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Board to consider approval of the budget



Pictured are members of the Patrick County Board of Supervisors. The board is scheduled to consider the budget for the upcoming fiscal year at its June 12 meeting. The current budget ends June 30.



Kurt Bozenmayer, at the microphone, asked the board to offer more public access to the budget and auditors' reports.

By Taylor Boyd

The Patrick County Board of Supervisors will consider approval of the spending plan for the upcoming year at its June 12 meeting. The budget for the new fiscal year will go into effect on July 1.

Kurt Bozenmayer addressed the board about providing more access to the budget and its planning process.

"It is obvious that the Board of Supervisors and the county ad-

ministration have expended a significant amount of time and effort in working on the current budget. I would like to thank the Finance Department for ensuring that the recent budget documents are posted on the county website along with recent audit reports," he said.

However, Bozenmayer said it becomes financially difficult for the average county resident to print out the entire budget due to the cost of paper and printing ink.

"For senior citizens with small

(See Budget p. 4)

Brown retires from Sheriff's Office



Patrick County Sheriff Dan Smith (left) presented a plaque to his outgoing Chief Deputy Garry Brown at a retirement luncheon last week.

By Debbie Hall

After 27 years in law enforcement, Patrick County Sheriff's Maj. Garry Brown is retiring, effective August 1.

Brown, who currently is second in command, with the rank of Major/Chief Deputy, said he is retiring to join Branch Civil's safety team. He will be assigned to the company's current project in Patrick County, which is adding four lanes to U.S. 58.

The new job "will be more regular hours" and a schedule of "5-days per week most weeks, and some Saturdays," Brown said.

"In law enforcement, you only have to have 25 years" of service before retirement, "and this opportunity presented itself," Brown, 54, said at a retirement luncheon held in his honor last week.

Patrick County Sheriff Dan Smith spoke at that event, praising Brown's loyalty and dedication.

"A sheriff's office is kind of a different kind of animal," with "wolves hiding in the bushes," Smith said, adding that running the office is similar to the strategies needed in a chess game.

"To play that game, the success of the sheriff depends on loyalty," Smith said. "You have to have loyalty, and the most important piece of that puzzle is the chief deputy.

"I can't think of anyone more loyal and

(See Brown p. 4)

House damaged by fire



A house across from the Shooter's Pawn Shop on Virginia 8 caught fire early morning on May 25. (Contributed photos)

By Taylor Boyd

A home on Virginia 8, across from the Shooter's Pawn Shop, caught fire early on Thursday, May 25.

Stuart Volunteer Fire Department Capt. Jonathan Wilson said the department received the call at 4:55 a.m. with the department dispatched at 5:07 a.m.

"It was a garage-type structure, where the upstairs was used as a living quarters. Once we got on scene, it looked like the flames were coming from the back side the back right corner, of the building," he said.

Wilson said the fire progressed from the back of the building onto the top of a panel van, where it pro-

(See House Fire p. 4)

Several events slated to help community servant

By Debbie Hall and Taylor Boyd

The Patrick County Patriots and the Woolwine Volunteer Fire Department are combining forces to raise funds for a community servant who is now in need, with several fundraising events scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 24.

Events include something for everyone, with a Motorcycle Ride, Cruise-In, followed by live music and an auction. Concessions will be offered, along with door prizes, according to Sammy Hughes, president of the Patriots.

Registration for a Benefit Ride for Jessica Belcher begins at noon in the Orchard View Market parking lot on Virginia

8 North in Woolwine, Hughes said of the ride that includes a 50/50 drawing and a trophy.

All vehicles are welcome, Hughes said, and the registration fee is \$20 per bike or vehicle. Kickstands go up at 1 p.m., and the ride is expected to conclude at the Woolwine Fire Department.

For more information about the ride, text Jason Turner at (276) 692-7842.

A Cruise-In will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Woolwine Volunteer Fire Department. An auction starts at 5 p.m., with the giveaway of a People's Choice trophy to follow. Music will be provided by Jordan Morrison, Mike Pendleton, and Marci Horne.

Hughes said 50/50 drawings

will be held during the event that will include a variety of vendors on site and concessions that include hot dogs by Jesse Jones and barbeque by Boyd's Restaurant.

Shannon Wood said current vendors include Scentsy and Mary Kay cosmetics. Vendors can set up for free, and those interested should contact Wood at (276) 692-4435.

"Really, they can contact me anytime. There should be plenty of space, so even up to the night before we'll definitely accommodate whatever we can," said Wood.

Hughes said, "The response has been phenomenal," with door prizes collected and some vendors registered. In addition to vendors, more auction items

(See Events p. 4)

Empty nesters find new purpose in serving others

By Debbie Hall

As a member of the Ararat Ruritan Club, Pamela Smith puts her spark-plug personality to good use, serving her community and inspiring others to follow suit.

Smith said when she and her husband Kevin became empty nesters, they decided to join the club because "it was something to do."

Kevin Smith "used to be a member and had been a member before" Pamela joined, she said.

The two noticed "the club was getting kind of low in members," she said, adding that "we invited others. Now, we're up to about 50 members."

Many of the club's projects appeal to her,

including a backpack program that provides food on weekends to Blue Ridge Elementary School students. When schools were closed during the COVID pandemic, "we knew a lot of kids were not getting" the weekend supplies, and also were missing hot meals at the school, Smith said.

The club "had a food drive and the community support was tremendous," Smith said. School officials Jennifer and Trey Cox "came out and helped deliver due to privacy concerns. The community saw that we were really trying to help and got involved."

The club also scheduled painting classes and the like to give those suddenly work-

(See Empty Nesters p. 5)



Pamela Smith and her father, Johnny Roberson, are pictured with a Ruritan sign used years ago by the Dobyns Ruritan Club.

Patrick Pioneers

Walter Anglin (Part Two)



Walter Anglin and family, 1958.

By Beverly Belcher Woody

Last week, we began an examination of the late Mr. Walter Anglin's book, "Random Observations." The first thing that I need to do is make a correction. When I listed Anglin's children, Polo, Iris, Arko, and Byng, I failed to mention their fourth son, Charles Walter Thomas Anglin, born 1927 and married Freeda Compton in 1947. C.W.T. and Freeda had two sons, Bruce-killed in a car crash at age 19 and Eugene who passed away in October of 2022. Eugene's widow, Sandra Houchins Anglin, graciously shared the above 1958 photo of Walter Anglin, flanked by his sons, daughter, their spouses, and his grandchildren. Sadly, Walter's wife and mother of his children, Nora Cox Anglin, passed away in 1941.

This week, we will continue to research some more of the local history and ghost stories included in Mr. Anglin's "Random Observations" book, so here goes some of his thoughts, word for word....

"Across the river from Grandfather Walter H. Thomas' home, long ago, Ed Jefferson and one of his boys was killed by lightning. Blind Dan was one of his sons. Ed Jefferson's mother was a Ross. John R. Clark traces back to this

family. Long ago, in the "haunted hollow" here at Woolwine, two men named Lyon were killed by lightning while making shingles. Their home was where Paul Lackey lives. They were Elmer Lyon's kin." (If anyone knows where the haunted hollow in Woolwine is located, I would love to know!)

"In talking with Fred Dillon today, we revived a long ago story that hovered around a large sycamore tree (7 feet in diameter) that stood on the farm of his mother, Lina Dillon Lee on Rock Castle Creek at the mountain, namely; a ghost man nicely dressed in black would occasionally appear at this tree, and would soon disappear in a mysterious manner; as the stories were told to him by Reed Belcher, who saw it three times, and by Henry Jack Dillon, Harvey Hopkins, and Ada Dillon, who also saw the man in these circumstances."

"Mr. Dillon says that in his boyhood, he saw a peculiar angel creature with a wing spread of about 7 feet rush in through the branches of this tree and light on the ground and then disappeared in a most beautiful display. The tree is gone now."

"Continuing locally, there are also stories of the Bear Rocks

with endless caves, the Tater Hill, the Raven Den, and an earlier settler trail about the gorge of Rock Castle Creek at this part of the mountain, most of which is connected with many oldsters of rare talents, ideas, abilities, and experience. This particular territory is now park land and includes the Rocky Knob on top of the mountain through which is the parkway road. Along this emigrant trail, up the creek in those days, some settled, and many kept on west. They brought many ideas of mechanics and things with them from Europe and put them in operation and practice."

"One of the other stories is that Mary Sheffield said she saw twelve, white-dressed angels sitting in a June apple tree at the Brammer Cemetery. Henry "Squire" Dillon spent his eighty-six years here in the lure of this wonderful wilderness by preference, while he had the ability to be a leader anywhere, and yet, he was here."

"Hilery Dillon told me that his grandmother told him that a man named Darquiser resided in the mountain west of Woolwine. This Darquiser chased three of his children into the knob forest caught them one at a time and killed them. Milton DeHart said that this sto-

(See Pioneers p. 5)

Part of Hunters Chapel Road to close

Beginning Monday, June 5, a portion of Virginia 631 (Hunters Chapel Road) will be closed to through traffic from 0.8 mile from Virginia 773 (Ararat Highway) to 1.0 mile from Virginia 675 (Friends Mission Road) for a bridge replacement over Ararat River.

Weather permitting, the road will re-open to traffic on Friday, June 30.

A detour and directional signs will be in place to help motorists.

Stuart Rotary Club (SRC) Productions receives grant for Tourism Marketing

Gov. Glenn Youngkin announced that Stuart Rotary Club (SRC) Productions received \$10,000 from the Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC) Marketing Leverage Program (MLP) for tourism marketing. In total, the 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.

SRC Productions received a \$10,000 grant for 2023 Stuart Beach Music Festival. SRC Productions partnered with the Virginia Tourism Corporation, Patrick County Tourism,

(See SRC p. 16)

Pets of the Week



This handsome dog was found at 481 New Hope Church Road. He is well behaved and would love to go home.

This adorable and gorgeous medium long hair male cat is super friendly. He is obviously someone's pet.

If you recognize either of these dogs please call the Patrick County Public Animal Shelter (PCPAS) at (276) 694-6259. Check out the pets available for adoption on the shelter's Facebook page. Adoption fees are \$10 and include spay/neuter and rabies vaccination.

Chamber partners to host two workshops

The Patrick County Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Longwood Small Business Development Center, will present the two workshops on Wednesday, June 28. Both will be held in the Community Room at P&HCC Patrick County Site.

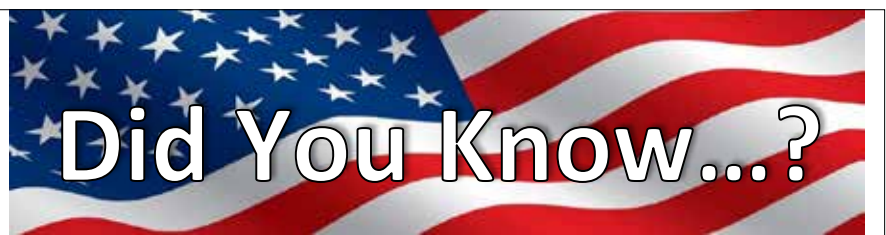
The first workshop is about Canva for small business will dive into using Canva for all your marketing needs. From creating brand elements to building your social content, Canva can be a great resource for your print and digital marketing. A group working session is included to create graphics in Canva together. The workshop will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The second workshop is Social Media Marketing. The savvy marketer knows that community powers growth. For small businesses,

strategic social media marketing offers opportunities to increase brand awareness and engage an audience while scaling up. You'll learn a variety of community-powered social media strategies for the top channels used by small businesses: Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram and Google Business. Better yet, you'll add plenty of actionable tips and tricks to your marketing toolkit. It will be held from 4 to 6 p.m.

Workshops are free to attend, and you may attend either one or both. Registration is required. Bringing your own personal laptop for group work is highly recommended. Register individually at <https://bit.ly/socialmediacanvaworkshop>

For more information, contact the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce at (276) 694-6012 or director@patrickchamber.com.



Some politicians are just...

ALL HAT AND NO CATTLE!



They make **big promises** and *claim* to be fighting for us while attacking their own party and **blaming everyone else for their own incompetence**. They simply can't get anything done for the voters. So, are they **INTENTIONALLY DECEPTIVE** or just extremely **INCOMPETENT**? Either way the results never change; voters get the same old BULL!

