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Progress update offered on reopening the county's hospital



By Taylor Boyd
 An official with Foresight Hospital and Health Systems gave an update on the company's progress to reopen the former Pioneer Community Hospital of Patrick County.

Foresight COO and General Counsel Joe Hylak-Reinholtz said the project has gone much slower than anticipated, largely because of the architect and design/build firm.

"One of our initial goals was to go as local as we could, and there are skilled people here in town and in some cases, the personalities didn't mesh well, but mainly the architect was the biggest problem," he said.

Hylak-Reinholtz said he discovered over time the original architect lacked the healthcare experience he desired for the project.

"So, we went on a proactive search to find the replacement architect. We talked to local architects here, we talked to the architect that used to work with Pioneer,

(See Hospital p. 4)

Joe Hylak-Reinholtz said construction will take the hospital's chapel and two other rooms to create the new first-floor pharmacy.

Williams leads candidates in funding

By Taylor Boyd
 Del. Wren Williams is among the top 20 Virginia House of Delegates candidates who received campaign funds for the Nov. 7 election.

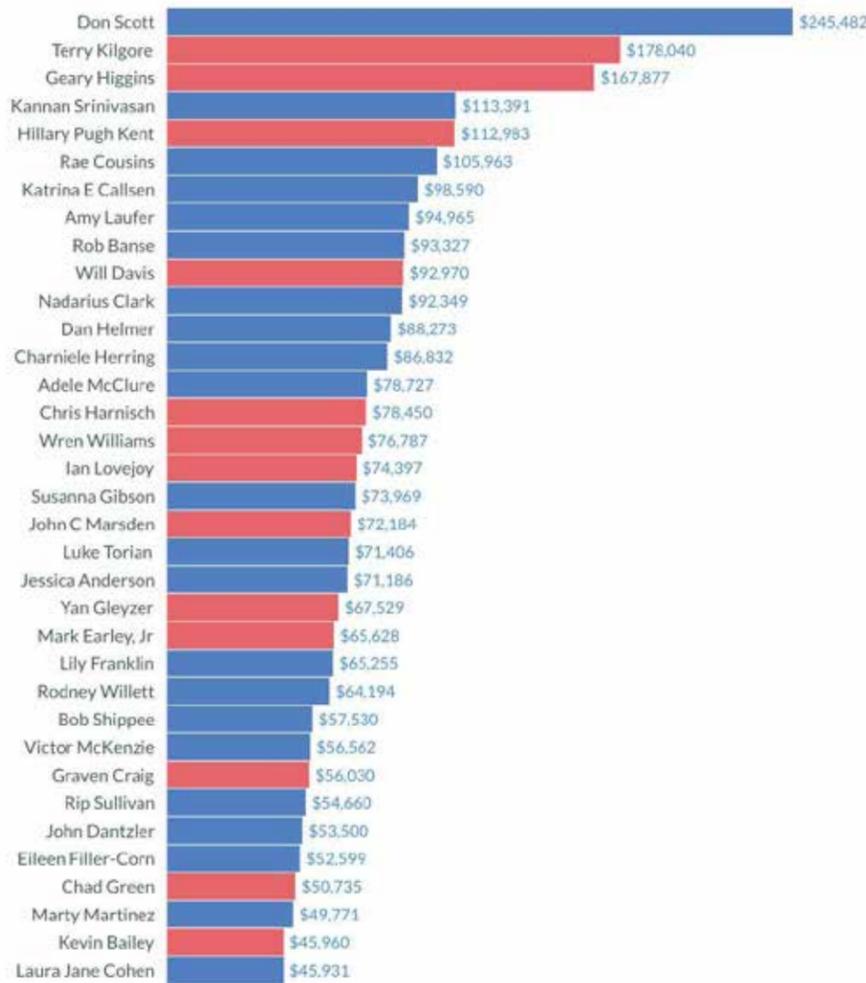
Williams, R-Stuart, is ranked 16 according to the Virginia Public Access Project (VPAP) website. In the Republican Party he is ranked sixth, only \$1,663 behind the candidate ranked fifth.

Del. Marie March, R-Floyd, his opponent in the June primary for the newly drawn 47th District, is not ranked within the top 100.

According to the VPAP website, as of March 31, Williams has raised \$76,787 from 113 different people or organizations. As of Jan. 1, he had a starting balance of \$21,755.

Seventy-three of Williams' donors gave cash contributions of more than \$100, and 40 gave cash contributions of \$100 or less.

The largest contribution (See Funding p. 5)



Wood seeks Peters Creek District seat on supervisor



Jonathan Wood is seeking the Peters Creek District seat on the Board of Supervisors in the November election.

By Taylor Boyd

Jonathan Wood is seeking the Peters Creek District seat on the Board of Supervisors in the November election.

Wood said he decided to seek the elected position because he's had the ambition to do it for several years.

(See Wood p. 4)



Smiles and Fish Tales

This youngster looks thrilled with the catch of the day during the recent 3rd annual Patrick County Kids' Trout Fishing Day. The event was held at the Mayo River Rail Trail Picnic Area on Commerce Street in Stuart.

Corn Squeezins details the area's moonshining history

By Taylor Boyd

Danny Martin, a former math teacher, engineer, law enforcement officer, and park ranger, recently added the title of author to his resume with the release of his book "Corn Squeezins."

The book details the history of moonshining in Patrick County from the time of the Scotch-Irish settlers through the prohibition era and into more contemporary times.

Martin said he decided to write the book because of his wife, Susan.

"She went to work at Fairy Stone Park when she moved here back in 2000, and she was looking through some old files and found where I had done the playback in the 70s. She immediately, once we met, and got to talking she immediately started saying 'you should write a book,'" he said.

Martin said he also had others tell him about the same thing over the years, especially after he started doing moonshine hikes at Fairy Stone State Park.

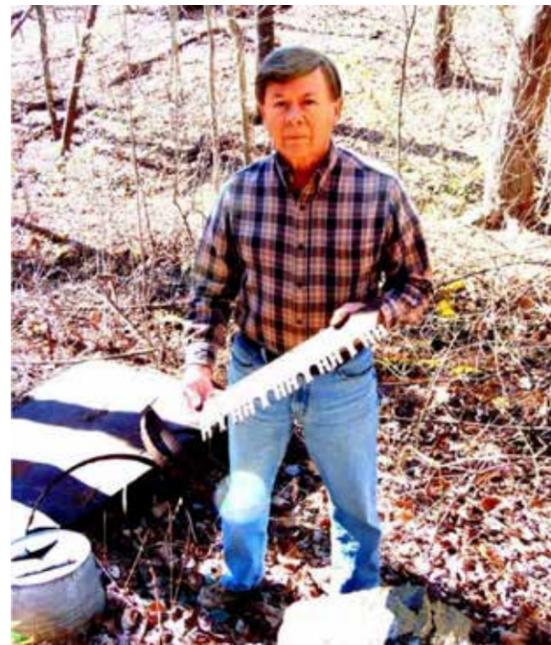
"I finally just did it. I sat down back towards the end of February or early March, and I took about probably two weeks or so. I sat up a lot of mornings until 1 a.m. After I got home from work, I would start on it. After I started on it, I went gung ho until I finished it," he said.

Martin then contacted Tom Perry, owner of Laurel Hill Publishing, LCC, who was interested in publishing the book.

"I went through a couple of proof books and got all the errors and typos and so forth out of it" before it was ready to be published, Martin said.

"Corn Squeezin" is a nine-chapter, 192-page book filled with close to 100 photographs.

Martin said his favorite chapter is the first chap-



Danny Martin, a former math teacher, engineer, law enforcement officer, and park ranger recently became an author with the publication of his first book, "Corn Squeezins."

ter, 'The Beginnings,' which focuses on the Scotch-Irish settlers coming over in the 1700s.

"They were very strong-willed people, and I think our culture in Patrick County and surrounding counties, the Appalachian area, I think our citizens are strong-willed, and I think a lot of it probably came from our ancestors who settled up and down the Ap-

(See Moonshining p. 4)

Semiquincentennial committee meets



The Patrick County Committee for America's upcoming 250th birthday met on May 4 to continue laying the groundwork for the commemoration of the semiquincentennial in 2026 and events leading up to it. The committee will meet again on June 5 at 6 p.m. in the Community Room at P&HCC in Stuart. Anyone with a love of history or who would just like to be a part of the group working on events for the commemoration are welcome to join. Contact James Houchins at jhouchins@co.patrick.va.us for more information. Pictured at a recent meeting are (left to right), Bill Caron, Donna Bishop, Mary Dellenback Hill, James Houchins, Pat Delaney, and B. J. Nolan. (Photo by Mary Dellenback Hill)



Tourism Talks

By James Houchins

Greetings, Patrick:

This is another great day in our lovely county. This week is National Travel and Tourism Week, May 7-14, 2023, so come by the visitors' center for some games and giveaways. Also, please keep checking our website for some fun activities for prizes.

So, what is Tourism?

Tourism is travel for pleasure or business and the commercial activity of providing and supporting such journey. As with any business, tourism can positively and negatively impact the destinations' environment, culture, economy, and society. We aim to minimize the negative and strengthen the positive effects, such as creating jobs, generating income, and promoting cultural exchange. Tourism requires sustainable management that balances visitors' and local citizens' needs and interests. So, please travel through our backroads and main roads, visit our shops, stay at our local lodging entities spread throughout our county, embrace our beauty, and welcome our guests. Remember, tell them: come and get lost and find yourself here!

Let's talk again next week!
(Houchins is the tourism director)

Cost Share Available for Emerald Ash Borer

Applications are now open for the Virginia Department of Forestry (DOF) Emerald Ash Borer Cost-Share Program, which offers cost reimbursement for treating ash trees to protect from the invasive emerald ash borer. Landowners and organizations (including municipalities, not-

for-profits, educational institutions and homeowner associations) can apply until June 16. The cost share reimburses up to 50% of the costs for emamectin benzoate insecticide trunk injections by a certified applicator, up to \$1,250 per landowner or \$5,000 per organization.

To be eligible, treatments must be for green, white, black, blue, pumpkin, or Carolina ash trees at least 12 inches in diameter at chest height. A DOF forester must assess trees prior to treatment to be considered for cost share funds. The emerald ash borer is the most destructive

forest insect ever to invade the U.S., having killed hundreds of millions of ash trees. This cost-share program aims to safeguard the future of Virginia's ash resource by making treatments more affordable and getting more trees treated. When applied correctly, emamectin benzoate treatments are effective at protecting ash trees from emerald ash borer for up to three years and can save landowners the cost of removing dead ash trees. "If you have an ash tree you love, now is the time to treat it," said DOF Forest Health Technician Amanda Conrad. "Waiting until you see a problem could mean it's already too late." To get started protecting your ash trees, contact your DOF forester, or learn more about this cost-share program by visiting DOF's website.

Pets of the Week



This handsome male heeler was found at 106 Erins Lane in Ararat. This lost little girl was found at 86 Salem Church Road in Critz. If you recognize either of these dogs, call the Patrick County Public

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

Pipe replacement prompts closure

A portion of Virginia 694 (Hardin Reynolds Road) will be closed to through traffic on Monday, May 15, from Virginia 695 (Mill Creek Road) to Virginia 696 (Trents Orchard Road) for a pipe replacement. A detour and directional signs will be used during the closure. Weather permitting, the road will re-open to traffic on Friday, May 19.



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Congressional Hearing Re-Examines AFT COVID-19 Pandemic Plan

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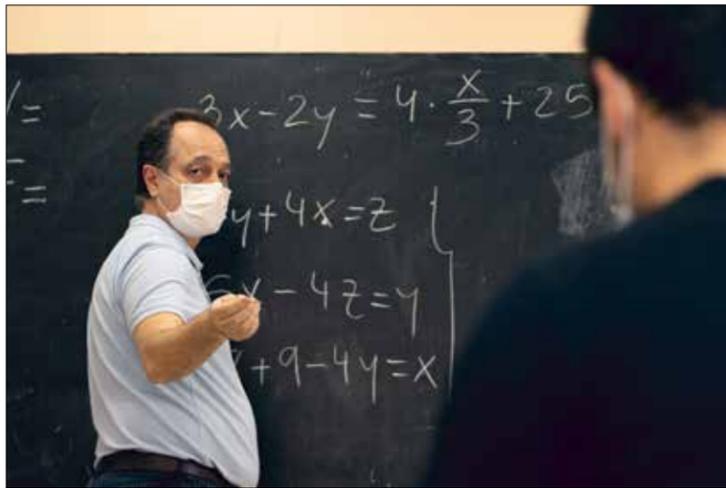
GOP lawmakers are questioning teachers unions about school closure policies during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On April 26, Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers, testified before the U.S. House Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic about the union's response.

Weingarten was grilled by members of the subcommittee, who felt AFT had too much access to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's research. She contended that information helped educators keep students safe.

"If you have educators in your lives, you know that their priority is their students," said Weingarten, "to create a safe environment for all children, and to prepare them for life, career, college and citizenship."

She noted AFT was right to consult the CDC in developing a plan to help schools navigate the pandemic. This comes as faith in public schools is at an all-time low.



According to a 2022 Gallup poll, only 28% of people have a great deal of confidence in them. That's down from 41% in 2020.

Weingarten and educators are addressing pandemic-related learning loss. In Virginia, math and reading scores sharply declined throughout the state, according to the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

In her testimony, Weingarten said lawmakers need to come together with teacher's unions to address the future of education.

"Let's work together now, to help kids recover and leap

academically," said Weingarten. "Let's expand community schools. Let's increase experiential learning and career connected learning. Let's address educator burnout."

Burnout is causing educators to leave or retire from the profession quicker than they planned, and a report from AFT shows the pandemic only made that problem worse.

Even before COVID, the report says almost 300,000 teachers were leaving the profession every year.

Arrests reported

The Patrick County Sheriff's Office reported the following:

*Samantha Marie Adkins, 35, of Stuart, was charged April 28 with contempt of court. Sgt. J.D. Lewis was the arresting officer.

*Nicholas Eric Cahoon, 26, of Bassett, was charged April 29 with probation violation. Franklin County made the arrest for Patrick County.

*Jesse Wayne Harris, 33, address unavailable, was charged April 29 with probation violation. Franklin County made the arrest for Patrick County.

*Christy Lynn Carroll, 44, of Meadows of Dan, was charged April 30 with one count each false identity to law enforcement officer, contempt of court: fail to appear, and fail to appear. Deputy M.T. Rorrer made the arrest for Radford.

*Wendy Marie Tilley, 46, of Bassett, was charged May 1 with two counts of grand larceny. Deputy F.M. Hubbard was the arresting officer.

*Joseph Franklin Sechrist, 37, of Ararat, was charged May 1 with fail to appear. Deputy A. Kinney was the arresting officer.

*Brine Scott Stevenson, 52, of Claudville, was charged May 4 with violation of protective order. Inv. Tennille E. Jessup was the arresting officer.

