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Charles Vivier said he and about 25 others were moved from Patrick County to Carroll County because of Geographical Informational System (GIS) mapping.

## Board schedules two public hearings

**By Taylor Boyd**

The Patrick County Board of Supervisors determined at a recent meeting to hold two public hearings on June 12 - one is a proposal to amend the county's solar ordinances and the second concerns proposed changes to the county's comprehensive plan regarding Land Use.

The hearings begin at 6 p.m.

"With regards to that particular solar ordinance, there was a tactical decision made on my part, frankly, to allow the ordinance to be adopted as it was presented given the extreme amount of effort put into it prior to our (Guynn, Waddell, Carroll & Lockaby, P.C.) appointment as county attorney," County Attorney Mark Popovich said.

Because there was an understanding that a solar facility was on the cusp of submitting an application, Popovich said he felt it was important to have an ordinance in place.

"Whether it was legally sufficient or not to at least have a stopgap measure (and) to have the ability to have a discussion with that solar organization," he said an ordinance was needed.

"As it turns out, the imminent threat of an application wasn't as imminent as I had understood it to be," Popovich said and added that the Virginia Code section cited in the original ordinance specifically speaks to regulating solar facilities based on a zoning ordinance.

"Patrick County does not have zoning, so therefore it is not applicable in this particular instance," he said.

Popovich said there is an option for the board to consider solar companies based on whether or not they comply with the county's comprehensive plan.

In other matters, the board:

\*Heard from Charles (See Board p. 5A)

## Judge, prosecutor appointed as Hazlewood prepares to step down

**By Taylor Boyd**

Patrick County Circuit Court Clerk Sherri Hazlewood submitted her resignation as a petition seeking her removal from office moves forward with a judge and a special prosecutor appointed to the case.

According to Hazlewood's criminal defense attorney Ward Armstrong, of the Armstrong Law Firm in Martinsville, Hazlewood submitted her letter of resignation. It is effective July 1.

A petition to remove Hazlewood from her role was filed in Patrick County Circuit Court on April 14.

Phillip L. Hairston, a retired judge from the 13th Judicial Circuit, will preside over the case.

Pulaski County Commonwealth's Attorney Justin Griffith will serve as the special prosecutor.

The petition, which includes at least 545 signatures, alleges Hazlewood "has presented an unwell mental state during the 2022 year, directly affecting the office and county," and "has neglected numerous duties pertaining to the job of Clerk over the 2022 years resulting in copious orders not being filed and/or filed correctly."

The petition alleges Hazlewood has "had high absenteeism and has been out of the office for extended periods during the 2022 year. She has been negligent in her duties as Clerk and did not arrange any replacement for those duties during her incarcerations."

Virginia law states in part an elected official can be removed "for neglect of duty, misuse of office, or incompetence in the performance of duties when that neglect of duty, misuse of office, or incompetence has a material adverse effect upon the conduct of the office."

Patrick County Commonwealth's Attorney Dayna Kendrick Bobbitt said because Hazlewood is a local official, a special prosecutor was needed to handle the case. The special prosecutor would not receive additional compensation for services, but may receive reimbursement for "actual expenses incurred, as approved by the Compensation Board to be paid by the Compensation Board, provided such expenses are not otherwise reimbursed by the county or city which he is elected or appointed to serve or by the Compensation Board."

Typically, when a special prosecutor is needed for any case, the Commonwealth Attorney's Office begins by calling neighboring jurisdictions to ask whether they can handle the matter, Bobbitt said.

Before Griffith agreed to handle the case, Bobbitt said, "We have asked multiple neighboring jurisdictions to handle this removal proceeding, but all have declined for various reasons."

The length of the removal process is unknown due to various factors.

"From speaking with other prosecutors who have handled removal petitions in other jurisdictions, the process can take anywhere from months to years, but it is very rarely a quick process," Bobbitt said.

Additionally, Virginia law states that "any officer proceeded against shall have the right to demand a trial by jury. Therefore, Ms. Hazlewood has the right to demand a jury trial for the removal proceeding," Bobbitt said.

Bobbitt said that if Hazlewood is the prevailing party in that suit, the county could be responsible for legal fees incurred during the removal process. "Of course, this is ultimately up to the judge," she added.

The petition also cited Hazlewood's four arrests in 2022 as a reason for her removal.

Hazlewood, 54, of Claudeville, was arrested on Dec. 14 with intoxication in public in Rocky Mount.

She was also charged on Nov. 5 with one count each of breaking and entering, and destruction of property (See Judge p. 5A)



Pulaski County Commonwealth's Attorney Justin Griffith.

## Single mom weighs options after a sudden loss of childcare



Amanda Hylton learned last week she would no longer have childcare for her youngsters, Khalani and Keziah.

**By Debbie Hall**

The sudden loss of childcare and lack of options has created a crisis for Amanda Hylton.

A Patrick County native and a single mother, Hylton has lived in more populated areas of Virginia like Hampton Roads. She returned to the Stuart area because her older children wanted to attend Patrick County High School. Her eldest daughter, Maddy, will graduate later this week. Her eldest son, Caleb, is a previous PCHS graduate.

But Hylton's younger children, Keziah and Khalani, may not have that opportunity.

Hylton is a special education teacher in the Henry County School division. She accepted a job in that division because she thought there would be more children options available.

Her younger children had both been attending daycare in Henry County since they were 3 months old, Hylton said. Keziah is now 2 and a half years old, and Khalani just celebrated her first birthday.

Both have food allergies which require that each have an EpiPen to treat serious allergic reactions.

Recently, Hylton said she received an email from the childcare provider, noting the childcare agency's handbook stated medication could not be administered to youngsters in the facility. Upon learning that, Hylton said she emailed the director of the facility to determine whether the EpiPen and Benadryl "fell under that category."

"I was told, 'Yes,'" Hylton said,

adding that she also learned the childcare providers working in the facility lacked Medication Administration Training (MAT) certification. As a result, the facility was not allowed to store medication or administer it - even in a life-threatening situation.

"I said, 'You never told me that'" when Hylton registered her children to attend or gave the facility a copy of the children's Food Allergy Care Plan.

She explained the plan is a document created by an allergy specialist for those at risk of suffering anaphylaxis, a life-threatening allergic reaction that typically occurs shortly after exposure to allergic substances.

MAT certification is not expensive, nor is it required for every worker in a facility, she said, adding she does not know why caregivers aren't required to be certified.

"It's kind of like getting CPR certified," she said.

Regardless, last week "basically, I was left with the option of dropping my children off without their EpiPen and Benadryl or I don't go to work," Hylton said.

She chose the second option and spent the entire next day calling various childcare centers in and around Henry and (See Childcare p. 5A)

## Class of 2023 to walk during ceremony Friday

Patrick County High School's (PCHS's) Class of 2023 will graduate on Friday, May 19 at 7 p.m.

Graduation will be held on the PCHS football field.

Seniors should arrive by 5 p.m. The gates will open at 5:30 p.m.

Each senior received two gold tickets for football field seating. No ticket is required for general seating in the stands.

The ceremony will be moved to the gymnasium in the event of rain.

Those needing help with handicap parking, or those who need additional information, should contact PCHS Administration Assistant Tabitha Stanley at (276) 694-7137 ext. 3001.

## Annual Strawberry Fest set for Saturday

Main Street is the site of the Town of Stuart's 20th annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, May 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In addition to numerous vendors, Town Coordinator Billy Gammons said Mabe's Berry Farm will be onsite with their strawberries and inflatables will be available for children to play.

So far, 74 vendors have registered to set up at the event, and more are expected.

"We'll actually have people that show up that haven't registered, Gammons said. "We always have a few."

Interested vendors should call the town office to register.

Gammons said music will also be played throughout the event.

"Starting at 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., is Marcie Horne, and from 12 to 1:45 p.m. is Jordan T. Morrison & The Foothill Boys," he said. Powerhouse Fallz will perform from 2-3:30 p.m.

For more information, call (276) 694-3811.



Tourism Talks

Greetings, Patrick:

Wow! Time has flown by. We wrapped up a week of celebration at the visitors center for National Vacation and Tourism Week. Several people stopped in and “spun the wheel.” Sue Kolljeski donated a cake and shared it with those who stopped by. Thanks to all that came in and won some prizes.

Just in case you missed it. Tourism received a grant from the Virginia Tourism Cooperation in the amount of \$5,500. We are continuing our efforts to establish a Moonshine Heritage Trail in cooperation with Floyd and Franklin county tourism agencies. The West Piedmont Commission is assisting us, and we have sent out several Requests for Proposals for the 1st phase, which is our brand-



ing. More to come on this.

Festival Season is in full swing, and we have had the opportunity to showcase Patrick County at the Pilot Mountain Outdoor Expo and Merlefest, which over 500 people stopped by the booth at both events.

We are getting the word, and a big thank you to all our lodging entities spread throughout our county. They house our tourists during their overnight

stays and are vital to the tourist industry.

See us at the Visitor Center and get information on things you and our tourists can do for fun and adventure. Also, remember to tell them, “Come Get Lost and Find Yourself Here.”

Let’s ‘talk’ again next week!

**James Houchins,**  
*Director of Tourism*

Blue Ridge Heritage hosts 8th Veterans Fishing Event

Blue Ridge Heritage (BRH) 8th Veterans Fishing Day at the BRH Education Center, in Floyd, on May 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

BRH is a community-based organization located in the Patrick/Floyd County area of southwestern Virginia. A private pond is stocked with nice size trout any veteran and a guest are invited to fish on a "catch and keep" basis. A Virginia fishing license is not required on the private pond.

Veterans are welcome to “Find Yourself Here” while

throwing their line in for recently stocked Rainbow Trout, enjoying friends and sharing a lunch served by the Patrick County High School Fishing Team. Members from Smith River Trout Unlimited Chapter will be on-site to assist.

If you are a veteran, bring your tackle, your bait, and your chair and join us on Saturday, May 20, at 9 a.m. (No fishing before 9 a.m.)

The event will be held rain or shine and is located at 902 Rock Castle Gorge Road (Rt. 720) Google maps @ Google

Maps. This location is just off the Blue Ridge Parkway (BRP) near Mile Marker 170.5. GPS for where to turn off of the Blue Ridge Parkway (BRP) at Mile Marker 170.5 (GPS 36.803236, -80.368699) BRP Mile Marker 170.5 is North of Meadows of Dan and South of the intersection of Rt. 8 and the BRP; This is Rock Castle Gorge Road (Rt. 720); Take the first left onto a gravel parking area that is the entrance of the former Floyd Fest site, take a left off of the gravel area and travel down the lane to the farmhouse and stocked trout pond.

Blue Ridge Heritage is a non-profit dedicated to promoting education and economic development through place-based programs related to the natural and cultural heritage of the Blue Ridge in Southwestern Virginia’s Bi-County area of Floyd and Patrick Counties during the 20th Century.

