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## Council approves Star Theater purchase



Several town residents attended the Stuart Town Council meeting to voice their opinions on the town purchasing the Star Theater.

By Taylor Boyd

The Stuart Town Council on June 21 authorized Town Manager Bryce Simmons and Town Attorney Chris Corbett to execute the contract to purchase the Star Theater for no more than \$375,000.

Simmons said the town has discussed purchasing the theater for about a year.

Tax dollars will not be used to buy the theater.

"We approached the Tobacco Commission to get funding" for a feasibility study, "and we partnered with Virginia Tech (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University) to perform

that feasibility study," he said.

Simmons said a survey showed about 92 percent positive input from citizens at large for the town purchasing the theater.

It also "showed about a \$2 million potential impact to the town through both money being spent, tax revenue, visitor spending as a result of the Town of Stuart purchasing the Star Theater and leasing it to an operator for a period of time," he said.

As a result, the town approached the owners through Blue Ridge Mountain Real Estate and came to an agreed upon price of

\$375,000 for the building.

The council also heard from several residents before approval.

Kurt Bozenmayer said the purchase is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to acquire a fully operational, functional theater, "and put us in the lead of a lot of these other towns that have been successful. If you look at the theaters in" other areas "they all have operational theaters that are a draw for people to come in from the town and from the immediate area for tourism."

Mayana Kingery said she and her partner would like to do things at the theater



Town Manager Bryce Simmons said the purchase of the Star Theater won't be with any tax dollars generated by town residents.

in collaboration with others and potentially have an afterschool or community theater program.

"We very strongly support the idea of the town purchasing it," she said.

Former town council member Leon Puckett said he doesn't believe the town should get to being a landlord.

"I mean you got enough stuff to look at. We worked hard to keep our budget, to build up the nest egg we got. You can't charge enough lease money to ever get your \$375,000 back," he said.

Mayor Ray Weiland said the idea of purchasing the theater is to invest in the town and bring in that estimated \$2 million that's going to be spent around the

town.

"We spent a lot of time and effort with the Virginia Tech group that did the study, and I feel like they knew what they were talking about," the mayor said.

Patrick County Tourism Director James Houchins said the purchase would definitely be an asset for the town and the county.

"We have everything pretty much in place now to bring people in. We just really haven't really tapped into it. This could actually be a lightning rod to actually help get things done, or at least a very good spot in getting it done to get more people into the county," he said.

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## Annual celebration to be held in Vesta

Join the fun at the annual Bluegrass and Old Time Music Competition, held to celebrate Independence Day on July 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Vesta Community Center, 149 Community Drive, Vesta.

Competition categories include Banjo, Fiddle, Guitar, Mandolin, Bands, Vocals, and Flat footing. Three levels – Children, Teen, and Adult. Individual 1st, \$15; 2nd, \$10; 3rd, \$5. Bands, 1st, \$50; 2nd, \$30, and 3rd, \$20. All are welcome to compete. Must sign in by noon.

The Patrick County VFW Post 8467 will conduct the opening ceremony, followed by Quilts of Valor the Freedom Quilty Ladies' presentation. The ladies will be presenting 24 Quilts of Valor to area veterans.

The event will also include a Quilt Show by Mountain Top Quilters and games for youngsters. Bring your own lawn chair and spend the day. Concessions will be available.

## Harrell seeks school board seat

By Taylor Boyd

Lester Harrell is seeking the Peters Creek District seat on the Patrick County School Board in the November election.

He is currently unopposed in the election.

Harrell said he decided to run because several of his friends and school system employees asked him to consider it.

"After several weeks of that, I decided I would go ahead and do that. On top of that, I raised four kids who have been through the school system here, and my wife works for the school system," he said.

Harrell believes the school division needs good common

sense in the leadership role, and that it's heading in the right direction with the current board and superintendent.

"Hopefully it's something we can continue and build on," he said.

If elected, Harrell wants to take care of the teachers, bus drivers, and other staff who are responsible for educating the county's students, and ensuring students are safe.

"We've lost, I think, some great teachers over the years, and sometimes I think the school system hasn't done what it can to take care of" them. "I know sometimes we're limited economically and financial-



Lester Harrell is seeking the Peters Creek District seat on the Patrick County School Board in the November election.

ly from where we live," he said.

Harrell also wants to help get students the best chance and education possible to help them in the future.

## Williams plots course for November after winning GOP primary



After winning the GOP primary, Del. Wren Williams addressed supporters gathered at a victory party, held at Stanburn Winery.



Del. Wren Williams, R-Stuart, and Clayton Kendrick, chairman of the Patrick County Board of Supervisors, share a laugh at Williams' victory party last week. Williams surged ahead early in the June 20 GOP primary against Del. Marie March, R-Floyd.

By Debbie Hall and Taylor Boyd

Del. Wren Williams, R-Stuart, is now ready for the November election after easily winning the June 20 GOP primary election against Del. Marie March, R-Floyd County. Williams carried the vote in Patrick, Henry, and Carroll counties and the City of Galax, with March being more popular among Floyd County voters, unofficial results indicated.

"Our campaign focused on the issues and our proven record in Richmond. The voters see the results we are getting for Southeast and Southwest Virginia and overwhelmingly support our vision," Williams said.

Williams won the district overall with nearly 67 percent of the vote to March's little more than 33 percent, according to unof-

ficial results.

In Patrick County, Williams won 2,201, or 87.69 percent of the votes compared to the 309 votes cast for March. He also carried every precinct in the county.

At the Ararat precinct, Williams won 107 votes, or 84.92 percent of the total votes cast, with 19, or 15.08 percent cast for March.

In Claudville, he won 90.28 percent, or 130 votes, compared to 14 or 9.72 percent for March.

Williams won 86.08 percent of the votes at the Willis Gap precinct, with 136 ballots to March's 22 votes, for 13.92 percent.

Williams carried 88.24 percent of the vote at the Dry Pond precinct. March received 18, or 11.76 percent.

Voters casting a ballot at the Patrick

Springs precinct also favored Williams, with 90.09 percent and 209 of the votes cast. March had 23 votes, for 9.91 percent.

Voters also overwhelmingly supported Williams at Russell Creek, where he picked up 90.32 percent or 196 votes. March received 21 votes or 9.68 percent.

In Critz/Stella, Williams won 91.30 percent of the votes, with 210, and at the Liberty precinct, he won 84.78 percent, or 156, of the

ballots. March picked up 20 votes or 8.70 percent, and 28 votes, or 15.22 percent, respectively at the two precincts.

March won 20.81 percent of the votes, or 41 ballots in total, in Meadows of Dan while Williams won 79.19 percent or 156 ballots.

At Stuart Fairgrounds, Williams received 94.15 percent of the votes, or 161 votes, while March won 5.85 percent or 10 votes.

He also won 89.68

(See Williams p. 5)

## Enterprise office to be closed July 3

Due to the Independence Day holiday on July 4, The Enterprise office will be closed on Monday, July 3.

To schedule a classified ad for the July 5th edition, email submissions@theenterprise.net by 3 p.m. on Friday, June 30, or call (276) 694-3101.



# Patrick Pioneers

## English and Nettie Williams Martin

By Beverly Belcher Woody  
On Saturday, June 24th, LuElla "Ella" Martin Hall celebrated her 97th birthday. I will always treasure the times spent at Ella's kitchen table listening to her share stories and looking at old photographs. Ella is the wife of the late Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Hall of the Patrick County community and the daughter of English and Nettie Williams Martin.

English Martin was born in 1893 to Robert Fountain "Jockey Bob" Martin and Martha Jane Rakes, both of Patrick County. English was the oldest son in a family of twelve children. Nettie Williams Martin was born in the year 1900 to Charlie Dodd Williams and Luella Annie Light, also of Patrick County. Nettie had one brother, Benjamin Dodd

(See Pioneers p. 7)



Ella Martin Hall (Photo taken in Slab Fork, WV)



# Fire crews battle blaze on Wayside Road



Local fire departments battled a June 24 blaze on Wayside Road. The fire caused an estimated \$80,000 in damage.

By Taylor Boyd  
No one was injured during a house fire at 1310 Wayside Road on Saturday, June 24 that resulted in more than \$80,000 damage. Clint Weidhass, Assistant Chief of the Patrick Springs Volunteer Fire Department, said Stuart Volunteer Fire

Department was dispatched to a structure fire at 3:55 p.m. Patrick Springs Volunteer Fire Department, CCDF Volunteer Fire Department, and Moorefield Store Volunteer Fire Department were also toned out. "Within nine minutes of

the 911 call, Stuart Fire had an engine in route as well as Patrick Springs. They arrived on scene 16 minutes after the 911 call was placed. That's pretty darn good," he said. Weidhass said the departments brought the fire un-

(See Fire p. 7)

# BETA winners recognized at meeting

By Taylor Boyd  
At its June 22 meeting, the Patrick County School Board recognized two Patrick County High School (CPHS) students who participated in the National BETA convention. Schools Superintendent Jason Wood said had 14 students in the school division finished in the top three at the state competition level. "Of those 14, eight traveled to Louisville, Kentucky last week and competed in the National Beta Convention. We have two national winners," he said. Wood said Bryan Clark is the National Champion for 10th grade Language Arts. "Bryan competed against 54 state finalists across the nation and brought home the national championship," he said.



Bryan Clark won the 10th grade Language Arts National Championship and Callie Wood placed 6th in the nation for Creative Writing during the National BETA convention. (Photo from the Patrick County High School Facebook page)

Wood said Callie Wood finished sixth in the nation for Creative Writing against over 50 other 9th and 10th graders. "Both Bryan and Callie have continued to uphold the high standards of character, leadership service, and academics which is the motto for the Junior BETA and we are proud of them," he said. In other matters, the board:

- \*Approved the monthly personnel report as amended.
- \*Approved the consent agenda.
- \*Approved giving Wood to authorize payment of any invoices received after June 22, 2023.
- \*Approved giving employees Monday, July 3 off.

# Pets of the Week

The Patrick County Public Animal Shelter (PCPAS) is now over capacity once again and desperately needs homes for some very nice dogs and cats. This German Shepherd is obviously someone's dog. She was found on U.S. 58, near Walmart. We hope the owner contacts the shelter to claim her. This handsome guy loves to play ball and is full of personality. He is already neutered



and ready to go to his new home. If are interested in any of the pets in the shelter, call (276) 694-6259 for more information, visit the shelter, or check out the pets available for adoption on the shelter's Facebook page. Adoption fees are \$10 and include spay/neuter and rabies vaccination.

# Voting is underway in chamber's award contest

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You are invited to vote for businesses nominated for the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce Awards, which spans four categories - Small Business, Large Business, Community Champion and Nonprofit of the Year. Annually, the chamber celebrates and awards businesses and organizations for the outstanding work that they do for this county. New this year, the 2023 awards will be announced, and a small feature will be provided in the 2023 Fall Patrick County Magazine, in lieu of an awards banquet.

The chamber is asking the public for help voting via an online form that is available on the chamber's website and its Facebook page. The Small and Large business categories are to recognize deserving Patrick County businesses. Nominees must have demonstrated at least one of the following:

- (1) Job growth,
- (2) Revenue growth,
- (3) Innovative products or services,
- (4) Provided exemplary customer service,
- (5) Volunteers in the community, and

(See Voting p. 7)

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# Farmers advocate for agriculture in Congress as 2023 Farm Bill takes shape

Six members of Virginia Farm Bureau Federation's national affairs committee recently advocated for agriculture at the highest level in Washington, meeting directly with lawmakers to discuss priorities for the 2023 Farm Bill.

As part of the American Farm Bureau Federation Advocacy Fly-In, they met with their congressional representatives in solidarity with 150 farmers from across the country.

The group first convened with House Agriculture Committee leaders to hear their priorities and goals for the 2023 Farm Bill before heading to Capitol Hill.

In discussions with representatives and staff, farmers talked about labor, water regulations and dairy issues as they relate to the farm bill.

Cattle and crop farmer Mack Smith, Rockbridge County Farm Bureau president, said the members of Congress he visited were interested to learn about his perspective on agriculture. He met with representatives and staff from both rural and urban districts.

"We need to be making these connections with urban legislators, as well as those representing primarily rural districts," Smith said. "Though our worlds are not the same, they care about food production and stability, and want to know what they can do to help."

Due to elections and retirements, nearly half of Congress—260 lawmakers—have never worked on a farm bill, making farmers' personal stories of im-

portant. This presents both opportunities and challenges.

"It's mind-boggling how many haven't voted on a farm bill," said VFBF Vice President Scott Sink. "It could get dragged down in the mud if we're not careful. We wanted to meet with representatives to make sure they understand the nuances."

The advocacy fly-in is just another tier of VFBF's grassroots process that starts at the county level. Agricultural priorities and positions advance to the regional, state and national levels, finally coming to fruition in the farm bill.

"That's what I always appreciate about Farm Bureau," Sink continued. "This grassroots process touches each of those levels. The leaders at each stage recognize the significance of what we're doing. They appreciate seeing us and hear-

ing our stories. Even if we don't agree, we all want solutions that help all parties move forward, all while making our voices heard."

Timely passage of a farm bill is crucial to maintaining a secure and sustainable domestic food supply, said VFBF national affairs coordinator Ben Rowe. "Having farmers come to Washington and sit down with their elected representatives to discuss the policies that directly impact their operations is one of the most effective ways our members can advocate for their industry."

Also representing Virginia were AFBF Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee Chair Matt Fimon of Brunswick County, and county Farm Bureau presidents Amy Johnson of Bedford County, Hunter Richardson of King and Queen County and C.T. Thiemann of Louisa County.

# Salem attorney reprimanded

Effective June 21, 2023, the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board issued a public reprimand to John Michael Loeschen for violating professional rules that govern meritorious claims and contentions and dealing with unrepresented persons. This was an agreed disposition of misconduct charges. Loeschen is an attorney in Salem, Va.

# Arrests reported

The Patrick County Sheriff's Office reported the following:

\*Robert Bentley Newberry, 36, of Stuart, was charged June 10 with two counts of assault. Deputy E. Sain was the arresting officer.

\*John William Fowler, 41, of Radford, was charged June 11 with fail to appear. Montgomery County made the arrest for Patrick County.

\*Skylar Dwayne Dix, 29, of Patrick County Jail, was charged June 13 with assault and batter on law enforcement office (LEO) Deputy I. Wood was the arresting officer.

\*Stacey Shelburn Rodgers, 47, of Bassett, was charged June 13 with fail to appear. Martinsville PD made the arrest for Patrick County.

\*Dillard Clayton France, 54, of Ararat, was charged June 14 with two counts assault. Deputy J.G. Pickerel was the arresting officer.

\*Kelly Simpson Manning, 57, of Stuart, was charged June 15 with perjury. Inv. Tennille E. Jessup was the arresting officer.

\*Terrence Wilson Lightbourne, 43, of Mt. Airy, NC, was charged June 17 with drive while intoxicated. Trooper R.C. Amos was the arresting officer.

