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Cougars win first state championship



The umpire at home plate signals the strikeout that ended the game.

By Pat Delaney

“It’s just a great day. It’s a great day to be a Cougar,” Patrick County High School head baseball coach, Tal Swails said after the Cougars’ 7-3 VHSL state championship win over the Poquoson High Islanders.

The 2022-2023 Class 2 State Baseball Championship, played at Salem Memorial Ballpark, was the culmination of a 23-5 season for the Cougars.

“These guys worked their tails off to get here, and

quite frankly, they expected to be here,” Swails said. “That makes a difference, when you get guys that know what they’re capable of and they execute.”

The Cougars appeared loose and comfortable during pregame warmups. When the game started, they jumped on Islander pitching. Jaivontae Penn led off with a walk, then the Cougar bats came alive with two well hit doubles to the gap in left-center field. When the inning was over,



The state championship trophy.



The players celebrate with the trophy.

the Cougars were up 3-0. The solid hitting continued, adding two runs in the second and another in the

third, forcing the Islanders to go to their bullpen early. Tucker Swails, Tal Swails’ son, pitching on just three

days’ rest, put together a gutsy performance in his 5 1/3 innings on the mound. (See Cougars Win p. 4)

PCMA to hold final show before summer break



The Mike Mitchell Band will perform at the Patrick County Music Association’s (PCMA), June 17 show at the Rotary Building in Stuart.

By Taylor Boyd

The last of the Patrick County Music Association’s (PCMA) monthly shows before a summer break is set for Saturday, June 17 at the Rotary Building in Stuart.

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

The Larry Mabe Old Time Band will take the stage at 6 p.m. and Mike Mitchell Band will perform at 7 p.m.

PCMA President Denny Alley said the Mike Mitchell Band is based in Floyd, and headed by Mitchell, a professional music in-

structor, singer, songwriter, and fiddler.

“Right now, on the Bluegrass Countdown, he’s got the number one song for four or five weeks, and he’s got the number one video,” Alley said.

Mitchell has released three albums, with the latest one, “Small Town,” having debuted on Billboard at number two. His latest project, “Fathers & Sons” had three chart-topping singles, with the most recent one, “Making Hay” at number 8 on the Bluegrass Unlimited National Bluegrass chart.

“He’s got a heck of a band. He’s got two brothers out of Nashville that’s really good,” Alley said.

The Larry Mabe Old Time Band is from Woolwine.

Admission is a \$5 donation at the door. Lawn chairs are encouraged, and prizes will be awarded throughout the night.

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

For more information or to watch past music performances, visit Facebook.com/PatrickCountyMusicAssociation.

Republican Primary Election to be held June 20

Voters who plan to cast a ballot in the Republican Party Primary will head to the polls on Tuesday, June 20. All polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A sample ballot is printed inside with the names of the candidates.

Voters are also reminded to bring an acceptable form of identification with them on Election Day, as Virginia law requires that all voters present an acceptable form of identification when voting. Any voter who does not have an acceptable ID may sign an ID confirmation statement.

A registered voter needing to vote early may do so in person in the Registrar’s Office, located at the Patrick County Veterans’ Memorial Building, 106 Rucker St, Rm 216C, Stuart. The office is open Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The final day for early voting is Saturday, June 17, at 5 p.m.

For additional information contact the Registrar’s Office at 276-694-7206.

Due to redistricting, Patrick County voters may be voting at a different polling location than they have in the past. Voters are encouraged to visit https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation or contact the Registrar’s Office to check their information prior to Election Day.

Polling places in Patrick County and their locations are:

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rat Hwy. Claudville
 Claudville Community Bldg.
 1828 Red Bank School Road, Wil-
 lis Gap
 Willis Gap Community Center.
 144 The Hollow Road

Peters Creek District
 Dry Pond - Peters Creek Com-
 munity Bldg. 2130 Dry Pond Hwy.
 Patrick Springs - Patrick Springs
 Fire Station 181 Spring Road
 Russell Creek - Russell Creek
 Community Bldg. 1808 Ayers Or-
 chard Road

Mayo River District
 Critz/Stella - Hardin Reynolds
 Elementary School 3597 Dogwood
 Road (See Republican p. 10)

Patrick Central HS Hornets hold first reunion since 2019

The Patrick Central High School Hornets stepped back in time when they buzzed into Mount Airy, N.C.; aka Mayberry, on Saturday, June 3, at 2 p.m. for a reunion.

John Henry Hill and Arylne Carter Griffin won the 2023 Patrick Central King and Queen contest.

For more of the story and photos from the reunion, see page 15.

March, Williams spar days before primary bid

By Debbie Hall and Taylor Boyd

In the waning days before a June 20 primary that pits Dels. Wren Williams and Marie March against each other in the Republican Primary for the 47th House District seat, a video raises questions related to Williams’ work as an attorney at his Stuart law firm Schneider & Williams, P.C.

The video shared on social media, includes disturbing images of an infant

in the hospital after alleged abuse, and the adoptive mother describing some of the abuse, the later court cases, and allegations that Williams, the current incumbent delegate in the 9th House District, represented a convicted child abuser in a Carroll County court case.

In some of the comments on the post, March, the current incumbent delegate in the 7th House District, makes similar allegations in the comments, including a photo of an unpublished

appellate opinion from the Virginia Court of Appeals.

That photo, posted by March, included the comment: “more lies by the wren (sic) campaign. He represented the abusers.”

However, “when you appeal a matter, you have to appeal the whole matter,” Williams said. “In that hearing, I did not represent the mom.”

Chris Roop, of Spencer, represented the mother, according to court documents. (See Primary bid p. 4)



Del. Wren Williams, R-Stuart, took several hours off the campaign trail Saturday to enjoy the State Baseball Championship game in Salem with his family.

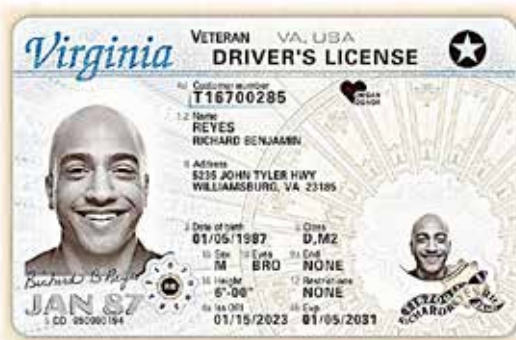


Del. Marie March, R-Floyd, is one of two GOP hopefuls in the June 20 primary.

DMV Issues Three Million REAL IDs

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has issued more than three million REAL ID compliant driver's licenses and identification cards. Beginning May 7, 2025, Virginians who want to board a domestic flight using their driver's license will have to present a REAL ID compliant version of the credential, displaying a star in the right corner. Several other forms of ID, including a U.S. Passport, a Passport Card, and some military IDs, will also be accepted for federal identification.

"Many Virginians rely on their state-issued credentials for air travel," said DMV Commissioner Gerald Lackey. "If you still need to upgrade to a REAL ID, prepare for your visit now by applying online and gathering the necessary documents. When you arrive at DMV, we will do ev-



everything we can to deliver a personalized, positive experience that exceeds your expectations."

In addition to domestic air travel, a REAL ID will also be required for access to secure federal facilities, including military bases. Virginians who want a REAL ID are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, as DMV expects a rush of customers as 2025 nears. Completing your application online at dmv.virginia.gov/REALID will also walk you through

(See DMV p. 4)

P&HCC Recognized with Southeastern Workforce Development Award

Patrick & Henry Community College was recognized this week for creative encouragement of workforce growth and development in the community. Community Colleges of Appalachia honored P&HCC with the Southeastern Workforce Development Award for its partnership in the MHC Startup and Grow programs, a collaboration between P&HCC and MHC Chamber of Commerce, at its annual conference. P&HCC partners with the Chamber to challenge business owners to develop and/or enhance a business plan that can be executed to better serve the residents of Martinsville and Henry County in a variety of ways.

"C-PEG has been offering this tremendously successful entrepreneurial boot camp with Patrick & Henry Community College for 7 years. The program would not be possible without the generosity of the Campbell Family Group, the George Lester II Fund



P&HCC president Dr. Greg Hodges and P&HCC coordinator of community development programs Matthew Ratliff receive the Southeastern Workforce Development Award from CCA Board chairman Dr. Nicholas Neupauer.

and the Anonymous Fund through the Community Foundation Serving Western Virginia. Over the years, C-PEG has obtained grant funding from the Tobacco Region Revitaliza-

(See P&HCC p. 8)

Pets of the Week

This is Jessie, a beautiful, smart and devoted 5 year-old female Sheppard. She doesn't tolerate cats or other dogs. She wants to please her person and learns quickly. Someone just left her loose at the shelter and she stayed there till someone came to work.

The owner of this blond female lab mix could no longer care for her. She would really like someone to



take her home with them.

Call the Patrick County Public Animal Shelter (PCPAS) for more information 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.

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Board recognizes retiring staff



From left to right, Schools Superintendent Jason Wood with retirees that include Debra B. Nolen, Patricia A. Hiatt, Mary Jo Knight, Donna M. Foley, and Donna Gregory.

By Taylor Boyd

The Patrick County School Board honored its 2022-2023 retiring staff at a June 8 meeting.

Schools Superintendent Jason Wood said the 10 retiring staff members had more than a combined 160 years of service.

Retirees include Roger L. Shelton, Sherry L. Hartman, Patricia A. Hiatt, Jewell N. Frogel, Debra B. Nolen, Elizabeth A. Oldfield Hall, Donna M. Foley, Mary Jo Knight, Daniel Wayne Scott, and Donna Gregory.

In other matters, the board:

*Heard from Wayne Archambo, a staff member for the county's school and a parent to a rising senior.

"First, I would like to thank the school board for your hard work and dedication to your employees. I am amazed at how calm you stay during meetings when the vocal minority speaks mistruths at board meetings," he said.

While he understands the board has to create a platform for anyone to speak, Archambo said he, other staff members, and parents are tired of the voices of the minority trying to hurt the reputation of the division's students, staff, and schools.

"Recent comments at board meetings and some social me-

dia posts are not helpful in moving our county forward. People need to know how great our students and staff are and when someone states that the staff members are 'scared' it is untrue," he said.

Archambo said the county does not have dangerous schools where anyone would feel unsafe, and he hopes everyone will start to get the facts before they make comments that could be printed in the paper, "especially when their comments were about books being taught in a different state.

"We are proud that Patrick County does not teach anything beyond the standards, and we need to reassure parents and the community that Patrick County leaves controversial topics to be discussed and taught at home, not in our schools," he said.

Archambo said he was pleased to hear that the division spends less on school administration than what is recommended by the Virginia School Board Association (VSBA) and less percentage wise than the surrounding counties.

He added the comments being posted that school staff have not gotten raises because of school board or office pay are untrue.

"One staff member reminded me that when Mr. Wood took

the job as superintendent that he did not replace his previous position. This cost savings was used to provide employees who made less than a teacher a raise in January 2022. Also, in the past two years employees have received a 15 percent increase," he said.

Archambo also addressed the performance of Wood as superintendent, and noted this is the first year division employees had a say in the evaluation of its superintendent.

"It appears by the decision at last months' meeting that his evaluation was good, because you approved a contract extension for four years. And on behalf of myself and many others, we agree. He speaks to every employee and truly loves Patrick County Public Schools and our students," he said.

*Approved the personal report as amended.

*Heard the superintendent's report.

*Approved the consent agenda.

*Approved the 2023-2024 Consolidated Federal Programs application.

*Approved the 2023-2024 Title III Statewide Consortium application.

Amy Walker, of the Mayo River District, attended the meeting via phone.

Arrests reported

The Patrick County Sheriff's Office reported the following:

*Anthony Wayne Harris, Jr., 32, of Claudville, was charged June 2 with probation violation. Albermarle County made the arrest for Patrick County.

*Karleigh Jean Rorrer, 20, of Patrick Springs, was charged June 3 with assault. Deputy M.R. Hodges was the arresting officer.

*Jovan Lamar Manns, 36, of Martinsville, was charged June 3 with one count each breaking and entering, unlawfully shoot/throw in occupied building, possess firearm, and assault and batter. Inv. J.W. Kruse was the arresting officer.

*Ashley Lynn Bogle, 39, of Stuart, was charged June 6 with warrant of extradition. Deputy C.L. Adkins was the arresting officer.

*Johnathan Eugene King, 33, of Patrick County Jail, was charged June 6 with fail to appear. Sgt. E.J. Litz was the arresting officer.

Deadline for Revenue Loss Programs extended to July 14

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is extending the deadline for the Emergency Relief Program (ERP) Phase Two and Pandemic Assistance Revenue Program (PARP) to July 14 to give producers more time to apply for assistance. The original deadline was June 2.

Additionally, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is partnering with nine organizations to provide educational and technical assistance to agricultural producers and provide assistance in completing an ERP Phase Two application. The extended deadline will give producers more time to work with these partner organizations and apply for assistance.

Cooperative Agreements for ERP Phase Two Application Assistance

Through cooperative agreements with FSA, some organizations are providing free assistance to producers across the United States and territories, including Alabama State Association of Cooperatives · Farmers Legal Action Group, INC. · Flower Hill Institute · Intertribal Agriculture Council, Inc. · North South Institute · Renewing the Countryside II · Rural Advancement Foundation International - USA · Rural Coalition · Texas Small Farmers and Ranchers CBO.

Depending on a producer's location, these nine partners can provide assistance either by phone or through online meeting software like Zoom or Microsoft Teams.

There is never a charge for technical assistance provided by FSA employees or cooperative agreement recipients. These organizations will assist producers with completing the application and any follow-up future insurance coverage requirements. Producers who receive ERP payments are statutorily required to purchase crop insurance or Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for the next two available crop years. These organizations will not collect producer records, complete or sign the application form, or act on the producer's behalf in any way throughout this process.

Find more information on FSA cooperative agreements and contact information for the nine organizations please visit fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/cooperative-agreements/index.

More than 40 indictments handed down

Grand jurors handed down more than 40 indictments on June 5, according to records in the Patrick County Court Clerk's Office.