Chamber Chat

By Rebecca Adcock

Celebrate your wins, even your smallest of victories. This is the fuel to continue moving forward.

April was a great month to be in Patrick County. Reinvestment by our local community groups and individuals who helped clean up the county during the Pick Up Patrick campaign was awesome to see. We had over twenty groups help. Drawings for the group winners occurred early this week, and we will be making an announcement soon. Congratulations again to Grace Helms and Aaliyah Reynolds for winning our poster contest. And thank you to everyone who participated in our Shreds, Meds, and Treads events on April 22nd. We shredded, disposed, and recycled lots of paper, medications, and tires. If we all do our part by properly disposing of our trash as well as properly securing it as we take it to the transfer station, Patrick County will be a cleaner and better place.

The Chamber helped Appalachian Title celebrate 20 years in business. That is no small feat for small business in rural America. We also attended the CTE signing day at P&HCC. The students who signed their letters of intent to attend P&HCC and enroll in industrial trades or advanced manufacturing is a great

(See Chat p. 5A)



Pets of the Week



Lots of youngsters looking for a home. The two sisters Pearl and Trixie are just 8 months old. Their owner is elderly and concerned they are just too rambunctious. They are both spayed and ready for a new family.

This adorable male pup who is looking so sad but sitting so pretty really wants a home.

Please check out all the dogs and cats on the Patrick County Public Animal Shelter (PCPAS) Facebook page or call the shelter at (276) 694-6259 for more information. Adoption fees are \$10 and include spay/neuter and rabies vaccination.

Honoring those who served

To honor veterans buried in Patrick County on Memorial Day, American Legion Post 105 in Stuart and The Enterprise are once again partnering to provide free cemetery flags.

Supplies are limited. Flags will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis through May 26. Call (276) 694-3101 or stop by The Enterprise office, located at 129 N. Main St., Stuart.

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# Board hears budget breakdown

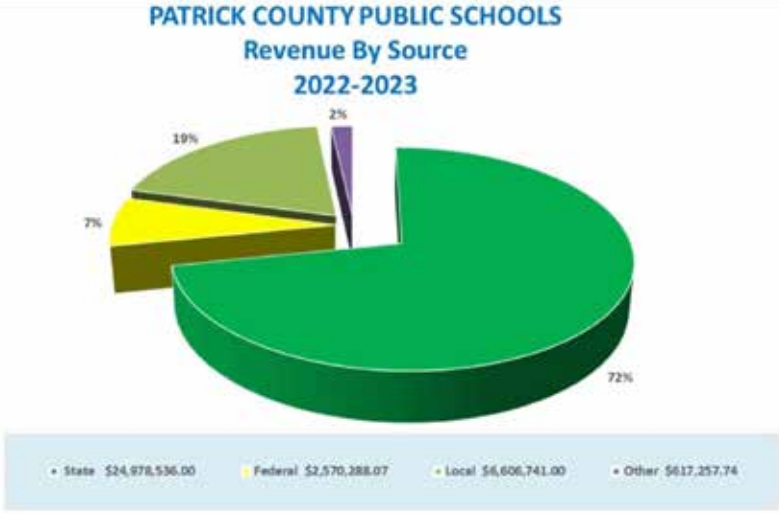
**By Taylor Boyd**  
Schools Superintendent Jason Wood presented a budget breakdown at the May 11 meeting of the Patrick County School Board.

Wood said the update was due to questions regarding the budget process.

“We’re still waiting on a state budget, so we are preparing to send out contracts now with your approval tonight. So, our teachers and staff and everyone will receive contracts next week,” he said.



The Patrick County School Board heard a breakdown of the budget on May 11.



Schools Superintendent Jason Wood said only 19 percent, or \$6.6 million, of the division’s funds come from the county.

For the fiscal year 2022-23, Wood said 72 percent of the division’s revenue came from the state. Patrick County gives about 19 percent, or \$6.6 million, with the federal government giving seven percent, and grants making up the remaining two percent.

“There’s always the question about this time of how we are spending our money, and I just want to reassure everyone we follow the VSBA (Virginia School board Association) spending guidelines. Our budget this year, just like we’ll

(See Breakdown p. 5A)

## WPPD awarded more than \$8 million for broadband upgrades

The West Piedmont Planning District, which serves Henry, Patrick, Franklin and Pittsylvania counties and the cities of Martinsville and Danville, was awarded a more than \$8 million grant from the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI).

The award was among the more than \$59.5 million VATI grants for 14 projects serving 20 localities throughout Virginia. The VATI program provides targeted funding to extend service to areas that are presently underserved by any broadband provider.

“In today’s increasingly digital world, having access to high-speed broadband is no longer a luxury, it is necessary in order to fully participate in daily life,” Gov. Glenn Youngkin said when announcing the awards. “These investments will allow us to reach underserved communities, grow Virginia’s economy and close the digital divide across the Commonwealth.”

VATI’s goal is to create strong, competitive communities throughout the Commonwealth by preparing those communities to build, utilize, and capitalize on telecommunications infrastructure. This year’s funding leverages more than \$118.6 million in local and private sector matching funds.

“Closing the digital divide is paramount to growing Virginia’s economy, supporting businesses and ensuring that all Virginians have the resources they need to thrive,” said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Caren Merrick. “These investments will connect over 29,400 homes, businesses and community anchors, making critical strides toward achieving universal broadband in Virginia.”

The Department of Housing and Community Development administers the VATI program, which provides targeted financial assistance to extend broadband service to areas that are currently unserved by a provider. Projects were selected through a competitive process that evaluated each project for demonstrated need and benefit for the community, applicant readiness and capacity, and the cost and leverage of the proposed project. The level of funding awarded is based on the infrastructure needs in the project area.

In this application year, VATI received 35 applications requesting more than \$300 million in funding. Since 2017, Virginia has invested more than \$798.7 million to connect over 358,000 homes, businesses and community anchors within 84 localities.

## Manufacturing Sector Leads Initial Unemployment Claims

The number of initial claims rose in the latest filing week to 3,336, their highest level since December of 2021 but still at typical pre-Pandemic volumes experienced in 2019, according to data from the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC).

For the filing week ending May 6, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims in Virginia was 3,336, which was an increase of 602 claimants from the previous week. Over half of initial claims with a self-reported industry were from manufacturing; administrative and support and waste management; professional, scientific, and technical services; and retail trade. Continued weeks claimed totaled 12,769, which was little changed from the previous week but an increase of 70% from the 7,509 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 May 6, the advance U.S. figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 264,000, an increase of 22,000 from the previous week’s unrevised level of 242,000. This is the highest level for initial claims since October 30, 2021 when it was 264,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 234,084 in the week ending May 6, an increase of 13,969 (or 6.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 185,815 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022. Looking at preliminary data, most U.S. states reported increases on a seasonally unadjusted basis. Massachusetts’s preliminary weekly change (+6,375) was the largest increase. California’s weekly change (+2,924) was the second largest increase. Missouri’s preliminary weekly change (+2,447) was the third largest increase. Texas’s weekly change (+1,471) was the fourth largest increase. Virginia’s preliminary weekly change (+722) was the ninth largest increase.

## Remember the fallen during National Police Week

The Patrick County Sheriff’s Office is asking all citizens to take a moment this week to remember the more than 22,000 American law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty.

“Violence and mayhem would reign supreme, and our society would fail to exist without our law enforcement officers,” Sheriff Dan Smith said in a Monday news release.

National Peace Officer Memorial Day was on Monday, May 15, to kick off National Police Week.

“This is a dangerous profession, particularly with rural officers like ours in Patrick County, who arrive at most calls alone,” Smith said, and recalled a sad day in 2011,

when four Buchanan County, Virginia, sheriff’s deputies were shot. Two were killed, and one was paralyzed.

“This was the deadliest day in modern history for Virginia law enforcement, and it happened in a county very similar to ours,” the sheriff stated.

Smith says the profession has been crippled severely in the years since, and has struggled to recover. “Bad apples in our profession, coupled with an anti-police sentiment and low pay, have caused irreparable damage in being able to recruit and retain sworn employees,” Smith said.

His office alone has lost 42 deputies since March 2019, or 73 percent of his sworn

staff. Smith said that his office struggles to stay competitive in pay compared to other agencies in our region.

“Every job has a price tag, and ours has gone up,” he said, adding “the risk is not worth the reward for many who do consider joining a law enforcement agency.

“I want everyone, especially our youth, to know that this is an honorable and noble profession, it always has been. Don’t let anyone tell you any differently,” the sheriff said.

The names of the more than 22,000 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty are engraved on the wall at the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial in Washington, D.C.

# Arrests reported

The Patrick County Sheriff’s Office reported the following:

\*Teresa Lynette O’Neal, 48, of Rocky Mount, was charged May 7 with one count each drive motor vehicle with license revoked/suspended, reckless driving, and drive while intoxicated. Deputy R. Haynes was the arresting officer.

\*Norman Ray Johnson, 55, of Axton, was charged May 9 with fail to appear. Deputy M.T. Rorrer was the arresting officer.

\*Zachary James Denny, 27, of Stuart, was charged May 10 with assault and battery. Sgt. C.A. Frick was the arresting officer.

## Proposal would attract private investment to rural areas

A bipartisan group of senators has reintroduced the Rural Jobs Act. The proposed legislation would build on the success of the New Market Tax Credit (NMTC) by bringing hundreds of millions of dollars in private investment to some of the most disadvantaged rural communities in America.

“New Market Tax Credits have proven to be an economic engine for local communities, but too often rural areas are left out of these initiatives,” said U.S. Sen. Mark Warner, D-Alexandria.

The NMTC provides a modest tax incentive to private investors to invest in low-income communities. The programs’ projects have spurred over \$42 billion in private investment and generated over one million jobs since 2000, but less than one in four NMTC jobs have been created in rural communities.

The Rural Jobs Act would designate \$500 million in NMTC investments for “Rural Job Zones.” These zones are low-income communities that have a population smaller than 50,000 inhabitants and are not adjacent to an urban area. Under the new definition, Rural Job Zones would be established in 342 out of the 435 congressional districts across the country.

The bill would also require that at least 25 percent of this new investment activity be devoted to counties with persistently high rates of poverty and migration. There are approximately 400 counties in the United States facing persistent poverty.

“I’m glad to introduce this legislation to bridge that gap and ensure that rural areas receive the same opportunities that have created good-paying jobs in cities across the country,” said Warner - the single democrat in the group that also included U.S. Sens. Roger Wick-er, R-Miss., Jerry Moran, R-Kan., and Mike Braun, R-Ind.

## Active Shooter Response Training Program is open to first responders, civilians

The Criminal Justice Services Board awarded \$2.4 million for statewide Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERT) as a component of the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Active Attack Program, which educates first responders and civilians on responding to active shooter emergencies.