Legislators need to understand the details of their own bills. Example: in Jan. 2023, Delegate Marie March sponsored/introduced HB1396, a *generous* Education Savings Account Bill. The Jan. 25th Early Childhood-Innovation Subcommittee hearing determined the following: *

1. Per Delegate Davis: (Chairman House Education Committee); "Seems like the **drafter of this bill either doesn't know what's in it or failed 5th grade math.**"

"I think the best conservative estimates, [to fund this bill] is about **Half a BILLION Dollars a year, every year...**" [of additional Virginia taxpayer money].

This bill would be "**a profit-making enterprise for millionaires**" [through tax credits at 130% of investment].

2. Mrs. March **failed to file a fiscal impact statement or budget amendment** making committee action impossible.

3. When questioned by Delegates Davis and Cherry about details, Mrs. March **repeatedly tried to defer basic questions** to Natassia Grover, Director of *Virginia for Educational Freedom*, Broadlands, VA (NORTHERN VIRGINIA). (Per Mrs. March, "*Natassia analyzed every single bill and made sure there's a good reason to vote for it or against it...got me thru session.*") **

Intentionally LYING or just plain INCOMPETENT?

Which is it? Or should we just ask Natassia?

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Information sources: * <https://virgiageneralassembly.gov/house/chamber/chamberstream.php> ** <https://www.facebook.com/mariemarchfordelegate> Feb. 24, 2023.

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Marketing leverage programs boost tourism initiatives

To kick off National Travel & Tourism Week, Gov. Glenn Youngkin on May 8 announced that more than \$3.2 million in matching grant and sponsorship funds would be awarded to 236 tourism programs as part of the Virginia Tourism Corporation's Regional Marketing, Marketing Leverage, and VA250 Marketing Leverage programs.

These funding programs are designed to leverage local marketing dollars with matching state funds to increase visitation and traveler spending through 2024. This funding cycle, local partners will commit more than \$15.5 million to match the VTC funding, providing more than \$18.5 million in new marketing and event production activity focused on increasing overnight visitation to Virginia. The funding will be awarded to 236 marketing programs, ultimately impacting 1,161 combined partners.

"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."

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. 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.

The Virginia Regional Marketing Programs assist Virginia Destination Marketing Organizations (DMOs) and established Virginia special events and festivals with marketing and/or production. The Marketing Leverage Program is a program to leverage existing marketing funds available to Virginia travel indus-

try partners including small businesses, DMOs, private sector attractions, accommodations, and events. The VA250 Tourism Marketing Program is a partnership between the VA250 Commission and Virginia Tourism Corporation and is designed to support, promote, and market programming, events, and interpretive signage specifically related to the framework of America's 250th commemoration.

"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 in all nine GO Virginia Regions," 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."

VTC will have a VA250 Tourism Marketing Program grant round and a Microbusiness Marketing Leverage Program grant round opening in Summer and Fall 2023. Organizations and businesses that are interested in applying may visit vatc.org/grants for more information.

Arrests reported

The Patrick County Sheriff's Office reported the following:

*Stacey Alexander Foley, 46, of Stuart, was charged May 20 with petty larceny. Deputy F.M. Hubbard was the arresting officer.

*Travor Paul Parker, 36, of Cana, was charged May 20 with drive while intoxicated. Deputy F.M. Hubbard was the arresting officer.

*Jeffrey Jennings Guilliams, 52, of Henry, was charged May 20 with grand larceny. Sgt. C.A. Frick made the arrest for Roanoke City.

*Dale Anthony Helms, 26, of Patrick County Jail, was charged May 20 with assault and batter on law enforcement officer. Sgt. C.A. Frick was the arresting officer.

*Andrew Bailey Staples, 37, address unavailable, was charged May 21 with probation violation. Sgt. C.A. Frick was the arresting officer.

*William Ray Journey, 33, of Claudville, was charged May 22 with one count each malicious shooting, pointing/brandishing a firearm, and reckless handling of a firearm. Deputy R.S. Martin was the arresting officer.

*Ethan Glade Phipps, 32, of Mt. Airy, N.C., was charged May 23 with one count each petty larceny and reckless driving. Carroll County made the arrest for Patrick County.

*Aaron Jerome Cooper, 45, of Ridgeway, was charged May 23 with unauthorized use of vehicle. Martinsville PD made the arrest for Patrick County.

*French Andrew Bailey, 33, of Martinsville, was charged May 25 with one count each fail to appear and probation violation. Deputy E. Vernon was the arresting officer.

*Johnathan Eugene King, 33, address unavailable, was charged May 25 with fail to appear. Deputy J.G. Pickerel was the arresting officer.

*Deshaun Michael Hughes, 35, of Stuart, was charged May 25 with probation violation. Deputy J.G. Pickerel was the arresting officer.

SCC Reminds Virginians to Plan Now as Hurricane Season is Almost Here

With hurricane season just around the corner, the State Corporation Commission's (SCC) Bureau of Insurance (Bureau) reminds Virginians that the time to plan is now. Planning includes reviewing your insurance policy and making sure you have the coverage you need if a hurricane or other disaster strikes.

The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30 each year. Once a hurricane develops in the Atlantic, it may be difficult to find an insurance company willing to write hurricane-related coverage for your home, auto or business until after the storm threat passes.

"Protect yourself, not

only physically, but financially," said Virginia Insurance Commissioner Scott A. White. "Hurricanes can wreak havoc on your property. Review your insurance policies and know what is and is not covered. If you have questions, contact your insurance agency or company or the Bureau of Insurance."

Even areas hundreds of miles from the coast can experience floods and other damage caused by hurricanes' high winds and torrential rains. Most hurricane damage is caused by flooding, not high winds. Even minor floods can cause extensive damage to your home, vehicle, business or belongings.

The Bureau offers the following reminders as Virginians prepare for hurricane season:

Homeowners, renters and commercial insurance policies issued in Virginia typically do not cover damages caused by floods, surface water or storm surges. The federal government sells insurance for direct flood and flood-related damage to homeowners, renters and businesses in eligible communities through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Keep in mind that there is typically a 30-day waiting period for a new flood insurance policy to take effect. To learn more about this program, contact your insurance agent or the NFIP at 1-800-427-4661 or visit floodsmart.gov.

Some private insurers also offer flood policies, so check with your insurance agent about the availability of a private flood insurance policy.

Flood coverage available through the NFIP may differ from private flood coverage, so it's important to understand the differences. No matter which option you consider, ask whether your flood policy covers your personal property.

Some homeowners policies require a special deductible for wind or hurricane losses. These deductibles may be applied separately from any other deductible on the homeowners policy. Deductibles may, for example, be written as a flat amount, such as \$1,000, or may be applied to the loss as a percentage of the insurance coverage limit on the dwelling. Remember that the deductible is the amount that you must pay before the insurance company pays its portion of a claim.

Don't wait to prepare a home inventory of your personal property, which should include photographs, videos and serial numbers. Having a home inventory can facilitate the claims process if damage occurs. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners' free home inventory app – available through the App Store and Google Play – can make creating a home inventory easy. Keep your insurance policies and home inventory together in a safe and secure place.

Know what to do if your property is damaged by a hurricane. Contact your insurance agent or company as soon as possible. Make any necessary emergency repairs and take reasonable steps to prevent further damage to your property. Additionally, make a list of all damage to your property and include photographs, notes and repair-related receipts.

If you must evacuate, (See SCC page. 4)

Grant opportunities available for agricultural education projects

With American youth further removed from the farm than ever before, educating the next generation about the importance of agriculture is no small feat.

To help facilitate students' learning about the sources of their food and fiber, the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture is offering White-Reinhardt Grants for the 2023-2024 school year. The organization is currently accepting applications for 10 \$1,000 grants for educational projects in grades K-12 that create new agriculture literacy programs or expand existing efforts. Applications are due June 16.

County and state Farm Bureaus may apply for grants, and interested organizations and schools can work with their local county and state Farm Bureaus to apply. Grants are available on a competitive basis, and payments will be allocated to a state or county Farm Bureau to be used for the projects.

The grants are funded through the White-Reinhardt Fund for Education—a project of the AFBFA in cooperation with the AFBF Women's Leadership Committee.

"These grants give communities opportunities to seek new and innovative activities to educate everyone about agriculture," said Tammy Maxey, Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom's executive director. "Farm Bureaus partner with schools and community groups to provide a variety of tools for children to learn about the many

aspects of agriculture and how it's vital to our daily lives."

Last year, Franklin County Farm Bureau received a White-Reinhardt Grant. The county Farm Bureau's Women's Committee used the funds to purchase a 3D EnviroScape® model that illustrates the role conservation efforts play in protecting watersheds and wetlands. Members of the committee visit county schools and use the model to demonstrate the role farmers play in protecting the environment while growing food.

"Our first year, we were able to teach 115 people—three school-aged groups and an adult Master Gardener training class," said Cynthia Martel, a Franklin County Farm Bureau Women's Committee member. This year the unit has gone into seven classrooms.

"It's the visual, hands-on learning the EnviroScape brings to the classroom that sets it apart. Kids are learning what it takes to grow the food they eat and the materials that make their clothing."

The grants are intended to support items or projects that can be used repeatedly. Funding isn't available for mileage, field trips, wages and benefits, safety programs or one-time consumable products such as copying, paper, seeds or meals.

For more information on grant applications, visit bit.ly/42tKKiZ. To find a local county Farm Bureau, visit vafb.com/locations.

Accommodation, Food Services lead initial claims

The Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) announced the number of initial claims decreased in the latest filing week to 2,470 and remained at the typical pre-pandemic volumes experienced in 2019.

For the filing week ending May 20, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims in Virginia was 2,470, which was a decrease of 151 claimants from the previous week. Over half of initial claims with a self-reported industry were from accommodation and food services; manufacturing; professional, scien-

tific and technical services; and administrative and support and waste management. Continued weeks claimed totaled 12,736, which was essentially unchanged from the previous week but an increase of a third from the 9,564 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 20, the advance U.S. figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 229,000, an increase of 4,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 17,000 from 242,000 to 225,000. The advanced number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 202,044 in the week ending May 20, an increase of 1,306 (or 0.7 percent) from the previous week. There were 187,695 ini-

tial claims in the comparable week in 2022. Looking at preliminary data, most U.S. states reported decreases on a seasonally unadjusted basis. Massachusetts's preliminary weekly change (-2,190) was the largest decrease. Michigan's weekly change (-1,070) was the second largest decrease. Illinois's preliminary weekly change (-923) was the third largest decrease. Oregon's weekly change (-559) was the fourth largest decrease. Virginia's preliminary weekly change (-51) was the eighteenth largest decrease.

Budget

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laptop computers and declining visual acuity, it becomes a challenge to read this information online. For the budget years 2021 to 2024, the Finance Department shows 16 documents listed on the website, representing hundreds of pages of material," he said.

Bozenmayer said he believes a lot of that material would interest many of the county's taxpayers if it were easier for them to access.

Bozenmayer noted that he and Blue Ridge Regional Library Patrick County branch manager Garry Clifton recently approached the county's Finance Officer Lori Jones to request the most recent budget be available in print form for ease of public access.

"I would like to expand that request to include the budget documents and audit reports for the last three years," he said.

From recent discussions with several meeting attendees, Bozenmayer said there is an increasing interest in the budget process, especially at the taxpayer level.

"I hope the supervisors will support this effort to improve access to the budget process," he said.

Clyde DeLoach, of the Blue Ridge District, asked if the board could do what Bozenmayer suggested and place copies of the budget at the library and the Patrick County Administration Building.

"No, we do get a handful of copies of the audits from the auditors, and I can put the three years at the library," Jones said.

Denise Stirewalt, of the Peters Creek District, said the county has always had a copy of the budget in the administration building lobby area for public viewing.

Assistant County Administrator and Human Resources Director Donna Shough said the county stopped doing that a few years ago because nobody ever looked at it.

"At the library, we also stopped it because it was a tremendous amount we'd have to gather, and they told me no one ever asked to look at it. So, we did stop it," she said.

Doug Perry, of the Smith River District, said he'd prefer a copy of the budget and audit to be at the library as it's "more accessible to the public."

The board also discussed changes to the county's budget.



Brown

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Virginia State Police Special Agent Billy McCraw (left) presented a plaque to Garry Brown, who is retiring after 27 years in law enforcement.

dedicated than Garry Brown," Smith said, recalling that he and Brown had been friends before an election 16 years ago pitted the two against each other for the office.

"I figured it was a 50/50 chance of each of us" winning, Smith said, adding that he planned then to ask Brown to serve as chief deputy if he won.

Smith emerged victorious in the contest and followed through with his plan to have Brown serve as Chief Deputy. "In 15 and a half years we've worked together, we've never had a cross word," Smith said.