Residents Urged to Stay Vigilant Against Cyber Fraud

United States Attorney Christopher R. Kavanaugh released a video public service announcement today to news media throughout the Western District of Virginia that urges residents to stay vigilant against cyber fraud, investment schemes, and other forms of online deception.

"Fraudsters are using high-pressure tactics and promises of low or no risk investments in an attempt to steal the hard-earned money of our citizens, especially our seniors," Kavanaugh said. "The United States Attorney's Office, along with our law enforcement partners at the federal, state and local levels, are committed to protecting you."

These scammers often reach out by phone, text message or email, claiming high returns on investments, often in the form of crypto-currency. They are becoming more creative, sophisticated, and aggressive.

"To protect yourself, never send money to anyone you do not know and research who you are investing your hard-earned money with," Kavanaugh added. "If you feel rushed, or if you are told not to discuss the investment opportunity with others, you are being scammed."

For more information about these scams, or what to do if you feel you have been a victim of a scam, please visit FBI.gov.

In addition to being sent to local media stations, the PSA has also been posted to the Western District of Virginia's newly launched YouTube page: https://www.youtube.com/usao_wdva.

Parents can register for K-12 Learning Acceleration Grants

The Virginia Department of Education is now accepting applications from parents for tutoring microgrants for their children through Gov. Glenn Youngkin's K-12 Learning Acceleration Grants program. Youngkin created the program to help Virginia families address the impact of the pandemic on student learning.

The \$30 million program provides \$1,500 grants to parents of school-age children for tutoring in English, mathematics, science and history, as well as foreign languages required to meet diploma requirements. Children from homes with family incomes at 300% or less of the federal poverty level may qualify for \$3,000 grants. Grants may also be used for support services such as speech language pathology and reading interventions.

"We are excited to open the K-12 Learning Acceleration

Grants application window just as school divisions are providing parents with Student Assessment Summary Reports detailing their students' academic strengths and the areas they need support to be on track with their peers," Superintendent of Public Instruction Lisa Coons said. "It is essential that parents have both the information and the support that the report and the grants provide. I encourage every parent to take advantage of free tutoring to support their child."

Available services include in-person, online and hybrid tutoring provided one-on-one and in small group or large-group settings. Parents of students with disabilities may also use up to \$750 of their awards for the purchase of assistive technologies specified in their child's Individualized Education Plan or 504 Plan.

The grant program is open to parents of any public, private, parochial or home-school student in grades K-12 residing in Virginia. The first step in the process is to visit VDOE's K-12 Learning Acceleration Grants page and create an application account for either a \$1,500 or \$3,000 grant.

Once parents are notified that their application has been accepted and approved, they will be able to log into the K-12 Learning Acceleration Grants "digital wallet" to select from a variety of vetted, pre-approved tutors.

All grant payments will be issued directly by VDOE to selected tutors and service providers with no out-of-pocket expenses to families. At least \$750 of each grant must be spent by August 15; otherwise, the remaining funds will be reallocated to other applicants.

Warner introduces legislation to make social media safer for kids

U.S. Sen. Mark R. Warner joined 27 colleagues in introducing the Kids Online Safety Act, comprehensive bipartisan legislation to protect children online.

The Kids Online Safety Act provides young people and parents with the tools, safeguards, and transparency they need to protect

against online harms. The bill requires social media platforms to by default enable a range of protections against addictive design and algorithmic recommendations. It also requires privacy protections, dedicated channels to report harm, and independent audits by experts and academic researchers to en-

sure that social media platforms are taking meaningful steps to address risks to kids.

"Experts are clear: kids and teens are growing up in a toxic and unregulated social media landscape that promotes bullying, eating disorders, and mental health struggles," said Warner, D-Alexandria. "The Kids Online Safety Act would give kids and parents the long-overdue ability to control

some of the least transparent and most damaging aspects of social media, creating a safer and more humane online environment."

Reporting has shown that social media companies have proof that their platforms contribute to mental health issues in children and teens, and that young people have demonstrated a precipitous rise in mental health crises over the last decade.

Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims Trend Up

The Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) announced the number of initial claims rose in the latest filing week to 2,734, their highest level since August of 2022 but still at the low, pre-Pandemic volumes of 2019.

For the filing week ending April 29, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims in Virginia was 2,734, which was an increase of 896 claimants from the previous week. Over half of initial claims with a self-reported industry were from manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management, professional, scientific, and technical services, and health care and social assistance. Continued weeks claimed totaled 12,390, which was little changed from the previous week but an increase of 71% from the 7,253 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 29, the advance U.S. figure for seasonally adjusted[1] initial claims was 242,000, an increase of 13,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 1,000 from 230,000 to 229,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 219,619 in the week ending April 29, a decrease of 5,518 (or -2.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 196,422 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022. Looking at preliminary data, most U.S. states reported decreases on a seasonally unadjusted basis. New York's preliminary weekly change (-9,358) was the largest decrease. Illinois's weekly change (-2,654) was the second largest decrease. Georgia's preliminary weekly change (-1,484) was the third largest decrease. New Jersey's weekly change (-1,039) was the fourth largest decrease. Virginia's preliminary weekly change (+1,021) was the fourth largest increase.

Specifically, the Kids Online Safety Act would:

- Require that social media platforms provide minors with options to protect their information, disable addictive product features, and opt out of algorithmic recommendations. Platforms would be required to enable the strongest settings by default.
- Give parents new controls to help support their children and identify harmful behaviors, and provides parents and children with a dedicated channel to report harms to kids to the platform.
- Create a responsibility for social media platforms to prevent and mitigate harms to minors, such as promotion of suicide, eating disorders, substance abuse, sexual exploitation, and unlawful products for minors (e.g. gambling and alcohol).
- Require social media platforms to perform an annual independent audit that assesses the risks to minors, their compliance with this legislation, and whether the platform is taking meaningful steps to prevent those harms.
- Provide academic and public interest organizations with access to critical datasets from social media platforms to foster research regarding harms to the safety and well-being of minors.

Warner, a former tech entrepreneur, has been a vocal advocate for Big Tech accountability and building a safer online environment. He has introduced several pieces of legislation aimed at addressing these issues, including the RESTRICT Act, which would comprehensively address the ongoing threat posed by technology and social media platforms from foreign adversaries; the SAFE TECH Act, which would reform Section 230 and allow social media companies to be held accountable for enabling cyber-stalking, online harassment, and discrimination on social media platforms; and the Honest Ads Act, which would require online political advertisements to adhere to the same disclaimer requirements as TV, radio, and print ads.

Hospital

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The current construction plan is to turn the old case management room into a nurse's station for the hospital's psych ward.

he was in Atlanta and had to go to his firm, they decided that they did not want to come back and do work in Virginia," he said.

Hylak-Reinholtz said another architect with a lot of experience working on hospitals wanted nearly \$700,000 in fees.

"For a project like this, it just wasn't feasible for our budget," he said.

Eventually, the company was forced to look outside of Virginia where it found and chose the Florida-based company Skyworks, LLC, which has healthcare experience.

"Since they've come on board, we've also had a design/build firm that comes with them, so a construction company as well. An out-of-state vendor as well, and they're working on getting their Virginia licenses," he said.

On May 4, Hylak-Reinholtz said a final walk-through was performed by the asbestos abatement company going forward with permitting.

"We're going to do a complete asbestos remediation within the complex. We've already had a number of water leaks that we've identified, and we've shored those up," he said.

While it may not appear that the project has moved forward, Hylak-Reinholtz said the public

will soon notice the work that's being done. People will notice work being done on the trees, landscaping, dumpsters, and RVs being set up on the property for construction staff to stay in while working on the building.

"Once we do the asbestos remediation, we're going to go right to permitting for interior demo. And there'll be a number of places we start demoing" including the first floor, he said.

Hylak-Reinholtz said phase one of the project will be the construction and renovation of the hospital's first floor, which includes the creation of 10 psych beds, and 15 critical access beds for a total of 25 beds.

Work will include replacing the ceiling, moving the pharmacy from the basement area to the first floor, combining the current waiting area and files area into a medical files area, adding an inpatient dialysis area, adding American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant bathrooms, and other necessary improvements.

Some of these "units here are not ADA compliant, but you don't have to have all your hospital bathrooms be ADA compliant," he said.

The non-ADA-compliant bathrooms will be in the detox area beds situated near the psych area.

"The larger rooms will be for less ambulatory patients, so like the more senior population," he said.

Hylak-Reinholtz said the construction team's timeline has all of phase one being complete by sometime in December if not sooner.

"That's the construction side. There are clearly other issues that are going to go along with getting this hospital open up that may or may not make that happen. The first" of the two biggest issues "is going to be electronic medical records (EMR) provider and who we select for that," he said.

Hylak-Reinholtz said he hasn't located an EMR product for a smaller hospital that has both inpatient and outpatient services. He said

there are currently only two providers, Epic and Meditech, that could cover all the necessities of the hospital, but the prices are the same as for a bigger hospital, reaching about \$1 million.

"After those two, there's no other game in town. I mean you could have a different medical record up at your pharmacy, and for your lab, and for your imaging, and they'd all have different systems, and they don't integrate. So, it's a horrible solution if we don't go with Meditech. It's almost like a monopoly in a way," he said.

Hylak-Reinholtz said a second big issue is staffing.

"We had a lot of interest in staffing, and we had a lot of applications come in. But those are, you could almost call it stale because it's been a long time since we put that out there. A lot of those folks may or may not be interested," he said.

Hylak-Reinholtz said the company is still in negotiations with the seller to purchase the Fresenius Kidney Care Patrick County building. Because of this, Foresight decided to look at doing dialysis in the hospital for inpatient dialysis.

"Maybe four chairs, five at most. That would get us up like 10 people roughly, 8-10 people to start doing dialysis right away. That would be a good start to see if we fill that out," he said.

Hylak-Reinholtz said Foresight has never lost sight of this project and remains focused and committed to making it happen.

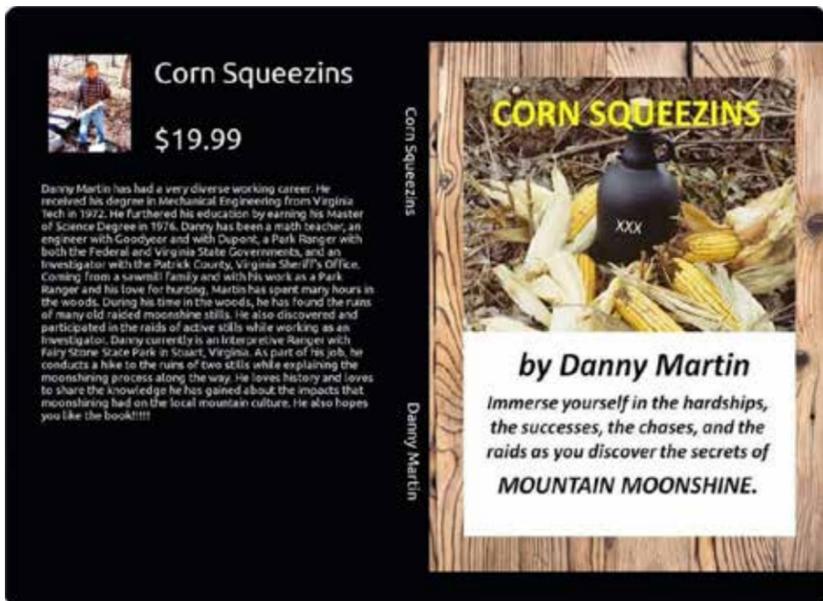
"We just ask the community to trust us in what we're trying to do here and to know that we have no desire to go away. There have been rumors that we're just going to try and sell the building and walk away, we are committed to this project and making it happen," he said.

Like the community, Hylak-Reinholtz said Foresight would like to see the hospital happen sooner rather than later.

"We are doing everything we can to make that happen," he said.

Moonshining

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"Corn Squeezins" focuses on the Appalachian area's moonshining history.

palachians. "They were determined to make a living, and they were going to do what it took, and I think that attitude has

carried over for hundreds of years - we're going to do what it takes," he said.

Martin also has a special chapter about a for-

mer Patrick County deputy sheriff who became a special agent with the Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) agency.

"His name is Jimmie

Rorrer. He was pretty much legendary in his ability to find stills and conduct raids. I have a lot of photographs I got from his family" for the book, he said.

Though they share the same title, Martin said his book is not connected to the play he previously wrote about the area's moonshining history.

"It was really two separate concepts from the beginning," he said.

The play was initially performed in 1975, and again during the 2022 summer at Fairy Stone State Park's Amphitheater.

Martin said the main difference between the play and the book is the number of skits in the play, which focus on a fictional family, called the Crawly family, who he uses to showcase moonshine's history.

"The play is kind of centered around history, but in the book, I elaborate a whole lot more about the history," he said.

A chapter called 'True Moonshine Stories' details a number of true stories about things that actually happened in the areas of Franklin, Henry, and Patrick counties.

"Some of them are kind of funny, some of them are kind of sad, some are actually tragic. There's one in particular that involves several people getting killed, and that happened in Patrick County," he said.

Martin added he also goes into more detail about the moonshine manufacturing process in the book than in his play.

"I didn't necessarily write it to try and make money off it or get rich off it or anything of that nature. I really pretty much just wrote it to give people an idea about the history and culture, some of the hard times people had in Patrick County, and how they were determined to do what it took to get by, and in many cases that was making moonshine," he said.

Perry said he always wanted to publish a book on moonshine.

There is a "chapter about Jimmie Rorrer, who I always wanted to do a book about. Jimmie was an ABC officer for decades in Patrick County," he said.

"Corn Squeezins" is available on Amazon

as a paperback. It is also available in Patrick County at 57 Pit Stop, 57 Grocery, Robert's Market, and Boyd's Restaurant.

Wood

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"With the life experiences I've had as well as my lifetime residency in the county, I believe that now is the time to offer myself to serve on the board," he said.

Wood has been an agriculture teacher at Patrick County High School (PCHS) for 16 years and served as a Boys Scouts Scout Master.

"I've served on the state's Young Farmers' Committee (Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers Committee), I am the current Patrick County Farmer Bureau president, and I manage a 150-head of commercial and purebred Angus. So, with all of that, I've dealt with lots of budgets, goal setting, and developing plans to achieve those goals," he said.

Wood said the board and the yet-to-be-named new county administrator need to be actively seeking businesses and industries to come to the county to provide well-paying jobs to residents.

Wood said he saw all too often students graduate and have few job opportunities when they return home from college or technical school.

"They often move to other areas to find suitable jobs," he said.

Adding businesses will also allow the county to not rely solely on homeowners, small business owners, and landowners as its tax base.

"Currently, it seems that we are viewed as an unlimited budget, the citizens are. Real estate taxes are raised to balance our county budget, it seems all too often they are. This is not an option for our families that have to balance our home budgets by making adjustments," he said.

Wood would also like to see more transparency between the board and county residents because "it's key in all levels of government.

"The county budget should be available in an easy-to-read and easy-to-understand document where the citizens should see what line

items have increased and what line items have decreased," he said.

Oftentimes, Wood said the government asks for input, but what's being asked for may not be clear to everyone.