ALEERT embraces a community approach by providing consistent, evidence-based training to all law enforcement agencies and civilians to neutralize and survive attacks. All law enforcement agencies, private and public learning institutions, and faith-based organizations are eligible to register for in-person trainings that are hosted statewide, or virtual course offerings.

The comprehensive approach to emergency response and recovery reinforces the fact that public safety responders are one part of the nation’s emergency management team and civilians can support response efforts when properly equipped with knowledge on what to do in active attack scenarios. The ALERRT program was named the National Standard in Active Shooter Response Training by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

The approved funding will provide DCJS \$1.55 million for one-time equipment acquisitions and three years of annual funding at \$288,000 per year. This funding supports 16 law enforcement courses and 48 civilian courses annually.

The “announcement demonstrates the Commonwealth’s renewed commitment to ensuring Virginians and first responders are able to enroll in best-in-class courses that equip them with the skills they need to best respond to active attack events,” said Gov. Glenn Youngkin. “This program will build a culture of preparedness by increasing consistent and coordinated first responder training and civilian education.”

DCJS plans to offer a number of different law enforcement active attack courses to law enforcement agencies across the Commonwealth, civilian courses and webinars, as well as develop an age-appropriate eLearning series for K-12 students on personal safety.

More information on the ALERRT program including upcoming courses offered is available at <https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/virginia-center-school-and-campus-safety/active-attack-program>.



# Patrick among localities to receive Virginia Tourism Corporation Grant for Tourism Marketing

Gov. Glenn Youngkin announced that Patrick County Tourism received \$5500.00 from the Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC) Marketing Leverage Program (MLP). In total, VTC awarded more than \$3.2 million for 236 local and regional tourism marketing programs across the state to help increase visitation and revenue for Virginia’s localities through tourism.

Patrick County received a \$5,500 grant for Moonshine Heritage Trail. Patrick County partnered with Floyd County and Franklin County to supply \$5,500 in matching funds. The three counties are working with Olivia Garrett, Regional Programs Specialist of the West Piedmont Planning District Commission, in their efforts.

“The Moonshine Heritage Trail will help tell the stories from our collective past. From legal distilleries before prohibition to the midnight industry that spawned during it. The three counties involved in this first phase of the project were vital in making legal and illegal Moonshine. However, as we gather more stories and the documented history of then and now, we envision the expansion to our neighbors that border our counties to grow into all of Southwest Virginia and the entire state. This is a significant step forward as we begin phase 1 of our project. We want to capture the history and highlight some notable places along a designated path to help drive tourism to our localities. I am excited about this grant and the establishment of this trial,” said James Houchins, Director of Tourism for Patrick County.

Kevin Tosh, Franklin County Director of Tourism and Marketing, said, “As a county, we are excited to partner with Patrick and Floyd County to bring a longstanding desire of our community to life. The moonshine industry in Franklin County continues to span generations and bring economic benefits to our community. The heritage trail will shed light on the authentic people, places, and stories of the spirit distillation industry in our region.”

“By working with our neighboring counties, we can showcase the rich history and culture

of the region while also benefiting our communities economically. Together, we can create a unique and memorable experience for visitors while preserving and celebrating our shared moonshine heritage,” said Kathleen Legg, Director of Tourism for Floyd County

Using the hub and spoke tourism partnership model, Virginia entities partner to apply for funding. Partners may consist of Virginia cities, towns, counties, convention, and visitors’ bureaus, chambers of commerce, other local or regional destination marketing organizations, private businesses, museums, attractions, cultural events, and other tourism-related businesses. “VTC’s tourism marketing and sponsorship programs are designed to increase visitor spending by leveraging limited marketing dollars, to stimulate new tourism marketing through partnerships, and to extend the “Virginia is for Lovers” brand to drive visitation,” said Rita McClenny, VTC President and CEO.

More information on VTC’s Marketing Leverage and Regional Marketing Programs can be found at [vatc.org/grants](http://vatc.org/grants).

“VTC’s marketing and sponsorship programs are powerful incentives creating tourism partnerships across Virginia that are a robust part of Virginia’s economic ecosystem,” said Youngkin. “From first-time applicants like Foxfield Races and Paradise Springs Winery to large music festivals in Hampton Roads and Southwest Virginia driving inbound overnight visitation, these programs show that tourism and tourism partnerships help Virginia’s vibrant communities grow and thrive.”

“Driving inbound out-of-state overnight visitation is a key economic strategy and the VTC grant, and sponsorship programs help create unique partnerships that have tangible economic impacts across Virginia,” said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Caren Merrick. “Many of these programs also support regional marketing initiatives designed to encourage Virginians to explore their own state.”

For more information on Patrick County, visit [www.visitpatrickcounty.org](http://www.visitpatrickcounty.org).

# 2023 Mercy Award Winner Named

Jaime Warren, our community. She goes above and beyond each and every day to ensure that every person she encounters receives the highest level of care and compassion.”

Jaime began her career at Twin County as a CNA at the age of 17. After obtaining her registered nurse license, she worked several more years in the Med/Surg and Emergency Department, all while continuing her education to become a Nurse Practitioner. Since she began her career with TCRH, Jaime has worked tirelessly to ensure every patient has their medical, physical and emotional needs met.

Jaime’s contributions to the hospital community are many. She serves a youth leader in her church and is a mother of two young sons.

Each facility winner, including Jaime, will be considered for Lifepoint’s 2023 companywide Mercy Award. The companywide winner will be announced this summer and honored during a ceremony in Nashville, Tenn., in August.

Jaime Warren, Nurse Practitioner, was recognized as Twin County Regional Healthcare’s 2023 Mercy Award winner. The Mercy Award recognizes one employee from each of Lifepoint Health’s facilities who profoundly touches the lives of others and best represents the spirit and values on which the company was founded.

The Mercy Award is an annual recognition program that honors the life and contributions of Scott Mercy, Lifepoint’s founding chairman and chief executive officer. The award is considered the highest honor a Lifepoint employee can receive.

“At Twin County Regional Healthcare, we share Lifepoint’s commitment to making communities healthier, and we recognize this is supported by the good work and service of our employees on and off the job,” said Mark Nichols, interim CEO of Twin County Regional Healthcare. “We are extremely proud to recognize Jaime for her efforts on behalf of our patients and

# Boost your bottom line with cover crops

The Patrick County Soil & Water Conservation District can help you qualify for funds that decrease the cost of planting cover crops on your farm, which can boost your bottom line by increasing moisture retention and drought resistance, reducing soil erosion caused by wind and water and improving soil structure and tilth.

Funds come from the Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share Program, which is carried out by conservation districts and administered by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Planting a system of continuous, year-round cover reduces the nonpoint source pollution by slowing runoff and taking up excess nitrogen that otherwise would leach into the water table. Cover crops also prevent soil erosion caused by wind and rain. Choosing the right cover for your crop rotation is important. Planting early in the season generally produces the best economic and environmental results. No-till practices further enhance cover crop benefits by allowing biomass to accumulate and enrich the soil.

The Virginia Cost-Share reimburses for small grain cover crop planted for nutrient and residue management. This is the most popular best management practice related to cover crops. Participating farmers can qualify also for early planting and/or for rye cultivars.

Cover crop cost-share rates change annually. Additional bottom-line benefits depend on the type of cover you plant and your soil conditions. District staff can help you identify the cover crop practice that best fits your operation.

Please contact the Patrick County Soil and Water Conservation District office which serves Patrick County at (276) 694-2911 or stop by the office at 104 Via Avenue, Stuart, Virginia 24171. The district can help you apply for many different cost-share funding programs to help you implement cover crop best management practices.

# First half of real estate taxes due June 5

June 5 is the due date for the first half of the 2023 Real Estate Taxes.

If you have not received your statement, contact the Treasurer’s Office immediately.

A 10% penalty is added to the first half unpaid taxes on Tuesday, June 6 and 10% per annum interest begins to accrue on the unpaid tax plus penalty 26 days after the due date.

Payments are honored if postmarked by the post office June 5.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Blood Drive results

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On behalf of the Patrick County      attended and supported this event.

*Gene Stirewalt,  
Stuart*

Our first Patrick County Has Talent contest was on April 22. It was a big success due to our sponsors:

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

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Our first Patrick County Has Talent contest was on April 22. It was a big success due to our sponsors:

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The contestants were Andres Marcos, Louise Hall, David Michaels, Cara Hughes, Cedar Wade, Evan Hughes, The Lower Dam Band, Dana DeHart and Karen Collins, Kenny Foltz, Miller Hopkins, Braedon Augustine, Charles Bowman, William Foltz, Sheyan Lester, Logan Brown and Eddie Goins, Denny Alley, Karen Wood, Meredith Wood, Raine Davis. Pres-

(Washington Post, Cultural Re-

\*Christians, who believe the Bible is unambiguous in its teaching

*Sally Smith,  
Stuart*

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**The Effect of the Proposed Method on the Error of the Solution**

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and respect. In 1921 or 1922, a Presbyterian Minister, Mr. Roy Smith, began having preaching services in the Mayberry School, as the Brethren were doing once monthly, and Baptist had done with Mr. Billy Shelor as preacher. Soon afterward, Mr. Smith with "Miss Rosa," Miss Marion Talley and a few high school students from Central Academy, organized a Sunday School. Revivals were held and many conversions or professions of faith were made. Soon plans for a church in that community began to develop. When Mayberry Presbyterian Church was organized, one convert, Samuel Cephas Scott, the local merchant, gave the land for its location. Through community efforts and gifts of labor, material, and money from many sources—farmers, teachers, mail carriers, merchants, and perhaps the Presbytery—finally the completed building was dedicated in 1926. Throughout most of the twenties, the group from Central Academy led by "Miss Rosa" used her car for transportation to keep the Sunday School going at Mayberry. Around the mid-twenties, Mr. Smith introduced a younger man, Robert Childress, to this field. He was a moving evangelist who worked tirelessly toward getting the church built, and one who perfectly understood the mountain men. Although Childress came from Richmond to Mayberry about every other Sunday, except in the most severe weather, the cadre from Central Academy kept the Sunday School going while he was absent. Another summer, Miss Marion Talley and "Miss Rosa" spent several weeks assisting Mr. Childress with revivals at Mayberry, Free Union, and Buffalo Mountain."



# Local youngster completes Trout Slam Challenge



Kipton Vipperman, 8, completed the Virginia Trout Slam challenge at the Mayo River on April 8 during Kids Trout Fishing Day. He caught all three species - Brook Trout, Rainbow Trout, and Brown Trout in the same day to earn the award from the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources.