An indictment is not an indication of guilt, but a grand jury's determination that enough evidence exists to warrant a trial.

Those named in the indictments are:

*Lonnie Lee Howell, 48, of Stuart, one count each strangulation and abduction, Oct. 30.

*Raymond Chiron Jax, III, 47, of Floyd, two counts grand larceny, Nov. 8.

*Mathew Lamar Neace, 30, of Patrick Springs, one count each possess firearm by convicted violent felon, strangulation, and abduction, Dec. 3.

*Melissa Prater Rumley, 39, of Stanleytown, three counts obtain money by false pretense, May 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

*Johnathan Eugene King, 33, of Spencer, elude, Aug. 17.

*Kasey Shane Blakely, 33, of Stuart, elude, Nov. 18.

*Jerry Lyndon Blakely, 36, of Eastbend, N.C., possess firearm by convicted felon, Nov. 20.

*Frank McKinney Washington, 40, of Lowgap, N.C., construction fraud, Nov. 5, 2021.

*Johnathan Christopher Woodie, 32, of Pulaski, grand larceny, Oct. 5.

*April Dawn Bowman, 45, of Stuart, break and enter, March 2, 2022.

*Jordan Anthony Capps, 22, of Spencer, destruction of property, Jan. 17.

*Zachary James Denny, 27, of Bassett, grand larceny of a motor vehicle, Aug. 2.

*Shannon Dawn Lane, 40, of Patrick Springs, one count each grand larceny and burglary, Sept. 17, 2021.

*Jammie Matthew Craddock, 40, of Stuart, strangulation, Dec. 24.

*Justin Leon Hylton, 32, of Stuart, one count each strangulation and abduction, Jan. 16 - Jan. 17.

*Christina Gaye Testerman, 50, of Meadows of Dan, grand larceny, March 27, 2021 - April 3, 2021.

*Michael Wayne Kessler, 44, of Stuart, one count each larceny of catalytic converter and grand larceny, March 21 - March 29.

*Corey Adam Martin, 34, of Stuart, two counts assault and batter on law enforcement officer (LEO) and one count possession of Schedule I or II drugs, March 5.

*William Tyler Pearson, 19, of Stuart, one count each grand larceny and break and enter, March 21.

*Alvis McCray Foley, Jr., 56, of Stuart, one count each possess Schedule I or II drugs and possess Schedule III drugs, Feb. 14.

*Dionte Morris Nowlin, 21, of Stuart, one count each robbery using a firearm, abduction, and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, Dec. 29.

*Roger Lundy, Fox, Jr., 51, of Claudville, two counts of possession of firearm by a violent felon and one count each remove/alter vehicle serial number and possession of stolen property, Jan. 1 - April 5.

*Summer Nicole Collins, 35, of Stuart, one count each welfare fraud and welfare perjury, June 1, 2022 - Dec. 31, 2022.

*Clinton Haley, age unknown, of Stoneville, N.C., possession of Schedule I or II drugs, Nov. 26, 2019.

*Travis Lee Hawks, 36, of Ararat, obtain utilities by scheme,

June 1, 2022 - Sept. 1, 2022.

*Matthew Ryan Scott, 37, of Patrick Springs, possession with intent to distribute Schedule I/II drugs, July 14, 2020.

*Jessica Sutphin Smith, two counts possession of Schedule I or II drugs and one count each drive while intoxicated and reckless driving, Dec. 30.

*Barry Zwerling, 45, of Stuart, one count each welfare fraud and welfare perjury, Oct. 1 - Jan. 23.

Initial unemployment claims fall from last filing

Data from the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) indicates that the number of initial claims decreased in the latest filing week to 2,317, and remained at the typical pre-Pandemic volumes experienced in 2019.

For the filing week ending June 3, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims in Virginia was 2,317, which was a decrease of 84 claimants from the previous week. Over half of initial claims with a self-reported industry were from administrative and support and waste management, professional, scientific, and technical services, accommodation and food services, and health care and social assistance. Continued weeks claimed totaled 12,685, which was 136 claims lower than the previous week but an increase of 30 percent from the 9,768 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 June 3, the advance U.S. figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 261,000, an increase of 28,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the highest level for initial claims since October 30, 2021, when it was 264,000. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 232,000 to 233,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 219,391 in the week ending June 3, an increase of 10,535 (or 5.0 percent) from the previous week. There were 186,568 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022. Looking at preliminary data, most U.S. states reported decreases on a seasonally unadjusted basis. Connecticut's preliminary weekly change (-2,350) was the largest decrease. New York's weekly change (-1,243) was the second largest decrease. New Jersey's preliminary weekly change (-830) was the third largest decrease. Florida's weekly change (-631) was the fourth largest decrease. Virginia's preliminary weekly change (+10) was the 25th largest increase.

Cougars Win

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While giving up eight hits, he allowed only one earned run and struck eight Poquoson batters out.

"Tucker was coming back on three-day's rest. Think he threw 94 or 96 pitches on Tuesday. To turn around and throw 96 again, that's a lot in four days," said Coach Swails. "He didn't have his absolute best stuff, but man, he just freaking gutted it out. He just gutted it out and threw strikes, and that's the most important thing."

Behind Tucker Swails, the defense was solid, helping to keep the Islanders from scoring even though they threatened in several innings.

"Don't give them outs, don't walk them, and we played defense, and that's how you win games," Coach Swails said.

After two leadoff Islander singles in the sixth, Tucker Swails got the first out, then Coach Swails handed the ball over to Stuart Callahan to finish out the game. Callahan, who was 4-4 with 3 RBIs at the plate, pitched well in relief, allowing just a single run on two hits and striking out three.

Offensively, Jai Penn, Martin Sawyers, and Noah Jessup had multiple hits. Penn crossed home plate three times.

It was Callahan's final strikeout, a called strike three, that gave the Cougars the championship. Cougars poured from the dugout, joining fielders, tossing their gloves and

hats into the air on their way to the mound for a victory celebration.

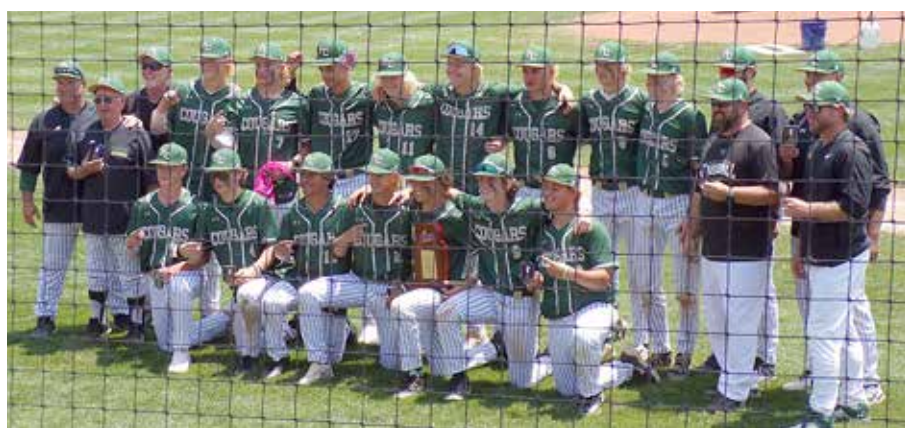
In the stands, the Cougars had plenty of fans in green and gold who had made the trek to Salem. With the Cougars one out away from the championship, the Patrick County faithful rose to their feet, clapping and yelling their support. They erupted when the umpire called strike three for the final out of the game.

Among those in attendance was Del. Wren Williams, R-Stuart.

"This is amazing because we've never won a state championship in our high school's history," Williams said after the game. "This group of guys have been playing together for a very long time, so we knew we had an excellent shot."

Many others in the stands voiced similar sentiments. Some said just reaching the championship game was an amazing accomplishment and how proud they were of the team, no matter the outcome. That sense of pride for Patrick County High School, and in the whole of Patrick County, was unmistakable among those in the green and gold.

Excitement over the Cougars championship victory reached from Salem all the way to Patrick County. When word got out on social media, thousands voiced their support and congratulations to the team and coaches. Others waited for the team's arrival back in Patrick County, where they would welcome their newly crowned champions home

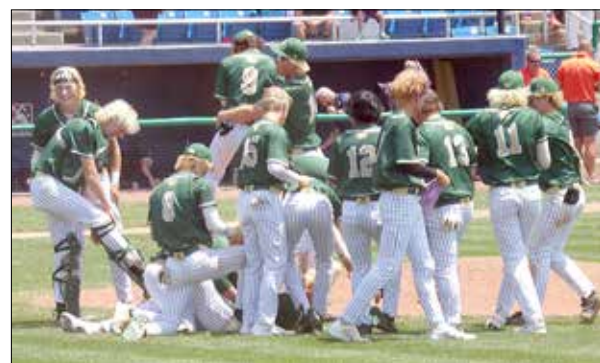


The state champions Patrick County Cougars emerge as winners of the Class 2 State Baseball Championship in a game Saturday.

with a parade complete with sirens, signs, banners, and cheering fans. They also were honored at the annual Beach Music Festival.

"It has been an absolutely amazing experience. I am proud to be a Cougar, proud of our guys and our program, and proud to have represented the wonderful folks of Patrick County," Coach Tal Swails said. "It has been exciting to see the energy build up for this program and our school. Green and Gold pride has been so evident and was so powerful for these guys! The support and love from our community has been just over the top incredible."

Following the game, the Cougar players showed their respect for the Islanders, clapping as they received their runner-up awards. Then, one by one, the Cougars received their championship medals. A beaming coach, Tal Swails was waiting for each player, congratulating each



A postgame celebration on the mound.

with a handshake and hug.

Coach Swails was then called up to receive the 2022-2023 Class 2 State Baseball Championship trophy. After a moment with the trophy, he raised it high overhead for all to see. Still raised high, he passed it off to his players, who celebrated their achievement together, as a team.

Coach Swails best summed up the day.

"Getting the early lead and letting your pitcher settle in and do their thing," he said, pausing to reflect, and adding, "it was a perfect day."

*Ashlee Mullis contributed to this report. For (many) more photos go to www.theenterprise.net.

Primary bid

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Williams explained that the court had terminated the rights of both of the child's parents. In Virginia, grandparents' rights are tied to parental rights.

"If there are no more parental rights, that cuts off the grandparents' rights," he said. "I represented the grandmother," who sought visitation of the child and was not involved in the case otherwise, Williams said, adding the case was a civil matter, and held after the criminal convictions in the abuse case.

Additionally, the order published online was not written by Williams, he said, but rather by the court.

If he wins the primary and the November election, Williams, 34, said his job is to represent the people of the district and their interests.

"I think that a lot of the concerns are inflation, the economy, jobs, the amount of taxes that they have to pay - all of the things that really start to infringe on their ability to live and work in the area," he said.

This also includes things like gun rights, children in schools and what they learn, real estate taxes, and food costs.

"I think all of these things really start to play together in our district to cause people to have real concerns," he said, adding he will support legislation for effective change.

"You just can't throw money at stuff and think that it's going to get better. We've seen that, we've tried that, and we've seen that doesn't work," he said.

He favors smaller government, fewer taxes, and letting people use their own resources to improve their lives and the lives of others.

"I'm not interested in different programs or anything like that in regard to some of these kitchen table issues," Williams said. "I want the free market to do what it does best, and I want the government to keep its hands off of our children, our guns, and our morals."

Williams said he learns about the issues facing the district by living in the district and listening to his constituents. It's troublesome when he hears about people having issues, especially when it comes to government agencies, but not reaching out to him or his office.

"Because a lot of times if folks will reach out, we're able to help them with things," he said.

Williams said he supports more transparency and more open government. He proposed a bill this year with regard to the parole board that brought a lot of sunlight to that process.

"That's an example of just listening to your people and trying to come up with creative solutions to help meet their needs," he said.

Williams believes the 47th district excels because of its people.

"The people are awesome. We have incredible people and the community that we live in is beautiful. I've seen people go above and beyond for others, even just strangers," he said.

He notes the district's loss of youth due to a lack of jobs and skills is its biggest struggle.

"For instance, we are lacking jobs for our young folks and we're also lacking what I would call reliable internet for some people to be able to work from home," he said. "They're sort of stuck in between finding a job in the area, commuting, or having to relocate."

Williams is trying to stem the flow of younger people leaving the region and attract jobs and industry to the area.

He encouraged voters to support the candidate that best represents them, and added that when it comes to conservative values and principles, he "is a proven conservative leader that grew up in the area, that understands the needs of its people, and who really shares the love and passion for this community and the southside and southwest Virginia area."

Since being elected, Williams has passed several bills in the General Assembly including a bill that makes churches and other houses of worship essential.

A graduate of Patrick County High School (PCHS), Williams has a Bachelor of Arts in English from Hampton-Sydney College and received his JD and MBA from Samford University Cumberland School of Law.

Williams has been married to his wife, Britt Schneider Williams, since 2015, and the couple have one son, Thomas Rhett Williams born on the first day of the General Assembly session in January.

In his free time, Williams enjoys going home and playing with his son.

March declined multiple requests to speak with a reporter for a profile.

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Sudandra Ratnasamy named CEO of Twin County Regional Healthcare

Twin County Regional Healthcare, a Duke LifePoint Hospital, announced that Sudandra Ratnasamy has been named its new chief executive officer (CEO), effective July 17. Ratnasamy comes to Twin County from ScionHealth (Kindred) where she has served the past three years as market CEO in the Tampa/St Petersburg, Fla. market.

"We are excited to welcome Sudandra to Galax and to the Twin County family," said Elmer Polite, president of Lifepoint Health's Eastern Division, of which Twin County is a part. "Sudandra is a seasoned healthcare leader who is known for her dedication to quality care and patient safety, and she has a strong history of fostering advances in patient, employee and physician experiences and satisfaction. We are confident she is the ideal person to lead Twin County into the future."

