handling. The five-acre teaching and demonstration vineyard provides hands-on learning experiences for students and prepares them for each segment of the growing season. The vineyard includes diverse plantings of both *Vitis vinifera* and hybrid bunch grape varieties, all of which are harvested by students and made into our award-winning wines.

High school juniors and seniors can take Viticulture classes incorporating vineyard field work with grape science and earn classes toward completing a Viticulture certificate at Surry Community College as a part of the tuition-free, Career & College Promise dual enrollment program. If you have questions about the program, contact Jeff Jones at (336) 386-3391 or [jonesjr@surry.edu](mailto:jonesjr@surry.edu) or go to [surry.edu/wine](http://surry.edu/wine).



# Dolly Parton's Imagination Library comes to Patrick

QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) reported a Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) program is now operational in Patrick County. This most recent DPIL program resulted from a combination of our promotion efforts for this wonderful book-gifting program and collaborative efforts of the Patrick Chamber of Commerce, One Family Productions, the Stuart Rotary Club and S.T.E.P., led by Rebecca Adcock, executive director of the chamber.

"We are excited to bring this nationally acclaimed program to Patrick County to assist our future generations with literacy skills that help them have a bright future. Reading is fundamental and this program ensures kids from all backgrounds have equal access to books," Adcock said.

QCV Founder Lynda Harrill added, "This is the third new DPIL program that has launched recently. In Patrick, Rebecca and Sarah Wray, President of One Family Productions, jumped on this immediately. They found a 501(c)(3) nonprofit partner when S.T.E.P (Solutions that Empower People), the local community action program, stepped up to be the fiscal sponsor for

the DPIL steering committee. It takes the support of an entire community to have a strong DPIL program. They certainly have that in Patrick.”

QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia is an all-volunteer, grassroots Community Tennis Association established in 2009 as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization to promote, develop and grow QuickStart Tennis in the heart of Virginia for all beginners, especially underserved youth, using the kid sized QuickStart Tennis format. QCV's service area includes Amelia, Appomattox, Brunswick, Buckingham, Campbell, Charlotte, Culpeper, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Fluvanna, Franklin, Greene, Greensville, Halifax, Henry, Louisa, Lunenburg, Madison, Mecklenburg, Nelson, Nottoway, Orange, Patrick Pittsylvania, Prince Edward, Powhatan and Rappahannock counties and the cities of Charlottesville, Danville and Martinsville. Through tennis, we create happy, healthy, active and literate kids in the communities we serve.

Visit QCV at [www.quickstartcentral.org](http://www.quickstartcentral.org) and on Facebook. For additional information, contact [quickstartcentral@comcast.net](mailto:quickstartcentral@comcast.net).

# Surry Community College to Hold Buzz'n About Agriculture Day



Sisters Anna Bryant, Leah Bryant and Olivia Bryant hold their Kune Kune pigs during the 2022 Agriculture Day event at Surry Community College.

The Animal Science and Sustainable Agriculture programs at Surry Community College are holding "Buzz'n about Agriculture," a day to celebrate pollinators, agricultural science, and Earth Day, April 21, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Local high schools and the public are invited to attend.

The event will be held on Surry Community College's Dobson Campus at the clocktower and courtyard.

Different agricultural businesses, local producers, beekeepers, student

and animal presentations/displays will be featured. Visitors may meet local farmers and learn about techniques for growing nutritious food while enjoying educational activities such as seed planting, beekeeping demonstrations, and a campus BioBlitz.

The event is sponsored by NC SciFest.

For more information, contact James Quick, Applied Animal Science Lead Instructor, at (336) 386-3295 or [quickji@surry.edu](mailto:quickji@surry.edu).

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# Survey finds many Americans believe farm bill passage is a matter of national security

Americans haven't forgotten the days of empty grocery store shelves, and a majority recognize the necessity of reauthorizing the 2023 Farm Bill, according to a recent poll from the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The Morning Consult survey examines the public's awareness of the farm bill, its impact and their funding priorities for it.

