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An off-duty deputy from Patrick County saves a child from drowning while vacationing in Ky.

By Debbie Hall

An off-duty Patrick County Sheriff's deputy vacationing in Williamstown, Ky., with his family, helped save a child's life, according to Sheriff Dan Smith.

Deputy Jesse Pickeral was recently in a hotel pool with his family when he noticed a motionless child at the bottom of the pool, Smith said. "Other kids were playing in the pool, too. It would have been easy to overlook" the motionless child.

Pickeral saw and recovered the child, Smith said. Upon realizing the child had no pulse, Pickeral performed CPR for several minutes, until the child regained a pulse and began to breathe on his own.

Local paramedics responded to the scene and transported the child to the hospital where he is expected to make a full recovery, the sheriff said.

WLWT5, a news outlet covering the Williamstown, Ky., area, reported that the City of Dry Ridge Police Department confirmed a child was airlifted to a Cincinnati hospital after being rescued from a pool on June 27.

Authorities in Dry Ridge told the news outlet the incident occurred around 6:30 p.m. Tuesday (June 27), at the Hampton Inn in Williamstown,



The quick action of Patrick County Sheriff's Deputy Jesse Pickeral is credited with saving a child's life. Pickeral, a School Resource Officer, is currently assigned to Patrick Springs Primary School.

Ky., a hotel situated near the Ark Encounter, a popular destination for tourists.

A child was swimming in the hotel pool, the news outlet reported.

"An onlooker, who was a first responder from Virginia, jumped into action. That first responder performed chest compressions, and the boy started spitting up water," hotel staff told the news crew.

Police there also confirmed that the boy was breathing when he was taken to the hospital, the news outlet reported.

Smith said he learned about the incident when a Kentucky law enforcement agency called "and told me what one of my deputies did, and how appreciative they were."

The sheriff said Pickeral is being hailed as

(See Deputy p. 4)

Smoky haze settles over area



The smoke from the Canadian wildfires made for a hazy view last week if you were looking towards Lover's Leap from near Grace Baptist Church. Air Quality Alerts had been issued in 23 states by Thursday. The hazy conditions across our region are a result of wildfires in eastern Canada, according to the National Weather Service (NWS). This haze, which is actually drifting smoke, was expected to linger until rain arrives and winds become something other than northerly, the NWS reported. (By Pat Delaney)

Book details the life of Mayflower descendant

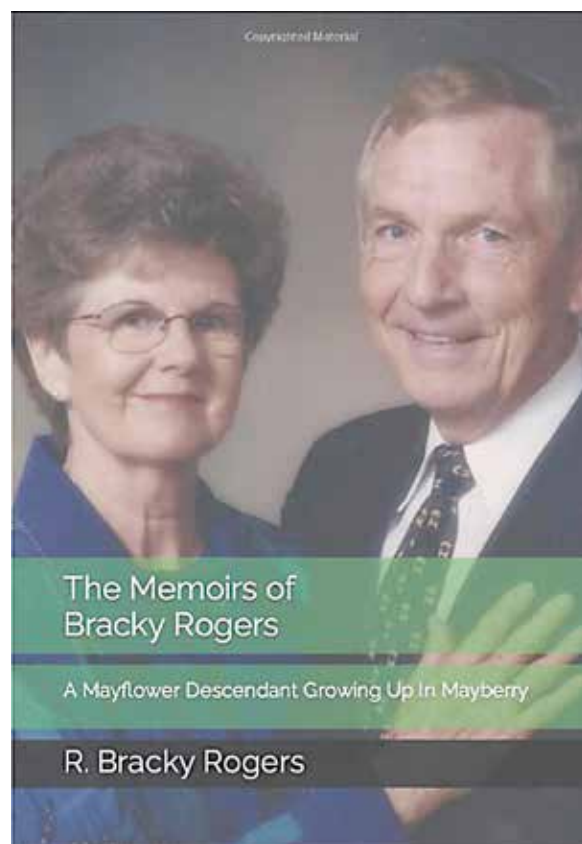
By Taylor Boyd

A new book, "The Memoirs of Bracky Rogers: A Mayflower Descendant Growing Up in Mayberry," was recently released, and published under Tom Perry's Laurel Hill Publishing LLC.

The book is about the life of Bracky Rogers, a real estate agent, auctioneer, and close family friend, who came from a poor, divorced family that forced him to become the "man of the

(See Book p. 4)

"The Memoirs of Bracky Rogers: A Mayflower Descendant Growing Up in Mayberry" is available on Amazon as a paperback and at Pages Bookstore in Mt. Airy, N.C.



Marshall seeks Blue Ridge seat



Steven Marshall is seeking the Blue Ridge District seat on the Patrick County Board of Supervisors in the November election.

By Taylor Boyd

Steven Marshall is seeking the Blue Ridge District seat on the Patrick County Board of Supervisors in the November election.

He will face incumbent Clyde DeLoach and Leon Puckett in the race.

Marshall, 61, said he decided to run while attending supervisor meetings and realizing that public services like the library, swimming pool, and social services have gone underfunded while he said obvious wasteful spending occurs. Marshall cited the example of the multiple unnecessary and easily avoidable lawsuits against county government entities in recent years.

"It is our county govern-

ment's responsibility to ensure that every cent collected via taxation is being spent wisely and with the principles of fiscal conservatism kept at the forefront of decision-making. Residents work hard to pay their taxes and many truly do sacrifice to be able to meet that responsibility," he said.

Marshall said the county government should bear that in mind when spending residents' money.

If elected, Marshall will bring approximately 15 years of public service and experience to the table. He held an elected office as a town councilman, served as chairman of public works, and was the head of parks and recreation.

"I was the treasurer of a utilities authority where we paid off all bond debt within a two-year period and were able to rebate ratepayers," he said.

Marshall also sat on two separate planning boards during their master planning cycle and was appointed pro-se to the education advisory committee on special education after fighting. He said this was a precedent-setting case benefiting all children in New Jersey schools.

"Finally, I served as a volunteer fireman and a member of the Office of Emergency Management. I take the phrase

'public service' with the highest sense of seriousness," he said.

Marshall said his agenda will be one of increased fiscal conservatism, better balanced with the needs of required services.

"I would aggressively pursue ratables, large businesses, and corporate entities whose taxation or revenue sharing would relieve some of the tax burden going forward from the backs of individual homeowners, farms, and small businesses," he said.

Marshall would also like to investigate every avenue available to improve infrastructure that would facilitate corporate interest in the area.

"Patrick County's population is shrinking and aging. This is a trend that needs to be corrected if we are to continue being an affordable place to live and where our children and grandchildren can afford to live and thrive," he said.

Marshall said he will also seek to improve transparency and engagement with the public as county government is ultimately accountable to the residents.

"They should be afforded the opportunity to have their say in all things. This is the essence of representative government," he said.

Man seeks grave from 1900 to help fulfill elderly woman's wish

By Taylor Boyd

A Meadows of Dan area man is seeking information about a grave from 1900 to assist an elderly woman's dream of putting a stone on her grandmother's grave.

Barry Fain, a deacon at Conner's View Baptist Church, said he was contacted by Elsie Conner Capicatto, a 97-year-old woman from Idaho, via letter.

"It says: 'Conner's View Baptist Church, I am writing to you for help in locating the grave of my grandmother. She was buried in a corner of Conner's cemetery, or Conner's View. I was there before I moved to Idaho and there were stones where she was buried in 1900. When I went again, the stones had been removed. I would like to get in touch with the caretaker to get a map of the plots. She never had a marker.'"

The letter writer continued, "I am 97 years old, and I want very much to see that she gets one before I leave this world. Any information you could give me would mean so much to me," he read.

Capicatto's grandmother was named Nancy Engle Hall Conner.

Fain said he's done research on Conner, and found her on Findagrave.com, which reports her being buried in Conner's cemetery, about a mile above the church.

"It's a grave up there in Meadows of Dan. I didn't even know the cemetery existed. We

(See Grave p. 4)

DV survivor donates BMW to help others



The 2014 BMW 335i X-Drive pictured was donated to the Patrick County Sheriff's Office by a domestic violence survivor. The donated, unmarked vehicle was issued to Patrick County Sheriff's Capt. Rob Coleman.

A black, 2014 BMW 335i X-Drive is the newest vehicle in the Patrick County Sheriff's Office fleet. It was recently donated to the sheriff's office by a domestic violence survivor, according to Sheriff Dan Smith.

Several months ago, Smith said he received a call from a woman

who had moved to the county. He was told that she had a vehicle that she wanted to donate to the sheriff's office.

Smith said the woman told him that she is a longtime victim of domestic violence, and the car brought back too many bad memories.

"She wanted the car to be able to do something good, so she thought about us, and we are certainly grateful for her generosity," Smith said.

The timing, he said, could not have been better because the cost of patrol vehicles has dramatically increased to the point that the sheriff's office is unable to buy the number of vehicles it needs on an annual basis.

Patrick County Sheriff's Capt. Rob Coleman has been issued the unmarked vehicle.

Smith urges anyone who is a victim of domestic violence to reach out to his office at (276) 694-3161, or to contact him directly, personally and confidentially, at (276) 692-7012.

To victims, his message is simple: "You don't have to keep living this way. We can help you if you let us."

Pets of the Week



These two young Pointer mix pups have been hanging around the neighborhood on Fish Pond Road in Elamsville for several months. Residents have been feeding them, but with the cost of dog food had to turn them in.