Sudandra has a passion for quality care, patient safety, and fostering advances in patient, employee and physician experiences and satisfaction. A proven dynamic leader with a history of optimizing organizational efficiencies while ensuring delivery of highest-quality service to patients, Sudandra looks forward to continuing the great successes accomplished at Twin and continuing to advance with her experience, expertise and team approach. In addition to her passion for patient care and advancing care within the community, Sudandra is equally as passionate for the work she does with employee engagement and

leadership programming.

"We are delighted to have Sudandra join the Twin County team," said Mike Larowe, chairman of the Twin County Board of Trustees. "In addition to a great track record as a hospital operator, Sudandra is known as a committed and engaged community member. We look forward to bringing her on board and working with her to continue to expand Twin County's role in the community and grow the many ways we serve our patients."

Ratnasamy earned a B.S. in Nursing from The University of Central Florida in Orlando and an M.B.A. from Columbia College in Missouri. She is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and has served on the boards of or volunteered for organizations including the American Lung Association, Tampa Bay Tamil Church, and Operation Helping Hand.

"I am excited to become part of the Twin County team and the Galax community," said Ratnasamy. "I've enjoyed getting to learn about the hospital and its region and look forward to getting on the ground to find out even more firsthand. I believe we have exciting opportunities to grow Twin County and further expand its impact across Southwest Virginia and I'm eager to explore these with the hospital's team, board and community."

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Patrick Pioneers

Ben H. Droste



Boss Handy House Model Front View

By Beverly Belcher Woody

I received the nicest letter from Ben H. Droste (pronounced Drah-see) the other day. Ben is the grandson of the late Abram Ernest "Boss" Handy and Lelia Watkins

Handy of the Five Forks community. Ben had written to tell me how much he enjoyed the Patrick Pioneers column on the Boss Handy house.

Here is an excerpt from his letter.... "Boss Handy was my grandfather. I was only 21 months old when he

died in 1951, so I never knew him, but I spent many summer vacations at my Grandmother Handy's house when I was growing up with my three siblings. My mother, Ann Clark Handy, was the last of nine children raised in the house. Of the seven sons, two became doctors (Stafford and Ernest, Jr.), three were dentists (Ralph, Phil, and Douglas), and one was a pharmacist (Kenneth). The remaining son, Edgar Handy married Miss Vergie Harris and they built a house across the road from the Boss Handy home. They had one daughter, Neville who married Gilmer Roberson."

Droste continued, "I have fond memories of the time at Five

Forks, the chicken coop and chickens, the eggs cooked on the potbelly stove, picking blueberries, catching butterflies during the day and lightning bugs at night. Because of the cool mountain air, it was always nice and refreshing."

Ben visited his grandparents' Five Forks home several times after his grandmother passed away. The home was owned by others then, but Ben and his family were allowed to go in and look around. On one visit, Ben took 23 pages of measurements and his wife, Linda, took over 100 photographs of the home. When Ben retired, he spent nearly a year building a 1:25 scale model of the Boss

Handy home so that "I can look at the house anytime and renew my childhood memories."

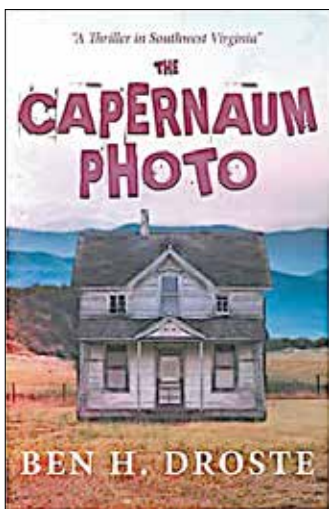
Ben loved the house and the area so much that he chose it as the setting of his novel that was published on Amazon this past February, "The Capernaum Photo: A Thriller in Southwest Virginia." I have read the book and would recommend it to anyone who enjoys reading mysteries. The Town of Stuart and the Five Forks area are the setting for much of the novel: the characters travel along Salem Highway (Route 8), Highway 58, and 220 to Stuart, Floyd, Martinsville, Roanoke, and Blacksburg (among other places).

I asked Ben if he had

contacted anyone in Stuart to let them know about his book and he said that he hadn't because he did not want to appear presumptuous. I told him that was nonsense because I was sure that folks in Patrick would want to hear about his book, so I asked him if I could write a column about it.

I will close with his biography which is on the back cover of the novel (available on Amazon). Ben Droste is retired and lives in Richmond, Virginia. Their two daughters and three grandchildren live in the area. This is Ben's second book, but first novel. His novel is based in Stuart, Virginia, an actual small town in southwest Virginia. As a boy living in Tidewater, Virginia, Ben spent several summer vacations in Stuart visiting his grandmother, going downtown, and having fun with the scenery. He has many fond memories of his visits to Stuart, and the boxwoods in his backyard are the grandchildren of the bushes from his grandmother's house.

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



The Capernaum Photo by Ben Droste



Boss Handy House Model Rear View

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State report focuses on restoring excellence in education

A report released last week by state officials includes recommendations to the General Assembly and details actions already underway to restore excellence in education.

The report, titled "Recommendations of the Secretary of Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction to Promote Excellence and Higher Student Achievement in response to HB 938," was released last week by the Virginia Department of Education.

It identified four key areas where Virginia schools can improve and develop best-in-class practices:

- Develop a strong accreditation system: Virginia's accreditation system should communicate student achievement in school so that students, parents, teachers, and school leaders can assess student performance and provide targeted supports.

- Set proficiency standards on SOL assessments that align with excellence: Virginia must raise the expectations for our

students to ensure they receive the best education and are equipped to compete with students across the country and the world.

- Promote excellence in instruction and student achievement: The mathematic SOLs need to be reinvigorated with rigor and applicable content for the 21st century.

- Expand pathways and options for students that ensure college and career readiness: Our K-12 education system should prepare every student for success in life, whether that be pursuing postsecondary education and training, joining the military, or entering the job market right out of school.

In addition, the final report focuses on recommended legislative reforms, Board of Education actions and department projects to develop a strong accreditation system, set proficiency standards on SOL assessments that align with excellence, promote excellence in instruction

and student achievement in mathematics, and expand pathways and options for students that ensure college and career readiness.

"This report highlights the transformational work in progress to strengthen the transparency, rigor and multiple pathways in Virginia's K-12 education system," Secretary of Education Aimee Guidera said. "I am proud of the work we have already done to make student data accessible to teachers and families and all the great work to come in increasing the rigor of the state's math Standards of Learning and reforming the accreditation and accountability system."

"The department is committed to building a best-in-class educational system that ensures every student is prepared for post-secondary opportunities and success in life," Superintendent of Public Instruction Lisa Coons said. "I look forward to continuing our work with parents and educators, the state Board of Education and the General Assembly to prioritize student outcomes and put the individual needs of students and families first."

Gov. Glenn Youngkin signed House Bill

938 in 2022, charging the Board of Education, the secretary of education, and the state superintendent to convene a group of stakeholders to make recommendations to the General Assembly on six goals for public education, including promoting excellence in instruction and student achievement in mathematics; expanding the Advanced Studies Diploma as an option for students in public high schools in the commonwealth; increasing the transparency of performance measures for public elementary and secondary schools in the commonwealth; ensuring that performance measures for public elementary and secondary schools prioritize the attainment of grade-level proficiency and growth during the course of a school year and from year to year in reading and mathematics for all students, especially in grades kindergarten through five; ensuring that the commonwealth's proficiency standards on Standards of Learning assessments in reading and mathematics are maintained and ensuring a strong accreditation system that promotes meaningful accountability year-over-year.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support March

On June 20th Virginia will hold a Republican Primary for the newly formed 47th District House of Delegates seat. I encourage all Republicans to vote for Marie March in this election. Marie is 100% Pro-life and 2nd Amendment and will vote to ensure the complete rights of the unborn and our Constitution-

al right to keep and bear arms. She is not a pocket Republican, but a grassroots Delegate who is not beholden to RINO Republicans or big business interests. She votes for our interests. Please vote for Marie March on June 20.

**Richard Telling,
Willis**

Make informed decisions

To all citizens in the HOD 47th District of Virginia, our country needs informed voters to make decisions based in truth. Before voting in this very important and consequential state primary election on June 20th and those that follow, please do your homework.

Mega MAGA Conservative Marie March from Floyd County is running against "MAGA" conservative Wren Williams from Patrick County for state delegate. There are a number of claims being made for

and against each candidate. Some true and some not. Check out things that you hear and see that may influence your decision. You may have to do some digging, but please make sure the claims made are based in fact.

It is our patriotic duty as caretakers of this country to make informed choices, to show up and defend our great nation.

**Marie Baron,
Floyd County**

Endorse Marie March for Delegate

I have never met nor even talked to either candidate for delegate, but I have studied their time in the

General Assembly and their backgrounds and beliefs as described in various articles over time and have

Thank a Farmer

Ninth District U.S. Rep. Morgan Griffith

I recently read an article in the Roanoke Times about a report done by Stacker.com listing the Virginia counties with the most farmland. According to Stacker, they compiled a list of the top 25 counties "using data from the Agriculture Department's Farm Service Agency. Farmers reported the data as mandated by participation in USDA income support programs, including Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage as well as loan assistance."

When I read this, I realized that their list does not give a full picture of agriculture in Virginia and the Ninth District. Washington County wasn't included in Stacker's top 25 list when that county is well known to be a top agriculture county in the state.

According to Stacker's list, four counties in the Ninth District are included in Virginia's top 25: Wythe (#10), Bedford (#14), Franklin (#15), and Russell (#16). But, as mentioned in the article, the list above only represents the farms and farmland that participate in USDA crop insurance and, therefore, leave out a significant chunk of farmland in the state. Particularly, it appears that it does not include land dedicated to livestock, so acres used for cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, etc. aren't included. Case in point, the report says Virginia has 3,074,491 acres of farmland. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the real number is around 7.7 million acres.

Having lived in Southwest Virginia most of my life and knowing that the agriculture profile of the region was inaccurate, I took it upon myself to do some research. The Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) gathers data every five years for their Census of Agriculture. According to the agency, it is the only source of uniform, comprehensive, and impartial agriculture data for every state and county in the nation.

As predicted, NASS' numbers actually look much different than reported by Stacker.

According to their 2017 Census of Agriculture, the most recent year in which data is available, Bedford is actually #5 in top agricultural counties in Virginia with 211,087 acres of farmland, not #14. Four other Ninth District counties are included in just the top 10. Washington County is #7 with 176,344 acres; Russell County is #8 with 170,285 acres; Franklin County is #9 with

156,254 counties; and Wythe is #10 with 151,563 acres. According to NASS, the next census, the 2022 Census of Agriculture, will be published in 2024.

(I should also note, Bedford and Franklin counties are currently in the Ninth District as redistricting took place last year. In 2017, they were not a part of the Ninth.)

While the census does give people a good picture of how much of the Ninth District is dedicated to agriculture, it's not just about acres of farmland. It is also about economic output. Virginia's agriculture industry is the largest private industry in the Commonwealth, providing an impact of over \$82 billion to our state's economy annually and almost 381,800 jobs. It is also the largest industry in the Ninth Congressional District.

Based on the 2017 Census, the Ninth District ranks third overall in market value of agricultural products sold in the state and first in four different categories of agricultural products sold. In the crops category, the Ninth is first in 'cultivated Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops.' Grayson County produces a vast majority of the Christmas trees in the state, with more than three times the area dedicated to growing Christmas trees than the next closet county, Floyd County, which is also in the Ninth!

In the livestock, poultry, and products category, the Ninth ranks first in 'cattle and calves.' Washington County has the most cattle and calves in the Ninth District with over 900 farms and 66,000 cattle and calves. Wythe is second with 573 farms and over 55,000 cattle and calves.

The Ninth also ranks first in 'sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk' and in 'other animals and animal products.' I look forward to seeing NASS' updated statistics to see how the agriculture profile of the Ninth District has changed.

So, the point of all this data is that if you live in the Ninth Congressional District, be sure to thank a farmer this week. Besides providing food and other necessary products, farming families are the number one economic driver in this Congressional District. Neither you nor I should ever forget it.

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 by visiting at www.morgangriffith.house.gov.

two reasons for supporting Marie March for Delegate:

1. March is the stronger candidate in support of the Second Amendment and my hunting and rights related to firearm ownership. As a hunter for the last 60 years (I checked my first deer in 1963), and a Hunter Education Instructor for 28 years in Patrick and Henry Counties I realize that if we lose our right to gun ownership we become like the British-Subjects of the government-not CITIZENS!

2. In my 50+ years of voting and studying the political system in Virginia, North Carolina and the United States I have found that lawyers tend to pass laws that benefit them and often cause us as citizens to need the services of lawyers more often.

I hope you will join me in choosing Marie March in the June 20 Primary.

**David Young,
Stuart**

Decision day is June 20

The Republican primary election is right around the corner on June 20th and we have a decision to make. Do we send Wren Williams back to Richmond for another 2 years to be our representative? The answer for me and like-minded conservatives is a resounding yes. Wren has delivered on his promise to stand for the 2nd Amendment.

He voted to repeal red flag gun-control laws, supported constitutional carry, and has a 100% pro-gun voting record with an endorsement from the Virginia Citizens Defense League. Wren has also voted 100% Pro-Life and has been unwavering in fighting to protect the unborn and stand for Life.

Just like we asked him to, Wren has faithfully fought for parents' rights in the classroom against the woke propaganda that has come out of Richmond and Washington DC. Wren has supported law enforcement, cracked down on crime, voted to secure our elections, and stood up against the radical climate agenda. Wren is one of us and he stands for our values.

Wren Williams deserves our support and he has earned my vote on June 20th. I hope your readers will vote on June 20th to give Williams another term to keep fighting for us.

**Jonathan & Joy Large,
Ararat**

Support Williams

Everyone should know the extreme urgency to vote for Wren Williams. We know Wren is a driving force, from a legislative level, to pave the way for our hospital and a force for economic development in working for future grants for the district. If we want any representation for Patrick County, your only choice is Delegate Williams.

If Marie March is elected, she will treat Patrick County the same way she treated Randy Wingfield, Christiansburg Town Manager, Jonathan Sweet, Pulaski County Administrator, Merissa Sachs, Christiansburg Town Council, and many others. Look at her record.