\*Anthony Chandler Bryant, 28, of Stuart, was charged June 18 with assault. Deputy R. Haynes was the arresting officer.

\*Dillard Clayton France, 54, of Ararat, was charged June 20 with abuse/neglect child. Inv. Tennille E. Jessup was the arresting officer.

\*Emily Ann Church, 28, of Ridgeway, was charged June 21 with probation violation. Henry County made the arrest for Patrick County.

\*Kerry Renee Powell, 41, of Ridgeway, was charged June 21 with possess Sch. I or II drugs. Trooper P.W. Meade made the arrest for Martinsville PD.

\*Brianna Michelle Morgan, 26, of Woolwine, was charged June 22 with fail to appear. Deputy J.G. Pickerel was the arresting officer.

\*Daniel Ray Hedrick, 49, of Stuart, was charged June 23 with two counts of probation violation on felony offense and one count probation violation. Sgt. W.D. Haymore made the arrest for Henry County.

# VSU Partners with the 1890 Land-Grant Program



Virginia State University (VSU) United States food, agriculture, was selected by the Biden-Harris natural resources and human sciences (FANH) workforce. Historically Black Land-grant institutions to help strengthen the "With the support of the USDA (See VSU p. 5)

# Report shows 96 on-duty deaths in 2022

The National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) released a new report, "Fatal Firefighter Injuries in the U.S. in 2022", which showed a total of 96 on-duty U.S. firefighter fatalities in 2022. Of these deaths, 51 were volunteer firefighters, 38 were career firefighters, six were contractors for federal or state land management agencies, and one was a full-time federal land

management employee. The number of injury and cardiac-related fatalities in 2022 is higher than past years, largely due to the inclusion of deaths occurring within 24 hours of duty, which were previously not counted in the report unless there was a specific physical complaint while on duty. The report now includes fatal injuries and cardiac deaths that occurred within

24 hours of duty, irrespective of manifested or reported symptoms. "Sudden cardiac deaths or cardiac conditions regularly account for the largest share of on-duty firefighter deaths," said Richard Campbell, author of the report and a senior research analyst at NFPA. "By adjusting the reporting period by 24 hours, we were able to more (See Report p. 7)

# Horses Test Positive for virus at Lexington Facility

On June 22, the State Veterinarian's Office of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) was informed two horses from the same barn tested positive for Equine Herpesvirus-1 (EHV-1), the virus that causes Equine Herpes Myeloencephalopathy. The infected horses were stabled at the Virginia Horse Center (VHC) during the Shenandoah Classic. Both horses were immediately moved off the grounds when they first exhibited symptoms. One horse is receiving medical care and is stable. The other horse was subsequently euthanized. Approximately 80 exposed horses that were stabled in the same barn at the VHC have been placed

under quarantine. All exposed horses are being monitored twice daily for fever (temperature over 101.50 F) and other clinical signs. No other horses at the horse show are considered exposed and the horse show will continue. However, the unexposed horses are having temperatures and clinical signs monitored out of an abundance of caution. The Virginia Horse Center is following their biosecurity plan and will remain open for business. There is no cause for alarm concerning the general horse population in Virginia. EHV-1 is a virus that is present in the environment and found in most horses all over the world. Horses typically are

exposed to the virus at a young age with no serious side effects. A large percentage of horses carry the virus with no clinical signs for the remainder of their lives. Rarely, exposed horses develop the neurologic form of the disease. Horse owners with concerns should contact their veterinarian. EHV-1 is not transmissible to humans. For more information, visit the VDACS EHV-1 website and for information on best practices for disease prevention in horses visit the Equine Disease Communications Center Biosecurity website. Horse owners also may contact the VDACS Office of Veterinary Services at (804) 786-2483.

# Initial unemployment claims decrease

The number of initial claims decreased in the latest filing week to 2,486 and remained at the typical pre-pandemic volumes experienced in 2019, according to data from the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC).

For the filing week ending June 17, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims in Virginia was 2,486, which was a decrease of 656 claimants from the previous week. Over half of initial claims with a self-reported industry were from manufacturing, administrative and support and waste

management, professional, scientific, and technical services, accommodation and food services, and health care and social assistance. Continued weeks claimed totaled 13,107, which was 319 claims higher than the previous week and an increase of 35.8% from the 9,653 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 17, the advance U.S. figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 264,000, unchanged from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 262,000 to 264,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 250,037 in the week ending June 17, a decrease of 1,347 (or -0.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 206,272 initial claims in the compara-

ble week in 2022. Looking at preliminary data, most U.S. states reported decreases on a seasonally unadjusted basis. Georgia's preliminary weekly change (-2,417) was the largest decrease. Indiana was tied with Missouri for the second largest weekly change (-1,983). South Carolina's preliminary weekly change (-1,783) was the third largest decrease. Ohio's weekly change (-1,583) was the fourth largest decrease. Virginia's preliminary weekly change (-354) was the fourteenth largest decrease.

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# Legislation on the House Floor

Ninth District U.S. Rep. Morgan Griffith

On any given week here in the House of Representatives, I vote on a wide variety of legislation that affects Virginians in different ways. This past week (June 20th) was no exception. Below is a breakdown of just a portion of the bills I voted on.

**The CHOICE Arrangement Act**  
The Custom Health Option and Individual Care Expense (CHOICE) Arrangements Act, which I voted in favor of, codifies a 2019 Trump Administration rule allowing small businesses to reimburse employees for buying their own health insurance on the individual market through health reimbursement arrangements, as well as providing tax-advantaged funds for qualified medical expenses.

The bill also expands Association Health Plans by allowing those who are self-employed to come together to create a buying pool for health insurance. This is beneficial for certain sectors, with sole practitioners, who need more health care options and flexibility.

One such sector are REALTORS® who usually work for a brokerage but are almost always legally considered self-employed. When the Trump Administration instituted this change in 2019, REALTORS®, among others, saw premium reductions of over 50 percent.

Unfortunately, Democrats in the House are against this flexible health care proposal. No Democrat voted for the bill.

Further, the Biden Administration has worked to prevent these health plans from being used. I believe they want more individuals

in the flawed health insurance exchange, Obamacare.

The Administration has even gone so far as to have taken action to stop Virginia from enforcing a state law allowing these same kind of health insurance benefits. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) sent a letter to Governor Youngkin in May saying CMS would step in to enforce "specified federal market reforms" if Virginia continued to fail to do so.

If CMS were to do this, it would prevent individuals, like REALTORS®, from joining together to buy health insurance, which helps to lower their premiums and costs.

Other groups that could benefit include accounts, lawyers, and insurance agents in small firms.

The CHOICE Arrangements Act also allows for groups to band together across state lines to purchase health coverage. This is great for folks in the Ninth District who live close to the state line (Bristol, Bluefield, Martinsville, and Galax).

**Eliminating a Tax on Those with Good Credit**

In the aftermath of the 2008 housing crisis, government-sponsored mortgage insurers (like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac) began charging a one-time fee as a risk-based pricing tool to encourage responsible lending. Earlier this year, the Biden Administration's Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) created a new rule updating how the fee was set, based on a borrower's credit score.

Much to the shock of most everyone, the new fee structure penalized those people with good credit and

rewarded those people with not-so-good credit. Borrowers with good credit scores would be charged higher fees, while those with not-so-good credit scores would have their fees lowered.

With this new rule, the Biden Administration expects those with higher credit to subsidize those who are a riskier bet.

How does that make sense? Why would we punish people for working hard to improve their credit score?

In response to this new rule, House Republicans brought H.R. 3564, the Middle-Class Borrower Protection Act of 2023, to the floor. This bill, which I voted for, eliminates this new tax on homebuyers with good credit, ensuring that the Administration cannot force Americans to subsidize risky loans. Also, 14 Democrats crossed the aisle and voted for it.

**Censuring Adam Schiff**

Additionally, I and other House Republicans voted to censure Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA), the former Chairman of the Intel Committee. While Chairman, Rep. Schiff falsely

claimed for years that he had proof of Russia colluding with former President Trump. He used his power as the Chairman to weaponize the Intel Committee, lying to the rest of Congress and the American public about what he knew. Schiff's censuring follows Speaker Kevin McCarthy's removal of Schiff from the Intel Committee in January.

Now House Republicans have held Rep. Schiff accountable for years of lying. And with this censure comes a House Ethics investigation into Schiff's actions.

As seen above, the House covered a wide breath of subjects on the House floor. And this is only a few from the entire week, along with hearings and meetings.

Also, Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India addressed Members of Congress at a Joint Meeting of Congress.

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

## Council

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Houchins said the more programs and things that are offered for people to do, the more they come here.

"Once they come here, they will probably come back, as long as we're able to continue to offer those services. We need entertainment, we need after-hours entertainment, we need something we can go to on a consistent basis and have a variety of activities," he said.

Simmons said the margins were so thin for a private individual to purchase the theater and make it a profitable business within seven years that it was

nearly impossible.

"The town does not need to make a profit off of this. It was never designed to be a money maker for the town, it was designed to be an attraction and an anchor institute for the development of our downtown," he said.

Simmons said he agrees with Puckett's statement about the town not needing to be in the landlord business, "however if we don't have landlords willing to put their money into the town, then the town has to.

"If the town is not willing to invest in the town, then why should anybody else," Simmons asked rhetorically.

Chris Prutting and Lora Mahaffey also voiced support for the purchase of the theater.

In other matters, the council:

\*Approved the meeting minutes as written.

\*Heard an update on public works projects.

\*Discussed the hospital zoning code.

\*Discussed town policy.

\*Created the Star Theater Leasing Committee comprised of Dave Hoback, Weiland, Erica Wade, and Rebecca Adcock.

\*Discussed the town's finances.

\*Paid the bills.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Celebrate Independence Day

We're back to the holiday name issue again this year. I just spent ten minutes deleting sale advertisements from my e-mail account – not because they were not good sales or good merchandise or good vendors, but because the advertiser couldn't be bothered to correctly name the upcoming holiday.

The holiday is called INDEPENDENCE DAY, not Fourth of July or July 4th. The holiday is named for the EVENT, not the space on the calendar that it happens to occupy. Remember when Memorial Day used to be May 31st? Then our government bowed to financial pressure and made it the last Monday in May instead. But we never call it

Last Monday or Thirty-First of May – it's Memorial Day.

So, let's give the honor and respect due to the occasion for which we celebrate – the independence of our nation. Let's be glad that we have that independence to celebrate such a holiday. Let's take the time to mention to these advertisers that we don't appreciate their disrespect of the holiday by focusing on the date, rather than the reason that we celebrate.

And let's all have a wonderful and safe Independence Day – whatever the calendar says.

**Kurt Bozenmayer,  
Buffalo Ridge**

#### Incompatible

(Fox, The Federalist, Newsmax, SMG News Wire, Todd Starnes, MRCTV)

Pride month isn't about acceptance anymore. It's about activism. It's about coercing a public that was previously hesitant towards gay marriage to now endorse nearly every degenerate item on the left-wing cultural agenda. Corporations, meanwhile, are eager to capitalize, cashing in on the rainbow dollar signs.

President Biden hosted a "Pride Month 2023" event on the White House lawn, decorating the area with rainbow motifs and the "Progress Pride Flag" which was hung on the balcony of the White House for the event, flanked by two American Flags. Flag protocol states that the U.S. flag should always be front and center. However, the "Progress Pride Flag" demanded allegiance from its central position at the White House. The visual reminds us of there's only room for one flag at the top of a flagpole. Man cannot serve two masters; countries cannot unite under two flags.

It's important to understand the president's message – America is no longer the land of the free and the home of the brave. He declared that America is a "nation of pride." So, in his warped leftist mind the White House did not violate the flag code. That's because they don't pledge allegiance to Old Glory. They pledge allegiance to the transgender flag. Biden defaced the White House and desecrated Old Glory, and spit on the graves of our men and women who died for their flag.

The Air Force celebrated Pride Month on its official Twitter page with an image of an airman saluting the gay pride flag. It shows a silhouette of an airman standing at attention, saluting the rainbow flag. No credible American and no actual Airmen would salute anything but the American flag. Celebrating a military member saluting a pride flag is not just embarrassing it is traitorous," one officer wrote on Twitter.

San Francisco has out-of-control crime, drug use and homelessness. The San Francisco Sheriff's Office posted footage of a taxpayer-funded Pride celebration on the Chinese-owned TikTok app, which is banned on government devices in several states. "Happy Pride!" the department wrote. In the video, the deputies raise the LGBTQ Pride flag as other deputies, police officers, and first responders all salute. Lady Gaga's Pride anthem "Born This Way" is blasted in the background.

The president called the LGBTQ community, "the bravest and most inspiring people he has ever met, acclaiming them as an example for the entire world. Americans have a choice. We can either pledge allegiance to a flag that was carried into battle by "the bravest and most inspiring American soldiers who fought and shed their blood and died for their country" or we can pledge allegiance to a flag that represents intolerance, grooming, and the medical mutilation of children.

Pray for our country.

**William Salser,  
Stuart**

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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# Yadkin Center Offers Variety of Courses in June, July

The Yadkin Center of Surry Community College is offering a variety of courses in late June and early July to be held at the Yadkin Center, 1001 College Drive, Yadkinville.

**DMV: Auto Dealer Pre-License Course** is required by the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles for professionals to obtain a license to be an automobile dealer in North Carolina. This course will be held on Monday, June 26, and Tuesday, June 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in room YG-101 at the Yadkin Center. Tuition for this course is \$146.

**Vehicle Escort Operators Course Renewal** is designed to meet the training requirements set by the N.C. Department of Transportation to certify oversize-overweight load escort vehicle drivers. This four-hour course will meet on Saturday, July 8, from 8 a.m. to noon in YA-112 at the Yadkin Center. Course components consist of defensive driving, escort driver requirements, skills training, and an exam. The cost is \$71.

**Notary Public Course** is a one-day, eight-hour course to prepare students to become a Notary Public in North Carolina. The class will



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take place in Room YG-101, Monday, July 17, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Topics will include notary qualifications, guidelines, and processes for notarizing documents. After passing the course test, students are eligible to apply to the Secretary of State to become a notary.

The cost of the class is \$71, and

the textbook fee is \$28.52. Please note that to take this class, students must live or work in North Carolina, be at least 18 years old, possess a high school diploma or High School Equivalency degree, be able to read and write English, have no felony convictions (some misdemeanors apply) and have a valid driver's license

or N.C. State ID.

To register or get more information about any of these classes, call the Yadkin Center at (336) 386-3584, email Dr. Douglass Underwood, Director Yadkin Center / EMS Programs at underwoodd@surry.edu, or visit surry.edu.

## Williams

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percent of all votes cast at the Stuart Community precinct, or 139, compared to March's 10.32 percent, or 16 votes.

Williams carried 90.19 percent of the ballots at the Elamsville precinct, with 193 votes, and March received 21 votes and 9.81 percent.