This handsome Pyrenees mix was found at 691 Lone Ivy Road, Stuart. He is a sweetheart and must belong to someone who is missing him. He is a favorite at the shelter.

Call the Patrick County Public Animal Shelter (PCPAS) at (276) 694-6259 for more information. Visit the shelter to see other available pets or check out the shelter's Facebook page. Adoption fees are \$10 and include spay/neuter and rabies vaccination.

Patrick Pioneers

John B. "J.B." Martin

By Beverly Belcher Woody

John B. "J.B." Martin was born in Patrick County on the first of September 1838 to Moses Josephus Martin, Jr. and Sarah Moles Martin. J.B. had two older sisters, Nancy Elizabeth, born in 1832 and Catherine, born in 1834, and an older brother, Reid, born in 1837. Following the birth of J.B. was Easter Jane "Ellie" born in 1840, William Green, born in 1843, David Harbour, born in 1846, and lastly, James Moses Martin, born in 1848.

J.B. married Miss Ellen Elizabeth Moles of Patrick County on the fourth of March 1858. J.B. and Elizabeth's first child, William Lee Martin, was born on the sixth of December 1858. The union was blessed with a daughter, Mary Josephine, on October 22, 1860.

War came to Patrick County in 1861 with most men joining or being conscripted into the local 51st Virginia Infantry. Moses Josephus and Sarah Moles Martin gave four sons, David Harbour Martin and William Green Martin, both joined the 51st Virginia, but for reasons that I have not been able to confirm, J.B. was placed with Captain Charles Fry's Virginia Light Artillery, also known as Orange Artillery and Reid was placed in Company D of the 12th Virginia Infantry. After many battles, companies were combined because so many men were killed or wounded, and I suspect this was the case with J.B. and Reid. Sadly, Reid Martin died of disease in Petersburg, Virginia on the twelfth of July 1862.

J.B. was conscripted on the first of April 1862, leaving a wife, a three-year-old, and an 18-month-old at home. The following is the heartbreaking account of Private J.B. Martin, recorded in the Morris, Orange, and King William Artillery Regimental History compiled by Gregory J. Macaluso. "On Saturday, December 26, 1863, Private J.B. Martin of the Orange Artillery was tried by the Military Court of the Army of Northern Virginia for desertion. Martin, a married conscript from Patrick County in the southwestern part of the state had deserted on two previous occasions and had been picked up near his home each time. In these prior incidents, when he was caught and returned to his company, his illegal absences had been treated as absence without leave (AWOL). His punishments upon conviction were meted out accordingly, loss of pay, and extra camp duties."

"This time he deserted on June 6, 1863, while on march to Somersville Ford along with two others. Since this was the third time that Martin had run away, it was required under the ex-

(See Pioneers p. 4)



Registration remains open for summer camps

The following camps will be offered in July at the Reynolds Homestead in Critz, and registration is still open.

AT THEATRE CAMP, campers will experience all facets of youth theater, including acting technique, improvisation, set and costume design, and connecting with the audience. The camp will start on Monday, July 10, and conclude with students performing a short show on Thursday, July 13.

This camp is a perfect opportunity for interested youth to learn the basics in a fun and friendly environment.

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/RHtheatre23>

Led by Brook Smith & Kim Boles
July 10-13, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
\$70 ages 8 and up

WAIT LIST AVAILABLE - Plants are taking over! This hands-on interactive ART CAMP will dive into the world of animals and plants with a focus on invasive species with instructor Grace

Helms. Campers will explore fun, nature-themed projects spanning water color, acrylic painting, and more! A public reception will be held on Thursday, July 20 at noon for friends and family to view the amazing art work created during camp. Email Melanie Gilbert (mtgilbert68@vt.edu) to join the wait list for art camp.

Led by Grace Helms
July 17-20, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
\$45 ages 7-12

SCIENCE CAMP brings science, technology, engineering, art, and math concepts together to encourage campers to design, build, experiment, and play! Science in Motion will challenge campers to prototype vehicles, build kites and balloon courses, and participate in a variety of games.

July 24-27 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/scienceinmotion23>

Led by local educator Stephen Biedrycki
\$60 ages 9-13
Please bring a bagged lunch.

Dangers of quizzes, social media threads

Let's be honest, most of us have done it: taking one of those viral social media quizzes or threads that seem so fun and innocent. Post a picture of your first car. What cartoon princess are you? What record was num-

ber one the year you graduated high school?

They may seem like harmless fun, but the Better Business Bureau and digital-security companies warn that criminals sometimes use quizzes to pry

loose personal data. Launching a quiz app may give its creators permission to pull information from your profile, offering hackers an opening to steal your online identity. Here are three

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Offering #2

Bid Now at VAAuctionPro.com

OFFERING #2 - +/- 3.2 ACRES
2598 LONE IVY RD., STUART, VA 24171

This tract features +/- 3.2 ac and a 944 sq ft bungalow home. This 1 bed, 1 bath home was built in 1932 and remodeled in 2021. This tract offers great views from the house and open space. This would make a great permanent home.

Preview Date:
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Terms: 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$10,000 per tract required on day of sale. Close on or before September 18th, 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 August 3rd, 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 Packet for complete terms and conditions, purchase contract and maps at VAAuctionPro.com.

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Youngkin Donates Salary to Anti-Human Trafficking Efforts

Gov. Glenn Youngkin and First Lady Suzanne S. Youngkin announced the donation of his second-quarter salary to Operation Light Shine, a nonprofit organization that created and promotes an approach to ending human trafficking known as INTERCEPT, or the "Inter-agency Child Exploitation and Persons Trafficking Task

Force."

"Operation Light Shine is an important partner in the process of eliminating human trafficking in the Commonwealth. Together we are taking comprehensive steps to end the scourge of human trafficking. It's a cancer, it's an abuse, and it's a blight on our Commonwealth, nation, and world," said Gov. Youngkin.

"This is not a Republican or Democrat issue, it's a human rights issue that we all know affects every community, every race, every socio-economic group and it's on the rise globally."

"This issue has weighed heavily on Glenn's and my heart and is one of the reasons Glenn felt called into this level of service," said First

Lady Suzanne S. Youngkin. "We are inspired by the relentless efforts and innovative work being done by Operation Light Shine to eradicate human trafficking."

Operation Light Shine created the Inter-agency Child Exploitation And Persons Trafficking Task Force (INTERCEPT) to provide the

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Group Working to Aid Domestic Violence Victims, Survivors

By Edwin J. Viera

Virginia News Connection

A Virginia group is working to ensure abusers can't use the courts to keep harming their victims.

Commonly called "abusive litigation," these come in the form of lawsuits aimed at drawing a victim back into contact with their abuser.

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence finds in 2020, almost 34% of women and around 29% of men in Virginia experience domestic violence.

Susheela Varky, director of family advocacy with the Virginia Poverty Law Center, said going into a courtroom to seek out a protective order isn't always easy for victims of domestic violence.

"For the victim to bolster themselves to go to a public place to air their private experience with a judge, in a courtroom," said Varky, "even just thinking about that can be very intimidating."

She added that when a survivor of violence goes to court for a protective order, this could be the first time they're defying their abuser - leading to additional violence.

To better address this, Varky said she wants to see increased resources provided to law enforcement officials for them to be thorough in addressing in-



ter-partner violence.

Along with states taking steps to reduce abusive litigation, she noted that there are still misconceptions about domestic violence needing to be clarified. One misunderstanding is questioning why a person doesn't just leave an abusive partner.

She said as simple as it sounds, it's never that easy.

"What if you share children with that person?" asked Varky. "What if you don't have a job? What if you've been isolated for so many years that you don't have any place to go to?"

Varky noted that if a person does leave, without necessary resources to care for children the couple might have, it could be used in a potential custody battle.

Rather than questioning the abused, she said more ques-

tions need to be asked about why a person abuses someone else.

Overall, she said she wants to see abusers held accountable for their actions. Varky said looking beyond incarceration and taking a restorative-justice approach could work.

"I'd like to see how we can use other resources that survivors are interested in," said Varky. "In addition to actually holding abusers accountability and enforcing the laws that already exist."

Currently, Idaho, Tennessee and Washington have laws aimed to prevent abusive litigation.

In 2017, a bill introduced in Congress to reduce lawsuit abuse was passed by the House of Representatives, although it failed to advance out of the Senate's Judiciary Committee.

Job Openings in Va. Fall By 33,000 in April

Data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' April 2023 Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) reports moderating job markets with reduced rates of hiring and quitting in the Commonwealth, according to the Virginia Employment Commission.

The most recent BLS JOLTS survey data indicates that Virginians moderated their rapid pace of job switching experienced over the last two years. BLS JOLTS data provides information on all the pieces that go into the net change in the number of jobs. These components include job openings, hires, layoffs, voluntary quits, and other job separations (which includes retirements and worker deaths). Putting those components together reveals the overall change in payroll employment. JOLTS data is seasonally adjusted and describes conditions on the last business day of the month. Current month's data are preliminary and the prior month's

data have been revised.