Trout Slam is a challenge to anglers to catch all three species of trout all in the same day. Both stocked fish and wild fish of any size count toward the slam, but catching all three in a wild trout stream is the ultimate trifecta. Chasing the slam not only offers a new challenge to anglers, but it also promotes some lesser known trout fisheries. (Contributed photos)

# Cougar Wrestling Team Members Receive National Wrestling Coaches Association, Marine Corp Awards



Front Row, left to right, Ben Knight, Jaun Pablo Gutierrez, Trent Alexander, Jackson Iacovone; Back Row; LTR: Tristan Hardy, Xavier Torres- Seda, Rawl Mabe, Stephen Spencer, Paul Pascale; Not Pictured: Josiah Spangler, Jay Howard. (Contributed)

The National Wrestling Coaches Association, along with the United States Marine Corp, recognize wrestlers for their leadership, character, and academic scholar at the end of each wrestling season. They give each wrestler that meets certain standards and qualifications a certificate of award. The certificate is for “your academic excellence, outstanding leadership, and character on and off the mat. Marines and wrestlers are warriors who share the same principles. Your academic excellence, fighting spirit, mental toughness, and work ethic are unmatched and are an example to your teammates and student body.”

The Patrick County wrestling team had several wrestlers that received these awards this season. These guys were not only tough on the mat, but many were also tough in the classroom and in the community. In addition to winning back to back Piedmont District Championships, they also take pride in how they carry themselves and setting an example for others to follow. They just keep setting the bar higher and higher each year.

Last year the team had two wrestlers recognized, Josh Wright and Jaheim Johnson, who went on and wrestled at Patrick and Henry Community College.

This year the Cougar wrestling team had a total of 11 wrestlers to receive these prestigious awards: Tristan Hardy, Rawl Mabe, Juan Pablo Gutierrez, and Trent Alexander, received the Character and Leadership All-American Award for their character and leadership. Through the example of hard work on and off the field, they helped lead their team to the first District Championship since 1998 last season and then a repeat District Championship this season, along with a runner-up finish in the Regionals this season.

Xavier Torres-Seda, Stephen Spencer, Josiah Spangler, Paul Pascale, Ben Knight, Jackson Iacovone, Jay Howard, Trent Alexander, and Juan Pablo Gutierrez each received a certificate for academic excellence. To receive this award a student must have finished the fall semester with at least a 3.5 GPA or have an accumulative GPA of at least a 3.5. All of these wrestlers met these criteria, with many having a 4.0 for both current and accumulative GPAs.

“These young men work hard both on and off the field and deserve all they get,” Head Coach Tim Lawson said. “We appreciate and enjoy working with each of them.”

***Gaskins  
named new  
Head Women's  
Basketball Coach  
at P&HCC***



Dennis Gaskins Jr.

Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) Athletic Director and Assistant Vice-President for Student Engagement and Inclusion Brian Henderson announced Dennis Gaskins Jr. was hired as the new P&HCC Head Women's Basketball Coach.

"I want to thank Brian Henderson and all of the athletic department for the tremendous opportunity to join the Patrick & Henry PHamily," said Gaskins. "I am looking forward to bringing excitement and passion back to the women's basketball program. This excitement will only be matched by our passion for building a first-class program, where student-athletes believe in doing things the right way and to the best of their ability." Gaskins grew up in Edward, NC and graduated from Aurora High School. He was considered a standout basketball player, which garnered him a basketball scholarship to Elon University where he was a 4-year starter. "Patrick & Henry Community College athletics is fortunate to attract respected and successful coaches from all over," said Henderson, adding "Extraordinary coaches like Coach Gaskins tend to be extraordinary teachers and leaders for today's student-athletes. His experience as a former NCAA D-1 point guard and history as a program-builder at the high school, prep, and collegiate levels is well documented."

After graduating from Elon, Gaskins spent three seasons coaching high school basketball in Charlotte, NC. Over the next few years, he provided many opportunities for youth by founding and coaching at Carolina Explosion, a travel basketball and volleyball club located in Wake Forest, NC. Prior to coming to Patrick & Henry, Gaskins spent one season at Louisburg College as an assistant coach for the women's basketball team.

“One of my goals is to build great relationships with our student-athletes and the surrounding community,” says Gaskins. “I want our student-athletes to love and have a well-rounded experience here at Patrick & Henry and I am excited to shoulder that responsibility starting this upcoming season.”

Coach Gaskins currently resides in Wake Forest, NC with his wife, Tasha, and 2 children: Camryn and Kendall.

For additional information or to join the P&HCC women's basketball team, visit [www.phccsports.com](http://www.phccsports.com) or contact Brian Henderson at [bhenderson@patrickhenry.edu](mailto:bhenderson@patrickhenry.edu).



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# Opportunistic William Byron scores third win of 2023 at Darlington

**By Reid Spencer  
NASCAR Wire Service**  
William Byron took full advantage of a late on-track incident between Ross Chastain and Kyle Larson to triumph in Sunday’s Goodyear 400 Darlington Raceway and become the first three-time winner in the NASCAR Cup Series this season.

For Byron, the victory was sweet redemption for last season’s spring race at the Lady in Black, where Joey Logano’s bump-and-run denied Byron his first victory at the fabled speedway.

“Yeah, it’s pretty amazing,” said Byron, who earned the 100th victory for the No. 24 team. “My granddad passed away on Thursday, and just, man, I wish my family could be here. Just things have a way of working out, honestly. It just worked out that way today. We didn’t have the best third stage. We just kept battling, and things just kind of come back around.

“Definitely didn’t expect this. But just thankful for a great team, and, yeah, just things have a way of working out, and to come back here to Darlington and have it go exactly the other way.”

It was a Lap 288 crash between Chastain and Larson—while battling for the lead—that gave Byron the opportunity to collect his seventh career victory.

Taking the inside lane, with Larson beside him, Chastain led the field to a restart after an eight-car wreck necessitated the seventh caution on Lap 281. Chastain drove hard into Turn 1, plowed up the track and wrecked both his No. 1 Chevrolet and Larson’s No. 5.

“How does that make any sense, running us into the fence?” Cliff

Daniels, Larson’s crew chief fumed on the team radio. “That’s three races he’s taken us out of—the 1 car—three races he’s taken us out of.”

Chastain took responsibility for the mistake that took him out of the race and relegated Larson to a 20th-place result.

“Full commit into Turn 1,” said Chastain, who finished 29th. “I got really tight and drove up and turned myself. I wanted to squeeze him. I wanted to push him up. We’d been racing back and forth all day. But I definitely didn’t want to turn myself.”

The incident forced overtime, handed the lead to the driver of the No. 24 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet. Byron outran Kevin Harvick in the final two-lap dash.

In a race that included massive wrecks on Laps 194 and 281, Chase Elliott ran third, followed by Brad Keselowski, Bubba Wallace, Harrison Burton, Kyle Busch, Justin Haley, Ryan Blaney and Chris Buescher.

In sharp contrast to the aggressive battling between Chastain and Larson, Harvick, whose No. 4 Ford had sustained front-end damage during the Lap 281 wreck, gave Byron plenty of room after the overtime restart on Lap 294.

“We had a good car all day,” Harvick said. “We just never could get up towards the front in our Sunny Delight Ford Mustang. Struggled in traffic today, but we were really good at the second half of the run and just struggled at the beginning of the run.

“But we had good track position, then had a bad pit stop under green, and then wound up having



William Byron, driver of the #24 Axalta Throwback Chevrolet, celebrates with the trophy after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Goodyear 400 at Darlington Raceway on May 14, 2023 in Darlington, South Carolina. (Photo by Jared C. Tilton/Getty Images)

everything work out there at the end. Didn’t have anything for William. The front is torn up pretty good. But they did a great job and just kind of kept ourselves in the game, and you never know what’s going to happen.”

Pole winner Martin Truex Jr. had the dominant car for the first half of the race. The driver of the No. 19 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota handily won the first stage and led a total of 145 laps, but the handling on Truex’s Camry tightened up during the second stage, allowing Chastain to pass for the lead on Lap 151.

Truex recovered to challenge Chastain for the Stage 2 victory, but on the final lap of the stage, Chastain braked hard behind a lapped car, bounced off the outside wall and sent Truex spinning toward the apron.

Chastain picked up his fifth stage win of the season, but Truex

dropped to 10th, and his car never recovered after the incident. And though Truex gained four spots on pit road after the sixth caution and restarted third on Lap 281, he was part of the massive eight-car wreck that decimated the field in the first two corners.

“When we got into Chastain there at the end of the second stage going for the win in that, it knocked the toe out, so we were tight from there on out,” said Truex, who finished 31st. “Just an unfortunate deal. There was plenty of room there, but he just came off the wall and hit me.

“Like I said, knocked the toe out in the right front. Pretty crappy from there, and then on that restart (Lap 281), I guess I just got real tight and I don’t even know who I squeezed into the wall, but I apologize to them. Probably my fault, just got real tight and couldn’t stay down the track.”

## NASCAR Cup Series Race - Goodyear 400

**Darlington Raceway  
Darlington, South Carolina  
Sunday, May 14, 2023**

- 1. (4) William Byron, Chevrolet, 295.
- 2. (20) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 295.
- 3. (21) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 295.
- 4. (10) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 295.
- 5. (2) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 295.
- 6. (14) Harrison Burton, Ford, 295.
- 7. (12) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 295.
- 8. (22) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 295.
- 9. (11) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 295.
- 10. (27) Chris Buescher, Ford, 295.
- 11. (24) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 295.
- 12. (8) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 295.
- 13. (3) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, 295.
- 14. (16) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 295.
- 15. (32) Ryan Preece, Ford, 295.
- 16. (13) Ty Gibbs #, Toyota, 295.
- 17. (31) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 295.
- 18. (15) Joey Logano, Ford, 295.
- 19. (25) Austin Cindric, Ford, 295.
- 20. (7) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 295.
- 21. (17) Aric Almirola, Ford, 295.
- 22. (9) Tyler Reddick, Toyota, 295.
- 23. (30) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 294.
- 24. (34) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 293.
- 25. (28) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, 293.
- 26. (29) Noah Gragson #, Chevrolet, 293.
- 27. (33) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 293.
- 28. (26) Ryan Newman, Ford, 291.

- 29. (5) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, Accident, 287.
- 30. (23) Josh Berry(i), Chevrolet, 286.
- 31. (1) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, Accident, 280.
- 32. (35) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, Steering, 226.
- 33. (19) Michael McDowell, Ford, Accident, 200.
- 34. (6) Daniel Suarez, Chevrolet, Accident, 199.
- 35. (18) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, Accident, 196.
- 36. (36) Brennan Poole(i), Ford, Transmission, 39.

Average Speed of Race Winner: 118.88 mph.  
Time of Race: 3 Hrs, 23 Mins, 23 Secs.  
Margin of Victory: .781 Sec-onds.  
Caution Flags: 8 for 47 laps.  
Lead Changes: 19 among 8 drivers.