"All people have the right to have their voices heard," he said.

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Hospice Grief Camp dates set

On June 8 and 9, Mountain Valley is holding an annual grief camp for teens who have experienced a significant loss in their life. The camp is an extension of Mountain Valley Kids Path program. The two-day event is offered to children and teens, ages 5-18.

"It uses a variety of games and activities to teach kids ways to cope with grief and build confidence. Grief Camp is important," said Katie Moser, Kids Path Counselor, "because it provides a relaxed, fun-filled environment where a child can express their

sorrow while making connections with other children who have experienced similar loss."

This summer camp will be located at Wilkes Family YMCA in Wilkesboro, North Carolina on June 8 and 9, between 8am and 5pm. The YMCA is located at 1801 YMCA Boulevard.

On the final day of camp, parents and families are invited to a special evening memorial after camp. This program is free to all families with children and teens who have/are experiencing grief. Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care website at <https://www.mtnvalleyhospice.org/support/kids-path-2023/>, please register before June 6.

In the meantime, the Kids Path program still offers support for young individuals who are grieving over the loss of a loved one. For more information on Kids Path, contact Katie Moser at 1-888-789-2922.

Tri-Area Observes Mental Health Awareness Month in May

Our Behavioral Health Services help when habits, behaviors, stress, worry, or emotional concerns about physical or other life problems are interfering with your daily life and/or overall health. The behavioral health provider (BHP) works with your doctor to help you address these issues. If indicated, we also have case managers who work closely with patients on meeting their healthcare goals and connecting to community resources.

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overall well-being and health.

In addition to individual behavioral health treatment, we also offer:

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Tri-Area Communities Behavioral Health program is partially funded by a grant from the VHCF.

Tri-Area Community Health is a 501c (3) non-profit healthcare provider with clinics in Laurel Fork, Ferrum, Floyd, Fries, Troutdale and Stuart. Call 866-942-0401 for more information.

Beasley Inducted into Honor Society

Kirsten Beasley, of Woolwine, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Beasley was initiated at Mercer University.

Beasley is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Red Bank Ruritan Happenings

Members of the Red Bank Ruritan Club have been busy with several activities, including some outlined below.



New members attended a May 2 club meeting. (l-r), Michael Felts Newman, Andrea Minor, President Lottie Gammons, Kitty Proctor, and Winston Proctor.



April 22, the Red Bank Ruritans had an open house for the community to join us in a meal and learn what Ruritan does in the community.



Red Bank Ruritans donated items for the children at Blue Ridge Elementary. Pictured are Sherrie Montgomery, school nurse, Marcie Murphy, school principal, and Lisa Allen, music teacher and a Red Bank Ruritan member.

Funding

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came from the VA Hospital & Healthcare Association for a total of \$16,000. Williams received donations of \$5,000 from five donors including Sheree Nickelston, Warren Lee Williams, and Buddy E. Williams.

A donation of \$1,500 was given by the VA Auto Dealers Association, the Southern VA Legal PLLC gave a donation of \$250, and Angels Above Design LLC contributed \$45.

Clayton Kendrick, chairman of the Patrick County Board of Supervisors and of the Mayo River District, gave a donation of \$250, and Clyde DeLoach, fellow supervisor of the Blue Ridge District, donated \$25 to Williams.

March received \$3,847 from 49 different donors. She received seven donations of cash contributions of more than \$100 and 41 donations of cash contributions of \$100 or less.

March's largest donation is \$1,000 from the Appalachian Power Company.

Patty Quesenberry, D-Floyd, the Democratic candidate, has reported no contributions received.

For more information, go to www.vpap.org.

VDOT Virginia Department of Transportation

Route 103 (Claudeville Highway) and Route 645 (Archie's Creek Road/Hatchers Chapel Road) Intersection Improvements Patrick County

Find out about a project to realign Route 645 (Archie's Creek Road/Hatchers Chapel Road) on both sides of Route 103 (Claudeville Highway) in Patrick County to improve safety and sight distance. As part of the project, an embankment west of Route 103 will be cut back and drainage pipes beneath Route 645 will be extended.

Review the project information and National Environmental Policy Act document in the form of a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion at VDOT's Salem District Office located at 731 Harrison Avenue in Salem, 540-387-5353 1-800-FOR-ROAD, or TTY/TDD 711. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

If your concerns cannot be satisfied, VDOT is willing to hold a public hearing. You may request that a public hearing be held by sending a written request to Mr. Eli Mannon, PE, Virginia Department of Transportation, 731 Harrison Avenue, Salem, VA 24153 on or prior to **May 25, 2023**. If a request for a public hearing is received, notice of date, time and place of the hearing will be posted.

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Report finds U.S. food and ag sectors' impact exceeds pre-pandemic levels

A boost in jobs, wages, exports and tax revenues shows the robust growth and enduring impact of U.S. food and agriculture sectors.

A recently released Feeding the Economy report revealed food and agriculture industries and their suppliers contribute over \$8.6 trillion to the U.S. economy—nearly one-fifth of total national output and a 22% increase since a 2019 report.

The report said total food and agriculture jobs are up 1.5% since 2019. Total wages are up 26.2%, tax revenues rose 3.8% and exports jumped 24.4%.

The economic impact study was commissioned by 25 food and agriculture groups, including American Farm Bureau Federation.

Tony Banks, senior assistant director of Virginia Farm Bureau Federation agriculture, development and innovation, said the data also underscores the agriculture industry's resilience amid global and domestic crises, including the commodity shock following the war in Ukraine and continued supply chain disruptions.

"The report reinforces that agriculture is evolving and innovating to meet the demands of the 21st century," Banks said.

All 50 states displayed increased economic output compared to the 2019 report, largely reflecting a rebound in national economic activity. The largest gains in total output

were from Hawaii, North Dakota, New York, Nevada and Florida.

This upward trend is reflected in Virginia as well.

A 2021 study by The Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia provided a comprehensive representation of the contributions that agriculture and forestry industries contribute to the commonwealth's economy. It showed the impact of those industries has grown since 2017, with a statewide economic impact over \$105 billion in 2021, compared to \$98.2 billion in 2016.

"Like many industries, Virginia's agriculture and forestry sectors were profoundly impacted by the pandemic," said Matthew Lohr, Virginia secretary of agriculture and forestry. "However, both sectors have recovered lost ground and forged ahead to support Virginia's overall economy."

Agricultural producers are making gains with less land and fewer inputs, he added. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, between 1948 and 2019, land use for agriculture decreased by 28% while land productivity nearly quadrupled, and labor productivity grew more than 10 times. Agriculture's total factor productivity growth rate is among the highest of U.S. sectors.

The latest report can be found at FeedingTheEconomy.com.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ruritans and Your Community

Ahhhh May! Spring is in the air! Can you smell it? Can you see it? Can you feel it? This is the time of year when all the flowers are blooming, the grass is especially green, and trash shows its ugliness along local highways. Yes, the trash seems to grow through the winter and flourish in the spring. It is the time of the year that groups are courageously walking alongside the road picking up the trash that people casually throw from their cars. One of the local groups in the county that endeavors to keep the highways looking beautiful is the Ruritans, and May is a special month for Ruritan. Ruritan National was founded in Holland, Virginia on May 21, 1928, and each year all Ruritan Clubs celebrate May as Ruritan Awareness Month. Ruritans are a special group of people. They are all volunteers doing awesome community service projects and striving to make their communities special places to live and work. In Patrick County, there are now five Ruritan Clubs: Ararat, Meadows of Dan, Patrick Springs, Red Bank and Stuart, with a total of 166 members. (We are in the process of reviving the Woolwine Ruritan Club.) You know most of the local Ruritans. You attend church together, work together, and we are your neighbors. Each local Ruritan Club serves its own community based on the needs of the community in which the Ruritan Club members live. Some clubs provide

scholarships, and help out with the backpack programs and food banks. Other clubs may clean up cemeteries, host blood drives, shop for the children and seniors at Christmas, give Rudy Bears to first responders, and donate school supplies for students and teachers.

I know that you've seen the fundraisers – the bingos, money raffles, fish fries, poor man's suppers, pancake breakfasts, and BBQ – all to raise money to give back to local communities. Many community-based organizations such as the food banks, libraries, parks, etc. benefit from Ruritan Clubs. As local clubs celebrate May as Ruritan Awareness Month, I hope that if you are not already a member of Ruritan, that you would consider visiting a club in your area to see what this Ruritan "thing" is all about. All community service organizations are losing members, and Ruritan Clubs are no exception. As people become busier, they have less time to give back to their community. Home, school, work, family, and church activities take up the majority of people's time, and say they can't commit to adding one more thing to their schedule. If everyone continues to feel that way, eventually there will be no one left to pick up the trash.

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**Recent Activity by the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee
Ninth District U.S. Rep. Morgan Griffith**

The week of April 24, I chaired two Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearings that are both timely and important to the wellbeing of the public.

As chair of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, I have made it a priority to examine all aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and how we can learn from it. My jurisdiction overlaps with that of the Select Committee on the Coronavirus Pandemic, and we are having discussions on which hearings the committees will each hold.

So far this year, I've chaired hearings on the challenges to investigating the origins of pandemics and how to quickly identify the root cause of a disease outbreak. We also have taken a look at grant management by the National Institute of Health (NIH).

Following that theme, I recently chaired a hearing on biosafety practices at high-containment laboratories handling potentially dangerous pathogens. We also considered whether advancements in biotech have outpaced our country's existing biosafety guidelines and whether we are following these guidelines.

Our hearing reinforced what I suspected, that our existing oversight framework for risky research isn't working.

Our country's current biosafety guidance, the Potential Pandemic Pathogen Care and Oversight framework, issued in 2017, was intended to be implemented by all executive branch agencies. So far, only one agency has done so, which is Health and Human Services (HHS).

Unfortunately, HHS has left implementation up to the NIH. Given what we know about their lack of enforcement of biosafety guidelines relating to the research being done by grantee, EcoHealth Alliance, and subgrantee, the Wuhan Institute of Virology, into novel coronaviruses, it is clear that the NIH is currently neither inclined nor equipped to exercise oversight of the risky research it funds within the U.S. or abroad.

It is crazy to me that the Wuhan Institute of Virology appears to have conducted some high-risk coronavirus research at a biosafety level 2 lab when it should have been at a higher level 3 lab. And it did so with U.S. dollars.

Our current system relies on the same agency who issues a grant to a biosafety lab to also oversee the lab's safety standards. A recommendation by one of our witnesses was that, instead, we should have a separate entity overseeing those safety standards to ensure compliance. I

agree with that witness.

According to another witness, our country is also in need of a better system to document accidents, or near accidents, in high-containment labs, for the scientific community to prevent their repetition.

Balancing safety with innovation must be of utmost importance. Its Congress' responsibility to better understand the benefits and risks with this type of research and how to better oversee it.

Antimicrobial Resistance

Ever since reading the book, *The Perfect Predator*, I've been interested in antimicrobial resistance (AMR). Written by Dr. Steffanie Strathdee, an infectious disease epidemiologist, and Associate Dean and professor at the University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine, the book details her search for a cure to her husband's multi-drug resistant bacterial infection, which he contracted while in Egypt on vacation.

I've since learned that the threat posed by AMR is very real in our country.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), at least 2.8 million people are infected with antibiotic-resistant bacteria in the United States each year, and more than 35,000 people die as a result.

During our hearing, we discussed the dangers of AMR and potential solutions. I spoke to our witnesses about the future of bacteriophage, or phage, therapy and how it can be used to combat AMR.

Phage therapy is the process of using viruses that kill or weaken bacteria by attacking the bacteria.

Prior to the discovery of antibiotics, phage therapy had the attention of researchers, but with the discovery of antibiotics that soon fell to the wayside. Now that some pathogens have become resistant to antibiotics, the scientific community is once again exploring the benefits of this therapy. However, I think as a nation we should be doing more.

More research needs to be done to understand where it is appropriate to use phage therapy, the best way to use phage therapy, such as duration and dosing, and whether phage resistance can develop over time.

I hope to have more hearings on these subjects in the near future, as there is still so much more to learn and more that Congress can do.

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

Southwest Virginia Helps Move Travel Forward with Outdoor Recreation Activities, Cultural Heritage and History Assets

Southwest Virginia is home to rich history and natural beauty. The region will help promote hospitality jobs, revenue, and the growth in the region as part of National Travel and Tourism Week.

As Executive Director of Friends of Southwest Virginia, every day I get the distinct privilege to celebrate our region's unique vision and contributions. I enjoy a front row seat as visitors experience the beauty that defines our very special part of the world.

My team and I get to champion important local cultural and heritage initiatives including promoting travel to Southwest Virginia. Southwest Virginia is made up of 8,600 square miles of beautiful mountain ridges and incredible valley views with two national parks, 11 state parks, and plenty of natural assets to explore.

Southwest Virginia is home to the country's designated Best Small-Town Food Scene by USA Today, Best Southern Hotel, Best Southern Small Town by Southern Living, several of the country's Best Adventure Towns by Blue Ridge Outdoors, among the top-ranked museums, music festivals, and outdoor destinations. The accolades for Southwest Virginia communities seem endless, ranking among world-class attractions and accommodations.

Across Southwest Virginia's 19 counties, four cities, and 53 towns, there are several teams working to protect and promote the assets that make the region a cherished stop for travelers and visitors alike. Virginia Tourism Corporation has built one of the most recognizable tourism brands in the country (Virginia is for Lovers) and is a valued asset to promoting the Southwest Virginia region. This year, two premiere Southwest Virginia destinations were chosen as covers for the Virginia Travel Guide. As visitors seek to travel throughout the Commonwealth, they have outstanding introductions to see the region's history through the Daniel Boone Blockhouse in Scott County and the beauty of the popular motorcycle route, the Back of the Dragon.

Additionally, our regional partners and our local tourism partners work tirelessly to educate and attract visitors to their respective communities. We are thankful for these staff members and volunteers whose mission is to promote this region for cultural heritage and history, arts and craft, music, and outdoor recreation. Their frontline work in the region's visitor centers is often the first connection to those traveling through Southwest Virginia. Our local tourism officials help recommend and schedule visits to the top dining, shopping, and lodging sites, in addition to top activities, events, and attractions to help promote growth and development among our communities.

The tourism and hospitality industry provides a critical component to Southwest Virginia economic development initiatives and revenue generation. In 2021, visitor spending totaled more than \$1.036 billion and generated \$49.2 million in local taxes. The tourism industry also supported just under 9,800 jobs last year.

The U.S. Travel Association celebrates the 40th anniversary of National Travel and Tourism Week from May 7 – 13 and seeks to move Travel Forward. We know Southwest Virginia will be a dynamic partner for promoting our vibrant downtowns and quality assets through connections with partners across the region.

We encourage all our residents who call Southwest Virginia home to join our mission as an advocate for advancing the region and its remarkable assets. Invite your friends and family to visit, share your stories from your favorite locations in the region, and frequent our small and local tourism businesses to make sure they are available for discovery among visitors from all over the world.