Brown's "loyalty and dedication to this county and to me is unmatched," Smith said. "It's been a great ride and we all hate to see him go."

On a humorous note, Smith highlighted some of Brown's dislikes in a list that included "lazy people and eating lunch after 11:15."

Glock firearms also were on the list, Smith said, so the "Patrick County Sheriff's Office, in honor of Garry Brown" doesn't use that type of firearm.

At the conclusion, Smith presented Brown with a plaque of appreciation to honor his service along with other gifts.

Eric O'Connell, Jason Kruse, and Margie Stowe also spoke at the luncheon, with many recalling some of their more memorable moments with Brown and wishing him well in his new post.

Billy McCraw, a special agent with the Virginia State Police, presented a plaque to Brown for his willingness to partner with and assist the state police.

"It's been easy to do what I've done here," Brown said. "I've had great people to work with."

As he prepares to take his leave, Brown said he will most miss "the people at work, the people in the community and helping people."

The current Branch Civil project is expected to take 3 to 4 years to complete, Brown said. "I don't know what will happen after that."

Events

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are being sought, and the group is considering adding a Bake Sale to the roster of events "if folks want to donate a pie or cake."

To donate an item or for more information, contact Hughes at (276) 692-6224, Jamie Hall at (276) 340-8454, or any group member.

Hughes said the group is also planning a Catfish Tournament to benefit Belcher on June 10. The tournament will be held starting at 4 p.m. at the #1 Boat Ramp at Philpott Lake, Hughes said.

"You do not have to have a boat to participate," he said.

The entry fee is \$40, with the weigh-in scheduled for midnight,

also at the #1 Boat Ramp.

Prizes include a payout for the biggest catfish and a 50/50 payout.

For more information or to register for the fishing tournament, call Jonathan Scott at (276) 229-1700.

Proceeds from all of the events are earmarked to help Belcher with her medical expenses, Hughes said.

Belcher is battling some serious health issues that have required a flight for life-saving treatment as well as a stay in the ICU (Intensive Care Unit), according to Wood, who noted that Belcher doesn't have health insurance.

Wood said Belcher stayed in the ICU for at least a week earlier this year, and doctors discovered she had extremely high blood pressure and some other health issues.

"She's not fully recovered from it," Wood said, adding that Belcher has not been able to return to work as a hairstylist.

Belcher is a big help in the community, and previously served as the treasurer of the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) at Woolwine Elementary School, Wood said, adding that Belcher will have two children at Patrick County High School (PCHS) next year.

"She donated her time before she

got sick, and she would actually go to Heritage Hall and give haircuts and stuff to all of the people down there. She never charged them," Wood said of Belcher.

Hughes also noted that Belcher helped with a community Back-to-School event and Christmas project.

Anyone wishing to make a financial donation can send checks or money to P.O. Box 396 Stuart, VA 24171. Those who don't feel comfortable sending donations through the mail may contact Wood, who is willing to come pick it up in person.

"We're very appreciative of anything," she said.

House Fire

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gressed through the top layer, which eventually went through the roof of the building.

"The residents that were there were out of the building at the time we got there. We did go ahead and do fire suppression on the exterior and interior of the building," he said.

Wilson said the department left the scene at 8:14 a.m. It took 186 minutes, or around two hours, to put the fire out.

About 25 people were on the scene in total, including 10 firefighters from Stuart.

Patrick Springs Volunteer Fire Department had about seven people on scene and Moorefield Store Volunteer Fire Department had three. The Francisco and Lawsonville volunteer fire departments in North Carolina each sent two people to assist.

CCDF Volunteer Fire Department, Station 3, and Station 8 also sent personnel to the scene.

"It did take everyone working together to knock this fire down," he said.

Wilson said the cause of the fire is still under investigation by the Patrick County Sheriff's Office.

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Empty Nesters

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Pictured with Kevin Smith (center, left to right) are his son in law Timothy Pruitt; daughter, Taylor Pruitt; Pamela Smith, and his father, Dan Smith. (Photo by Mary Dellenback Hill)

ing at home an outlet "and something to do," Smith said.

Another project was helping youngsters in

the Christmas Cheer project, Smith said and explained that her family worked with the program for two or three years before she joined the club.

That year, "I thought, 'why not get the Ruritans involved,'" Smith said, adding the club also participates in a project called Santa for a Senior, which is based in nearby Mount Airy, N.C.

"We made an outing out of it and practiced our social skills" when shopping and delivering, Smith said.

Besides those projects, Smith said the club also helps individual families who may be struggling due to job

loss, illness, or another serious concern.

"If a family is down on their luck, we try to help them" with whatever needs the club can help fill, she said.

The club also held its first Pancake/Sausage Breakfast, a project "that we continue quarterly," Smith said. "The next one is the third Saturday in June."

Bingo games are held regularly, and the club also publishes an ad book, Smith said.

The club's members lend their strengths and talents to the projects which interest them.

"Some come out to help with the Bingo

games, others sign-up and help with the breakfasts, and some help with our ad book. They enjoy going out and talking to businesses," she said, adding individual clubs determine which projects to run.

Another "of the things that brought people out is seeing how much fun we're having, along with fellowship, goodwill, and community service," Smith said.

The pandemic "actually helped regrow the club," she said

The club recently celebrated 70 years of service "because of Mary Dellenback Hill's determination," Smith said, noting that Hill recently was selected as the recipient of the Tom Downing Award – the highest honor the club bestows.

More recently, Smith's husband, Kevin Smith, received the award.

The Ararat Ruritan Club recently presented the highest honor bestowed upon a Ruritan to Kevin Smith. Downing is one of Ruritan's co-founders. Fewer than 1 percent of Ruritans have been honored as a Tom Downing Fellow.

Kevin Smith first joined the Ararat Ruritan Club in 1996.

He has served as secretary, treasurer, vice president, president of the club, zone governor, and on the district level. He is currently the Ruritan Foundation Chair and Lieutenant Governor.

Ruritan clubs have deep roots in Patrick County, Smith said and explained that Ruritan "is an older organization," with clubs serving the areas of Moorefield Store, Russell Creek, and Doby's Road years ago.

Until recently, she didn't know about her family's place in that history or that she is carrying on a family tradition with her servers.

At an estate sale in April, Smith purchased "one of those big Ruritan signs" that previously had been the property of the Doby's Ruritan Club. She later learned from a family member that her father, Johnny Roberson, had served as the club's secretary, after joining the club about a month after her birth in May 1969, "probably to get away from a crying baby," she said, chuckling.

Her uncle, Charles Roberson, was among the charter members of the club that served the community until it disbanded in 1976.

Currently, her son, Jon, and grandson, Rhett, also are members of the Ararat Ruritan Club, Smith said. "We're carrying on a tradition that I didn't know we were carrying."

Last year, there were four Ruritan clubs, Smith said. In addition to the Ararat club, other clubs include

Meadows of Dan, with 29 members; Patrick Springs, with 17 members, and Red Bank with 52 members.

A booth at last year's Patrick County Agricultural Fair "helped birth" the new Stuart Ruritan Club, which currently has 19 members.

Pamela and Kevin Smith were instrumental in chartering that club earlier this year, and Smith has her sights set on the Woolwine area next.

There's an open door invitation to attend meetings at each club, Smith said, adding involvement in outside activities is 'good for what ails you' – at least, it has been an anecdote for her.

"This empty nest thing is for the birds," she said.

Visit individual clubs on Facebook for dates and times of meetings as well as upcoming projects.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY, FOR APPROVAL OF A RATE ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE PURSUANT TO VA. CODE § 56-585.1 A 4 CASE NO. PUR-2023-00061

•Appalachian Power Company ("APCo") requests approval of a revenue requirement of \$413.2 million for its T-RAC for the September 2023 through August 2024 rate year. According to APCo, if approved, this would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month by approximately \$4.15.

•A Hearing Examiner appointed by the State Corporation Commission will hear public witness testimony on the case on June 21, 2023, at 10 a.m., and testimony and evidence of APCo, Commission Staff, and any respondents on June 22, 2023.

•Further information about this case is available on the Commission's website at: sec.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

On May 4, 2023, Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or "Company") filed an application ("Application") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to § 56-585.1 A 4 of the Code of Virginia for approval to implement factors to recover an increase to its revenue requirement through its transmission rate adjustment clause ("T-RAC").

In its Application, APCo requests permission to recover a proposed total revenue requirement of \$413.2 million through the T-RAC for the September 2023 through August 2024 rate year ("Rate Year"). The Company states that its proposed revenue requirement consists of the following: a forecasted Virginia jurisdictional current-period formula rate (current) revenue requirement of \$379 million for the Rate Year, based on Federal Energy Regulatory Commission-approved PJM rates for transmission service that went into effect on January 1, 2023; a cumulative Virginia jurisdictional actual under-recovery formula rate balance, through March 2023 (true-up) of \$18.5 million; a forecasted Virginia jurisdictional under-recovery amount of \$13.7 million for the period April 2023—August 2023 (update); and a forecasted Virginia jurisdictional revenue requirement of \$2.2 million associated with the Business Park Pilot Program.

APCo states that its proposed revenue requirement is an increase of approximately \$45.1 million from the annual T-RAC revenue requirement approved by the Commission in 2022. The Company indicates that its proposed T-RAC rates would increase the monthly bill for a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month by \$4.15.

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

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

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCo's Application. On June 21, 2023, at 10 a.m., a Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses, with no public witness present in the Commission's courtroom. On or before June 14, 2023, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at sec.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting; (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to SCCInfo@sec.virginia.gov; or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at sec.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on June 21, 2023, the Hearing Examiner will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

On June 22, 2023, at 10 a.m., in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, a Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence offered by the Company, respondents, and the Staff on the Application.

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

An electronic copy of the public version of the Company's Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, James G. Ritter, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or jritter@aep.com. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies of the public version of the Application and other documents filed in this case from the Commission's website: sec.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

On or before June 16, 2023, any interested person may submit comments on the Application by following the instructions on the Commission's website: sec.virginia.gov/casecomments/SubmitPublic-Comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2023-00061.

On or before June 9, 2023, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission at sec.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company. Pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by Rule 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2023-00061.

On or before June 9, 2023, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, at sec.virginia.gov/clk/efiling, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be served on the Staff, the Company, and all other respondents simultaneously with its filing. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, including 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2023-00061.

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

The public version of the Company's Application and other documents filed in this case, the Commission's Rules of Practice, and the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing may be viewed on the Commission's website at: sec.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

The Spy

Ninth District U.S. Rep. Morgan Griffith

On May 29th, we honor our fallen service men and women, having died while serving in the United States armed forces. Memorial Day is a chance for all Americans to reflect on the ultimate sacrifice made by their fellow citizens, many of whom being friends or family members.

With redistricting, the Ninth District has been expanded to include Bedford and Franklin Counties. During this Memorial Day, I am especially reminded of the Bedford Boys, otherwise known as the Virginia National Guard – Company A of the 116th Infantry Regiment, 29th Division, one of the American units at the forefront of the D-Day invasion of Normandy during World War II. When Company A stormed Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944, there were 35 soldiers from Bedford. By the end of the campaign, 23 would be dead, making Bedford, Virginia, the town with the highest per capita deaths.

A few years ago, when I took my boys to visit with a D-Day veteran, I showed them the opening scene of the movie Saving Private Ryan. Though a reenactment of that day, the movie depicted what our Bedford Boys experienced, coming off those boats and immediately taking fire from the Germans. Just thinking of the horror brings tears to my eyes. Thinking of their heroism makes me proud to be an American.

I want to thank every serviceman and woman for their service and sacrifice, and also the families and loved ones supporting our soldiers. Their sacrifice allows us to enjoy the freedoms and liberties we hold so dear.

Memorial Day also marks the unofficial start to summer. The weather is warm, schools are letting out, and baseball season is in full swing.

As a history buff, I find connections to our past all around us. In this case, I was thinking about Memorial Day and baseball and was reminded that the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum is in Cooperstown, New York. Cooperstown has an interesting connection to not only our country's founding, but also American literature.

Cooperstown was named after William Cooper, who owned the land and was a county judge in the late 18th century, later elected to the New York state assembly.

His son, James Fenimore Cooper, was an American writer, famous for his novels including colonial and Native American characters.

His most famous novel, The Last of the Mohicans, was an instant bestseller. In 1992, it was famously adopted into the award-winning movie of the same name.