The number of April 2023 job openings in Virginia fell from March's revised 340,000 level to 307,000. Nationwide, the number of job openings edged up to 10.1 million (+358,000). In April, U.S. job openings increased in retail trade (+209,000); health care and social assistance (+185,000); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+154,000). The largest increases in the job openings level occurred in

California (+112,000), Maryland (+46,000), and Ohio (+29,000). The largest decreases occurred in Virginia (-33,000), New Jersey (-21,000), and Connecticut (-9,000). Virginia's job openings rate declined to 6.9 percent in April. The job openings rate nationwide was little changed at 6.1 percent. Establishments with more than 5,000 employees saw an increase in both their job openings and hires rates. The largest increases in job openings rates occurred in Maryland

(+1.4 percentage points) and in Kansas and New Mexico (+1.2 points each). The decreases occurred in Maine (-1.1 points) and Virginia (-0.7 point).

The number of hires in Virginia fell to 168,000 in April, down 14,000 over the month but down by 22,000 from April 2022. JOLTS defines hires as all additions to the payroll during the month. The number of hires was up 89,000 from the series low of 79,000 in April 2020. In April, the number of U.S. hires was little changed at 6.1 million. Hires decreased in information (-37,000). The largest decreases in the hires level occurred in California (-61,000), New Jersey (-36,000), and Oregon (-14,000). The increases occurred in Florida (+54,000), Kansas (+10,000), and New Hampshire (+7,000). In Virginia, the hires rate declined to 4.1 percent from March's revised 4.4 percent rate. The U.S. hires rate held steady at 3.9. The largest decreases in the hires

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Initial unemployment claims decrease

The number of initial claims decreased in the latest filing week to 2,038 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 24, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims in Virginia was 2,038, which was a decrease of 448 claimants from the previous week. Continued weeks claimed totaled 13,381, which was 274 claims higher than the previous week and an increase of 33.6% from the 10,016 continued claims from the comparable week last year. Ninety-three percent of claimants self-reported an associated industry, of those reported over half (58 percent) of continued

claims were from professional, scientific, and technical services (1,877), administrative and support and waste management (1,847), manufacturing (1,276), health care and social assistance (1,255), and retail trade (1,020).

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 24, the advance U.S. figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 239,000, a decrease of 26,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by

1,000 from 264,000 to 265,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs[1], unadjusted, totaled 233,048 in the week ending June 24, a decrease of 17,843 (or -7.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 207,061 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022. Looking at preliminary data, most U.S. states reported decreases on a seasonally unadjusted basis. California's preliminary weekly change (-10,108) was the largest decrease. Texas's preliminary weekly change (-9,187) was the second largest decrease. Pennsylvania's preliminary weekly change (-3,263) was the third largest decrease. Virginia's preliminary weekly change (-342) was the sixteenth largest decrease.

Arrests reported

The Patrick County Sheriff's Office reported the following:

*Christopher Lee Penn, 41, of Patrick Springs, was charged July 23 with assault. Deputy D.B. Perry was the arresting officer.

*Tonya Renee Holt, 42, of Stuart, was charged July 23 with probation violation. Deputy E. Sain was the arresting officer.

*James Lester Helton, 43, address unavailable, was charged July 29 with fail to appear. Deputy Mark Sowder was the arresting officer.

*Danielle Brooke Wade, 28, of Floyd, was charged July 30 with unauthorized use of vehicle. Pulaski PD made the arrest for Patrick County.

Culpeper sheriff, three others named in federal indictment

An indictment unsealed Thursday alleges the sheriff of Culpeper County, Virginia, and three other Virginia men conspired to exchange bribes for law enforcement badges and credentials, federal programs bribery, and honest services fraud.

An indictment is merely an allegation, and all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

According to the indictment, from at least April 2019, Culpeper County Sheriff Scott Howard Jenkins, 51, allegedly accepted cash bribes and bribes in the form of campaign contributions totaling at least \$72,500 from Rick Tariq Rahim, 55, of Great Falls, Virginia, Fredric Gumbinner, 64, of Fairfax, Virginia, James Metcalf, 60, of Manassas, Virginia, and at least five others, including two FBI undercover agents.

In return, Jenkins allegedly appointed each of the bribe payors as auxiliary deputy sheriffs, a sworn law-enforcement position, and issued them Culpeper County Sheriff's Office badges and identification cards. Jenkins allegedly told or caused others to tell the bribe payors that those law-enforcement credentials authorized them to carry concealed firearms in all fifty states without obtaining a permit. In addition, Jenkins allegedly assisted Rahim in gaining approval for a petition to restore his firearms rights filed in Culpeper County Circuit Court that falsely stated that Rahim resided in Culpeper County.

"Scott Jenkins not only violated federal law but also violated the faith and trust placed in him by the citizens of Culpeper County by accepting cash bribes in exchange for auxiliary deputy badges and other benefits," United States Attorney Christopher R. Kavanaugh alleged. "Our elected officials are expected to uphold the rule of law, not abuse their power for their own personal, financial gain."

"As law enforcement officers, we are sworn to protect and serve our communities. We do that by upholding the law - equally, and not abusing the powers that are entrusted to us," Special Agent in Charge Stanley M. Meador of the FBI's Richmond Division said.

Jenkins is charged with one count of conspiracy, four counts of honest-services mail and wire fraud, and eight counts of federal programs bribery. Rahim is charged with one count of conspiracy, three counts of honest-services mail and wire fraud, and three counts of federal programs bribery. Gumbinner is charged with one count of conspiracy, one count of honest-services wire fraud, and two counts of federal programs bribery. Metcalf is charged with one count of conspiracy, one count of honest-services wire fraud, and two counts of federal programs bribery.

If convicted, each defendant faces up to 5 years in prison on the conspiracy count, up to 20 years in prison on each of the honest-services mail and wire fraud counts, and up to 10 years in prison on each of the federal programs bribery counts. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence for all four defendants after considering the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

The FBI's Richmond Field Office, Charlottesville Resident Agency is investigating the case. Trial Attorney Celia Choy of the Justice Department's Public Integrity Section and Assistant U.S. Attorneys Heather Carlton and Melanie Smith of the Western District of Virginia are prosecuting the case.

Pioneers

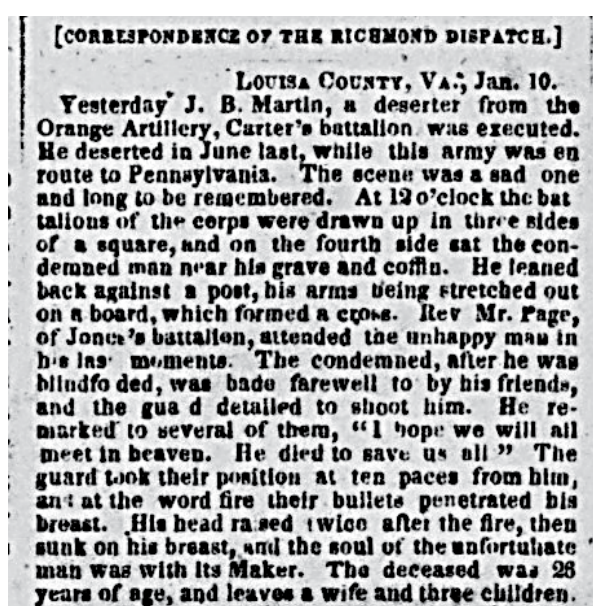
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isting law in force in the Confederate Army, he was to be tried as a deserter....Martin was remanded to jail when captured near his home and not tried until December 26th. As a result of his alleged association with a group of North Carolinian deserters, no mercy was shown him and he was convicted and sentenced to death by the court. Pending approval of the sentence by General Lee and President Davis, J.B. was remanded to the Castle Thunder Military Prison in Richmond to await his fate."

While J.B. was at Castle Thunder awaiting sentence, his wife Elizabeth gave birth to their third child, John B. Martin, Jr. on November 5, 1863. The Regimental History concludes with this re-

port, "The fate of J.B. Martin of the Orange Artillery was settled on January 9, 1864. The artillerymen of the Second Corps were forced to witness his execution for desertion. Having been convicted of desertion the previous December, and his sentence being upheld by both General Lee and President Davis, Martin was returned to Frederick's Hall and shot to death in front of the witnessing artillery force. The firing party was made up of men from the Second Corp Provost Guard and not from the men of his own unit, as was the usual practice. J.B. Martin had the distinction of being the only man of Carter's battalion executed during the war."

Naturally, things were extremely difficult back home for Elizabeth; in 1870, she



Daily Dispatch 12 January 1864

married Joseph Addison Alley. In 1873, J.B. and Elizabeth's oldest son, 14-year-old William Lee Martin, was murdered at a local grist mill. The assailant allegedly killed William with an ax and was originally given the death sentence, but it was commuted to life in prison. Eliza-

beth and her remaining children moved to Hancock, Tennessee. In the next few weeks, we will look at the remaining children of Moses Josephus Martin, Jr. and Sarah Moles Martin.

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

Dangers

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social media scams to avoid.

Avoid queries about innocent-sounding things like your high school mascot or first car that might be linked to common security questions that banks and financial firms use to protect accounts. Be suspicious of any personal messages appearing to come from celebrities you follow. Criminals often impersonate celebrities online and offer special access for a price or ask for help with a new investment or charitable contributions.

Another classic social

media scam involves a direct message from one of your personal contacts asking "is this a picture of you" with a link to click on. Clicking the link takes you to a site that mimics one of the popular social networks and prompts you to log in, a ploy for hackers to get your credentials and access your account.

Be a fraud fighter. If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

Visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraud-watchnetwork or call the AARP Fraud Watch Helpline at 1-877-908-3360.