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by Linda Thistle

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Is Wine Good For You?

A study from Spain released in 2018 confirms what people who advocate abstinence from alcohol have long believed: it isn't the alcohol that makes red wine good for you; it's the grapes.

While red wine lovers welcomed earlier studies suggesting that drinking moderate amounts of red wine was beneficial to one's health, recent research may taste sour. Spanish researchers went the extra mile in researching the effects of alcohol in wine. They gave groups of men who were at risk for coronary heart disease and had high blood pressure red wine and non-alcoholic red wine. They also gave a control group only gin to see if it was really the alcohol and not the ingredients in wine that was beneficial.

"The study, published last week in Circulation Research, concludes that the blood-pressure-lowering effects of red wine are attributable not to its alcohol content, but to the beneficial chemicals called polyphenols that it contains, even in its non-alcoholic form," according

to a September 10, 2012, New York Times health blog.

In fact, the study found that the men drinking the non-alcoholic wine had the best result. In other words, it appears that the alcohol in wine actually mutes the health benefits of the polyphenols found in grapes. And no surprise to us, the group drinking just gin had no measurable health benefit.

Most doctors and health experts agree: alcohol consumption is not healthy or safe. Its use accounts for 2.5 million death per year and is the third largest risk factor for premature mortality, disability and loss of health, according to the World Health Organization. Furthermore, alcohol use is linked to cancers of the mouth, throat, voice box, esophagus, liver, colon and breast. It actually raises blood pressure, weakens the heart and immune system, and it may also increase the risk of pancreatic cancer.

So, is the only way to get the maximum heart strengthening, blood pressure lowering benefits of grapes achieved from drinking non-alcoholic

wine? Thankfully no. By going straight to the source of wine—Concord grapes—you can get the benefits without having to purchase what is basically vinted and bottled grape juice.

Concord grapes have one of the highest antioxidant scores among fruit. Also, they contain several different types of polyphenols including resveratrol, the polyphenol that is believed to possess the healing properties in grapes and is found mostly in the skin and seeds.

If you want to protect your heart and your mind, drink Welch's pure 100% grape juice (made using the entire Concord grape including the skin and seeds), consider taking a natural resveratrol supplement, or the best option: eat red or purple grapes fresh from the vine and reap the benefits of eating the whole fruit in its original package. If you want to minimize the health benefits from grapes, add alcohol.

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Marriage Licenses processed in April

According to records in the Patrick County Circuit Court Clerk's Office, the following marriage licenses were processed in April:

- Gary McGuire – Betty Foley
- Leo White – Amy Whorley
- Hannah Clark – Matthew Johnson

Social Security Matters

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

Ask Rusty – About “Survivor” Benefits vs. “Spousal” Benefits

Dear Rusty: I will be 70 in August and will file my application for benefits in May. I know I'll get my maximum possible amount at age 70, but I need you to clarify things I have read. Per an award-winning TV host, author, and host of a money podcast “if the higher-earning spouse delays until age 70 to claim Social Security, that guarantees the survivor the biggest possible benefit.” But then I read in a different article that if a person delays beyond their full retirement age to obtain a higher personal benefit (like I have), my spouse's benefit would still be based on my FRA benefit amount. I am confused about which statement is the correct version. Signed: Confused About My Spouse's Benefit

Dear Confused: I'm not surprised that you are confused about these seemingly contradictory statements. It is, indeed, quite logical (and common) for a widow or widower to think they must apply for a “spousal benefit” from their deceased spouse. And while that's technically true, those of us who live in this often confusing world of Social Security jargon would say the widow or widower is applying for a survivor benefit, not a spousal benefit. What's the difference? Well, when you're speaking with a Social Security representative or an advisor, the term “spousal benefit” means something entirely different than the term “survivor benefit.”

The two articles you mention are, I believe, referring to two different types of Social Security benefit. The term “survivor benefit” is typically used to describe benefits available to a surviving spouse when the higher earner dies, but the term “spousal benefit” is typically used to denote benefits available to a lower earning spouse when both partners are still living. I agree this is confusing, and that distinction was apparently not clear in the articles you read. Therefore, to clear your confusion:

- If the higher earning spouse dies and has delayed claiming until age 70, that does, indeed, “guarantee the surviving spouse the biggest possible benefit.” The survivor's benefit is based on the full amount the deceased was receiving at death.

- If both spouses are living and the higher-earning spouse delayed until age 70 to claim, their living spouse's benefit, when the higher-earning spouse claims, will be a maximum of 50% of the higher-earning spouse's full retirement age (FRA) amount. A living spouse's benefit is based on their partner's FRA amount, regardless of when their partner actually claimed.

So, in your case, your wife's spousal benefit from you while you are both living will be based on your FRA entitlement, even though you waited longer to claim. But if you die first, your wife's survivor benefit as your widow will be based on 100% of the amount you were receiving at your death. In effect, both statements you referred to in your question are true considering that they refer to two different benefit types. It is a terminology distinction which frequently causes misunderstanding.

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Patrick Pioneers

Forest Fires, Smallpox, and Ticks

By Beverly Belcher Woody

Last week, we learned about the drought and resulting starvation in Patrick County in 1881-1882. The following years did not get any better for the residents; they were plagued with fires, smallpox, and an abnormal tick infestation.

In April of 1889, a devastating forest fire, extending from Patrick Springs to Critz, cut a path of destruction ten miles long and six miles wide. A dispatch from Critz's Depot, on the Danville and Western Railroad, gave a graphic account of the terrible fire... “A fire commenced Friday afternoon and burned until heavy rain on Sunday night aided the men in stopping the fire. A slight rain Friday impeded the flames temporarily, but they resumed on Saturday and raged with increased vigor. The flames swept through Wild Cat Hollow like a tornado, preceded by sounds like rolling thunder, and dashed up the mountain sides. Houses, fences, barns, stables and granaries were swept away like tinder boxes.”

According to the Page Courier, Volume 22, Number 52, 18 April 1889, sixty-five head of cattle, at least ten horses, and over two hundred hogs were burned to death. One man was killed and four people were missing after the fire. Over one hundred families were left homeless, with only the clothes on their backs.

Incredibly, while this forest fire was going on, Patrick County was under a quarantine for smallpox! The Fairfax Herald, Volume 7, Number 47, 19 April 1889, reported that

The fact that Halifax, Charlotte, Prince Edward and Cumberland counties are comparatively free from ticks; while Patrick, Franklin, Pittsylvania, Campbell and Buckingham on the west, and Mecklenburg, Lunenburg, Brunswick, and the southern part of Dinwiddie and Chesterfield on the east, are notoriously ticky counties, is only explicable on taking into account the stock laws, which are different in these two groups of counties. No more notorious instance of

smallpox was raging in Patrick County and three deaths occurred in the first two weeks of April. Twenty people in Stella, Mayo Forge, and Liberty were infected and isolated in pest houses.

A pest house is a “house of pestilence” where unfortunate souls are quarantined until they get well or pass away. At the Old City Cemetery in Lynchburg, you can visit Dr. John J. Terrell's pest house where he cared for soldiers suffering from smallpox. Dr. Terrell had the interior walls of the pest house painted black because of the soldiers' eyes sensitivity to light and he had dry white sand spread on the floor to absorb the offensive odors.

According to the Fairfax Herald, Dr. B. B. James, city physician of Danville, and Dr. J. R. Anderson, of Martinsville cared for the infected individuals in Patrick County. The towns of Stuart and Martinsville established quarantines against Stella, Mayo Forge, and Liberty, and Mayor Harry Wooding, of Danville, issued a proclamation prohibiting any person or persons coming from Henry county west of Martinsville contiguous to the Danville and Western railroad, or from Patrick county contiguous to

the Danville and Western railroad from entering Danville until further notice. According to a telegraph dispatch received at the Critz's Depot, the disease had been brought to Patrick county by a woman from Roanoke.

As if forest fires and smallpox were not enough, seven years later, Patrick County and several other Virginia counties were overrun with ticks. The U.S. Department of Agriculture investigated and discovered that counties that had “no fence” laws for cattle were infested with ticks, while counties that enforced “fence laws” reported having few or no ticks. Once again, Patrick County was under a quarantine, this time for ticks. The quarantine was released once the inspector from the Department of Agriculture inspected the cattle and found them parasite-free.

There are so many lessons to be learned from those that came before us; they endured starvation, fires, smallpox, and many more threats and plagues, but every time, they got right back up and started all over again.

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PC Anglers make academic team



Patrick County High School anglers made the 2021-2022 John Crews All Academic Team, which consists of any angler who is in good standing with his/her high school team who has maintained a B+ (3.3) GPA average for the school session ending after the Junior State Championship. The local anglers were recognized and presented awards recently at the State Championship at Lake Gaston.

Pictured left to right are Cameron Collins, Hunter Heath, Devin Walker, Jake Caine, Will Heath and Evan Wood. Other members that have been awarded trophies for this accomplishment, but are not pictured include Parker Roop, Noah Jessup, Lacey Sutphin, Caitlin Bouldin (alumnus), David Bryant (alumnus), Zach Heath (alumnus) and Gavin McGhee (alumnus). Congratulations to all! This is a great academic achievement.



Kendall Williams takes it in for a goal.

Varsity Girls Soccer Season Update

By Ashlee Mullis

The Girls Varsity Soccer Team is 6-4-4 on the season at this point. They started the season on March 13 with a 0-0 tie with North Stokes. PCHS had 27 shots on goal, and Skye Ayers had 15 saves in the goal. March 13, the Lady Cougars tied 0-0 with Dan River. Ayers had 22 saves in the goal. PC tied Dan River again, 1-1, on March 20. Macy Hall scored for the Cougars, and Ayers had 3 saves. The Lady Cougars took on Tunstall March 29, ending in a 1-1 tie. Chloe Wright scored for the Cougars in one of the 10 team shots on goal. Ayers had 14 saves in the box. The Lady Cougars got a 5-0 win over GW Danville April 3, where they had 41 shots on goal. Wright and Kendall Williams had 2 goals each. Jewel Iacovone had 1 goal, and Ayers saved 4. PC had a big 2-1 win over the Lady Bengals of Bassett, April 11. There were 27 team shots on goal. Wright and Williams had 1 goal each while Ayers had 14 saves. The Cougars defeated Martinsville, 3-0, April 12. Hall had 2 goals, while Iacovone added 1. Ayers had 14 saves. The Lady Cougars suffered an 0-8 loss to Magna Vista, April 17. PCHS had 3 shots on goal while Ayers had 11 saves. On April 18, the Cougars took a 0-2 loss to Halifax. Ayers had 10 saves. The Lady Cougars got another Bassett win on April 21, with a score of 1-0. Williams scored for the Cougars, and Ayers had 8 saves. PC fell to Tunstall, 2-4, on April 25. Chloe Wright and Cindy Leon-Cisneros scored for the Cougars. Ayers had 5 saves in the goal. The Cougars got another win over GW, May 2, with a score of 4-1. Williams had 2 goals and Hall and Jayden Diehl had one goal each. Ayers had 12 saves. The Lady Cougars got revenge on the Lady Comets of Halifax with a 2-1 win on May 3. Hall scored 1 goal on an Iacovone assist, and Williams scored on an assist by Elizabeth Rose. Ayers had 10 saves.

On May 3, PCHS played Halifax. The Cougars won 2-1. PCHS has 13 shots on goal. Macy Hall was assisted by Jewel Iacovone and Kendall Williams was assisted by Elizabeth Rose. Skye Ayers had 10 saves in goal.

Anglers compete in state tournament



Seven teams from Patrick County High School qualified and represented Patrick County in the state tournament. Pictured are Tripp Thompson, Jacob Spencer, Evan Havens, Caleb Hostetter, Jonah Shockley, Hunter Heath, Jake Caine, Devin Walker, Will Heath, Chace Handy, Cameron Collins, Evan Wood, Eli Wood (not pictured Caleb Geiger).

Patrick County High School anglers braved the rain and storms, but unfortunately were unable to secure a spot in the National tournament for this season. Nevertheless, everyone is proud of them and their dedication and hard work this year!

Dan River seniors Kasey Ferguson and Jakari Thomas and boat captain Jimmy Fer-

guson won the state fishing championship.

The 2023 Virginia BASS Nation High School State Championship was held at Lake Gaston near Holly Grove Marina in Bracey, Virginia.

The two-day tournament, April 29-30 featured 46 high school teams competing on the picturesque lake located on the border of Virginia and

North Carolina. Ferguson and Thomas took first place out of 46 teams and won the title by 17.7 pounds over runner-up Cameron Fauver and Thomas Newman of Frederick County.

Special Thanks to the community, the boat captains, sponsors, volunteers, coaches, and families for all their support.

JV Baseball Gets Win Over Radford

By Ashlee Mullis

The JV Cougars answered a 3-run deficit in the 1st with 5 runs in the bottom of the frame leading them to a 10-6 victory over Radford, Thursday, May 4. The hitting attack was led by Eric Martinez with 2 hits and 2 RBIs. Jaiden Wilson had 2 hits, 2 RBIs and 3 runs scored. Calvin Lancaster made it base 3 times and had 4 stolen bases. On the mound, Calvin Lancaster and Christian Hylton combined to allow only one earned run on 4 hits. Lancaster struck out 7 Bobcats, while Hylton fanned 6.



JV Baseball Gets Win Over Radford- Eric Martinez swings for a hit.



Two anglers earn spot on All Elite Team

Patrick County High School seniors Devin Walker and Jake Caine both earned a spot on the 2021-2022 John Crews All Elite Team, along with David Bryant, Zach Heath, Nash Thompson and Gavin McGhee (all PCHS alumni). Awards were recently presented at the State Championship at Lake Gaston. Only the top 10 high school teams from Virginia are given this award, and PCHS held 3 of those spots for the 2021-2022 season.



Linda "Sweetheart"

Today is your day - May 16th. You always liked getting cards for your birthday. I have you one. You would have been 76 and I still love and miss you. I know you know that.

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Denny Hamlin breaks drought with last-lap tap-and-pass at Kansas

By Reid Spencer
NASCAR Wire Service

Denny Hamlin didn't tap-dance around the tap that helped him to a much-needed victory at Kyle Larson's expense in Sunday's AdventHealth 400 NASCAR Cup Series race at Kansas Speedway.

On the final lap, after an intense chase that began with a restart on Lap 221 of 267, Hamlin closed in on Larson's Chevrolet and further loosened an already loose race car. Slight contact from the right front of Hamlin's Toyota turned Larson into the outside wall as Hamlin streaked past and took the checkered flag.

Larson recovered to finish second, 1.307 seconds behind the winner, who ended a 33-race drought with his fourth victory at Kansas and exited his car at the finish line to a chorus of boos from fans who didn't like the way he had won the race.

"Yeah, I got position on him there, tried to side-draft him and clipped his left rear," said Hamlin, who collected his 49th career victory, tying him with Tony Stewart for 15th

most all-time. "But I'm glad he was able to at least finish.

