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## Rich Creek parcel deemed a Tier 5 site

By Taylor Boyd

A parcel of land in Patrick County's Rich Creek Corporate Park has been deemed a Tier 5 site by the state, according to the now-former Patrick County Economic Director Sean Adkins.

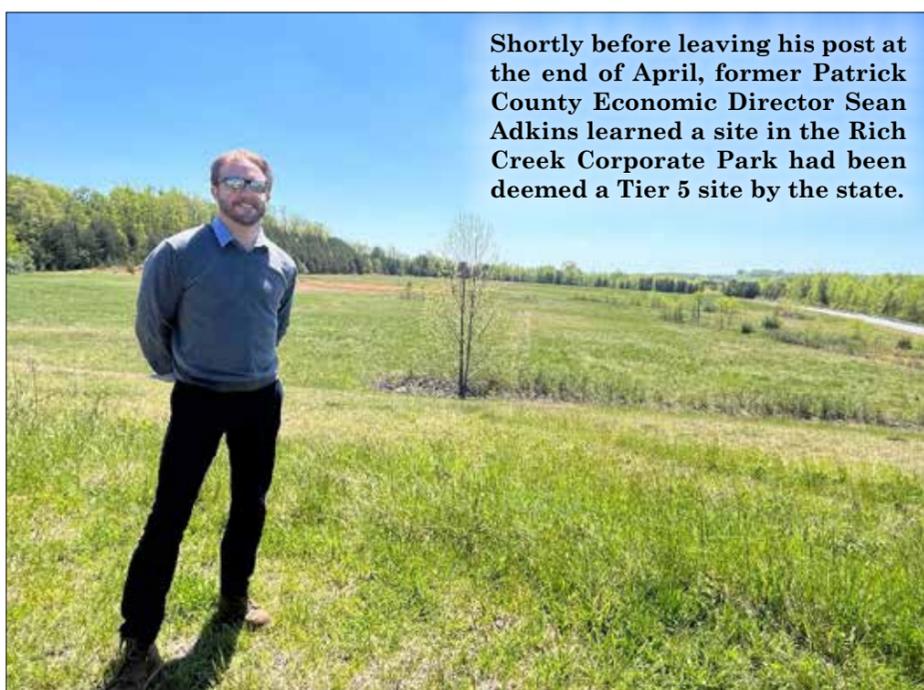
Adkins, who learned about the distinction shortly before leaving his position at the end of April, said the new designation moves the site to the top of the list for potential companies looking to relocate. The nearly 30-acre graded site could hold up to two buildings, with more than 300,000 square feet.

"It's the only real flat site that we have in the county. So, for us to get designated a Tier 5 it might seem minimal to some folks here, but it was a big day," he said.

Virginia and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEP) created a tiered system of 1-5, with one being at the bottom and five being at the top.

"Well, one at the bottom is essentially that the locality owns it. It's better than nothing, but you're not likely to get any hits on it," Adkins said.

(See Rich Creek p. 4)



Shortly before leaving his post at the end of April, former Patrick County Economic Director Sean Adkins learned a site in the Rich Creek Corporate Park had been deemed a Tier 5 site by the state.

## Green thumbs picked new plants at annual sale Saturday



The Patrick County Master Gardeners' annual plant sale Saturday attracted more than 250 gardeners making new purchases. Some plants were packaged in boxes, others were carefully carried one or two at a time, and still others were 'hugged' to waiting vehicles and the trip home. (See inside for more photos.)

## Enhanced trail includes mountain bike routes, other amenities

By Staff Reports

Four mountain bike routes and other amenities were highlighted during an April 28 ribbon cutting to celebrate the newly enhanced trail system at the Woolwine IC DeHart Memorial Park.

Patrick County Director of Tourism and Marketing James Houchins told the nearly 50 people attending that the trails were constructed by volunteers.

The I.C. DeHart Trail System was established in 2009 with 8 miles of trail under the



Jim Frith goes for a ride on the trail after the Trail Celebration event.



Patrick County Director of Tourism and Marketing James Houchins highlighted some of the improvements to the trail system at the Woolwine IC DeHart Memorial Park during an April 28 ribbon-cutting ceremony.

direction of Eric O'Connell, an avid trail rider. It includes the four suggested routes, ranging from 2.5 miles to 14.6 miles. Each route is marked with a different color.

Over many years, O'Connell and dozens of volunteers

invested countless hours in building and expanding the trail system. In 2022, the Eco Ambassador Council (EAC), a coalition of business leaders in the region, provided funding to enhance the trail system to

(See Trail p. 4)

## Nothin' Fancy to headline PCMA's May show

By Taylor Boyd

The Patrick County Music Association (PCMA) will continue its monthly shows on Saturday, May 20 at the Rotary Building in Stuart.

Doors open at 5 p.m. with the music starting at 6 p.m.

None of the Above will open the show at 6 p.m., and Nothin' Fancy will take the stage at 7 p.m.

PCMA President Denny Alley said Nothin' Fancy is a bluegrass quartet based in Buena Vista.

"They're very entertaining, they play a little different music than your normal bluegrass," he said.

The group has won several awards, including the 1998 Maudy River Fiddler's Convention, the 1986 Virginia Folk Music Society State Bluegrass Band Champion-

ship, and the 1985 East Coast Bluegrass Championship.

Nothin' Fancy also won the Entertaining Group of the Year award three times from the Preservation of Bluegrass Music of America (SPBGMA) -- from 2008-2010.

Since its formation in 1984, the band has created 12 studio albums, with the most recent, "Undeniable," released in 2019.

Alley said None of the Above is a bluegrass and bluegrass gospel group based in Mount Airy, NC.

The cover band was formed in 2015. It recently underwent a lineup change to now include five members.

Alley said the Martinsville Speedway race took a toll on attendance

(See Nothin' Fancy p. 5)



Nothin' Fancy, a three-time Preservation of Bluegrass Music of America (SPBGMA) Entertaining Group of the Year winner, will perform at the Saturday, May 20 PCMA show. (Contributed)

## PCHS plant sale underway



The Patrick County High School (PCHS) horticulture department is holding its annual plant sale each school day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the greenhouse.

By Taylor Boyd

Patrick County High School (PCHS) is currently holding its annual plant sale to raise funds for the horticulture department.

The sale is held at the greenhouse from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on school days through Friday, May 19.

Horticulture teacher Eli Roberson said the sale has been held for more than 10 years with the goal of giving students the opportunity to run the greenhouse like a normal retail store, or garden center, with Roberson acting as the supervisor.

"We'll have customers come in, and students will help them with



Horticulture teacher Eli Roberson (right) said the sale has raised around \$6,000 as of mid-April. The sale will run through May 19.

their plant selection process, or any inquiries customers have, students will help them. Then students will also collect the money and exchange receipts," he said.

Funds raised from the sale will go back into the horticulture program, Roberson said and estimated the sale has raised around \$6,000 since it began.

"Basically, the horticulture program kind of has its own business

(See PCHS p. 5)

# Nearly 150 Inducted to P&HCC's Phi Theta Kappa Chapter

Patrick & Henry Community College celebrated the induction of 148 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) members to the college's Psi Phi Chapter on Tuesday, April 25 at its fifty-first annual event. Following opening remarks by P&HCC President Dr. Greg Hodges, advisors Bronte Miller and LaDonna Varner touted the accomplishments of the honorees and encouraged them to consider additional avenues of service as they look to the future. Officers Maggie Arnold and Nathalia Nascimento and members Camie

Hoskins and Brittany Waller were also recognized for their PTK All-Virginia Academic Team honor. PTK is an international college honor society for students in two-year colleges. The organization focuses on recognizing and encouraging the academic achievement of college students while providing opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service, and fellowship programming. For more than 100 years, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society



Pictured are: Row 1 L to R: Melissa Preston, Briana Tatum, Candice Lockard; Row 2 L to R: Mason Rorrer, Ashley Martin, Allison Kitzmiller, Grace Gongora, Dreama Foley, JaLena Spikes, Mallori Lowe; Row 3 L to R: Chasity Nolen, Audra Hundley, Brittney Mitchell, Jada Setliff, Guilherme Ravaneda, Sergio Traitel, Vinicius Da Cruz, Ajani Cole, Gabriel Haley, Adam Mounkaila; Row 4 L to R: Katie Fulcher, Haley Day, LeAndra Carson, Luca Brandao, Cortay Price, Christopher Talley; Row 5 L to R: Nathan Taylor, Iago Andrade, Joao Machado, Trinity Hylton, Matthew Murphy, John Maxwell, David Root; Not pictured but at the event: Julianna Overby, Gracen Edwards, Daniel Rojas.

## Grant to preserve historical records awarded to Patrick

The Library of Virginia announced that the Circuit Court Records (CCRP) Preservation program awarded Patrick County Circuit Court a grant in the amount of \$47,994.00 for local records preservation. The funds will be used to conserve Marriage Licenses from 1854 through 1881 stored in the Clerk's office.

"We're very excited," said Interim Clerk Morgan Boothe. "These records are the history of our county, and we have lots of genealogy researchers that will be pleased with this work. We have an obligation to make sure that they are available for future generations for years to come."

Since 1990, the CCRP has awarded over 1,100 grants



Pictured (left to right) are: Debbie Augustine, Deputy Clerk; Morgan Boothe, Interim Clerk; Peggy Smith, Deputy Clerk; Lisa Mickles (pronounced Michaels), Deputy Clerk. (Contributed)

totaling more than \$25,000,000. This year, the program awarded \$4.7 million to 101 localities to assist the clerks' offices with their preservation efforts.

The CCRP is a collaborative program between the Library of Virginia and the Vir-

ginia Court Clerks Association (VCCA). Funded through a \$3.50 portion of the clerk's recordation fee, the CCRP provides resources to help preserve and make accessible permanent circuit court records stored in the 120 circuit courts and at the

Library of Virginia. For more information on the Circuit Court Records Preservation Program's resources and services, please visit [www.lva.virginia.gov](http://www.lva.virginia.gov).

has helped millions of high-achieving college students reach their full potential. The organization makes it easy to research and apply for valuable scholarships that help reduce the cost of col-

P&HCC'S PTK officers are Maggie Arnold, president; Aidan Cunningham, vice president; and Bryan Martell-Rios, Nathalia Nascimento, and Jelani Chandler, recording & media officers.

## Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program seeks more farmers

The Virginia Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP), known as Farm Market Fresh, recently expanded its program into new regions and seeks more local farmers to participate.

Farm Market Fresh supports local farmers who grow their own fruits, vegetables or fresh-cut herbs and promotes the use of farmers markets across Virginia.

Local Area Agencies

on Aging distribute Farm Market Fresh checks to qualified seniors and participating farmers collect and cash them in exchange for eligible produce at the market. Income eligibility changed in 2023, with the potential to reach 70,000 more seniors.

To learn more about this program, or to become an authorized Farm Market Fresh farmer/vendor, apply here: [FarmMarketFresh.org](http://FarmMarketFresh.org).

## Pets of the Week



We call this girl Houdini because she likes to climb the kennel door and come visit us in the office. She is the sweetest, most loving dog and must belong to someone. She is a shelter favorite, and we hope someone will come claim or adopt her. She is too nice of a dog to be in here. She was found at 1704 Ahart Ridge Road in Ararat.

This fella looking so smart for



the camera was found on Lone Branch Road. he is wearing a collar with the name Oliver on it. This pooch belongs to someone, and we hope they see this because Oliver wants to go home.

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



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# Early Voting Begins May 5

In-person voting for the June 20, 2023, primary election begins Friday, May 5 and will continue through June 17. Of the 133 cities and counties in Virginia, 66 of them will be holding a primary election for at least one office.

To vote early in-person, registered voters should go to the general registrar's office for the jurisdiction in which they are registered, present their ID, and cast a ballot. The location of the general registrar's office for all jurisdictions can be found on the Virginia Department of Elections' website (<https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation/PublicContactLookup>) as well as a list of acceptable forms of identification (<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/voterid/index.html>).

Some jurisdictions may offer early in-person voting at satellite locations in addition to the general registrar's office. Curbside voting is also available for those with disabilities and those over 65 who wish to vote in person. Contact your general registrar's office for more information regarding voting hours and additional locations.

Additionally, requested absentee ballots will be mailed beginning May 5, including ballots to registered military and overseas voters. Any registered voter can request an absentee ballot either in-person, by mail, online (<https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation/Lookup/absentee>) or by contacting your general registrar's office.

Registered voters do not need a reason to request an absentee ballot.

Absentee ballots can be dropped off at the general registrar's office or polling location on Election Day. Absentee ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than June 20.

Anyone with visual or manual dexterity impairment has the option to vote an absentee ballot using an electronic marking tool.

Voters with questions about absentee and early in-person voting can call their general registrar's office or the Department of Elections at 1-800-552-9745 or email [info@elections.virginia.gov](mailto:info@elections.virginia.gov).

# Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services Leading Industries for Claims

The number of initial claims for unemployment insurance rose in the latest filing week to 1,838, but remained at levels typically seen over the last twelve months, according to data from the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC).

For the filing week ending April 22, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims in Virginia was 1,838, which was an increase of 78 claimants from the previous week. Over half of initial claims with a self-reported industry were from professional, scientific, and technical services, administrative and support and waste management, retail trade, manufacturing, and health care and social assistance. Continued weeks claimed totaled 11,830,

which was little changed from the previous week but an increase of 63% from the 7,252 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 22, the advance U.S. figure for seasonally adjusted[1] initial claims was 230,000, a decrease of 16,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 245,000 to 246,000. The advance number

of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 225,841 in the week ending April 22, a decrease of 3,478 (or -1.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 202,952 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022. Looking at preliminary data, most U.S. states reported decreases on a seasonally unadjusted basis. Ohio's preliminary weekly change (-3,280) was the largest decrease. New Jersey's weekly change (-3,073) was the second largest decrease. California's preliminary weekly change (-3,003) was the third largest decrease. Connecticut's weekly change (-1,999) was the fourth largest decrease. Virginia's preliminary weekly change (+271) was the ninth largest increase.

# Arrests reported

The Patrick County Sheriff's Office reported the following:

\*Andrew Manual Tapanes, 29, of Meadows of Dan, was charged April 22 with one count each reckless driving and drive while intoxicated. Senior Trooper J.N. Mabe was the arresting officer.

\*Brad Thomas Adams, Jr., 41, address unavailable, was charged April 23 with probation violation. Montgomery County made the arrest for Patrick County.

\*Lori Beth Tate, 40, of Stuart, was charged April 24 with fail to appear. Deputy C.L. Elgin was the arresting officer.

\*Tiffany Romont Alfred, 33, of Claudville, was charged April 24 with fail to obey conditions of bond. Deputy D.A. Ullring made the arrest for Carroll County.

\*Susie Lee Vipperman, 26, of Patrick Springs, was charged April 24 with probation violation. Sgt. L.K. Carroll, Jr., made the arrest for Martinsville.

# Portions of two roads to close May 8

A portion of Virginia 695 (Mill Creek Road) will be closed to through traffic from Virginia 626 (Abram Penn Highway) to Virginia 694 (Hardin Reynolds Road) beginning Monday, May 8, for a pipe replacement.

Weather permitting, the road will re-open to traffic on Friday, May 12.