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rates occurred in New Jersey and West Virginia (-0.8 percentage point each) and in Oregon (-0.7 point). The increases occurred in New Hampshire (+1.0 point), Kansas (+0.7

point), and Florida (+0.5 point). In April 2023, the Virginia 'annual fill' rate (the ratio of 'this month' hires to 'last month' job openings, over the year) was slightly lower than the historical, typical level

of 1.0, It was also lower than the April fill rate nationwide, which rose to 1.15—the highest rate in over two years. The fill rate is a measure used to evaluate how labor markets differ in the pace that job openings are filled. An annual fill rate near or above 1.0 can indicate that employers are growing more efficient at filling job openings. On the other hand, an annual fill rate of less than 1.0 can indicate a tighter labor market, with employers having greater difficulty filling job openings compared to a year earlier. Going back to 2001, the

highest annual fill rate occurred during June 2020 because, after the nationwide shutdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic, employers across the country sought to quickly hire for vacated positions. The lowest fill rate in Virginia occurred in June 2021. During that time, there were many factors that hindered the filling of vacant positions by employers, such as health concerns, employee skills, and childcare needs, but the biggest factor was the comparison against the historic re-hiring hike the year before.

Deputy

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a hero for his efforts, but "Jesse doesn't think he's any kind of hero." Rather, Pickeral "gives credit to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for putting him in the right place at the right time to help

the little boy."

A 10-year veteran of the sheriff's office, Pickeral serves on the department's tactical response team. He is currently assigned as a School Resource Officer (SRO) at Patrick Springs Elementary School.

Grave

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have a graveyard beside the thing. But it wasn't constituted until 1930," he said.

Fain believes the cemetery is maintained so well that someone must know the identity of the caretaker.

"I walked that one day, it was real cold though, back in the winter. There's several graves up there that are marked, that have been weathered," he said, adding it was difficult to make out the face of the markers or the names on them.

"There were several graves that just got initials on them, that got a cement marker," he

said.

Fain said he noticed there was one black rock in the cemetery that had a flower on it, which made him wonder if it was Conner's grave.

"You can even look on that website and it shows the graves of the people that were buried there, but hers is not there because she doesn't have a grave marker," he said.

Fain said he promised Capicatto he would help her find out who the caretaker is, and help her find her grandmother's burial plot.

"What I want to do is find the caretaker like she wants, and

find out the actual plot, you know that I could help her get a stone put up there. I'm just trying to help her get a stone for her grandmother," he said.

Fain said he also visited the Patrick County Tax Mapping office to track down the names of the cemetery's owners. He wrote a letter to them but had not received a response as of this writing.

"Everything I'm doing comes to a dead end," Fain said, adding the use of social media also has not yielded any results.

Anyone with information is asked to call Fain at (276) 694-8099.

Book

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house" at a young age, Perry said.

"This is one of those American Dream kind of stories. He grew up very poor and really a self-made man, got married, had children, got into realty, and then he got real big into auctioneering, and now he's probably one of the biggest auctioneers in the country if the truth be known," Perry said.

Perry said Rogers took care of his two younger siblings, went into the U.S. Army, went to college, and taught school before getting into the real estate business.

The book's title comes from the fact that Rogers can trace one side of his genealogy all the way back to the Mayflower and the other back, nearly to the colony of Jamestown.

"I don't know about you, but my family, they were probably stealing the king's pigs and hiding in the woods while Bracky's were riding the Mayflower," Perry said, laughing.

Rogers said he decided to write his memoir at the insistence of several people he met

throughout his life.

"The idea behind the book is how I lived, where I came from, and where we've been blessed to become what we have," he said.

In his book, Rogers tells how his son, Mark, handled the sale of Betty Lynn's (Thelma Lou), of The Andy Griffith Show, estate.

"She had given most of it away, but she had some things that we sold to be auctioned to finalize, as well as the estate," he said.

Rogers' company also handled the estate sales of actress Frances Bavier, and county music singer Donna Fargo. Bavier gained fame as Andy Griffith's Aunt Bee, and Fargo may be better known for a song she popularized, "The Happiest Girl in the Whole USA."

Perry said Rogers contacted him about a year ago to ask for assistance in writing his memoir.

"I said sure. It was funny, he called me when I was out following Lewis and Clark out the Missouri River last year. He called me when I was in Montana or somewhere," Perry re-

called with a chuckle.

When Perry returned from his trip, he and Rogers started working on the memoirs. It was nearly a year until it was completed.

"Bracky has had two major surgeries since we started working on this book, and so that cut into our time a couple of times, but he's 87 and he's okay, but he's had a time," he said.

Perry said anyone who rides around Patrick County in Virginia or Surry County, N.C., will see the signs bearing the name of Rogers' business, Rogers Realty.

"It's a family business. His son, his daughter, and his daughter-in-law, they're all in the business, his grandchildren are in the business. They all work with Rogers Realty. So, it's very much a family affair kind of thing," Perry said of the book that marks the third memoir to benefit from Perry's assistance in writing and publishing.

The 256-page book is available on Amazon as a paperback and at Pages Bookstore in Mt. Airy, N.C.

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Congressional App Challenge Opens

Congressman Morgan Griffith announced the opening of the 2023 Congressional App Challenge for students in the Ninth Congressional District.

"The Congressional App Challenge allows students to demonstrate their talents, engage their creativity, and explore the fields of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education. I look forward to seeing the apps developed by the ingenuity of Ninth District students," Griffith, R-Salem, said

To participate in the challenge, middle school or high school students can choose to work individually or in groups of up to four students. Participants may create and submit their own app for

mobile, tablet, or computer devices on a platform of their choice.

Students must submit their completed app by 12 p.m. EDT, November 1.

Full details can be found at <https://morgangriffith.house.gov/constituentservices/stem-competition.htm>.

To determine eligibility, create an account, and find additional information on the rules and specifics at <http://www.congressionalappchallenge.us/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/2023-CAC-Rules.pdf>.

Faculty, parents, or students may call Josh Hess at (540) 381-5671, or email Josh.Hess@mail.house.gov with any questions related to the competition.

Joaquin-Ortega recipient of NSDAR award

Woolwine Elementary's School's 2023 recipient of the Colonel Abram Penn Chapter NSDAR Youth Citizenship Award is Ivan Joaquin-Ortega. Ivan was presented this award by Principal Jeannie King-Hubbard during the Seventh Grade Promotion Ceremony on May 18th in the school's auditorium.



Ivan demonstrates this award's requirements of leadership, dependability, service, and patriotism in his school, home and community.

He also received the President's Education Award and the Principal's Award. He is a member of Jr. Beta. Ivan's favorite hobby is soccer, and he played on the middle school team this year. He plans to continue playing soccer at PCHS. He also enjoys running, fishing, and playing video games. At the

present time, Ivan's career plan is to become a software programmer. He is the son of Pedro Lozano and Bertha Ortega-Garcia.

Youngkin

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resources, staffing, and support required to identify and rescue child victims, apprehend their offenders, and reduce the risk through public education and awareness. The state-of-the-art facilities bring together law enforcement, NGOs, prosecutors, victim services, and medical professionals in a multi-disciplinary approach to fight the exploitation and trafficking of children. The INTERCEPT Task Force is a world-class, first-of-its-kind workspace providing all resources required to conduct investigations, plan and run operations, identify and rescue victims, educate parents and youth, process and analyze seized data, and serve its community.

The program's main purpose is to create, fund, develop and equip INTERCEPT Task Forces. Operation Light Shine provides everything the INTERCEPT Task Force needs from advanced technology, software, enterprise solutions, public and private partnerships to necessary to support the multi-disciplinary model, investigative equipment, coordination between domestic and international HT/CE operations, forensics capabilities, subject matter experts, advanced training, research and development

all the way to covering rent, utilities and office supplies at each task force.

The Youngkin Administration has made a commitment to ending the scourge of human trafficking in Virginia, which is why he signed Executive Order Number Seven to establish the Commission on Human Trafficking Prevention and Survivor Support on his first day in Office. The Commission was created as an advisory commission within the Office of the Governor. The purpose of this commission is to increase law enforcement awareness, empower and support survivors, and enhance prevention education in the Commonwealth.

Last year, Gov. Youngkin also signed seven bills that deliver on the Governor's commitment to enact legislation to combat human trafficking in the Commonwealth and empower survivors. Building on this effort, Governor Youngkin signed eight additional bills last week, including a ceremonial signing of HB 1426, which allows the Board of Medicine to require health care professionals they license to complete continuing education courses on specific subject areas, and directs the board to make the first subject area to be on the topic of human trafficking.

Ferrum College Announces New Journalism Major This Fall



Pictured from L to R: Marisa Powell, Lindsey M. Foster, Refentse Maselwa, Dave Campbell and Cody Gibson. Not pictured: Abigail McGovern, Scout Lynch and Jazmin Scarberry.

Ferrum College will offer Journalism as a major beginning Fall 2023 with hands-on experiential learning as its key characteristic. Every journalism class in the major and minor moves beyond the necessary classroom theory and provides an avenue for publication via real-world application of skills and competencies. Students have opportunities for online, print, and video publication beginning on Day 1 of any journalism course.

Within this framework, students will gain hands-on, career-ready experience in both online and print mediums while also developing skills in writing and reporting, editing, photography, layout and design, video production, and website maintenance.

"The Journalism major at Ferrum College is designed to arm students with professional experience and a myriad of marketable skills applicable in an innumerable amount of career settings," said Dr. Mirta Martin, president of the College.