But the novel I want to talk about, written five years earlier than The Last of the Mohicans, was Cooper's The Spy. Set during the American Revolution, at "The Locusts", a home in Scarsdale, New York, the novel tells the story of homeowners, the Wharton family, and other characters who seek refuge, both loyalists and revolutionaries, whose allegiances are unknown to the family.

It is widely believed that The Spy was inspired by Cooper's family friend, John Jay. Jay, a Founding Father of the United States, and author of five of The Federalist Papers, served as the sixth President of the Continental Congress. Later he served as the first chief justice of the United States and as the second governor of New York.

He is also known as the "Founding Father of U.S. Counterintelligence." During the Revolutionary War, he played a key role directing clandestine operatives and running counterintelligence missions.

In 1776, he headed a New York state executive body called the Committee for Detecting and Defeating Conspiracies, recognized as the nation's first dedicated counterintelligence agency. While heading the committee investigating a loyalist plan for a surprise attack on the core of the Continental Army in New York City, he uncovered a plot against General George Washington by his bodyguards. Having allied themselves with the British, the guards hoped to capture or assassinate Washington. Fortunately for Washington, Jay and his Committee foiled their plan.

After the war, Jay traveled to Great Britain in 1794 to settle unresolved issues between Great Britain and our fledgling country. These efforts resulted in the "Jay Treaty," which averted another war with Britain. Years later, Jay co-authored the New York State Constitution.

During this Memorial Day period, we should all think of patriots from 1776 to 2023, who we owe a debt of gratitude.

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

Update on Patrick County Broadband Projects

By Steve Terry

Fellow broadband committee member Brad Davis and I received an update on May 25 from Charter/Spectrum who will be providing broadband services to locations in both Patrick and Carroll counties along the Parkway south of "downtown" Meadows of Dan, and below the mountain near Ararat. Pre-construction work including engineering, permitting and right-of-way agreements is nearly complete. They are scheduled to begin construction in July, and as they complete work in nearby Rockingham County, N.C. later in the summer and fall, they will transfer these crews to Patrick. They are not ready to publish completion dates just yet but will be pushing the project hard. Further information on schedules, costs, and services will be publicized in a few months, but things are looking great and the long-awaited FTTH services are just around the corner. Telephone and other services will also be available.

In case you missed the recent announcements of additional State VATI grants for the RiverStreet (RSN) service areas, the West Piedmont Planning District Commission won three of the available grants for almost one-third of the total \$59

million awarded in the state for broadband projects in 2023. Over \$300 million in requests were submitted, so competition was fierce. Michael Armbrister, who heads up the broadband projects for several counties including Patrick, as well as Sean Adkins deserve a huge thank you for all their hard work and great success for our area. Patrick County will receive the bulk of the \$8 million just awarded in a joint application by Patrick, Henry and Franklin counties. These funds will provide FTTH service to locations which were not eligible for previous VATI grants. This brings the total funding just for Patrick County broadband to over \$50 million. This grant along with previous funding is expected to complete FTTH availability to essentially the entire county. Design and permitting on the RSN projects will be completed beginning this fall as soon as the State Corporation Commission rules on the Appalachian Power Company Middle-Mile Fiber rate case, and construction will begin a few months afterward. As soon as the SCC approval is granted, RSN will be able to provide public information on their project schedule and other details.

(Terry is the chairman of the Patrick County Broadband Committee)

Is animal agriculture a scapegoat for climate change?

A 2020 Burger King ad was pulled after agriculturalists decried its message insinuating the "farts, burps and splatters" of methane produced by cows are a major contributor to climate-warming emissions.

Farmers objected to the perception that animal agriculture is a villain in the climate change narrative, said American Farm Bureau President Zippy Duvall. Parent company Restaurant Brands International has since pledged to consult with industry experts in future farming-related marketing campaigns.

But how much does animal agriculture contribute to greenhouse gas emissions?

Enteric fermentation is a natural part of the digestive process in ruminant livestock. Microbes decompose and ferment food in the digestive tract, producing methane as a byproduct.

While agriculture consistently represents just 10% of total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions when compared to other major economic sectors, enteric fermentation makes up a chunk of that contribution at 28%, according to a 2020 Environmental Protection Agency emissions inventory.

For more context—the U.S. currently produces 18% of the world's beef with just 8% of the cattle, contributing 3% of overall greenhouse gases, Duvall added. And dairy cattle are thought to contribute less than 1% of total emissions.

"This is a big reason we get so riled up when we're misrepresented," he said.

The largest source of U.S. agricultural emissions is soil management,

including fertilizer applications or tillage practices, making up 5% of overall emissions. The transportation sector has the biggest overall U.S. greenhouse gas impact, contributing 27.2%, followed closely by electricity generation and other industries.

"Animal agriculture is the industry's largest component in Virginia," noted Virginia Farm Bureau Federation President Wayne F. Pryor. "The sector is making recognized advances to reduce its environmental impact."

Robin White, an associate professor in the Virginia Tech School of Animal Sciences, explained that enteric methane emissions are an important target of the animal agriculture industry moving toward carbon neutrality.

"Because molecules like methane and nitrous oxide have greater capacity to trap radiation and re-emit it back to earth, they have greater warming potential than less impactful greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide," she said.

Carbon dioxide "sticks" in the atmosphere, and landowners must implement best management practices to sequester it. While methane has greater warming potential, it has a shorter life, metabolized quickly in the atmosphere. To reduce methane emissions, farmers can feed their animals methane-mitigating diets, or optimize farm population dynamics.

"If we can decrease the size of the atmospheric methane pool, we have an immediate positive impact on warming," White said. "As we work toward climate change targets, this is one of our best strategies."

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by Linda Thistle

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Tips to Sleep Well While Traveling

Proper sleep is important, especially while traveling. Whether your work finds you constantly on the road or you're planning a family getaway, catching the proper z's while away from home isn't just recommended; it's vital.

While traveling is often seen as a stress-reliever, it can be just the opposite, which is not always beneficial to our bodies. With planning and patience, you can be sure to wake up rested each morning, even while on the road. Here are some tips to help you sleep well while traveling.

Maintain Healthy Habits

Sleeping well is one key to staying healthy. The reverse is also true: a healthy person will usually sleep better. During sleep, our bodies burn calories and repair damage. This doesn't change when you're on vacation. Whether you are constantly on the road or preparing for an annual vacation, follow healthy habits during the day to reap the rewards at night.

Eating healthy and exercising daily are important steps. It's natural to want to enjoy yourself while on vacation, but that doesn't mean you should overindulge. In addition to eating a balanced diet, take daily walks. Or you can get your body moving using the treadmill at the hotel gym, going for a gym at the pool, or even exercise "snacks" in your hotel room. You should also be sure to stay hydrated, especially after eating salty car snacks.

Plan Ahead

Often, poor sleep while on the road is caused by the anxiety of travel. Planning your journey and preparing for the trip can alleviate many stressors that can lead to poor sleep. If you're traveling by car, follow a road trip checklist to ensure you remember the essentials and are

prepared for any medical or roadside emergency that might come your way.

When it's time to pack, bring along some extra sleep accessories to ensure you catch your needed shut-eye. Comfort items such as a favorite blanket or pajamas will help you feel at home no matter where you sleep. Accessories such as earplugs and eye masks can block out the unfamiliar sights and sounds of a hotel room. For kids, remember their favorite bedtime dolls or books. After all, kids who sleep well won't wake their parents in the middle of the night.

Eliminate Stress

From traffic to flight delays to cranky kids, there are plenty of stressors no matter how or where you travel. That's why taking short breaks for self-care throughout the trip is so important. If you're driving, take five minutes every time you stop to breathe deeply and relax your muscles. When it's time to sleep, massage the back of your scalp with your fingertips. If you find yourself having trouble falling asleep, count backward from 10 while breathing slowly. You can also guide children through these same exercises.

Outside stressors unrelated to traveling can also wreak havoc on your sleep. Money is often a huge source of concern, especially while on the road. Before you hit the highway, make sure you've budgeted accordingly.

In addition to having enough cash to cover food, lodging, and transportation, be ready for unexpected expenses. Most rental cars and hotels require a deposit of at least \$100. If you use your debit card, those funds could be tied up for days or weeks, so be sure to bring along a credit card. If your credit isn't where you want it to be, con-

sider opening a secured credit card. These accounts require a deposit, but they work like regular credit cards, and they can help build your credit when used responsibly.

Routine is King

If you travel for work, developing day and night routines that focus on your health are integral for worthwhile sleep. If you're traveling by yourself, don't push yourself too hard. Sleep when you would at home. Avoid electronics and cocktails right before bed: Blue light and alcohol can mess with your ability to fall asleep and stay asleep, respectively.

If your travels are lasting two days or less, follow the two-day rule. Keep your same schedule and habits to avoid stressing your body. If it's going to be a long road trip, start to adapt your body before you leave. Be aware of changing time zones and different weather conditions that can interrupt your sleep schedule.

Finally, remember to enjoy yourself. Even if it's just for a few minutes between meetings, take the time to appreciate your surroundings. Talk to your friends when you normally would, and check-in with family for a familiar voice.

Traveling can be a way of life or an exciting adventure that happens once a year. Either way, it's important to rest well along the way. When it comes to health and sleep, listen to your body. With a little preparation, every day on the road can be a rich and rewarding experience.

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Social Security Matters

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

Ask Rusty - I'm Approaching 65 - Should I Claim Social Security?

Dear Rusty: I am fast approaching 65 (in August) and plan to continue working full time. I would like to know the implications of that, and about drawing Social Security. Same question for my husband who is past his full retirement age (he will be 67 this year) and he continues to work full time. Signed: Still Working

Dear Still Working: Married couples should always coordinate their retirement strategy, and you're very smart to do so. Born in 1958, your full retirement age (FRA) for Social Security purposes is 66 years and 8 months. Your FRA is the point at which your earnings from work no longer affect your Social Security benefits, but if you claim at age 65 and continue to work full time, you will be limited to how much you can earn before they take away some (or perhaps all) of your benefits. Here's what will happen if you claim Social Security (SS) to start in August when you are 65:

- Your SS retirement benefit will be permanently reduced by 11% (you'll get 89% of your FRA entitlement). Your monthly amount will only change thereafter due to Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA).

- If you start your benefits in August you will be subject to an earnings limit - either a monthly limit of \$1,770 for the remaining months of the year or the 2023 annual limit of \$21,240. If the monthly limit is exceeded you aren't entitled to benefits for that month, or if the annual limit is exceeded they will take back benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 over the annual limit. Social Security will use whichever method yields the smallest penalty.

- Beginning in 2024, you will be subject only to Social Security's annual earnings limit, which will be something more than the 2023 annual limit of \$21,240. If you exceed the 2024 (or 2025) annual limit, Social Security will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit (half of what you exceed the limit by). The annual limit will be in effect until you reach your full retirement age of 66 years and 8 months in April 2026.

Since your husband has already reached his FRA, working full time will not negatively affect his monthly Social Security benefits if he chooses to claim his SS benefits now. However, if he hasn't yet claimed your husband is already earning Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) which will increase his benefit when he later claims. DRCs are earned monthly (.667% per month; 8% per year) and can be earned up to age 70 when maximum SS benefit is attained. For your husband, his age 70 benefit would be 29% more than he was entitled to at his FRA. Whether it is wise to wait longer to claim depends on life expectancy, but break even age is about 83 for those who wait until 70 to claim (vs. claiming at FRA). FYI, average life expectancy for a man your husband's current age is about 84; for you about 87.

Since you are both still working full time, be aware that - depending on your combined income from all sources - your Social Security benefits will become part of your taxable income. As a married couple both working full time, your combined income will likely be over the \$44,000 threshold after which income tax will be levied on up to 85% of your Social Security benefits received during the tax year (using your normal IRS tax rate). I suggest you consider the income tax implications of claiming Social Security while you are still working full time.

You did not ask about Medicare, but if you (and your husband) now have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your employer ("creditable" is a group plan with at least 20 participants) you can defer enrolling in Medicare Part B until your employer healthcare coverage ends, thus avoiding the Medicare Part B premium while you are working.

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Pioneers

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ry is according to his information too." (Hilery Dillon's paternal grandmother was Lucy Brammer who married James Dillon and his maternal grandmother was Martha Brammer who married Caleb Boyd. Lucy and Martha were both the daughters of John Brammer

and Nancy Davis, so whichever grandmother told him this story is very knowledgeable about the Woolwine area).

"Sam Shelor, a carpenter, once carried the mail here at Woolwine where he would feed his horse from a box nailed to a tree. No fence law then, so hogs would run free,

and one learned to bite the horse on the leg, then the horse would bite at the hog and waste some corn on the ground. The hog would eat the corn and then try it over."