"Credit to my FedEx team, though. Four hundred wins for Joe Gibbs Racing (203 in the NASCAR Cup Series, 197 in the Xfinity Series)—it's such a great accomplishment for them."

Hamlin's last-lap pass for the win was the first at Kansas. The race featured 37 lead changes among 12 drivers, the most lead changes in NASCAR history in a 400-mile race on a 1.5-mile intermediate speedway.

Larson led seven times for a race-high 85 laps that included a stretch of 46 straight before Hamlin grabbed the win on Lap 267.

"I haven't seen a replay," Larson said, "but obviously, he was side-drafting really aggressively, like he would. He was touching me, it felt like, and it had me really out of control. I wish we could..."

As Larson uttered those words, his attention turned to a confrontation between fifth-place finisher Ross Chastain and Noah Gragson, who swapped sheet metal at least



Denny Hamlin, driver of the #11 FedEx Express Toyota, celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series AdventHealth 400 at Kansas Speedway on May 07, 2023 in Kansas City, Kansas. (Photo by Jonathan Bachman/Getty Images)

twice during the race. The drivers took a couple of swings at each other before being restrained.

"I got tight off of (Turn) 4, for sure," said Chastain, who ran Gragson up toward the wall during the final stage. "Noah and I have a very similar attitude on the racetrack. We train together, we prepare together, and we know every little thing about each other.

"Yeah, I definitely crowded him up off of 4, and he took a swipe at us in 3, and came down and grabbed ahold of me (after the race). A very big man once told me we have a no-push policy here at Trackhouse (Racing)."

Pole winner William Byron ran third, after recovering from a speeding penalty that put him two laps down. Bubba Wallace passed Chastain with 15 laps left to secure the fourth position. Joey Logano, Chase Elliott, Martin Truex Jr., Tyler Reddick and Austin Dillon completed the top 10.

The fact that Larson was able to contend for the win at all was a reflection of his talent, given thorny circumstances that set him back in the early going. In a three-way battle for the lead before the race

was five laps old, Reddick tried to shoehorn his No. 45 Toyota between Larson, the leader, and Ross Chastain, then running third.

But Reddick tapped the rear of Larson's Chevrolet and sent the No. 5 spinning toward the apron. Larson avoided contact with the wall and recovered to reassume the lead during the second stage.

As Hamlin's crew chief Chris Gabehart noted after the race, "Denny Hamlin just beat the most talented race car driver in the world. What does that say?"

Consecutive wrecks late in Stage 2 scrambled the running order and handed the stage win to Logano, who had stayed out under the sixth caution for Christopher Bell's wreck on the backstretch on Lap 159.

As Chastain slowed slightly on the backstretch, Bell steered his No. 20 Toyota to the inside, then moved up the track and clipped Chastain's Chevrolet. Bell spun into the wall and damaged his car beyond repair.

"Just tried to get a little too aggressive on the side-draft, got into the 1 (Chastain) and spun out," Bell said succinctly after leaving the infield care center.

At least he didn't blame Chastain.

Sports Briefs

By Ashlee Mullis

JV Baseball Slaughters Martinsville

The Cougars scored 8 runs in the 1st and 5 runs in the 2nd to cruise to a 15 -0 win over Martinsville, May 5 at Cougar Field. Three Cougar hurlers combined for a one hitter and allowed no runs for the contest. Starter Easton Harris struck out the side in the 1st, followed by Greely Terry with a strikeout in the second. Lucas Taylor finished the game by striking out 3 Bulldogs in the last frame. The Cougar's had 9 hits on

the game with 13 RBIs. Leading the way were Carter Gregory, going 2 for 2 with 3 RBIs. Caleb Geiger went 2 for 3 and added 3 RBIs. With the win the Cougars improved to 14-1 on the season. They will finish the season next week with 3 games. They will play Gretna on Monday at home, followed by an away game on Tuesday at Magna Vista. They finish the regular season at Halifax County on Thursday.

Lady Cougar Softball Splits the Day

The Lady Cougars played 2 games at Magna Vista on Saturday, May 6. Journey Moore pitched the first game, striking out 13 in the 8-2 win. Moore went 2 for 4 in the box. Bryley Pike and Kursten Hylton had 2 hits each. Samantha

Harris and Madison Greer had 2 RBIs each. In Game 2, the Lady Cougars lost 11-4 to Mecklenburg. McKenzie Holt struck out 10 and Hayden Lawless pitched the last 3 innings. Kyleigh Gusler led the way with 2 hits for the Cougars.

Girls Tennis Gets Win at Danville

The Lady Cougar Tennis Team got a 6-3 win over GW Danville, on May 1. In singles,

Marissa Bentley (PC) defeated Sadie Gun 8-5, Mia Stowe (PC) defeated Natalie Harris 8-3, Madison Mullis (PC) fell to Kyra Alexander 6-8, Cecilia Leon-Cisneros (PC) defeated Braelynn Adams 8-2, Shyanne Holt (PC) defeated

Morgan Parsons 8-4, and Aaliyah Reynolds (PC) fell to Nylan Yancey 7-9. In doubles, Marissa Bentley/Mia Stowe defeated Sadie Gunn/Natalie Harris 8-5, Madison Mullis/Cecilia Leon-Cisneros defeated Kyra Alexander/Braelynn Adams 8-4, and Shyann Holt/Aaliyah Reynolds fell to Morgan Parsons/Nylan Yancey 6-8.

Lady Cougar Tennis Sweeps Martinsville

The Lady Cougars got a 9-0 sweep over the Lady Bulldogs on May 5. In Singles, Marissa Bentley (PC) defeated Naytil Patel 8-2, Mia Stowe (PC) defeated Kassidy Dodson 8-1, Madison Mullis (PC) defeated Ahmyr Washington 8-2, Cecilia Leon-Cisneros (PC) defeated Kayla Solomon 8-0, Katie Vernon (PC) defeated defeats

Ashanti Wilson 8-0, and Shyanne Holt (PC) defeated Niqqi Milton 8-2. In Doubles, Marissa Bentley/Mia Stowe defeated Nayti Patel/Kassidy Dodson 8-3, Madison Mullis/Cecilia Leon-Cisneros defeated Ahmyr Washington/Kayla Solomon 8-0, and Aaliyah Reynolds/Xena Wilcox defeated Ashanti Wilson/Niqqi Milton 8-2.

Girls Tennis Team Gets Another Win

The Lady Cougar Tennis Team got a 7-2 win over the Lady Eagles of Danville, Thursday, May 5. In Singles, Marissa Bentley (PC) defeated Sadie Gunn 8-6, Mia Stowe (PC) defeated Natalie Harris 8-2, Madison Mullis (PC) fell to Kyra Alexander 7-9, Cecilia Leon-Cisneros (PC) defeated Braelynn Adams 8-6, Katie Vernon (PC) defeated Morgan Parsons 8-0,

and Shyanne Holt (PC) defeated Nylah Yancey 8-3. In Doubles, Marissa Bentley/Mia Stowe fell to Sadie Gunn/Natalie Harris 6-8, Madison Mullis/Cecilia Leon-Cisneros defeated Kyra Alexander/Braelynn Adams 8-3, and Katie Vernon/Shyanne Holt defeated Morgan Parsons/Nylah Yancey 8-5. The Lady Cougars finished the regular season 6-6.

Varsity Baseball Gets Three Wins

The Cougars defeated the Eagles, Tuesday, May 2, 14-0. Gavin Fain and Toby Perkins combined for a no-hitter in the win. Noah Jessup led Patrick County at the plate, going 4-4. On Thursday, May 4, the Cougars defeated Radford, 15-1. Tucker Swails got the start and the win on the mound, going 3 innings, allowing 0 runs, striking out 6, and walking 1. Jai Penn threw for 2 innings allowing 1 run, striking out 4, and walking 3. Swails led the Cougars at the

plate going 2-4 with a grand slam and 7 RBIs. Penn and Jackson Horton had 2 hits each. Broc Taylor and Fain had 1 hit each with 2 RBIs. Jessup added 1 hit and 1 RBI. PC defeated Martinsville Friday, 23-2. Stuart Callahan got the win on the mound. Taylor had 4 hits and 7 RBIs, with 2 of those hits being home runs. Callahan and Hunter Pendleton had 3 hits each. Jessup added 2 while Horton hit the third home run for the Cougars.

NASCAR Cup Series Race - AdventHealth 400

Kansas Speedway
Kansas City, Kansas
Sunday, May 7, 2023

- 1. (8) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 267.
- 2. (2) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 267.
- 3. (1) William Byron, Chevrolet, 267.
- 4. (17) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 267.
- 5. (3) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 267.
- 6. (6) Joey Logano, Ford, 267.
- 7. (21) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 267.
- 8. (4) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 267.
- 9. (5) Tyler Reddick, Toyota, 267.
- 10. (11) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 267.
- 11. (13) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 267.
- 12. (33) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, 267.
- 13. (18) Aric Almirola, Ford, 267.
- 14. (27) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 267.
- 15. (9) Daniel Suarez, Chevrolet, 267.
- 16. (10) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 267.
- 17. (14) Chris Buescher, Ford, 267.
- 18. (30) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 267.
- 19. (20) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 267.
- 20. (24) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 267.
- 21. (19) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, 267.
- 22. (26) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 267.
- 23. (35) JJ Yeley(i), Ford, 266.
- 24. (32) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 266.
- 25. (29) Josh Berry(i), Chevrolet, 266.
- 26. (23) Michael McDowell, Ford, 266.
- 27. (28) Ryan Preece, Ford, 266.
- 28. (34) Brennan Poole(i), Ford, 264.
- 29. (22) Noah Gragson #, Chevrolet, 262.
- 30. (25) Harrison Burton, Ford, 261.
- 31. (15) Austin Cindric, Ford,

- 260.
- 32. (31) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 260.
- 33. (36) Josh Bilicki, Chevrolet, 260.
- 34. (7) Ty Gibbs #, Toyota, Accident, 176.
- 35. (16) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, Accident, 162.
- 36. (12) Christopher Bell, Toyota, Accident, 157.

Average Speed of Race Winner: 117.564 mph.

Time of Race: 3 Hrs, 24 Mins, 24 Secs. Margin of Victory: 1.307 Seconds.

Caution Flags: 11 for 57 laps.
Lead Changes: 37 among 12 drivers.

Lap Leaders: W. Byron 1-2;R. Chastain 3-4;T. Reddick 5-27;M. Truex Jr. 28-39;C. Bell 40-42;M. McDowell 43;C. LaJoie 44-46;D. Hamlin 47-48;M. Truex Jr. 49-71;D. Hamlin 72-83;M. Truex Jr. 84;D. Hamlin 85-88;M. Truex Jr. 89-93;D. Hamlin 94;M. Truex Jr. 95-97;D. Hamlin 98-109;M. Truex Jr. 110;B. Wallace 111-112;R. Chastain 113;B. Wallace 114-117;M. Truex Jr. 118-140;K. Larson 141-154;B. Wallace 155;K. Larson 156;B. Wallace 157-158;J. Logano 159-166;K. Larson 167-169;D. Hamlin 170;K. Larson 171-182;D. Hamlin 183;K. Larson 184-186;C. Elliott 187-191;M. Truex Jr. 192-202;K. Larson 203-208;C. LaJoie 209-212;W. Byron 213-220;K. Larson 221-266;D. Hamlin 267.

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led): Kyle Larson 7 times for 85 laps; Martin Truex Jr. 8 times for 79 laps; Denny Hamlin 8 times for 34 laps; Tyler Reddick 1 time for 23 laps; William Byron 2 times for 10 laps; Bubba Wallace 4 times for 9 laps; Joey Logano 1 time for 8 laps; Corey LaJoie 2 times for 7 laps; Chase Elliott 1 time for 5 laps; Ross Chastain 2 times for 3 laps; Christopher Bell 1 time for 3 laps; Michael McDowell 1 time for 1 lap.

Stage	#1	Top	Ten:
11,19,54,45,99,20,23,12,1,5			
Stage	#2	Top	Ten:
22,34,42,43,16,17,3,77,5,11			

Robert Emory "Bruh" Cobb Sr.

Robert Emory "Bruh" Cobb Sr., age 69, of Patrick Springs, VA passed away on May 3, 2023, at Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro, NC. Robert was born on August 9, 1953, in Patrick Springs, VA to the late Robert Harvey Cobb and Eunice Lee Clanton Cobb. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandson, Emory Michael Cobb; his sister, Lucy Ann Cobb Hunt; and his sister-in-law, Denise Pinnix Cobb.



wife of 43 years, Rita Louise Morris Cobb of the home; children, Marcia Cobb Clark (Albert), Robert E. Cobb Jr. (Shamia) and Marcus E. Cobb all of Whitsett, NC; grandchildren, Alijah Cobb, Kaziah Bynum, Avery Cobb and Iverson Cobb; siblings, Linda Cobb Hunt (Zeke, Sr.),

Mary Faye Cobb, Dorothy Cobb, Clara Cobb Penn (Steve), Gloria Laverne Cobb Penn, Michael Harvey Cobb; brother-in-law, Walter Wayne Hunt; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Robert was a beloved member of his community who will be dearly missed. He cherished the time he spent with his family and served as a special father figure to many. He was known for being an outgoing and cheerful person who enjoyed having a good time and was always laughing. Robert enjoyed fishing, playing corn hole, watching NASCAR events and football games. He was an avid fan of sports. Robert retired from United Elastic Corporation in Stuart, VA.

The family of Robert invites you to join them for a graveside service on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at Mount Nebo Pentecostal Holiness Church Cemetery with Elder Jerry Perry Jr. officiating. The family also invites you to pay tribute to Robert on Friday, May 12, 2023, at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart, VA, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Flowers will be accepted. Expressions of condolences may be sent online by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

Robert is survived by his loving

Gunny Caleb James Donnelly

In Loving Remembrance of our Son, Gunny Caleb James Donnelly.

Caleb will be sorely missed by his Family and Friends. Caleb was, and is, deeply loved. What's more, he was admired by the men who served under him, many of whom referred to him as Dad because they could always go to him in a time of need, and he would listen and give counsel to them. Caleb loved his Marines and Sailors who were under his Command. At the age of 42, Caleb left this world and is safely Home as he entered into the Kingdom of GOD on April 25th, 2023.



er brother, Gideon Nathanel Donnelly.

Caleb was Born at home in Smithtown LI NY on 2/23/1980 to Bob and Susan Donnelly, the third Son of twelve children. In August of 1998, Caleb moved with his Family to Woolwine, VA and, after being Homeschooled, he Graduated High School at Patrick County High in 1999. At the age of 23, Caleb joined the Marine Corps on March 18, 2003. His tours of duty include Germany, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Japan. He received numerous Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons. His record of Service was impeccable, having moved up in Rank quickly, not something easily done in The Marine Corps, and was the youngest to receive the Rank of GYSGT (Gunny) in his MOS, which was Aviation Electronics Technician. Caleb was Stationed at: Cherry Point NC, San Diego CA, Richmond VA and Hawaii. Caleb Served in The Marine Corps for 16 years and was Honorably Separated on January 30, 2019. Caleb returned home to his Parents' home in Virginia.