Ferrum College Journalism students will be able to customize their degree through elective courses that allow them to gain depth and breadth in a wide array of subject areas and specializations. The curriculum includes a focused study and hands-on experience within the career paths of cross-platform editing and producing, photojournalism, reporting and writing, and social and audience strategy.

Assistant Professor of English and Journalism, David "Chopper" Campbell is excited to have this Journalism program at the College. "We have award-winning writer alumni and an award-winning stu-

dent publication, the Iron Blade, on campus. Now, we will have the opportunity to increase those skills and give the students more opportunity to refine their craft while also serving the public good."

Campbell encourages students who are already passionate about writing as well as those who are interested in pursuing truth and documenting history to consider majoring in Journalism.

"It is a beautiful, chaotic, turbulent, and exciting world in which we live. It is the role of the journalist to document that world--to provide a record for the history of events; to provide a platform for expression; to provide an arena for the exchange of thought and ideas; to be a watchdog for the Constitution; to help form a vital part of a democratic government; and to do so with the highest of standards, ethics, and quest for truth."

Examples of career opportunities include writer/reporter/editor, public relations manager, social media management, video production, subject-specific writer (medical writer, travel writer), graphic designer.

Courses in the new major include News Writing and Reporting, Sports Writing and Reporting, Video Production, and Feature Writing. Related programs and minors compatible with Journalism include Media and Communication, Graphic Design, English, History and Political Science.

"Come to Ferrum and explore Journalism; you will discover the difference you can make in the world as a documenter of our times," encouraged Campbell.

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Born on the Fourth of July

Ninth District U.S. Rep. Morgan Griffith

This year marks 247 years since the United States of America declared itself an independent nation, no longer under the rule of King George III of Great Britain. With the ratification of the Declaration of Independence by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, the United States began its incredible journey as the greatest nation on Earth.

Just like in years past, this July

4th holiday will be celebrated with parades, barbecues, fireworks, and concerts filled with patriotic songs.

This time of year often reminds me of a great American: George M. Cohan, an actor, playwright, composer, director, and performer who is most famous today for his patriotic songs and contributions to musical theater.

George was born the day before Independence Day on July 3rd

(though he and his family always insisted that he had been born on the Fourth of July) in Providence, Rhode Island, to Irish American parents who were traveling vaudeville performers.

By age nine, George became a member of his parents' traveling act and by age 13, wrote songs and lyrics for the act. When he began directing The Four Cohans (his older sister being the fourth member) in his late teens, it is reported the family was such an attraction that they were earning up to \$1,000 a week. That would be in excess of \$30,000 a week today.

Not long after, George turned his sights on Broadway. By 1904, George had a hit on his hands with the musical Little Johnny Jones, about the life of an American jockey who rides a horse named Yankee Doodle in the English Derby. One of the play's songs, "The Yankee Doodle Boy", also known as "(I'm a) Yankee Doodle Dandy," is one of Cohan's most famous. Most recall the lyrics:

I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy,

A Yankee Doodle, do or die;

A real live nephew of my Uncle Sam,

Born on the Fourth of July.

In 2004, the American Film Institute raked the song at No. 71 on its 100 Years...100 Songs list.

The play also included the popular song "Give My Regards to Broadway," which has since been recorded by many artists, including Patti LuPone, Judy Garland, and Bing Crosby. The song's most famous lyrics include:

Give my regards to Broadway, remember me to Herald Square,

Tell all the gang at Forty-Second Street, that I will soon be there;

Whisper of how I'm yearning to mingle with the old time throng;

Give my regards to old Broadway and say that I'll be there ere long.

Two years later, in 1906, George wrote and produced the musical George Washington, Jr., in which he marched up and down the stage with an American flag singing his song "You're a Grand Ole Flag." "You're a Grand Ole Flag" has since become one of the most popu-

lar marching band songs of all time and became the first song from a musical to sell over a million copies of sheet music.

Years later, when the United States was fighting in World War I, Cohan was inspired to write the song "Over There," by a bugle call.

*Over there, over there,
Send the word, send the word over there*

That the Yanks are coming, the Yanks are coming

The drums rum-tumming everywhere.

The patriotic song was a signal that the U.S. had decided they would be involved in world affairs. "Over There" became hugely popular during both World War I and II.

George received a Congressional Gold Medal from President Franklin D. Roosevelt for the song, the first person in any artistic field to be selected for the honor by Congress.

George passed away in 1942, the same year Yankee Doodle Dandy, a musical biopic about his life, would come out. Actor James Cagney starred as Cohan in the biopic and went on to win an Oscar for Best Actor for the role. A few years later, in 1968, the musical George M!, based on Cohan's life, became a hit on Broadway.

In all, he created and produced over 50 Broadway shows and wrote over 300 songs during his life. George's statue, the only public statue of a theater performer in all of Manhattan, has stood for decades at the center of Times Square

His many patriotic songs will, no doubt, be played this Independence Day, as we celebrate the birth of this great nation. If you are unfamiliar with George Cohan's work, I highly suggest you take time to listen to a few of his songs this Fourth of July.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Blood Drive set for July 11

The Patrick County Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, 1:30 - 5:30 p.m., at the John D. Hooker Building, Rotary Field. Please note the change in the time of donation.

The American Red Cross encourages donors to make an appointment for your time to donate via internet at redcross.org or by calling 1-800-733-2767. Walk-ins are welcomed but please know that your donation might take longer as those with appointments are accommodated first.

This month's blood drive is supported by Rose Window of Wool-

wine, first-time supporter of the Red Cross Blood Drive.

This month's goal is 20 whole blood units.

The American Red Cross recommends before donating that all donors: Get a good night's sleep; eat a well-balanced, nutritious meal; and drink lots of fluids 48 hours before donating

Looking forward to seeing you at Patrick County's oldest Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, July 11.

Gene Stirewalt,

Stuart

Donations sought for hospice facility

Most Mountain Valley patients receive hospice care in the comfort of their own homes, where they are surrounded by familiar smells, sights, and sounds. Our dedicated care teams make regular visits to patients' homes to support not only the patients but also their families.

However, there are situations where a hospice patient requires more intensive care in order to manage symptoms and are cared for in an inpatient facility. To cater to such needs, Mountain Valley operates two beautiful, home-like care centers in the area. Our hospice homes are designed to provide round-the-clock comprehensive care for patients who require increased support and attention.

Since opening its doors in 2009, Mountain Valley's Joan & Howard Woltz Hospice Home in Dobson has provided compassionate care for over 7,000 patients and their families. As time has passed, the building has naturally aged due to its daily use over the past fourteen years.

Mountain Valley has begun much-needed updates to create an even more welcoming environment for our patients and their loved ones. These updates will enhance the quality atmosphere and amenities that the community has come

to expect. Improvements to date have included re-painting the interior walls, installing new flooring, and replacing the furniture in the common areas.

However, there is much more work yet to be completed. We have plans to update the lighting, re-surface the parking area, and replace the building's exterior columns. The water feature by the front entrance is no longer in working condition and will be replaced. A new stained-glass window is planned for the home's chapel, while the existing stained-glass window will be displayed elsewhere in the facility. We estimate the total projected cost of these upgrades will exceed \$700,000, and we would greatly appreciate the community's support.

Mountain Valley is a community-based nonprofit hospice that never turns a patient away due to inability to pay. We aim to continue providing the highest level of compassionate end-of-life care to anyone who needs our services. That's why we are asking individuals and businesses in our community to make a gift in support of the Woltz Hospice Home. To donate, or to learn about naming opportunities and in-kind contributions, call (336) 789-2922.

Tracey Dobson

Facts, faith and reality

Again, I found a letter from a William Salser that encompasses very incorrect information that ignores reality - and the references he cites are obviously part of the "Trump cult" - or what might be described as the conservative evangelical right wing radicals. He is critical of President Biden for many strange things, but politics is full of opinions. The incorrect statements involving LGBTQ persons ends with surgical intervention described as "the medical mutilation of children." One can only conclude that it also considers a child suffering from appendicitis that surgical intervention is also "mutilation." This is a prime example of one putting the bible and religious beliefs ahead of the facts of medical science.

Religious views are based on faith, not facts. Note in Matthew 17:20-21 it states, "For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you." (Matthew 17:20-21). Those who accept such biblical comments choose to ignore facts, rely on their "faith," and it is very misleading to some readers. Just try moving a mountain through faith rather than excavation equipment.

LGBTQ results from biological "mistakes" - the religious view of the creation of people in the image

of God sometimes results in such mistakes. Consider all the children born with deformities that need to be corrected by medical science. I have met many LGBTQ persons in my lifetime - very smart, successful, and very nice people, and medical science can really help them both physically and psychologically. One must separate myths and religious faith appropriately. Those who determined what was in the bible had their own agenda, and ordered all other religious writings destroyed. But some secretly kept those writings anyway, as determined when the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered during 1946-56.

One can cite many references on this topic, but for brevity I will include only two, and one contains links to many other references.

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Hooked On Sugar

Recently, as I entered the fitness center in my community, a large pop-up banner caught my attention and caused me to raise an eyebrow. The headline read: "Juice Boxes. Not worth the squeeze. 1 box=10 chocolate candies." To illustrate the point, pictured on the banner were 10 chocolate candy kisses equated with a small juice box. I was amazed to learn that those little juice boxes that advertisers tout as a healthy alternative contain 20 grams of sugar—the equivalent of five packets, or five teaspoons, of sugar. Now curious, I did some fact checking: Even a tiny 4.26-ounce box of 100 percent juice (with no sugar added) contains 16 grams—or four teaspoons—of sugar, approaching the six-teaspoon daily limit recommended by the World Health Organization. No wonder fruit juice and other beverages are often described as liquid candy!