In Woolwine, Williams garnered 82.98 percent of the votes, or 273, to the 56 and 17.02 percent gleaned by March.

In Henry County, Williams received 689, or 87.22 percent of the votes, while March won 101, or 12.78 percent, of the votes. He also carried all seven of the county's eligible voting precincts, according to the unofficial results posted on the state Board of Elections website.

Williams won 3,067, or 61.80 percent of the votes in Carroll County, while March won 1,896, or 38.20 percent of the votes.

In the City of Galax, Williams garnered 202 votes, or 58.72 percent, compared to March's 142 votes, and 41.28 percent.

In Floyd County, March won 841 votes or 63.38 percent of all votes cast. Williams won 486 votes or 36.62

percent of the votes.

Following the election results, March thanked her supporters in a social media post: "We were funded by small-dollar contributors, he spent half a million \$500,000 of the big time lobbyists donations and his family's big money and the backing of the Richmond swamp. Goes to show you, elections can and are being bought every single day."

Noting that he is incredibly humbled by the overwhelming support and confidence his campaign received, Williams said he now is looking forward to returning to Richmond and continuing the fight for conservative results.

"From day one, I have sought to represent all of the 47th district. From securing \$1.5 million in funding for Floyd County to working to reopen the hospital in Patrick Coun-

ty, serving our district, and getting results for our district have been my top priority," Williams said.

Williams also maintained the biggest war chest, according to the most recent financial records compiled by the Virginia Public Access Project (VPAP).

Williams began the June 8 reporting period with \$69,413 on hand as of April 1. Total receipts for the period were \$185,871 and included 106 cash contributions of more than \$100, 35 cash contributions of \$100 or less, and three in-kind contributions of more than \$100.

Top donors include a total of \$20,000 from Dominion Energy Inc. Political Action, \$12,500 from Gilbert for Delegate, and \$10,000 from Kilgore for Delegate.

Donors of \$5,000 include Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Assoc

PAC, Sparkle Painting Co. Inc., Christopher Clemente, Machinery Sales LLC, Virginia Trial Lawyers PAC, Eric Glasser, Daniel Schuster, and Friends of Barry Knight.

In-kind contributions included \$15,000 from the Realtor Political Action Committee of Virginia and a total of \$5,761 from Wren M. Williams.

Williams reported spending \$211,842 in itemized expenses and \$20,760 in in-kind expenses. His total expenses during the primary were \$359,620, according to the VPAP.

Among Williams' top itemized expenses are a total of \$124,870 from Medium Buying LLC, a total of \$32,834 to JLK Strategies LLC, and a total of \$29,177 to Point1 LLC.

Williams' ending balance was reported at \$22,682.

In the time frame, Marie March reported

receipts of \$28,641 and a starting balance of \$3,321 on April 1.

March reported 29 cash contributions of more than \$100, 35 cash contributions of less than \$100, and a loan totaling \$15,333 from Marie March.

Among her top contributors were \$2,000 each from Patrick Daley and Garrison Hill, and \$1,000 each from Carl Krell and Marlon Goad.

March reported expenses of \$28,419, including itemized expenses that totaled \$15,816 to Action Advocacy Group LLC, \$2,490 to WBRF, \$1,598 to Dynasty Digital Design, \$1,360 to Virginia Media Inc., and \$1,138 to the Department of Elections.

She spent a total of \$78,968 during the primary, according to VPAP.

March reported a June 8 ending balance of \$3,543.

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## VSU

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and our collaborative partners, we will provide our students with unparalleled opportunities for experiential learning, professional development, and international engagement. Through this program, we are cultivating the next generation of diverse food and agriculture professionals who will make significant contributions to the field and address the evolving challenges of our global food system," said Dr. Robert N. Corley, III, Interim Dean of the College of Agriculture and 1890 Administrator at Virginia State University.

This initiative, known as "NextGen," is part of the USDA's comprehensive plan "From Learning to Leading: Cultivating the Next Generation of Diverse Food and Agriculture Professionals," which aims to increase the representation of underrepresented minority students in the field. This program is funded by President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act, which aims to lower costs for American families, expand access to markets to producers from all backgrounds and communities, build a clean energy economy and strengthen American supply chains.

This collaboration, spearheaded by North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (NC A&T) and the United States De-

partment of Agriculture's (USDA) 1890 Land-Grant Center of Excellence for Student Success and Workforce Development, will implement the "System Approach to Promote Learning and Innovation for the Next Generation (SAPLINGS)" of Professionals and Leaders in Food, Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Human Sciences program with a goal of training 6,134 grade 5-12 students, 326 grade 5-12 educators, and 5,871 college students; reach 980 families; engaging more than 30 partners; and enhancing underrepresented minority student enrollment, retention, and graduation rates at 1890 Land-Grant Universities to grow the next generation of diverse workers, leaders, and innovators for FANH careers. The five-year, \$18.1 million award from USDA's National Institute for Food and Agriculture ensures the program's funding and long-term impact.

This dynamic partnership includes the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES), Tuskegee University (TU), Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU), Fort Valley State University (FVSU), North Carolina State University (NCSU) and Arkansas Pine-Bluff (APB).

As part of this collaborative effort, VSU and UMES are launching the Emerging USDA Leaders Model

(EULM) to better prepare students with the leadership and technical skills needed for rewarding careers in the FAHN sectors. This innovative program employs a new recruitment strategy to establish a talent pipeline by introducing middle and high school students to the FAHN sector prior to college through agricultural-focused hackathons, climate-smart agricultural technologies, and other STEM-based experiences. At the college level, students will receive scholarships and opportunities for domestic and international internships, supported by federal, state, and private sources, to develop a wide range of workforce-related skills.

"One of the key strengths of the EULM program is its holistic approach to recruiting and preparing students for success in the FAHN sectors," said Dr. Corley. "By combining early exposure for K-12 students, and experiential learning through government and industry engagement, and international experiences for college students, we are equipping our students with the skills, knowledge, and global perspective needed to address complex challenges and drive innovation in the field."

VSU and UMES will provide students across the FAHN spectrum with a range of career-building ex-

periences, guided by faculty, industry professionals, and federal and state partners. These opportunities will include mentoring, professional development activities, and invaluable guidance to excel in their chosen fields. Faculty at all seven partner institutions will receive training to enhance student experiences and the educational environment.

In terms of global preparation, the EULM program supports VSU's official International Agricultural Certificate program, designed to equip students for service abroad in the Peace Corps and USDA's Foreign Agriculture Service. This global perspective is crucial, providing students a competitive advantage in an increasingly interconnected world, and empowering them with the necessary skills to make a positive international impact.

The EULM program represents a significant opportunity to provide transformative learning experiences for students, ensuring a broader impact on community well-being and our ultimate goal of a Center for Transformational Leadership and Community Impact. "We are excited to be part of the NEXTGEN initiative and look forward to seeing the positive impact our graduates will have on our community and the future of food and agriculture," said Dr. Corley.



# Rorrer, Turner recognized with awards

**Sabrina Rorrer** was recently recognized as the 2023 Patrick County High School recipient of the William & Mary Leadership Award. Established in 1998 to honor young leaders, the William & Mary Leadership Award is presented to one outstanding current junior from each high school in the Commonwealth. Sabrina received a certificate, as well as a book about leadership.

The award is intended to recognize young leaders in their community. Sabrina is an active student at PCHS, serving as a class officer for the last two years. She is a member of the Scholastic Bowl team. She is also a member of Gifted and Talented and the Senior Beta Club. In addition to being involved in school, Sabrina works a part time job in her community throughout the year.

**Maria Turner** was recently recognized by Patrick County High School



Maria Turner accepts the Jefferson Book Award from Ms. Hope Perry, PCHS Principal.



Sabrina Rorrer accepts the William and Mary Leadership Award from Ms. Hope Perry, PCHS Principal.

as the recipient of The Jefferson Book Award. This award was established to recognize outstanding high school juniors who embrace creativity and innovation and embody the spirit of discovery, much like the University's founder, Thomas Jefferson. Maria received Mr. Jefferson's Telescope: A History of the

University of Virginia in 100 Objects, a customizable certificate signed by University of Virginia President, James E. Ryan, and a customizable bookplate.

Maria is a member of Sr. Beta, the Scholastic Bowl Team, the Spanish Club, and Gifted & Talented. She plays PCHS Varsity Softball and is a member of the

Praise and Worship Team. Maria also belongs to the Buffalo Ridge Pentecostal Holiness Church. She completed an internship at The Enterprise this spring and is currently working a summer job in the community.

Maria placed third in the statewide VFW Patriot's Pen contest, earned 1st place (2021) and 2nd place

(2022) in the Virginia War Memorial Veterans Day Essay Contest, and placed 2nd place in the Longwood Young Writers Competition. Most recently she was recognized as the 2023 Western Region 2023 Student Creative Expressions Contest sponsored by the Library of Virginia and Dominion Energy.

## PCHS recognizes students academic achievements

**The faculty and staff at Patrick County High School (PCHS) recognized students' academic achievements for the 2022-2023 school year.**

### World Language, Fine Arts, Heath & PE

Spanish I	Abigail Bryant
Spanish I	Lilly Kelly
Spanish II	Camille Gonzalez
Spanish II	Jaxon Ayers-Rosas
Spanish III	Daryl Lynn Combs
Spanish III	Emily Eastridge
Spanish IV	Sabrina Rorrer
Spanish IV	Elizabeth Rose
Spanish IV	Maria Turner
Spanish V	Madi Heath
Art I	Kaitlyn Puckett
Art I	Riley Bell
Art II	Ashantis Madison
Art II	Lexus Owen
Art III	Lindsey Jones
Art IV	Madison Collins
Art IV	Macey Hall
Art V	Jocelyn Carson
Art V	Macey Hall
Health & PE 8	Chloe Hubbard
Health & PE 8	Paige Whitt
Health & PE 8	Maddox Taylor
Health & PE 8	Landon Moles
Health & PE 9	Camille Gonzalez
Health & PE 9	Jayden Callahan
Health & PE 9	Ethan Morrison
Health & PE 9	Johnathan Harbour
Health & PE 10	Sadie Martin
Health & PE 10	Raeli Moran
Health & PE 10	Zach Letchworth
Health & PE 10	Taylor Collins
Sports Training Female Beginner	Journey Moore
Sports Training Female Beginner	Kendall Williams
Sports Training Female Advanced	Samantha Harris
Sports Training Male Beginner	Calvin Lancaaster
Sports Training Male Beginner	Tyleke Hylton
Sports Training Male Advanced	Nicholas Pell
Sports Training Male Beginner	Kyle Handy

Intro to Culinary
Intro to Culinary
Intro to Hospitality
Independent Living
Independent Living
Intro. to Fashion Design Careers
Child Development/Parenting

### Math

Math 8
Math 8
Algebra I Part II - 8th
Algebra I Readiness Draysin Maselli (9th grade)
Algebra I Readiness Emily Whitaker (8th grade)
Algebra I Part II
Algebra I Advanced
Algebra I Advanced
Geometry Advanced
Geometry Advanced
Geometry Readiness
Geometry Part 2
AFDA
AFDA
Algebra II
Algebra II
Trigonometry
Trigonometry
Pre-Calculus
Pre-Calculus
Calculus
Calculus

### History

World History I
World History I
World History I
World History II
World History II
World Geography
World Geography
Sociology
Psychology
US History
US History
US History Honors
US History Honors
US Government
US Government
US Government
US Government
US Government Honors

### Science

Biology
Biology
Advanced Biology
Advanced Biology
Environmental Science
Environmental Science
Ecology
Ecology
Advanced Chemistry
Advanced Chemistry
Anatomy & Physiology
Anatomy & Physiology
Physical Science
Physical Science
Advanced Earth Science
Advanced Earth Science
Forensic Science
Honors Anatomy
Honors Anatomy
Honors Biology
Chemistry
Chemistry

### English

English 8 Foundations
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Abigail Bowman
Chloe Hostetter
Madison Greer
Isobel Clay
Riley Bell
Sasha Campos
Marisa Hylton

Alexia Shuff
Peyton Pascale
Adam Edwards
Draysin Maselli (9th grade)
Emily Whitaker (8th grade)
Journei Grier
Fisher Martin
Jacob Edwards
Devon Booth
Callie Wood
Lexus Owen
Autumn Bowman
Seth Atkins
Hannah Janey
Emily Eastridge
Sasha Campos
Aniya Penn
Dante Belcher
Lillian Cobbler
Hannah Wood
James Moody
Missy Hazard

Draysin Maselli
Hunter Martin
Fisher Martin
David Lawson
Vishal Somasundaram
Camille Gonzalez
Kathryn Wood
Raeli Moran
Daryl Combs
Isabella Rivero
Elijah Rodgers
Lillian Cobbler
Hannah Wood
Darion Linster
Mia Stowe
Kursten Hylton
Devin Walker
James Moody

Alysha Copening
Anna Arellano
Kendall Williams
Eliza Clifton
Benjamin Knight
Draysin Maselli
Riley Bell
Carlie Rorrer
Heather Edwards
Madeline Heath
Mia Stowe
Jessica Dobbins
Lily Kelly
Myhia Ballenger-Mejis
Kathryn Wood
Xena Wilcox
Devin Walker
Alexander Doyle
Samantha Harris
Alexis Lemons
Avery Brintle
Dakota Ashworth

Nexander De Jesus
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English 8 Foundations
English 8 Yearlong
English 8 Yearlong
English 8 Advanced
English 8 Advanced
English 9 Business Writing
English 9
English 9
English 9 Advanced
English 9 Advanced
English 10 Business Writing
English 10 Business Writing
English 10
English 10
English 10 Advanced
English 10 Advanced
English 11
English 11
English 11 Advanced
English 11 Advanced
English 11 Honors
English 12
English 12
English 12 Advanced
English 12 Honors
Yearbook
Yearbook
English Language Learner
English Language Learner

## Evening Truck Driver Training Class offered this fall

Surry Community College is offering an evening Truck Driver Training class beginning in August that will meet at the Yadkin Center, 1001 College Drive, Yadkinville.

The class begins Tuesday, Aug. 22, and runs through Wednesday, Dec. 13. It will meet Monday through Thursday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., with online meetings on Fridays. A mandatory orientation session is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 3, at 5 p.m., also at the Yadkin Center in room YG-112. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the median pay for truck drivers is over \$47,000. Drivers with experience can make more than \$50,000.

The SCC Truck Driver Training Program teaches proper driving procedures, safe driver responsibility, commercial motor vehicle laws and regulations, and the basic principles and practices for operating commercial vehicles. The coursework includes motor vehicle laws and regulations, map reading, vehicle maintenance, safety procedures, daily logs, defensive driving, freight handling, secu-

rity and fire protection.

Highway driving training exercises and classroom lectures are used to develop students' knowledge and skills. Graduates are qualified to take the Commercial Driver's License Test and are employable by commercial trucking firms. They may also become owner-operators and work as private contract haulers.