In truth, such a loss is not survivable by Family, and Friends ... and yet in the Mystery our hope is not destroyed - you see, in October 2022 Caleb was completely delivered from his alcohol addiction of many years and far greater, some months ago, Almighty GOD made Himself known to Caleb: I mean radically known, so that he wept with Joy for weeks. His sorrows vanished and JESUS became his Lord and Savior. The Word of GOD tells us that our days are numbered and none of us knows when that day will be. Surely Caleb would have you know that GOD is ... and that you can have a new Life if you will seek JESUS with all your heart. Even now, JESUS is knocking; so, if you hear HIM, harden not your heart but open the door and HE will come in... even as Caleb did. Make your election sure.

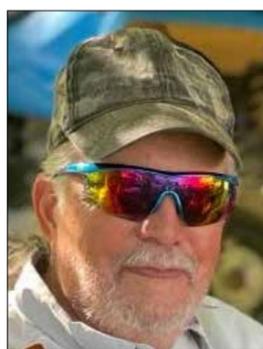
Caleb is survived by his Parents, Robert and Susan Donnelly; Brothers, Isaiah Donnelly, Elijah (Elaine) Donnelly, John Donnelly, James (Laura) Donnelly, Noah Donnelly, Levi (Jackie) Donnelly, Jacob Donnelly; Sisters, Shamala (Seth) Donnelly, Faith Donnelly, Cassia Donnelly; Nieces, Ariel Hammer, Kalie Donnelly, Chasta Donnelly; Nephews, Caleb Nathanel Donnelly, Callahan Adriel Donnelly. He was preceded in death by his young-

My Son, my Son, we love you and look forward to the day when we will be together in GOD'S Glorious Kingdom and spend Eternity with you and Gideon, as well as all those who have gone on before.

A Veterans Honor Guard Ceremony will be held on Saturday @ 2:00 pm at Caleb's home@ 185 Hickory Ridge Lane, Woolwine VA 24185 and followed by a Memorial Service@ 4:00pm @ Bethesda House of Mercy, 209 Howard St, Floyd VA 24091. Moody Funeral Home in Stuart is assisting the Donnelly family, and online condolences may be sent by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

Gary Lee Cummings

Mr. Gary Lee Cummings, age 71, of Patrick Springs, Virginia departed this earthly life on May 2, 2023, at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. He was born in Martinsville, Virginia on October 3, 1951, to the late Willie Allen "Bill" Cummings and the late Nannie Deal



rick Springs, Virginia, Brandi Williams (Ronnie) of Patrick Springs, Virginia; six grandchildren, Jessica Wheeler, Nate Scott, Lauryn Williams, Blake Lawson, Haley Lawson, and Trinity Lawson all of Patrick Springs, Virginia.

Cummings. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Lynsey Ann; one brother, Allen Cummings; and several aunts and uncles. Gary loved gardening, flowers (especially sunflowers), playing the guitar, and spending time with his beloved family. Gary will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him.

A funeral service for Mr. Gary Cummings will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at 2:00 P.M. at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart with Pastor Freddie Bonds officiating. Burial will immediately follow the service in the Martin Family Cemetery on Hardie Stone Road in Patrick Springs, Virginia. The family will receive friends from 12:30 P.M. until 2:00 P.M. on Saturday afternoon at the funeral home. Moody Funeral Home in Stuart is serving the Cummings family, and online condolences may be sent by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

Left to cherish the fond memories of Gary Cummings are his loving wife of 52 years, Ann Cummings of the home; two daughters and sons-in-law, Beth Lawson (John) of Pat-

Joy Ann Turner

Ms. Joy Ann Turner, age 82, of Stuart, passed away on Saturday, April 29th, 2023, at Blue Ridge Therapy Connection in Stuart.



Turner of Stuart; five grandchildren, Dayna Haynes of Lynchburg, Samantha Hill of Vesta, Whitney Turner of Stuart, Jayse, and Sydni Turner of Stuart; five great grandchildren; special friend and caregiver, Kate Wesna, and special friend Judy Barbour.

She was born March 4, 1941, in Stuart, VA to Dana and Virginia Hazelwood Haymond. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Barry Wayne Turner, and granddaughter, Alli Lane Turner.

A memorial service will be held at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart on Saturday May 13, 2023, at 11:00 AM with Rev. Tommy Shepherd officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Jeb Stuart Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 340, Patrick Springs, VA 24133. Online condolences may be sent to www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

Joy worked at R.J. Reynolds Memorial Hospital as a CNA on the floor, in the nursery and the emergency room. She assisted in labor and delivery and was also an ambulance driver. In her last years at the hospital, she was Ward Secretary.

Joy is survived by her children, Cathy Turner of Martinsville, Mike Turner of Roanoke, and Jason

Junior Leo Turner

Mr. Junior Leo Turner, age 92 of Stuart, passed away Monday, May 1, 2023, at the Blue Ridge Therapy Connection in Stuart. He was born in Patrick County on January 27, 1931, to the late Len Turner and Martha Texas Adams Turner. In addition to his parents, he was



preceded in death by his 1st wife, Louise Foley Turner; two sisters, Hestell Foley, Lelia Bowles; and three brothers, Nesco, Elmo, and Edwin Turner. Junior served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He was a hard worker, an avid outdoorsman, and loved to fish. Surviving is his loving wife of 41 years, Shelby Layman Turner of the home; one son and daughter-in-law, Darrell and Lynn Turner of Bradenton, FL; three step children, Pam Stafford and husband, Mark of Kernersville, NC, Kenneth Hopkins and wife, Denise of Patrick Springs,

Patrick Springs; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 2:00 PM at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart with Pastor Keith Vernon officiating. Burial will follow in the John Adams Family Cemetery with military rites by the Patrick County Veterans Memorial Honor Guard. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

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The Patrick County School Board is seeking a written Request for Proposal (RFP) from licensed contractors with at least five (5) years of commercial experience to provide painting services at Patrick County Public Schools Administration Building, 132 North Main Street, Stuart, VA 24171. Painting to be completed by July 1, 2023. RFP packets can be picked up at the Maintenance Department, 117 Via Avenue, Unit #1, Stuart, VA 24171, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2023. For further information, call Wayne Scott at 276-694-6984.

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The Patrick County School Board is accepting competitive sealed proposals from licensed contractors for paving at Patrick County Public Schools Administration Building, 132 North Main Street, Stuart, VA 24171. Project includes excavating, building, and paving parking lot at back of building and sealing existing parking lot in front of building. RFP packets can be picked up at the Maintenance Department, 117 Via Avenue, Unit #1, Stuart, VA 24171, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2023. For further information, call Wayne Scott at 276-694-6984.

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Public Notice

The Town of Stuart will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Stuart Town Office, located at 100 Patrick Avenue, to solicit public input on the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Budget. The proposed budget is attached for review. For additional information, please contact Bryce Simmons, Town Manager at 276-694-3811. Comments can be submitted in writing to the Town of Stuart at PO Box 422, Stuart, VA 24171 until Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. If you plan to attend and have any special needs requirements, please call the number listed above.

Town of Stuart, VA - Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 2024

General Fund	FY2024
Revenues	
Meals Tax	395,000
Property Taxes	275,000
Business Licenses	150,000
Franchise Fees	150,000
State Sales Tax	46,000
Rental Income	45,000
Auto Decals	19,000
Cigarette Tax	15,000
Festivals	6,000
Miscellaneous Income	5,000
Total General Fund Revenues =	\$ 1,106,000
Operating Expenses	FY2024
Debt Retirement	64,440
Professional Services	60,000
Electricity	56,000
Materials & Supplies	51,000
Capital Expenditure Expense	50,000
Contributions	30,000
Vehicle Expense	23,000
Insurance	20,000
Repairs & Maintenance	20,000
Blight Enforcement	20,000
Telephone Expense	16,000
Office Expenses	15,000
Farmer's Market	10,000
Dues, Licenses & Permits	10,000
Facade Program	10,000
Miscellaneous Expense	8,789
Festival Expense	6,000
Advertising & Public Notices	5,000
Postage	4,200
Total Operating Expenses =	\$ 479,429
Administrative Expenses	FY2024
Salaries & Wages	245,129
Group Health Insurance Expense	72,000
Payroll Taxes	28,880
Retirement Expense	11,000
Town Council Salaries	9,750
Total Administrative Expenses =	\$ 366,759
Water & Sewer Fund	
Revenues	FY2024
Water Fees	330,000
Sewer Fees	314,000
PSA Fees	58,900
Interest Income	10,000
Total Water & Sewer Fund Revenues =	\$ 712,900
Sewer Expenses	FY2024
Debt Retirement	131,808
Salaries & Wages	120,286
Materials & Supplies	60,000
Sludge Disposal Expense	46,000
Electricity	42,000
Group Health Insurance Expense	36,000
Repairs & Maintenance	28,000
Capital Expenditure Expense	25,000
Professional Services	16,875
Insurance	15,000
Retirement Expense	4,500
Payroll Taxes	4,252
Testing Fees	3,750
Telephone	3,000
Total Sewer Expenses =	\$ 536,471
Water Expenses	FY2024
Debt Retirement	113,580
Salaries & Wages	104,728
Materials & Supplies	60,000
Electricity	42,000
Repairs & Maintenance	27,000
Capital Expenditures Expense	25,000
Professional Services	16,875
Insurance	15,000
Group Health Insurance Expense	12,000
Payroll Taxes	4,868
Retirement Expense	4,500
Testing Fees	3,750
Telephone	3,000
Health Department Technical Fees	2,500
Total Water Expenses =	\$ 434,801
Sanitation Fund	
Revenues	FY2024
Garbage Fees	176,000
Total Sanitation Fund Revenues =	\$ 176,000
Expenses	FY2024
Salaries & Wages	102,440
Landfill Fees	55,000
Vehicle Expense	15,000
Insurance	5,000
Total Sanitation Fund Expenses =	\$ 177,440
All Funds	
Revenues	FY2024
General Revenues	1,106,000
Enterprise & Utility Revenues	888,900
Total Revenues FY2024 =	\$ 1,994,900
Expenses	FY2024
General Operating Expenses	479,429
Administrative Expenses	366,759
Sewer Expenses	536,471
Water Expenses	434,801
Sanitation Expenses	177,440
Total Expenses FY2024 =	\$ 1,994,900

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More than 60 youngsters register for annual Kids' Trout Fishing Day



Youngsters aged 15 and younger came out for great trout fishing along the scenic Mayo River during the 3rd annual Patrick County Kids' Trout Fishing Day, held at the Mayo River Rail Trail Picnic Area on Commerce Street in Stuart.

Adults were not permitted to fish until after 1 p.m. and were required to have

a valid Virginia Fishing License and Trout Stamp.

Event organizers, Sandra Heath, Wayne Kirkpatrick and Dale Owens were happy to see a break in the rain for the event. The children, adults and volunteers braved the cold temperatures and overcast skies to end up having a great time catching trout while enjoying the outdoors and spending time with family and friends.

This event is always held rain or shine due to the logistics of the stocking schedules, and this year's event registered 60 kids with their parents/guardians, for a total of about 120 participants. The De-

partment of Wildlife Resources (DWR) stocked the river with 500 pounds of trout – Rainbows, Browns and Brooks. An array of door prizes, trophies, cash prizes also awaited the kids as the event wound down at noon.

A special presentation was made by Rocky Mabe and Michael Mabe in memory and honor of their friend David Hayes who was an avid outdoorsman.

Many thanks hosting the event to Heath, the PC Soil and Water Conservation District; Wayne and Betty Kirkpatrick, the Dan River Basin Association; Jeff Deering and Al Kittredge, the Smith

River Trout Unlimited (SRTU) Chapter; Sammy Hughes, Junior Hughes, Angela Spence and members of the Falling Creek Hunting Club; Rocky Mabe and Michael Mabe; PCHS Fishing Team; Helms Septic Service; County of Patrick/Patrick County Tourism; Town of Stuart; the PC Maintenance Department and Conservation Police Officer Dale Owens and the DWR. These partners come together to create Kids' Trout Fishing Day as what will continue as an annual event.

The DWR has designated the second Saturday of April each year as the Patrick County Kids' Fishing Day along the Mayo River Trail. Heath had a vision to give an opportunity for children as well as adults great access to fishing on the Mayo River and for kids & families to get out and enjoy nature.

On February 28, 2017, she met with George Palmer, a biologist with the Virginia Department

of Game and Inland Fisheries to discuss extending trout stocking on the South Mayo River. The two then worked with the VD-GIF; Owens, then Patrick County Administrator Tom Rose, and the Patrick County Board of Supervisors to craft a public fishing agreement, which was agreed to and voted on March 13, 2017.

One goal was the annual Kids Trout Fishing Day, and providing a great trout fishing location from the parking lot area downstream to the Bull Mountain Forest Fire Lookout Tow-

er kiosk Eagle Scout project and bench areas for the public.

Through teamwork, Heath, the Patrick SWCD, Owens and Wayne Kirkpatrick and many partnering organizations worked to make the inaugural Kids Trout Fishing Day a reality on April 20, 2019. The COVID pandemic interrupted plans for two years, but now the day is returning to the second Saturday of April.

Check out the Patrick County Kids' Trout Fishing Day Facebook page for more information and pictures of the event.



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The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine and Beer off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.
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Critz Grocery and Grill LLC trading as Critz Grocery and Grill, 2716 Abram Penn Highway, Critz, Patrick County, VA 24082-3138.
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The Patrick County School Board is accepting competitive sealed proposals from licensed contractors to repave parking lot driveway area at Patrick Springs Elementary School, 75 Elementary Lane, Patrick Springs, VA 24133. Paving to be completed by June 30, 2023. RFP packets can be picked up at the Maintenance Department, 117 Via Avenue, Unit #1, Stuart, VA 24171, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2023. For further information, call Wayne Scott at 276-694-6984.