A portion of Virginia 649 (Gammons Road) also will be closed to through traffic on May 8, from 0.3 mile from Virginia 663 (Elastic Plant Road) to 1.5 miles from Virginia 665 (Mills School Road) for a bridge replacement over Little Dan River.

Weather permitting, the road will re-open to traffic on Friday, May 26, 2023.

A detour and directional signs will be used during the closures.

# Courts backlog in Virginia impacts people in jail waiting for resolution

By Gabriela de Camargo Gonçalves  
Capital News Service

The backlog of cases in Virginia's circuit court system worsened during the pandemic. Some people have been jailed for more than a year as they wait for their court date, according to records requested from several jails across the state.

Circuit courts handle most civil cases of more than \$25,000, along with family matters. It also has authority to hear felonies, in addition to appealed cases from the general district courts and juvenile and domestic relations district courts.

Virginia's speedy trial law states that people in jail on a felony charge must be tried within five months. If they are not in jail, they must be tried within nine months.

People can remain jailed for a number of reasons, including case continuances, multiple trials, and other circumstances, according to the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office.

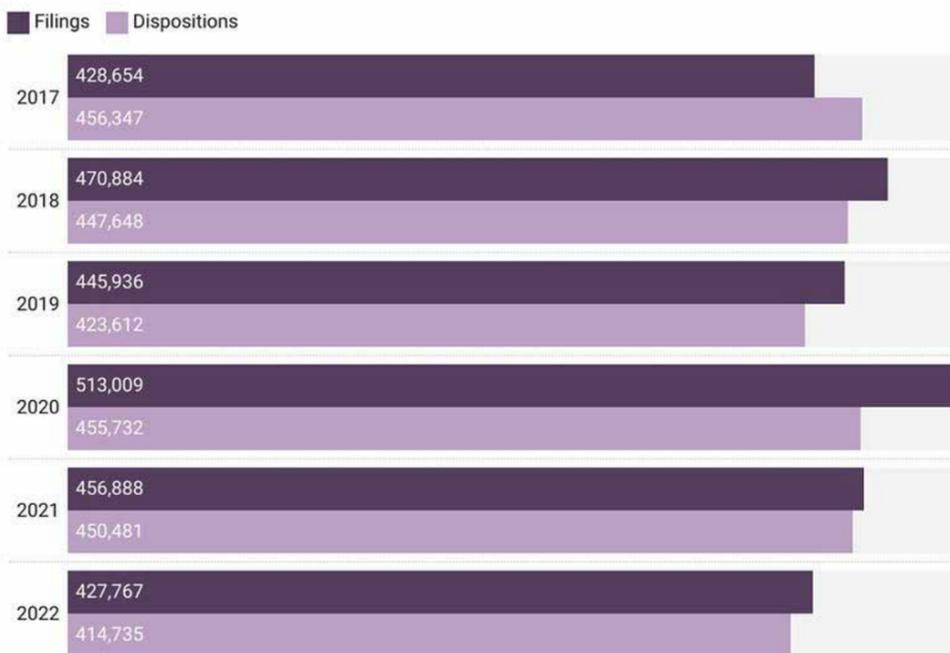
A sentenced felon can sometimes wait up to five years in jail for a bed in prison, according to the sheriff's office.

It can be difficult to determine the total jail population, or how long people wait in jail for a trial or sentencing. No central authority such as the Virginia Board of Local and Regional Jails holds access to those records, according to a response from the board. The board's role is to "guarantee the health, safety, and welfare of staff and offenders under its jurisdiction."

The Virginia Department of Corrections, or VADOC, referred a Capital News Service reporter's request for statewide jail population to the Board. The Board replied that the information would have to be obtained through each individual jail

## Virginia circuit court yearly caseload

The difference between filings and dispositions statewide.



A filing is the initiation of a legal action, and a disposition is the final settlement or determination in a case. Circuit courts handle most civil cases of more than \$25,000, along with family matters. It also has authority to hear felonies, in addition to appealed cases from the general district courts and juvenile and domestic relations district courts.

Chart: Gabriela de Camargo Gonçalves / Capital News Service • Source: Virginia courts • Created with Datawrapper

in Virginia.

CNS contacted five jails based on region and population.

The waiting: The people serving time in jail the longest

A person has been jailed for almost seven years in the Virginia Beach Correctional Center. They entered the jail on Aug. 24, 2016 and have a felony charge and several misdemeanors, according to a records request from the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office. They now await sentencing.

A person has been jailed for over five years in the Richmond City Jail, the Richmond Sheriff's Office stated in response to a records request. Their stay began on Feb. 8, 2018.

A person entered the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center on Aug. 27, 2019, on a first degree murder charge. This person cur-

rently has about four and a half months until their next court date, according to a records request from the Fairfax jail.

An individual incarcerated for almost three years in Henrico County awaits adjudication for pending charges, according to the Henrico County Sheriff's Office. They entered the jail on July 30, 2020. Henrico County did not respond to requests for additional information by publication time.

An individual at the Roanoke City Jail was jailed in November 2021 and has a court date scheduled for September, according to the jail's public information officer. The individual has returned to court 15 times to deal with five felony charges and has four more dates scheduled, according to the public information office.

The system: Some factors

that contributed to court backlogs

"Most people ask for jury trials," said Edward Jewett, Richmond Circuit Court clerk. "So we have a lot scheduled, and so some have to get bumped. It's not a terrible backlog, but I would say that there is some backlog."

There were no 2022 studies on whether more circuit court judgeships should be established, the judiciary stated in its annual report to the General Assembly. The recommendation was made to fill current vacancies. At the end of the year, there were six statewide circuit court vacancies, five general district court vacancies and two juvenile and domestic relations court vacancies, per the report.

A judge is more likely to find someone guilty than a jury, according to Richmond Chief Public Defender Tracy

Paner.

Although inmates have a mandated right to a "speedy" trial, in Richmond, there aren't necessarily dates available within those time frames, according to Paner. Often, the way to comply with the law is to have a substitute judge in place, Paner said.

The pandemic also stopped trials for a while, Paner said. Some jury trials have been postponed and some are already scheduled into next year, she said.

"There are clients who would plead guilty to that charge that they otherwise would not, when they're looking at no jail time or jail time they've already served," Paner said. "Just as a mechanism to get out of the jail."

A person waiting in jail faces the unknown and hopes for the best, but prepares for the worst, according to Paner.

The public defenders under Paner's charge average a daily estimate of 100 cases per lawyer, she said. The types of cases vary, and there's no determination as to how many are being actively worked on and how many are in a waiting period, according to Paner.

The National Advisory Commission on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals states the caseload of a public defender should not exceed 150 felonies per year or more than 400 misdemeanors per year, excluding traffic cases.

The culture: Many say jail is worse than prison

People experience more anxiety in jail than in prison, according to Donyel Burrell. Burrell served almost two decades in prison on felony charges from the mid-'90s, and then returned to jail for several violations.

A person in jail has more anxiety because they are

# Trail

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attract more visitors to the trail.

“Funding provided by the Eco Ambassadors Council of the Dan River Basin Association (DRBA) helped do the restructuring of the trails,” Houchins said at the event that included several speakers who discussed the investment, history, and community involvement related to the newly enhanced trail, ribbon cutting and invitation to walk the trail. Pickle & Ash of Patrick Springs provided free refreshments for guests.

“The I.C. Woolwine Trail System has been a valued treasure in Patrick County for many years, but not many people knew it even existed,” said Houchins. “Today we celebrate the new and enhanced trail system, the hard work and generous investment of the many people - past and present - who have invested in putting this amazing trail on the map. The I.C. Trail System is open and ready to welcome people who hike, bike, and love nature.”

Houchins said the park also includes a picnic shelter, a playground, two all-purpose courts, a baseball field, walking trails, a horseshoe pitching area, and trail hand sculptures.

“IC DeHart Park also supports a beautiful, reclaimed wetland site, with a boardwalk and extensive interpretative information. Numerous signs are located throughout the park with information about the insects, the reptiles, the birds, and plants found in the wetlands and documented here accordingly,” Houchins said.

Brian Williams, Virginia Program Manager for the Dan River Basin Association (DRBA), managed the project in partnership with a stakeholder group of volunteers with expertise in the design of International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA)-style trail building, GIS mapping, and construction.

“So many people

came together to make this trail what it is today. Thank you, Eric O’Connell, for his initial vision, Jim Frith who really kept us on track, Joe Freeman, Katy Miller, Daren Layman, and Michael Ryba were all part of the committee and had the passion and did the hard work of marking, mapping, reworking, and trail maintenance. Thanks also to the Eco Ambassador Council, Patrick County High School Building and Trades students, and Patrick County Parks and Recreation and Tourism,” said Williams. “More than 1.5 million Virginians and North Carolinians live within 50 miles of the I.C. DeHart Trail System. This improved trail system and historic resource will not only enhance the local economy, it will provide a unique outdoor recreational experience for visitors.”

The Eco Ambassador Council (EAC) is a coalition of regional businesses that combine their investment to protect, promote and preserve the environment in the Dan River Basin. Current EAC members include Blair Construction, Carter Bank & Trust, Clark Gas & Oil, Frith Construction, The Lester Group, Hooker Furnishings, Jones & DeShon Orthodontics, and Pickle & Ash. Each business pledges an annual donation and a commitment to encourage their employees to participate in EAC projects. The EAC started in 2020 and is open to all businesses in the Dan River Basin that want to make a visible impact in the region.

Sandra Belcher, chairman of the Woolwine Park Association, said the park is special to the volunteers that assist with its upkeep.

“We have seven volunteers that look over the park. County maintenance mows, and then we have a wonderful new manager of Parks and Rec” she said of Travis Murphy, who is “on board and he’s already started doing projects every



Tyler Carter (middle) cuts the ribbon to celebrate the enhancements done at IC DeHart Trail System in Woolwine, VA with trail volunteers and EAC members.

which way.”

Belcher said the results of a community survey will determine the projects the park association needs to work on next.

Based on those results, “we need benches, we need ADA (Americans with Disability Act) accessible and compliant restrooms, fix up the tennis courts with some pickleball courts, take care of the community shelter with heating and air, and a few other things, as well as more equipment for the trails,” Belcher said.

Another future project is the implementation of a Moonshine Trail in partnership with Floyd, Franklin, and Henry counties.

“This park will be on the Moonshine Trail,” Belcher said of the Woolwine facility. “One of our hopes is to put a big mural on the community building up there of moonshine and that sort of thing, and also have a moonshine history walk.”

Doug Perry, who represents the Smith River District on the Patrick County Board of Supervisors, said he was unable to express enough appreciation and gratitude to all the people who put time, effort, and money into the new trails, “and really giving us something to really be proud of and proud for.”

“My wife comes up here and community members come up here and walk part of the trail,” Perry said. “It’s



People start arriving at the IC DeHart Trail Celebration Event on April 28. absolutely wonderful. It doesn’t get much better.”



James Houchins welcomes the crowd at the IC DeHart Trail Celebration event.



## Primary Voting Starts May 5th!

Per the Virginia Department of Elections\*, registered voters can securely **Vote in the Primary starting May 5<sup>th</sup> in-person** at their **local Registrar’s Office**. Due to redistricting, the 9<sup>th</sup> House District was merged into the newly minted 47<sup>th</sup> District.

### Why Vote Early?

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- **Henry Co.**, 3300 Kings Mountain Road, Rm 103, Martinsville, VA, Ph: 276-634-4698 \*\* [M-F 8:30 am – 5 pm]
- **Patrick Co.**, 106 Rucker Street, Stuart, VA, PH: 276-694-7206 \*\* [M-F 8 am - 5 pm]

Still confused about Primary Voting? **Just ask for the Ballot with Delegate Wren Williams’ name on it.**

## BE SURE YOUR VOTE COUNTS, VOTE EARLY!

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

Information sources: \* <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/candidate-list/upcoming-elections.html> \*\* Respective Localities’ website

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# Rich Creek

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The tiers have various requirements, “all the way up to Tier 5, which is shovel-ready, everything is good to go, due diligence has been done,” Adkins said of the distinction that means a site “basically checks every box – environmental, engineering, access to utilities.”

Adkins said the Tier 5 designation means a company looking knows everything about the site is completely vetted.

“Conceivably, once the permits are done you could put a shovel in the ground tomorrow and get going,” he said.

The site previously was a Tier 2 site, Adkins said, adding that it’s not normal for a site to move up three-tier rankings.

“I was pleasantly surprised that we got up to Tier 5, but I think a lot of it was because of old information. You know, they hadn’t really done any work to this site in terms of due diligence, and really just hadn’t had

attention paid to it for a while,” he said.

When a company comes to Virginia and shares its vision for the property, that potentially could lead it to the county’s site.

“Now, the state of Virginia will say ‘Here’s our Tier 5s,’” Adkins said. “That will let us put our hat in the ring, and it makes it a much more nice-looking hat,” he added.

“There are covenants and restrictions for this park, so nothing toxic or nuclear, or anything that requires a foundry of sorts,” however, any manufacturing or industrial company can come to the site with few restrictions, he said.

Adkins has also talked to a few potential prospects about the property, with the more serious ones being a food manufacturing distribution company and an electric vehicle production company.

“The fact that I call them prospects means it’s not just casually,” he said.

# Memorial Day Ceremonies to be held at Virginia War Memorial, State Veterans Cemeteries

Memorial Day will be commemorated at four special ceremonies hosted by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) on Monday, May 29. All of these events are free, and the public is encouraged to attend.

In Richmond, the Commonwealth's Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. in the E. Bruce Heilman Amphitheater at the Virginia War Memorial, 621 South Belvidere Street, Richmond, Va. 23220.

This is the 67th consecutive year that the Virginia War Memorial has hosted this annual official state tribute to all American service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice while serving in our Armed Forces

from the Revolutionary War to today and to remember the family members they left behind.

Scheduled speakers at the Commonwealth's Memorial Day Ceremony include Virginia Secretary of Veteran and Defense Affairs, the Honorable Craig Crenshaw and the Adjutant General of Virginia, Major General Timothy Williams. Virginia War Memorial Director Dr. Clay Mountcastle will serve as Master of Ceremonies and patriotic music will be provided the 29th Division Band of the Virginia National Guard.

Veteran service organizations and other groups are invited to participate in the annual laying of wreaths in the Memorial's Shrine of

Memory-20th Century. Prospective participants should contact the Virginia War Memorial for more details at 804-786-2060.

Members of the public attending the Commonwealth's Memorial Day Ceremony are advised to arrive by 10:30 a.m. to be seated in the Heilman Amphitheater. Free parking is available onsite and, in the Afton, Chemical Company surface lot at Belvidere and Spring Streets.

The Commonwealth's Memorial Day Ceremony will also be broadcast live on CBS6 television in Richmond and livestreamed on Facebook. For more information and updates, please visit [www.vawarmemorial.org](http://www.vawarmemorial.org) or [www.dvs.virginia.gov](http://www.dvs.virginia.gov)

or telephone 804.786.2060.

Memorial Day Ceremonies will be held at Virginia's three states veterans' cemeteries. Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

In Amelia at the Virginia Veterans Cemetery, the ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. The speaker will be Colonel Bobby Arnold (US Army, Retired). The cemetery is located at 10300 Pridesville Road, Amelia Court House, VA 23002.

In Dublin at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, the ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. The speaker will be former Chief Master Sergeant of the US Air Force, Rodney McKinley (US Air Force, Retired). The cemetery address is 5550

Bagging Mill Road, Dublin, VA 24084.