Special admission requirements include official driving record; physical examination; reading placement test score of 40 or higher; disclosure form; high school transcript; and drug testing.

Tuition for the class is \$1,999. You may qualify for a tuition scholarship. To see if you are eligible, please apply at [www.surry.edu/funding](http://www.surry.edu/funding).

For more information about SCC's Truck Driver Training Program or to register for the course, contact the Yadkin Center at (336) 386-3580 or email Dr. Douglas Underwood, Director of Yadkin Center / Director of Emergency Medical Programs at [underwoodd@surry.edu](mailto:underwoodd@surry.edu) or visit [surry.edu](http://surry.edu).



# Pioneers

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Williams who married Annie Delilah Hall, and one sister, Vera Williams who married Samuel Adolphus Rickman.

English fought in World War I with the 29th Division, Company E, 104th Ammunition Train and achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant. An ammunition train was responsible for transporting the artillery and infantry ammunition of each division from the ammunition refilling point to the area of engagement. During World War I, the train itself was likely a horse-drawn wagon. English departed from St. Nazaire, France on the 13th of May 1919 and arrived twelve days later at Newport News, Virginia. The ship that carried English across the North Atlantic was appropriately named The Virginian.

English and Nettie married in December of 1919 in Patrick County and shortly thereafter, moved to McDowell, West Virginia where English found work as a coal miner. The following year, their first child, Virginia Katherine was born, followed the next year by another little girl, Vera Evelyn. By the time their third child, Wayne Herman arrived in 1923, the family was living in Slab Fork, where English worked in the mine. Charles Edward was born in 1925, followed by LuElla Alice in 1926, Sadie Marie in 1928, and Robert Daniel in 1929.

On the 14th of October 1930, at approximately 12 noon, a horrible tragedy occurred. English was at work in the Slab Fork mines when a mine motor ran over his right leg and severed it. Sadly, 36-year-old English Martin died later that day. Nettie Williams Martin was

now a 30-year-old widow with seven children, ages ten, nine, seven, five, four, two, and one. Nettie brought her young family home to the Dobyns community of Patrick County to raise by herself; all the children became successful members of the community. Many of you may have purchased furniture from one of her daughters; Sadie Martin Wigington and her husband Dick had a furniture store in Patrick Springs. Two of English and Nettie's children are still living, (birthday girl) 97-year-old Ella Martin Hall and 94-year-old Robert Daniel Martin. Nettie Williams Martin passed away in 1993 at the age of ninety-two.

Woody may be reached at rockcastlecreek1@gmail.com or 276-692-9626.e Williams Martin and her children. (Courtesy of Ella Hall)



English Ernest Martin (Courtesy of Ella Hall)

# Voting

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(6) Demonstrates economic support of area business community.

The Small Business category is for those companies with fewer than 25 employees, while the Large Business category is for those with more than 25 employees.

Nominees in the Small Business category are Legacy Insurance, Primitive Coffee Bakery & Antique Market, and Uptown Stagecoach on Main Street.

Large business nominees are Patrick County Family Practice, Worley's Machine, and Prolam.

Community Champion recognizes a deserving Patrick County business of any size. Nominees must have demonstrated several of the

following:

- (1) Encourages collaboration among community partners,
- (2) Emphasizes service and volunteerism,
- (3) Innovative products, services or projects that promote a vibrant community,
- (4) stimulates and inspires optimism, community engagement and development,
- (5) Volunteers in the community,
- (6) Demonstrates economic support of area business community.
- (7) investment in their employees (i.e., professional development opportunities, paid job training or bonuses.)

Nominees for community champion are Pickle & Ash, or Clark Gas & Oil.

The non-profit organization of the year recognizes a deserving Non-Profit Organization whose mission and work adds great value to the Patrick County community. Nominees must have demonstrated several of the following:

- (1) demonstrated a meaningful achievement over the past year that has impacted Patrick County and its citizens,
- (2) has identified opportunities or unmet needs and, as a result, has initiate changes or developed innovative programs, products, or ideas,
- (3) demonstrates best practices in nonprofit management and professional development,
- (4) makes a profound difference in the lives of the residents of Patrick County,

(5) develops and fosters the virtues and skills of civic engagement and social responsibility

(6) makes significant contributions to building a more vibrant community

(7) encourages community engagement with projects, events, and/or activities.

Non-profit organizations nominated are Rotary Club of Stuart, Patrick County Young Professionals, and Ararat Ruritan Club.

Voting is available online only at the chamber's website or Facebook page. www.patrickchamber.com Voting runs through July 15. One vote per email address will be counted. Winners will be announced in the Fall 2023 Patrick County Magazine.

# Fire

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der control within 25 minutes and remained on scene for an additional two hours.

"The fire was located to the rear of the residence, in an addition part of the home. The fire department believes the fire originated from around the chimney. It moved its way into the attic space over the home," he said.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation. No one was home at the time of the fire.

"This was a really good save, and we really did a bang-up job at saving this home. We got in there, we cut a hole in the roof, and we also

hooked the ceiling inside and got the attic fire under control very quickly," he said.

Servepro, a fire and water clean-up and restoration franchise, came to look at the home, Weidhaas said, and believes the whole roof is going to have to be replaced.

Due to the quick response by the fire departments, nearly 95 percent of belongings in the home were saved, and actual fire damage to the living space was minimal.

Weidhaas estimates 1,000 gallons of water was used to fight the fire.

Stuart had 11 personnel on scene, Patrick Springs had eight, and CCDF had four.



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# Report

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fully capture cardiac failure among firefighters, allowing us to more accurately identify the serious health risks firefighters face on the job."

However, Campbell notes, an unknown number of deaths due to unspecified medical causes in 2022 were likely cardiac related, so the reported number of cardiac deaths likely continues to understate the true total.

The report categorizes the type of duty that firefighters were engaged in when the deaths occurred, including deaths that occurred:

- on the fireground;
- at a non-fire emergency;
- responding to or returning from emergency calls; and
- during training.

Trauma injuries accounted for 33 firefighter deaths, including 20 internal trauma deaths, six deaths by crushing, five deaths due to unspecified traumatic injuries, and two deaths due to gunshot injuries or projectile wounds.

In addition, six multiple fatality incidents occurred in 2022, tying for the highest number of multiple fatality incidents since 2009. Four of the incidents involved vehicles, each resulting in two fatalities. The two remaining incidents involved structure fires, one in which three firefighters were killed in a building collapse and the other in which two firefighters died after sending a mayday from the second floor of a house.

Just over one-fifth of firefighter deaths (21) occurred while responding to or returning from emergencies. The report also showed that overexertion and stress accounted for just over one-half of the deaths in 2022. Of the 49 deaths in this category: \*34 were sudden cardiac incidents

and one was due to cardiac symptoms;

\*11 deaths included an unspecified medical cause;

\*one was due to a stroke or aneurysm; and

\*two deaths were the result of drug overdoses.

According to the report, excluding the 340 firefighter deaths that occurred on 9/11, the highest fatal injury total was 174 firefighter deaths in 1978 and the lowest was 48 deaths in 2019. This overall downward trend is an encouraging indication that firefighter injury prevention and health and wellness efforts through the years are being met with success. At the same time, the data shows that work as a firefighter includes significant physical demands, taking place in environments that involve a range of hazardous conditions and presenting risks not only at fire scenes, but during training activities, non-fire emergencies, and transport to and from emergency scenes.

"While significant strides have been made over time to better protect firefighters on the job, firefighters continue to take on more roles and responsibilities, placing significant physical and mental stresses on them that can have fatal consequences," said Campbell. "Ongoing efforts to adequately address these issues will be needed in order to see meaningful reductions."

This firefighter fatal Injuries study is made possible by the cooperation and assistance of the United States fire service, CDC's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the United States Fire Administration, the Forest Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Land Management of the U.S. Department of

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**Brenda Hopkins Brogdon**

Brenda Hopkins Brogdon, 65, of Davidson County, went to be with her lord and savior on June 22, 2023.

She was born on November 27, 1957, in Stuart, Virginia to the late Earley Rufus Hopkins, Jr., and his wife, Dottie Puckett Hopkins. She was a manager at CJ's Deli. She is preceded in death by her brother, Kenneth Hopkins.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 35 years, Robert Bruce Brogdon of the home, her mother, Dottie Puckett Hopkins of Lexington, three sons, Brian Shane Hopkins, Robert Scott Brogdon (Linnley), Johnnie Keith Brogdon, all of Lexington, a brother William Hopkins (Michelle) of Lexington and two sisters, Cheryl Dull (Rick) of Ocean Isle Beach and Carolyn Brockman (Jerry) of Lexington; two sisters-in-law, Teresa Waitman (Craig) of Lexington, and Linda Brogdon Mat-tice of Hawaii; one brother-in-law, John Brogdon (Liz) of Lexington.

She is also survived by eight grandchildren, Anna Brog-

don-Boyles (Craig), Abby Brogdon, Cole Brogdon, Christopher Brogdon, Cayla Sweet, Jasmine Greenwood (Mason), Cameron Wheeler, Christian Wheeler, numerous nieces, and nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles.

The family would like to thank the staff of Hospice of Davidson County and Cancer Services of Davidson County for all of their care and support.

A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 11:00 am at Forest Hill Memorial Park with a visitation immediately after the service.

In lieu of flowers, you may make a donation in Brenda's name to Hospice of Davidson County or Cancer Services of Davidson County.

The staff at Davidson Funeral Home Hickory Tree Chapel will be serving the family.

Online condolences may be made at [www.davidsonfuneralhome.net](http://www.davidsonfuneralhome.net).

Obituary submitted courtesy of Moody Funeral Services, Stuart, Virginia.

**Steven Ralph "Steve" Nelson**

Mr. Steven Ralph "Steve" Nelson, age 71, of Spencer, Virginia departed this earthly life on Friday, June 16, 2023, at Suncrest Assisted Living in Martinsville. He was born in Martinsville, Virginia on May 2, 1952, to the late Stafford Douglas Nelson and Frances Rea Nelson. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife, Nancy West Nelson; infant sister, Catherine Nelson; and a niece, Kayla Nelson Hill. Steve loved to watch Gold Rush, Deadliest Catch, and Ice Road Truckers on television. He enjoyed playing golf at Gordon Trent Golf Course, working with the Patrick and Henry Saddle Club, wood-working, and working in the family apple orchard with his dad. Mr. Nelson was a truck driver for over 40 years. Steve will be dearly missed by all those that knew and loved him.



ville, Virginia; four grandchildren, Ethan Nelson, Emma Nelson, Abigail Nelson, Ella Greenwood; two step-grandchildren, Kylie Marshall, Makenna Marshall; one brother, Tony Nelson; one niece, Miranda Nelson; and many dear friends.

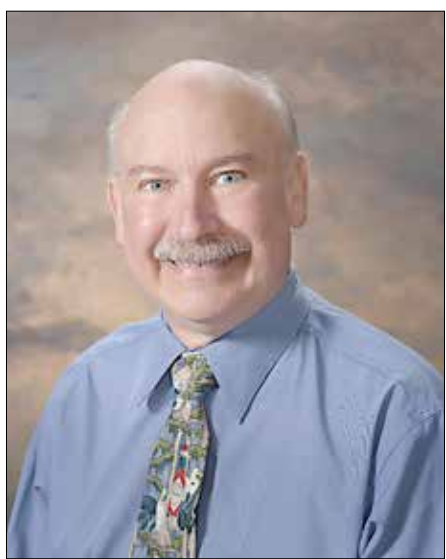
A funeral service for Mr. Steve Nelson will be held on Friday, June 23, 2023, at 2:00 P.M. at Moody Funeral Home Chapel in Stuart with Pastor Mark Collins officiating. The burial will immediately follow the funeral service in Patrick Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the funeral service at the funeral home on Friday afternoon. Flowers will be accepted, or memorial donations may be made to Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care, 1427 Edge-wood Drive, Suite 101, Mt. Airy, NC 27030, or to the Patrick Henry Saddle Club, 50 Clovehill Drive, Bassett, VA 24055. Moody Funeral Home in Stuart is serving the Nelson family, and online condolences may be sent by visiting [www.moodyfuneralservices.com](http://www.moodyfuneralservices.com).

**Twin County Regional Healthcare Names Menezes Physician of the Year**

Recently, employees of Twin County Regional Healthcare created the Physician of the Year Award to honor members of the medical staff for their hard work and dedication. Hospital employees nominate physicians who exemplify the hospital's five core values: Delivering High Quality Patient Care, Supporting our Physicians, Creating an Excellent Workplace for Employees, Providing Community Value, and Ensuring Fiscal Responsibility.

The recipient of the 2022 Physician of the Year award is Dr. Robert Menezes, Jr. Dr. Menezes earned his medical doctor degree from Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans.

Dr. Menezes is a health care provider at Twin County Family Care of Hillsville located at 702 Pine Street, Hillsville, VA and has over 35 years of experience. His specialties include family medicine and internal medicine. Dr. Menezes has



Dr. Robert Menezes, Jr.

a passion for healthcare and helping his patients achieve their goals and well-being. Along with his busy work schedule he fulfills many administrative roles and participates on hospital committees and quality improvement projects.

Mr. Richard Lewis Shockley, Jr., age 78, of Stuart, Virginia left this earthly life on Friday, June 23, 2023, at his home. He was born in Patrick County on November 15, 1944, to the late Richard Lewis Shockley, Sr., and the late Eva Mae Smart Shockley. Richard faithfully served in the United States Navy, was a member of Concord Church, and enjoyed being at home with his beloved family. Mr. Shockley will be dearly missed by all that knew and loved him.



A funeral service for Mr. Richard Shockley will be held on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at Concord Church with Pastor Tammy Franklin officiating. The burial will follow the funeral service in the church cemetery. There will be no formal visitation held. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in

memory of Mr. Shockley may be made to Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care, 1427 Edge-wood Drive, Suite 101, Mt. Airy, NC 27030 or to the Alzheimer's Association, Patrick County Chapter, P.O. Box 1301, Stuart, VA 24171. Moody Funeral Home in Stuart is serving the Shockley family, and online condolences may be sent by visiting [www.moodyfuneralservices.com](http://www.moodyfuneralservices.com).

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Moody Funeral Home in Stuart is serving the Shockley family, and online

condolences may be sent by visiting [www.moodyfuneralservices.com](http://www.moodyfuneralservices.com).

**Reverend Richard Glenn Elgin**

Reverend Richard Glenn Elgin died at the age of 91 on Sunday, June 18, 2023.

He was the son of the late Ora Roberson Elgin and Buren Alexander Elgin. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife Betty Jo Ann Phillips Elgin, his brothers James William "Bill" Elgin and Randolph Elgin, his sister Patricia Elgin Rorrer and his dear friend Oma Lea Merricks.



clude the Smith River Church of the Brethren where his father served for many years. He was an avid tennis player and enjoyed fishing. He played golf and in his later years enjoyed many games of pool. Glenn loved to make music and could play the guitar and mandolin while singing the songs he admired and many he had written himself.