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STEP, Inc.
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
STEP, Inc. is seeking proposals for consulting services to conduct a Salary Structure Study. Questions or requests for additional information and clarifications should be addressed to: Kristy Pickeral, Deputy Director at kristy.pickeral@stepincva.com.
Deadline for submittal of proposals is **4:30 PM on Friday, May 19, 2023**. Proposals should be delivered electronically by email to: kristy.pickeral@stepincva.com.
Respondents are solely responsible for ensuring that they have the current, complete version of RFP documents before submitting a proposal. The most current information can be found on STEP Inc.'s webpage: <https://www.stepincva.com>.
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TRUSTEE'S SALE
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MEADOWS OF DAN, VA 24120
In execution of the Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$78,200.00, dated November 29, 2001, and recorded as Instrument Number 010003076 in Patrick County land records, the appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the **entrance to the Circuit Court of Patrick County, 101 Blue Ridge Street, Stuart, Virginia 24171-0148 on June 14, 2023 at 2:15 p.m.**, the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and more particularly described as follows:
LYING AND BEING IN BURKS FORK MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF FLOYD COUNTY, VIRGINIA, CONTAINING 1 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
BEGINNING AT AN ASH ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF US #58 AND BEING A CORNER TO THE 5.5 ACRE TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND DEEDED TO RUBY G. THOMAS BY ERNEST L. THOMAS; THENCE WITH THE SOUTHERN EDGE OF US #58 AS IT CURVES N 86 DEG. 10' E A DISTANCE OF 67 FEET TO A NEW CORNER IRON STAKE; THENCE LEAVING THE SAID STATE HIGHWAY #58 AND A NEW DIVIDING LINE PARALLEL WITH THE SAID THOMAS LINE SUPPOSE TO BE S 2 DEG. 30' W CROSSING A BRANCH A DISTANCE OF 650 FEET TO A NEW CORNER IRON STAKE; THENCE ANOTHER NEW LINE S 86 DEG. 10' W 67 FEET TO A SET STONE BEING A CORNER TO THE RUBY G. THOMAS 5.5 ACRE TRACT; THENCE WITH THE SAID THOMAS TRACT N. 2 DEG. 30' E CROSSING A BRANCH BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.00 ACRE, BE THE SAME MORE OR LESS, AND BEING A SMALL PORTION OF THE TWO TRACTS OR PARCELS OF LAND THAT WAS CONVEYED TO A. M. BARNARD AND ETTIE T. BARNARD, HIS WIFE, BY DEED OF DONAVON L. STANLEY AND CONNIE D. STANLEY, HIS WIFE, DATED FEBRUARY 25, 1983, WHICH SAID DEED IS OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FLOYD COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 141 AT PAGE 98; AND REFERENCE IS HERE MADE FOR ANY FURTHER DESCRIPTION OF THE 1.00, MORE OR LESS, TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND HEREBY CONVEYED. THE SAID 1.00 ACRE TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND HEREBY CONVEYED BEING A PORTION OF BOTH THE 19-3/8 ACRE AND 29-1/2 ACRE TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND THEREIN DESCRIBED
LESS AND EXCEPT THE LAND LOCATED IN BURKS FORK MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF FLOYD, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
BEING SHOWN AS PARCEL 111 ON SHEET 15 OF THE PLANS FOR ROUTE 58, STATE HIGHWAY PROJECT 0058-962-E02, RW-201, BEGINNING ON THE SOUTH (RIGHT) SIDE OF THE ROUTE 58 EAST BOUND CONSTRUCTION BASELINE FROM THE LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY BELONGING TO ARLIE DEAN THOMAS AND CONNIE MONTGOMERY THOMAS, ET AL, OPPOSITE APPROXIMATE STATION 736+48, AND ENDING ON BOTH SIDES OPPOSITE APPROXIMATE STATION 736+48, AND ENDING ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROUTE 58 EAST BOUND CONSTRUCTION BASELINE TO THE LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY BELONGING TO VERA B. SEIGLER AND CLARENCE E. SEIGLER, OPPOSITE APPROXIMATE STATION 736+74, AND CONTAINING 0.129 HECTARE (0.319 ACRE), MORE OR LESS, LAND, AND BEING A PART OF THE SAME LAND ACQUIRED AS AFORESAID BY DEED RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SAID COUNTY.
FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND HEREIN CONVEYED, REFERENCE IS MADE TO PHOTOCOPY OF SHEET NO. 15, SHOWING OUTLINED IN RED THE LAND CONVEYED IN FEE SIMPLE, WHICH PHOTOCOPY IS HERETO ATTACHED AS A PART OF THIS CONVEYANCE SIMULTANEOUSLY HERewith IN THE STATE HIGHWAY PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 217.
The property and improvements will be sold in "as is" physical condition without warranty of any kind.
TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price or 10% of the original principal amount of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, by cashier's or certified check required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. Balance of the purchase price must be paid by cashier's check within 15 days from sale date. Except for Virginia Grantor tax, all settlement costs and expenses are purchaser's responsibility. Taxes are pro-rated to the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. If purchaser defaults, deposit may be forfeited and purchaser resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Trustee does not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed, a forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into or the loan was reinstated or paid off; in any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. This communication is from a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE:
RAS Trustee Services, LLC, 4012 Raintree Road, Suite 100A, Chesapeake, Virginia 23321
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Rockville, Maryland 20852
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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, having 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 materialmen's 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 "Collective 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 Noteholder 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.
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Land Transfers

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

Carol Margie Aiken to Sara Hodges and other, 4.2341 acres, district not listed.

Atlantic Trustees Services LLC., to Virginia Housing Development, 2.995 acres, Dan River District.

Alan Lee Barbour to Denny Kelvin Smith Jr., 20.981 acres, Mayor River District.

BDB Company LLC., to Moneyhun and Sun LLC., interest 20.577 acres, Smith River District.

James S. Bennett to Jeremy R. Bennett, 1 acre more or less, Mayor River District.

Paul R. Besler Jr. and wife, to Justin D. Corum, 1 and 2 and 2.109 acres, Smith River District.

James A. Branscome to Kibler Valley LLC., 101.07 and 31.55 acres, Dan River District.

James H. Clark and others to Garland W. Collins and wife, tract, Peters Creek District.

Martin Fillmore Clark Sr. to Andrew J. Kakas Jr., 16 acres, Mayo River District.

Billy Ray Collins to Kevin Ray Collins and wife, 1 acre, Mayo River District.

Danny R. Conner to Donna J. Barrett, 1.4976 acres, Peters Creek District.

Dona Fizzell Cooper to Scott York, 0.0578 and 29.0917 acres, Peters Creek District.

County of Patrick to Tina P. Sheppard and other, lots, Mayo River District.

David W. Cox to Gary D. Rea, 3.8207 acres, Mayo River District.

Charles Crossingham to Chadwick Earl Stewart and other, Lot 13 C, Blue Ridge District.

David Ross Crouse to David Ross Crouse and other, 100.5305 and 4.46 acres, Smith River District.

Jody W. Davis and other to Steven Ray Joyce, 4.5 acres, Peters Creek District.

Linda H. Davis to Ethan Trey Joyce, 1.4 acres, Peters Creek District.

Barry Wayne Farmer and wife to Barry Wayne Farmer, 1.49 and 4.6698 and 7 acres, district not listed.

William Lyman Ferrell to Nenad Ilincic, 9.165 acres, Blue Ridge District.

Carolyn A. Harnsberger to Matthew Brian Harnsberger, 30.582 acres, Mayo River District.

Steve Harris and others to Tim Stridsberg and others, interest in Woolwine Methodist Church Parsonage, district not listed.

Gideon Hauser and wife to Richard Vasquez and wife, 5 acres more or less, Smith River District.

Jason S. Hughes and other to Sean D. Harbour, 2.055 acres, Mayo River District.

Joseph Patrick Hutchens and other to Garland W. Collins and wife, 1 acre, Peters Creek District.

Wanda Isaacs to David E. Rautio, 13.8156 acres, Dan River District.

Wanda Isaacs to Clifford Thomas Isaacs, 2.1 acre, 9.0401 acres, .25 acre, 05 acre, Dan River District.

Bedric C. Jetmar III to Jessica B. Skinner and other, 15.037 acres, Dan River District.

Posey Clayton Jones and other to Cynthia Baum and other, 25.957 acres, Peters Creek District.

Timothy Keith and other to Jerry W. Marshall, .3932 acres, Dan River District.

Douglas A. King to Jennifer R. King, lots, Peters Creek District.

Bruce Lahti and other to THRN Properties LLC, Lot 2, Dan River District.

Thomas J. Lee and wife to Lee's Kar-Go LLC, 0.817 acres, Dan River District.

Mark A. Martin and wife to Manoj Thakkar, Lots 19, 20, 21 and 22, Mayo River District.

Christine McAlister to Miguel Angel Rodriguez Rosado, 1.95 acres, Smith River District.

Mary Dollarhite Odell and other to Ortencia Munoz Acosta, 32.65 acres, Peters Creek District.

Clark Park and other to Scenic Solitude LLC, lots, Blue Ridge District.

William James Quesenberry to Wesley W. Quesenberry, 2.087 acres, district not listed.

Willie Lee Reynolds to Stephanie Clark, tract, Mayo River District.

Mitchell Lee Ritter and other to Demarva Educational Association, 63.235 acres, Dan River District.

Patsy M. Sehen and others to James Kyle Webb, 0.97 acres, Blue Ridge District.

Kirt Sharpe to Mike Jobe, 62.75 acres, Peters Creek District.

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Steven P. Shorkey to Arthur D. Krause, 6.2636 acres, Blue Ridge District.

Timothy Lee Smith to Roy Rucker and wife, 4.059 acres, Peters Creek District.

Aldean Snow to Colton E. Akers and wife, Lot 6, Dan River District.

Richard Solomon and wife to August Holt, 0.89 acres, Mayo River District.

Destiny Marie Trent to Ryan Alexander Trent, 0.83 acres, Mayo River District.

Eldridge B. Turner and other to Bryan Alberson and wife, lots, Smith River District.

David Warden and wife to Howell Etuk Sides, 65.49 acres, Smith River District.

Clinton A. Weidhaas to Anna L. Weidhaas, 59.625 acres, Mayo River District.

Peggy T. Williams TR to Scott Kotlowski, 15.1016 acres, Peters Creek District.

Peggy T. Williams TR to Ricky L. Hartley and wife, 0.4050 and 5.7817 and 2 acres, Peters Creek District.

Aleen W. Wilson and husband to Andrew J. Kakas Jr. and wife, 4 acres, Mayo River District.

Regina Irene Wyatt and others to Ann Wyatt Taylor, 0.44 acres, Mayo River District.

Norman J. Zook and other to Steven Joseph Knapp and other, 3.1674 acres, Blue Ridge District.

Green vests and aprons awarded to new Master Gardeners



New Master Gardeners are pictured, left to right, Jessica Hines, Elizabeth Stancescu, Danny Miller, June Kelly.

The Patrick County Master Gardeners recently announced 8 interns completed all of the requirements to become Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners, and have been awarded their green vests and aprons at recent events.

"If you see any of these hard working people who have already contributed so much to the community and the association, give them a big thumbs up," Norma Bozenmayer of the POCMG said.

To become a Master Gardener, a 50 hour academic training course in areas of horticulture and ecology must be completed, in addition to five labs. There is also a 50 hour service requirement the first year. An annual requirement of 20 hours of service and 8 hours of continuing education must be completed to stay active as a Master Gardener.

If you are interested in joining PC Master Gardeners or would like information on any of our programs, email mgpcva@gmail.com



New Master Gardener Denny Jennings shows off the hard earned and coveted green apron, as Norma Bozenmayer, MG training coordinator, looks on.



Pictured left to right are new Master Gardeners Barbara Reichard, Tom DeBusk and Ginnie Conaway.

Nominate your working farm dog for Farm Dog of the Year

Farm dogs can be an invaluable part of a farmer's operation, and these hard-working canines are once again being recognized in American Farm Bureau Federation's Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year contest.

Farmers are invited to submit nominations for Farm Dog of the Year.

Desired attributes for the winning dog include helpfulness to farmers and their families, playfulness and obedience. Nominations for the contest include photos, written responses to questions and optional video clips. Eligibility guidelines and other contest details can be viewed at fb.org/land/fdoty. Applications will close July 14.

Farm dog owners also must be

Farm Bureau members to enter the competition. Learn how to become a Virginia Farm Bureau member at vafb.com/membership-at-work/membership.

The contest is sponsored by Purina, and the grand prize winner will receive a year's worth of Purina dog food and \$5,000, and will be recognized at the American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Convention in January 2024. Up to three regional runners-up will receive \$1,000 and Purina products.

The public will be invited to vote online in the People's Choice Pup portion of the competition, with the winner receiving \$1,000. Winning dogs will be announced at the AFBF convention.

Sandy Riepe, a farmer in Charlotte County, said working dogs serve an important role in helping with daily farm tasks while also bringing much-needed fun and lightheartedness to the farm. Her dog Dasher, a border collie who helped herd cattle and mentored her younger border collie, was a finalist in the 2021 Farm Dog of the Year competition. She said highlighting his skills and participating in the AFBF contest "was so much fun to be a part of."

"Dasher has such a strong work ethic," said Riepe, a Charlotte County Farm Bureau member. "Life on the cattle farm is perfect for him."

Library of Virginia Creates a Digital Map of Virginia's Deaf Communities

The Library of Virginia has added a digital map resource to Virginia's Deaf Culture Digital Library, deaflibva.org, a website with information for the commonwealth's Deaf community created by the Library in collaboration with Central Rappahannock Regional Library. "Virginia's Deaf Communities: A Spatial Story" is a story map combining images and narratives that explore some of the people and places that make up the rich history of the deaf and hard-of-hearing communities in Virginia from the 18th century through the early 20th century.

Launched during Deaf History Month in April, the digital map offers information on 42 subjects, such as deaf individuals, families, communities and institutions from across the state. Examples include the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind, founded in Staunton in 1839, which was the first school in the country to serve both deaf and blind children; Ann Darden (1783-1851), of Isle of Wight, a deaf woman who sued for the right to manage her own finances; and Edward Caledon Bruce (1825-1900), of Winchester, an artist who became deaf at age 14 as a result of scarlet fever.

Much of the information was compiled by Deaf historian Kathleen Brockway, who served as a consultant to the Virginia's Deaf Culture Digital Library project. Images from the collections of the Library of Virginia and other institutions illustrate the subjects identified on the map. View the map at deaflibva.org/va-deaf-communities-map.

The project provides the public, library users and library staff with new insights into an often-over-

looked segment of society. The map's creators hope that the initial entries will spur researchers to share new findings and stories to include on the map. Suggestions for additional content or edits can be sent to senior map archivist Cassandra Farrell at cassandra.farrell@lva.virginia.gov or adult services consultant Barry Trott at barry.trott@lva.virginia.gov.

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Dog detectives: Researchers training local canines to sniff out spotted lanternflies

Virginia Tech researchers are recruiting dogs and their owners to help stop the spread of the destructive spotted lanternfly.

Dogs are known for their incredible noses. With their scent work already used to detect narcotics, explosives and even illnesses, it's not a stretch to apply the same principles to agriculture.

That's what researchers in Virginia Tech's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences have been working on the past couple years. Using a \$475,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the university has partnered with researchers at Texas Tech University's Canine Olfaction Research and Education Laboratory to train dogs to sniff out spotted lanternflies.

"We're hoping that dogs will allow us to identify early infestations before they really take root," said Erica Feuerbacher, assistant professor and director of the Virginia Tech Applied Animal Behavior and Welfare Lab. "Being able to eradicate the insects when they first arrive in a plot of land will allow producers to remove them without the use of pesticides, while still protecting their crops."

Spotted lanternflies pose a significant threat to the state's wine industry, fruit orchards and other sectors as they target apples, grapes, stone fruits, hops and ornamental plants. Several localities in Virginia are under quarantine to help slow the pests' spread.

Having successfully trained dogs to detect lanternflies in a controlled laboratory setting, Feuerbacher is excited to see how they do out in the field, in busier, more distracting environments. Currently in the early "citizen science

phase" of the project, she and the research team are recruiting dogs and their owners to participate in the training.