It is estimated that the average American consumes about 22 teaspoons of sugar daily—that's more than three times the amount of sugar that is considered acceptable. Numerous scientific studies have shown that excess sugar consumption is associated with obesity, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, insulin resistance, type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, gout, elevated uric acid levels, certain types of cancer, and elevated cholesterol and triglycerides.

Sugar consumption can even affect your appearance and how you age. A study conducted at Leiden University Medical Center in the Netherlands and Unilever in the United Kingdom found that people between the ages of 50 and 70 who had high levels of blood glucose looked older than those of the same age who had lower glucose levels.

Eating sugar also creates a can't-win cycle: Certain types of sugar, specifically high-fruc-

tose corn syrup, can stimulate hunger, and, consequently, affect how much food we eat. According to findings by Yale School of Medicine, "fructose possibly increases food-seeking behavior and increases food intake." In other words, the more sugar you eat, the more you want to eat . . . and eat . . . and eat. And it's not just more sugar that you eat; it tricks you into feeling hungry for all kinds of food.

Robert Lustig, M.D., a pediatric neuroendocrinologist at the University of California San Francisco who has conducted clinical research on diet, lifestyle, and health outcomes, firmly believes that the increase in sugar consumption has led to the current obesity crisis. He asserts that excess sugar consumption sets up a vicious cycle by driving fat storage while also making the body think it is hungry. According to Lustig, all forms of sugar are poison. "High-fructose corn syrup and sucrose are exactly the same. They're equally bad," he says.

So how can you cut all that added sugar from your diet? Here's a good starting point:

Don't believe the hype.

You've likely heard the research about the dangers of soda, including their connection to obesity, diabetes, and other serious health problems. But fruit juice—especially with no added sugar—is supposed to be a healthy choice, right? As I learned from that pop-up sign, just because a company's marketing department is telling you their product is healthy, doesn't mean it's true. For the healthiest option, avoid processed, packaged foods as much as possible, and increase your consumption of whole foods in their natural state. For example, orange juice may be better for you than orange soda—but an actual orange is the best choice.

Hunt down hidden sugar.

Sugar can be hidden in places you'd least expect, so you'll need to learn to be a label reader. A small granola bar, often considered a healthy option, can have as many as 25 grams of sugar, which is more than the recommended sugar intake for the entire day. Other foods with unexpected sugar include salad dressing, ketchup, barbecue sauce, yogurt, canned fruit, restaurant food, and frozen entrees. Remember that sugar can be labeled many ways, including molasses, dried cane syrup, brown rice syrup, invert sugar, sucrose, dextrose (or any name ending in "-ose").

Try healthier alternatives.

What's a special occasion without a cake, cookies, or a sweet treat? Fortunately, you don't have to give up celebrating when you cut back on sugar. Make your own healthier desserts sweetened with stevia or dates (but don't use artificial sweeteners, which, surprisingly, can cause weight gain). Scan Pinterest or the internet for tasty ideas. For everyday sugar cravings, grab a piece of fresh fruit or a small handful of raw almonds or walnuts. Fruit and nuts are packed with nutrients and fiber and also help to create a feeling of satiety.

Give it time.

As you cut back on your sugar intake, you'll be surprised how your taste buds change and how much better you feel. After doing a 21-day challenge of eating healthy foods and no added sugar, I felt more energetic—and no longer craved sweets. In fact, when I tasted a sugar-sweetened dessert after a few weeks off of sugar, it seemed sickeningly sweet!

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

Social Security Matters

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

Ask Rusty - About Income Tax on Social Security Benefits

Dear Rusty: I just started receiving my Social Security in February of 2023. I am also working part time at a company 24 hours a week. My question is... I feel like I missed something when I signed up for Social Security because they are not taking any taxes out. What did I miss? How do I go about fixing it so I don't get hit at the end of the year? They are taking taxes out of my paycheck now, do they still take it out of my Social Security because I am working? Please help if I am not doing something right. Signed: Conscientious Senior

Dear Conscientious: Unfortunately, when the Social Security Administration processes your application for benefits, they don't usually inform you that your Social Security benefits may become part of your taxable income. I expect that's because your benefits only "may" become taxable - they do not definitely become taxable, because Social Security benefits are taxed only if you exceed a certain income threshold.

The thresholds at which Social Security benefits become part of your taxable income are different depending on your income tax filing status - those who file as an individual have a different threshold from those who file as "married - filing jointly." And to further complicate matters there is more than one threshold for both individuals and joint filers. Here's how it works:

If you file your income tax as an individual and your "combined income" from all sources is more than \$25,000, then 50% of the Social Security benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of your overall taxable income at your particular IRS tax rate. But if your combined income as an individual tax filer is more than \$34,000 then up to 85% of the SS benefits you received during the tax becomes part of your overall taxable income.

If your income tax filing status is "married - filing jointly" the thresholds are higher - if your combined income from all sources as a married couple exceeds \$32,000 then 50% of the Social Security benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of your taxable income. But if your combined income as a married couple exceeds \$44,000 then up to 85% of your SS benefits received during the tax year are taxable.

"Combined income" is also known as your "Modified Adjusted Gross Income" or "MAGI." Your MAGI is your Adjusted Gross Income on your tax return, plus 50% of the Social Security benefits you received during the tax year, plus any non-taxable interest or untaxed foreign income you had (note that withdrawals from a Roth IRA are not included). If your "MAGI" exceeds the above thresholds, some of your Social Security benefits are taxable; if you are under the first threshold for your IRS filing status they are not.

Social Security doesn't automatically withhold taxes from your monthly benefits, and the FICA tax being withheld from your earnings are not used for that purpose. Everyone who works and earns must pay SS tax on their earnings, which are mandatory contributions supporting the federal Social Security program. But that FICA payroll tax has nothing to do with income tax on your Social Security benefits. If you are working 24 hours per week and also collecting Social Security benefits, you will likely exceed the threshold for your tax filing status, which means that at least some of your 2023 benefits will become taxable. That could, as you suspect, result in a surprise "hit" when you file next year's income tax return. Nevertheless, fixing this is quite easy:

Download IRS form W-4V from the IRS website here: www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw4v.pdf. You will be able to choose the percentage of your Social Security benefits you wish to have withheld for income tax purposes. Complete the form and mail it to your local Social Security office (get the mailing address here: www.ssa.gov/locator). Social Security will then start withholding income tax from your monthly Social Security benefit payment, which will mitigate any additional tax due when you file your 2023 tax return next year.

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Popularity of Golden Oldies Open Jam grows

By Mary Dellenback Hill
A Golden Oldies Open Jam held Tuesday, June 27, at Willis Gap Community Center, attracted a crowd, including Bud Rushin from Fort Mill, South Carolina. Rushin is visiting with Carol and Les Edgell, in Ararat, VA.

He is a varied musician, playing in high school. He has mastered several instruments such as the trombone, trumpet, harmonica, and now Bluegrass banjo, acoustic, and electric guitar. He is also designing and creating tokens out of wood. He says his wife is an Apiarist (beekeeper), she cares for the bees and collects

and sells their honey. He said he really enjoys coming to the Music Jam and that he likes the warm hospitality he has received here. The Rushins are thinking about buying a home and relocating from South Carolina. The '50s, '60s, '70's rock and roll music and dancing began at 7 and ended at 10 p.m. A



Pictured (left to right) is Bud Rushin, with Order of the Open Jam, Les Edgell at the LOVE SIGN (The Crooked Road, Virginia's Heritage Music Trail), which is on the front of the Ararat Community Building. (By Mary Dellenback Hill)



Ronnie Landreth, of King, N.C., (left) sings, as Bud Rushin and Mike Spingler play electric guitars.

50/50 drawing was also held at the event. Open Jams are held regularly, and in recent months, they have attracted two visitors from England, another from Norway, one from Pennsylvania, a

whole family from New Jersey, and Tuesday Night, Rushin. Several musicians visit from North Carolina. The group is an affiliated partner of The Crooked Road: Virginia's Music

Heritage Trail, visit thecrookedroadva.com, a member of the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce, and an affiliated partner with Patrick County Tourism.

Jeff Little Trio brings his mountain piano sound to Blue Ridge Music Center on July 8



Jeff Little



DaShawn Hickman

or Appalachian music and is rarely the lead instrument. But Jeff's music is one of those rare exceptions. He has been recognized as a critically acclaimed musician and true music innovator.

The Blue Ridge Music Center is presenting the Jeff Little Trio and DaShawn & Wendy Hickman with an evening of Blue Ridge-style piano and pedal steel at 7 p.m., Saturday, July 8, in the outdoor amphitheater. The Music Center is located at milepost 213 on the Blue Ridge Parkway, just south of Galax and 30 minutes from Sparta and Mount Airy, N.C.

Jeff Little is an award-winning piano player from the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. With few exceptions, the piano does not play a prominent role in Americana

The Jeff Little Trio includes Steve Lewis on guitar and banjo and Luke Little on mandolin. From Todd, N.C., Lewis is one of the most respected acoustic musicians in the country. Luke is a young and talented mandolin player whose musicianship and style expand well beyond his years.