Lap Leaders: M. Truex Jr. 0;B. Wallace 1;M. Truex Jr. 2-138;R. Blaney 139-141;B. Wallace 142;M. Truex Jr. 143-150;R. Chastain 151-189;K. Larson 190-202;R. Chastain 203-247;K. Harvick 248-251;R. Blaney 252;B. Wallace 253;D. Hamlin 254-262;K. Larson 263-276;R. Chastain 277;K. Larson 278-279;R. Chastain 280-287;W. Byron 288-292;K. Harvick 293;W. Byron 294-295.

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led): Martin Truex Jr. 2 times for 145 laps; Ross Chastain 4 times for 93 laps; Kyle Larson 3 times for 29 laps; Denny Hamlin 1 time for 9 laps; William Byron 2 times for 7 laps; Kevin Harvick 2 times for 5 laps; Ryan Blaney 2 times for 4 laps; Bubba Wallace 3 times for 3 laps.  
Stage #1 Top Ten: 19,24,23,1,8,6,47,4,45,20  
Stage #2 Top Ten: 1,8,5,24,6,20,4,12,47,19

## Sports Briefs

By Ashlee Mullis

### Cougar Baseball Finishes Season with Win

The Varsity Baseball Team knocked off Halifax 6-3 at Cougar Field, Wednesday, May 10. Jai Penn started on the mound going 3.1 innings, allowing 4 hits, 2 runs, walking 4, and striking out 4. Stuart Callahan picked up the win in relief going 3.2 innings allowing 3 hits, 1 run, walking 1, and striking out 3. The Cougars were

led at the plate by Tucker Swails and Jackson Horton with 2 hits each. Callahan had a 2-run homer in the 6th and scored 2 runs on the night. Martin Sawyers added a 2 RBI single. The Cougars finished the regular season 17-3. The Cougars will host the 1st round of the Piedmont District Tournament, Tuesday, May 16.

### Holt Throws 100th Strikeout of the Season

McKenzie Holt threw 6 no-hit innings, striking out 11 to surpass 100 strikeouts for the season in the 8-0 win over Gretna, May 8. Kursten Hylton closed out the 7th inning in the win. Journey Moore had 3 hits and Holt had 2. Saman-

tha Harris and Lilly Hazelwood both had doubles. The Cougars lost to Magna Vista 8-5 on Tuesday, May 9. Brylee Pike and Samantha Harris each had 2 hits and Journey Moore pitched 5.2 innings, striking out 6.

### Girls Tennis Finishes Regular Season

The Lady Cougar Tennis Team played Bassett Tuesday, May 9 in the Piedmont District Tournament. The Lady Bengals won 4-1. In singles, Marissa Bentley defeated Taylor Reed 6-4, 6-2, Mia Stowe fell to Hannah Eanes tie break 3-7, 3-6, Madison Mullis fell

to Bailey Dyer tie break 5-7, 3-6, Cecilia Leon-Cisneros fell to Evan Parnell 1-6, 1-6, Katie Vernon fell to Laken Porter 2-6, 0-6, and Shyanne Holt fell to Jenna Meadors 3-6, 1-6. The Cougars finished the season 6-7. They will begin regional play next week.



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**James Carson Ayers**

Mr. James Carson Ayers, age 83, of Stuart, Virginia passed away on May 8, 2023, at the Blue Ridge Nursing Center in Stuart. He was born in Patrick County on March 8, 1940, to the late James Edward Ayers and the late Charlotte Ruth Knight Ayers. Mr. Ayers faithfully served and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army. He drove a dairy milk truck for many years and retired from Shenandoah Pride. James was a member of Peters Creek Baptist Church, was a hard worker, and loved his family dearly. Mr. Ayers will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish the fond memories of James Ayers are his wife, Maybelline Marshall Ayers of the home; one daughter and son-in-law, Michele Arnder (Keith) of Stuart, Virginia; two grandchildren, Jarrod Arnder (Katherine) of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Christian Arnder

of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; one great-grandchild, Lydia Arnder; one sister, Carol Kapp of Rural Hall, North Carolina; and several nieces, nephews, and friends.

A funeral service for Mr. James Ayers will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 2:00 P.M. at Peters Creek Baptist Church with Reverend Terry Ragsdale officiating. The burial will immediately follow the service in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday afternoon. Moody Funeral Home in Stuart is serving the Ayers family, and online condolences may be sent by visiting [www.moodyfuneralservices.com](http://www.moodyfuneralservices.com).

The family of Mr. James Ayers would like to extend their sincere gratitude and appreciation to the staff at the Blue Ridge Nursing Center in Stuart for all of their acts of kindness, care, and love shown to James during his stay.

**Billy Jackson Massey**



Mr. Billy Jackson Massey, age 57, of Stuart, Virginia finished his earthly race on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at his home. He was born in Martinsville, Virginia on May 9, 1966, and was preceded in death by his father, Paul Clarence Massey, and his brother, Steven Grady Massey. Billy was a loving husband, son, brother, dad, and grandpa. He was a hard worker who loved hunting, fishing and being outdoors. He was always willing to help anyone who needed it. Billy will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish the fond memories of Billy Massey are his wife, Hope Ann Hubbard of the home; one son, Dylan Massey (Kristen) of Patrick Springs, Virginia; four grandchildren, Easton Reed Hall, Everleigh Grace Massey, Jackson Lee Massey, and Janson Levi Massey; his loving mother, Mary Frances Moore Massey of Stuart, Virginia;

one brother and sister-in-law, Jeffrey Massey (Ann) of Stuart, Virginia; one sister, Tammy Massey Rorrer of Bassett, Virginia; several nieces and nephews; and many friends.

A funeral service for Billy Massey will be held on Sunday, May 14, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart with Pastor Mark Wright and Pastor Kriss Foley officiating. The burial will follow the service in the Ross Harbour Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends Saturday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Billy Massey Memorial Fund, c/o Moody Funeral Home, P.O. Box 307, Stuart, Virginia 24171. Moody Funeral Home in Stuart is serving the Massey family, and online condolences may be sent by visiting [www.moodyfuneralservices.com](http://www.moodyfuneralservices.com).

**Sentara Healthcare Awards Grant to P&HCC Students**



P&HCC Foundation Executive Director Tiffani Underwood presents Amy Webster, P&HCC Director of Nursing and Allied Health, a check on behalf of Sentara Cares to support qualifying P&HCC healthcare students as they pursue degrees and certifications.

In partnership with Sentara Healthcare's Sentara Cares program, Virginia Foundation for Community College Education (VFCCE) has awarded Patrick & Henry Community College Foundation \$8,850 to provide emergency assistance grants to healthcare students to overcome financial hardships and excel in college. Students must be enrolled in a healthcare or healthcare-related undergraduate or professional degree or certificate or credential program and have demonstrated financial need as determined by the Office of Financial Aid.

"In addition to the usual college tuition and fees, most healthcare programs require additional expenses for uniforms, physical examinations and required immunizations, drug screens, criminal background checks, and specific textbooks and resources. Fees

for these items can be very costly," shared Amy Webster, P&HCC Director of Nursing and Allied Health.

Sentara Cares funding will support program placed students in the associate's degree nursing program, practical nursing program, Paramedic and EMS related pathways, physical therapist assisting, and workforce medical certification training at P&HCC.

"We are pleased to be able to direct these funds to support the expensive textbook requirements for healthcare students. Healthcare has one of the most expensive textbook requirements of any program we have and these funds will help ensure that students are able to continue their work to fill critical positions in our community," said P&HCC Foundation Executive Director Tiffani Underwood.

**Doyle Jordan**



Mr. Doyle Jordan, age 72 of Stuart, Virginia passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his family on Monday, May 8, 2023. He was born in Harlan, Kentucky on February 7, 1951 to the late Bert Jordan, Sr. and Anna Marie Allen Jordan. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Joyce Smith and his father-in-law, John Pendleton. Doyle proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He owned and operated Stop 8 Convenience Store for many years. Anyone that knew Doyle (or just met him), knew he was a huge Kentucky Wildcats fan, avid supporter of Patrick County Athletics, loved helping people, being outdoors at his little cabin, and the joy of his life was his family. He treasured spending time with grandchildren.

Left to cherish the memory of Doyle Jordan are his devoted wife of 40 years, Sarah Pendleton Jordan of the home, three children, Aaron Moore and husband, James of Stuart, Travis Jordan and wife, Stacie of Firestone, Colorado, and Darren Jordan of Stuart; five grandchildren Cole, Delia, Caitlyn, Taylor, and Gabriel; two step-grandchildren, T.J. Moore and Sara Moore;

brothers, Bert Jordan, Jr. of Yukon, Oklahoma, Ronnie Jordan and wife, Rosa Lee of Maynardville, Tennessee; mother-in-law, Ann Pendleton of Stuart; brother-in-law, Jon Pendleton and wife, Angie of Sandy Ridge, North Carolina; sister-in-law, Lynn Wilson and husband, Jonathon of Stuart; special niece, Sydney Wilson; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life service will be held on Friday, June 2, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Minnie's Chapel Wesleyan Church with Pastor Gary Combs officiating. Military rites will be provided by the Patrick County Veterans Memorial Honor Guard. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday evening. The family encourages attendees to "come as you are," as Doyle didn't like dressing up. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Patrick County Football, 215 Cougar Lane, Stuart, VA 24171, please include 'in memory of Doyle Jordan' in the memo line. Moody Funeral Home in Stuart has been entrusted with the arrangements and online condolences may be sent by visiting [www.moodyfuneralservices.com](http://www.moodyfuneralservices.com).

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# PATRICK PULPITS

## The World is Choosing Sides

By Van Yandell

**Proverbs 12: 15 “The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkens unto counsel is wise.”**

Growing up in a small Western Kentucky town in the 1950’s and 60’s was much different from today. I now live in a county with a population of 150,000. There are three high schools in the county, but I rarely see young people except those working in stores or restaurants. I find myself wondering where they are and what they’re doing.

When I was growing up, any time the ball park wasn’t muddy, we played baseball. There weren’t enough of us to have a football team, but we could play baseball with smaller numbers. The first order of business was to choose our teams.

Two were always selected as the “team captains” and they would choose the players alternately from the group. Choices were made by which player was the “best, strongest and fastest.” The teams were rarely evenly matched and, of course, everyone wanted to win. There was nothing official or significant about our games, but that winning spirit existed among us.

We recently heard of Finland joining NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization). With the current geopolitical condition, war seems to be on the minds of many and the world appears to be choosing sides. Just as we chose sides for our baseball teams, the sides (countries) today want to be teamed with the most powerful.

In just the last two years it seems the power momentum has shifted. Where the western (free) world was feared and respected among the nations; that is no longer the case. We are seen as weak and vulnerable because of our extreme state of division.