"Dandridge Slaughter once lived where my grandfather Elisha Anglin later lived (next to my Dad's family), now owned by my niece,

Anna Ogburn Conway. Abe Burnett of Indian Valley was Slaughter's grandson. Jim Slaughter lived at the Pokey place now owned by my nephew Willis Alver Ogburn. Jim was a deputy clerk at Stuart. He was Tom and Jim Boaz' grandfather. Some old-timers once on this combined farm were Reuben Jones, Jeff Boyd, his son, S. S. Boyd, Jim Compton, an early John Morrison, Bill Harris, Sanders, Harbours, Hughes, and Turners."

The last tidbit I will share from Mr. Anglin's "Random Observations" is this interesting fact. "Wild pigeons used to come here from Ohio in chestnut time in such enormous numbers, that they badly broke the branches of the timber where they roosted. Civilization has exterminated the pigeons, and blight exterminated the chestnut trees."

It makes my heart happy to read Mr. Anglin's recollections of conversations with my grandfather, among other folks in the community, and to imagine them coming to the post office to catch up on the latest news and share old tales.

I have just scratched the surface of Mr. Anglin's wonderful book. If you have a chance, visit the Patrick County Historical Museum and learn some more "Random Observations."

Thank you again to Sandra Houchins Anglin. Woody may be reached at rockcastlecreek1@gmail.com or 276-692-9626.



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Hubert Hubbard



Hubert Hubbard, 88 of Willis, passed away on Tuesday, May 23, 2023. He is preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Jean Quesenberry Hubbard; son, Lane Hubbard; and sisters, Norma Jean Alderman and Wanda Hylton.

He is survived by his son, Alan Hubbard; daughter-in-law, Sandy Hubbard; grandchildren, Johnathan & Kadesh Hubbard, Matthew Hubbard, Danielle Hubbard, Keith Hubbard, Zachary Hubbard, and Emily Hubbard; 10 great-grand-

children; brother & sister-in-law, Fred & Joyce Hubbard.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 26, 2023 in the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Dale Belcher officiating. Interment followed in the Shelor Cemetery. The family received friends from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m.

prior to the service at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made at www.maberryfuneralhome.com.

Gary Dale Hooker



Gary Dale Hooker, 57, of Stuart, Virginia, passed away Saturday, May 27, 2023, at his residence. He was born February 20, 1966, in High Point, North Carolina to the late J.C. Hooker and Ruby Campbell Hooker. Gary loved to play the guitar. He spent his free time with his family, friends, and especially his mother.

In addition to his father, he is preceded in death by his wife, Martha Fain Hooker.

In addition to his mother, he is

survived by his daughters, Taylor Payne, Kellie Martin, and Jerrie Deal (Pwee); brother, Chris Hooker (Jennifer); grandchildren, Xavier Whitt, Trevor Whitt, Jazmyn Whitt, and Destiney Deal; great grandchild, Erica Payne; niece, Tiffany Bowman (Cody); nephew, Toby Hooker.

A memorial service will be held 2:00p.m., June 3, 2023 at State Line Primitive Baptist Church, 1334 State Line Church Rd, Westfield, NC 27053.

Harold Claude Hylton



Mr. Harold Claude Hylton, age 83 of Stuart, finished his hardworking life and laid down his welding helmet on Saturday, May 27, 2023. He was born in Patrick County on December 27, 1939 to the late Claude Edward Hylton and Era Bowling Hylton. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Doris Drake, and a nephew, Matthew Hylton.

After graduating from Auto & Diesel College in Tennessee, Mr. Hylton worked for many years at Stuart Lumber Company before starting a logging company with his brother. He also was the owner/operator of B & H General Repair & Welding. He served honorably in the United States Army and loved working on any type of machinery, and camping with his family.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 58 years, Barbara Woods Hylton of the home; one daughter, Lisa Hylton and one son, Dale "Stretch" Hylton of Stuart; two

granddaughters, Kristina Blake Akkerman (Daren) of Leesburg, Florida and Kimberly Coalson of Stuart; two great-granddaughters, Payton Purdy and Maddie Dellenback; two step-great-granddaughters, Harper Akkerman and Kendall Carroll; one brother, Ralph Hylton of Floyd; one sister, Christine

Morrison (Randolph) of Christiansburg, Virginia; and many nieces and nephews.

There will be no formal service at this time. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Woolwine Volunteer Fire Department, of which he was a founding member, P.O. Box 183, Woolwine, Virginia 24185 or to the Smith River Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 122, Woolwine, Virginia 24185. Moody Funeral Home in Stuart is handling the arrangements, and online condolences may be sent by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

Dr. David William Roycroft



Dr. David William Roycroft passed away on May 22, 2023, at his home in Charity, Virginia.

David was born in Brooklyn, NY on May 10, 1937, to the late Walter Richard Roycroft, Sr. and Elizabeth Skelton Roycroft. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Walter Richard Roycroft, Jr.

After earning a Bachelor of Science degree from Hofstra University and a Medical Doctorate degree from Albany Medical College, he served his residency in pathology at both Albany Medical College and Walter Reed Army General Hospital. He was Board Certified by the American Board of Anatomical and Clinical Pathology and served as Chief of Anatomic and Clinical Pathology. He served in the United States Army Medical Corps, attaining the rank of Major.

David worked at Memorial Hospital of Martinsville and Henry County for forty years. He was also passionate about agriculture, restoring

old cars, and operating the business he founded in 1982, Smith River Biologicals. He was experienced in metal and woodworking.

Dr. Roycroft is survived by his devoted wife of 63 years, Elizabeth Weick Roycroft, his son, Glenn David Roycroft, and Glenn's wife, Teri.

Family and friends of Dr. Roycroft are invited to celebrate his life with a visitation on Thursday, May 25, 2023, from 6:00-8:00 pm at Moody Funeral Services in Stuart. A graveside service will be held on Friday, May 26, 2023, at 11:00 am in Woolwine Cemetery with Rev. John Heck officiating. Military rites will be provided by Patrick County Veterans Memorial Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Doctors Without Borders. A memorial service will be held at a later date in St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 65 Rock Ridge Rd, Callaway, VA 24067. Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

Barry James Wood



Mr. Barry James Wood, age 42, of Greensboro, NC passed away on May 26, 2023, at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill, NC after a long battle with non-alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver. He was born in Martinsville, VA on July 30, 1980. He lived the first 35 years of his life on the mountain in Vesta, VA loved by his parents, J. Michael Wood and Veda Horton Wood; brother, Michael Ray Wood (Martha), sister, Suzanne Wood Rorrer (Curt); nieces; Michael, Sonora, Fiona, and Sabrina; and all of his aunts, uncles, and cousins. He spent the last happiest years of his life in Greensboro, NC loved by his wife, Candace "Hayley" Wood and their son, Wesley Michael Wood; father and mother-in-law, Bill and Beth Dunn; brother-in-law, Jason Dunn (Sarah); nieces; Emma and Harper; nephew, Grady; a special friend, Dot Runde; and all of Hayley's aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Barry enjoyed going to the movies, golfing, taking road trips and hiking. His greatest achievement and light of his life was his son Wesley. Barry loved to spend time outside with Wesley playing in the yard, playing golf, and going for walks in the park. He looked

everyone blessed enough to know him.

Funeral Services will be held Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at 11:00 AM at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart, VA with Pastor Marcus Wood officiating. Burial will follow in the Plaster Family Cemetery in Vesta, VA. A Celebration of Life will also be held on Saturday, June 3rd from 1pm-5pm at 24 Winterberry Ct, Greensboro NC 27455. All friends and family are welcome to stop in. Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Plaster Family Cemetery, c/o Linda Hopkins, 1233 Elamsville Rd, Stuart VA 24171 or to Barry's Memorial Fund for Wesley's trip out West at <https://gofund.me/968b8c55>.

The family of Mr. Barry Wood would like to extend their sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Liver Transplant Team at UNC Medical Center. They recognized what a great guy Barry was, and they knew how hard he was fighting, so they fought the battle with him until he was eased into God's Hands.

VDCJS Awards Security Grant to P&HCC

Patrick & Henry Community College has been awarded \$33,000 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services Higher Education Equipment (HEE) grant program to purchase new two-way radios for campus police and Campus Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members as part of a campus-wide communications system upgrade. P&HCC sought assistance through the ARPA Law Enforcement Grant Program following an assessment of their communications system needs.

"This first step in our communications upgrades will enable us to communicate with the 911 dispatch center better and allows us to furnish upgraded radios for our CERT team. This will allow us to get our communications in line with where it needs to be," said P&HCC Chief of Campus Police Gary Dove.

In addition to its current radio system used daily by campus police, P&HCC uses both a public address system and emergency call stations located around campus to support the college community and campus visitors. The P&HCC CERT team responds to emergencies and safety

events in collaboration with local authorities. It is comprised of administrators, faculty and staff who serve the college community in this additional role during an emergency situation. The team meets regularly to assess safety needs, update protocols, and ensure the ongoing safety of all on campus.

CERT Team co-captain Mark Nelson added, "The Patrick & Henry Community College Campus Emergency Response Team [CERT] is extremely grateful for this grant. The college has always held the safety of our students, employees and visitors a top priority. The new radios will ensure instant communication between the team and the campus police department, and the newer technology will help eliminate "dead zones" across campus."



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What Fruit Are You Bearing?

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The list of the fruit of the Spirit is found in Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT), *But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law* (NKJV).

It is written in the Bible, 1 John 4:8b (NKJV)...*for God is Love. The fruit of the Spirit is not a collection of unrelated fruits, which can neither be selected nor neglected according to our personal preference, our situation or circumstance, or our agenda. It comes as a whole package that can only be cultivated and matured by a pursued and maintained relationship with God through His Son Jesus Christ. John 15:5 (NKJV), I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.*

God will allow trials and tribulations in our lives to show us what is on the inside of us. When the pressure is on, and the world is squeezing tightly, just like a crowded refrigerator, something has to

come out. Matthew 7:16b (NLT), *You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. Verses 17-18, A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. Verse 20, Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions.* What are your actions? What fruit are you bearing?

Bearing fruit is something that must be worked out and worked at. We begin by embracing that the fruit of the Spirit is first love. We are to first love God and people, second. *Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.* 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a (AMP).

Allow the seed of love given by God to fully germinate. Cultivate and water it through submission, study, and prayer. Love people as you love Christ and as Christ loved us. Then, watch your fruit grow. Three things will last forever — *faith, hope, and love — and the greatest of these is love.* 1 Corinthians 13:13.

Again, I ask, what fruit are you bearing?

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BIBLE TRIVIA

BY WILSON CASEY

1. Is the book of Hosea (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Luke 8:2, how many demons did Mary Magdalene have in her? 1, 3, 5, 7
3. Who wrote in Proverbs 13:24, "He that spareth his rod hateth his son"? David, Solomon, Job, Ruth

4. From Judges 13-16, who was the strongest man on earth? Hercules, Samson, Obadiah, Timothy
5. During the great flood, how many humans were on the ark? 2, 4, 6, 8
6. In Psalms 68:5, who is "father to the fatherless"? Oneself, Heaven, Fool, God

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) 7, 3) Solomon, 4) Samson, 5) 8 (Gen. 7:13), 6) God

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Scholarships awarded in May ceremony

By Ashlee Mullis

Several Patrick County High School seniors received scholarships at a May 11 ceremony. More than \$1,240,390 was awarded to students via 4-year renewable scholarships and grants. Students and the presenters are:



Albert John Bozenmeyer Memorial Scholarship- Presenter Norma Bozenmeyer and Willow Kelley.



Daughters of the American Revolution- Isaac Wood and Presenter Ann McConnell.



Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship- Rebecca Craft and Presenter Rozina Turner.



Doris Wood Memorial Scholarship- Jadyn Pruitt (not pictured- Mia Stowe).



Dixie Youth Baseball Scholarship- Martin Sawyers and Presenter Michael Hall.



Dorn O and Gaynelle Spangler Memorial Scholarship- Isaac Wood and Presenter Dayna Bobbitt.



Excellence in Nursing Scholarship- Alexis Knight (not pictured- Gavin Hill).



Educator's Family Scholarship- Madison Mullis.



Fern E Pino Memorial Scholarship- Carlie Rorrer and Presenter Dayna Bobbitt.



Alfred Brammer Memorial Scholarship- Alexis Lemons and Presenter Dayna Bobbitt.



George Rigney Scholarship- Presenter Phyllis Eastridge and Elian Pendleton.