In Suffolk at the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery, the ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. The speaker will be Major General Jerry F. Prochaska, U.S. Army, Deputy Director for the Joint Force Development and Design Center, J-7, Joint Staff, Suffolk. The address of the cemetery is 5310 Milners Road, Suffolk, VA 22334.

Prior to each cemetery ceremony, volunteers will place American flags on all gravesites. For the latest information on all of these ceremonies, please visit [www.dvs.virginia.gov](http://www.dvs.virginia.gov).

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## An increase in some infections prompts CDC to ask other agencies for help

Reported cases of the sexually transmitted infections (STIs) chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis all increased between 2020 and 2021 – reaching a total of more than 2.5 million reported cases – according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC's final surveillance data. To reverse this trend, the CDC is calling for more groups from local, healthcare, industry, and public health sectors to contribute to STI prevention and innovation efforts.

The new report provides final surveillance data for 2021, and shows that overall, in a single year (2020-2021):

\*Gonorrhea rates increased more than 4%

\*Syphilis rates surged, increasing nearly 32% for combined stages of the infection

Among the syphilis data, cases of congenital syphilis rose by an alarming 32% and resulted in 220 stillbirths and infant deaths.

\*Chlamydia rates increased nearly 4%, but – unlike gonorrhea and syph-

ilis – still did not return to pre-pandemic levels

This raises concerns that screening continued to be impacted by COVID-19 related disruptions the second year of the pandemic, because the infection is often asymptomatic.

While STIs are common in all U.S. regions and across all groups, some communities are hit especially hard. The 2021 data show STIs continue to disproportionately affect gay and bisexual men and younger people. Additionally, a disproportionate number of cases were diagnosed among Black/African American and American Indian/Alaska Native people, groups more likely to face social conditions that make it more difficult to stay healthy.

The nation must deepen its commitment to turn the STI epidemic around and prioritize both the increased involvement of multisectoral programs and groups and the creation of innovative prevention approaches and promising new tools. This

means:

Rebuilding, sustaining, and expanding local public health services, especially efforts to offer STI testing and treatment programs that respond to the needs of those most affected.

Making STI testing and treatment more accessible, including through the development and approval of point-of-care rapid tests and self-tests, and by expanding ownership for STI testing and treatment to more organizations and settings.

Continuing to advance scientific research and explore new interventions, like vaccines or post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) strategies to prevent bacterial STIs.

Please attribute the following quote to Leandro Mena, MD, MPH, Director of CDC's Division of STD Prevention

"The U.S. STI epidemic shows no signs of slowing. The reasons for the ongoing increases are multifaceted – and so are the solutions. For the first time in decades, we're seeing promising new

STI interventions on the horizon, but these alone will not solve this epidemic. It will take many of us working together to effectively use new and existing tools, to increase access to quality sexual healthcare services for more people, and to encourage ongoing innovation and prioritization of STI prevention and treatment in this country."

The Patrick County Health Department offers Family Planning services for men and women the first Thursday of every month. Family Planning services provided may include Papanicolaou testing, breast exam, sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment, pre-pregnancy planning, birth control methods, immunizations as well as education. These services are based on a sliding scale per household income. All services are confidential. Language assistance is offered. For more information or to make an appointment, call (276) 693-2070, option 0.

## PCHS

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account, so the funds from the plant sale will be used for the program. It's what we use to buy our next crops," he said.

In the fall, Roberson said the program raises poinsettias and sells them after Thanksgiving.

"So, we try to have revenue coming in each semester because it costs a lot of money to maintain a greenhouse. It's kind of like our business account is what it goes back into because we're constantly having to spend money as well," he said.

Available plants include a variety of annuals such as geraniums, petunias, and impatiens, flower hanging baskets, and

Boston fern hanging baskets.

"A variety of tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, squash," also are offered, he said, adding "all that good stuff."

Large decorative pots are \$35, and medium decorative pots are \$25. Six-inch pots are \$6, an 1801 tray is \$22 each, and singles are \$1 each.

"All the hanging baskets are \$15. A 1204 tray is a tray of four packs and totals 48 plants, and those are \$15, which is what a lot of our vegetables are in and some of our annuals," he said.

Roberson said he believes the best-sellers are the hanging baskets.

"As far as planters are concerned, each customer has their



particular favorite annuals that they like to plant. I haven't really seen one particular annual sell out faster than any other one," he said.

While he is unsure of how much the sale has raised in the past, Roberson estimates the

poinsettia sale raised more than \$5,000.

"We get the poinsettias in late July, and the kids raise them from plug trays. Then as customers pick out their poinsettias, the students wrap the poinsettia pots in decorative foil, and they also make decorative

bows," he said. "That keeps us busy during Christmas time."

For more information, call the PCHS greenhouse at (276) 694-6453, email Roberson at [eli.roberson@patrick.k12.va.us](mailto:eli.roberson@patrick.k12.va.us), or go to [Facebook.com/PatrickCountyHighSchool](http://Facebook.com/PatrickCountyHighSchool).



## Nothin' Fancy

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for the April 15 show, with a little more than 100 attending.

"That's the first time Martinsville ever had a race on a Saturday night," he said.

Admission for the May show is a \$5 donation at the door. Lawn chairs are encouraged, and prizes will be

awarded throughout the night.

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

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



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**Limit, Save, Grow**

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

I have long believed that Congress has a responsibility to the American people to “rein in” wasteful and excessive spending. Since joining Congress, I have not voted for a debt ceiling bill that did not include cuts or reforms to our spending practices.

When House Republicans established the rules for the 118th Congress earlier this year, I worked to get the Holman Rule included in the rules package. First passed in 1876, the Holman rule is a tool that can be used to curb out-of-control federal spending.

A high national debt stemming from out-of-control spending means high interest, higher inflation, and lower job opportunities. Never have we felt the effects of a high debt than this past year.

In the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, Congressional Democrats passed \$5.2 trillion in spending, much of which was not put towards COVID-19, but towards other Democratic priorities, such as the Green New Deal.

As it stands, the debt is now at \$31.4 trillion. It’s clear the path we are on is no longer tenable. For too many years, Congress has raised the debt ceiling without a plan to rein in reckless spending.

House Republicans recently put forth H.R.2811, the Limit, Save, Grow Act, to address this issue, which passed on the House floor days before writing this column.

H.R.2811 limits federal spending by capping spending, for fiscal year (FY) 2024, at FY 2022 levels. It also allows for only 1% annual growth over the next 10 years.

The legislation includes a

number of measures to save taxpayer money. It claws back unspent COVID-19 funds, estimated to be about \$30 billion.

It eliminates funding for the 87,000 new IRS agents charged with going after families and small businesses.

Further the bill reverses Biden’s efforts to cancel up to \$10,000 in student loan debt for some borrowers. This would save taxpayers an estimated \$460 billion.

Lastly, this legislation repeals Democrats uncapped green energy tax credits and subsidies, saving Americans an estimated \$540 billion.

While saving money, this legislation also aims to grow the economy.

A few weeks prior to the House passing this legislation, we also passed H.R.1, the Lower Energy Costs Act. This legislation would unleash American energy production, reduce our dependency on foreign adversaries like Russia and China, and remove red tape for new project permitting.

Given the importance of improving energy production in the United States, Republicans also have included that legislative language within H.R.2811 to help ensure it gets across the finish line.

Additionally, this bill will strengthen work requirements for Medicaid and SNAP program recipients, requiring these recipients to “work” 80 hours a month. Work is defined as traditional work, of course, but also as volunteering to do community service, taking classes to further one’s education, attending a substance abuse program, etc.

The bill includes some exemption to these requirements,

including if you are disabled, caring for a disabled child, or are caring for a child under the age of six. The goal is to get abled-bodied people off the couch and into the workforce, making them a contributing member of society, which will ultimately lead to a higher level of self-esteem. Further, the country is currently faced with more job openings than people looking for jobs, so this is not an unreasonable proposal.

In exchange for fixing the most immediate problem and increasing the debt limit by \$1.5 trillion, the legislation will save Americans an estimated \$4.8 trillion over the next decade.

As an aside, there been a focus on the future of Medicare & Medicaid and Social Security and whether the programs would face cuts. The spending cuts in this legislation were crafted to save Americans trillions of dollars without touching Medicare & Medicaid and Social Security.

But wait there’s more. Also included in this legislation is the REINS Act. The REINS Act requires every new “major rule” proposed by federal agencies to be approved Congress, reasserting Congress’ legislative authority as intended by our Constitutional framework.

H.R.2811 is responsible legislation to rein in our country’s out of control spending, while also dealing with our current debt limit situation, benefiting all Americans.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, call my Abingdon office at 276-525-1405, my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671, or visit my website at [www.morgangriffith.house.gov](http://www.morgangriffith.house.gov).

**Courts**

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not very involved in the legal process, and do not know what might happen to them. There is less anxiety in prison, once there is a resolution. There also are more opportunities in prison, such as programs and opportunities to make money, according to Burrell.

“It’s just a lot of anxiety, a lot of wondering what’s going on and what’s going to happen,” Burrell said.

Burrell now works with REAL LIFE, an organization that helps individuals affected by incarceration, homelessness or substance use disorder, according to its website.

Burrell has a front row view of the impact from the court’s backlog, he said. He sees people from REAL LIFE whose cases keep getting “postponed, and postponed again,” Burrell said.

“I see guys with petty larceny stuck there for four or five months waiting on their court dates,” Burrell said.

REAL LIFE founder Sarah Scarbrough was the Richmond jail program director from 2013 to 2017. She oversaw behavior, health and preparatory programs, which ranged from addressing the continuous cycle of incarceration, to yoga, job preparation and more, according to Scarbrough.

The organization provides recovery housing options to people who have experienced overdoses, and who may be grateful for the incarceration or else they would be dead, Scarbrough said.

“It’s sad that there isn’t a process in place where they can be stopped and sat down in a place that isn’t the penal system,” Scarbrough said.

Scarbrough polled REAL LIFE program members for this story, and asked what was a more “comfortable” environment: jail or prison. With 34 votes, 95% voted for prison being more comfortable.

The system is designed to lock people up, Scarbrough said. The system is not designed for reform, she said.

“That is an issue,” Scarbrough said. “We’re saying correction, but we’re not truly providing opportunities, or these opportunities are only talking points for somebody to be reelected.”

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Tik-Tok – Parents Be Very Careful**

(Fox, Todd Starnes, Common Sense Media, MUO, MRCTV)

Jacob Stevens of Greenfield, Ohio, a 13-year-old died after attempting a TikTok challenge that included him consuming 12 to 14 Benadryl tablets — more than six times the recommended dosage.

TikTok’s Terms of Service say that no one under the age of 18 should use the service without parent or guardian approval. TikTok is not intended for children.

Here are 7 examples of challenges that have popped up on the platform in recent times.

**Devious Lick:** Vandalizing bathrooms, smashing floor tiles, and stealing safety signage in schools.

**Borg’ challenge:** Mixture of alcohol, electrolytes, caffeinated flavoring, and water in a one-gallon jug, to help slow the intoxication process and keep the dreaded hangover at bay.

**Blackout challenge:** Encouraged kids in asphyxiation to the point of temporary unconsciousness.

**Benadryl challenge:** The excessive consumption of Benadryl to induce a hallucinogenic high.

**Dragon’s breath:** Encouraged eating candy coated in liquid nitrogen due to the vapor fumes it emits when eaten.

**Orbeez shooting challenge:** Encouraged using toy guns to fire frozen gel pellets at bystanders.

**Beezin’ challenge:** Rubbing Burt’s Bees lip balm onto the eyelids before going out for the night to enhance alertness and heightens one’s buzz.

What draws the 50 million daily TikTok users in the U.S. to such challenges? “In order to get noticed you have to go extreme and risky, said digital wellness expert Joanne Orlando, PhD, based in Sydney, Australia. One of the best ways for people to get noticed on TikTok is to jump onboard with the trends, she added. Challenges are

a dare. Dares trigger our innate needs to fit in and be accepted, show our badge of honor.”

Here’s what Tik Tok collects on its users:

your name, age, username, email, password, phone number, location the content of messages when they are sent, received, and read, and by whom.

text, images, and videos on your clipboard

purchase information, including payment card numbers, billing, and shipping addresses.

a user’s activities on other websites and apps or in stores, including the products or services purchased, online or in person.

file names and types

keystroke patterns and rhythms

your IP address, mobile carrier, time zone settings, model of your device and operating system

information about videos, images, and audio

objects and scenery that appear in your videos, including tourist attractions, shops, or other points of interest.

biometric identifiers such as fingerprints and voiceprints

cookies that collect, measure, and analyze which web pages users view most often and how they interact with content.

Some of the reasons Tik Tok is not safe for kids:

Exposure to Explicit Content; Chance of Getting Bullied; Online Predators; Personal Data Loss or Misuse - Anyone can download your videos; No Age Verification Required- When signing up, children between

the ages of 13 to 15 are provided a private account by default, which means only friends can comment on their videos and message them.

Pray for our country.  
**William Salser,**  
**Stuart**

**Thank You for reading The Enterprise**

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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## Rapeseed Oil as Good as Statins for Lowering Cholesterol

Canadian scientists in 2014 found consuming rapeseed oil was equivalent to taking 20mg of statins for controlling cholesterol levels.

In this randomized controlled study, they fed 141 people (who were also type 2 diabetic) a loaf of bread high in rapeseed oil (31 grams of oil per 2,000 calories) every day, as well as a control group which they fed regular whole wheat bread instead. They found that a diet high in rapeseed oil could lower levels of "bad" cholesterol as much as 20mg of statins and could reduce someone's risk of heart attack or stroke

by as much as seven percent. They were also able to measure significantly reduced blood sugar levels.

Rapeseed oil is also known as canola oil. Rapeseed is related to mustard, cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower and turnip. Rapeseed plants grow from three to five feet tall and have yellow flowers with four petals. You can see them being grown in the mid-west (especially the Canadian Midwest) and you'll notice them by the "sea" of beautiful yellow flowers late in the summer.

Canola or rapeseed oil is a common cooking oil that is used wide-

ly around the world because of its affordability and its versatility at high heat. It is an oil that is high in unsaturated fat and low in saturated fat. Canola oil is also an excellent source of an omega-3 fat (also known as alpha-linolenic acid), which confers numerous heart health benefits like lower blood pressure and a decreased likelihood of heart attack. High in omega-6 fats, canola oil has a balanced ratio of omega-3 and omega-6 fats at a 1:2 ratio, in rapeseed oil, which

experts believe is ideal.

If you need to reduce your cholesterol, consider canola oil as an option when you need oil for cooking.

(Submitted by Betty Dean. Used by permission from www.lifeandhealth.org Courtesy of LifeSpring - Resources for Hope and Healing Stuart, VA)

## Patrick Pioneers

### Famine of 1882

By Beverly Belcher Woody

In the summer and fall of 1882, newspapers from Abingdon to Norfolk were filled with pleas to help the residents of Patrick County. According to the Strasburg News, Volume 1, Number 3, 17 June 1882, there was no rainfall in the entire county of Patrick in 1881 from the 19th of April to the 3rd of October. The long-continued drought was exceedingly disastrous to crops in the mountainous sections of Virginia, particularly in Patrick County. As early as November 1881, county officials took the necessary steps to relieve the destitution which they knew was inevitable but found that their efforts would be but a drop toward saving 6,000 to 8,000 starving men, women and children, and as spring arrived and the real condition of affairs developed, appeals for help were made. When wagon loads of corn would arrive in Patrick from Richmond, Baltimore, and other areas, the wagons were constantly surrounded by men and women, who walked fifteen and twenty miles in hopes of getting a peck of corn.