While the U.S. and other “civilized” nations have focused on social issues, other countries have been building up their military. An obvious shift in power and leadership has taken place. We may think we know what armament potential they possess but that may prove to be a fallacy.

The factions of the political left and right are becoming disengaged and disconnected in several countries. This extreme division is creating this weakness just as fighting and arguing among the players on our baseball teams usually resulted in a game loss.

Matthew 12: 25 “And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand.” The western world has become segmented into racial, social and economic people groups. The conditions that divide are many.

Extreme division never contributes to success. In our world today of nuclear weaponry, there will be no winner and the one to fire the first ICBM will simply be the last to die.

Nonetheless, scriptural prophesy clearly points to a world war that will take place and will pale the first and second world wars (Zechariah 14: 12). We could see the current events such as the Russia-Ukraine war or the conflict evolving in the South China Sea or any one of the other developing situations as being temporary or nothing less than a development into a bigger war. Even the civil war in Sudan has its implications.

Ezekiel 38 and 39 tells us of a war called the War of Gog and Magog. Who Gog and Magog were vary from one Bible student to another. In my thinking they refer to a people and a place (Ezekiel 38: 2).

To briefly describe this coming war, we are told the armies of the north, along with others, will invade Israel. The western allies would likely join the fight resulting in a third world war. The Bible teaches, however, Israel will not need any help because God will crush the invaders (Ezekiel 38: 21-23).

In today’s world starving for petroleum, some geologists believe a vast oil reserve is located under Israel and Russia covets that oil. Also, being on the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea, Israel would serve as a strategic seaport for Russia’s massive navy. Putin may see himself as the president of the world and is working to that end.

Considering the location of Ukraine, Russia may want that real estate to serve as a point of logistics and preparation to invade Israel thus fulfilling the Ezekiel prophesy. I realize this is just speculation but two and two still make four.

With other alliances taking place in the communist world, this choosing of sides appears to be on-going. Russia and China are becoming “bedfellows” along with Iran and South Korea. So far, much of the noise has been sabre rattling but as far as we know at this time, both possess (or are close to possessing) nuclear armament and both are brazened enough to use it. It only takes one “crazy” in close proximity to “the button” to begin the incineration or our world.

Jesus said in Matthew 24: 6, there would always be wars and rumors of wars. That has always been true but the potential for a world conflict is much more impending than ever before.

While this may be disconcerting to some, it is reassuring and evident what we have believed about the Bible and God is absolutely true and we are witnessing the truth happening before our very eyes.

*(Yandell is a retired Industrial Arts teacher, an ordained gospel evangelist and commissioned missionary, from Fredonia, Kentucky. A part of the Bible Connection series.)*

## BIBLE TRIVIA

BY WILSON CASEY

1. Is the book of 3 Timothy (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Genesis 22:2, who did God command to sacrifice his only son? Isaac, Job, Noah, Abraham
3. How many times does the word “grandmother” occur in the Bible? 1, 3, 6, 21
4. From Exodus 20, to whom did God give the Ten

Commandments? Noah, Abraham, Moses, Aaron

5. What’s the middle book of the Old Testament? Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Isaiah, Jeremiah
6. Where is the New Testament “Hall of Faith”? Luke 2, Titus 13, Hebrews 11, John 3

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Abraham, 3) 1 (2 Timothy 1:5), 4) Moses, 5) Proverbs, 6) Hebrews 11

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13 Gave high praise to  
19 Pesticide compound  
21 The “A” of James A. Garfield  
22 Aorta, for one  
23 Study hard  
24 Proportional relation  
25 Supervise  
26 Start of a riddle  
29 Thing a doc prescribes  
30 Yin and —  
31 Suffix with hotel or cash  
32 Riddle, part 2  
43 Apple on a desk  
44 Latin “that is”  
45 “— So Fine”  
46 French for “man”  
47 Set into motion  
50 Charles Chaplin’s title  
51 Eileen of “Clue”

- 53 In the vicinity  
54 Riddle, part 3  
58 Old-time actress Irene  
59 She was Mrs. Gorbachev  
60 German word before “geist”  
61 Donkey Kong and others  
62 Riddle, part 4  
65 Lacerate  
69 Dove shelter  
70 Use all of  
71 Afro-Brazilian dance  
72 Riddle, part 5  
78 Scrupulous insistence on traditional rules  
79 Disturbs  
80 Source of some bran  
81 Havana natives, to Havana natives  
82 Novelist George  
83 Braying beast  
84 Shooter of small balls  
87 Bard’s “before”  
88 End of the riddle  
94 Huge battle  
95 Bereft, poetically  
96 Khaki color

- 97 Riddle’s answer  
107 Back-baring blouse  
108 “— think so!”  
109 Certain airport worker  
111 “History repeats —”  
112 Make a phony copy of  
113 Moniker for Wilt Chamberlain  
114 Shoulder garments  
115 Deuce-beating cards  
116 Admin. aide  
117 Low grade

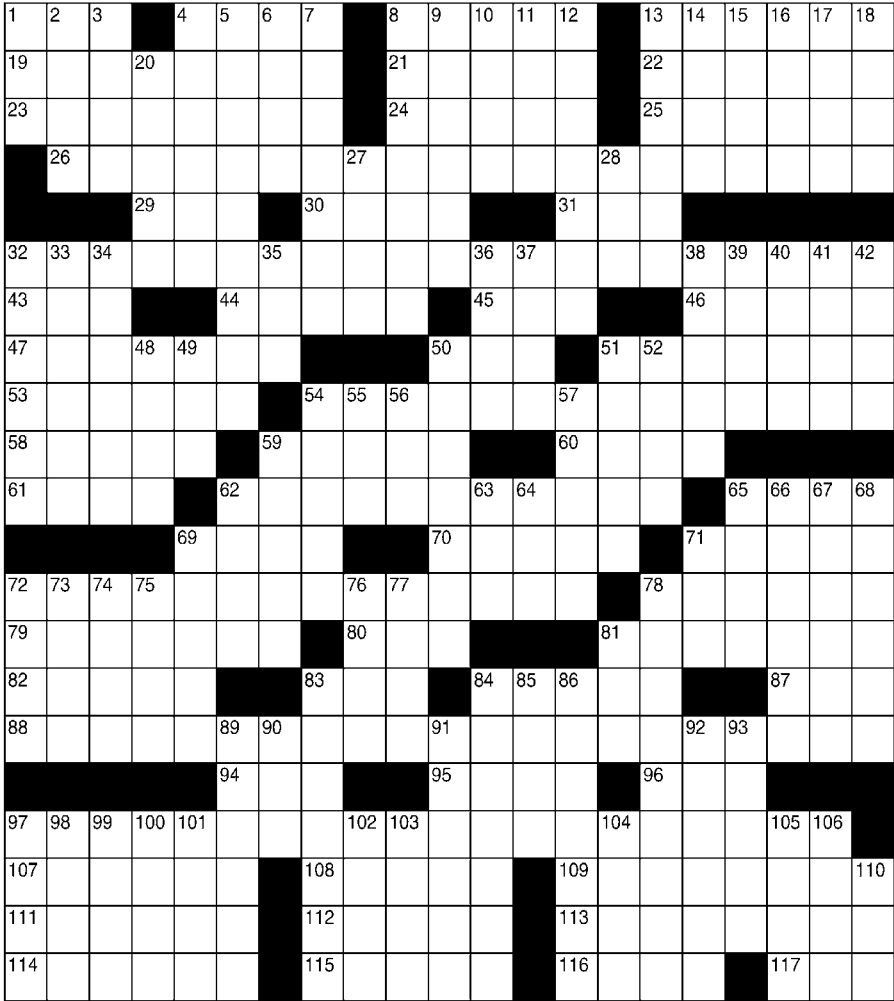
### DOWN

- 1 Baby bear  
2 In — (lined up)  
3 Phnom —, Cambodia  
4 Skydived, for short  
5 Second-most populous place in South Dakota  
6 Slaughter of the Cardinals  
7 Chewing gum brand  
8 Lack the courage to  
9 700-mile-long African river

- 10 Intro studio course  
11 Secular  
12 Range of the Appalachians  
13 Actress Hedy  
14 Composer Khachaturian  
15 — Reader (magazine)  
16 Turn a — ear  
17 Hence  
18 Hair colorer  
20 “I love you,” to Juanita  
27 — Christian Andersen  
28 Opposite of old, in Germany  
32 Plummer of “Pulp Fiction”  
33 How cards are sometimes dealt  
34 Gasoline rating  
35 Exalting verse  
36 Lower leg part  
37 Feudal toiler  
38 Source of some bran  
39 Goose sound  
40 1980s Dodge  
41 Supermodel from Somalia  
42 Hong Kong’s Hang — Index

- 48 Catering coffeepots  
49 Vigoda of “Fish”  
50 Tries to hit, as an insect  
51 Cat variety  
52 Sluggers’ stats  
54 DJ Casey  
55 Fall chill  
56 Bear, in Baja  
57 Gas in an atmospheric layer  
59 Hayworth and Moreno  
62 Certain garden worker  
63 “The Simpsons” storekeeper  
64 Sleuth, in old slang  
65 Lipinski on ice  
66 Rapper aka “Slim Shady”  
67 Sop up  
68 19th-dynasty pharaoh  
69 Greek island  
71 Deli hero  
72 “Oh, ri-i-ght”  
73 — contendere (court plea)  
74 “Take — from me ...”  
75 Take an ax to

- 76 2010-19 Royals skipper Ned  
77 Waist wear  
78 Pokes a hole in  
81 Chew the —  
83 Helicopter rescue, say  
84 Three 19th-century literary sisters  
85 Arctic chunk  
86 Subgenre of rap music  
89 Friends of Snow White  
90 Mart start  
91 Like flashy jewelry, informally  
92 Least frequent  
93 Not fulfilled  
97 — and that  
98 Possesses, in Shakespeare  
99 Bride of Lohengrin  
100 Crockpot dish  
101 Beehive unit  
102 Scent  
103 Sweat outlet  
104 Singer Phil  
105 Blyton of kids’ books  
106 Prefix with marketing  
110 Blvd., e.g.



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

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### Public Notice

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

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

General Fund	
Revenues	FY2024
Meals Tax	395,000
Property Taxes	275,000
Business Licenses	150,000
Franchise Fees	150,000
State Sales Tax	46,000
Rental Income	45,000
Auto Decals	19,000
Cigarette Tax	15,000
Festivals	6,000
Miscellaneous Income	5,000
<b>Total General Fund Revenues =</b>	<b>\$ 1,106,000</b>
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>

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# Stegall graduates from University of the Cumberland

Lori Stegall of Stuart recently graduated from the University of the Cumberland.

More than 2,100 graduates celebrated the completion of their undergraduate or graduate degrees from Cumberland this spring. Many graduates attended commencement ceremonies in person on the university’s Williamsburg campus the first weekend in May to celebrate their accomplishments.