He is survived by his daughter Karen Elgin, son Michael Elgin (Carlan), grandson Zachary Elgin and his mother Jennifer Radner Elgin. He is also survived by his loving sisters Betty Jane Holt, June Carol Gunter (Marvin) and Sandra Richardson as well as many caring family members and friends.

Glenn worked in Marketing and Communications at General Electric and retired after 29 years. He was an ordained minister with the Church of the Brethren and a member of the Lynchburg Church of the Brethren since 1960. He served many congregations during his tenure to in-

When people speak about Glenn, they always say "he is so nice". Blessings to the nicest man many have ever met and may his example and faith remind us to be kind to one another.

A funeral service was held on Friday, June 23, 2023, at 11a.m. at Tharp Funeral Home, Lynchburg, with his nephew Reverend Richard A. Rorrer officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Lynchburg Church of the Brethren, Smith River Church of the Brethren or the charity of your choice.

Tharp Funeral Home & Crematory, Lynchburg, is assisting the family. To send condolences, please visit [tharpfuneralhome.com](http://tharpfuneralhome.com).

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## Amazing Grace

By Rev. Junior W. Wimbush  
Pastor Antioch Christian Church (D.O.C.)

*Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.*

*Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come. 'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years bright, shining as the sun. We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.*

There is much comfort in the words of this great hymn. It reminds us of God's amazing grace. Grace, undeserved, unmerited favor, is freely given to us by God. It is by grace that our God works change in our hearts and lives.

This hymn written by John Newton reminds us that because of Jesus, we are never lost. We are given the extraordinary gifts of grace, love, life, and forgiveness by con-

fessing that Jesus is God's Son. It is written that if we confess with our mouths "Jesus is Lord" and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead, and if with our mouths we confess, we are saved (Romans 10:9). Every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (Philippians 2:11). How awesome is it that EVERY tongue will confess, not some, not a few but all? Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God (1 John 4:15).

Newton was expressing his gratitude to God who had saved him from a wretched life. He was honoring the one that found him and gave him peace, made him whole. Newton was lost and blind in sin. He knew enough about God's saving grace that when he was in a life-threatening, seemingly no-way-out situation, he called on the name of Jesus. Just like Newton, if we call the name of Jesus, He will come to our rescue.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I (you, we) have already come. 'Tis grace that brought me (you, us) safe thus far and grace will lead me (you, us) home.

## Student Briefs

### Cassell among Shenandoah University Graduates

Bryan Cassell, of Patrick Springs, was among the 1,143 students who graduated from Shenandoah University during the 2022-23 academic year.

Cassell earned a Doctor of Pharmacy.

Shenandoah had 200 August 2022 graduates, 295 December 2022 graduates, and 648 May 2023 graduates. Shenandoah's 2023 commencement ceremony took place on May 20 in the

James R. Wilkins, Jr. Athletics and Events Center.

### Sawyers among Emory & Henry College graduates

McCray Sawyers, of Stuart, graduated from Emory & Henry College in spring 2023.

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## BIBLE TRIVIA

BY WILSON CASEY

1. Is the book of Numbers (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. In which Gospel did Jesus say, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth"? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

3. From Mark 15:23, while on the cross Christ was offered wine mingled with ...? Salt, Water, Myrrh, Speck

4. In 2 Kings 5, who had his leprosy washed away in the Jordan? Naaman, Zacchaeus, Elijah, Joshua

5. From Psalm 46:1, "God is our refuge and ..."? Light, Builder, Wisdom, Strength

6. Who had a rod that God turned into a serpent? Noah, Moses, Abraham, Isaac

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Mark 9:23, 3) Myrrh, 4) Naaman, 5) Strength, 6) Moses

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  - 7 Neither-here-nor-there states
  - 13 Not straying off topic
  - 20 Get in the way of
  - 21 "You may relax, soldier"
  - 22 One looking something over
  - 23 "The Delta Force" actor
  - 24 Question after a chat interruption
  - 26 Latched on firmly
  - 28 Space balls
  - 29 San Luis —, California
  - 30 Mount, as a jewel
  - 31 "Diane" star
  - 32 "Carrie" star
  - 35 Mutineers
  - 37 2012 Robert Pattinson film based on a Maupassant novel
  - 39 Chou En- —
  - 40 Fictional "Warrior Princess"
  - 41 Lax in duty
  - 44 British remake of "That '70s Show"
  - 50 Say for sure
  - 51 Trepidation
  - 53 Fathered, as a horse
  - 54 Start of many rapper names
  - 55 Realities that are tough to face
  - 58 "E-e-ew!"
  - 59 Vodka brand, informally
  - 61 Reply to "You are not!"
  - 62 Fulfill, as standards
  - 65 Wiseacre
  - 69 River to the Rhine
  - 70 Hint at
  - 71 "That's impossible!"
  - 74 Reagan adviser
  - 76 Flooring units
  - 77 "... bug — feature?"
  - 78 Identity before turning over a new leaf
  - 83 City in Oklahoma
  - 84 Trig function
  - 86 Away from the wind, nautically
  - 87 Non-iron club
  - 88 Revealing interference with the contents, as a package
  - 92 Key related to D major
  - 94 Saharan
  - 95 Oct.-Dec. link
  - 96 Creek, e.g.
  - 99 Garbage collectors
  - 102 Very easy thing
  - 104 "Back in Black" band
  - 105 Italian monk's title
  - 108 Runner
  - 109 Really eager
  - 111 With
  - 114-Across, source of the phrase formed by the ends of eight answers in this puzzle
  - 114 See
  - 111-Across
  - 118 Is identical to
  - 119 Famed
  - 120 Interfere
  - 121 Nuanced
  - 122 Places in categories
  - 123 Flip one's lid
  - 124 Plant with prickly leaves
  - 37 Avian creature
  - 38 Boise's home
  - 40 1960s Jaguar model
  - 41 Team booster
  - 42 Actress Longoria
  - 43 Sea, to Gigi
  - 45 "— longa ..."
  - 46 Vexes
  - 47 Flee to wed
  - 48 Sediments
  - 49 Writer T.S.
  - 51 Showed rage again
  - 52 UFO fliers
  - 56 "— Andronicus" (Shakespeare play)
  - 57 Locomotive supporter
  - 59 Singer Bob
  - 60 Yank
  - 62 Actress West
  - 63 "I'm here to help"
  - 64 Bit of artifice
  - 65 Join, as a table
  - 66 Peak in W. Turkey
  - 67 Happy as —
  - 68 Fish eggs
  - 69 Run out on
  - 72 Tube lover's punishment
  - 73 57-Down vehicles
  - 74 De-feathers
  - 75 Prior to, poetically
  - 78 Team booster
  - 79 Exercise in a pool
  - 80 Long time
  - 81 Leicester lav
  - 82 WWII prez
  - 84 Recoil from
  - 85 Multivolume Brit. lexicon
  - 89 Dawber of "Mork & Mindy"
  - 90 Amazon Kindle, e.g.
  - 91 Dodgers
  - 92 Recuperation by lying down
  - 93 Asian monkey
  - 97 Natural gift
  - 98 Rival of Sony
  - 99 In — (not just sleeping)
  - 100 Big couches
  - 101 Many future kings
  - 102 Long time
  - 103 Tubular pasta
  - 105 Edicts
  - 106 Esther of "Good Times"
  - 107 Photographer Adams
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  - 112 Cl doubled
  - 113 Big brass instrument
  - 115 Sarge, e.g.
  - 116 Sports org. with skaters
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# All District, All District, and Team Awards

<p><b>By Ashlee Mullis</b></p> <p><b>Track</b></p> <p><b>Boys All Piedmont District Team</b> Ethan Cobbler- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in 400 Meter Dash Moises Cisneros- District Champion in 800 Meter Dash Noah Hiatt- District Champion in 1600 Meter Run Skyler Conner, Dylan Quesinberry, Ethan Cobbler, and Aden Penn- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in 4x400 Meter Relay Noah Hiatt, Moises Cisneros, Xavier Torres, and Ethan Cobbler- District Champions in 4x800 Meter Relay</p> <p><b>Girls All Piedmont District Team</b> Sadie Martin- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in 800 Meter Dash Mackenzie Williams- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in 800 Meter Dash Callie Wood- District Champion in the 3200 Meter Run Sadie Martin, Mackenzie Williams, Greta Spaeh, and Shauntel Hill- District Champions in the 4x400 Meter Relay Sadie Martin, Mackenzie Williams, Greta Spaeh, and Shauntel Hill- District Champions in the 4x800 Meter Relay</p>	<p>Callie Wood- District Champions in the 4x800 Meter Relay</p> <p><b>Boys All Region 2C</b> Moises Cisneros- 4<sup>th</sup> Place in 800 Meter Dash Noah Hiatt, Moises Cisneros, Xavier Torres, and Ethan Cobbler- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in 4x800 Meter Relay</p> <p><b>Girls All Region 2C</b> Sadie Martin- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in 800 Meter Dash Sadie Martin, Mackenzie Williams, Greta Spaeh, and Shauntel Hill- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the 4x400 meter relay Sadie Martin, Mackenzie Williams, Greta Spaeh, and Callie Wood- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the 4x800 Meter Relay</p> <p><b>Girls All State</b> Sadie Martin- 8<sup>th</sup> Place in 800 Meter Dash Sadie Martin, Mackenzie Williams, Greta Spaeh, and Callie Wood- 8<sup>th</sup> Place in the 4x800 Meter Relay</p> <p><b>Team Awards</b> Boys Best Field Events - Jalen Hagwood and Kyle Handy Girls Best Field Events - Brandi Quesinberry Boys Best Runner/Sprinter - Moises Cisneros</p>	<p>Girls Best Runner/Sprinter - Sadie Martin Boys Cougar Award - Ethan Cobbler Girls Cougar Award - Shauntel Hill</p> <p><b>Boys Soccer</b></p> <p><b>Boys All Piedmont District</b> Peyton Cambron- 1<sup>st</sup> Team</p> <p><b>Boys All Region 2C</b> Peyton Cambron- 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Colby Layman- 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Austin Hylton- 2<sup>nd</sup> Team</p> <p><b>Team Awards</b> Peyton Cambron- Most Valuable Player Colby Layman- Best Offensive Player Austin Hylton- Most Improved Player Tristan Hardy- Best Defensive Player</p> <p><b>Girls Soccer</b></p> <p><b>2023 All Piedmont District Girls Soccer</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Team- Kendall Williams, Forward; Chloe Wright, At Large; Jewel Iacovone, At Large; Skye Ayers, Goal Keeper; Macy Hall, Forward</p>	<p><b>2023 All Region 2C</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Team- Kendall Williams, Forward</p> <p><b>Team Awards</b> Most Improved- Morgan Cambron Best Defensive Player- Dakota Ashworth Best Offensive Player- Madi Heath Most Valuable Player- Kendall Williams</p> <p><b>Baseball</b></p> <p><b>2023 All Piedmont District</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Team – Tucker Swails, Pitcher; Jai Penn, Outfield; Martin Sawyers, Catcher Honorable Mention- Hunter Pendleton, 1<sup>st</sup> Base; Jackson Horton, 3<sup>rd</sup> Base; Stuart Callahan, Pitcher</p> <p><b>2023 All Region 2C</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Team- Tucker Swails, Short Stop and Pitcher; Jai Penn, Outfield 2<sup>nd</sup> Team- Jai Penn, Pitcher; Stuart Callahan, Outfield Honorable Mention- Martin Sawyers, Catcher; Jackson Horton, 3<sup>rd</sup> Base 2023 Region 2C Baseball Player of the Year- Tucker Swails</p>	<p><b>Team Awards</b> Golden Glove- Martin Sawyers Leading Hitter- Tucker Swails MVP- Jai Penn Cougar Award- Stuart Callahan</p> <p><b>Softball</b></p> <p><b>All Piedmont District</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Team- Mckenzie Holt- Pitcher, Journey Moore- At Large, Samantha Harris- 2<sup>nd</sup> Base 2<sup>nd</sup> Team- Alexis Knight- 3<sup>rd</sup> Base Honorable Mention- Lilly Hazelwood- Outfield</p> <p><b>All Region 2C</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Team- Journey Moore- At Large 2<sup>nd</sup> Team- Mckenzie Holt- Pitcher Honorable Mention- Samantha Harris- 2<sup>nd</sup> Base, Alexis Knight- 3<sup>rd</sup> Base</p> <p><b>Team Awards</b> Journey Moore- Leading Hitter Samantha Harris- Golden Glove Lauren Fulcher- Lady Cougar Award Mckenzie Holt- Most Valuable Player</p>
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# Ross Chastain Earns Hometown Win for Trackhouse Racing at Nashville Superspeedway

**By Holly Cain**  
**NASCAR Wire Service**

Ross Chastain capped off a “perfect” race weekend, hitting all the right notes in Music City to earn the winner’s guitar trophy in Sunday’s Ally 400 at Nashville Superspeedway – his first NASCAR Cup Series race victory of the season, a day after claiming his first career pole position.

But before hoisting his new guitar, the 30-year old Chastain had a watermelon to smash – his trademark victory celebration – a nod to his family’s multi-generation watermelon farm in rural Alva, Florida. And the sold-out Nashville crowd – home to his race team owner Justin Marks - roared with enthusiasm for the long smoke-filled victory burnout he did in front of the grandstands to his enthusiastic melon drop.

“This is incredible,” a grinning Chastain said. “This is why every little kid out there, anyone in the world, when you get criticized and you’re going to if you’re a competitor, they will try to tear you down and you’ll start believing it and you can’t do that.

“Go to your people. Trust in the process. Read your books and trust in the Big Man’s plan upstairs. And just keep getting up and going to work on it.

“A lot of self-reflection through all this, but I had a group that believed in me and they didn’t let me get down,” he said of his challenges in 2023.

Chastain certainly proved that resilience and his faith in the process. He led early Sunday and then led late – thanks to incredibly fast pit stops from his Trackhouse Racing team helping position him for the race lead on the final round of stops

of the night.

It’s the first race win of 2023 for Chastain, who led the championship standings for seven weeks early in the year, and the first win of the year and first pole position ever for Trackhouse Racing.

Ultimately Chastain had to hold off Joe Gibbs Racing teammates Martin Truex Jr. and Denny Hamlin by .789-second for the win – leading a race best 99 of the 300 laps, including the final 34.

Lapped traffic was a factor for Chastain to overcome all night. He lost his early race lead to Tyler Reddick after Noah Gragson raced Chastain hard trying not to be lapped. There is a history between Gragson and Chastain, who had a physical confrontation at Kansas Speedway in early May. Reddick went on to win Stage 1 after Chastain was unable to clear Gragson easily, but Reddick – who started the race alongside Chastain on the front row - spun out on pit road on a caution shortly thereafter and ultimately was not a factor for the win.