GRASP Scholarship- Andrew Rakes (not pictured- Macy Hall).



Fred Allen Memorial Scholarship- Macy Hall and Presenter Dayna Bobbitt.



Hardin Reynolds Memorial School PTO Scholarship- Jared Peal.



HH Web and Nora Benevolent Trust Scholarship- Kaylee Towler.



Honorable Gerald L. Baliiles Memorial Public Service Scholarship- Mallory DeHart, Carlie Rorrer, Presenter Courtney Williams.



James C and Margaret S Hiatt Memorial Scholarship- Alainah Harbour and Presenter Dayna Bobbitt.



John D Hooker Memorial Scholarship- Kaylee Towler and Presenter Dayna Bobbitt.



Meadows of Dan Women's Club Scholarship- Jade Strothers, Chloe Wright, and Presenter Mary Locke.



Mary Jane Taylor Memorial Senior Beta Scholarship- Jadyn Pruitt and Presenter Dayna Bobbitt.



American Legion Post 105 Scholarship- Kirsten Hylton and Presenter Gary Griffith.



Meadows of Dan Elementary School PTO Scholarship- Braedon Augustine and Presenter Jennifer Montgomery.



Patrick County Fire and Rescue- Presenter Ed Hartman and Kursten Hylton.



Patrick County Historical Society_ Henry G Ayers Memorial Scholarship- Carlie Rorrer and Presenter John Reynolds.



Ann Belcher and Orea G Rakes Memorial Scholarship- Missy Hazard and Presenter Dayna Bobbitt.



PCHS Class of '76 Scholarship- Toby Perkins and Devin Walker.



Perry Family Scholarship- Macy Hall.



Ararat Ruritan Legacy Scholarship- Irene Smith, Ararat Ruritan Club- Chloe Wright and Macy Hall with presenters Pamela and Kevin Smith.



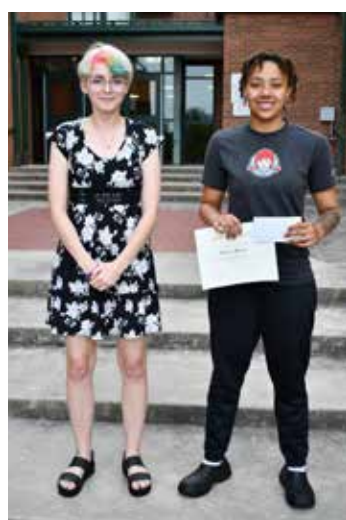
Nancy Susan Reynolds Scholarship- Front Row (l-r) Emma Nickelston, Mallory DeHart, Karlyn Hall, Colin Campbell, Elian Pendleton, Missy Hazard, Presenter Pam Smith Back row (l-r) Autumn Heath, Macy Hall, Lexi Lemons, Pedro Joaquin-Ortega, Toby Perkins, Martin Sawyers, Irene Smith, Carlie Rorrer, Kursten Hylton (not pictured- Samantha Harris).



Patrick County Retired Teachers Scholarship- Missy Hazard and Presenter Barbara Pendleton.



Primitive Coffee Employee Scholarship- Madison Greer and Presenter Libby Wood (not pictured- Jaiden Clontz).



Ross Harbour UMC Scholarship- Rebecca Craft and Jaden Moore.



Ruth B and George Huff Scholarship- Martin Sawyers.



Stuart Athletics Booster Club Scholarship Toby Perkins (not pictured- Samantha Harris).



Cougar Leadership Award- Braedon Augustine.



CPL Jonathan Bowling Memorial Scholarship- Rawl Mabe.



Stuart Rotary Scholarship- Madison Mullis.



Woolwine United Methodist Church Scholarship- Missy Hazard.



The ValleyStar Credit Union Commonwealth Legacy Scholarship- Madison Mullis.



Richard, Cornelius, and Vera Stanley Memorial Scholarship- Rebecca Craft and Presenter Dayna Bobbitt.



PCHS Class of '71 Scholarship- Devin Walker and Presenter Sandra Hylton.



Smith River Church of the Brethren Scholarship- Kaylee Towler and Presenter Nancy Griffith.



Susan Allen Huff Memorial Scholarship- Tristan Hardy and Presenter Dayna Bobbitt.



Christopher Newton Cobbler Memorial Scholarship- Presenter Norma Bozenmeyer and Jady Pruitt.



Patrick Springs Ruritan Club Scholarship- Jalen Hagwood, Ty Stowe-Holt, Payton Stovall.



Providence UMC Scholarship- Jaden Moore, Ty Stowe-Holt, and Presenter Amanda Holt.



PCHS Class of '75 Scholarship- Devin Walker, Macy Hall, Kursten Hylton, (not pictured- Jady Pruitt).



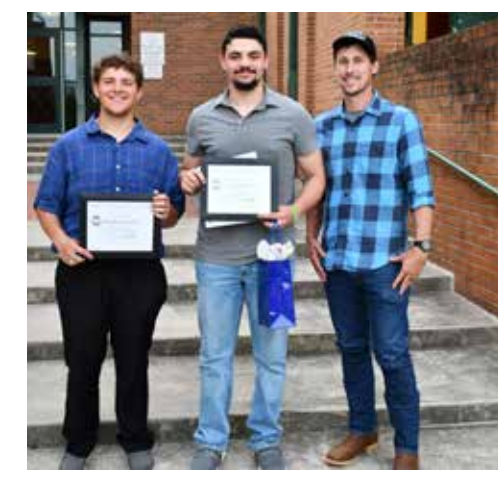
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Superintendent Scholarship- Presenter Libby Wood, Jady Pruitt, Presenter Jason Wood.



Jesse Wood Sheppard Scholarship- Elian Pendleton and Presenter Sarah Sheppard.



Meadows of Dan Ruritan Club Scholarship- Braedon Augustine, Isaac Wood, Presenter.



Stuart Elementary School Scholarship- Tristan Hardy, Madison Collins, and Presenter Annie Baker.

Justin Allgaier gets breakthrough NASCAR Xfinity win at Charlotte Motor Speedway



Justin Allgaier, driver of the #7 Unilever Military DeCA RCPT Chevrolet, leads the field to the green flag to start the NASCAR Xfinity Series AlSCO Uniforms 300 at Charlotte Motor Speedway on May 29, 2023 in Concord, North Carolina. (Photo by Logan Riely/Getty Images)

By Reid Spencer
NASCAR Wire Service

CONCORD, N.C. — Saving fuel throughout a 66-lap green-flag run to the finish, Justin Allgaier collected his first NASCAR Xfinity Series victory of the season—and the first this year for JR Motorsports—in Monday's twice-rain-delayed AlSCO Uniforms 300 at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Allgaier, the pole winner, beat runner-up John Hunter Nemechek to the finish line by 7.829 seconds, as the top three finishers—including third-place Cole Custer—stretched their fuel mileage from a Lap 135 restart to the end of the race.

Austin Hill and Ty Gibbs, both of whom pitted for fuel in the closing stages, claimed the fourth and fifth positions, respectively.

"I'm speechless, man,"

said Allgaier, who led a race-high 83 laps. "I didn't know how much to save. Just lucky we had enough... I just cannot say enough about (crew chief) Jim Pohlman, everybody on the No. 7 team.

"It's not been for lack of speed this year. We've battled. Tonight, was kind of the opposite. We had to go slow to go fast."

Nemechek led 57 laps, but Allgaier build a substantial lead at the end while conserving enough fuel to finish the race—and to do a celebratory burnout.

"We were racing each other pretty hard, and I burned my stuff up trying to get to him—and get around him," Nemechek said. "I should have been a little more patient, I guess. But overall, really solid day. Good points day for us. I think that extends our points lead."

In fact, Nemechek collected his fifth top-two

finish of the season (with wins at Fontana and Martinsville) and holds a 10-point lead over Hill in the series standings.

But Allgaier and Nemechek might not have been left to battle for the win, had a radio issue not adversely affected Gibbs' winning chances.

The driver of the No. 19 Toyota, who won last year's Xfinity championship before graduating to the NASCAR Cup Series, led 52 laps and swept the first two stages of the race. But an extended pit stop, during which Gibbs' crew changed his steering wheel (which housed a faulty radio button) dropped him to the rear of the field for a restart on Lap 98. That ended Gibbs' challenge for the win.

Parker Retzlaff ran sixth, followed by Jeb Burton, Carson Hocevar, Jeb Burton and Sammy Smith.

The race was delayed

from Saturday by rain and restarted on Monday morning. But rain intervened again after the completion of the first stage, delaying the finish until after the running of the Coca-Cola 600 NASCAR Cup Series race, won by Ryan Blaney.

NASCAR Xfinity Series Race - AlSCO Uniforms 300

Charlotte Motor Speedway

Concord, North Carolina

Monday, May 29, 2023

- (1) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 200.
- (2) John Hunter Nemechek, Toyota, 200.
- (4) Cole Custer, Ford, 200.
- (17) Austin Hill, Chevrolet, 200.
- (3) Ty Gibbs(i), Toyota, 200.
- (37) Parker Retzlaff #, Chevrolet, 200.
- (9) Jeb Burton, Chevrolet, 200.
- (15) Carson Hocevar(i), Chevrolet, 199.
- (5) Brandon Jones, Chevrolet, 199.
- (18) Sammy Smith #, Toyota, 199.
- (24) Kyle Sieg, Ford, 199.
- (6) Justin Haley(i), Chevrolet, 199.
- (10) Chandler Smith #, Chevrolet, 199.
- (13) Riley Herbst, Ford, 199.
- (14) Josh Berry, Chevrolet, 199.
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- (23) Joe Graf Jr., Ford, 199.
- (29) Josh Williams, Chevrolet, 199.
- (27) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 198.

(See NASCAR p. 15)

Sports Briefs

By Ashlee Mullis

Cougar Baseball Advances

The Patrick County Baseball Team defeated Floyd County 7-5 in the 2nd round of regionals, Friday, May 26. Stuart Callahan got the start on the mound. Jai Penn took over in the 3rd, picking up the win for the Cougars. Tucker Swails closed out the game with a 3 out save in the 7th. The Cougars were led at the plate by Swails, who was 2-3 with 3 RBIs and a base clearing triple in the bottom of the 5th. Callahan added 2 hits and scored 3 runs. Jackson Horton added a double and an RBI while Penn had a hit and a run. The Cougars were scheduled to take on Nelson County at 5 p.m. at Radford University on Tuesday, May 30.

PC Varsity Softball To Play in Semi-Finals

The Patrick County Lady Cougars defeated Floyd 11-1, Friday night in Stuart. McKenzie Holt struck out 11, giving up 1 run. Holt, Kylee Gusler, Kursten Hylton and Samantha Harris each had 2 hits. Harris had a homerun to end the game. The Lady Cougars were scheduled to play the regional semi-final game against James River, on Tuesday, May 30 at 7 p.m. at the Botetourt Sports Complex.

Greer to Play for P&HCC



By Ashlee Mullis
Patrick County High School senior Madison Greer signed her letter of intent to play softball for the Lady Patriots at Patrick & Henry Community College. In attendance at the signing were (front row, from left) sister, Emily Greer; mother, Terri Greer; father, Tim Greer; brother, Hunter Greer; (back row, from left) PCHS Principal Hope Perry, PHCC Head Coach Robbie Campbell, PCHS Head Coach Ryan Pendleton, PCHS Athletic Director Terry Harris.

Scholarships

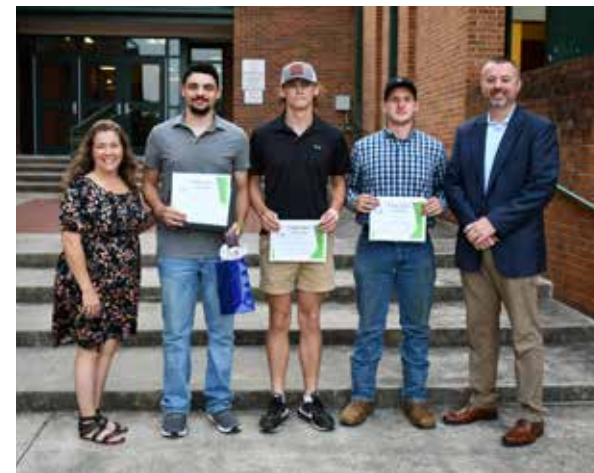
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Pauline H and W Blair Clark Sr and Family Scholarship- Presenter Blair Clark, Mia Stowe, Autumn Heath, Madison Collins, Chloe Wright, Braedon Augustine, Toby Perkins, and Devin Walker.