Passed roughly every five years, the federal farm bill covers programs such as crop insurance and support for sustainable practices for farmers, and healthy food access for low-income families.

Over half of adults surveyed said they would be more likely to support their member of Congress if they voted to reauthorize the farm bill.

"The farm bill affects all of us, and it's important that our representatives in Congress understand the importance of timely reauthorization," said Ben Rowe, national affairs coordinator for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation.

Since the passage of the 2018 Farm Bill, there has been a global pandemic that rattled supply chains, and disruptive weather events, low commodity prices and the war in Ukraine impacted global commodity markets.

"Updating the farm bill to address these issues, and issues on the horizon, is critical to the stability of the agriculture industry," Rowe said.

Nutrition and risk management programs were ranked as top funding priorities among adults surveyed.

The nutrition title contains programs such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps. SNAP provided around 40.3 million people per month with resources for buying food in

2018, and participation rose by 5.8 million households between 2019 and 2021, according to a U.S. Department of Agriculture study.

Risk management programs such as Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage are "vital to farmers being able to mitigate the volatile nature of farming," and funding for these tools will remain a priority in current farm bill discussions, Rowe said.

Eighty-four percent of surveyed adults agreed that the U.S. should consider it a matter of national security to ensure a safe and abundant food supply.

"Food security is the foundation of national security," he explained. "Without a safe, abundant and reliable supply of food, feed and fiber, the U.S. would be reliant on foreign countries and imports and lose the ability to provide allies and those in need with food and natural resources—diminishing the reach of American diplomacy."

Almost three-quarters of adults surveyed said that if the farm bill is not reauthorized, it will have a significant impact on the country.

Rowe said the impact would be "detrimental" to farming, ending some commodity support programs while reverting others to their 1938 or 1949 permanent framework—a "clunky and costly" outcome. The handful of key programs with permanent authority, like crop insurance, would lose an opportunity to be modernized.

"The 2023 Farm Bill presents an opportunity for lawmakers to rise above partisanship and work together to pass legislation that protects food security for all Americans and the future success of our farmers," Rowe said.

## Calls for pet cannabis exposure increase in Virginia, nationwide

By Mackenzie Meleski  
Capital News Service

The Pet Poison Helpline reported an increase nationwide and in Virginia of calls concerning cannabis poisoning in household pets.

"We've had a really significant increase on the number of calls that we've had of exposures over the last two or three years, especially," said Dr. Rennee Schmid.

Schmid is a senior veterinary toxicologist and manager of veterinary medicine and professional services for the national Pet Poison Helpline. The 24-hour helpline is available for pet owners and veterinarians, and charges an \$85 help fee. The helpline and Virginia Poison Center share some pet case statistics, according to Schmid.

Cannabis is ranked as the No. 9 toxin for pets nationwide, according to the Pet Poison Helpline website. The Pet Poison Helpline experienced a 735% increase in nationwide THC-related calls from 2018 to 2022, Schmid stated in a follow-up email. THC is the compound in cannabis which creates a "high" for the user.

Cannabis ranks as the No. 8 toxin for dogs in Virginia, according to helpline data. Chocolate is the No. 1 and No. 2 toxin for dogs and cats, respectively, according to helpline data.

The Virginia Poison Center reported an overall 286% increase in cases of pet exposure to cannabis from 2018 to 2022, according to Schmid. There was a 90.5% increase from calls made in 2021 to 2022. The helpline does not disclose raw case numbers, just percentages, because they are a privately owned company, Schmid said.

The difference between the overall national increase and Virginia increase is because cannabis is also sold recreationally in other states, according to Schmid. The maximum THC amount allowed by many states is higher than Virginia's allotted 10 milligrams per dose in its medical marijuana program.

"Some states just skyrocketed with the number of call differences that they have," Schmid said.