The following letter was written to the Richmond Dispatch by local attorney, James H. Rangeley...

"Patrick Courthouse, June 6, 1882. Dear Sirs, —Notwithstanding the kindness of your people in aiding us so generously, our people are in a most deplorable condition. All of the meal and com that has been sent us has been distributed to the starving people, and numbers of them have been unable to get any. We cannot see where this calamity will end— it is absolutely impossible to obtain any com at all. A load of corn and meal reached here Sunday evening, and the town was filled with people this morning by daybreak, begging for a peck, a gallon or even less. A rumor reached here from Penn's Store to the effect that seventeen hundred bushels of com had been subscribed in Richmond and Balti-

THE PATRICK COUNTY SUFFERERS.—The Baltimore Corn and flour Exchange, yesterday received an appeal from merchants in Virginia for aid for the destitute and suffering people in Patrick county. It was promptly responded to, and about two hundred dollars were subscribed by the members on the floor. It is proposed to purchase a car load of corn or corn-meal and forward it as speedily as possible. The members of the Stock Exchange have arranged for a baseball match between two nines on Thursday afternoon, the proceeds to be applied for the benefit of the starving people. \$226 have been collected in addition.

Alexandria Gazette, 13 June 1882.

Since the 1st of May there have been shipped to the people of Patrick county from Danville 13,600 lbs. of flour, 2,000 bushels of corn, 2,100 bushels of meal, 5 barrels of bread, 500 lbs. of bacon, 18 barrels of herrings, 10 barrels of molasses, 200 lbs. of coffee, and 5 barrels of coal oil. Letters received from leading citizens of Patrick county say that the provisions on hand and those coming will be sufficient for the people.

Alexandria Gazette, 29 June 1882.

more for the relief of our suffering people. Upon this message, we thought that we could get through to harvest but this proved to be a mistake, and a very sad one for us, as we were depending in a great measure upon this for relief. There are people in this village now, at dark, who have been here all day without anything to eat, waiting for a wagon that is expected to bring in some meal. There have been at least three hundred people here in Stuart today begging bread.

We are compelled to appeal to the good citizens of Virginia and elsewhere for aid, and most earnestly entreat that any assistance in their power be rendered us immediately. The people cannot possibly make out until harvest without more help. We do not like to impose upon the generosity of our friends, but our situation is

indeed a desperate one. Yours respectfully, James H. Rangeley, Esquire, W. W. Mair, John E. Penn, W. B. Rucker, R. J. Woolwine, Murray Turner, Isaac Akers, and Davis Ayers."

The gentlemen whose names are signed to the above letter are well-known citizens of Patrick County, whose statements may be relied on. We understand that steps will be promptly taken here to furnish additional relief to these people, whose situation strongly appeals to the charity of the public. —Richmond Dispatch

The last two decades of the 1800s were filled with hardship and tragedy for Patrick County. Next week, we will look at the smallpox epidemic and the forest fire of 1889.

Woody may be reached at rockcastlecreek1@gmail.com or (276) 692-9626.

## 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 Social Security Benefits for My Minor Children

Dear Rusty: I will be 62 in 2024 and am considering starting benefits at that time. I will have two children under the age of 18. One of them will be 10 and the other 15. Will they be able to draw benefits in addition to my benefits? Signed: Father of Two

Dear Father of Two: Yes, if you claim your Social Security retirement benefits at 62, your minor children will be able to get benefits from you until they are 18 years old (or up to 19 if still in high school). You will likely be designated as Representative Payee for those benefits and will be obligated to use them only for your children's behalf (which could include simply saving the money for their future). But there's more to consider.

Normally, a minor child is eligible for 50% of the parent's full retirement age (FRA) entitlement (even if you claim at 62), but Social Security's Family Maximum will likely restrict each child's benefit to make it less than 50%. Then, once the 15 year old ages-out of eligibility at 18 (or 19), the younger child's benefit will increase to the full 50% of your FRA amount. That is - unless you are married and your wife will also be collecting a spousal benefit on your record. In that case the Family Maximum will limit payments for all of the dependents receiving payments based on your SS record (both your children and your wife). Generally, the Family Maximum is between 150% and 188% of your FRA entitlement, from which your own FRA entitlement is subtracted, leaving 50% to 88% of the Family Maximum for your dependents.

It's important to remember that by claiming your own SS retirement benefit at age 62 your monthly payment will be cut by 30% (you'll get 70% of your FRA entitlement), and that is a permanent reduction. So, you may wish to evaluate whether the money your children will get until they are 18 will offset the lifetime reduction to your own benefit payment. Your life expectancy is important when making that decision, and if you wish to estimate your potential longevity I suggest using this tool: <https://socialsecurityreport.org/tools/life-expectancy-calculator/>.

It's also important to remember that claiming benefits before your full retirement age will mean that, if you work, you'll be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn before some of your benefits are taken away. The earnings limit changes annually (it's \$21,240 for 2023) and, if the limit is exceeded, SS will withhold \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. They will withhold future benefits to recover anything you owe for exceeding the earnings limit and, if your benefits are withheld for this reason, your dependents' benefits will also be withheld for those same months. So, your plans for working should be weighed carefully in deciding whether to claim your Social Security benefits early.

To summarize: If you won't work full time after age 62 and you're comfortable with 70% of your FRA benefit entitlement for the rest of your life, then claiming at 62 will also entitle your children (and possibly your wife) to dependent benefits (restricted by the Family Maximum). But, if you continue to work full time, Social Security's earnings test will likely mean neither you nor your dependents can receive full Social Security benefits at this time. And for clarity, the earnings limit no longer applies after you reach your full retirement age.

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# Local anglers participate in national competition



Patrick and Henry anglers compete at national level. (Contributed)

The Patrick & Henry Community College Bass Fishing Team recently traveled to Alabama and competed in the Pickwick Slam April 22 and 23 for the first event of 2023 in the Bass Pro Shops Collegiate Bass Fishing series. Pictured left to right, team of David Bryant and Zach Heath, and Ethan Hubbard and Shelby Rigney, fished hard in the two-day event. The four walked across

the national stage for weigh-ins while representing Patrick and Henry counties.

The no-entry-fee, ACA major double points Pickwick Slam presented by Evolution Fishing saw over 200 of college fishing's top teams throughout the country compete for two days on Pickwick and Wilson Lakes in Florence, Alabama.

Charlie Wright & Logan Plueger from University of

Montevallo took home first place honors with a two-day total weight of 43.83 pounds. At the conclusion of weigh-in, over \$20,000 in prizes and contingencies were awarded to this elite field of more than 400 anglers. The Association of Collegiate Anglers would like to extend a special thanks to all of its series partners for their support of these college anglers.

## PC Youth Skills Camp And Combine 2023

The Patrick County Youth Skills Camp And Combine will be held from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on May 20, at Patrick County High School (football field). Walk up registration will also be available the day of the camp/combine.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Patrick County High School Sports Schedule

The following is a list of the sporting events scheduled for the week of Patrick County High School Sports Schedule for the week of May 4-11.

**5/4**  
• 5pm Baseball vs Radford

**5/5**  
• 5pm Baseball at Martinsville  
• 6pm Boys Soccer at Martinsville  
• 7pm Girls Soccer vs Martinsville

**5/6**  
• 10am Softball at Magna Vista  
• 12pm Softball vs Mecklenburg County (at Magna Vista)

**5/9**  
• 5pm Baseball vs Magna Vista  
• 5pm Softball vs Magna Vista  
• 7pm Boys Soccer vs Magna Vista  
• 7pm Girls Soccer at Magna Vista

**5/11**  
• 6pm Girls Soccer vs Eastern Montgomery

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## Sports Briefs

By Ashlee Mullis

### Girls Tennis Falls to Bassett

The Patrick County Girls Tennis Team fell to Bassett 2-7, on Tuesday, April 25.

In Singles, Mia Stowe (PC) fell to Taylor Reed 5-8, Madison Mullis (PC) defeated Hannah Eanes 8-1, Cecilia Leon-Cisneros (PC) fell to Bailey Dyer 2-8, Katie Vernon (PC) fell to Evan Parnell 1-8, Shyanne Holt (PC) fell to Laken Porter 0-8, and Aaliyah Reynolds (PC) fell to Jenna Meador 2-8. In Doubles, Mia Stowe/Madison Mullis (PC) defeated Taylor Reed/Hannah Eanes 8-3, Cecilia Leon-Cisneros/Katie Vernon (PC) fell to Evan Parnell/Laken Porter 2-8, and Shyanne Holt/Aaliyah Reynolds (PC) fell to Bailey Dyer/Charity Whitfield 0-8.

### Girls Tennis Defeats Magna Vista

The Girls Tennis Team defeated Magna Vista 9-0, Wednesday, April 26. In Singles, Marissa Bentley (PC) defeated Lakyn Cockram 8-1, and Mia Stowe, Madison Mullis, Cecilia Leon-Cisneros, Katie Vernon, and Shyanne Holt won by Magna Vista forfeit.

In Doubles, Marissa Bentley/Mia Stowe, Madison Mullis/Cecilia Leon-Cisneros, and Katie Vernon/Shyanne Holt win by Magna Vista forfeit.

### Varsity Baseball Loses to Tunstall

The Varsity Baseball Team traveled to Tunstall on Tuesday, April 25 where they lost to the Trojans 1-4. Jai Penn got the start on the mound, going 4 1/3 innings, giving up 3 earned runs on 2 hits, striking out 5 and walking 6. He was relieved by Stuart Callahan who went 1 2/3 innings giving up 1 earned run, 1 hit, 2 strikeouts, and 1 walk. The Cougars were led at the plate by Penn and Martin Sawyers who both had 2 hits each.

### Lady Cougar Softball Gets Win

The Lady Cougars defeated Tunstall 14-2 on the road, Tuesday, April 25. McKenzie Holt got the win on the mound, striking out 5. Holt also had 3 hits and 2 RBIs. Kyleigh Gusler had a base clearing double with 5 RBIs, and Alexis Knight scored 3 runs and 3 RBIs. Lilly Hazelwood had 2 hits with 2 RBIs.

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# Heath, Collins recognized for combined 45 years of service to SWCD

By Patrick SWCD Board of Directors

Two Patrick County Soil and Water Conservation District employees were recognized for their 45 years of combined dedicated and devoted service to conservation, agriculture, and the county by the Patrick County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors Wayne Clark, George Stovall, Joseph Sparks, Richard Kreh, Christian Taylor and John Wood and the Virginia Department of Recreation and Conservation.

Sandra Heath, District Manager was recognized for 25 years and Tony Collins, District Conservation Specialist, was recognized for 20 years.

Heath and Collins were presented plaques at the Board of Directors meeting. They also were presented service awards by the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.



On behalf of the Patrick County Soil and Water Conservation District Board, E. Wayne Clark (middle) presented service awards to Sandra Heath and Tony Collins. (Photo by Christian Taylor)

Both Heath and Collins are Patrick County natives and are dedicated to promoting and protecting natural resources, and are advocates of agriculture. And both work with the people who work the land.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts across the Commonwealth of Virginia assist landowners with the development and implementation of best management practices (BMPs). These agricultural conservation practices are installed through cost-share and tax credit programs that focus on water quality improvement and environmental stewardship. Not only do these practices improve the local environment, the installation and proper management of conservation practices also help to improve farm operational profitability.

The Patrick County Soil and Water Conservation District is a political sub-division of the Commonwealth of Virginia responsible under state law for the development of programs to conserve and it supports the District through financial and administrative assistance provided by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. The county of Patrick also provides limited funds to support the County District.

Formed in 1983, the Patrick County Soil and Water Conservation District (Patrick SWCD) represents one of 47 Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The District's service area covers the County of Patrick. The Patrick Soil and Water Conservation District was organized July 7, 1983. From August 26, 1944, until July 7, 1983, Patrick County was in the New River Soil and Water Conservation District, which at the time was comprised of the counties of Floyd, Carroll and Grayson. A petition to create the Patrick Soil and Water Conservation District was authorized by the Patrick County Board of Supervisors on March 24, 1982. The petition to withdraw Patrick County from the New River Soil and Water Conservation District and create a new district within the boundaries of Patrick County was approved by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Soil and Water Conservation, on May 20, 1982.

Patrick SWCD is governed by a Board of Directors. District directors are local citizens elected or appointed to a four-year term of office. The directors are volunteers and are not paid, although they receive mileage reimbursement. The District is operated by five directors, who serve four-year terms and may be re-elected or re-appointed to succeed themselves. The District is represented by three directors elected in the general election. The other two directors are appointed by the Soil and Water Conservation Board. One of the appointed directors shall be a County Extension Agent and the other appointed director shall reside within Patrick County.

Patrick SWCD represents one of 47 Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and delivers voluntary, locally led conservation solutions to the agriculture community. Patrick SWCD provides technical assistance for natural resource conservation to land users, farmers, foresters and homeowners in Patrick County.

For more information or to schedule a field visit, please contact the Patrick County Soil and Water Conservation District office at (276) 694-2911 or visit the office located at 104 Via Avenue, Stuart, Virginia.

## Northern Regional Hospital Celebrates National Volunteer Month

The month of April signals a rebirth of Spring ... and a renewal of the spirit of volunteerism. For those looking to give back to their community, there is no better place to start than by joining the well-established Volunteer Program of Northern Regional Hospital.

"In our post-pandemic world, we're excited to highlight our re-energized Volunteer Program – where exceptional people come together to share their time, talent, energy, and compassion with us by performing non-clinical tasks that help facilitate hospital operations and enhance the comfort of patients and visitors," said Tina Beasley, Manager of the Volunteer Program at Northern Regional Hospital. On any given day, volunteers can be found delivering flowers and meal trays, assisting in the Gift Shop, transporting patients to and from departments, and greeting visitors while helping them find their way. No task is complete without a healthy dose of warm smiles and well wishes.

"Our remarkable volunteers, who currently range in age from 22 to 93, are committed to helping us create and maintain a comfortable and caring 'environment of healing' – one that encourages positive recovery and improved health," adds Beasley. "They also often establish warm and friendly relationships with each other."

Like all new employees, volunteers must undergo a full background check, along with required drug and health screenings, and attend a general orientation session to familiarize themselves with hospital policies and procedures, as well as federal, state, and industry-wide regulations, such as federal law that governs patient confidentiality.

During each shift, volunteers receive a voucher for a delicious meal in the Hospital cafeteria, known for its great food.

In April of each year, volunteers are celebrated at a Volunteer Appreciation Banquet event, held this year at The Barn at Heritage Farm.

Starting this summer, volunteers will be given the opportunity to request assignments within the Hospital's new Northern Medical Group medical office building, across from the Hospital on South Street – a 25,000-square-foot facility that will house several specialty practices of Northern Regional Hospital, including Gastroenterology, Family Medicine, Urology, and General Surgery. "As with the Hospital proper, volunteers will help greet, guide, and sometimes transport patients at this state-of-the-art facility, as well as perform other related non-clinical tasks," said Beasley.