In the closing laps – with Truex hot on his bumper – Chastain had to navigate traffic again; and again cars held him up in an effort not to get lapped.

Fortunately for Chastain, some of that traffic made things difficult for Truex as well and the “Melon Man” as Chastain is nicknamed was able to pull away some in the final 20 laps.

It was a clean race – only two short extra caution flags beyond the two scheduled Stage breaks. Reddick took his third stage win of the season in Stage 1 and Hamlin notched his fourth in Stage 2.

“I just think we had a third place car,” Hamlin said. “I thought the 19



Denny Hamlin, driver of the #11 FedEx Ground Toyota, and Bubba Wallace, driver of the #23 McDonald's Toyota, race during the NASCAR Cup Series Ally 400 at Nashville Superspeedway on June 25, 2023 in Lebanon, Tennessee. (Photo by Logan Riely/Getty Images)

[Truex] was a little better and obviously the 1 [Chastain] came on really strong there at the end.

“Just didn’t have quite a fast enough car to go for the win,” he added.

With his runner-up showing Truex maintained the NASCAR Cup Series championship lead, now up by 18-points on both Hendrick Motorsports’ William Byron and Chastain.

“Just needed to get the lead. Once we lost it, just too loose on the long runs, just could never get off the corner good to make a move,” Truex said, adding, “Just needed a little bit. Had a lot of speed. ... overall a good night.”

The 1.33-mile Nashville oval has been a good place for Chastain. He finished runner-up in 2021 and was fifth last year. And having won his first career pole position on Saturday, he went into Sunday’s race feel-

ing optimistic.

“I trust in my people, my family back home, the agriculture industry and all the people Justin Marks has in place,” Chastain said, adding, “It’s absolutely incredible the fight that we have.”

Chase Elliott, the 2022 Nashville winner, finished fourth, followed by his Hendrick Motorsports teammates Kyle Larson and Byron. Joe Gibbs Racing’s Christopher Bell, Legacy Motor Club’s Erik Jones, Richard Childress Racing’s Kyle Busch and Kaulig Racing’s A.J. Allmendinger – who won the Nashville NASCAR Xfinity Series race on Saturday – rounded out the Top-10.

The NASCAR Cup Series next heads to downtown Chicago for the highly anticipated Grant Park 200 Chicago Street Race next Sunday (5:30 p.m. ET, NBC, MRN, SiriusXM NASCAR Radio)

## NASCAR Cup Series Race - Ally 400

<p>Nashville Superspeedway Nashville, Tennessee Sunday, June 25, 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1. (1) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 300.</li> <li>• 2. (6) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 300.</li> <li>• 3. (8) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 300.</li> <li>• 4. (14) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 300.</li> <li>• 5. (7) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 300.</li> <li>• 6. (5) William Byron, Chevrolet, 300.</li> <li>• 7. (22) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 300.</li> <li>• 8. (23) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, 300.</li> <li>• 9. (11) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 300.</li> <li>• 10. (19) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 300.</li> <li>• 11. (20) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 300.</li> <li>• 12. (10) Daniel Suarez, Chevrolet, 300.</li> <li>• 13. (26) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 300.</li> <li>• 14. (16) Ty Gibbs #, Toyota, 300.</li> <li>• 15. (9) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 300.</li> <li>• 16. (25) Ryan Preece, Ford, 300.</li> <li>• 17. (15) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 300.</li> <li>• 18. (12) Chris Buescher, Ford, 300.</li> <li>• 19. (4) Joey Logano, Ford, 300.</li> <li>• 20. (36) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 300.</li> <li>• 21. (31) Harrison Burton, Ford, 300.</li> <li>• 22. (28) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, 299.</li> <li>• 23. (3) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 299.</li> <li>• 24. (17) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 299.</li> <li>• 25. (21) Aric Almirola, Ford, 299.</li> <li>• 26. (30) Noah Gragson #, Chevrolet, 299.</li> <li>• 27. (24) Austin Cindric, Ford, 299.</li> <li>• 28. (33) Michael McDowell, Ford, 299.</li> <li>• 29. (29) JJ Yeley(i), Ford, 298.</li> <li>• 30. (2) Tyler Reddick, Toyota, 298.</li> <li>• 31. (18) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 298.</li> <li>• 32. (34) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 298.</li> <li>• 33. (32) Brennan Poole(i), Ford, 297.</li> <li>• 34. (35) Josh Bilicki(i), Chevrolet, 297.</li> <li>• 35. (27) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 296.</li> <li>• 36. (13) Ryan Blaney, Ford, Accident, 146.</li> </ul>	<p>Jr. 156;D. Hamlin 157-230;R. Chastain 231-241;C. Bell 242-244;B. Keselowski 245-246;K. Busch 247-258;A. Bowman 259-266;R. Chastain 267-300.</p> <p>Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led): Ross Chastain 5 times for 99 laps; Denny Hamlin 3 times for 81 laps; Martin Truex Jr. 3 times for 50 laps; Tyler Reddick 1 time for 33 laps; Kyle Busch 1 time for 12 laps; Alex Bowman 2 times for 9 laps; William Byron 2 times for 5 laps; Ty Dillon 1 time for 4 laps; Christopher Bell 1 time for 3 laps; Brad Keselowski 1 time for 2 laps; Chase Elliott 1 time for 1 lap; Daniel Suarez 1 time for 1 lap.</p> <p>Stage #1 Top Ten: 45,1,24,19,11,9,8,5,20,16</p> <p>Stage #2 Top Ten: 11,19,1,24,20,23,9,16,4,43</p>
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## Food Safety is the Main Ingredient to a Successful Cookout

Whether you're a grill master or a first-time barbecue cook, food safety should always be part of your routine to ensure a healthy and happy Fourth of July.

"Recent USDA consumer behavior studies have shown that individuals don't always properly wash their hands or use a food thermometer," said USDA Under Secretary for Food Safety Dr. Emilio Esteban. "Show your family and friends that you're a true grill master by cooking food to a safe temperature and washing your hands after handling raw meat and poultry."

Ensure your food is safe to eat this Fourth of July by following these food safety steps:

\*Clean: Scrub the grill clean before use. Clean utensils and plates

before they touch food. No access to a faucet? Carry bottled water, soap and paper towels. Wash your hands before and after handling raw meat and poultry. Follow proper hand-washing steps to stop bacteria from spreading from your hands to your meal. Make sure to wet hands, lather with soap, scrub for 20 seconds, rinse and dry.

\*Separate: Avoid cross contamination. Separate raw meat and vegetables by using different cutting boards. Place raw meat or poultry on one plate and cooked meat and poultry on another. Don't use the same utensils to place raw meat and poultry on the grill and take cooked food off.

\*Cook: Use food thermometers to ensure your grilled food is ready.

Insert the thermometer through the side of the patty until the probe reaches the center. Color is never a reliable indicator of doneness. Cook food to a safe minimum internal temperature by using a food thermometer:

Cook whole cuts of meat to 145 F with a three-minute rest time.

Cook fish to 145 F.

Cook ground meats to 160 F.

Cook poultry (ground or whole) to 165 F.

\*Although frozen products may appear to be pre-cooked or browned, treat them as raw food and cook thoroughly. Products labeled as "Cook and Serve," "Ready to Cook" and "Oven Ready" must be

cooked.  
\*Chill: Bacteria multiply rapidly between 40 F and 140 F — aka the Danger Zone. Perishable food should be consumed or refrigerated within two hours (one hour if outdoor temperatures are 90 F and above).

For more food safety information, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854), email MPHonline@usda.gov or chat live at ask.usda.gov from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

## The Lifelong Benefits of Gardening As a Child

Ever since I can remember, I spent many hours in the garden helping my parents till soil and plant seeds. As I grew older, I understood and became familiar with different gardening techniques; soon, I realized that each plant would thrive with different requirements. For example, for optimal growth and yield, tomato seeds had to be planted at different depths and distances compared to watermelon seeds.

**Lessons learned from gardening**

First, I realized that giving a little effort, time, and consideration to each plant's nutrient needs yields a bountiful harvest. My siblings and I would water the seeds and watch them grow at each stage of development. When harvest came, we would spend hours picking pounds of tomatoes, zucchinis, squash, eggplants, potatoes, watermelon, chili peppers, bell peppers, potatoes, and so many others. I remember myself and each of my siblings choosing one row of tomato plants to harvest. It would take us at least two days to fully harvest all the ripe tomatoes. The produce that we didn't eat fresh, we would can and put them into storage to be eaten during the off-season.

By selling some of the fruits and vegetables we grew, I also learned about the industry and responsibility involved in gardening. Not only that, learning how to grow my own food gave me a positive and exciting view

of my plant-based diet and influenced my long-term health, even today.

These simple lessons learned from working in the garden, harvesting and eating the vegetables that we grew, can be applied to our everyday lifestyle. Just as plants have specific nutrient requirements, our bodies also have nutrient requirements that we need to consider. As parents, teachers, and healthcare providers, we need to make sure that our children are consuming the nutrients they need to thrive and live a healthy life. Habits and lifestyle practices are learned at a very young age. Therefore, it is crucial to begin guiding our children through a healthy lifestyle.

**How you can incorporate gardening into your lifestyle**

When we grow our own vegetables and fruits, they are at their peak in nutrient-density and freshness when we eat them. You don't need acres upon acres of fertile land to be able to be a gardener that grows your own veggies. If you have a sunny window, a decking, a patio, or a community garden, you can grow your own fresh produce. Remember, when planting a vegetable garden, plant an assortment of produce to reach a wide range of nutrients.

Studies show that gardening can promote health and a positive mood. "Happy hormones,"

or endorphins, are enhanced when the time is spent outdoors. Whenever I feel stressed, I head outdoors to soak up my daily dose of vitamin D. Gardening fosters an active lifestyle that can enhance cardiovascular health, build muscle strength, and increase flexibility.

Another fascinating point is that studies indicate that when children grow their own vegetables and fruit, they have a higher likelihood to eat the "fruits of their labor." So, for those "picky eaters" at home, gardening may be the secret to encouraging children to eat more fruits and vegetables. What could be more exciting to a child than eating something they grew over time with their own hands?

There are so many nutritional benefits that are received from fruits and veggies when consumed. They should at the least make up half of our lunch and dinner meals. We need to create an environment that promotes healthy living. Let us start teaching our children to be industrious. Gardening does not only bring growth for the seed of a plant, but it also brings growth for our children. Children flourish with good care.

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

## Meetings of 2nd Thursday senior citizen group set to restart



Before the pandemic, 60 to 100 seniors attended meetings of the 2nd Thursday Citizens Group. The meetings are ramping back up, starting July 13. (Contributed)

Excitement is a stir among our senior citizens from Patrick County and surrounding areas with the planned meetings of the 2nd Thursday Citizens Group ramping back up starting on July 13 at the Hooker Building at Stuart Rotary Field.

The fun will begin at 11 each 2nd Thurs (except in Sept due to the Patrick County Agricultural Fair) with a variety of musical performances by local groups with a meal to follow.

Often, informative comments are provided by senior service

providers, such as the Area Agency on Aging, the Landmark Center which frequently does blood pressure checks, Reynolds Homestead and the College for Older Adults.

This event sponsored by the Patrick County Recreation Department and hosted by a committee of faithful volunteers was started several years ago. The meetings came to a complete halt when the Pandemic started. Out of extreme concern for senior's safety, the group has not met since August 13, 2020. When the group was

meeting on a regular basis, 60 to 100 people attended and enjoyed the entertainment, the food and most of all, the fellowship with others.

Plans are being made for lunch on July 13; pizzas, salad and beverages will be provided from the voluntary donation funds that are accepted each month. Attendees are asked to bring desserts to be shared.

The entertainment will be by Philip Adams, pianist and vocalist. A warm invitation is extended to all the senior community.

## 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 - Working Widow Seeks to Maximize Social Security Benefits

Dear Rusty: I was widowed years ago and, when I approached age 60, I looked into Social Security survivor benefits based on my late husband's record. He started receiving Social Security shortly before he died at \$1,200 per month. My income at age 60 was \$4,200 and, since Social Security would keep \$1 for every \$2 above the limit (around \$15,000 at that time), I did not apply. Next year I will reach my full retirement age of 66½, but I plan to work until I am 70. Will I be able to receive full survivor benefits next year if I continue to work? I plan to switch to my own Social Security benefit at age 70, which will be higher than my husband received. Since I am waiting to apply for survivor benefits, will there be an increase in the amount I receive? I am a municipal employee and when I retire, I will collect from the state retirement system. I paid into the state retirement system and also paid Social Security taxes, so will my state pension have any impact on my Social Security?

Signed: Still Working

Dear Still Working: Congratulations on having an excellent strategy for maximizing your survivor benefit as well as your personal SS retirement benefit. Once you reach your full retirement age (FRA) next year, you are no longer subject to Social Security's "earnings test" and can collect Social Security benefits without those benefits being affected by your work earnings.

Your surviving spouse benefit will be more because you are waiting until your full retirement age to claim it. At your FRA you can claim your full survivor benefit from your deceased husband (without reduction) and collect only that while still allowing your personal SS retirement benefit to grow to maximum when you are 70. Then, at age 70, you can switch from your smaller survivor benefit to your maximum SS retirement benefit and collect that higher amount for the rest of your life. Essentially, your survivor benefit reaches maximum at your FRA and your personal SS retirement benefit reaches maximum at age 70.

Note that you should apply for your benefits a couple of months before you wish them to start. For example, if you reach your FRA in May of next year you can apply for your survivor benefit in February or March, specifying that you wish your survivor benefit to begin in May 2024 at your full retirement age. Just be sure to emphasize that you are applying only for your survivor benefit and wish your personal SS retirement benefit to continue to grow by earning Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) until you are 70.

You cannot apply for your survivor benefit online, so you will need to call Social Security, at either the national number (1.800.772.1213) or your local Social Security office, to make an appointment to apply for your benefit as your husband's widow.

And to answer your last question, your state pension won't affect your monthly Social Security payments because you paid Social Security FICA payroll taxes from your municipal earnings.

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# Virginia Producers Reminded to File Crop Acreage Reports

Agricultural producers in Virginia who have not yet completed their crop acreage reports after planting should make an appointment with their U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) service center before the applicable deadline.

An acreage report documents a crop grown on a farm or ranch and its intended uses. Filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planted acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits.

## How to File a Report

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable in Virginia:

- July 17
- Beans (Planted 5/26-7/10), Tomatoes (Planted 5/16-7/5), Tomatoes, all other crops, Perennial Forage
- July 31
- Hemp
- August 15

Cabbage (Planted 4/16-7/10) September 15

Beans (Planted 7/15-9/5).

Acreage reporting dates vary by crop and by county. Contact your local FSA office for a list of acreage reporting deadlines by crop.

To file a crop acreage report, producers need to provide: Crop and crop type or variety, Intended use of the crop, Number of acres of the crop, Map with approximate boundaries for the crop, Planting date(s), Planting pattern, when applicable, Producer shares, Irrigation practice(s), Acreage prevented from planting, when applicable, Other information as required.