She once said, "I've never brought charges against anyone," but Christiansburg has records of countless complaints she has brought. The case with Jonathan Sweet was found to have no merit. The case she brought against Wren was dismissed. Ask yourself just how much money she has cost the taxpayers for her shenanigans and getting the government to do her dirty work for her.

She claims to be a champion of small business, but takes over \$375,000 in grants and CARES Act money for fixing up buildings for outdoor dining, then closes the busi-

(See Letters p. 14)

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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12 Tips to Be a Less Stressed Parent

Working mother? The truth is, very few mothers are not working! Whether inside or outside the home, mothers are workers—hard workers who deserve a standing ovation for the important work they do in raising children and running homes.

In this article, the term working mother refers to the mom working outside the home. According to the 2000 U.S. census, there were 6.5 million single mothers working in America. Today, 60 percent of married women with young children work outside the home, a phenom-

enon that crosses all cultures and income levels. With the decision to work comes a potentially heavy price of personal, social, familial, and physical pain and/or strain—especially if the life of the working mother is not in balance.

Here are 12 tested tips to help all moms restore—or maintain—balance in their busy lives:

Tip 1: Take pleasure in your work. Working for eight hours doing an unpleasant activity will add stress to your entire life. Remember, eight hours is one third of your day, so work where you are happy—even if it means making less money! This will help balance your mood.

Tip 2: Live within your means. If you're frugal and budget-wise, you won't be forced to work in unpleasant situations to meet unnecessary financial demands. This way, even though you may "have" to work, you can still choose your job and your hours. Remember: If your income exceeds your outgo, your upkeep will be your downfall!

Tip 3: Train all family members to do their home chores. Delegating the work at home keeps you from working full-time at the office—and at home! This will guard you from the stress of overwork. Just because you are Mom doesn't mean you have to do everything.

Tip 4: Develop a financial plan for the future, and then follow it. Having a financial plan provides confidence and security. It also helps you maintain independence by

avoiding the unhealthy relationships borrowing from others can cause.

Tip 5: Establish an exercise routine and be consistent. Regular exercise is the key to heart health, mental health, and overall stamina. It also guards you from being overwhelmed with work and helps you have a positive mental outlook as well as a fit, trim body, which are important to women of all ages. As cardiologist Dr. Royce Bailey says: If you don't exercise, you'll rust out before you wear out!

Tip 6: Evaluate your progress regularly. Set goals and priorities and review them regularly. If you are on track, cut yourself some slack and give yourself some sort of reward. If you're veering off course, determine what corrections need to be made. This keeps dissatisfaction with life in check and your joy and optimism scales in balance.

Tip 7: Join the "Stress-Busters" Club. Stress can cause physical, mental, and emotional illness. If you are affected in any of these areas you limit your usefulness to yourself, your family, or your job. Identify ways to relieve your stress, and commit to engaging in relaxation on a regular basis.

Tip 8: Avoid "reactive" chores. Do household duties because you've planned to (proactive), not because the house has gotten "too dirty" (reactive). With the exception of emergencies, the family should commit to who will do what chores and when.

Tip 9: Maintain your social life. Having a strong social network is important for physical and mental health. Having social ties apart from your family and work will give you balance in your interactions.

Tip 10: Eat nutritiously every day. Refined, processed foods are stripped of fiber, phytochemicals, vitamins, and most nutrients, all of which give your body what it needs to work physically and mentally. If you're not eating right, it makes it harder for you to work right, act right, or think right! This may be your problem if you constantly feel tired and depleted.

Tip 11: Tell yourself it's time for bed! Research shows that proper sleep increases learning, promotes optimal healing and recovery, and reduces anxiety and the risk for depression. An added bonus: The benefits of exercise are optimized if you get adequate rest.

Tip 12: Develop an active spiritual life. A vibrant, personal relationship with God is the beginning of wisdom, knowledge, and life. A popular saying goes, "Know God—Know peace! No God—No peace!"

Institute these 12 tips into your busy life, and you'll be a much more efficient, much less stressed, working mom—both at the office and at home!

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

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 - How Will Working Affect My First Year's Benefits?

Dear Rusty: I retired from working in January of this year and have since claimed Social Security. I didn't work at all in February or March, but I began a part time job in April. I'm very confused about how Social Security counts earnings for the first year. I don't know if I need to keep each month's earnings under \$1,770 or if they average it. Some of the literature I've found says each month must remain under \$1,770 or NO benefit will be paid that month. Two people at the Social Security office told me that they'll just dock me \$1 for every \$2 I am over that, even in my first year. I also cannot find anything about when they count your income. Is it when it's earned or when it's paid? If I go over in a month because there are three pay periods, can they withhold the benefit for that month? I'm just so confused! Signed: Part Time Worker

Dear Part Time Worker: The Social Security earnings test during your first year collecting benefits before full retirement age is, indeed, somewhat confusing. The reason is because there are two methods which Social Security may use during your first calendar year collecting early benefits, and they will use the one which results in the least financial impact to you. To elaborate:

If you claim benefits mid-year before your full retirement age, for the remainder of that first year (starting in the month benefits begin and ending in December) you'll be subject to a monthly earnings limit (\$1,770 for 2023). If you exceed the monthly limit in any remaining month of that first calendar year, you won't be entitled to benefits for that month, so Social Security would (eventually) take back that month's benefit. That is, unless using the annual limit (\$21,240 for 2023) instead will result in a smaller penalty. If your total earnings for your first year collecting are over the annual limit (e.g., \$21,240 for 2023), the penalty would be \$1 for every \$2 over the annual limit and, if that is less than the penalty from using the monthly limit, they will assess the smaller penalty. In other words, Social Security will use the method which is most beneficial to you when assessing a penalty for exceeding the earnings limit during your first calendar year collecting benefits. And just for clarity, the earnings limits are much higher and the penalty less during the year you attain full retirement age (FRA).

Something else to be aware of: if you know in advance you will exceed the annual limit it would be best to inform Social Security in order to avoid an Overpayment Notice next year. If you don't, Social Security won't know about your 2023 earnings until you file your 2023 income taxes, so you'll get your 2023 monthly payments as usual. But when the IRS informs Social Security of your 2023 earnings later next year, Social Security will ask you to detail your monthly work earnings for 2023. If you have exceeded the limits, they will determine an overpayment amount and will ask you to either pay back what is owed in a lump sum or will withhold your benefits for enough months to recover what you owe for exceeding the 2023 earnings limit. Then, after you reach full retirement age (FRA), you'll get time credit for all months in which benefits were withheld, thus slightly increasing your monthly payment after your FRA.

Finally, it is when your income is earned that counts, not when it is paid. So, for example, if you worked in January 2023 and were paid for that work in February 2023, that is considered January income which wouldn't count toward the February earnings limit.

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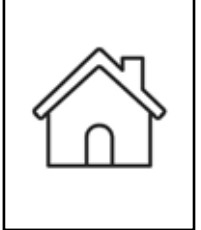
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Marriage Licenses issued in May

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

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Derek Walker - Kimberly Plessinger

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Kelly Easter - Tracy Smith
Caleb Shelton - Lacey Harbour
Kasey Blackard - Jordan Capps
Bryce Simmons - Laura Clark
Stanley Foley - Renee Thompson
Stuart Reeder - Kaori Reeder

NSDAR installs display to commemorate Flag Day



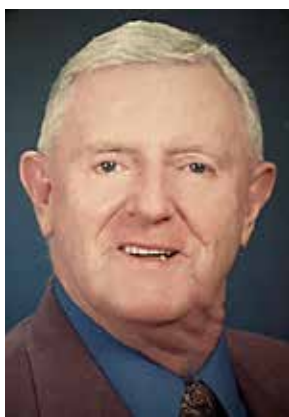
Flag Day commemorates the date the first Continental Congress adopted the American Flag in its First Flag Resolution on June 14, 1777. There have been twenty-seven versions of the American Flag. From the 1777 original that had 13 stars and 13 stripes for the American Colonies, there have many changes and versions of the flag. Each time a state was added to the Union, a star was added.

It now stands with fifty stars and thirteen stripes.

The Colonel Abram Penn Chapter NSDAR installed a display in the window of the law office of attorney Chris Corbett in uptown Stuart to honor the flag. It includes information regarding Flag Day June 14, as well as many other occasions to raise the flag. The American Flag is a symbol of freedom and liberty; display it proudly.

THANK YOU FOR READING THE ENTERPRISE

Robert "Bob" Samuel Cox



Robert "Bob" Samuel Cox, passed away on Sunday, June 4, 2023. Mr. Cox was born in Patrick County to the late Walter Robert and Nellie Mae Beasley Cox. Robert was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend. He will be deeply missed by all that knew him.

Especially his special little friend, Prince. He is survived by his loving wife Evelyn Jo Whorley Cox, one daughter and a son-in-law Pam Cox Sellers and Carl; two sons and daughter-in-law, Jerry Cox and Sandy, John M Cox; two brothers and sister-in-law Kenneth Cox and Sandy, Ralph Cox and Lynn, one sister, Mary Cox Osborne; eight grandchildren; Stephanie, Jessica, Marcia, Amy, Jacob, Robert, Zoey, and Tristen; ten great-grandchildren, Gracie, Georgia, Makayla, Breanna, Lucas, Christian, Sydney, Eve, Jeffrey, and Scarlett; along with several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Mr. Cox was preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon Cox Bassett; a stepson, Chad Rorrer; a grandson, Jeff Par-

rish; a great-granddaughter, Carlie Faith Anderson; a sister, Betty Nester and a brother, John D Cox.

Robert was a member of Pleasant Garden Baptist Church, he worked as a salesman in textiles for fifty-three years, later worked at Terry Labonte Chevrolet, he also volunteered many years at Victory Junction, the NC Zoo, Randolph Hospital, and the Wyndham Golf Tournaments. Robert enjoyed spending time with family, playing golf, watching NASCAR and working on his lawn.

A funeral service will be held on Sunday, June 11, 2023, at 2:30 pm at Pleasant Garden Baptist Church. A time of visitation will precede the service at 1:30 pm. Burial will be at Randolph Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Beacon Place at Authoracare Collective, 2502 Summit Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27405. Forbis and Dick Pleasant Garden Chapel is serving the Cox family. Online condolences may be offered at www.forbisanddick.com.

Clyde Allen Massey



Mr. Clyde Allen Massey, age 88, passed away at his home on June 9, 2023. He was born on December 3, 1934, to the late William "Bill" and Delia Foley Massey. He was preceded in death by two daughters, Janet Leigh Massey and Barbara Collins; one grandson, William Russell "Rusty" Collins; two sons-in-law, John Hubbard and Jim Collins; six brothers; and four sisters. He was a logger/log truck driver all his life. He loved playing cards, hunting, fishing, and doing all things outdoors.

Mr. Massey is survived by his devoted wife of 63 years, Hazel Lee Scott Massey; three daughters, Carolyn Morris (John Douglas), Deborah Hubbard, Anglie Cockerham (Eddie), five grandchildren, David Hubbard (Dawna), Jennifer Hylton (Gerald), Brittany Craig (Austin), Morgan Norman (Chris), and Kristen Webb (Skyler); eleven great-grandchildren, Jonathan, Devin, Alex, Abigail, Isabell, and Adaline Yarger, Cheyenne, Delaney, and Willow Craig, and Me-

lania and Triton Norman; one sister-in-law, Mary Frances Massey; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service for Mr. Massey will be held at Ross Harbour Church Cemetery on June 12th, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Richard Dodson officiating, with visitation following the service at Ross Harbor Fellowship Hall. Serving as pallbearers; Calvin L. Scarce, David Scarce, Mike Scarce, Jeff Massey, Edd Lawson, David Hubbard, Chris Norman, Skyler Webb, Gerald Hylton, and Austin Craig. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations for Mr. Massey may be made to Woolwine Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 138, Woolwine, VA 24185, Smith River Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 122, Woolwine, VA 24185, or to Fairystone Volunteer Fire Department, 6687 Fairystone Park Hwy., Stuart, VA 24171. Moody Funeral Home in Stuart has been entrusted with the arrangements and online condolences may be sent by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

at Ross Harbor Fellowship Hall. Serving as pallbearers; Calvin L. Scarce, David Scarce, Mike Scarce, Jeff Massey, Edd Lawson, David Hubbard, Chris Norman, Skyler Webb, Gerald Hylton, and Austin Craig. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations for Mr. Massey may be made to Woolwine Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 138, Woolwine, VA 24185, Smith River Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 122, Woolwine, VA 24185, or to Fairystone Volunteer Fire Department, 6687 Fairystone Park Hwy., Stuart, VA 24171. Moody Funeral Home in Stuart has been entrusted with the arrangements and online condolences may be sent by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

have an 87% 2-year success rate compared to the national average of 50% for new businesses to remain open for two years. We are especially proud that graduates represent our diverse community with nearly half representing minority groups and more than half being female – leading to an increase in female and minority owned businesses in our area as well," said P&HCC president Dr. Greg Hodges.

The Community Colleges of Appalachia (CCA), founded in 1991, is an affiliated council of the American Association of Community Colleges. With nearly 100 members, CCA promotes the creation of relationships that result in mutual advantages among institutions, organizations and individuals engaged or interested in the educational and economic development of the Appalachian region.

Roger Lee Nunn

Mr. Roger Lee Nunn, age 76 of Stuart, Virginia passed away on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at the Joan and Howard Woltz Hospice Home in Dobson, North Carolina. Mr. Nunn was born on February 8, 1947, in Patrick County to the late Walter Lee and Elsie Pack Nunn. Roger was a loving husband, father, brother, and friend. He enjoyed farming tobacco and raising cattle and will be deeply missed by all that knew him. Surviving are his daughter and son-in-law, Teresa Nunn Williams and Sammy; a son and daughter-in-law, Roger Allen Nunn and Denise; a sister and brother-in-law, Bonnie Nunn Turner and James; along with several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Mr. Nunn was preceded in death

by his wife, Doris Joan Fain Nunn; a sister, Betty Nunn East; and four brother, James Nunn, Robert Nunn, Floyd Nunn, and Calvin Nunn. A funeral service will be held on Friday, June 9, 2023, at 11:00 AM at Moody Funeral Home Chapel in Mount Airy with Rev. David "Buster" Sechrist officiating. Interment will follow in the Nunn Family Cemetery in Stuart, Virginia on the Elastic Plant Road. The family will receive friends on Friday, June 9, 2023, at Moody Funeral Home in Mount Airy from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM. Moody Funeral Services in Mount Airy has been entrusted with the arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

William Cecil Holt



William Cecil Holt, 83, of Collinsville, VA (formerly of Stuart, VA) passed away on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at Mulberry Creek Nursing Home in Martinsville, VA. He was born on January 18, 1940 to the late Lucy Lois Wood and Ernest William Holt. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by two brothers, Billy Holt and Glenn Holt.