Cannabis intoxication in pets presents in a variety of ways, Schmid said. Pets can become lethargic, develop symptoms of hypothermia, low blood pressure or have a significantly low heart rate, according to Schmid. However, in some cases pets can become agitated rather than lethargic, Schmid said.

Most animals do not die from cannabis intoxication, but are more sensitive to THC than humans, according to Schmid. A lethal dose for pets is generally considered to be "a little over 6 grams per pound," Schmid said.

"That's a pretty high amount that they would have to be exposed to," Schmid said. "They'd have to get into a really large amount of marijuana itself or a large number of edibles."

However, "a really small amount can be quite problematic" for pets, according to Schmid.

Veterinarians treat pets for cannabis exposure by giving the animals intravenous fluids and monitoring their heart rate and blood pressure for several hours, Schmid said.

Pet owners need to keep cannabis products out of reach of their pets and smoke in areas where pets are not present, according to Schmid.

"They'll smell it; they'll be inquisitive about it," Schmid said. "Animals, they explore with their mouths, and so it's very normal for them to put something new in their mouth, taste and see what it's like."

Dr. S. Rutherford Rose is the director of the Virginia Poison Center at VCU Health.

"In general, when it comes to making sure that their pets do not accidentally consume cannabis products it is much the same as with small children," Rose stated in an email. "Never leave edibles lying around on counter tops or tables in the home."

The Virginia General Assembly decriminalized cannabis in 2021, which allowed adults aged 21 and older to possess up to 1 ounce of marijuana and legally grow up to four plants in their home. The legislature earlier approved a medical marijuana program, but has failed to pass legislation to create

a recreational market.

The medical marijuana market continues to grow in Virginia, and dispensaries sell edible products such as THC-infused fruit-flavored gummies and chocolates. The increase in calls to pet poison control centers is due to more availability of legal products and less stigma around calling for help, Schmid said.

"Instead of them being hesitant to call and seek care for their pet, they're more open to doing that," Schmid said.

Legal cannabis sellers have made their own efforts to prevent accidental poisonings of pets and children, according to Nathaniel Blakey, the head of edible production at RVA Cannabis Co.

RVA Cannabis Co., located in Chesterfield County, packages cannabis products in childproof and pet proof packaging, according to Blakey. Certain CBD products are made for pets, but pets should never be given products containing THC, Blakey said.

"CBD products like treats and tinctures are great for animals in moderation for those with stress or joint issues. But even these CBD products should be stored carefully," Blakey stated in an email. "We strongly recommended to keep bagged treats out of reach."

"People should have easy access to properly dosed edibles and be educated on what a legit product looks like," Blakey stated. "Consumers should also be educated on the fact that CBD will always be more responsible for more medicinal help and that THC is more recreational."

If pet owners think their pet has consumed cannabis products and needs medical attention, they can call a local emergency veterinary clinic or the Virginia Poison Center hotline at 800-222-1222.

*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.*



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## New business officially opens

A ribbon cutting held Saturday denotes the official opening of The Honey Pot on Main, a Christian bookstore in Stuart. Located in the former Blue Ridge Furniture building, the business also offers gift ideas, floral arrangements and tanning beds. It is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, go to Facebook.com/TheHoneyPotonMain, email books@thehoneyptonmain.com, or call (276) 693-6019. (Contributed photo)

## Veterans invited to attend VFW meeting

Any veteran who has served in a combat theater or has a qualifying status is invited to the April meeting of the VFW Post 7800. Attendees are asked to please bring DD214 or qualifying documents with you. The meal begins at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting begins around 7 p.m. on April 25 at 939 VFW Road, Patrick Springs, Va.

## Creating custom homes, gardens for mythical fairies

Creative fun was had by young and old while making fairy gardens during a project that is part of the Patrick County Branch of the Blue Ridge Regional Library's Youth Art Program. The imaginative gardens and homes for fairies were made using natural and recycled materials. The fairies will love their new homes and garden spaces.



Adults and children work together to create homes and gardens for fairies during a recent Youth Art Program at the Patrick County Branch of the Blue Ridge Regional Library.