The following exceptions apply to acreage reporting dates:

If the crop has not been planted by the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.

If a producer acquires additional acreage after the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar

days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.

If crops are covered by the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, acreage reports should be submitted by the applicable state, county, or crop-specific reporting deadline or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

Producers should also report crop acreage they intended to plant, but due to natural disaster, were unable to because of a natural disaster.

Prevented planting acreage must be reported on form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and USDA's Risk Management Agency.

FSA offers continuous certification for perennial forage. This means after perennial forage is reported once and the producer elects continuous certification, the certification remains in effect until a change is made. Check with FSA

at the local USDA Service Center for more information on continuous certification.

New Option to View, Print and Label Maps on Farmers.gov

Producers with an eAuth account linked to their USDA customer record can now access their FSA farm records, maps and common land units by logging into farmers.gov. A new feature will allow producers to export field boundaries as shapefiles and import and view other shapefiles, such as precision agriculture boundaries. This will allow producers to view, print and label their own maps for acreage reporting purposes.

Producers who have authority to act on behalf of another customer as a grantee via form FSA-211 Power of Attorney, Business Partner Signature Authority, along with other signature types, or as a member of a business can now access information in the farmers.gov portal.

Producers can make an appointment to report acres by contacting their local USDA Service Center.

# Warm Weather Means Motorcycle Season is Back

Summer has finally arrived and that means motorcycle season is in full swing. As such, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is reminding Virginians, both motorcyclists and motorists, to look out for each other on the road.

"All drivers can help reduce the number of tragedies that occur on our roads, but it's also important for motorists to understand the additional safety challenges faced by riders including visibility and protection," said DMV Commissioner Gerald Lackey, the Governor's Highway Safety Representative. "By raising awareness for motorists, we can work together to better ensure the safety of all motorcyclists on Virginia roadways."

In 2022, there were 2,053 motorcycle-related crashes on Virginia roadways, re-

sulting in the deaths of 111 riders and serious injuries to 762 others. This is an 8.8 percent increase in motorcyclist fatalities compared to 2021.

To help keep riders safe, DMV offers a few extra tips for both motorists and riders alike:

## Tips for Motorcyclists:

- Make sure to wear a properly fitted helmet with a DOT safety symbol on the outside back.
- Choose riding gear that will increase your visibility in addition to providing protection in the event of crash.
- Check your motorcycle's equipment before heading

out, including tire pressure and tread depth, hand and foot brakes, fluid levels, headlights and signal indicators, and check under the motorcycle for signs of oil or gas leaks.

- Obey speed limits, lane markings, traffic lights, and signs.
- Ride with the flow of traffic and leave plenty of room between your motorcycle and other vehicles.

## Tips for Motorists:

- Be extra cautious when passing a motorcycle.
- Always check your blind spots.
- Maintain adequate following distance behind motorcycles.

## LEGAL

### TOWN OF STUART PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REMOVE AN UNSAFE STRUCTURE

RECORD OWNER:  
Lorraine M. Scheuerlein

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 11-03 of the Town of Stuart, and §15.2-906 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, NOTICE is hereby given that the owner shall remove the structure which might endanger the public health or safety of other residents of the Town, on or before thirty (30) days following two consecutive weeks of this publication, and failure to comply will result in the Town having to remove the structure and the cost or expense shall be charged to and paid by the owner and collected as taxes are collected.

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION - Unsafe structure

OWNER - Lorraine M. Scheuerlein

PROPERTY LOCATION AND TAX IDENTIFICATION -

Parcel ID 4711-12-224

Property Description - O FK S Mayo R DB280/389 PB 20/187

389 Dobyns Road, Stuart, VA 24171

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PROPERTY LOCATION AND TAX IDENTIFICATION -

Parcel ID 4711-12-220

Property Description - PT of Tract 6 - 8 Staples Hgts I#010003231

411 Dobyns Road, Stuart, VA 24171

## LEGAL

### FOR PUBLIC NOTICE:

The Town of Stuart will hold a Planning Commission Meeting and Public Input Session on Tuesday, July 11th, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the Stuart Town Office, located at 100 Patrick Avenue. The Stuart Planning Commission will consider changes to the Zoning Ordinance and formation of a new zoning classification, specifically for a planned hospital complex.

Representatives from the West Piedmont Planning District Commission will be at this meeting to hold a Final Public Input Session, related to an update of the Town of Stuart Comprehensive Plan. Individuals that are interested in the long-term planning and goals of Stuart should feel free to attend this meeting.

Those that are interested in providing comment to the Planning Commission, but are unable to attend, please contact Bryce Simmons, Town Manager by phone at (276) 694-3811 or be email at bryce.simmons@stuartva.org.

## LEGAL

### 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. SCI011231TNAB.

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

## LEGAL

### Request for Proposal Homelessness Services

The West Piedmont Better Housing Coalition seeks partnering agencies to serve as local grant subrecipients for the disbursement of Virginia Homeless Solutions Program funds. The selected agencies will provide services to individuals or families who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless. The service area includes the counties of Franklin, Patrick, Pittsylvania, and Henry along with the cities of Martinsville and Danville.

Applicants to this RFP may apply as individual agencies or as a collaborative team. If applying as a team, one agency must be identified as lead. Successful applicants will have the capacity to administer services and adhere to all program guidelines contained in this document.

The current funding available to support homelessness and housing stability activities under this RFP is \$167,599.80.

The full RFP can be found at [www.stepincva.com](http://www.stepincva.com). All proposals must address and answer the questions found on pages 26 and 27. Submit proposals electronically to [diane.jones@stepincva.com](mailto:diane.jones@stepincva.com) before the 4:30 p.m., July 17, 2023 deadline with subject line **WPBHC RFP**. Questions regarding this RFP should be directed to [kristy.pickeral@stepincva.com](mailto:kristy.pickeral@stepincva.com).

## LEGAL

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES TOWN OF STUART, VIRGINIA

The Town of Stuart, Virginia is soliciting Statements of Qualification from qualified Engineering Firms or Individuals to provide Professional Engineering Services. The proposed project includes improvements to the filter backwash waste system at the Town of Stuart Water Treatment Plant and construction of a gravity sewer system that will terminate into the Town's existing collection system. Filter backwash waste and contact clarifier waste solids currently discharge into two basins, are decanted, and the effluent is discharged into a small receiving stream. As needed, the Town cleans out the sludge from the basins and relines them with clay. The Town would like to install a permanent basin liner and a gravity discharge line into the Town's sewage collection system. This would eliminate the backwash discharge VPDES Permit and would allow the solids and effluent to be treated at the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Construction is anticipated to include cleaning the existing backwash basins and installation of an HDPE liner, telescoping effluent flow control valves, and approximately 3,800 LF of 8" gravity sewer line and appurtenances, which will discharge into the Town's gravity sewer system. The total project budget is \$1,634,200.00.

The Town of Stuart will accept bound and concise Statements of Qualification until 2:00 PM Eastern Local Time, on **Thursday, July 27th, 2023**. Two (2) hard copies, and one (1) digital copy (via email or direct link accepted), of the Statements shall be mailed or hand-delivered to Bryce Simmons, Town Manager, 100 Patrick Avenue, PO Box 422, Stuart, VA 24171. Questions regarding this solicitation should be made prior to **Friday, July 21st, 2023**, and to the Town Manager, [bryce.simmons@stuartva.org](mailto:bryce.simmons@stuartva.org) or (276) 694-3811. **Statements of Qualification** will be considered based on the following criteria:

- **Relative Experience Providing Similar Services**, including: general consulting; surveying services that support the engineering services; preliminary engineering and reports; project designs and completion of Contract Documents for water treatment, distribution and storage projects; assistance with regulatory agencies; construction administration and inspection. Any lists of similar projects that may be provided shall include the name, position, and phone number of a reference for contact by the Town.
- **Experience and Availability of the Individuals Proposed to Provide the Services**, including: the proposed Project Manager with whom the Town Administration and Staff will maintain frequent contact; any Design Personnel that may work on the services; and any other Individuals that the proposing Firm or Individual deems appropriate. Brief resumes (one page or less) describing the qualifications and experience of each individual (including a listing of similar projects worked on) should be provided.
- **A Brief Summary of Understanding of the Services** (maximum of ten pages), including: the basic tenet or philosophy of the proposing Firm or Individual with respect to the provision of the project; project approach for performing the services; demonstration of knowledge concerning the needs of the Town; and a summary of reasons that the Firm or Individual is best suited to provide the services.
- **Understanding of Funded Projects**, including past project experience; knowledge of the Town's current project needs and Staff; experience and working relationship with DHCD, USDA-RUS(RD), VDH, DEQ, DCR, and VDOT and others, as applicable.

Firms or Individuals will be ranked based upon these criteria and negotiations may begin with the top-ranked firm. If an agreement, satisfactory and advantageous to the Town may be entered into, an award shall be made. Otherwise, negotiations may proceed with the next respectively ranked Firm or Individual and so on until a satisfactory agreement is reached.

This request is extended without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, age or physical or mental handicap. The selected Firm or Individual will be required to comply with all the State and Federal guidelines or requirements, including, but not limited to:

- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- Civil Rights Act of 1964
- The Americans with Disabilities Act
- Age Discrimination Act
- MBE/WBE Solicitation Guidelines

The Town of Stuart will reserve the rights to accept or reject any or all proposals; to waive any formalities or technicalities as it deems appropriate; and to retain multiple qualified Individuals or firms as it deems appropriate. For projects that may be successfully funded, the Town of Stuart reserves the right, if it so deems, to enter into negotiations with the selected firm for any resulting services related to the project implementation.

Minority and/or female-owned businesses or firms are encouraged to apply. The Town of Stuart is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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### ABC NOTICE

W & W Grocery and Produce LLC trading as W & W Grocery and Produce, 16112 Jeb Stuart Hwy, Stuart, Patrick County, Virginia 24171-5357.

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

Mayurkumar Patel, Partner

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

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**Meetings**

**Monday, July 10**

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

**Thursday, July 13**

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

**Wednesday, July 19**

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

**Events**

**Friday, June 30**

Wayside Community Church will have a Music on the Lawn & Friday Night Fellowship at 6:30 p.m. Music will be by the bluegrass/gospel group Two Young Two Old. Weather permitting music will be outside, please bring a lawn chair. There will also be a cookout and cornhole. Wayside Community Church is located at 3520 Wayside Road, Stuart, just past WHEO radio station.

The final day to donate to the Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive, sponsored by the Patrick County Women's Leadership Committee to benefit the Patrick County Food Bank. Donations can be delivered to the Patrick County Farm Bureau office (across from Hardee's).

**Saturday, July 1**

Fairy Stone State Park will present the Cron Squeezins' play at 8 p.m. at the Park Amphitheater.

**Tuesday, July 4**

Bluegrass and Old Time Music Competition, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Vesta Community Center, 149 Community Drive, Vesta. Bring your own lawn chair. Competition categories include Banjo, Fiddle, Guitar, Mandolin, Bands, Vocals and Flat footing. Three levels - Children, Teen and Adult. Individual 1st, \$15; 2nd, \$10; 3rd, \$5. Bands, 1st, \$50; 2nd, \$30, and 3rd, \$20. All are welcome to compete. Must sign in by noon. Opening ceremony by Patrick County VFW Post 8467, followed by Quilts of Valor presentation by the Freedom Quilty Ladies, who will be presenting 24 Quilts of Valor to area veterans. Concessions will be available. The event will also include a Quilt Show by Mountain Top Quilters and games for youngsters.

**Friday, July 7**

The Woolwine Methodist Church food truck

will be at the Woolwine Volunteer Fire Department from 3-5 p.m.

**Saturday, July 8**

Fairy Stone State Park will have the Kitchen Pickers perform, Shelter 3 at 7 p.m.

**Sunday, July 9**

The Williams Family Reunion for the descendants of John Preston Williams will be at 12 p.m. at the Hughes Shelter on Trot Valley Road. Those attending should bring a covered dish.

**Wednesday, July 12**

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.

**Thursday, July 13**

The Patrick County Senior Citizens Group restarts its monthly meetings at 11 a.m. in the Hooker Building at Rotary Field in Stuart. Senior citizens from Patrick and neighboring counties are encouraged to join for fun, laughter, fellowship, musical entertainment, and delicious food. Philip Adams, a gospel music entertainer, will provide music. The meal menu will consist of pizza, tossed salad, desserts, and beverages. Bring a dessert to share. Call the Patrick County Parks and Recreation Department at (276) 694-3917 with questions.

**Vacation Bible School**

**July 23-26**

New Hope Church of the Brethren, 2007 New Hope Road, Stuart (Elamsville), presents Proclamation Safari, 6-8:15 p.m. nightly, with supper provided. Lots of fun learning about how Jesus is our rescuer, playing fun games and making crafts.

**July 30-Aug. 2**

Middle Cross Missionary Baptist Church, 59 Wayside Road, Stuart, 6 - 8:30 p.m. nightly. The theme is Keepers of the Kingdom.

**Ongoing**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**NOTICE**

**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**

**How Climate Change May Affect Us and What We Can Do About It**

By **Thomas DeBusk, Patrick County Master Gardener**

Master gardeners in Patrick county are volunteers who are trained by the Virginia Tech Cooperative Extension using materials based on scientific information. The scientific method requires the information to be consistently repeatable in a statistically predictable manner, and are intensively reviewed and accepted by a panel of academic experts. Part of our mission is to help provide information to individuals who have horticultural questions. Also, we are charged with providing educational programs to the public. This article is intended to spark interest in concepts that are important to our com-

munity and the rest of the world.

Climate change is something that is complicated because on a day to day basis it will not be detectable. Weather is defined as atmospheric changes on a given day in a specific location. However, climate is an average of weather events over a longer period of time (usually 30 years or more) and over a larger geographic region. NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, likened it to a batter in baseball. Weather would be like one trip to the plate for an "at bat." Climate would be like a player's career batting average. In either scenario a singular specific event would only have a minute effect on the much

larger average of many events. So, changes in climate happen over a much longer time period and as such would be an imperceptible change at any specific moment.

Virginia is fortunate to be one of four states participating in a study with a grant of \$80 million, from the United States Department of Agriculture to reward farmers who practice climate friendly agricultural practices. \$54 million will be awarded to farmers who may be able to receive up to \$100 per acre to help implement these practices which will help reduce the effects of climate change and thereby increase their productivity. They will receive half the cash up front to help cover the cost of implementing cli-

mate-smart practices. Additionally, 25% will be awarded when the changes are made and 25% after the study is completed. These practices may reduce the carbon emissions from an individual farm by 55% and farmers in the program will be able to label their produce as "climate-smart." Application for the program will be made through a website expected to be available in late July. Jamie Lucero at Va. Tech has been named director of this program. Information may be available through the Extension office in the near future as the program is developed.