"Volunteers are a key part of our healthcare team at Northern Hospital," emphasizes Beasley. "In many instances, volunteers are the first point-of-contact for patients and visitors alike – so it's important that their interactions with others are friendly and welcoming. If someone is smiling, it sets the tone for the whole visit – and a positive, caring attitude is just as important as the high-quality medical care that is provided."

For more information about the Volunteer Program of Northern Regional Hospital, contact Tina Beasley at 336-783-8196 or tbeasley@wearenorthern.org or visit choosenorthern.org/careers/volunteer/

## Legal Notice

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY  
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY  
FOR A 2023 TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF ITS  
BASE RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
PURSUANT TO § 56-585.1 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA  
CASE NO. PUR-2023-00002

- Appalachian Power Company ("APCo") has filed its 2023 triennial review of its base rates, terms and conditions pursuant to § 56-585.1 of the Code of Virginia.
- Among other things, APCo requests a revenue increase in the amount of approximately \$212.6 million. The overall impact of the Company's proposals would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity per month by approximately \$25.03, or 15.9%. For low-income customers qualifying for the proposed basic service charge waiver, the Company's proposals would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity per month by approximately \$16.53 or 10.5%.
- A Hearing Examiner appointed by the State Corporation Commission will hold a telephonic hearing in this case on August 23, 2023, at 10 a.m., for the receipt of public witness testimony.
- An evidentiary hearing will be held on August 24, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.
- Further information about this case is available on the SCC website at: [scc.virginia.gov/Case-Information](http://scc.virginia.gov/Case-Information).

On March 31, 2023, Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or "Company") filed an application ("Application") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to § 56-585.1 A 3 of the Code of Virginia ("Code") and the Commission's Rules Governing Utility Rate Applications and Annual Informational Filings ("Rate Case Rules"), for a triennial review of the Company's rates, terms and conditions for the provision of generation, distribution and transmission services.

The Application states that this proceeding entails, among other things, determinations regarding: (i) APCo's cost of service during the three successive 12-month periods ending December 31, 2022 ("Earnings Test Period"); (ii) whether prospective changes to APCo's rates for generation and distribution services are necessary; and (iii) the Company's prospective fair rate of return on common equity ("ROE").

The Application states that, pursuant to Code § 56-585.1 A 8, the Company's earned ROE during the Earnings Test Period is compared to a 140 basis-point band of earnings that ranges from 70 basis points above a previously authorized ROE to 70 basis points below that ROE ("ROE band"). The Application further notes that Code § 56-585.1 A 8 states that if earnings fall below the ROE band during the Earnings Test Period, the Commission shall order increases to APCo's rates necessary to provide the opportunity to fully recover the costs of providing the Company's services and to earn not less than such fair combined rate of return. Using the most recently ended 12-month test period as the basis for determining the amount of the rate increase necessary. Finally, the Application states that Code § 56-585.1 A 2 g provides that if APCo's combined earned return is below its authorized return, "whether or not such combined return is within 70 basis points of the return as so determined," the Company may request that the Commission approve "an increase in rates in accordance with the provisions of subdivision 8 a as if it had earned more than 70 basis points below a fair combined rate of return, and such proceeding shall otherwise be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this section."

APCo states that the ROE band for the analysis of the Earnings Test Period is based on an ROE of 9.20%, which is the return authorized by the Commission in APCo's 2020 Triennial Review. APCo states that the Company earned a return of 5.39% on its common equity during the Earnings Test Period, which is the equivalent of over \$124 million in pre-tax earnings below 8.5%, the bottom of APCo's authorized ROE band for the Earnings Test Period.

Based on this analysis, APCo requests approval to implement retail base generation and distribution rates that are designed to implement an overall increase in the Company's revenues of approximately \$212.6 million over revenues from current base rates. APCo states that this is a 14.3% increase to overall revenues. The requested increase includes a \$5.4 million increase to the generation function and a \$207.2 million increase to the distribution function.

The requested revenue increase reflects, among other things, APCo's requested authorization of a prospective ROE of 10.6%. APCo also requests that the Commission approve depreciation rates that will result in an annual increase in depreciation expenses. APCo also requests to increase distribution O&M expenses by \$47.8 million to allow it to improve its vegetation management program. APCo states that its proposal for an increased level of vegetation management funds should improve the reliability of targeted circuits and reflects higher costs of materials and labor. APCo also proposes an adjustment to increase federal tax expense in the cost of service to reflect the Company's expected increased tax obligations under the federal Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax. Additionally, APCo requests authority to establish a regulatory liability for the credit that will offset future tax obligations and deferral authority to ensure the Company only collects its actual tax obligations from customers.

With this Application, the Company proposes to eliminate the basic service charge for qualifying low-income customers, which for these purposes the Company defines as customers who receive assistance from one (or more) state agency. At the same time, the Company proposes an increase of \$0.54 to the basic service charge from \$7.96 to \$8.50 for all other residential customers, which APCo states is designed to be revenue-neutral for the Company when combined with the estimated level of customers who will be eligible for the basic service charge waiver.

APCo states that even if the Commission finds that it should not increase the Company's rates, the Company nevertheless requests that the Commission approve revised rates to reflect the changes in the underlying costs since 2010. APCo states that its proposed rate design reflects updates to both the functional and class allocations to reflect the current costs of serving the Company's customer classes. Additionally, APCo proposes to incorporate Schedule MGS (Medium General Service) customers into Schedule GS (General Service) and eliminate Schedule MGS from the Company's standard service tariff.

The foregoing is not an exhaustive list of all the proposals contained in the Company's Application. Interested persons are encouraged to review APCo's Application and supporting documents in full for details about these and other proposals.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Application and supporting documents and thus may adopt rates that differ from those appearing in the Company's Application and supporting documents.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCo's Application. On August 23, 2023, at 10 a.m., the Hearing Examiner assigned to this case will hold a telephonic hearing, with no witness present in the Commission's courtroom, for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before August 17, 2023, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting); (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to [SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov](mailto:SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov); or by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting).

On August 24, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Hearing Examiner will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Application from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission has directed the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and required electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

An electronic copy of the public version of the Company's Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Noelle J. Coates, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or [njcoates@aep.com](mailto:njcoates@aep.com). Interested persons also may download unofficial copies of the public version of the Application and other documents filed in this case from the Commission's website: [scc.virginia.gov/Case-Information](http://scc.virginia.gov/Case-Information).

On or before August 17, 2023, any interested person may submit comments on the Application by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: [scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments](http://scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments). Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2023-00002.

On or before June 23, 2023, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling](http://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling). Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2023-00002. For additional information about participation as a respondent, any person or entity should obtain a copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing.

On or before July 14, 2023, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, at [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling](http://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling), any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be served on the Staff, the Company, and all other respondents simultaneous with its filing. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Rules of Practice, as modified herein, including, but not limited to: 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2023-00002.

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

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

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**Mary Alice Frye Styers**



Mrs. Mary Alice Frye Styers, age 90 of Patrick Springs, passed away Thursday, April 27, 2023, at her home. She was born in Iredell County, NC on August 1, 1932, to the late Jesse Frank Frye and Phosey Mae Caudle Frye. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Walker Styers, Sr.; one daughter, Robin Styers; two sons, Mark Anthony Styers, Rodney Styers; one brother, J.D. Frye; and one sister, Peggy Beckner. Mrs. Styers was a member of Unity Missionary Baptist Church. She loved to sew, do puzzles, and read but most of all she loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Surviving is a son and daughter-in-law, Harold Styers, Jr. and L.J. of Patrick Springs; one daughter and son-in-law, Shirley S. Phelps and Billy of Winston-Salem, NC; five grandchildren, Allison Phelps and husband, Chris, Robin Phelps,

Megan Styers and husband, Melvin, Jesse Styers and wife, Stephanie, Riley Styers; four great grandchildren, Chase Styers, Elias Styers, Everleigh King, Rawley King; one sister and brother-in-law, Wanda and Roger Gordon of Winston-Salem, NC; one brother and sister-in-law, Jesse and Ginger Frye of Fuquay-Varina, NC; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Monday, May 1, 2023, at 2:00 PM at Unity Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Ed Hartman officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends Sunday evening from 5 to 7 at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Unity Missionary Baptist Church c/o L.J. Styers, 366 S. County Line Rd., Patrick Springs, VA 24133. Online condolences may be sent to [www.moodyfuneralservices.com](http://www.moodyfuneralservices.com).

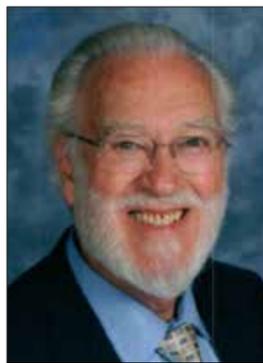
**Elizabeth Cock**



Elizabeth Cock, 88, of Brandon, Florida, born on January 10, 1935, in Plant City, Florida, entered into eternal rest on April 25, 2023. She was an active member of First Baptist Church Brandon, and worked at the Strawberry Festival for many years. She loved her family dearly, was an avid reader, and enjoyed "life at the lake". She is survived by husband of 68 years, Glendel Cock; children, David Cock (Chris) of Spring Lake, Robert Taylor Cock (Kimberly) of Rockwall, Texas, Jean White (Joe) of Spring Lake; granddaughter, Kaley Cock; and sister,

Sarah Mott. A funeral service will be held Thursday, May 4 at 11:00 A.M. at First Baptist Church Brandon, 216 North Parsons Avenue, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Committal to follow at Memorial Park Cemetery, Plant City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Gulfside Hospice at [www.gulfside.org/make-a-gift](http://www.gulfside.org/make-a-gift) or First Baptist Church of Brandon at <https://pushpay.com/g/firstbaptistbrandon?src=hpp>. Expressions of condolences at [www.Hopewell-Funeral.com](http://www.Hopewell-Funeral.com).

**Robert Walton Tatum**



Robert Walton Tatum, 96, a fine example of The Greatest Generation, passed away April 23, 2023 at his Chesterfield, VA home with his beloved bride of 72 years by his side.

Born November 5, 1926 at his Patrick County homestead, he was a lifelong Methodist and member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Petersburg, Va. Robert was a veteran of World War II, making several journeys aboard Liberty ships in the U. S. Merchant Marines, and then enlisted in the U. S. Navy during the Korean War. Robert retired from Allied Signal (Honeywell) as a maintenance supervisor.

Robert's great exuberance for life and good humor was infectious and inspiring to all who knew him. Among his many gifts, he will always be remembered for the wonderful stories he would tell of his adventures growing up in a rural town on a tobacco farm with no running water, at sea around the world, and traveling across country with his young family.

Robert loved to volunteer to service organizations and give back for all of which he was grateful. He was a member of American Legion Post 284 for 60 years; a 55-year member and past Chef de Gare of Voiture 1530 40/8; a longtime member of Masonic Lodge Blandford #3; an active participant in ACCA Shrine Temple and Oriental Band, including time as President; and also belonged to the Antique Car Club, The Scottish Rite, and Petersburg Shrine Club, including past President. He was proud of his heritage and country as evidenced by his be-

longing to the Sons of the American Revolution and Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Robert was predeceased by his father Thomas Calhoun Tatum, mother Kathleen Hylton Tatum Sizemore, siblings Thomas C. Tatum Jr., William H. Tatum, and Emma Susan Tatum

Davis. He was also predeceased by his eldest son Robert Stevens Tatum. He is survived by his loving wife and best friend Marguerite (Rusty) White Tatum, son Mark A. Tatum (Patricia), daughter Karen T. Valente (Anthony), grandchildren Jennifer T. Heyward (Marc), Megan T. Cannon (John), Anthony R. Valente (Victoria), Andrew T. Valente, and Christopher A. Valente. He was also blessed with numerous great-grandchildren: Marlee and Emmree Stalls; Emily and Claire Cannon; Beres, Maddox, and Remy Heyward; Justin and Brendan Temple; Tatum and Monroe Valente. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Dorothy H. Tatum and many dear nieces and nephews.

The family would like to give special thanks to his devoted caregivers Debra Payne, Kimberly Stokes, and Nicole Viers.

Visitation is April 29th from 1-2 PM with a service at 2:00 p.m. at E. Alvin Small Funeral Home, 2033 Boulevard, Colonial Heights, VA. A committal service with military honors will be held at 2pm, Monday, May 1, at Nettle Ridge Church, Stuart, VA.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Greenville Hospital c/o ACCA Shrine Temple, 1712 Bellevue Ave., Richmond, VA 23227.

**Nomination Period for Governor's Awards now open**

Gov. Glenn Youngkin's administration is accepting nominations for the 2023 Virginia Governor's Awards on Volunteerism and Community Service, an annual award program that recognizes Virginians and organizations that volunteer their time to make a difference in their communities. Nominations will be accepted until Monday, June 19 at 5pm.

"Each year we celebrate the service of these individuals, organizations, and companies as a way to not only thank them for their extraordinary efforts, but to raise up all of our incredible volunteers and inspire all Virginians to serve," said Youngkin. "It is an honor and a privilege to recognize the commitment of our statewide volunteers."

The Virginia Governor's Awards on Volunteerism and Community Service honor individuals, community organizations, educational programs, and businesses that serve Virginians through volunteerism. Individual awards will recognize one person each in the categories of youth, young adult, adult, and senior volunteers. Group honors will be awarded in the categories of faith-based organizations, community organizations, small businesses, and companies. This year's honor-

ees will be recognized in a ceremony this October. More information about nomination process and the form to submit a nomination is available through the Virginia Service Commission at [virginiainservice.virginia.gov/awards](http://virginiainservice.virginia.gov/awards).

Youngkin released a proclamation on April 16 recognizing National Volunteer Week, and the Virginians that dedicate over 130 million hours in service to communities across the Commonwealth each year. Since 1984, Virginia governors have celebrated the impact of volunteers, and honored the significant contributions of Virginians across the state with the annual Governor's Awards on Volunteerism and Community Service.

"We are honored to spotlight the amazing contributions of Virginians who dedicate their time and talent to making a difference and the organizations that partner to offer these meaningful service opportunities in communities across Virginia," said Secretary of Health and Human Resources John Littel. "Volunteers meet critical community needs, as well as inspiring a spirit of service in others across the Commonwealth."

The Governor's Awards on Volunteerism and Community

Service have recognized volunteers across a wide span of focus areas, and the service provided by past honorees has touched the lives of thousands through providing support, resources, and healthy spaces for all to thrive. Past honorees have played critical roles in increasing access to green spaces, protecting Virginia's natural resources, supporting youth and families impacted by foster care, and inspiring students to become Virginians that give back—just to name a few.

The Virginia Service Commission (VSC) supports national service and community volunteerism across the Commonwealth. In addition to overseeing the annual grant competition that awards funding to AmeriCorps State and other national service programs, VSC actively works to support volunteerism through policy and program priorities, training and assistance, and recognizing individuals and organizations from all sectors for their contributions within their communities. VSC is supported by the Virginia Service Foundation and is guided by the Governor's Advisory Board on Service and Volunteerism. For more about the work of VSC, visit [VirginiaService.Virginia.Gov](http://VirginiaService.Virginia.Gov)

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He said that Mrs. B may not live till I get back. She's in a life and death struggle. He asked the nurses to help prepare her and her family for the probability of death and to "get her house in order."