In Berryville, James Bogaty of Bogaty Family Wine Group, owns three wineries and is familiar with the challenge spotted lanternflies pose for farmers like himself. He said he's encouraged by the new research to better detect them—especially their egg masses, which can be hard to spot because they resemble pieces of mud and easily escape human eyes.

"The dogs' keen sense of smell enables them to identify the scent of the eggs, even when they're hidden or camouflaged on various surfaces," said Bogaty, a Clarke County Farm Bureau member. "Dogs can accurately pinpoint the location of the egg masses, ensuring that no eggs are missed during removal."

He added that it could be a sustainable, cost-effective solution to providing pest control without requiring chemicals or specialized equipment.

Like many farmers, Bogaty has his own dog, Aruba. The idea of training his canine companion to help protect his vines is appealing.

"While the training process can be time-consuming and require a dedicated effort, the potential benefits make it an appealing option," he noted. "With the guidance of experts in the field, we could embark on the journey of training our dog to play an essential role in protecting our vineyard from spotted lanternflies."

If you're interested in registering your dog to sniff out spotted lanternflies, visit bit.ly/407KsMz for more information.



Surry Community College is offering a Construction Academy May 22 through July 21. Students will learn job-ready skills in Construction, Carpentry, Electrical, Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning.

Construction Academy Gets Underway May 22

Surry Community College is offering a Construction Academy this summer, May 22 through July 21.

During the Construction Academy, students will learn job-ready skills in Construction, Carpentry, Electrical, Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning. Subjects covered will include construction basics, career exploration, OSHA-10 for construction, job shadowing and interview

skills. Tuition is free if you complete the course.

The eight-week long course runs May 22 - July 21. No classes will be held the week of July 4. The classroom time is scheduled Mondays and Wednesdays from 2 to 4:30 p.m. A job shadowing schedule will be determined for each student. The classes will be held on

Surry Community College's Dobson campus in the K-Building.

The Construction Academy is sponsored by Surry Community College, Carolinas AGC Foundation, and the North Carolina Community College System. To register, contact Dale Badgett at (336) 386-3445 or badgettd@surry.edu or contact The Pilot Center at (336) 386-3618 or pilotcenter@surry.edu.

SCC to Offer 2023 Real Estate Broker Renewal Course

Surry Community College is offering the 2023 NC Real Estate Broker Renewal Course on Saturday, May 13, at the Pilot Center, 612 East Main St., Pilot Mountain.

The course will include the four-hour general update portion from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., along with a four-hour elective portion entitled "What Would Your Mama Say?,"

which will be held from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuition for this course is \$75, which includes books and materials. Students will need to bring their pocket card to class. Pre-registration is required for this class. For more information or to register, contact the Pilot Center at (336) 386-3618.

Small farm field days offer resources, funding to farmers statewide

Owners and operators of small farms throughout the state can discover ways to improve soil and animal health and gain information on major funding opportunities at four field days this month.

The field days will take place in May on privately owned small farms in Fauquier, Louisa, Franklin and Surry counties. These free events are sponsored by the Virginia State University Small Farm Outreach Program.

Attendees will participate in farmer-led tours and demonstrations highlighting conservation best management practices such as nutrient management, cover crops, grazing-land management, continuous no-till and split nitrogen applications. These practices help reduce the cost of inputs and improve farm productivity while also safeguarding Virginia's stream and river water quality.

Specialists from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and Soil and Water Conservation Districts will be on hand to share information about programs that offer farmers free technical assistance

and up to \$300,000 per year in cost-share to implement best management practices on their farms. They will also highlight programs and resources available only to small farms.

Farmers may register for one or more of the following at <https://www.ext.vsu.edu/sfop-events>:

Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m.–noon
Joe Gray's Farm, Remington, Va. For more information, contact Michael Carter Sr. at mcarter@vsu.edu. Lunch will be served.

Tuesday, May 16, from 9 a.m.–noon
Albert McGee's Farm, Louisa, Va. For more information, contact Roland Terrell at rterrell@vsu.edu.

Wednesday, May 24, from noon–3 p.m.
Anthony and Tonja Martin's Farm, Penhook, Va. For more information, contact Clifford Somerville at csomerville@vsu.edu. Lunch will be served.

Thursday, May 25, from 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Glenn Slade's Farm, Surry, Va. For more information, contact Derrick Cladd at dcladd@vsu.edu. Lunch will be served.



Owners and operators of small farms will discover ways to improve soil and animal health and how to access major funding at four small farm field days this month. Pictured are farmer Joe Gray and conservation specialist Steven Jones. (Photo courtesy of DCR.)

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Meetings

Thursday, May 11
The Patrick County School Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the School Administration Building.

Local Farm Outreach Meeting led by industry professionals from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Patrick County Community Room at the Stuart Site of Patrick & Henry Community College, 212 Wood Brothers Drive, Stuart. RSVP and register by Monday, May 8 at patrickcountyswd@gmail.com or call (276) 694-2911.

Monday, May 15
The Patrick County Board of Supervisors will meet at 6 p.m. in the third-floor court room of the Patrick County Administration Building.

Tuesday, May 16
The Patrick County Planning Commission will have a sub-committee work session at 3 p.m. followed by a regular business meeting at 6 p.m. at the Patrick & Henry Community College (P&H-CC) community room.

Wednesday, May 17
The Stuart Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the town office.

Thursday, May 18
The Patrick County Republican Committee meeting begins at 6 pm. In the Motorsports Hall of Fame Auditorium, 212 Johnson St., Stuart. Delegate Wren Williams will offer an update.

Events

Monday, May 8
The Friends of the Blue Ridge Regional Library will hold their monthly meeting at 10:30 a.m., in the Patrick County Branch, 116 West Blue Ridge St., Stuart. Interested in joining? Everyone is welcome!

Wednesday, May 10
The Patrick County Community Food Bank will hold a food distribution day at the Stuart site from 8:30-11 a.m. and from 5-6:30 p.m. There will be a morning distribution in Ararat from 8:30-11 a.m., and an evening distribution in Meadows of Dan from 5-6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 12
The Stuart Farmers Market will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Local grown items such as cool season crops will be available. Baked items, meats, eggs, coffee and more.

Monday, May 15
The Patrick & Henry Community College (P&H-CC) College Board Budget & Finance Committee will meet at 11:30 a.m. in Room 124 in the Frith Economic Development Center.

The Patrick & Henry Community College (P&H-CC) College Board Academic & Student Affairs Committee will meet at 11:30 in room 215 in the Frith Economic Development Center.

The Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) College Board Executive Committee will meet at 11:45 in room 145 in the Frith Economic Development Center.

The Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) College Board will meet at 12 p.m. in the Hooker Exhibit Hall in the Frith Economic Development Center.

Friday, May 19
The Stuart Farmers Market will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Local grown items such as cool season crops will be available. Baked items, meats, eggs, coffee and more.

The Woolwine Methodist Church Food Truck will be at the Fairystone VFD from 3-5 p.m.

Saturday, May 20
The Ararat Ruritan Club will hold an Appreciation Day/Cruise-In. A day for the Ararat Community Club to express our thanks to our local first responders (EMS/Fire/Police), veterans, and community members. Hot dogs will be served during the cruise-in from 10am-2pm at the club building, located at 4711 Ararat Highway in Ararat, VA.

The Moorefield Store Community Volunteer Fire Department will hold a hamburger steak dinner from 4-7 p.m.

The Fairystone Volunteer Fire Department will hold a country breakfast from 6:30-10 a.m. Dine in for \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. All take out plates are \$10 each. Call in an order at (276) 930-2113.

The Moorefield Store Community Volunteer Fire Department will hold a hamburger steak dinner starting at 4 p.m.

Tuesday-Wednesday, May 23-24
The Amish community in Meadows of Dan will hold a benefit to help support their school and church, at the former Meadows of Dan Farm Service, 2934 Jeb Stuart Highway, in Meadows of Dan, starting at 4 p.m. and ending at 7 p.m. or while supplies last. The meal includes BBQ Chicken, baked beans, Amish noodles, Cole slaw, pie & ice cream. Donations will be accepted per person for the meal. An auction also begins at 5 p.m., and includes items that have not been cataloged since the group purchased the former tractor building. The auction continues Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., and features items that have been cataloged. Food will be available for purchase that day as well, including hamburgers, hot dogs, and fresh cut French fries.

Friday, May 26
The Stuart Farmers Market will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Local grown items such as cool season crops will be available. Baked items, meats, eggs, coffee and more.

Sunday, May 28
The Patrick County Veterans Memorial Honor Guard, American Legion Post 105 and the VFW Posts in Patrick Springs and Meadows of Dan

will hold a Memorial Day celebration at the Gazebo in DeHart Park at 3 p.m. All veterans and their families and the general public are invited to attend. People should bring their own chairs.

Saturday, June 3
The Patrick Henry Volunteer Fire Department will hold a hamburger steak dinner fundraiser from 4-7 p.m. Plates are \$10 and include a hamburger steak, slaw, baked beans, roll, dessert, and a drink. Place an order at (276) 629-7677.

Ongoing

Monday Market at Fairy Stone State Park, Mondays 5 - 7 p.m. at picnic shelters 3 & 4. Vendors accept cash only.

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

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

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

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

The Stuart Elementary School Running Club will hit the pavements along the sidewalks in town on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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

Briarpatch Amateur Radio Club (BARC) and the Region Four Auxiliary Communication network (AUXCOMM) meetings are at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., respectively, on the 4th Thursday of each month at the First Christian Church in Galax. Visit www.briarpatcharc.com for more information.

NOTICE

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National event draws local crowd



There was a good turnout for the local commemoration of the National Day of Prayer, held outside the courthouse in Stuart on May 4.

Led by Pastor Wayne Moore of the Patrick County Ministerial Association, the event began with singing, followed by prayers for those in government, first responders and the military, the media, schools and families. (By Pat Delaney)

Turtle "Shell-ebretion" to be held at Twin Lakes State Park

Experience a close-up visit with Ranger Myrtle the Turtle



Red-eared slider sunbathing

The Friends of Twin Lakes State Park will be hosting its first annual "shell-ebretion" of World Turtle Day® on Saturday, May 20 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. in the Discovery Area.

This family friendly event will include the following activities: turtle-themed games and face painting, a "shell-fie" photo station with wearable turtle shells, visits from turtle experts and Central Virginia Reptile Rescue, as well as beloved local "shell-ebriety" Ranger Myrtle the turtle.

"I love working with Myrtle because she is such a great ambassador for turtles worldwide," said Twin Lakes State Park Chief Ranger of Visitor Experience Breanna Doll. "Turtle Day is a fun way to bring the community together and highlight the importance of turtles in the ecosystem. We will celebrate Ranger Myrtle and turtles around the world as we share the best ways to help these amazing animals."

World Turtle Day was created as a yearly observance to help people celebrate and protect turtles. American Tortoise Rescue is a nonprofit organization that uses a sanctuary to assist and rehome turtles and tortoises.

"This event is perfect for kids of all ages as the Virginia state parks will also be celebrating National Kids to Parks Day," said Twin Lakes State Park Manager Kevin Faubion. "This national day was created to connect families with the outdoors as well as to their local parks. The turtle 'shell-ebretion' is a great way for us to showcase the turtles and natural wildlife that call the park home. Guests can have fun outdoors while discovering the importance of nature."

The shell-ebretion is free to attend, but the regular \$7 parking fee does apply.

Turtle-themed merchandise will be available for purchase from the Friends of Twin Lakes State Park, an all-volunteer non-profit group that works to support Twin Lakes State Park through fundraising and volunteerism.

For more information about upcoming events at any of the 41 Virginia State Parks, visit www.virginiastateparks.gov.

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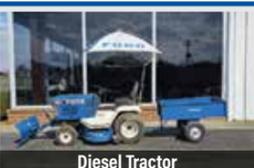
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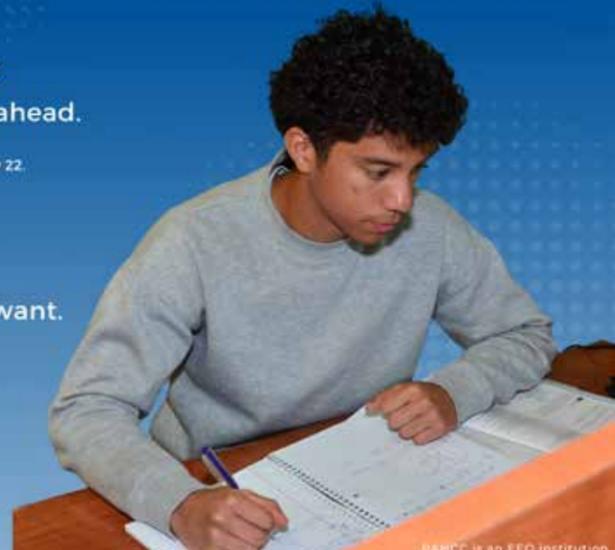
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ONLINE AUCTIONS

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.



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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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Ends Tuesday, May 23rd at 4 PM

Wooded Recreational Land for Auction! TBD Sowers Rd., Floyd, VA 24091

This wooded tract of land located in Floyd VA is being offered at Online Auction. Featuring +/- 24.84 acres of all wooded land close to the Little River. Great location near Route 8 in Floyd VA making it easily accessible for commuting to Christiansburg, Blacksburg and Radford VA. Just minutes from the town of Floyd VA! Perfect for all nature and outdoor enthusiasts! This great piece of land is located in the heart of Floyd, VA. Nestled among the lush greenery and pristine wilderness, this wooded tract of land spans across approximately 24.84 acres, providing you with ample space to create your dream getaway or build your own private country home. Would also be ideal for use as a hunting or fishing retreat. The location of this property is unbeatable, situated near the Little River and near Route 8 in Floyd VA, it offers easy access to the town of Floyd, Christiansburg, Blacksburg, and Radford VA. Whether you're a hunting or fishing enthusiast or simply enjoy the great outdoors, this land is perfect for you. If you're looking for a peaceful retreat away from the hustle and bustle of city life, don't miss your chance to own this recreational land tract in Floyd VA.



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Ends Thursday, May 25th @ 4 PM

Commercial Investment Property for Sale! 2651 Carrollton Pike, Woodlawn VA 24343

This property features nice open and wooded acreage in the Woodlawn VA area of Carroll County VA. Featuring +/- 6.36 acres in two adjoining tracts, this property would be a great investment or commercial property! In a great location adjoining the Johnson Chevrolet Dealership off of Carrollton Pike in Woodlawn VA. Has an old singlewide on the property of no value. Prime location for building a business or just a convenient residence. Easy commute to Galax and Hillsville VA. Very convenient for traveling to NC or WV via nearby I-77. Don't miss your opportunity to own this prime investment property!



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Creek Front Land for sale in Woolwine VA
Woolwine Hwy, Woolwine, VA 24185
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SOLD!

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Creek Front Land for Sale in Franklin County VA!
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