P&H Scholars I-r Lauren Murphy, Lilly Byers, Mia Stowe, Presenter Courtney Williams, Hagen Murphy, Braedon Augustine, Payton Stovall, Devin Walker (not pictured- Samantha Harris).



Superintendent Scholarship (Trade School) Presenter Libby Wood, Isaac Wood, Ty Stowe-Holt, Tristan Hardy, Presenter Jason Wood.



PCHS Alumni Association Scholarship- Pedro Joaquin-Ortega, Karlyn Hall, Carlie Rorrer, Isaac Wood, Braedon Augustine.



Woolwine Warrior Scholarship Winner Samantha Stewart, Presenter Annette Harbour, Woolwine PTO Scholarship Winners Pedro Joaquin-Ortega, and Carlie Rorrer.



Stuart Rotary Scholarship- Irene Smith, Pedro Joaquin-Ortega, Martin Sawyers, Presenter Dayna Bobbitt, Not Pictured, Madison Mullis and Willow Kelley.



Hardin Reynolds Alumni Scholarship Front Row (l-r) Devyn Lemons, Jady Pruitt, Karlyn Hall, Brooklyn Harmon, Alainah Harbour, Lauren Murphy, Kursten Hylton, Mia Stowe. Back Row Martin Sawyers, Toby Perkins, Ethan Curry, Colin Campbell, Payton Stovall, Jalen Hagwood, (not pictured Emilea Harbour).



Dr. Houston B Roberson Scholarship- Elian Pendleton with Presenter Olivia Givens and sisters.

Community Watch group discusses issues



Pictured left to right is Cody Boone, Tori Boone, Deputy Eric Sain. (Photo by Mary Dellenback Hill, Area Coordinator)

The Ararat Community Crime Watch was held Thursday, May 25, at 7 p.m. in the Ararat Ruritan Building, 4711 Ararat Highway, Ararat. The deputy host filling in for Deputy Martin was Eric Sain of the Patrick County Sheriff's Office, he opened the meeting

and introduced the guest speaker, Tori Boone (and her husband Cody Boone), from the Patrick County Department of Social Services, 106 Rucker Street, Stuart. She spoke about May being Older Americans Month, the theme this year is Aging Unbound. She

handed out information concerning her area, Adults Protective Services/Adults Services 60+ or 18-59 disabled services offered on abuse, neglect, self-neglect, and financial exploitation, including scams.

Other handouts were distributed

about getting help with electric/cooling (starting June 15), referrals to food pantries, hot meals, home-delivered meals, and working with other agencies to make sure the client gets the best help possible.

Through referrals, the agency has helped people with home repairs, wheelchair ramps, leaky roofs, well/septic problems, etc. It can also help with getting walkers/wheelchairs, potty chairs, etc.

Before ending, Deputy Sain said the Sheriff's Department works close and often with Social Services, and gave more time to questions and answers concerning our area, or anything we felt needed to be discussed.

Scams and robo-calls were the most spoken about.

Summer Camps to be presented at the Reynolds Homestead

Several Summer Camps will be presented at the Reynolds Homestead in Critz. Camps include:

Theatre Camp participants will experience all facets of youth theater, including acting technique, improvisation, set and costume design, and connecting with the audience. The camp will be held from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., July 10-13. Students perform a short show on Thursday, July 13. Pre-register by June 15 at <https://bit.ly/RHtheatre23>. Led by Brook Smith & Kim Boles. The cost is \$70 for ages 8 and up.

Plants are taking over! A hands-on interactive ART CAMP that dives into the world of animals and plants with a focus on invasive species with instructor Grace Helms will be held from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. July 17-20.

Campers will explore fun, nature-themed projects spanning water color, acrylic painting, and more. A public reception will be held on July 20 for friends and family to view the amazing art work created during camp. Pre-register by July 7 at <https://bit.ly/RHartcamp23>. The cost is \$45 for ages 7-12.

Science Camp brings science, technology, engineering, art, and math concepts together to encourage campers to design, build, experiment, and play. Science in Motion will challenge campers to prototype vehicles, build kites and balloon courses, and participate in a variety of games during the camp that will be held July 24-27 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Led by local educator Stephen Biedrycki, the camp is \$60 for ages 9-13. Participants are asked to bring a bagged lunch. Register at <http://bit.ly/scienceinmotion23>.

Three named to SNHU Winter 2023 President's List

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) announced the following students on being named to the Winter 2023 President's List. The winter terms run from January to May.

Gracie Luckado of Ararat.
Pamela Paquette of Patrick Springs.
Marie Foltz of Patrick Springs.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

McManus named to spring Dean's list at Pitt-Bradford

The University of Pittsburgh at Bradford has named nearly 300 students to its spring 2023 Dean's list.

Dean's list status is awarded to students who have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Among those named to the Dean's list was Jackson McManus, an accounting student from Woolwine.

Keith named to Eastern Mennonite University's Spring 2023 Dean's List

Erin Keith, of Stuart, was named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List at Eastern Mennonite University. Keith is majoring in Health & Physical Education, Education Licensure, PreK-12.

To qualify, students must earn a GPA of [3.5] or higher and complete a minimum of (30) credit hours.

Card of Thanks

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

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

To the many others who helped by preparing meals, sending flowers and cards, helping arrange details of the funeral and memorial service, and a thousand other things that we can't begin to list here, thank you.

We are comforted knowing that all her friends thought so much of her. To everyone who has been in our lives in some way, we are deeply grateful for your support. Our dear mother was a loving, caring, fun and hilarious woman and we are missing her tremendously.

The Family of Nadean Gilbert (April 28, 1933 - April 11, 2023)

Share the road safely with farmers during busy hay season

To reduce the risk of roadway incidents, Floyd County hay farmer Robert Janney sometimes chooses odd hours to move heavy equipment on rural roads, like an early Sunday morning.

"It's no fun being out on a tractor while people flip you a bird because they think you're in the way," he said. "We're all trying to make a living, and everybody's in a hurry, but we need to share the road."

To literally make hay while the sun shines, time is of the essence, Janney continued.

"The farmer is trying to get from field to field or get their crop in the barn before it rains," he explained. Meanwhile, motorists are hurrying to a ballgame or meeting loved ones for a meal. "A meal the farmer has most likely helped produce food for!" he added. "Just like their time matters to them, our crops are time sensitive to us."

Peak growing conditions for hay mean motorists will see

increased activity on Virginia's rural roadways.

"To get forage quality in dry hay, you need to get it dried down completely, and quickly," said Matt Boher, a Virginia Cooperative Extension crop and soil sciences agent in Rockingham County. "That's the challenge. We tend to get scattered rain this time of year. And as forages mature and put out seed heads, the quality starts to drop pretty quickly. So that also puts you in a rush to get out and mow the fields before they get too mature. It's a short window of time."

He added that many farmers are simultaneously planting row crops and spraying fields.

With the planting season in full swing, motorists are urged to respectfully share the road, said Dana Fisher, chairman of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Farm Safety Advisory Committee.

"Our food systems depend on transportation," Fisher said.

"As farmers are doing their part, motorists should take necessary precautions to ensure everybody reaches their destination safely."

Janney, who has grown orchard grass fescue for feeder cattle for over 30 years, said heavy equipment didn't utilize public roadways as frequently when farmland was more contiguous. However, as development and land loss encroach on agricultural activities, motorists should expect to share the road with equipment.

He recalled a fatality in 2018, when a motorcyclist in a no-passing zone struck a farm tractor turning left into a private drive.

Visibility is key. "Slow down. Give space," Janney advised.

"If I have a big baler behind me, I can't see you," he said. "If I'm getting ready to make a left turn and you're impatient and whip out to pass me, we're going to meet in the road, and it's going to be a problem."

Hopco LLC earns state forestry award



Hopco LLC receives the Patrick County Forestry Award. Pictured left to right, Richard Kreh, Patrick SWCD Director; Patrick Hutchens, Hopkins Lumber Contractors Forester; George Stovall, Patrick SWCD Vice-Chairman; John Hopkins, Sr. and John Hopkins, Jr., Hopco LLC owners; Joseph Sparks, Patrick SWCD Director; Kevin Keith, VDOF Area Forester; Christian Taylor, Patrick County Extension Agent/Patrick SWCD Director. (Photo by Sandra W. Heath)

The Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) and the Patrick County Soil and Water Conservation District (Patrick SWCD) recently awarded HOPCO LLC with the 2022 Patrick SWCD Forestry Award.

Hopco LLC is owned by John Hopkins, Sr. and John Hopkins, Jr. Over the past 25 years, the Hopkins have been intensively managing their forested properties for timber production, and in the past few years, multiple forest management projects have been completed on Hopco LLC properties that will

help improve the overall health of the forest on those tracts and improve the water quality in Patrick County.

Some of the completed projects include participation in the Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practice (BMP) Cost-Share Program with emphasis on the Afforestation of Crop, Hay and Pasture Land practice and planting seven old fields in loblolly pine; completed 60 acres of invasive species control in young hardwood stands through the VDOF Hardwood Improvement Program; re-

ceived four Riparian Buffer Tax Credits from VDOF for uncut forest buffers left along streams during timber harvesting operations, and harvested nine tracts of mature pine and reforested the cutover sites in genetically improved loblolly pine with cost share funding from the VDOF Reforestation of Timberlands Program.

For more information or to schedule a field visit, call the Patrick SWCD District office at (276) 694-2911 or the VDOF at (276) 634-8046.

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PUBLIC HEARING: The Patrick County Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing, Monday, June 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom of the Patrick County Veteran's Memorial Building located at 106 Rucker Street in Stuart, Virginia, for the purpose of amending and reenacting the Solar Ordinance. The hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor Courtroom in the Patrick County Veterans Memorial building, 106 Rucker Street, Stuart, Virginia. Action will be taken at the meeting. If you would like to review the Solar Ordinance, you may do so at the County Administration Office, Suite 218. If you plan to attend and have any special needs requirements, please contact the County Administration Office at 276-694-6094.

PUBLIC HEARING: The Patrick County Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing, Monday, June 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom of the Patrick County Veteran's Memorial Building located at 106 Rucker Street in Stuart, Virginia for consideration of amendment to the Comprehensive Plan regarding Chapter 11 - Land Use. The hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor Courtroom in the Patrick County Veterans Memorial building, 106 Rucker Street, Stuart, Virginia. Action will be taken at the meeting. If you would like to review the Chapter 11 - Land Use section of the Comprehensive Plan, you may do so at the County Administration Office, Suite 218. If you plan to attend and have any special needs requirements, please contact the County Administration Office at 276-694-6094.

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 31. (34) Patrick Emerling, Chevrolet, 195.
 32. (16) Anthony Alfredo, Chevrolet, 195.
 33. (28) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, 195.
 34. (33) Natalie Decker, Chevrolet, 195.
 35. (8) Sam Mayer, Chevrolet, 193.

36. (26) Dawson Cram, Chevrolet, 193.
 37. (35) Blaine Perkins #, Chevrolet, Engine, 163.
 38. (20) Parker Kligerman, Chevrolet, 144.

Average Speed of Race Winner: 122.532 mph.
 Time of Race: 2 Hrs, 26 Mins, 54 Secs. Margin of Victory: 7.829 Seconds.
 Caution Flags: 4 for 31 laps.
 Lead Changes: 8 among 4 drivers.

Lap Leaders: J. Allgaier 1-21; T. Gibbs(i) 22; R. Sieg 23-30; J. Nemechek 31-42; T. Gibbs(i) 43-93; J. Nemechek 94-134; J. Allgaier 135-163; J. Nemechek 164-167; J. Allgaier 168-200.

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led): Justin Allgaier 3 times for 83 laps; John Hunter Nemechek 3 times for 57 laps; Ty Gibbs(i) 2 times for 52 laps; Ryan Sieg 1 time for 8 laps.