Well, somehow the nurses got the status of the two patients reversed. They encouraged Mrs. B that all was going to be well. But they prepared Mrs. A and her family with the bleak news about her future.

When the doctor returned weeks later, he was quite surprised to learn that Mrs. A had died and Mrs. B was about ready to go home. This proved to them all about the value of having hope in our lives.

Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 27 years for resisting apartheid and other injustices in South Africa. During his sentence he endured hard labor without appropriate clothing against the weather. While still a prisoner he had the joy and privilege of meeting and naming his new-

born granddaughter. He chose the name Zaziwe, which translates to "hope." Mandela hung on to the hope that this baby would grow up in a free and equal society. This future hope gave him the power to tolerate the present until he was finally freed and exonerated.

For us living in 2023 there is hope for us as well. Titus 2:13 tells to wait "for our blessed hope, the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ." Jesus will return to take us home as He has promised (John 14:2,3). God fulfills His promises.

Jeremiah 29:11 tells us that God wants to give us hope for today too. He says, "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." God is for us and has our best interest in mind. We need only to believe and trust in Him.

Many today are suffering because they have no hope. This world has not given them reason for hope in the future. They don't know or believe that they have a personal God who cares for them and wants to save them from destruction.

So, no matter the circumstances you may find yourself in today, submit to God and He will give you hope for your tomorrow. He will forgive your sins, give you power over them, and direct your path from this point onward. The Bible calls this the "new birth."

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## BIBLE TRIVIA

BY WILSON CASEY

1. Is the book of Deuteronomy (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What city mentioned in Revelation is also the name of a city in Pennsylvania? Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Erie, Bethlehem
3. How many times does the word "eternity" occur in the Bible? 0, 1, 74, 212
4. From Numbers 12:3,

who was the most humble man on earth? Jacob, Elijah, Noah, Moses

5. "Here am I; send me" comes from which book? Genesis, Exodus, Isaiah, Malachi

6. What's the longest book of the Old Testament? Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Philadelphia (Rev 1:11, 3:7), 3) 1 (Isaiah 57:15), 4) Moses, 5) Isaiah 6:8, 6) Psalms

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TWELVE OF DIAMONDS

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- 1 "— Sharkey" (70s sitcom)
  - 4 Winter bug
  - 7 Corn, to Brits
  - 12 SoCal daily paper
  - 19 Mammal with a black mask
  - 21 Cook's wear
  - 22 Ant-Man's partner in a 2018 superhero film
  - 23 Oakland baseballer's footwear?
  - 25 Boarded, as a train
  - 26 Langston Hughes poem
  - 27 Stuff hitting an umbrella
  - 28 Fa-la linkup
  - 29 Coop female
  - 30 Calamari prepared by a San Francisco baseballer?
  - 34 Atlanta baseballer's collection of Kia cars?
  - 38 Son of Isaac
  - 39 Watch slyly
  - 41 — Park (home of Edison)
  - 42 Atlys.' gp.
  - 45 "Scorpio" co-star Delon
  - 48 Chicago baseballer moonlighting as a journalist?
  - 51 Detroit baseballer's Easter flowers?
  - 54 Vaping item
  - 55 Designer von Fürstenberg
  - 56 Like many tiny headphones
  - 57 Put the — (try to coerce)
  - 59 Oomph
  - 63 Gold lumps
  - 65 Money owed by a Washington baseballer?
  - 68 Tether again
  - 69 Actor Quinn
  - 70 OshKosh — (kids' clothing brand)
  - 71 What a Minnesota baseballer sleeps on?
  - 75 Enormous
  - 78 Latin "to be"
  - 79 Litigious sorts
  - 80 Taunt
  - 82 Article in Ulm
  - 84 Pioneer Boone, briefly
  - 85 Cincinnati baseballer's chewy candy?
  - 87 Something a St. Louis baseballer confesses?
  - 93 "Oh My My" singer Ringo
  - 94 Ending with cash
  - 95 Kitchen range brand
  - 96 Warhol and Roddick
  - 98 Pixar's lost swimmer
  - 100 Kansas City baseballer's toast topper?
  - 103 Pennant won by a Pittsburgh baseballer?
  - 109 President pro —
  - 110 Right-angled pipe joint
  - 111 Sleek, in brief
  - 112 1993 Nobelist Morrison
  - 113 Some wind players
  - 116 Florida baseballer's rod-and-reel activity?
  - 121 Web page for aficionados
  - 122 Figure skating leaps
  - 123 Sideways
  - 124 Felt hats
  - 125 Dog strap
  - 126 Single bill
  - 127 "Nuts" actor Wallach
  - 33 Charmingly old-fashioned
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  - 58 — Tin Tin
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  - 60 10th-century pope
  - 61 Lack
  - 62 Final degree
  - 64 Sparkly rock
  - 66 Spots on TV
  - 67 16-oz. units
  - 68 Number rd.
  - 69 Pt. of ETA
  - 72 Clumsy — ox
  - 73 Skipjack, e.g.
  - 74 Reveal everything
  - 75 Grain in ale
  - 76 South Korean airline
  - 77 Confidential
  - 81 Koch and Asner
  - 83 Always, in odes
  - 84 Old TV part
  - 85 Letters after Sen. Javits' name
  - 86 "It's either you —!"
  - 87 Haul away
  - 88 One-celled organisms
  - 89 Actor Burr
  - 90 Genetic stuff
  - 91 Skit show since '75
  - 92 Mount — (Charley Weaver's home)
  - 97 Hexes
  - 99 "King — Hill"
  - 101 Volkswagen model
  - 102 Somebody — problem
  - 104 From Erin
  - 105 Actor Ely
  - 106 French river
  - 107 Record of a single year
  - 108 2003 Ben Affleck flop
  - 111 Field of study
  - 114 Propyl lead-in
  - 115 Tristan's title
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  - 118 "Alice" spinoff
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Petitions and requests from the public shall be submitted in writing to the PSA located in the Patrick County Administration Building at 106 Rucker Street, Suite 218, Stuart, VA not less than five (5) business days prior to the scheduled meeting and placed on the official meeting agenda in order to be considered.

# LEGAL

## 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.

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Franchise Fees	150,000
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Rental Income	45,000
Auto Decals	19,000
Cigarette Tax	15,000
Festivals	6,000
Miscellaneous Income	5,000
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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
<b>Total Operating Expenses =</b>	<b>\$ 479,429</b>

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
<b>Total Administrative Expenses =</b>	<b>\$ 366,759</b>

Water & Sewer Fund	
Revenues	FY2024
Water Fees	330,000
Sewer Fees	314,000
PSA Fees	58,900
Interest Income	10,000
<b>Total Water &amp; Sewer Fund Revenues =</b>	<b>\$ 712,900</b>

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
<b>Total Sewer Expenses =</b>	<b>\$ 536,471</b>

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
<b>Total Water Expenses =</b>	<b>\$ 434,801</b>

Sanitation Fund	
Revenues	FY2024
Garbage Fees	176,000
<b>Total Sanitation Fund Revenues =</b>	<b>\$ 176,000</b>

Expenses	
	FY2024
Salaries & Wages	102,440
Landfill Fees	55,000
Vehicle Expense	15,000
Insurance	5,000
<b>Total Sanitation Fund Expenses =</b>	<b>\$ 177,440</b>

All Funds	
Revenues	FY2024
General Revenues	1,106,000
Enterprise & Utility Revenues	888,900
<b>Total Revenues FY2024 =</b>	<b>\$ 1,994,900</b>

Expenses	
	FY2024
General Operating Expenses	479,429
Administrative Expenses	366,759
Sewer Expenses	536,471
Water Expenses	434,801
Sanitation Expenses	177,440
<b>Total Expenses FY2024 =</b>	<b>\$ 1,994,900</b>

# Music Trail Receives Wayne C. Henderson Music Festival, Guitar Competition Grant

Virginia's Heritage Music Trail: The Crooked Road is pleased to announce that the Traditional Music Education Program has been

awarded a Wayne C. Henderson Music Festival and Guitar Competition grant.

These funds will help support The Crooked Road's Youth Music Festival & Competition, scheduled for May 13, at the Southwest Virginia Cultural Center & Marketplace. The Youth Music Festival & Competition is part of TCR's Traditional Music Education Program (TMEP) and will feature an open fiddlers-convention style instrument competition, jam spaces and two workshops.

The funding from this grant will help pay for competition cash prizes for the youth. There is no entry or admission fee, but donations will be accepted for TCR's Traditional Music Education Program and Junior Appalachian Musicians (JAM) programs. A hot dog lunch will also be available for purchase for \$10.

"Wayne Henderson is an amazing luthier and musician in addition to being a valuable partner for The Crooked Road and the Traditional Music Education Program. His generosity and support is very much appreciated as TCR continues to identify opportunities to support the next generation of heritage musicians in the SWVA region," said Carrie Beck, executive director of The Crooked Road.

# LEGAL



Virginia Department of Transportation

## PUBLIC NOTICE PROPOSED SIX-YEAR HIGHWAY PLAN (2023/24 - 2028/29) PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION BUDGET 2023/24 PATRICK COUNTY

The Virginia Department of Transportation and the Board of Supervisors of Patrick County, in accordance with Section 33.2-331 of the Code of Virginia, will conduct a joint public hearing on the Third Floor of the Veteran's Memorial Building located in Stuart, Virginia at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2023.

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed Secondary Six-year Plan for Fiscal Years 2023/24 through 2028/29 in Patrick County, and the Secondary System Construction budget for Fiscal year 2023/24. Copies of the proposed Plan and Budget may be reviewed at the Martinsville Residency Office of the Virginia Department of Transportation, located at 309 Weeping Willow Lane in Bassett, Virginia, or at the office of the Patrick County Administrator located in Stuart, Virginia.

All projects in the Secondary Six-year Plan that are eligible for federal funds will be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which documents how Virginia will obligate federal transportation funds.

Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this hearing should contact the Virginia Department of Transportation at (276) 629-2582.

Oral comments, written comments or other exhibits relative to the proposed plan may be presented at this hearing.

# LEGAL

## 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 1, 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.

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

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

CLEMENT & WHEATLEY, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, TRUSTEE

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

# SCC to Offer Online C++ Computer Programming Course for Summer 2023

Surry Community College is offering an online introductory programming course using the C++ programming language for Summer 2023.

There are no pre-req-

uisites for this course, which introduces computer programming and introductory database and web programming skills using the C++ programming language. Topics include input/output operations, functions, arithmetic operations, object-oriented concepts and techniques, and other related courses.

Upon completion, students should be able to design, code, test, and debug at a beginning level. This is one of four courses that comprise the Computer Programming & Development Certificate that SCC offers. It also qualifies as a college transfer class.

The class runs from May 22 to July 21, 2023. Students may be eligible for tuition assistance for this course. For questions, contact Lead Instructor Kimberly White at (336) 386-3335 or whitek@surry.edu. To register for the course, contact Student & Workforce Services at (336) 386-3264 or student-services@surry.edu.

# LEGAL

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING: The Patrick County Board of Supervisors will have a special called meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the third floor Boardroom of the Patrick County Veteran's Memorial Building.

## ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY

\*\*\*\*AUCTION\*\*\*\*

Friday, May 5 @ 6pm (doors open @4p)  
Saturday, May 6 @ 10am (doors open 8a)  
Horsepasture Fire Dept. (Rt. 58W)

17815 A. L. Philpott Hwy, Ridgeway, VA  
Gold & Silver Jewelry, CASE Knives, Rifles & Shotguns, Coin Sets, Bassett Furn., Oil Lamps, Records, Norman Rockwell Figurines, Cherished Teddies, Mini Shoe Collection.

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May 24, 2023, Noon

735 E 23rd Street  
Norfolk, VA 23504



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# Elementary school students recognized for academic achievement

## Blue Ridge Elementary School

### 3rd Grade

**Academic Awards** - Olivia Pearl Chaney, Raven Skye Hernandez, Early G. Hill, Renesmee Lynn Moody, Chloe Ann Quesinberry.

**Principal's Award** - Karleigh Paige Saunders, Evan Glenn Seal.

### 4th Grade

**Academic Awards** - Emily Beth Adams, Amelia Jewel Bowman, Arianna McKenzie Crews, Dilan Fernando Diego Juan, Lucas Cameron Hall, Tanner Wyatt Horton, Diego Rodrigo Ibarra, Austin Maynard Marshall, Matthew Morales, Lincoln Garnett Puckett, Colton Wade Smith, Bentley Nathaniel Stanley, Olivia Lola-Mae Waycaster.

**Principal's Award** - Kaylee Mae Bowles, Sadie Jayne Bowman, Montana Rae Elaine Cain, Jay William Hill, Tobin Reggie Simmons, Ariella Grace Valerio.

### 5th Grade

**Academic Awards** - Gavin Lee Burris, Ryan Mason Chaney, Mason Reid Epperson, Camdon Blake Fain, Maddox Kent Frye, Kimberly Gutierrez, Grayson Carter Holland, Reese Elizabeth Horton, Brody Lawrence Hunger, Chloe Belle Lawson, Tommy Lee Lawson, Beckham Kane Terry.

**Principal's Award** - Bronx Davidson Beasley, Brigham Lee Meredith.

### 6th Grade

**Academic Awards** - Leandra Hollyn Ayers, Ayden Marsh Bowman, Fisher Kane Colna, Noe Gutierrez, Montana Grace King, Aiden Cain Moody, Ashland Grace Noonkester, Reed Kash Puckett, Adam Isaac Rautio.

**Principal's Award** - Cassidy Elizabeth Brim, Sydney Makayla Easter, Ean Bryce Martin, Kayleigh Eleanor-Lynn Smith, Midori Lyne Waycaster, Gage Harlan Whitaker, Isaiah Scott Willard, Bella Leray Wright.

### 7th Grade

**Academic Awards** - Lily Aiyana Bowman, Caleb Joshua Clement, Josiah Bryson Shelor, Layla Marie Thompson.

## Hardin Reynolds Memorial School

### 4th Grade

**Academic Awards** - Braiden Daniel Brooks, Dylan Wayne Clark, Aiden Drew Hagwood, Jensen Elijah Harbour, Leila Keilana Okalani Stephany, Jada Rene Stump, Linnea Paulette Tankersley, Alice Brooklyn Terry, Elena Smith Turner, Mason Timothy Whitlow.

**Principal's Award** - Taelyn Marie Blankenship, Savannah Renee Carroll, Riley Cole Epperly, Miles Noble Fisher Lange, James Matthew Pombo.

### 5th Grade

**Academic Awards** - Michael Gage Blevins, Caitlyn Lillie Collins, Eli Jeffrey Collins, Mason Keith Collins, Colton Luke Errichetti, Benjamin Joseph Hudson, Noah Dwayne Jenkins, Gabriella Dietrich Johnson, Arianna Brynn Lemons, Hailey Piper Lester, Alaina Mackenzie McBride, Levi Nathaniel Montgomery, Noah Riley Putnam, Savannah Alexis Sanchez-Austin.

**Principal's Award** - Kira Elizabeth Nevaeh Barker, Aleah Shianne Bowman, Benjamin Lee Bowman, Brayden Sthil Conner, Kenneth Ronin Craig, Ronald Wayne Davis, Addyson Ann Foley, Ariel Simone Humphries, Sarah Carmen Lawson, Dane Matthew Orton, Jennifer Madison Stowe, Asher Joel Vaughn, Maci Leann Whitlock.