He worked at Sprint as a cable splicer, had a large garden and a green thumb, was very generous with his garden produce, was in the United States Army and of the Baptist faith.

Surviving are his wife, Francis Holt of the home, one daughter, Marsha H. (Scott) Kiser of Florida, one son, Larry W. (Carrie) Holt of Collinsville, VA, two brothers, Clarence Holt of Westfield, NC, Guy Holt of Stuart, VA, six grandchil-

dren, Caleb, Jonathan, Matthew, Kaytlyn Kiser, Cody and Lundyn Holt. There are several nieces and nephews.

A funeral will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday June 10, 2023 at Norris Funeral Services in Stuart with Ch., Lt. Col. Scott Kiser officiating. Burial will be at Cross Roads Community Church Cemetery (formerly known as Aarons Corner Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery) in Lawsonville, NC with military rites by Patrick County Veterans Memorial Honor Guard.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

Memorials may be made to Salem V.A. Medical Center, 1970 Roanoke Blvd, Salem, VA 24153-6404

Norris Funeral Services in Stuart is serving the Holt family

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

Roger Calvin Stowe



Roger Calvin Stowe, age 72, of Patrick Springs, VA, passed away on June 10, 2023, at Stanleytown Health & Rehabilitation. Calvin's final hours were spent surrounded by family and friends. He was born on December 7, 1950, to the late Otis Franklin Stowe and Martha Louise Layman Stowe. Roger was also preceded in death by a brother, Ralph Stowe; brother-in-law, Harry Lee; sister-in-law, Penny Stowe; grandparents, Posey and Emma Layman; an aunt, Addie Smith; and a cousin, Mabel Stowe.

Calvin attended Hardin Reynolds Memorial School and graduated from Nashville Auto Diesel College in 1972. During his 44-year career, he specialized in autobody and collision repair, welding, painting, and finishing. He worked at Bob White's Chevrolet, Martinsville Ford, Nelson's Auto, and Gregory's Autobody. Calvin enjoyed restoring vehicles to their former glory, tinkering around with his guitar, and talking on the ham radio. He loved his family and God more than anything. Calvin volunteered with the Patrick County Alzheimer's Group, Patrick County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), TOPS Group, and Ruritan Club. He

will be greatly missed. Roger is survived by his children; Cindy Stowe Gravely (Douglas) of Ridgeway, VA, Crystal Stowe Brackett (Christopher) of Locust Grove, VA, and James Cory Stowe of Critz, VA; his grandchildren, Chase Wim-bish, Ashley Gravely, Jasper Stowe, Kayleigh Stowe, Jennifer Stowe, James Stowe, Nova Stowe, Brayden Brackett, Parker Brackett, and Graham Brackett; and his brothers and sisters, Rachel Lee of Virginia Beach, VA, Ethel Hopkins (Lowell) of Meadows of Dan, VA, Larry Stowe (Lynetta) of Stuart, VA, Blaine Stowe (Carolyn) of Stuart, VA, Bruce Stowe of Stuart, VA, Nellie Handy (Leon) of Stuart, VA, JP Stowe of Lawsonville, NC.

A memorial service for Roger will be held at Moody Funeral Home at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, 2023, with Pastor Mark Wright officiating. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Mountain Valley Hospice of Martinsville. Family and friends wishing to express their condolences may do so online by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

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tion Commission and SOVA Task Force grants. These partners have made it possible for C-PEG to meet the needs of many small businesses with the valuable training but the cash and in-kind resources to ensure these businesses succeed. The collaboration continues to strengthen our local economy through the Startup MHC and Grow MHC programs," said Chamber president and C-PEG executive director Brenell Thomas.

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My Daddy's Old Pickup Truck

By Van Yandell

Psalm 103:13 "As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him."

My father started training me in his trades when I was about ten years old. He was a plumber and electrician and by the time I could legally drive, he would send me out on jobs, and he could stay at the store or do other jobs. He intended to teach me how to paint, but after the first job, decided it was hopeless.

I was sixteen years old in 1963 and about that time he saved enough money to buy an old pickup truck. It was a 1940 something model. It had a flat wooden bed with a grease-coated six cylinder engine, a three speed manual transmission with the stick shift in the floor.

His store was in the downtown area of our small western Kentucky town. That area of the town was about 300 yards long and the approach highway was down-hill for about a quarter mile. Through my diligent persistence and experimentation, I discovered, when coming down that long hill in his truck, I could shut off the engine, hold the clutch and let it coast.

Then by turning on the key and popping the clutch in third gear, it would back-fire. The bang was deafening and anyone hearing it would have thought the Russians were coming. In 1963 that was a scary thought.

Then one day Dad just happened to be up the street working on a water heater as I came down the hill in the explosive truck. He just happened to be coming out the side door as I popped the clutch and the boom echoed off the post office wall.

I pulled in at the store (unaware of being caught) and had started unloading tools and pipe when he walked up. He lit in to me like I had good sense (which at 16, I did not). I could plumb or wire a house but my brain power was not hardly developed (if you've ever been 16, you understand).

I didn't see daddy upset very often but at that point he was not happy. He had paid \$250 for that truck and it was his prize possession next to his pipe threaders and wrenches.

If I had laughed while he was chewing on me, the situation would have escalated into blood shed I'm quite sure: mine! I had to bite my lip pretty hard to keep from "busting" out laughing. By that afternoon he was sending me to another plumbing job. Praise Jesus he was very forgiving or forgetful, I'm not sure which.

Daddy loved me (most days), I think. He was a good father, definitely much better than I was a son. He taught me the practical things the school system even back then omitted. I was the only one in my class that could install plumbing or wire a house.

Our high school principal called me when there was a plumbing or electrical problem at the school and because of my participation in such endeavors, he was reluctant to punish me for my behavioral transgressions. We'll not discuss those further.

One day when I was in typing class (1963), he came after me. That was when corporal punishment was practiced and discipline worked. When he said "Van, come here," my blood stopped flowing!

The city water tower was adjacent to the school yard and on the side of the typing classroom. The gauge on the side was stuck and he had me climb the 100 foot tower to unstuck it. He knew the town kids climbed it with water balloons on Halloween. (Not me of course, the other kids).

My childhood and teenage years could be the subject of several books. Daddy and I had a lot of fun joking with each other and except for the backfiring incident, I can't think of any major disagreements we ever had.

His greatest teaching to me was the subject of church and Bible study. I treasure the things I

learned from him much more that all the knowledge, facts and concepts I learned in my years in public schools.

Daddy only "cussed" when he needed to emphasize a point and then it wasn't heavy duty. His living standards were mostly in line with Jesus' teachings. He tried to set a good example, not only for me but also the other town kids. A good father is a rare treasure, and praise Jesus, I had one.

Fathers in the Bible include a multitude of qualities, or lack of. Should Adam have taught Cain he should not kill his brother? Probably Adam would never have thought of such a thing happening.

Abraham tried to straddle the fence between Sarah and Hagar and in the meantime, raise Ishmael and Isaac to be decent, hard-working men. Being the father of the Jewish and the Arabic people, his positive qualities probably outweighed the negative.

Isaac was the father of Esau and Jacob. He allowed his wife Rebecca, to favor Jacob and by deception take the birthright and blessing from Esau. Many reasons have been surmised for why God let that happen, but Isaac's failing to teach right from wrong to both his son and wife resulted in a changing of Biblical history.

Of course, this was God's plan and so was the fathering of ten sons by Jacob whose names became ten of the twelve tribes of Israel. Jacob's eleventh son was Joseph who was sold into slavery in Egypt by his older brothers. In another of God's plans this resulted in Joseph becoming a Prince of Egypt and bringing Jacob and his family of sixty-seven people to Egypt to save them from a famine.

Joseph was given a wife (Asenath) by the Pharaoh, and became the father of Ephraim and Manasseh; the names of the other two of the twelve tribes. In recognizing God's plan, we must see His strategy to display His awesome power in the parting the waters of the Red Sea and empowering Moses to lead His people out of bondage.

God's plan and Bible prophesy always come together. Perhaps His plan for each of us is embedded within our father's actions. Good or bad, right or wrong, our fathers had an effect on us as adult human beings.

Whereas I cherish my experience with my dad, others may not have that same type of memory. I would think bad memories of a father relationship might motivate a person to be a better parent. We cannot always fashion our lives after another but we can learn from their mistakes.

Matthew 1: 20-21 "But after Joseph had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.'"

In being obedient to the Lord's actions and command, Joseph the carpenter became one of the greatest and most known fathers of all time. He raised Jesus as his son and taught Him the trade of builder as was practiced in that time period.

Father's Day 2023 will be for some a great memory and celebration. For me, I have great memories and I miss my dad as much today as I did in 1984 when he died.

For any father or future father that may read this: bring up your child in the ways of the Lord; teach them to respect and revere God and the Bible. I know many would argue this but they would be wrong. The greatest teachings for all of us are in the Holy Bible.

We have a hope for an eternal existence by believing by faith Christ Jesus was crucified for the remission of sin and resurrected. I cannot imagine living a life thinking "this is all there is." Happy Father's Day

(Yandell is a retired Industrial Arts teacher, an ordained gospel evangelist and missionary, from Fredonia, Kentucky.)

BIBLE TRIVIA

BY WILSON CASEY

1. Is the book of James (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From 2 Samuel 18:18, who erected a memorial to himself because he did not have a son? Onesimus, Absalom, Spartacus, Isaiah
3. Where is Satan called "the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience"? Galatians 1, Ephesians 2, Colossians 3, Titus 4

4. What widowed prophetess was 84 years old on seeing the young Jesus in the temple? Anna, Jezebel, Hagar, Abigail
5. Which book foretold of the Messiah being born in Bethlehem? Ezra, 1 Kings, Amos, Micah
6. From Genesis 35:22, how many sons did Jacob have? 1, 3, 6, 12

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Absalom, 3) Ephesians 2:2, 4) Anna, 5) Micah 5:2, 6) 12

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P&HCC's King Named All American



Danielle King, a Patrick County native and sophomore at P&HCC, was named an NJCAA All-American.

Patrick County native and Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) sophomore Danielle King has been named to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) All-America Second Team and the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) All-America Second Team.

King is P&HCC's first NJCAA All-America softball selection since Carley Schmidt in 2012, and the third in program history.

King was the steady beat of the Lady Pats line-up, providing a .468 batting average from the leadoff spot for P&H. Her batting average finished second to P&H's Morgan Strickland - also named to NFCA All-America First Team - while she sits top five in almost every offensive category. She was named P&H Outstanding Sophomore at the 10th Annual P&H Athletics Awards Banquet, while also garnering Academic All-Region 10 honors as well.

At the conclusion of the regular season, she was first in Region 10 DIII softball in runs (53), third in hits (59), second in doubles (17), third in triples (3), fourth in RBI's (40), and sixth in steals (12). With these numbers, King was named the Region 10 DIII Softball Player of the Year.

P&HCC finished the regular season with a 25-17 overall record, finishing at 7-5 in conference play. The Lady Pats won their opening game of the Region 10 DIII softball tournament 3-1 over Surry Community College before falling to eventual champion Caldwell and Surry in the rematch. The Lady Pats ended the season ranked number eight in the NJCAA DIII softball rankings.

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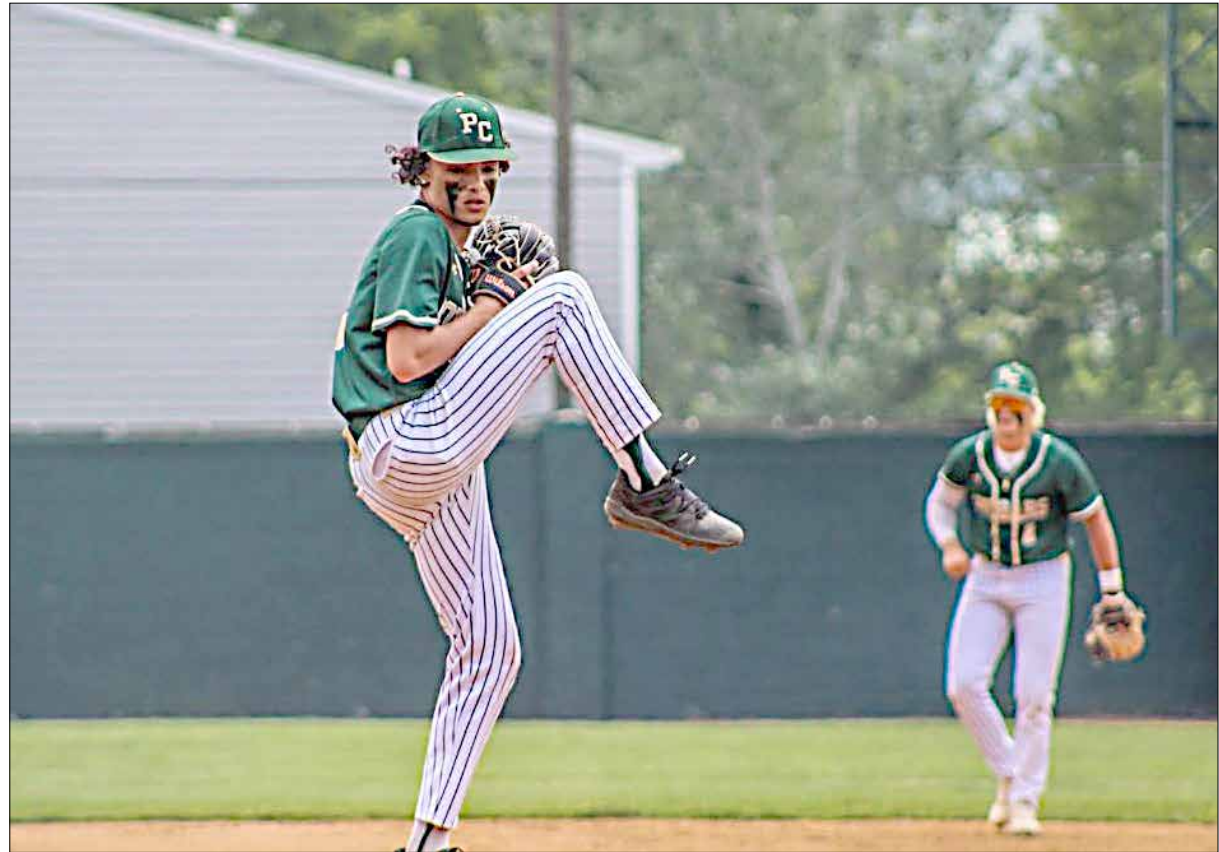
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PCHS Baseball Wins State Semi-Final Game



PCHS Baseball Wins State Semi-Final Game- Jai Penn delivers a pitch in the win over Buckingham County. (Photo by Melody Fain)

By Ashlee Mullis

The PC Cougar Baseball Team defeated Buckingham County Friday, 10-3, to earn a spot in the State Championship Game Saturday.