Jeff and his trio travel the country performing with an energy and dedication to their music that is evident at every show. The trio has played The Smithsonian Institution, National Folk Festival, American Piano Masters, The Barns of Wolf Trap and many theaters, per-

forming arts centers, and festivals.

Opening the show are DaShawn & Wendy Hickman, from Mount Airy, N.C. DaShawn is one of today's foremost players of Sacred Steel, a blues-gospel tradition started in the Pentecostal-Holiness churches of the 1930s. He grew up hearing the pedal steel in the tiny House of God church his family attended in Mount Airy, and listening to his mother play lap steel at home. DaShawn picked up the instrument at the age of five, and in his teens, formed a group with three of his cousins that found fame

as The Allen Boys, North Carolina's only touring Sacred Steel band.

DaShawn, along with his vocalist wife, Wendy, and bass player Charlie Hunter have put their own soulful spin on Sacred Steel.

Tickets are \$20 adults, free for children 12 and younger. Advance tickets are available online at BlueRidgeMusicCenter.org. Tickets can be purchased on the evening of the show at the admission gates.

Parking opens at 5:15 p.m. and is free. Admission to the amphitheater begins at 5:45 p.m.

Use caution when cutting trees, branches during yard cleanup

Cutting trees and trimming branches are part of routine yard maintenance for many homeowners, but these tasks can be dangerous when using chainsaws.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports about 36,000 people are treated for chainsaw injuries annually, with approximately 250 fatalities. The average injury requires 110 stitches, and medical expenses from chainsaw wounds total over \$350 million a year.

"Even if you've used a chainsaw a hundred times, don't get complacent," cautioned Dana Fisher, VFBF Farm Safety Advisory Committee chair. "Chainsaw accidents happen quickly, and just one moment of inattention can have devastating consequences."

Safety experts warn that most chainsaw injuries are caused by kickbacks—the rapid, unexpected upward motion of the chainsaw's guide bar. Kickbacks typically happen when the chainsaw's top front portion is used for cutting, or if the chain is pinched between the material it's cutting.

"Beware of the kickback area," said Dan Neenan, a paramedic specialist and director of the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety, during a recent AgriSafe webinar on chainsaw safety. "Never cut with the tip of the saw, keep

track of where the tip is, and keep the tip guard in place."

He said chainsaw operators should always use proper techniques. Never drop-start a saw—pushing down with one hand while pulling up with the other—and never cut directly overhead or between your legs. Check for loose branches that could fall on you, hold the saw firmly with both hands, and keep proper footing for balance. Additionally, inspect the material you're cutting for hazards like embedded nails.

"Don't cut when you're tired, and don't cut when you're frustrated," Neenan added. "Stay alert at all times."

Before operating a chainsaw, verify everything works according to the owner's manual and manufacturer's recommendations. Inspect the chain tension—the chain shouldn't be too tight or loose—and sharpen chain teeth. Make sure the guards are serviceable, the chain brake controls work, and the muffler is in place to avoid burns.

"Add fuel before you start it for the first time," Neenan noted. "If you need to add fuel after you've been operating it, that's a good time to take a break ... you always want to add fuel when the machine is cool."

Also, while most injuries happen

(See Cleanup p. 9)

OBITUARIES

Carl Davis Smith

Mr. Carl Davis Smith, age 81 of Stuart, passed away Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at Woltz Hospice Home in Dobson, NC. He was born in Stokes County, NC on February 24, 1942, to the late Tom Smith and Stacey George Smith. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Jack Smith. Carl had retired from DuPont. His lifelong passion was attending and participating in car shows.



Smith, Xena Smith, Ainsley Fontaine; three great grandsons, Kalix Smith, Mason Smith, Dean Smith; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Linda and Richard Holbrook, Sandra and Joe Bennett; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held Friday, June 30, 2023, at 11:00

AM at the Doby's Community Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery with Pastor Dewayne Troutt officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 1500 Rosecrans Ave., Suite 200, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be sent to www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

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Making America Great

By Alan Dean, retired Seventh-day Adventist pastor

This Independence Day, we again celebrated the freedom our country gained from England in 1776. It is well that we celebrate because God has certainly blessed this country through the years. It was only through the providence of God that America won the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. We were very clearly underdogs.

We hear much today about making America great again. I want us to consider what made our country great and a nation in which people from all over the world came to make it their home. And it was through them this country was made strong.

The most obvious reason that people came to our country early on was for religious freedom. All over Europe minority religious groups were being persecuted by the dominant religion of the state. The government and the church worked hand in hand to try to force everyone to obey the teachings and decrees of the state church. America opened its doors to everyone, including agnostics and atheists. Religious freedom was for everyone, and generally everyone extended this freedom to everyone else. There was peace in contrast to the constant strife in their home country.

Separation of church and state became the law in our country in order to prevent persecution of minorities. Freedom of choice is a gift of God given to everyone. It enabled God to bless this country beyond expectations.

The second major factor that made our country great was the republican form of government whereby the citizens held power over the government. It was the government of the people, for the people, and by the people. Representatives in government were held accountable for their work on Election Day. Kings and dictators were a thing of the past.

Then to ensure that the freedoms of the citizens were understood and followed, the Bill of Rights was added to the constitution. The constitution was already a God-led masterpiece of many minds, never before seen in history. The checks and balances of power in the government were divinely inspired. The Bill of Rights was the icing on the cake.

So, I hope you are still proud of the freedoms that our country stands for — religious and civil freedom. Many in our country are trying to destroy them. We all need to pray earnestly for our people and for the president and the leaders who represent us. Today God is being left out of the picture all together. As a result, America won't be great for long!

Cleanup

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on the arms, hands and legs, all parts of the body should be protected with personal protective equipment. A helmet with a face shield,

hearing protection, safety glasses, steel-toed boots, gloves and chainsaw-resistant arm and leg coverings can go a long way in reducing the severity of chainsaw injuries and protect against flying debris.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

BY WILSON CASEY

1. Is the book of Libitaria (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Galatians 5:13, "Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through _____ serve one another." Friendship, Honesty, Love, Hope
3. From 2 Corinthians 3:17, "Now the Lord is that Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is _____." Hope, Freedom, Love, Liberty

4. From John 8:36, "If the _____ therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Heart, Worship, Celebration, Son
5. From what book's 6:7 does it say, "For he that is dead is freed from sin"? Isaiah, Daniel, Mark, Romans
6. How many times is the word "independence" mentioned in the Bible? 0, 2, 11, 17

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Love, 3) Liberty, 4) Son, 5) Romans, 6) 0

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RN to BSN Program Offers Nurses Career Advancement Online



Ferrum College 2023 nursing graduates in their scrubs. In the next few weeks, they will take their NCLEX to obtain registered nurse licensure.

The Division of Nursing at Ferrum College is currently offering a 100% online post-licensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree program. The RN to BSN major offers content specific to research, use of scholarly evidence in practice, legal aspects of practice, communication, and management and leadership topics. The major builds upon the students' initial licensure program, clinical experience, and a strong foundation of general education courses.

"There are many advantages to obtaining your BSN degree. A 2020 AACN survey found that 94% of BSN graduates secured higher level positions 4-6 months after finishing their programs," said Melody Sharp, Ferrum College nursing division chair.

"In addition, 82.4% of employers strongly prefer nurses with a BSN, and 41% of hospitals and healthcare

facilities now require a BSN from job candidates. The expanded education in the BSN program increases your preparedness for quality and safety which leads to greater autonomy in caring for your clients. In order to expand your nursing specialty knowledge and obtain specialty certifications it is required for candidates to minimally hold a BSN," she continued.

The Post-Licensure RN to BSN course of study is a continuous online curriculum delivered in 7 week blocks throughout the year that makes it possible for students to graduate in 12 months. Ferrum offers rolling admission throughout the year allowing students to start the program at the beginning of any semester. The curriculum is flexible allowing for completion of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at a pace that suits your lifestyle.

Homeschool Friendly Opportunities offered at Ferrum College

Ferrum College has been deemed Homeschool Friendly by Homeschool Parent Magazine.

"Homeschooling continues to be a fantastic option for families for a variety of reasons - faith-based, rural lifestyle, frequent required travel," said Lois Williams, vice president of enrollment management at Ferrum College.

According to the National Home Education Research Institute, there were about 3.1 million homeschool students in 2021-2022 in grades K-12 in the United States (roughly 6% of school-age children). The homeschool population had been growing at an estimated 2% to 8% per annum over the past several years, but it grew drastically from 2019-2020 to 2020-2021.

"With the onset of the pandemic, many more families decided to homeschool their children. The original intent may have been for this choice to be temporary; however, many have decided to continue this path of education. It affords great flexibility for growth and development and provides the space many crave for faith-based connections," said Williams.

Ferrum College has opportunities for homeschool students to begin enjoying some of its unique resources and engage with various departments throughout their K-12 years including music performances, theatre productions, and workshops at the College's Blue Ridge Institute and Museum. These events for homeschool students through-

out the year provide experiential learning opportunities as well as a chance to get to know the College.

"Ferrum College is an ideal setting for homeschooled students to pursue higher education in an environment that recognizes and nourishes the soul so each student thrives," said College President, Dr. Mirta Martin. "Our small class sizes, emphasis on experiential learning, and extensive support services provide a comfortable learning community for homeschool graduates. We are very proud of this certification by Homeschooling Parent Magazine and look forward welcoming these students home to Ferrum College."