### 6th Grade

**Academic Awards** - Steven William Brooks, Madilyn Faith Callahan, Anna Marie Dixon, Evan Joel Eastridge, Tiffany Lynn Eckrote, Isaiah Hunter Gilley, Robert James Manasseh Goff, Laila Camille Hairston-Slater, Benjamin Grayson Hall, Andrew Xander Harmon, Zackary Dylan Irvin, Maddyson Grace Kendrick, Wesley Garrett Kruse, Lily Faith Pritt, Madison Faith Purdy, Collin Daniel Rakes, Jenna Elizabeth Robertson, Diesel Daimien Sanchez, Zoey Shyanne Slate, Aishwarya Talecia Tatum, Kody Shianne Townsend, Jayson Rylan Turney, Cooper Sean Wikstrom, Levi Nathaniel Wood.

**Principal's Award** - Cali Jade Biggs, Lilly Louise Boyce, Kylee Christine Childress, Bentley Wayne Davis, Conor Dean Dollarhite, Sky Lee Evans, Grahm Davis Foley, Sarah Mirann Hagwood, Levi Daniel Hankins, Ian Robert Lackey, Anna Marie Long, Paul Trevor Matthews, Rosalinda Jazmine Medina, Mauricio Mendoza-Gonzalez, Braylon Rasheed Nowlin, Abigail Lee Pell, Johnathan Evans Penn, Gabrielle Adison Reynolds, Ava Grace Rigney, Gavin Michael Smith, Andrew Benjamin Stewart, Samuel Thomas Tatum, Reagan Elizabeth Underwood, Damian Michael Wolfe.

### 7th Grade

**Academic Awards** - Daniel Lee Conner, Oliver Gray Cruise, Jordan Leigh Draper, Ethan Cole Edwards, Mason Cole Hancock, Jordan Edward Hardee, Sierra Paige Helms, Kiera Elise Hylton, Riley William Jones, Peyton Autumn Kelley, Savannah Mae Lawrence, McKenzie Dawn Mitchell, Rylan Nicholas Montgomery, Candace Renee Nelson Hopkins, McKenzie LaRae Sanchez, Haiden James Turner, Anna Lee

Witt.

**Principal's Award** - Carson Matthew Farrar, Evan Levi Hancock, Morgan Kymbre Handy, Halo Makalee Martin, Marion Bentley-Ronald Rowe, Brisan Wray Scott, Julianna Faye Turner, Caleb Davidson Vaughn.

## Meadows of Dan Elementary School

### 3rd Grade

**Academic Awards** - Everett Clayton England, Lexi Nicole Proffitt.

**Principal's Award** - Hayleigh Eden Phillips.

### 4th Grade

**Academic Awards** - Samuel Bird, Daylin Sophia Rose Blevins, Anaelyse Hope Harrier, Happy Ann Madison Martin.

### 5th Grade

**Academic Awards** - Landon Frederick Eidson, Ayden Steven Garcia.

### 6th Grade

**Academic Awards** - Ethan Douglas Gibson, Madison Shydae King, Mariah Shydae King, Alie Victoria Lewis, Wesley Caden Quesinberry

**Principal's Award** - Caleb Logan Howell, Hannah Bethany Phillips, Isabel Marie Fu Su Wilson, William Robert Wood.

### 7th Grade

**Principal's Award** - Rain Juliette Davis, Kaylene Aranza Garcia, Isabella Lei Mashburn, Kayleen Faith Wood, Meredith Grace Wood.

**Academic Awards** - Logan Malachi Brown, Brayden Nathaniel Burress, Hayden Lee Conner,

Kameron Tylor Eidson, Ashton Dane Gurley, Conner Jayden Wood.

## Patrick Springs Primary School

*Academic Awards* - Kaylee Biggs, Billie Joe Boyce, Matthew Clifton, Shawn Cooley, Scarlett Dobbins, Ella Dollarhite, Olivia Epperson, Link Hill, Kailee Jernigan, Alana MacPherson, Bentley Spence, Amya Stephany, Aubree Triplett, Madison Witcher, Layla Wright.

*Principal's Award* - Colton Blackard, Bentley Brooks, Case Cobler, Natalie Ferguson, Julianne Harmon, Paisley Holt, Abbie Lawrence, Holly Lawrence, Harper Russo, Joshua Stewart, Carter Trent.

## Stuart Elementary School

### 3rd Grade

**Academic Awards** - Peyton Adkins, Nella Bembry, Lucas Black, Braeden Campbell, Easton Conner, Tomias Devers, Kaythan Gray, Cooper Hall, Rayne Holt, Lyric Houchins, Emma Hutchens, Courage Jackson, Dallas Martin.

**Principal's Award** - Caleb Allison, Aiden Brown, Carter Foley, Kay'Cee Glenn, Hadley Jones, Parker Jones, Lucas Wheeler.

### 4th Grade

**Academic Awards** - Skyler Bohannon, Wes-

ley Burge, Easton Childress, Sophia Foley, Addison

Fulton, Milayna Helms, Zania Hines, Swayze Hylton, Sophia Martin, Keller Muse, Maddox Scott, Evangeline Stimac, Karoline Walton.

**Principal's Award** - Elise Cagle, Eli Fain, Charlee Handy, Avery Hubbard, Adalee Hughes, Addyson Minter, Chandler Moles, Hannah Post, Millicent Scott, Juliet Turner, Ivy Witt.

### 5th Grade

**Academic Awards** - Eli Briley, Carles Campos, Tessa Curry, Milli Foley, Carrie Gregory, Madison Handy, Caden Harris, Kiah Jackson, Nathan Spencer.

**Principal's Award** - Savannah Fain, Vanessa Gregory, Ashton Hall, Jada Hylton, Adilynn Jones,

Brinlee Mills, Pagan Smith, Bryson Turman, Evangeline Walker.

### 6th Grade

**Academic Awards** - Kobe Bogle, Cameron Campbell, Molly Cassell, David Clark, Tucker Collins, Emmalynn Corns, Ethan Craft, Daniel Freeman, Riley Hostetter, Jameson Lawson, Audrey McGhee, Abigail Quesinberry, Mariah Scott.

**Principal's Award** - Noah Bembry, Elena Cagle, Kinsleigh Harris, Ellie Post, Jillian Turner.

### 7th Grade

**Academic Awards** - Hailey Anderson, Jake Bryant, Gracen Conner, Scarlett Gregory, Nathan Hodges, Brayden Hylton, Jayme Moose, Christian Pendleton, Eva Sechrist, Max Smith, Jenna Woods.

*Principal's Award* - Casey Boyer, Karson Gillispie, Aiden Slate.

## Woolwine Elementary School

### 3rd Grade

**Academic Awards** - Huntington "Hunter" Foley, Emmalyn Hubbard, Bjorn Johnson, Cameron Kendrick, Raina Newsome Sophia Otero-Garcia.

**Principal's Award** - Moncerat Joaquin-Ortega.

### 4th Grade

**Academic Awards** - Blake Belcher, Aubree Bowman, Blake Mills, Christian Rakes, Wyatt Rodgers, Dixie Scott, Natalie Worley.

### 5th Grade

**Academic Awards** - Kaitlyn Gunter, Grant Iacovone, Jasper Lockhart, Jackson Osborne.

### 6th Grade

**Academic Awards** - Kaylee Belcher, Noah Bowling, Mason Conner, Addison Friedrichs, Conner King, Ainsley Lawson, Corrynn McAlexander, Levi Ojodeagua.

**Principal's Award** - Paisley Shuff.

### 7th Grade

**Academic Awards** - Analeigh Jones, Mason Keith, Kinley Morrison, Haileigh Wingfield.

**Principal's Award** - Eli Dillon, Martina Hubbard, Ivan Joaquin-Ortega.

# Girl Scouts enjoy camporee, activities



Girl Scouts in Patrick County held their annual spring camporee April 21-23 at Dominion Valley Park. The girls enjoyed the weekend despite the rain and storms. Badges, Patches, Bronze Awards and Silver Awards were worked on throughout the weekend. Lots of good times were enjoyed through games, hikes, good food and lots of good times just being together with friends.

The girls also celebrated Earth Day by planting a tree at the park as a memorial to a former Girl Scout from their troop Callie Crowell, who passed away last November.

Girls and their leaders want to thank Dominion Valley Park for allowing them to camp there in the fall and the spring each year. The girls enjoy learning about nature and the outdoors as they camp and work on learning many skills that help them to earn badges and patches dealing with the outdoors.

Girl Scouting is a wonderful way for girls to learn many useful skills that will help them as they grow and mature through all the levels of Girl Scouting. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to contact our group and join in the fun.

# Patrick County High School students recognized for academic achievement

8th grade, (88 or higher average) - Caleb Ashworth, Myhia Ballenger-Mijes, Brooklyn Barner, Joseph Beasley, Ruth Lee Belcher, Dakota Boyd, Andersen Brim, Mason Cassell, Arionna Catron, Isobel Clay, Madison Corns, Ivory Crouse, Jason Day, Leah Delgado, Adam Edwards, Jacob Edwards, Laine Errichetti, Mason Fain, Jaylee Foley, Aedan Frazier, Elijah Hairston-Slater, Jahdoir Hairston, Addisyn Hall, Natalie Hancock, Kaydence Harman, Wheeler Helms, Ava Hiatt, John Hicks, Chloe Hubbard, Hunter Hubbard, Willow Hylton, Kyra Ingalls, Elyjah Jenkins, Lily Kelly, Arabella King, Aubreigh Large, Hunter Laughter, LeMia Lemons, Garreth Link, Fisher Martin, Hunter Martin, Kimatai Martin, Nexander Martinez De Jesus, Mischa McMeans, Michael Mitchell, Landon Moles, Brady Moore, Jayden Morel, Oren Osborne, Emily Pearson, Anderson Philpot, Riley Pruitt, Hayden Rowe, Alexia Shuff, Jacob Spencer, Mason Spencer, Lacey Sutphin, Maddox Taylor, Zachary Thompson, Joseph Turner, Karleigh Vasquez, Isabella Walker, Charles Wellbrock, Emily Whitaker, Lilliana White, Paige Whitt, Jonas Wooden.

## 9th -12th grade (3.2 GPA or higher)

9th grade - Skye Ayers, Jaxon Ayers-Rosas, Kylei Blevins, Kyler Boggs, Eli Bogle, Devon Booth, Autumn Bowman, Marlee Boyd, Isaac Boyer, Rachel Branch, Reggie Brown, Abigail Bryant, Lileeann Butler, Jayden Callahan, Ethan Casstevens, Brooke Collins, Tonya Collins, Haley Conner, Alexandra Cotoc Santos, Alexis Cox, Tristan Cox, Lacey Easter, Carrington Fain, Daniel Finnegan, Camille Gonzalez, Carter Gregory, Avril Gutierrez, Jaeden Hairston, Jykevis Hairston, Johnathan Harbour, Peyton Hazlewood, Cynthia Hernandez, Joselin Hernandez, Shyanne Holt, Chloe Hostetter, Kristopher Huerta, Christian Hylton, Marisa Hylton, Hannah Ingalls, Jacob Jones, Mitchell Keith, Avone Kidd, Gaius Klisiewicz, Benjamin Knight, Sadie Knight, William Lancaster, David Lawson, Isabella Lemons, Kylee Leonard, Jacob Lester, Brycen Lewis, Alyssa Light, Ashantis Madison, Ashly Madrid Romero, Evan Martin, Kiley Martin, Erik Martinez-Tejeda, Draysin Maselli, Jose Mendoza-Gonzalez, Callie Montgomery, Ellianna Montgomery, Journey Moore, Ethan Morrison, Virginia Nations, Samantha Nester, Angela Overby, Lexus Owen, Abigail Pendleton, Michael Perez, Angel Plaster, Brandy Ponce, Braydon Priest, Haley Rakes, Nathan Register, Aailyah Reynolds, Jazmyne Reynolds, Hunter Roberts, Parker Roop, Abigail Royall, Madison Scott, Cayden Smith-Adame, Rylee Soliday, Vishal Somasundaram, Mitchell Stovall, Sydney Tatum, Greely Terry, Trevor Thompson, Alyssa Titular, Kyra Titular, Wyatt Westmoreland, Dana Wilcox, Xena Wilcox, Chase Willard, Kade Williams, Callie Wood, Eli Wood, Kathryn Wood, Zoe Wooden, Kendra Worley, Savanna Wright, Jed Young.

10th grade - Anna Arellano, Seth Atkins, Dante Belcher, Jeremiah Bowman, Kali Bowman, Heather Brim, Emma Buchanan, Alyssa Callahan, Sasha Campos, Carrie Cassell, Bryan Clark, Amelia Clement, Eliza Clifton, Jonah Clifton, Tara Collins, Taylor Collins, Daryl Combs, Alysha Copening, Williams Corns, Lexi Cutchins, Mason Dellenback, Emma Dellinger, Blake Dillon, Emily Eastridge, Rachel Fitzjarrald, Brett Foley, Joshua Freeman, Momoko Fukuda, Seth Geiger, Haley Gillispie, Jacob Gosnell, Nicolas Haden, Breanna Hall, Easton Harris, Evan Havens, Lily Hazelwood, Richard Hazlewood, Hunter Heath, James Hensley, James Hodges, Sydney Hopkins, Jackson Horton, Caleb Hostetter, Zoe Hough, Riley Hubbard, Scottie Hubbard, Allison Hughes, Jackson Iacovone, Noah Jessup, Tessa Johnson, Autumn King, Alivia Kirk, Whitley Kruse, Trinity Lackey, Ryann Lary, Abigail Lavinder, Chelsea Lawson, Cindy Leon-Cisneros, Zachary Letchworth, Jymasia Manns, Jude Martin, Sadie Martin,

Katy McBride, Raeli Moran, Matthew Nester, Owen Nutter, Rocio Olivares, Paul Pascale, Sydney Peer, Hunter Pendleton, Quentyn Penn, Dylan Quesinberry, Reynaldo Quiroz, Samantha Register, Emily Ring, Lane Ross, Mason Scott, Sophie Scruggs, Sadie Shelton, Jonah Shockley, Greta Spaeh, Josiah Spangler, Emily Stiltner, Benjamin Sutphin, Dhritik Tanna, Xavier Torres-Seda, Isabelle Turner, Sydney Turner, Katie Vernon, Kendall Williams, Mary Beth Williams, Noah Wingfield, Brayden Wolfe, Cheyenne Wood, Jackson Zeigler.