“Graduates, today marks a significant milestone in your lives,” said Dr. Larry L. Cockrum, university president, during the ceremonies. “You have persevered through years of hard work and dedication and now stand here, ready to take on the world. I am honored to congratulate each and every one of you on your outstanding achievements.”

The Class of 2023 from University of the Cumberland hailed from all 50 states and territories - as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Guam - and from 21 countries around the world. Many diverse cultures, languages, and backgrounds were represented in the graduating class, all sharing a universal commitment to education and determination to succeed.

Of the Class of 2023 undergraduate students, 134 earned Latin honors of Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, or Summa Cum Laude. A Cum Laude Latin honor denotes students earned a cumulative GPA of 3.70 to 3.84 , Magna Cum Laude denotes a cumulative GPA of 3.85 to 3.94, and Summa Cum Laude denotes a cumulative GPA of 3.95 to 4.0.).

# Twin County Regional Healthcare Celebrated National Nurses Week

Twin County Regional Healthcare (TCRH) proudly joined the American Nurses Association (ANA) and other healthcare organizations around the country in celebrating National Nurses Week May 6 – 12 to honor the millions of men and women in the nursing profession who have dedicated their lives to caring for others.

Established in 1954, National Nurses Week recognizes nurses and their strong commitment to and fervent compassion for their patients. The annual recognition first honored the 100th anniversary of Florence Nightingale’s service and leadership during the Crimean War. The weeklong celebration ends on Nightingale’s birthday, May 12. The hospital held a series of events throughout the week to mark the occasion.

“Twin County is proud to celebrate our many nurses, who serve as dedicated and dependable caregivers for patients and their loved ones throughout their healthcare journey,” said William Alley, chief nursing officer at Twin County Regional Healthcare. Whether a routine check-up at your provider’s office, an outpatient visit or a trip to our emergency department with a hospital stay, our nurses provide compassionate, individualized care, knowing that every patient is unique.”

Home to more than 149 nursing staff, TCRH is currently recruiting new members to join its team. The hospital offers competitive benefits, mentor-based training, nurse extern program, opportunities for advancement, etc. To learn more about nursing opportunities and how to join the team, visit TCRH.org.

## Letters

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agree with the idea that it is possible to gain eternal life

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ABC NOTICE

Smart Shop 15 VA Inc trading as Smart Shop, 1124 Claudville Hwy, Claudville, Patrick County, Virginia 24076-3426.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine and Beer off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Araris Dresden / Owner

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at [www.abc.virginia.gov](http://www.abc.virginia.gov) or 800-552-3200.

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Critz Grocery and Grill LLC trading as Critz Grocery and Grill, 2716 Abram Penn Highway, Critz, Patrick County, VA 24082-3138.

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INVITATION FOR BID  
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Patrick County Public Schools is in the process of receiving competitive sealed bids for our food service program. Patrick County is located in south/central Virginia, west of Martinsville. The district has an enrollment of approximately 2300 students; school nutrition programs serve an average of 1450 lunch meals per day. Sealed bids will be received at the following address until 2:00 p.m. June 1, 2023. Bids will be opened at the School Nutrition Office on Monday, June 5, 2023 at 9:00 am. The decision of the contract award will be determined by June 15, 2023.

You may view the Invitation for Bid at [www.patrick.k12.va.us](http://www.patrick.k12.va.us). Or, email me to ask that it be sent to you at [darlene.rogers@patrick.k12.va.us](mailto:darlene.rogers@patrick.k12.va.us).

Patrick County Schools Nutrition Department  
“FOOD and SUPPLIES BID”  
P.O. Box 346  
104 Rucker Street  
Stuart, VA. 2417

Bids must be received prior to the date and time specified. Late bids will not be accepted.

Proposals shall be delivered in sealed envelopes that visibly identify the name of the bidder and be marked with “Food and Supplies Bid”

Please return the bid sheet even if you do not bid, and state the reason for not bidding. Each bid shall specify each and every item as set forth in the attached specifications. Any and all exceptions must be clearly stated in the bid.

Consideration shall be given to such matters as price, contractor integrity, compliance with public policy, record of past performance, and financial and technical resources.

All responsible vendors, large and small, local, faith-based, women-owned and minority-owned (SWAM) are encouraged to submit a proposal.

Any and all comments are sincerely encouraged prior to the bid opening. Please call Darlene Rogers, 276-694-3836 or 276-692-4131 with any questions. You may also email [darlene.rogers@patrick.k12.va.us](mailto:darlene.rogers@patrick.k12.va.us).

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[program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

According to another recent Washington Post poll only 57% of U.S. adults believe gender is determined at birth.

However, 65% say transgender women and girls should not be allowed to compete in professional or collegiate sports with other women and girls, while 66% said the same of high school sports and 62% of youth sports. 62% of adults supported so-called “gender-affirming counseling or therapy” for kids ages 10 to 14, but 68% were against giving the age group puberty blockers. For transgender teens age 15 to 17, 66% of adults supported “gender-affirming counseling or therapy” but 58% were still opposed to prescribing puberty blocker medications. 77% of adults believe it is inappropriate for teachers to discuss their transgender identities with students in K-3rd grade; 70% believe the same for 4th-5th grade students

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Notification is given that Skyline National Bank, 113 West Main Street, Independence, Virginia 24348 has filed an application with the Comptroller of the Currency on May 12, 2023, as specified in 12 CFR 5 for permission to establish a full-service branch at 3607 JEB Stuart Highway, Meadows of Dan, Virginia 24120.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file comments in writing with the Southeast Region Office, Comptroller of the Currency, Director for District Licensing, 500 North Akard Street, Suite 1600, Dallas, TX 75201 or by email to [Licensing@occ.treas.gov](mailto:Licensing@occ.treas.gov) within 30 days of the date of this publication.

May 17, 2023 Skyline National Bank Independence, Virginia

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TRUSTEE’S SALE  
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In execution of the Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$78,200.00, dated November 29, 2001, and recorded as Instrument Number 010003076 in Patrick County land records, the appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the entrance to the Circuit Court of Patrick County, 101 Blue Ridge Street, Stuart, Virginia 24171-0148 on June 14, 2023 at 2:15 p.m., the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and more particularly described as follows:

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LESS AND EXCEPT THE LAND LOCATED IN BURKS FORK MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF FLOYD, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEING SHOWN AS PARCEL 111 ON SHEET 15 OF THE PLANS FOR ROUTE 58, STATE HIGHWAY PROJECT 0058-962-E02, RW-201, BEGINNING ON THE SOUTH (RIGHT) SIDE OF THE ROUTE 58 EAST BOUND CONSTRUCTION BASELINE FROM THE LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY BELONGING TO ARLIE DEAN THOMAS AND CONNIE MONTGOMERY THOMAS, ET AL, OPPOSITE APPROXIMATE STATION 736+48, AND ENDING ON BOTH SIDES OPPOSITE APPROXIMATE STATION 736+48, AND ENDING ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROUTE 58 EAST BOUND CONSTRUCTION BASELINE TO THE LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY BELONGING TO VERA B. SEIGLER AND CLARENCE E. SEIGLER, OPPOSITE APPROXIMATE STATION 736+74, AND CONTAINING 0.129 HECTARE (0.3199 ACRE), MORE OR LESS, LAND, AND BEING A PART OF THE SAME LAND ACQUIRED AS AFORESAID BY DEED RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SAID COUNTY.

FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND HEREIN CONVEYED, REFERENCE IS MADE TO PHOTOCOPY OF SHEET NO. 15, SHOWING OUTLINED IN RED THE LAND CONVEYED IN FEE SIMPLE, WHICH PHOTOCOPY IS HERETO ATTACHED AS A PART OF THIS CONVEYANCE SIMULTANEOUSLY HERewith IN THE STATE HIGHWAY PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 217.

The property and improvements will be sold in “as is” physical condition without warranty of any kind.

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder’s deposit of 10% of the sale price or 10% of the original principal amount of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, by cashier’s or certified check required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. Balance of the purchase price must be paid by cashier’s check within 15 days from sale date. Except for Virginia Grantor tax, all settlement costs and expenses are purchaser’s responsibility. Taxes are pro-rated to the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. If purchaser defaults, deposit may be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney’s fees of both sales. If Trustee does not convey title for any reason, purchaser’s sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed, a forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into or the loan was reinstated or paid off; in any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser’s sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. This communication is from a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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(470) 321-7112



## Master Gardeners donate to Imagination Library



Pictured left to right, Sarah Wray with One Family Productions, Norma Bozenmayer of the Master Gardeners, Rebecca Adcock with Patrick County Chamber of Commerce.

The Patrick County Master Gardeners presented a check for \$500 to the Patrick County Dolly Parton Imagination Library on Friday Night before the First Friday Summer Jam concert. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Patrick County is up and running and a partnership between the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce, One Family Productions, Step Inc, and Stuart Rotary.

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Patrick County is the local chapter of this national program that will assist in providing high-quality books to children from birth to age five- for free. Funds raised locally by individuals, businesses, and groups like the Patrick County Master Gardeners, ensure every child in Patrick County that meets the age requirements will have a book mailed to them each month.

For more information about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Patrick County, visit the chamber's website at [www.patrickchamber.com](http://www.patrickchamber.com).

## Learning and teaching are lifelong passions for retired educators



Riley Ginger

The March 6 meeting of the Patrick County Retired Teachers focused on Scams Against Older Adults. The program was presented by Riley Ginger from the Better Business Bureau in Roanoke. She discussed what makes seniors more vulnerable to scams, types of scams that target seniors, how to spot scams, and scam prevention tips. She also provided resources from the Better Business Bureau. The public was invited to attend this informative program.

Betty Perry, President; Sue Bleckley; and Phyllis Eastridge from the Patrick County unit attended the Virginia Retired Teachers Association Spring Delegate Assembly in Richmond April 17-19.

The retired teachers are participating in the Dolly Pardon Imagination Library providing books to Patrick County children from birth to age 5 for the purpose of improving reading test scores and will be presenting a scholarship to a 2023 graduating senior who plans to enter the field of education.

## Mother's Day crafts and fun at the library



To celebrate Mother's Day, children's librarian Sam Edmundson read children's books, "You be Mommy," by Karla Clark and "Mother Bruce," by Ryan H Higgins to the children at Storytime.



Master Gardeners Jess Hines, Norma Bozenmayer and Revonda Gilbert led a program decorating flower pots and planting them with beautiful portulaca for a special gift for moms.



The children were then treated to a Scavenger Hunt in the garden designed by Jess Hines. Check the Box at the Books Blooms and Bugs Garden for activities and gardening information.



Master Gardeners Jess Hines, Norma Bozenmayer and Revonda Gilbert led a program decorating flower pots and planting them with beautiful portulaca for a special gift for moms.