Stage #1	Top Ten:
19,20,7,11,2,16,21,8,00,98	
Stage #2	Top Ten:
19,20,7,21,2,16,1,9,00,77	

Trust board meets



JEB Stuart's Birthplace Preservation Trust had their meeting on Tuesday, May 9 in the Community Room, at Patrick and Henry Community College, Stuart. Board Members of 2023 in photo (L to R), back row, Ronnie Haynes President, Tom Bishop Public Relations, David Robinette, Chip Bondurant, Dave Lusk Vice Pres-

ident; (L to R), front row, Coates Clark, Amy Brown Sawyers, Mary Dellenback Hill, Secretary, Joan Williams, Roger Hayden. Members not pictured are Shirley Keene, Christopher Corbett, Dr. Jim Kee-see, Brian Jessup Treasurer, Misha Fulton, Cynithia Vipperman, Joel Woodson. Mike Pendleton. (Photo by Mary Dellenback Hill)

Plant Sale proceeds to help pets



Patrick County Master Gardener Norma Bozenmayer presented a \$500 donation from the proceeds of the recent Master Gardener Plant Sale to PAWS. Receiving the check for PAWS is Murphy Brown and her dog, Bella. PAWS will use the donation for its spay and neuter program for dogs in the county. See PAWS Patrick VA Facebook page for more information about their programs and how you can donate. For information about Master Gardener programs, email mgpcva@gmail.com.

Master Gardeners dig into spring projects



Master Gardeners and family help show off the new raised bed to be planted June 1.

A lot of Master Gardener teamwork went into building a raised bed with a seat for seniors and children to garden at the Stuart STEP facility as part of ongoing Master Gardener educational program at the site.

Another team of Master Gardeners restored the raised beds at Meadows of Dan Elementary



Master Gardeners in front of restored raised beds at Meadows of Dan Elementary School.

School for children and community educational programs.

The Master Gardeners will have a workshop at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 3, at the Learning Garden, located at 1208 Tudor Orchard Road. The free workshop will focus on growing Blackberries, Raspberries, Blueberries and Elderberries. The public is invited. Bring a chair.

The Master Gardeners will also host a program on Bog plants on June 17 1:30 p.m. at the Stuart Farmers' Market. Bog plants will be for sale after the workshop.

For more information on any Master Gardener programs, email mgpcva@gmail.com.



Filling the raised bed using hügelkultur technique.

NRCC graduates include two Patrick residents

Kalayna Cassady and Valery Jacobson were among the 46 students in the 2023 associate degree nursing (ADN) class at New River Community College received their NRCC nursing pins and associate degrees at a ceremony at the college in Dublin, Va. on Monday, May 15 at 6 p.m.

This is the 20th graduating class of associate degree nurses at NRCC. The graduates are now eligible to take the registered nurse licensing exam.

Helen Wolfe, interim coordinator of nursing programs at NRCC, presided at the event. Nursing students Cassie Craven, Larissa Gilbert, and Jordan McGrady presented remarks via video message on behalf of the 2023 nursing class.

Other nursing faculty participating in the ceremony included Michelle Goodman, Wendy Hay, Lisa Helmick, Caitlin Reed, and Heather Umberger.

Ending the program, Dr. Graham Mitchell, professor of psychology and religion, led a "Blessing of the Hands" ceremony with nursing faculty and students to bring "healing and wholeness" to the nurse's touch.

The 2023 graduating class of associate degree nurses at NRCC in-

cludes Kristy Dawn Albert, Lynette Nicole Carroll, Kalayna Marie Cassady, Taylor Nicole Conley, Ashley Nichole Cox, Cassie Muncy Craven, Sylvia Jeannette Cupp, Amanda Nicole Davis, Rachael Wray Durham, Hannah Elaine Evans, Kendra Brea Franklin, Kayla Megan Gardunio, Morgan Tylor Gee, Larissa Shyanne Gilbert, Madison Hope Hinton, Allison Rose Hosey, Angela Marie Hubler, Rachel Elisabeth Huffman, Valery Anne Jacobson, Nathan Isaiah Jenkins, Abigail Elizabeth Grace Lafon, Jennifer Kaitlyn Lawrence, Kayla Lynn Mabe, Ruth Jean-Maria Martin, Samantha Jane Mathews, Jordan Danielle McGrady, Kendra Camille Morris, Jenna Rene O'Neill, Caitlyn Deziree Ousley, Adelee Morgan Palmer, Jenna Marie Quesenberry, Alyssa Faith Saunders, Ashlee Nichole Slusher, Ally Kathleen Smith, Madison Autumn Smith, Kealee Nichole Stanford, Ashley Nicole Stewart, Emma Nicole Sutphin, Cohen Gage Taylor, Christopher Lee Thompson-Hudson, Amy Nicole Thornton, Kenna Nicole Tienvieri, Jessica Jake Wheeler, Brittany Nichole Williams, Carlin Paige Williams, and Faith Hazel Williams.



Group Works to Address Opioid Crisis

Edwin J. Viera

As the opioid epidemic continues to take its toll, a Virginia group is working to keep people safe. The Virginia Harm Reduction Coalition in Roanoke has been working to provide residents in Northern Virginia with training on how to use Narcan, a drug which slows and can reverse opioid overdose. Data from the Commonwealth Fund show opioid deaths declined between 2021 and 2022, but are still above pre-pandemic levels. Danny Clawson, executive director of the group, said new drugs on the street like xylazine can be difficult to tackle.

"The issue with xylazine is that it does not respond to the overdose reversal drug Narcan because it's not an opioid," Clawson explained. "Fentanyl and carfentanil are and all these other things that people talk about, those are opioids and Narcan works on the opioid receptor." While the coalition is still developing a protocol for people overdosing on xylazine, they're advising volunteers to ensure the person is able to get oxygen. In April, the White House's Office of National Drug Control Policy declared fentanyl mixed with xylazine an emerging threat in the U.S. Outside the drug landscape, Clawson noted there are other challenges for the people her group serves. Two of the biggest issues are a lack of housing and inadequate access to mental health care services. "The vast majority of our participants that are using substances, illegal substances, are self-medicating," Clawson pointed out. "They have complex mental health needs, and it's just so hard to access stable, affordable mental health care that we aren't able to connect them to the services they need." She added there is not enough support for them to be able to get on the right medication, which needs to be supervised by a clinician. Gov. Glenn Youngkin's mental health plan aims to develop mobile treatment and crisis response services. Additional funding will be invested to reduce barriers to recovery and reentry for people dealing with fentanyl overdoses.

Register now for Wood-Bat Adult Softball League

The Patrick County Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a Wood-Bat Adult Softball League this summer provided a minimum of 4 teams are registered by the June 2 deadline. The league is open to men and women who will be 18 years or older as of June 1, 2023. Coaches are required to recruit their own team members. Each team must have a minimum of 10 players. The team registration fee is \$300, and the completed team roster and the required registration fee must be submitted to the recreation department by the June 2 deadline. If there are sufficient teams registered, there will be a coaches' meeting on Monday, June 5, with the first game date of June 12. Games will be scheduled from June 12 through the second week of August. Team roster forms can be requested by calling the recreation department at (276) 694-3917 or obtained from the department's Facebook page.

Meetings

Wednesday, May 31

The Patrick County Economic Development Authority (EDA) will meet at 7 p.m. in the second-floor conference room in the Patrick County Administration Building.

Monday, June 12

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

Thursday, June 15

The Patrick County School Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the School Board Office.

Wednesday, June 21

The Stuart Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the Town Office.

Events

Friday, June 2

The Woolwine Methodist Church food truck will be at the Woolwine Volunteer Fire Department from 3-5 p.m.

Saturday, June 3

The Patrick Henry Volunteer Fire Department will hold a hamburger steak dinner fundraiser from 4-7 p.m. The meal will include a hamburger steak, slaw, baked beans, roll, dessert, and a drink for \$10. The meals can be eat-in or take out. To place an order, call (276) 629-7677.

Monday, June 5

The Patrick County Alzheimer's Group LLC will meet at 7 p.m. in the basement of Hill Tax Service in Stuart. At this meeting the group will begin holding free monthly seminars that aim to inform and equip relatives of those suffering with Alzheimer's and other caregivers.

Monday, June 5 - Thursday, June 8

Patrick & Henry Community College (P&H-CC) will hold a Fab Lab Innovation Camps at the P&HCC Dalton Idea Center and the Patrick County site from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The cost is \$59, and the camps are limited to nine students. Pre-registration is required by going to ph.augusoft.net, or calling (276) 656-5461.

Saturday, June 10

The Five Forks Wesleyan Church will hold Vacation Bible School from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All are welcome.

Wednesday, June 14

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

Friday, June 16

The Woolwine Methodist Church food truck will be at the Fairystone Volunteer Fire Department from 3-5 p.m.

Tuesday, June 20 - Friday, June 23

Patrick & Henry Community College (P&H-CC) will hold a Minecraft Makers Camp at the P&HCC Dalton Idea Center from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The cost is \$59, and the camps are limited to nine students. Pre-registration is required by going to ph.augusoft.net, or calling (276) 656-5461.

Ongoing

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

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

just come and listen.

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

The Patrick County Library will hold the LEGO Club with Ms. Sam on Mondays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. This program is mainly intended for school age children. For more information, call the library at (276) 694-3352.

The Ararat Ruritan Club hosts virtual raffles on its Facebook page on the first of each month. Various items are raffled off at \$10 or \$20 per limited chance. There are 30-35 chances on each raffle. Prize values range from \$150 to \$400. For more information, go to Facebook.com/AraratRuritanClub or contact the club via email at AraratRuritanClub@gmail.com or Kevin Smith at 276-229-6493.

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

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

The Ararat Ruritan Club will hold Rook games on Mondays, from 6:30-8 p.m.

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

SRP

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Preppy Pirates and Lawrence Distributing to supply \$40,000 in matching funds.

SRC Productions is hosting the 41st Beach Music Festival June 8, 9 and 10, with proceeds from the event invested in the community as support for BSA Troop 65, Developmental Center beautification, Caring Hearts Free Clinic, Food Bank, Day of Community Sharing, Back Pack Program, Rotary Wheel Chair Program, donations to support local students' literacy through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and to the Stuart Book Club in support of the Stuart Elementary School Book Fair, Christmas Cheer and the Rotary District 7570 Bed Project.

According to James Houchins, director of the county's Tourism Office, the Stuart Rotary Club "is a vital contributor to our community. Their Beach Music Festival is a major attraction that draws beach music enthusiasts and tourists from across the country.

"Working with them has been a pleasure, and we appreciate the State's ongoing support for tourism in our county," Houchins said.

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.

"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 pro-

grams also support regional marketing initiatives designed to encourage Virginians to explore their own state."

For more information on SRC Productions and the Rotary Club of Stuart, follow us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/stuartrotary/

SRC Productions is a 501(c)3 non-profit within the Stuart Rotary Club that produces the Beach Music Festival for the benefit of community entities that further support our local area through services such as Scouting, health care, education, literacy, food security and community beautification and the Christmas Cheer program. In addition, projects supported by Rotary District 7570, of which the Stuart Rotary Club is a member, receive donations that provide wheelchairs and beds.

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Winners named in Pick Up Patrick Campaign

Congratulations to the individual and group winners of the Pick Up Patrick Campaign.

Thank you to our sponsor EMI Recycling for making this event possible, as well as the Stuart Rotary Club and Patrick County Green Team.

Thank you to all the groups and individuals who worked at cleaning up our roadways, byways and riverways. Let's keep it clean, Remember to Love it! Don't Trash it!

Winners won \$500 for their respective organizations. They are pictured left to right:



Poster Winners, Patrick County High School, principal Hope Perry, student winner Aaliyah Reynolds, adult winner Grace Helms, Rebecca Adcock, executive director of the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce.



Dan River Park, pictured left to right are Adcock and Paige Terry with the park board.



Shannon Wood representing the IC Dehart Memorial Park and Rebecca Adcock.



PCHS Praise & worship Team, Gail Browning, Bryley Pike, Lauren Fulcher, Rebecca Adcock.



Blue Ridge Mountain Real Estate; pictured Adcock, Deana Clark & Edd Martin with BRMRE. They graciously donated the money back to the Green Team for continuation of the program.



Carrie Bennett, individual winner, is pictured with Rebecca Adcock. Carrie also won \$500 donated to the nonprofit of her choice, The Barrow Center. The prize money was donated by The Rotary Club of Stuart.



Pickle & Ash, Rebecca Adcock and Mitch Sheppard, owner.



Ararat Ruritan Club: Adcock Mary Dellenback Hill with Ararat Ruritan Club



Pole Bridge Road Community Association, Erica Vincent



WEELC (Woolwine Early Education Learning Center), Rebecca Adcock, Valerie Foley with the Woolwine Early Learning Center.



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Featured Listings



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3 BR, 2.5 BA Home on 0.34 Acres
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Large Wooded Land Tract for Auction!
 TBD Slaughter Dr., Axton, VA 24054
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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.

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Ended Thursday, February 23rd @ 4 PM

Creek Front Land for Sale in Franklin County VA!
 TBD Truevine Rd, Penhook, VA 24137
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