11th grade - Matthew Allen, Dakota Ashworth, Jackson Barbour, Alexandria Barker, Seth Beasley, Riley Bell, Marissa Bentley, Daniel Betancourt, Jack Blaylock, James Brintle, Marissa Brown, Tyler Buchanan, Curtis Busick, Jonah Byers, Stuart Callahan, Morgan Cambron, Moises Cisneros, Cheyenne Clifton, Ethan Cobbler, Lillian Cobbler, Pasidee Craft, Kali Craig, Luke Cutchins, David Darnell, Dustin DeHart, Jayden Diehl, Nickolas Durham, Colt Easter, Heather Edwards, Alexander Frazier, Lauren Fulcher, Hannah Gay, Brayden Gilley, Haley Gilley, Autumn Goins, Bethany Goode, Honesti Griener, Kyleigh Gusler, Evan Hall, Miranda Hall, Harry Handy, Kyle Handy, Navaeh Haynes, Madeline Heath, Shyanne Hicks, Shauntel Hill, Jonathan Hodges, McKenzie Holt, Trinity Holt, Jerry Howard, Austin Hylton, Jewel Iacovone, Hannah Janey, Ananiah Jenkins, Aaron Jones, Lindsey Jones, Kylee Joyce, Kayleigh Klisiewicz, Nathan Large, Colby Layman, Cecilia Leon Cisneros, Cherilyn Lopez-Gonzalez, Zackary McHone, Hunter Meade, Madison Mills, Dakota Moore, Caleb Morris, Hayden Norman, James Nunez, Lance Overby, Montana Oxendine, Arya Patel, Nicholas Pell, Aniya Penn, Verity Perez, Quentin Perkins, Dalcyce Pike, Brandy Quesinberry, Destiny Rakes, Abigail Ramsey, Bobbijo Roberts, Elijah Rogers, Sabrina Rorrer, Elizabeth Rose, Anna Bella Russo, Rayshawn Sawyers, Bishop Smith, Heather Spencer, Stephen Spencer, Bradley Swails, Andrew Taylor, Emily Trent, Maria Turner, Jacob Vawter, William Vernon, Faith Vipperman, Levi Vipperman, Stephen Wagner, Gage Welch, Nathan Whitaker, Lauryn Williams, Hannah Wood, Lauren Worley, Audrey Young, Jaylan Younger.

12th grade - Wesley Alexander, Isaac Atchley, Isaac Atkins, Braedon Augustine, Katlyn Barbour, Bailey Blevins, Jesse Bowman, Thomas Brady, Logan Brim, Paul Bryant, Skylar Bullins, Lillian Byers, Jacob Caine, Peyton Cambron, Colin Campbell, Jocelyn Carson, Emma Cassell, Madison Collins, Jessica Conner, Rebecca Craft, William Craft, Jonathan Culler, Ethan Curry, Caid Dardini, Mallory DeHart, Daniel Delgado-Leyva, Jessica Dobbin, Alexander Doyle, Taylor Edwards, Jaden Fain, Lucian Goad, Isabel Gonzalez, Madison Greer, Jaun Gutierrez-Sanchez, Jalen Hagwood, Karlyn Hall, Macy Hall, Alainah Harbour, Emilea Harbour, Tristan Hardy, Brooklyn Harmon, Samantha Harris, Columbia Haycraft, Melissa Hazard, Autumn Heath, James Heath, Paulo Hernandez, Samuel Hubbard, Elijah Hughes, Kursten Hylton, Seth Hylton, Pedro Joaquin-Ortega, Willow Kelley, Alexis Knight, Jada Laffoon, Savannah Lawson, Alexis Lemons, Devyn Lemons, Armando Leon-Cisneros, Darion Linister, Blake Manuella, Adalai Martin, William McAlister, Savanna Miller, Ashley Monk, James Moody, Sarah Moore, Madison Mullis, Hagen Murphy, Lauren Murphy, Hali Napier, Michael Nelson, Emma Nickelston, Alexandria Nowlin, Luis Ojodeagua, Jared Peal, Elian Pendleton, Jaiyontae Penn, Tobias Perkins, Jady Pruitt, Andrew Rakes, Brayton Reynolds, Wesley Roberson, Carlie Rorrer, D'Asia Ross, Martin Sawyers, Irene Smith, Faith Sobolewski, Jaden Spence, Samantha Stewart, Caelan Stimac, George Stovall, Mia Stowe, Xavien Taylor, Kaylee Towler, Allison Trent, Tyler Vipperman, Amber Walker, Devin Walker, Isaac Wood, Chloe Wright.



Josh Greer (R) and another ham operator work Net Control for dual NRT marathons. (By Randy Lilly)

# Radio Operators Support Concurrent Events

The Southwest Virginia Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOMM) amateur radio volunteers continued their community support for 2023 by responding to concurrent regional events. These exercises help ham radio operators prepare their equipment and skills for actual regional emergency responses. Many past natural disasters have knocked out cell phone service, demonstrating the need for ham radio services on site.

The longer event was the No Frills Horse Ride sponsored by the Old Dominion Equestrian Endurance Organization, Inc. conducted in Star Tannery, Virginia on April 14 and 15. AUXCOMM Event Coordinator Frank Howard lead the 10th annual return to this event with six ham operators from Dugspur, Fairlawn, Galax, Pulaski, Woodlawn and Wytheville. Over 100 horse and rider teams were tracked on multiple trails ranging from 10 to 55 miles long. Event leaders said without ham radio operators, team safety and coordination tracking the riders simply wouldn't be possible. With the multiple events on the large courses, they noted the importance of radio communications to track a horse and rider team that continued through a check point, unchecked. The horse and rider were OK and continued their course.

The second event was the combined New River Trail 25K and 50K Marathons along the New River and Chestnut Creek in the New River Trail State Park held on 15 April. AUXCOMM Event Coordinator Josh Greer drew amateur radio operators from Sparta, NC, Galax, Groundhog Mountain and Max Meadows. The marathons hosted 156 runners that raced through four Aid Stations. Again, the value of volunteer communications was

demonstrated in real time when one runner ran beyond the course route. Event authorities were notified immediately, and a plan was formulated to find the lone runner who eventually returned unharmed to complete the marathon.

Duties for operators at both events included carefully logging and reporting all participants along the courses and passing information from check points to event leaders. The data logs are paramount for competitor safety, ensuring every rider, horse and marathon runner is accounted for, and any safety concerns can be addressed to multiple stations via radio. Altogether AUXCOMM volunteers provided over 150 volunteer hours. Both event organizers invited the teams back next year, and commented on the professionalism that each ham radio operator displayed.

AUXCOMM volunteers are amateur, or 'ham' radio operators, licensed by the FCC. The word 'amateur' in their title means operators are federally licensed but legally cannot take pay for services, which include communication support during natural disasters for emergency management teams, and supporting public safety and community events. The Southwest Virginia Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOMM) team aligns with and supports Region 4 of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. The AUXCOMM team works closely with the Briarpatch Amateur Radio Service Club in Galax, and includes members from SW Virginia and NW North Carolina.

Visit [www.briarpatcharc.com](http://www.briarpatcharc.com) and [sw-va-auxcomm.org](http://sw-va-auxcomm.org) for AUXCOMM and Briarpatch radio club meeting times, on the air nets, current activities and our schedule of upcoming events including our ARRL Field Day in June.



Father-daughter ham operator team David and Brandy Pucket await runners during the NRT marathons. (By Randy Lilly)



Group photo of SW Virginia AUXCOMM No Frills Horse Ride ham operators, (L) to (R) Beverley Tipton, Frank Howard, Taylor Sigler, David Todd and Roger Bell. (Courtesy of Frank Howard)

**Meetings**

**Monday, May 8**

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

**Thursday, May 11**

The Patrick County School Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Lower Level of the Patrick County School Board Office, 104 Rucker Street, Stuart.

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, VA 24171. Please RSVP and register by Monday, May 8th at patrickcountyswd@gmail.com or the District office at (276) 694-2911. Featured agencies include Virginia State University-Small Farm Outreach, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Department of Forestry, Stuart Field Offices of Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Patrick County Soil and Water Conservation District. These presentations will provide valuable information for your farm as well as forested land as well as funding and free technical assistance.

**Events**

**Thursday, May 4**

The National Day of Prayer will be held from 12-12:30 p.m. at the old courthouse in Stuart.

Patrick County Tourism will hold an organizational meeting for the Patrick County VA250 Council at 6 p.m. in the Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) community room.

**Friday, May 5**

Girl Scout Troop 1302 will hold a yard sale from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Providence United Methodist Church in Patrick Springs. A bake sale will start at 8 a.m. and lunch including hotdogs, water, chips, and soda will start at 10:30 a.m.

The Stuart Farmers' Market will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Locally grown items such as cool season crops will be available. Baked items, meats, eggs, coffee and more. Stay up to date with the Stuart Farmers' Market Facebook page. The Patrick County Master Gardeners will be on site with plants for sale.

The Hardin Reynolds Memorial School (HRMS) PTO will hold a Spring Bingo event at the school starting at 6:30 p.m. Ticket, food sales, and vendor sales will start at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 for 20 games and two coveralls. For more information, contact Shannon Cassell at (276) 694-3631, or via email at Shannon.cassell@patrick.k12.va.us.

Friday Summer Jam Series will be held at 6 p.m. at the Stuart Farmers' Market site. The gate fee \$5. Music, food truck, beverages and a good time.

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

**Saturday, May 6**

Girl Scout Troop 1302 will hold a yard sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Providence United Methodist Church in Patrick Springs. A bake sale will start at 8 a.m. and lunch - including hotdogs, water, chips, and soda, will start at 10:30 a.m.

**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's food distribution day at the Stuart site from 8:30-11 a.m. and from 5-6:30 p.m. A morning distribution will be held 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&HCC) 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&HCC) 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, Ararat.

The Moorefield Store Community Volunteer Fire Department will hold a black pot chicken dinner from 4-7 p.m.

Fairystone Volunteer Fire Department & Ladies Auxiliary will hold a country breakfast from 6:30-10 a.m. Dine in prices are \$10 for an adult plate and \$5 for a child plate. All take out plates are \$10 each. To call in an order, call (276) 930-2113.

**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.

**Ongoing**

**May 1-Oct. 30**

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 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 on Mondays 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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## Plant lovers brave dreary conditions to support Master Gardeners



More than 250 happy gardeners visited the Master Gardeners' annual plant sale to purchase plants, prompting the group to thank the community for its support. All proceeds are re-invested in the community in the form of scholarships, donations to nonprofits, support of Native Community Gardens, school gardens and programs, STEP garden, Landmark gardens, Learning Garden, Seed Library, Books, Blooms and Bugs Library garden, and farmers market programs as well as other community programs.

(Above) Members of the Patrick County Master Gardeners celebrate a successful annual plantsale. Visit the group's Facebook page or email mgpcva@gmail.com for more information and to learn about upcoming programs. (Contributed photos)



Excited gardeners lined up in the fog at the start of what was to become a successful 2023 Master Gardener Plant Sale.

## Thirty-one local students sign on 10th annual NC3 National Signing Day

Patrick & Henry Community College hosted the 10th annual National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3) National CTE Letter of Intent signing day on Thursday, April 20.

Nineteen students from Henry County Public Schools and Martinsville City Public Schools signed letters of intent at P&H-CC's MET Complex on Thursday morning. These students will go on to pursue additional training and careers in the fields of CADD, Industrial Electronics Technology, Motorsports Technology, Power Line Service, Residential/Commercial/Industrial Electricity, and Welding.

Twelve students from Patrick County Public Schools signed letters of intent at P&HCC's Patrick County site. These students will go on to pursue additional training and careers in the fields of Industrial Electronics Technology and Welding.

Prior to signing their letters of intent, students heard words of motivation and encouragement from Brandon Johnson, HCPS coach and assistant principal (MET location) and Sean Adkins, Patrick County director of economic development (PC site). NC3 representative Jeremiah Pauly and P&H-CC president Dr. Greg Hodges congratulated students on their commitment to the future.

Regional employers were available at both events to discuss career opportunities with their companies.



Patrick County are (first row, left to right) Tristian Hardy, Isaac Atchley, William Creston McAlister, Osiel Gutierrez-Vargas, Andrew Rakes; (second row, left to right) Samuel Hubbard, Tyler Stowe-Holt, Xavien Taylor, Christian Fain, George Stovall, Isaac Wood, Paulo Hernandez.



Pictured from Henry County are (first row, left to right) Hunter Spencer, Isaac McKissick, Ja'Qwan Thomas, Jose Sanchez, Nolbert Luviano-Bustos, Hunter Amos, Chris Compton, Hunter Brown; (second row, left to right) Braydon Pruitt, Russell Daniel, Jr., Holden Draper, Deshawn Watkins, Alex McIntosh, Lane Deatherage, Jonathan Jimenez-Chavez.



Pictured from Martinsville are (left to right) Schools Superintendent Dr. Zeb Talley, Avontaye McKenzie, Marcel Breedlove Jr., Jakel Brim, Jayden Fitzgerald, MHS principal Aji Dixon.

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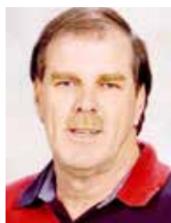
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## Gathering in the Gap music festival announces star-studded main stage lineup



Gathering in the Gap

The Gathering in the Gap Music Festival at the Southwest Virginia Museum Historical State Park is a celebration of the rich tradition of old-time, Americana and bluegrass music found in Southwest Virginia. This year's festival, which coincides with the park's 75th anniversary, will be held on Saturday, May 27, on the park's grounds.

Gathering in the Gap offers a one-of-a-kind evening of performances by Grammy award-winning artist Rhonda Vincent, who was crowned the New Queen of Bluegrass by the Wall Street Journal and recently won IBMA Female Vocalist of the Year.

Also featured on the main stage are well-known cellist, pianist and composer Dave Eggar and IBMA Momentum Band of the Year — the Stillhouse Junkies.

In addition to the main stage performances, Gathering in the Gap will include a dedication ceremony for the Southwest Virginia Walk of Fame; a songwriting competition; musical competitions; music jams; a book signing with New York Times bestselling author Adriana Trigiani; a children's area; the Gathering Place Beer and Wine Garden; antique, food and craft vendors; the Stitch in Time Quilt Show and a special 75th-anniversary exhibit.

Please note, tickets are required to attend the Adriana Trigiani book signing; they will be available beginning May 5 at [gatheringinthegap.org](http://gatheringinthegap.org). There is no charge for the tickets, but a limited number will be available.

For additional information about Gathering in the Gap and to purchase festival tickets, go to [gatheringinthegap.org](http://gatheringinthegap.org), call 276-523-1322 or stop by Southwest Virginia Museum Historical State Park during regular operating hours.



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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.

Contact Matt Gallimore, Broker & Auctioneer at 540-239-2585 or gallimore.matt@gmail.com or Contact Realtor Jason Underwood at 540-230-9516 or underwoodlandman@gmail.com

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#### PENDING

Pre-Auction Offer Accepted  
Ends Thursday, May 4th at 4 PM

Large Wooded Land Tract for Auction!  
TBD Slaughter Dr., Axton, VA 24054

111.98 +/- acres of prime wooded hunting land in Henry County VA.  
Located near Martinsville VA and Danville VA

#### SOLD!

Pre-Auction Offer Accepted  
Ends Thursday April 6th @ 4 PM

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

Beautiful +/- 65.79 acre recreational property available for sale at auction.  
This property is located in the Woolwine Community of Patrick County VA, situated between the towns of Stuart and Floyd VA.

#### SOLD!

Ended Thursday, February 23rd @ 4 PM  
Creek Front Land for Sale in Franklin County VA!

TBD Truevine Rd, Penhook, VA 24137  
This property features 30.29 acres in Penhook VA. The property has approximately 2000' of frontage on Snow Creek and is mostly wooded with a small cleared area.

#### SOLD!

Ended Wednesday, March 8th @ 4 PM  
Affordable Land for Sale in Bassett VA!

TBD Warehouse St. Bassett VA 24055  
This property features 57.09 acres of wooded land. It is located close to the Smith River and Philpott Lake.



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