The completed colored scavenger hunt can be placed in library seed donation box to be entered in a drawing for a gardening prize.

## Congressional staff plan visit

Congressman Morgan Griffith's Ninth District staff will be in Henry and Patrick counties on May 24.

Henry County - 10 – 11:30 a.m., Henry County Administration Building, Summerlin Room, 3300 Kings Mountain Road, Martinsville.

Patrick County - 12:30 -- 2 p.m., Patrick County Administration Building, Conference Room, 106 Rucker Street, Stuart.

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Bushels & Barrels Local Food, Wine & Beer Festival will take place, as always, on the third weekend in June at the Reynolds Homestead in Critz, Virginia. With a farm-to-table dinner on Friday evening, homebrew competition, and music all evening on Saturday, there is something for everyone at this family-friendly event.

This collaborative production between Reynolds Homestead and One Family Productions continues to grow, hosting a stellar lineup of local and regional acts. Last year saw the opening of a second performance area for musicians, and this year, that stage will feature two art-

ists in addition to the three on the main stage.

Folk-rock band Time Sawyer has performed on the stages of some of the Southeast's most iconic festivals. The band name reflects the pull between the past and the future, and the songs call out the attitudes and behaviors that lead to divisions and do what might seem impossible—holds listeners accountable, but at the same time, draws them in and makes them feel good about what we all have in common.

For the past decade, The Judy Chops have been carving out their niche in the Virginia music scene by delivering heartfelt, passionate



live shows with charm and grace. This musical family has grown from a four-piece roots music act to a seven-piece “Americana Brassband” that The Huffington Post lauded as “genre-defying!” Combining elements of blues, rock, swing, soul, and classic country, this group of musical chameleons appeals to audiences young and old with their modern take on vintage sounds.

Eclectic, familial folk-rock group Striking Copper effortlessly combines rhythm-driven rock, haunting vocal arrangements, and har-

mony-rich Americana. Led by powerhouse copper-haired twins, iconic front-women Allie and Jacquie Lee are inspiring trend-setters and natural performers who own every moment of the limelight. The band has built an incredible fan base over the years with tours spanning the Eastern Shore. An intriguing contrast of light and dark, feminine and masculine, their lyrics bleed passion, drawing from humanity with an undeniable vulnerability.

Patrick County native Chris Owens has been singing and play-

ing guitar for over half his life and in a variety of genres, and his solo project Oh, Christopher is an outlet for his incredible song writing and engaging stage presence. According to Chris, the hallmark of a good songwriter is the ability to pen lyrics in which listeners can see and feel themselves, and in his recent album he has captured that talent exactly. Evoking emotion and painting a vivid and relatable story, each tune Chris delivers feels like home.

If Jerry Garcia and Tom Waits made an Appalachian music

duo, it might sound a little like The Brown Mountain Lightning Bugs. Hailing from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Zack and Kendra Harding blend the traditional with the trippy to create original music they like to call “folk(ish).” Officially formed in 2016, the two have played extensively throughout the Southeast. The Brown Mountain Lightning Bugs aims to create a concoction of sounds that gets a lot of toes tapping and heads bobbing, and maybe make a few friends along the way.

Bushels & Barrels

is pleased to have the support of Clark Gas & Oil again this year in bringing the farm-to-table dinner to Reynolds Homestead on Friday, June 16. Featuring music by local jazz ensemble Five Brothers and a catered dinner by Pickle & Ash, this enchanting evening is always a community favorite. This dinner is sure to sell out, so secure tickets early.

The annual No Business Mountain Homebrew Competition is an invitation for hobby brewers from around the area to submit their beers for review and the opportunity to gain

valuable feedback as well as prizes. Information for the homebrew competition can be found at [bushelsandbarrels.com](http://bushelsandbarrels.com).

Bushels & Barrels Local Food, Wine & Beer Festival is a well-established part of Patrick County's festival collection and promises to deliver a stellar experience again this year. Tickets are on sale now for the events on June 16 and 17 and can be purchased at [www.bushelsandbarrels.com](http://www.bushelsandbarrels.com). There are a variety of ticket levels and bundles available, including a designated driver option.

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## Learning Garden one of five in Virginia to receive mini grant



Master Gardener Ed Coleman greets visitors to the learning garden.



Master Gardener Ginnie Conway describes the process of building a raised bed garden.

The Patrick County Master Gardeners received a \$1,000 micro-grant for their Learning Garden, “Neighbors Feeding Neighbors,” on Tudor Orchard Road. The grant was the result of Ed Coleman’s efforts in writing a detailed description of the garden’s three year operation that offers free monthly gardening workshops to the community as well as maintains a demonstration garden, growing and donating organically grown food to local food pantries and the soup kitchen.

The project was recognized by the state Virginia Extension office based on the Patrick County Mas-

ter Gardeners’ strong dedication to the EMG mission of sharing knowledge and empowering communities

The recognition was one of only five given for the entire state of Virginia.

The 2nd Learning Garden workshop of the 2023 season was held Saturday to a large number of interested gardeners. Topics were companion planting, building raised beds and container gardening.

The next workshop on June 3 will focus on growing berries. It begins at 10 a.m. at 1208 Tudor Orchard Road.



Master Gardeners Chelsea Perez and Rita Browning lead a companion planting game.



Master Gardener Barbara Reichard demonstrates Bag Container Gardening.



**Answers**

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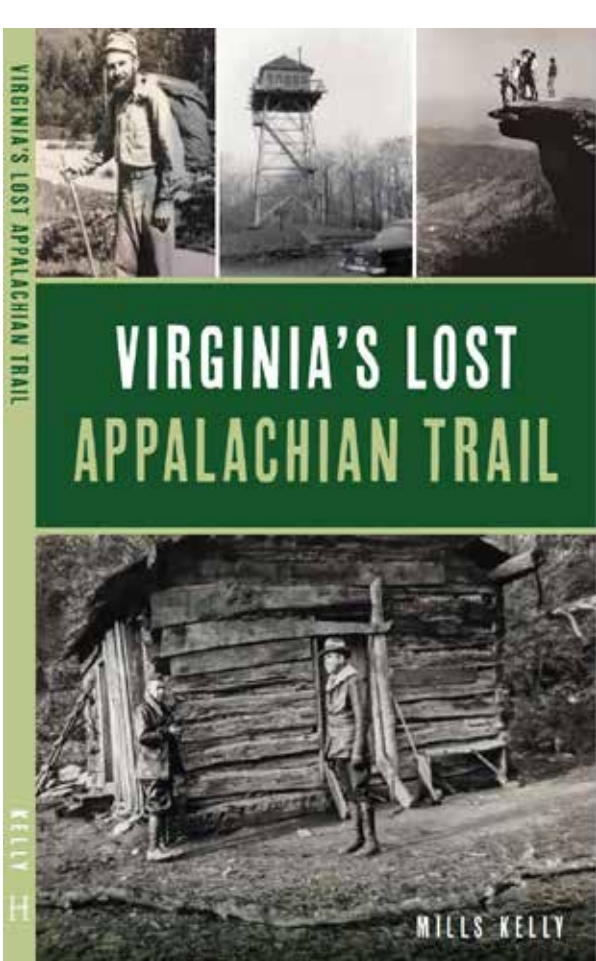


# Historical Society to host Appalachian Trail author



In an upcoming special event, the Patrick County Historical Society welcomes T. Mills Kelly, history professor at George Mason University, to talk about his recently published book, “Virginia’s Lost Appalachian Trail.” Kelly’s research brings to us the remarkable story of the founding of the original Appalachian Trail that runs from Georgia to Maine, but his particular emphasis is on the 300-mile section that runs through Virginia. As Kelly notes, the “original” trail once

passed through Patrick County on its way north and south, a fact not realized by most modern hikers on the current route. Dr. Kelly has explored most of the original trail and has interviewed many hikers and dozens of people who lived in the area it traversed. Some early hikers noted not only the scenic beauty of the trail in Patrick, but the rugged climbing involved on some parts of their trek hereabouts as well. Kelly will explain some of the reasons why the trail was eventually relocated also. Besides his career as a teacher and historian, Kelly is an avid hiker himself. He has a good feel for the natural environment associated with the trail, the early hikers who took on the difficult journey, and the local people who often welcomed and accommodated those “oddly dressed strangers” with food and lodgings as they passed nearby. A light reception will follow the program and books will be available to purchase from the author. The program will be at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 21 at the history museum, 116 West Blue Ridge Street in Uptown Stuart. Contact the museum at 276-694-2840 or society president, John Reynolds, at 276-957-2506 for more information. (Contributed photos)



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  - HB 1779 – **93 to 6** - Nuclear Grant funding.
  - HB 2098 – **91 to 7** - Common interest communities right to refuse.
  - HB 2224 – **95 to 3** – Newborn Screening.
  - SB 1183 – **96 to 2** – Fingerprint database.
  - SB 1343 – **95 to 4** – DMV Online access.
  - SB 1350 – **90 to 6** – Liquid Nicotine licensing.

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## ONLINE AUCTIONS

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

**Beautiful Farmland with Pond for Sale!**

**TBD Hunters Ridge Rd, Dugspur, VA 24325**

Attention all aspiring farmers and land enthusiasts! Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to own +/- 81 acres of prime farmland with a pond and breathtaking views in Dugspur VA. This stunning property features fertile farmland providing ample opportunities for various crops and livestock. The included pond adds to the property's appeal, providing a potential water source for irrigation or livestock watering. The panoramic views from the property are simply breathtaking, offering a serene and tranquil setting for farming and enjoying the outdoors. It features many beautiful building sites for your dream home or recreational cabin! Small wooded section in the back of the property was recently timbered. Located in Dugspur, VA, this property offers a peaceful and rural setting while still being conveniently accessible Hillsville VA and Floyd VA. It is also within an easy commute to I-77 and within 30 minutes of Mt Airy NC. Whether you're a seasoned farmer looking to expand your operations, or someone looking to fulfill their dream of owning recreational or farmland, this property is a must see. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to own 81 acres of prime farmland in Carroll County VA. Mark your calendars for the upcoming real estate auction and be prepared to bid on this fantastic property! Restrictions – Property will be subject to deed restrictions. See Bidder Packet. Deed Restrictions are No Feed Lots, No Trailer Parks, No Junk Cars, No Shooting Ranges, No Goat, Chicken or Pig Farm Feed Lots, No Manufacturing or Industrial uses.



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

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### Ends Tuesday, May 23rd at 4 PM

**Wooded Recreational Land for Auction!**

**TBD Sowers Rd., Floyd, VA 24091**

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



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### Ends Thursday, May 25th @ 4 PM

**Commercial Investment Property for Sale!**

**2651 Carrollton Pike, Woodlawn VA 24343**

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



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**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

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