The Prime Minister of the tiny nation of Barbados, Mia Mottley, is fighting for a shakeup of global climate finance. She told

the BBC that the majority of human-caused carbon emissions come from larger industrial nations. Ms Mottley said that rich nations should help fund small developing countries who do not have the funds needed to control the negative impacts of climate change. Small nations, particularly islands, are the ones who are more likely to feel negative impacts and are they not able to af-

ford solar plants or defenses against flooding. Ms. Mottley told the BBC that "we are all in this together and if we do not realize that we will not act with the urgency that's necessary to save the planet and to save lives."

Visit www.theenterprise.net for more resources and a multiple choice quiz.

(DeBusk is a Patrick County Master Gardener)

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## Reynolds Homestead offers four summer experiences for local children

Virginia Tech's Reynolds Homestead expands its summer camp offerings this year to four experiences with ages ranging from early elementary through high school. The four camps will take place in July and registration is open now.

The Reynolds Homestead in Critz will start off its summer with the highly anticipated theater camp. At theater camp, campers will experience all facets of youth theater, including acting technique, improvisation, set and costume design, and connecting with the audience. This camp demonstrates a collaboration across arts organizations in the region. Bull Mountain Arts has pledged financial support to bring this camp to Patrick County, and

activities will be led by Brook Smith and Kim Boles from Once Upon a Blue Ridge. The camp will run from July 10-13 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and is for ages 8 and up. The cost is \$70 per camper. Theater camp will conclude with students performing a short public show on Thursday, July 13.

From July 17-20, the Reynolds Homestead will host "Plants are Taking Over" Art Camp. This hands-on interactive art camp will dive into the world of animals and plants with a focus on invasive species. Led by Grace Helms, campers will explore fun, nature-themed projects including water color, acrylic painting, and more. A public reception will be held on Thursday,

July 20 at 12 p.m. for friends and family to view the artwork created during camp. Art camp will run from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and is open to ages 7-12. The cost is \$45 per camper. Email Melanie Gilbert (mtgilbert68@vt.edu) to be added to the waitlist for art camp.

Science in Motion is the next fun adventure. This camp brings science, technology, engineering, art, and math concepts together to encourage campers to design, build, experiment, and play! Science in Motion will challenge campers to prototype vehicles, build kites and balloon courses, and participate in a variety of games. Led by local educator Stephen Biedrycki, this camp will run from July 24-27 from

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. for ages 9-13. The cost is \$60 per camper.

Finally, the Reynolds Homestead is offering Young Women Trailblazers, an opportunity for rising 10th graders and up to explore careers and leadership while developing new skills and relationships. Led by Melanie Gilbert and Sarah Wray, the program will be held July 24-28 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. each day. Each participant will receive a \$200 gift card for completing the weeklong program.

Registration information and more details about all summer camps at the Reynolds Homestead can be found online at [www.reynoldshomestead.vt.edu](http://www.reynoldshomestead.vt.edu).

## DAR Youth Citizenship Award winners

### Meadows of Dan Elementary School



**Kaylene Garcia**, a rising 8th grader from Meadows of Dan, ex-

emplifies outstanding character, citizenship, trustworthiness, and leadership. She displays great moral character in her relationships with her teachers, staff, and fellow peers. Kaylene demonstrates responsibility by her willingness to help others and taking care of everyone around her. Kaylene's energy and positivity is contagious to all around her. She

goes out of her way to brighten everyone's day and to make sure everyone feels like someone.

Kaylene is a leader among her peers and a phenomenal role model to younger students. Kaylene is a talented volleyball, basketball, and softball player who was a part of the Patrick County Middle school teams for each sport. She goes above and beyond in

her classwork earning Principal's list with all A's and the perfect attendance award. She is also an active member of the Junior Beta Club. In high school, Kaylene plans to pursue an advanced diploma and complete the D2 program to gain her associate degree before graduation. She plans to attend a university after high school to pursue a higher education. Kaylene is the daughter of Steven and Karina Garcia.

### Patrick County High School



**Isaac Wood** is the 2023 recipient of the DAR Good Citizenship Award presented by the Colonel Abram Penn Chapter NSDAR. Isaac represents the award's requirements of outstanding leadership, dependability, service and patriotism at Patrick County High School, his home and community. During high school he was a member of the Cougar football team. His teachers and coaches note that he is a good team member, is thoughtful and responsible.

Isaac serves his community by volunteering at the food bank and serving in his church. Isaac will attend Patrick and Henry Community College enrolling in the Mechatronics program. This DAR award for the graduating high school senior includes one hundred dollars, a medal and an engraved Jefferson Cup.

### Stuart Elementary School



**Jake Bryant** is honored to be the recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Youth

Citizenship Award, encompassing honor, service, courage, leadership, and patriotism characteristics. He is very proud to be a

student from Stuart Elementary School and very proud of his country and what it stands for. Jake is a member of the Patrick County 4-H Marksmen and recently joined the Patrick County Rocket Robo<cs Club to pursue his interest in robots and 3D printing. He enjoys designing and printing projects with his 3D printer, building with his wood working tools in the shop, riding his dirt bike, and fishing. Jake's ability to repair and build has been a blessing to his family. He is the son of Jason and Monica Bryant.

### Blue Ridge Elementary School



Jimmy Gray East was the Blue Ridge Elementary School's recipient of the Colonel Abram Penn Chapter NSDAR Good Citizenship 2023 Good Citizenship Award. Jimmy was honored with this distinguished award during the 7th-grade promotion ceremony on May 19.

Jimmy is focused on getting good grades in high school. As an avid wrestling fan, Jimmy hopes to pursue a career in professional wrestling after graduation. Jimmy loves going to church on Sundays and singing for the Lord. He enjoys football, watching pro wrestling, and going fishing with his father. He is the son of Billy & Ruby East. Jimmy lives in Ararat with his parents, younger brother, and little sister.

*(The winner from Woolwine Elementary School will be featured in next week's edition of The Enterprise.)*

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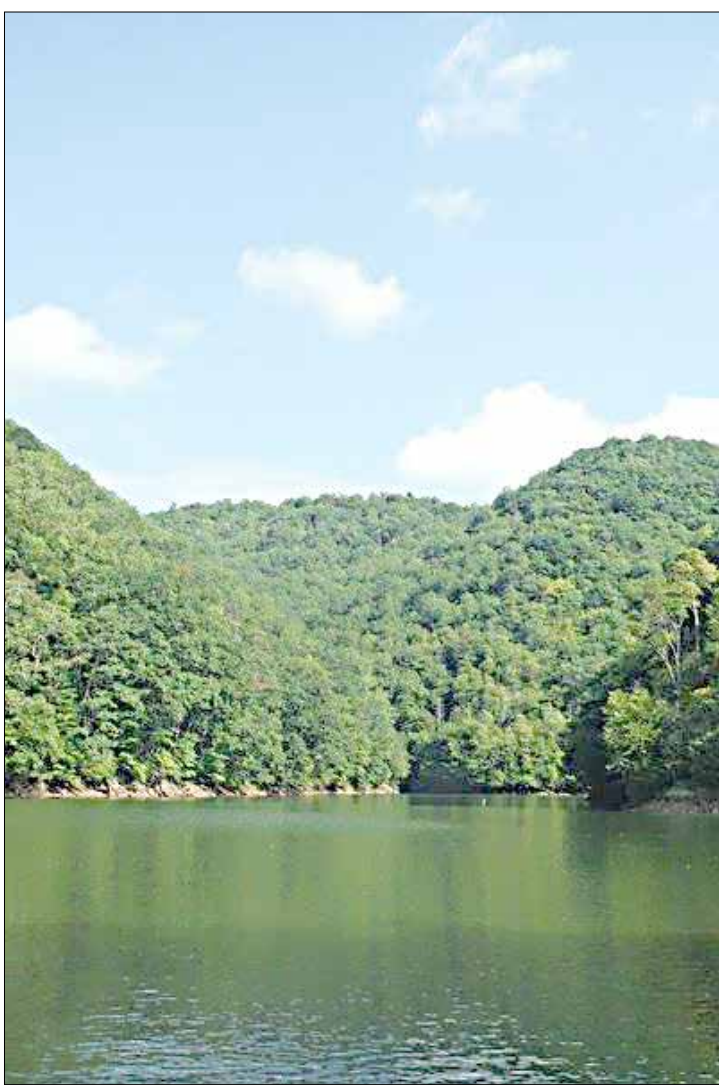
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# Paddle on Townes Lake during July 1 outing



DRBA's First Saturday Outing on July 1 is a leisurely 2-mile paddle on scenic Townes Lake, near the Blue Ridge Parkway (Photo courtesy of DRBA).

You're invited to begin July with the Dan River Basin Association (DRBA) on a cool mountain lake in Patrick County, Virginia. For its July 1 First Saturday Outing DRBA will host a leisurely 2-mile paddle on scenic Townes Lake near the Blue Ridge Parkway.

dle is Wayne Kirkpatrick, a DRBA volunteer and avid kayaker.

Located in the wild Dan River Gorge south of Meadows of Dan, the reservoir is the secondary catchment and storage area for water that drives the Pinnacles Power Plant at the head of Kibler Valley. Capturing water from the Dan River and Round Meadow Creek (with its major tributary, Mayberry Creek), the lake is just north of the iconic Pinnacles of the Dan, twin conical mountain peaks rising from the gorge below the lake.

At over 2,200 feet of elevation, Townes Reservoir offers some spectacular scenery. Lush summer foliage will hide the "bones" of the mountains and provide shelter for birds and other wildlife. Access is gated and restricted to hand-carry boats, assuring a clean, quiet, and undisturbed setting for paddlers.

"The scenery of this mountain lake is spectacular. Deep, clear water, a narrow channel that winds through the high walled gorge, the feeling of seclusion is immediate from the time you start paddling," Kirkpatrick said.

Water from Townes Reservoir is piped to the power plant through a six-foot-diameter aqueduct, dropping over 700 feet in elevation over its long course. Orig-

inally built of tongue-and-groove Douglas fir, the aqueduct, now a steel pipe, is maintained via a trail accessed by a long wooden stairway below the dam. For a half mile the trail alongside the pipe provides a nearly-level path overlooking the gorge.

This lake is private and visitors to the area are required to have a permit (DRBA will secure a group permit for this paddle), and for safety reasons, park regulations do not allow swimming, camping, hunting, firearms, pets, or alcohol. Near the entrance to the reservoir is a section of the original wooden aqueduct, providing a close-up look at its ingenious construction.

Participants in the outing are asked to meet at 9 a.m. at the Meadows of Dan Baptist Church. You will need to supply your own boat, paddles, life jacket - a life jacket is required for the paddle. Please bring water and lunch. Dress in water-shedding artificial fabric or wool; and be prepared for wind or rain. All participants will be asked to sign a waiver before the paddle.

Directions: Take US 58 (Jeb Stuart Highway) to Meadows of Dan. Continue on Jeb Stuart Highway, US 58 Business, toward the Blue Ridge Parkway for 0.8 mile. Meadows of Dan Baptist Church is on the right.

Outings and meetings of the Dan River Basin Association are open to the public without charge.

For more information about the trip, contact trip coordinator Wayne Kirkpatrick, 540.570.3511 or wynbtyk@embarqmail.com.

## Rain last week canceled outdoor plans



The beach at Fairy Stone State Park was deserted much of last week, with few venturing out to enjoy the liquid sunshine. (By Pat Delaney)

## Online EMS Course to start in July



Surry Community College is offering an online Basic Anatomy and Physiology course beginning in July. Those interested must register at bit.ly/SCCEMS3163 by July 9.

The Surry Community College Emergency Medical Program is offering an online course for Basic Anatomy and Physiology beginning in July.

This course provides a basic study of the structure and function of the human body. It is designed specifically for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provider and fulfills the anatomy and physiology course pre-requisite for acceptance into the Certificate Paramedic Program.

The 12-week course runs Thursday, July 13, through Wednesday, October 4, with a fee of \$180. Registration for the course must be completed by midnight, July 9.

Topics presented include a study of body systems, as well as an introduction to homeostasis, cells, tissues, nutrition, acid-base balance, and electrolytes. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate a basic understanding of the fundamental principles of anatomy and physiology.

Those interested may register for the course by July 9 at bit.ly/SCCEMS3163. For more information, contact Kenneth Vaught, Program Coordinator for Emergency Medical Training, at (336) 386-3633 or vaughtk@surry.edu, or visit surry.edu/ems and facebook.com/surryems.

## Celebrate the Work of Virginia Pollinators During National Pollinator Week

Pollinator species such as honeybees, bumble bees, butterflies, and other insects are an essential component in the production of much of our food supply. The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) encourages all Virginians to join in celebrating National Pollinator Week this month by helping to attract, protect and increase the state's pollinator species.

Pollination occurs when insects, animals, wind, or water transfer pollen from the anther of one plant or flower to the stigma of another in the process of fertilization. In most plants, pollination is necessary for the plant to produce seeds. Pollination that occurs from contact with insects and animals, results in a higher yield of fruit for some plants, such as strawberry, cucumber, apple, tomato, squash, or watermelon plants.

"Over the past few years, bee populations, as well as the populations of other pollinators such as birds, butterflies, bats and beetles, have declined dramatically," said Keith Tignor, State Apiarist, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. "I encourage ev-

ery Virginian to take steps to help attract, protect and increase the state's pollinator species."

The following are a few suggestions to help attract, protect and increase the populations of pollinators in Virginia:

\*Support your local beekeeper by buying local honey.

\*Plant flowers in a variety of colors and shapes to attract pollinators to your garden, window box or hanging basket. Go to pollinator.org/guides and enter your zip code for an area-specific guide and a great aid to get started.

\*Set-up a pollinator refreshment station in your garden. Add water in a shallow bowl or pie tin with rocks or marbles for bees to stand.

\*Learn more about how to interact with bees.

\*Become a beekeeper by setting up your own hive. State Apiarist Tignor, Virginia Cooperative Extension or a local beekeeping association are great resources for more information.

For additional information, call the Virginia State Apiarist at (804) 786-3515, or email at keith.tignor@vdacs.virginia.gov.

## Online Auction

Ends Thursday, July 20th at 3 PM

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Offering #4: 7.19 acres

Offering #5: 2.32 acres

Offering #6: 2.35 acres

**DIRECTIONS** - From Floyd VA: Take Route 8 S for 12.4 miles, to a left onto Charity Hwy (Route 40), then a right onto Lee Elgin Rd. Property is located on the right. See sign.

**Terms:** 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$5,000 per tract required on day of sale (July 20th, 2023). Close on or before August 21st, 2023. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence. Tracts are being offered individually and if bidder wishes to purchase multiple tracts, bidder will need to be the high/winning bidder on both offerings. Auction starts ending at 3 PM on July 20th, 2023. Please note that during the last two minutes of bidding, if a new bid is placed, the clock is automatically extended an additional two minutes. Download Bidder Information Pack for complete terms and conditions, purchase contract and maps at VAAuctionPro.com

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