Jai Penn got the start on the mound going 4.1 innings and was credited with the

win. Penn gave up 3 runs on 3 hits, struck out 5, and walked 6. Jackson Horton, Stuart Callahan, and Hunter Pendleton finished off the final 2.2 innings in relief giving up 0 runs and 1 hit combined.

The Cougars were on top

of their game at the plate, pounding out 12 hits. Martin Sawyers and Broc Taylor had 2 hits each, and Taylor had 2 RBIs. Horton and Pendleton both drove in 2 runners and Braedon Augustine had a big pinch hit double, driving in 1.

PC Girls Soccer Have Banner Year

By Ashlee Mullis

The Patrick County Girls Varsity Soccer Team advanced to the VHSL Regional Postseason Semi-finals in a 6-0 quarter final win over Martinsville - a first because no Patrick County girls soccer

team has made it to this stage in the postseason before.

Macy Hall, Cindy Leon-Cisneros, Dakota Ashworth, Chloe Wright, Kendall Williams, and Camille Gonzalez all scored for the Lady Cougars. Skye Ayers had two

saves and scored the goal in the win. The Cougars ended the season with a 9-8-4 record.

"We worked hard this season and learned a lot," Coach Houston Deskins said. "I cannot wait to see what our growth looks like next season."



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Martin Truex Jr. picks up fourth Sonoma victory in dominating fashion

By Reid Spencer
NASCAR Wire Service
 SONOMA, Calif. – What a difference a year makes.

After struggling mightily last year at Sonoma Raceway in the debut season for NASCAR's Next Gen car, Martin Truex Jr. pulled off a dominating 180-degree turnaround in Sunday's Toyota/Save Mart 350.

Overcoming an inopportune caution and leading a race-high 51 of 110 laps, Truex scored his second victory of the season and his fourth at the 1.99-mile road course, most among active drivers and second only to Jeff Gordon's five in track history.

Truex's 33rd career victory, by a 2.979-second margin over runner-up Kyle Busch, was a far cry from last season's lackluster performance, when Truex started 28th and finished 26th.

"Hats off to my team," said Truex, who was winless in the 2022 campaign. "To be so bad here last year and to come back and do that with the same car basically, it's really unbelievable. Just proud of them. We're having a great year. I feel really good about our team..."

"Man, it just feels incredible to have a day like that and a run like that and a team like I have. They're doing everything right, and it's a lot of fun to drive these

cars... This is why you go through years like we had last year. You just keep fighting. You never give up on it. You always believe in each other.

"We haven't changed anything on our team other than parts and pieces. It's just through a lot of hard work of a lot of people."

On Lap 33, Truex passed Joe Gibbs Racing teammate and pole winner Denny Hamlin for the top spot, after Hamlin led the first 32 laps and won the race's first stage. For the next 18 laps, it appeared that Truex and Hamlin would deliver a 1-2 punch to the rest of the field.

That was before a tire from Zane Smith's Ford bounced off the inside pit wall into the middle of pit road on Lap 50. The resulting caution turned the race upside down and handed the lead to Busch, who had pitted seven laps before the yellow.

Busch won the second stage—his second stage victory of the season—but Truex caught the No. 8 Chevrolet on Lap 69, out-braking Busch into Turn 7 and regaining the lead. Truex pitted on Lap 75 but reclaimed the top spot five laps later and held it until Hamlin hit the wall in Turn 12 on Lap 92, ping-ponged between the two front-stretch barriers and broke



Denny Hamlin, driver of the #11 Sport Clips Haircuts Toyota, Chase Elliott, driver of the #9 NAPA Auto Parts Chevrolet, and Kyle Larson, driver of the #5 Valvoline Chevrolet, race during the NASCAR Cup Series Toyota / Save Mart 350 at Sonoma Raceway on June 11, 2023 in Sonoma, California. (Photo by Logan Riely/Getty Images)

the right rear toe link on his Toyota.

Chase Elliott, Tyler Reddick and Ryan Blaney stayed out on older tires during the ensuing caution, but Truex made short work of those drivers, retaking the lead off Turn 4 on Lap 97, with Busch following him into the second spot.

Busch chased Truex over the final 14 laps—to no avail.

"I wish we had a little bit more," said Busch, who won last Sunday at World Wide Technology Raceway. "I tried really hard at the end to at least try to keep Martin honest. Felt like I

could beat him a little bit on a lap, then I would mess up. He would beat me by a little bit more on the next lap. We were just kind of trading a little bit there. He was able to pull away there late..."

"We gave it everything that we had. We made a lot of changes. We got a lucky break there with a yellow with only three laps on tires, so we were able to kind of cycle to the front. Once we got up there, we could maintain pace with some of the good cars and have a good top-three speed race car. Just kind of flip-flopped the race a little bit.

"Good fortunes for us.

Nice to come out here with a P2 after a win last week."

Joey Logano finished third, followed by Chris Buescher and Elliott. AJ Allmendinger, Michael McDowell, Kyle Larson, Christopher Bell and Ross Chastain completed the top 10.

Truex leads the series standings by 13 points over William Byron, who finished 14th. Grant Enfinger came home 26th in relief of Noah Gragson, who missed the race because of concussion symptoms deriving from a hard wreck last Sunday at WWT Raceway.

NASCAR Cup Series Race - Toyota / Save Mart 350

Sonoma Raceway
Sonoma, California
Sunday, June 11, 2023

- 1. (8) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 110.
- 2. (12) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 110.
- 3. (17) Joey Logano, Ford, 110.
- 4. (7) Chris Buescher, Ford, 110.
- 5. (10) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 110.
- 6. (5) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 110.

- 7. (3) Michael McDowell, Ford, 110.
- 8. (16) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 110.
- 9. (4) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 110.
- 10. (15) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 110.
- 11. (21) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 110.
- 12. (13) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, 110.
- 13. (22) Ryan Preece, Ford, 110.
- 14. (26) William Byron, Chevrolet, 110.
- 15. (14) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 110.
- 16. (25) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 110.

- 17. (18) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 110.
- 18. (6) Ty Gibbs #, Toyota, 110.
- 19. (11) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 110.
- 20. (19) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 110.
- 21. (23) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 110.
- 22. (9) Daniel Suarez, Chevrolet, 110.
- 23. (27) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 110.
- 24. (32) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 110.
- 25. (34) Austin Cindric, Ford, 110.
- 26. (35) Grant Enfinger(i), Chevrolet, 110.
- 27. (36) Harrison Burton, Ford, 110.
- 28. (20) Aric Almirola, Ford, 110.
- 29. (24) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 110.
- 30. (29) Josh Billicki(i), Chevrolet, 110.
- 31. (31) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 110.
- 32. (28) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, 109.
- 33. (2) Tyler Reddick, Toyota, 109.
- 34. (30) Zane Smith(i), Ford, 109.
- 35. (33) Andy Lally, Ford, 109.
- 36. (1) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, Accident, 92.

Average Speed of Race Winner: 81.989 mph.
 Time of Race: 2 Hrs, 40 Mins, 12 Secs. Margin of Victory: 2.979 Seconds.

Caution Flags: 2 for 6 laps.
 Lead Changes: 10 among 6 drivers.

Lap Leaders: D. Hamlin 1-32; M. Truex Jr. 33-50; D. Hamlin 51; K. Busch 52-68; M. Truex Jr. 69-74; M. McDowell 75; C. Elliott 76-79; M. Truex Jr. 80-92; R. Chastain 93; C. Elliott 94-96; M. Truex Jr. 97-110.

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led): Martin Truex Jr. 4 times for 51 laps; Denny Hamlin 2 times for 33 laps; Kyle Busch 1 time for 17 laps; Chase Elliott 2 times for 7 laps; Ross Chastain 1 time for 1 lap; Michael McDowell 1 time for 1 lap.

Stage #1 Top Ten: 11, 19, 20, 16, 34, 45, 17, 54, 48, 47
 Stage #2 Top Ten: 8, 22, 1, 24, 47, 3, 19, 34, 20, 4

Congratulations Patrick County Baseball

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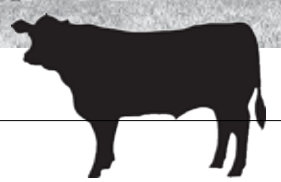
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Land Transfers

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

- Donald Aaron Blackard and other to Tyler Lee Miller and wife, 1 acre, Mayo River District.
- Ronnie Wade Boggs to Gurney Harold Royall II, 6.439687 acres and 1/4 acre, Blue Ridge District.
- Rayna Hedgecock Boothe to Irvin L. Pack, 0.996 acres, Smith River District.
- Crystal Stowe Brackett to Kevin B. Handy, 2.246 acres, Peters Creek District.
- Donna Brinkman to Alex Grant and other, unit, Blue Ridge District.
- Donna Brinkman to T R 2 Holdings LLC, condo, Blue Ridge District.
- Christopher L. Byers and other to Dale Nixon, 8.397 acres and 5.00 acres, Peters Creek District.
- Harold R. Comer and other, Jeffrey Campaign and other, 5.625 acres and 7.475 acres and 6.461 acres, Blue Ridge District.
- Christopher A. Corbett to Jeffrey Ray White, lot, district unavailable.
- David C. Corum and other to Carol R. Ford, 2.689 acres, Dan River District.
- Shirley Ann Culler and other to Isaac Slate and other, 5.781 acres, Dan River District.
- Penny K. Dalton to Richard A. Burnham and other, 1.5 acres, Dan River District.
- Denise C. Stovall Land to Jennifer N. Pridemore, 2 acres, Smith River District.
- Wilma A. Drinkard to Samantha Marcinek, parcels, Mayo River District.
- Bonnie East to Dawn Compton, 0.45 acres, Smith River District.
- James W. Ellis and wife to Ellis What You Get Living Trust, 3 acres, Mayo River District.
- Ronald L. Gay to Brewster E. Pendleton and other, 0.94 acres, Peters Creek District.
- Daniel Hall and other to Daniel Hall and other, 3.34 acres, Peters Creek District.
- Michael D. Hall and wife to Timothy M. Lavinder and other, 5.5

acres, 10.284 acres, Mayo River District.

- Charles Ray Hamm to Colin Anthony Hamm, 2.221 acres, Mayo River District.
- Melody B. Harrell and other to Patrick B. Hall, lots, Dan River District.
- Charles Michael Harris and wife to Levi Z. Harris and wife, parcel, Mayo River District.
- James A. Havens and wife to Samantha Jo Helms and other, 47.72 acres, Mayo River District.
- Richard W. Hazelwood and other to Preston McKenley and other, 2.032 acres and 1.072 acres, Peters Creek District.
- Louis D. Hensley to Alland Timas Jr. and other, parcel, Blue Ridge District.
- Gloria D. Hylton to George Edward Millsaps Jr., 2.004 acres and 2.005 acres, Blue Ridge District.
- Deborah Roberson Hoback to Robert E. Collins, 2 acres, Peters Creek District.
- Deborah Roberson Hoback to Bethania Garage Inc., 14.73 acres, Peters Creek District.
- Phillip C. Hopkins and wife to Charles Crossingham, lot, Blue Ridge District.
- Larry D. Hylton and other to Floyd Dodson and wife, 3.826 acres, Dan River District.
- JK Holdings of Mt. Airy, N.C. to Michael J. Kaiser and other, 69.5448 acres, Dan River District.
- Joy Ranch Inc. to Timothy D. Black and other, 47.7062 acres, Blue Ridge District.
- Melody Dove Justice to Leonard Michael Dove and wife, 3.889 acres, Mayo River District.
- 32911 Properties LLC to Patrick Michel Craig and wife, 1.765 acres, Dan River District.
- Marvin Alan Koegler and wife to Joseph F. Turner and wife, 5.8942 acres, Mayo River District.
- Delbert Korngay to Gary Lee Robertson, 1.452 acres, Smith River District.
- Delbert Korngay to Monica Larissa Pope, 2.014 acres, Smith River District.
- Lees Kar-Go LLC to Smartshop LLC, 0.817 acres, Dan River District.
- Estel Littles and other to Palm Beach Rei Capital LLC, Lot 2, Mayo River District.
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- George A. Massey and other to New Beginnings Baptist Church, 2 lots, Mayo River District.
- Cynthia McPherson to George Himphill and other, 1.37 acres and 0.25 acres and 1.88 acres, Mayo River District.
- Andrew M. Neville to Justin Sika, 25 acres, Peters Creek District.
- Andrew Neville and other to Bobby L. Barnes and other, 15.7 acres, Blue Ridge District.
- Matthew Henry Penn and other to Willie T. Greene, 0.7 acres, Mayo River District.
- Jacqueline DeHart Radford to Bradley Cockram and wife, 63.3 acres, Smith River District.