Garry Clifton, manager of the Patrick County Branch of the Blue Ridge Library system, is pictured with a fairy home that he designed and built during a recent Youth Art Program.

One of the many finished homes/gardens that will house fairies.

## FEATURED PROPERTY



**UC # 45048-02384 – \$329,000.**  
**160 Glenwood Terrace, Stuart, VA 24171**

Spacious Brick Ranch Style home with 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. Full finished basement – Paved Driveway. Move in Ready. Furniture in the home will convey. Conveniently located in the town of Stuart, VA .



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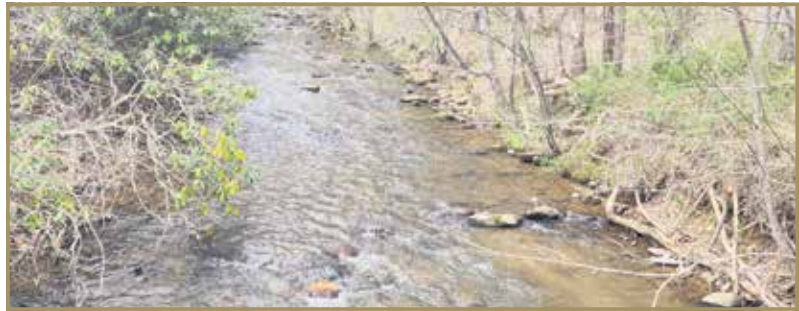
## ESTATE AUCTION ONLINE ONLY

**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)**



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## ONLINE AUCTIONS

### 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!



**Bid Now at VAAuctionPro.com**

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**  
**Offering # 4 – 25.881 Acres • Offering # 5 – 26.062 Acres • Offering # 6 – 55.130 Acres**

**Contact Broker & Auctioneer Matt Gallimore at 540-239-2585 or email gallimore.matt@gmail.com or Contract Dale Moran, Realtor at 540-392-9900 or email dalemoran@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 per tract 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. Tracts are being offered individually and if bidder wishes to purchase multiple tracts, bidder will need to be the high/winning bidder on both offerings. Download Bidder Information Pack for complete terms and conditions, purchase contract and maps.

### 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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### Ends Thursday, May 18th @ 4 PM

Beautiful Farmland with Pond for Sale!

TBD Hunters Ridge Rd, Dugspur, VA 24325

Attention all aspiring farmers and land enthusiasts! Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to own +/- 81 acres of prime farmland with a pond and breathtaking views in Dugspur VA. This stunning property features fertile farmland providing ample opportunities for various crops and livestock. The included pond adds to the property's appeal, providing a potential water source for irrigation or livestock watering. The panoramic views from the property are simply breathtaking, offering a serene and tranquil setting for farming and enjoying the outdoors. It features many beautiful building sites for your dream home or recreational cabin! Small wooded section in the back of the property was recently timbered. Located in Dugspur, VA, this property offers a peaceful and rural setting while still being conveniently accessible Hillsville VA and Floyd VA. It is also within an easy commute to I-77 and within 30 minutes of Mt Airy NC. Whether you're a seasoned farmer looking to expand your operations, or someone looking to fulfill their dream of owning recreational or farmland, this property is a must see. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to own 81 acres of prime farmland in Carroll County VA. Mark your calendars for the upcoming real estate auction and be prepared to bid on this fantastic property!

Restrictions – Property will be subject to 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.

Access - Owners will give new buyers a temporary right of way for one year after closing to access the property through their driveway at 1517 Hunters Ridge Rd, Dugspur VA. This access may be used for previewing the property. Permanent access will be by 50' strip extending from Hunters Ridge Rd. Buyer will need to build access road along this strip. Refer to bidder packet for maps showing temporary and future access.

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## AUCTIONS WORK!

#### PENDING

**Pre-Auction Offer Accepted**  
**Ends Thursday, May 4th @ 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.  
 It is located close to the Smith River and Philpott Lake.



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