- Emma Ivonne Rodriguez and other to Donald Murray Bettaker, 3.2113 acres, Blue Ridge District.
- Sylvia Kay Smith to Ted G. Brown and wife, 28.169 acres, Dan River District.
- Joseph Anthony Spinelli to Daniel B. Roe, tracts in Patrick and Floyd counties.
- Kimberly Dawn Stallard to Richard Alan Greigg, 0.25 acres and 0.51 acres, Mayo River District.
- Gene C. Stephenson and wife to Luis E. Lopez and wife, 5.246 acres and 14.239 acres, Dan River District.
- Darren Sparks Thomas to Mark Alan Cooper, lots, Smith River District.
- Albert Lane Turner to Thomas William Turner, 1.93 acres, Smith River District.
- David A. Warden and wife to Victor Gerald Vanous Jr., 63.320 acres, Smith River District.
- Van Relous Williams Tr to Joseph E. Pigg and wife, 2.1194 acres and 0.1411 acres and 4.4361 acres, Peters Creek District.
- Joseph E. Wislon to August B. Krewson and other, 3.36 acres, Peters Creek District.
- Peggy Ann Witt and other to Eddie D. Church and wife, tracts, Mayo River District.
- Peggy Ann Witt and other to Eddie D. Church and wife, 4.000 acres, Mayo River District.
- 58 West Lumber to Jeffrey William Huber and other, 0.9602 acres and 0.4518 acres, Mayo River District.

Nolan, Delaney to serve as officers of local VA250 committee



Pictured, back row, left - right, Michael McKenzie, John Reynolds, James Houchins, Pat Delaney, B. J. Nolan. Front row, left to right, Mary Dellenback Hill, Bill Curren, Donna Bishop.

At its fourth meeting on June 5, the Patrick County Virginia VA250 committee selected a chairman and secretary, according to a report from Mary Dellenback Hill.

B. J. Nolan will serve as chairman and Pat Delaney was elected secretary.

The county's Tourism Office will be the Treasurer.

The committee also

is known as Patrick County's Semiquincentennial Committee. Its members are organizing the upcoming local commemorations of America's 250th birthday, and works to continue laying the groundwork for the semiquincentennial.

Organizations affiliated with Patrick County's VA250 include the Daughters of American Revolution, Sons of American Revolution, Patrick County Historical Society, and Patrick County Tourism.

Visit VA250 Facebook Page, and VA250.org to keep up with Virginia's calendar of events, and attend the next meeting of the local committee to get involved. It is set for August 7 at 6 p.m. at a location to be determined. Anyone with an interest in history or who just wants to be a part of planning the events is encouraged to join the committee. Contact James Houchins at jhouchins@patrick.va.us for more information.



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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 130 MORRISON LANE, STUART, VA 24171

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated April 8, 2014, in the original principal amount of \$133,500.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Patrick County, Virginia as Instrument No. 140000494, re-recorded as Instrument No. 140001210. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Patrick County, 101 West Blue Ridge Street, Stuart, Virginia on August 7, 2023, at 2:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL OF THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, LYING AND BEING IN THE MAYO RIVER MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF PATRICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, CONTAINING 1.65 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit often percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWV Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-363432-1.

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RFP 2023 MNT 005
The Patrick County School Board is accepting competitive sealed proposals from licensed contractors to renovate locker rooms in the original gymnasium at Patrick County High School, 215 Cougar Lane, Stuart, Virginia 24171. Drawings and specifications are available as a PDF file from the office of Conrad Knight Architecture, PLLC, 212 Starling Avenue, Suite 30, Martinsville, Virginia 24112, phone 276-638-8794, email 88knight@comcast.net. Bids will be received and opened in the office of the Patrick County School Board located at 104 Rucker Street, Stuart, Virginia 24171 on June 22, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

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For Public Notice
The Town of Stuart will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Stuart Town Office, located at 100 Patrick Avenue, to solicit public input for the purpose of the Town of Stuart to enter into an agreement or contract for the purchase of the Star Theatre, located at 318 Patrick Avenue. The Town of Stuart intends to purchase the property from private individuals, upon a final inspection, and lease the property to a qualified organization for operation as a community, arts, and music venue. For additional information, please visit the Town website at www.townofstuartva.com or contact Bryce Simmons, Town Manager at 276-694-3811. Comments can be submitted in writing to the Town of Stuart at PO Box 422, Stuart, VA 24171 until Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. If you plan to attend and have any special needs requirements, please call the number listed above.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 572 CORNS RD., STUART, VIRGINIA 24171 (PATRICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA)
In execution of a deed of trust, from JONATHAN L. CORNS, dated September 6, 2011, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County of Patrick, Virginia, as Instrument Number 1101722, Seth E. Twery, P.C. having been appointed Substitute Trustee, by Appointment of Substitute Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office as Instrument Number 230000702, due to default in payment of the debt secured, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front of the Courthouse for the Circuit Court of Patrick County, Virginia on the 29th day of June, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. that certain tract of real estate known as 572 Corns Rd., Stuart, Virginia 24171, situated in the County of Patrick, Virginia, being more particularly described as follows: All of that certain tract or parcel of land together with the improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being in Peters Creek Magisterial District of Patrick County, Virginia, containing 7.565 acres, more or less, as shown on plat of survey dated August 12, 2011 entitled "PLAT OF SURVEY FOR JONATHAN L. CORNS", prepared by Terry A. Waller, Land Surveyor, of record in the Office of the Clerk, Circuit Court, Patrick County, Virginia, as Instrument Number 1101721. TOGETHER WITH a joint non-exclusive easement of right of way thirty feet in width along and following an existing driveway, as described in Deed recorded at Instrument Number 010000442. Included with the sale is a 2011 Giles Manufactured Home - VIN No. SC1011231TNAB. Sale subject to all conditions, restrictions, reservations and easements, if any of record and now applicable thereto. Terms: At least 10% cash on day of sale; balance due within 30 days. FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Seth E. Twery, Esq. Seth E. Twery, P.C. P.O. Box 185 Lynchburg, VA 24505-0185 (434)845-5285

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TRUSTEE SALE 4832 Ayers Orchard Rd, Stuart, VA 24171 Patrick County

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$247,500.00, dated November 6, 2012, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the Patrick County, Virginia, in Document No. 130000098, at the request of the holder of the Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the entrance to the Circuit Court of Patrick County, 101 W. Blue Ridge Street, Stuart, on July 6, 2023, at 1:30 PM the property described in said deed, located at the above address and briefly described as: Land Situated in the City of Stuart in the County of Patrick in the State of VA All that certain tract or parcel of land, with their improvements and their appurtenances thereon, lying and being in Mayo river Magisterial District, Patrick County, Virginia, containing 8.88289 acres as shown on a Plat of Survey entitled 'J.W. AND M.B. MILLS', prepared by L.G. Rakes, L.L.S., dated October 1, 1991, with any improvements thereon Subject to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other matters of record taking priority over Deed of Trust, if any, affecting the aforesaid property. TERMS OF SALE: CASH: A deposit of \$20,000.00 or 10% of the sales price, whichever is lower, cash or certified check will be required at the time of sale, but no more than \$10,000.00 of cash will be accepted, with settlement within fifteen (15) days from the date of sale. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale which affects the validity of the sale, as well as to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, the sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Pursuant to the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, we advise you that this firm is a debt collector attempting to collect the indebtedness referred to herein and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C., Substitute Trustee This is a communication from a debt collector. FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C. (82548) 448 Viking Drive Suite 350 Virginia Beach, VA 23452 757-457-1460 - Call Between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or visit our website at www.siwp.net

THANK YOU FOR READING THE ENTERPRISE

Letters

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ness and puts them on the market for sale.

She was one of only 2 delegates to vote against HB 1446, requiring minimum staffing at nursing homes. Why? Her husband is a doctor in a nursing home, and she has received thousands of dollars in contributions from healthcare organizations. Why would she be against DMV Online Access? She was 1 of 4 votes against that bill. Why would she not support law enforcement and be 1 of only 2 people to vote against a fingerprint database? These bills were overwhelmingly supported by both Republicans and Democrats.

Delegate Williams has the endorsement of the 2nd highest Republican in the State and the Republican Speaker of the House. Oh, and did you know she voted against the Republican party 32% of the time?

She sponsored HB 1396 without understanding that it would give a 130% return to rich Northern Vir-

ginians who could afford to get tax credits greater than what they put in. Delegate Davis, Chairman of the House Education Committee said, "Seems like the drafter of this bill either doesn't know what's in it or failed 5th grade math."

Now, a smear campaign of half-truths make Delegate Williams seem he is representing a bad actor. Everyone is entitled to legal representation, but worse, this half-truth ad makes it seem he represents someone he does not.

There are videos claiming Delegate Williams has taken a fortune from special interest groups. According to VPAP.org, Mrs. March has taken 41% of her donations from "Companies who do not have registered lobbyists" and even more from lobbyists. Delegate Williams took just 3%. Mrs. March only got 19% of her donations from individuals, Delegate Williams got 66% from individuals. Vote for Wren Williams.

**Bill Clark,
Stuart**

Pro Williams

Two years ago, our hospital was shuttered with no path to being re-opened. Patrick County and Bassett had been suffering from neglect for decades. We had no help from Richmond and no one to advocate for us.

When we elected Wren Williams to be our delegate in 2021, all of that changed. In his first year, Williams carried and passed a bill in 2022 to extend the licensing for our hospital. Now our hospital is on track to be re-opened soon, in large part thanks to Wren. Wren is working with companies and businesses to bring manufacturing jobs back to our area.

Wren also voted for a broadband affordability plan so we can finally have affordable, fast, reliable, and high-quality broadband in Patrick

County.

Wren has worked closely with Patrick County's Economic Development Authority, traveling to speak and writing letters of support for grant applications that yielded over \$1 million in grants for Patrick County alone.

We have never had a representative in Richmond advocate and work so hard for us like Wren Williams has. A vote for Wren Williams is a vote for Patrick County. I hope your readers will vote for Wren so he can keep fighting for Patrick County and be a voice for us at the negotiating table in Richmond. The Election is June 20th and Wren has my vote.

**Clayton Kendrick,
Mayo River District Supervisor**

VOTE Wren Williams for Delegate

There is only 1 person on the June 20th ballot this year that truly has Patrick County's best interests at heart, PC's own Delegate Wren Williams. Delegate Williams has done more for Patrick County in his 2 years of service than any other politician has in recent years:

1. Advocated to get the former Patrick County Memorial Hospital building SOLD.
2. Worked with Google to downgrade Central Academy Rd. as a road not suitable for tractor-trailers.
3. Passed HB2171 into law which restricts the Governor from completely shutting down places of worship with executive orders.

Pro Williams

This spring, Marie March from Floyd County has driven down to Patrick to make the case for why we should fire Wren Williams and elect her as our new representative. I would like to present a short list of reasons why that would be a terrible idea:

1. Marie March is not a real conservative. Just go back a few years and you will see that March has defended abortion and attacked Pro-Lifers. March supports 'demilitarizing' our police and ending qualified immunity for law enforcement. And March owned a marijuana shop and supports full marijuana legalization. There's even a website that highlights all of the liberal things she stands for in her own words, LiberalMarie.com.
2. Since being in office, March has gotten almost no bills passed and delivered nothing for us. She's just loud.

Dear friends,

I've known Wren Williams all his life and I can truthfully say he is one of the most hardworking people I know. He is honest, uses common sense, and strives to do what is best for the people he represents. If he doesn't champion a subject you are most passionate about in the way you want, I can almost guarantee that it's not because he doesn't care about the subject. Rather, there are just so many hours in the day, and priorities must be set. He has a wife, a newborn son, and a small

business, yet he understands that if we don't rise to the occasion of taking care of our districts, they will decay. So, he sacrifices his personal time for us, including those of us who will sit back and tell others how they should do things rather than sacrificing our own time to serve in a public office.

Wren is a Patrick Countian through and through, graduating from PCHS where he was class President for 5 years in a row. He attained a BA, MBA, and JD and

came back to Patrick County to be a small business owner right here at home. He is an attorney who understands the laws of Virginia and his campaign is currently endorsed by Lt. Governor Winsome Sears, and Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates, Todd Gilbert.

As a freshman delegate, Wren has already written, championed, and passed a Religious Freedom bill which gives churches and houses of worship "essential" status so that they cannot be closed indiscriminately. Because trucks come through our area, getting caught on backroads they can't navigate, Wren got Google Maps to downgrade Central Academy Road in Patrick County, and Piper's Gap Road in Carroll County from designated truck routes, with signage warning trucks not to take those routes. The Mayor of Floyd personally thanked Wren for his work to help Floyd receive \$1.5 million from

To the Citizens of Patrick County:

In the spring of 2021, you were asked to register to vote, but as importantly, we asked you to vote. Why? We had an opportunity to send a lifelong Patrick Countian to represent us in Richmond. The Republican primary for the 9th District in June 2021 was the deciding factor thanks to your commitment to Patrick County.

You turned out in record numbers to support Wren Williams in his bid to unseat Franklin County's Charles Poindexter. Delegate Williams overwhelmed Mr. Poindexter at the polls.

It is now 2023, and we have the same challenge. As you probably know, the state was redistricted last year. As a result of combining the 7th and 9th House Districts, we are now a new district, the 47th District, with Patrick, Floyd and Carroll Counties, the western portion of Henry County and the City of Galax. This put two incumbent Delegates in the same district. Your Delegate, Wren Williams (9th House District) and Marie March of Floyd County (7th House District). They are both vying for the Republican nomination for the new 47th House District in the primary scheduled for June 20.

It is absolutely imperative that you make every effort to either vote early or at your normal precinct June 20. You can vote early by going to the Registrar's office in the County Administration Building in Stuart beginning May 5 during

Things that should concern you – Vol. 1

(Newsmax, Fox, Todd Starnes, The Federalist, Daily Signal, Heritage Foundation)

Target: Target partnered with Erik Carnell, a designer and self-declared satanist to create a collection that included shirts, pins, and bags with pro-LGBTQ messages. Carnell openly flaunts his anti-Christian agenda posting that "Satan respects pronouns."

Target also partners with GLSEN, a K-12 education group for which focuses on getting districts to adopt policies that will keep parents in the dark on their child's in-school gender transition, providing sexually explicit books to schools for free, and integrating gender ideology at all levels of curriculum in public schools, including math.

Through its Non-Profit Foundation 999, Target supports demilitarization of the military, shutdown of Mt. Rushmore for being a symbol of White supremacy, and elimination of the Jewish state of Israel.

Utah: The Davis School District, north of Salt Lake City received a petition from a parent to have the Bible removed from schools after a complaint that it contained passages describing sex and violence. The district has removed the Bible for elementary and middle school students until they enter high school.

The Chosen: The popular Christian TV show, "The Chosen," had an LGBT-themed Pride flag featured on its set. A viewer spotted the flag when "The Chosen" was posted to its YouTube account.

What is perfectly clear is that "The Chosen" is not bothered by its presence. "Just like with our hun-

VDH for a new well and water system. Wren helped get several bills passed which clarify procedures governing courts and elected officials.

He was instrumental in getting funding for a new water tower in Franklin County to spur economic development in the Union Hall area of Smith Mountain Lake. Because Wren is a hard worker, he was appointed to several important committees in the House of Delegates governing courts, elections, and public safety. His effectiveness is evident in that he got 13 of 29 bills passed as a Freshman Delegate while his opponent only passed 1 out of 35.

We need Wren Williams as Patrick County's voice in Richmond. Please vote for Wren Williams in the primary on June 20th.

**Terri Birkett,
Stuart**

their office hours.

As in 2021, you will be pivotal in maintaining Patrick's voice in Richmond. To amplify the importance of this: Mrs. March, who represented Floyd and Pulaski Counties and part of Montgomery County, introduced 17 bills in 2022 with not a single one being passed by the legislature.

On the other hand, Delegate Williams introduced 17 bills with 9 being passed by the legislature in the same session. Statistically, Mrs. March was the most ineffective legislator in the General Assembly. She did nothing to benefit her constituents except frivolously spend taxpayer dollars. (Approximately \$400,000 in COVID related funding from the government and local governments for her businesses that now closed)

Do you want someone "representing" you that has such an embarrassing record in Richmond that her own party refuses to support her? It would be a good bet that if elected, she will completely ignore Patrick County as she did the counties she represented 2021-23.

Therefore, I strongly urge you to vote June 20 for Wren Williams so Patrick maintains a strong, respected voice in The General Assembly. All registered voters, regardless of political preference, should vote to protect our interests in Richmond.

**Ronald D. Haley,
Stuart**

dreds of cast and crew who have different beliefs (or no belief at all) than we do, we will work with anyone on our show who helps us portray or honor the authentic Jesus," the show's official Twitter account replied after a viewer asked them about the flag. "We ask that audiences let the show speak for itself and focus on the message, not the messenger, because we'll always let you down." What "The Chosen" seems to forget is that the "authentic Jesus" they seek to portray in every episode of their show spoke up about the perversion of his Father's world.

The "Chosen's" decision to defend the flag on set is a betrayal far bigger than "we will always let you down." In this day and age, there is no such thing as moral neutrality.

It is unrealistic for "The Chosen" to only hire biblical Christian employees in an industry dominated by the godless. What is not unrealistic is asking "The Chosen" to say they should have never allowed the LGBT flag, on their Bible-based set in the first place.

"The Chosen" has so far been crowd-funded by tens of thousands of fans, who have given millions of dollars to a cause they believed in. "The Chosen" opted for a vaguely worded statement that strongly implied they do not have a problem with the LGBT agenda.

"The Chosen" needs to decide if they want to please God or is it more important to please man? Simply put, who are they going to serve --Satan or Jesus Christ?

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

Patrick Central School Hornets hold first reunion since 2019

The Patrick Central High School Hornets buzzed into Mount Airy, N.C., on June 3 for a reunion. An estimated 140 classmates and guests flocked to the locale also known as Mayberry, arriving from Washington, Ohio, South Carolina, Florida, Kentucky, North Carolina, Maryland and various areas of Virginia, including Richmond.

Patrick Central School in Stuart, Virginia opened in 1952 and closed in 1966 when Patrick County allowed the public schools to be integrated. Since the closing of the school in 1966, alumni classmates and all who attended Patrick Central have held school reunions over

the years and in various locations: The 50th Patrick Central Reunion was held at L. H Jones Auditorium in Mount Airy, July 30, 2016;

The last Patrick Central School Reunion before COVID-19 was held June 29th, 2019, in Spencer, VA.

The 2023 Patrick Central School Reunion was held in Mount Airy, N.C., at the White Sulphur Springs Weddings and Venue and coordinated by Mary Frances Sawyers Davis.

Schoolmates and their guests who attended agreed that it was time to get back together, to renew friendships, to become reacquainted, and to share memories! The event pro-

vided good times, good food, good fellowship, and numerous expressions of gratitude. Sandra Hylton posted "The event was exceptionally good. Awesome venue, perfect organization and good looking people. Thank you, committee, for putting this together once again."

Among the activities was a brief video presentation and testimonial by Mary Martin Moss, the Deputy Mayor of Lakewood, Washington. Mary Martin Moss was appointed Deputy Mayor of Lakewood in 2010. She is also the founder of the Lakewood Multicultural Coalition, which she runs. Deputy Mayor Moss graduated from Patrick Cen-

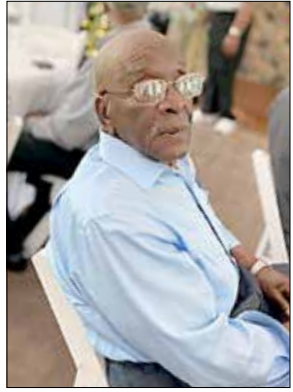
tral in 1958.

Another activity extended congratulations to John Henry Hill and Arylne Carter Griffin, who were winners of the 2023 Patrick Central King and Queen contest.

During a memorial segment of the event, Gloria Barbour and Lloyd Penn read aloud the names of 54 classmates, three teachers, the last administrator, and the school dietician, all who were deceased between the time of the last reunion, June 29, 2019, and June 2, 2023.

Of all the reunions held, the 2023 reunion was the first without the presence of at least one of our teachers.

Attendees from the various classes are pictured below:



1956: Brooks Tatum



1965: Joyce Hylton Taylor, Cassie Penn Moody, Elaine Tatum Thomas, Mary Ruth Conner, Diane Dixon Redd.



John Henry Hill and Arylne Carter Griffin won the 2023 Patrick Central King and Queen contest.



Glenda Pullins Joseph.



1966: Margaret Hagwood, Patricia Mae Martin Martin, Charlie Thomas, Hattie Pullins, Jake Martin, Lucy Ida Foster, Clinton Brim, Judy Nowlin Rucker.



1963: Anise Strickland Hickman, William Hines. Ethel Lawson Lee was present but not in the picture.



1967: Larry Tatum.



1970: Daniel Spencer, Iris Brim Tatum, Lucy Roberts, Rosemary Brim Stimpson, Sheila Tatum Thomas, Albert Lewis Thomas. Lucy Green Hairston was there but not in the picture.



1969: Roger Redd, Rita Joyce Craig.



1967: Bobby Jean Rucker



1968: Daisy Roberts Hatcher, Samuel Hatcher, Marquentia Pullins, Ollie Brim Tatum, Lucy Staples Moore, Linda Joyce Rucker, Arthur G. Sawyers, Eric Carrithers.



1957: John Henry Hill, William, Hoyt Clark



1961: Gary Redd.



1958: Mary Martin Moss, Ollie Staples Spencer, and Lois Strickland Tatum



1961: Barbara Carter France, Faye Hines Carter, Dorothy Hagwood, Mae Hines Hylton, Claristine Pilson Cobb.



1959: Roscoe Travis, Barbara Penn Palmer, Melvin Hylton, Arylne Carter Griffin, Bernard Johnson



1962: Nannie Foster Palms, Gloria Barbour, Linda Clark Redmond, Susie Via, Burgie Lawson Penn, and Lillie Martin Hughes



1964: Floyd George, Johnnie Mae Carter France, Deloris Carter Smith, Iris Moore Hines, James Hines, Lloyd Penn, Annie Foster Martin, Lillian Penn Manns.

Meetings

Tuesday, June 20
The Patrick County Department of Social Services Board will meet at 6 p.m. in the third-floor conference room of the Patrick County Administration Building.

The Patrick County Planning Commission will have a sub-committee work session at 3 p.m. at the Patrick & Henry Community College (P&H-CC) Stuart site community room.

The Patrick County Planning Commission will meet at 6 p.m. at the Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) Stuart site community room.

Wednesday, June 21
The Stuart Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the Town Office.

Events

Monday, June 12 - Friday, June 16
Revival with the Gregorys will be held nightly at 7:30 p.m., through June 16 at Mountain View United Church, located at 3639 Mountain View Road, Meadows of Dan.

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
The Carroll County Genealogy Club will hold a called membership meeting at 5 p.m. The club meets in the Historical County Courthouse on Main Street in Hillsville, on the left side of the building.

Tuesday, June 20 - Friday, June 23
Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) will hold a Minecraft Makers Camp at the P&H-CC 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.

Saturday, June 24
Critz Baptist Church, 3284 Dogwood Road, Critz, will hold a Kids Day Camp from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join us for Bible study, games, crafts, music and food.

CCDF Fire and Rescue will hold its second annual Cruise for Dude Bike Ride in memory of lifetime member Lynn Shouse. The event will be at 1409 Dry Pond, Highway. Registration starts at 9 a.m. and the bikes will pull out at 11 a.m. The \$20 per vehicle cost includes one meal ticket. Additional meal tickets are \$8 each. Proceeds benefit CCDF Fire and Rescue.

The third of six monthly cruise-ins at the Lambsburg Community Center in Lambsburg, Virginia, 5-8p.m. The Sugar Loaf Mtn. Band will perform. For more information, call (276) 229-2925 or (276) 755-2228.

Saturday, June 24-Sunday, June 25

In conjunction with the American Radio Relay League, Briarpatch Amateur Radio Club will hold Field Day at Higher Ground Church Camp in Carroll County, from noon Saturday through noon Sunday, and is free of charge. Early arrivals are welcome at the family friendly event which combines public service, emergency preparedness, community outreach, and technical skills in a single event for ham radio operators and spectators. There will be amateur radio license testing offered at 1 p.m. on Saturday for all prospective hams and radio operators who wish to upgrade their current license. To participate you must have an FRN number and valid photo ID. For more information, visit www.briarpatcharc.com, or the Briarpatch Amateur Radio Club Facebook page.

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

Spread the love and donate to our Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive! The Patrick County Women's Leadership Committee is collecting donations of peanut butter and jelly for the Patrick County Food Bank. Donations can be delivered to the Patrick County Farm Bureau office (across from Hardee's). The deadline for donations is June 30. Help us, help the PC Food Bank.

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 li-

The Patrick County Senior Citizens Group will begin its monthly meetings again on Thursday, July 13 at 11 a.m. in the Hooker Building at Rotary Field in Stuart. Senior citizens from Patrick and neighboring counties are encouraged to join others at the monthly meetings for fun, laughter, fellowship, musical entertainment, and delicious food. For this upcoming July meeting, Philip Adams, a gospel music entertainer, will be providing the music. The meal menu will consist of pizza, tossed salad, desserts, and beverages. Attendees should bring desserts to the meeting to share with others. Anyone with questions can call the Patrick County Parks and Recreation Department at (276) 694-3917.

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](https://www.facebook.com/AraratRuritanClub) or contact the club via email at AraratRuritanClub@gmail.com or Kevin Smith at 276-229-6493.

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

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

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

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

Berry good time had at the Learning Garden

Master Gardeners recently held a workshop at their Learning Garden on growing berries. Pictured are Jess Hines and Norma Bozenmayer teaching how to grow, propagate and the multiple uses for the elderberry bush. Participants snacked on fresh berries while learning about growing blueberries and brambles from Ed Coleman. Some lucky participants brought berry bushes home to plant.



The next Learning Garden Workshop will be held on July 15 at 10 a.m. It will address composting, propagation and watering.

Master gardeners will also sponsor a special presentation at the Stuart Farmers' Market on Carnivorous Bog plants Saturday June 17, at 1:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Please bring a chair.

For information, email mgpcva@gmail.com.

NOTICE
All announcements to be included in the Community Calendar must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday the week before publish date. Items are published as space permits. Email to: dhall@theenterprise.net

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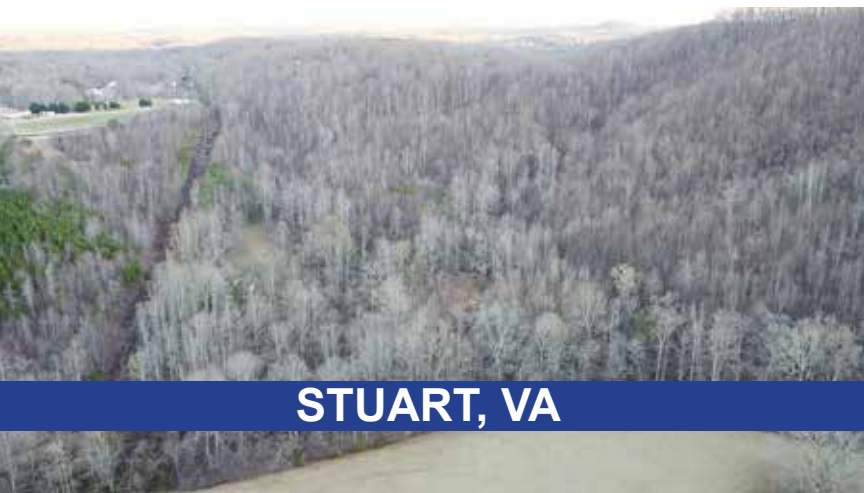
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