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Va. DWR accepting applications for conservation officers

The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) is taking applications for the 13th Conservation Police training academy through July 24. Conservation Police Officers (CPOs) are the heart of the Agency. On any given day, CPOs are outdoors protecting the citizens of Virginia, including hunters, anglers, boaters, paddlecraft users, wildlife watchers, or just people enjoying a day outside. Our CPOs aren't just committed to wildlife and fisheries, they're committed to caring for the entire Commonwealth. While the days can be long, they are filled with patrolling any of our waters, grabbing an ATV to track sick or injured wildlife, helping biologists retrieve a baby bear cub from a tree, monitoring our Wildlife Management Areas, or assisting another agency with one of our K9s. For more information, visit https://dwr.virginia.gov/conservation-police/recruiting/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=nftf&utm_content=nftf_cpo_june2023.

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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

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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.

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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 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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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. All proposals must address and answer the questions found on pages 26 and 27. Submit proposals electronically to 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.

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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 or (800) 552-3200.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 962 Five Forks Road, Stuart, VA 24171

In execution of the Deed of Trust dated July 27, 2018, in the original principal amount of \$69,191.00, recorded as Inst. 180001270, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Patrick, Virginia, default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and at the request of the holder of the note, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustees, either of whom may act, will sell at public auction at the front entrance of the Circuit Court for the County of Patrick on July 21, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., the property located at the above address and described as 2.000 acres as shown on plat recorded as Inst. 180001271, County of Patrick. TERMS: CASH. PROPERTY SOLD AS IS WITH SPECIAL WARRANTY OF TITLE. A deposit of \$6,000.00 or 10% of the successful bid amount (whichever is lower) will be required immediately of the successful bidder, in cashier's check or certified funds only payable to or signed over to "DOLANREID PLLC, TRUSTEE", balance due within 15 days from date of sale. No personal checks accepted. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower filed for and obtained bankruptcy protection, entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, or if trustee is unable to complete the sale, or if it is set aside or not fully completed for any reason except purchaser's default, the sale shall be null and void, and the purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Upon purchaser's default, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property resold at the risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, reservations and conditions, if any, of record, as well as inchoate liens and any other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. Real estate taxes will be adjusted to the date of sale. All costs of conveyance, deed, examination of title, recording charges, grantor's tax and possession will be at the expense of the purchaser. All risks of casualty immediately pass to the successful bidder. Time is of the essence. Winning bidder must sign a memorandum of sale immediately upon completion of sale. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Trustee's affidavit and a copy of the notice of sale available at the foreclosure sale. The opening bid is not announced until the sale. Current sale status available at dolanreid.com/foreclosuresales. THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

For Information Contact:
DolanReid PLLC and G. Benny Moore, Substitute Trustee(s)
12610 Patrick Henry Dr., Ste. C, Newport News, VA 23602;
(757) 320-0255

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, 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 host performers the Kitchen Pickers at 7 p.m. in Shelter 3.

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.

Saturday, July 15

The Eglin Reunion will be held at 12 p.m. for a potluck lunch at the Fairystone Volunteer Fire Station.

Rock Castle Descendants' Reunion will be held at Woolwine Methodist Church at noon. Anyone interested in the history of the Rock Castle community is welcome to attend. Please bring photos, mementos, and a covered dish to share. Contact Beverly Woody at rockcastlecreek1@gmail.com or (276) 692-9626 with any questions.

Bassett Cruise In, 3 to 7 p.m., Bassett Furniture World Headquarters, Fairy Stone Park Highway, Bassett. There will be a 50/50 drawing to benefit the Bassett Library Building Fund. More than 375 classic cars were at the June event. For more information, visit <http://www.bassettcruisein.com/>.

Friday, July 21

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Sunday, July 23 - Wednesday, July 26

The New Hope Church of the Brethren will hold a Vacation Bible School from 6-8:15 p.m. The theme is Proclamation Safari, and supper will be provided nightly.

Sunday, July 30 - Wednesday, Aug. 2

Middle Cross Missionary Baptist Church will hold a Vacation Bible School 6 - 8:30 p.m. nightly.

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

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

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

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

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

NOTICE

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

Safety tips offered to help protect families from water-related risks

With summer upon us, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) is reminding people about potential electrical hazards that exist in swimming pools and hot tubs, onboard boats, on docks and piers, and in waters surrounding boats, marinas, and launch ramps.

While most people are unaware of electrical dangers posed in water environments such as electric shock drowning (ESD), each year people are injured or killed from these hazards. ESD can occur when improperly installed or maintained electrical systems within marinas or boat electrical systems result in electrical current in the water, which can then pass through a person's body, causing a level of paralysis that can ultimately cause serious injury or drowning.

"Because ESD is not well known, NFPA continues to raise awareness about the presence of electrical hazards in water to help prevent deaths and injuries from happening in pools and waterways," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA vice president of Outreach & Advocacy. "Never swim near a marina, dock, or boatyard, and have a qualified electrician inspect your boat, swimming pool equipment, hot tub, and spa before engaging in any water activities to ensure all life-saving

measures and protection systems are functioning properly."

Following are tips for swimmers, and boat and pool owners:

Swimmers

Never swim near a marina, dock, or boatyard.

While in a pool or hot tub look out for underwater lights that are not working properly, flicker, or work intermittently.

If you feel a tingling sensation while in a pool, immediately stop swimming in the direction you are heading. Try and swim in a direction where you had not felt the tingling. Exit the water as quickly as possible; avoid using metal ladders or rails. Touching metal may increase the risk of shock.

Boat owners

Avoid entering the water when launching or loading a boat. These areas can contain stray electrical currents in the water, possibly leading to electric shock drowning or injury from shock, including death.

Each year, have the boat's electrical system inspected by a qualified marine electrician to be sure it meets the required codes of your area, including those set by the American Boat & Yacht Council. Make the necessary repairs, if recommended. Follow the same steps after any major storm that affects the boat.

Check with the marina owner about the marina's electrical system and whether it has recently been inspected to meet the required codes of your area, including the National Electrical Code® (NEC®).

Have ground fault circuit protection (GFCI and GFPE) installed on circuits supplying the boat; use only portable GFCIs or shore power cords (including "Y" adapters) that bear the proper listing mark for marine applications when using electricity near water. Test GFCIs monthly.

NEVER modify the electrical system on a boat or shore power to make something work. The code-required safety mechanisms in place are intended to alert people if something is wrong with the boat and with shore power. Find a licensed, qualified professional to help determine the cause of the problem.

Pool owners

If you are putting in a new pool or hot tub, be sure the wiring is performed by an electrician experienced in the special safety requirements for these types of installations and that the completed work is inspected by the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ).

Have a qualified electrician periodically inspect and — where necessary — replace or upgrade the electrical devices or equipment that keep your pool or hot tub electrically safe. Have the electrician show you how to turn off all power in case of an emergency.

If there are overhead electrical lines, make sure they have proper clearance over the pool and other structures, such as a diving board. If you have any doubts, contact a qualified electrician or your local utility company to make sure power lines are a safe distance away.

NFPA has resources for swimmers, boat and pool owners, including videos, tip sheets, and checklists, that can be downloaded and shared. Please visit www.nfpa.org/watersafety.

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Patrick native's artwork to be featured in exhibit

The Stokes County Arts Council will host a pop-up exhibit in The Arts Place by Debbie Culler and an exhibit of original art by Rick Bennett in the Apple Gallery.

A meet and greet is scheduled for Saturday, July 15, from 2:30 – 4 p.m. at The Arts Place of Stokes, 500 Main Street, Danbury, N.C. Bennett's exhibit will be on display

through August 15, and Culler's will run through July 15.

Culler is an acrylic, oil, mixed media artist currently living in southern Virginia. Culler, a Patrick Coun-

ty native, recalls being bored with watching television by the time she was about 11 years old. She began picking up her crayons – her first medium – and studying the model's



"Bucket of Crabs" by Rick Bennett



By Debbie Culler

faces in magazines. Culler has a passion for budding young artists and implores "if you have such a young artist on your hands, please encourage them all you can. I would not have come this far without the love and encouragement of my mom, Nerina Culler." Bennett said, "In rural, eastern North Carolina, my mother would gather us to the car and off we would go (See Exhibit p. 14)

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Natural Tunnel State Park first in Virginia to install EnChroma viewfinder for colorblind visitors

Natural Tunnel State Park is the first organization in the state of Virginia to offer an EnChroma viewfinder for colorblind people. The viewfinder, made by SeeCoast Manufacturing, is equipped with special lenses from EnChroma designed to help those with red-green Color Vision Deficiency (CVD) experience colors.

Chief Ranger of Visitor Experience Ethan Howes, who is colorblind, spearheaded the initiative to purchase the viewer. It was installed recently at the park's gazebo, which overlooks Rye Cove and provides a stunning 360-degree view. (access photos and videos from unveiling here)

"Natural Tunnel State Park is proud to be the first location in Virginia to offer accommodations for red-green colorblind guests," said Howes. "This viewer will allow park visitors with red-green colorblindness to more fully experience the

splendors nature has to offer. Being colorblind, I am looking forward to seeing the colorful fall foliage this year."

Colorblindness affects one in 12 men and one in 200 women: 350 million people worldwide, 13 million in the U.S. and roughly 366,000 in Virginia. While people with normal color vision see over one million shades of color, those with CVD only see an estimated 10% of hues and shades. Common color confusions include green appearing yellow, tan or gray; pink looking gray; purple like blue; and red viewed as brown.

The cutting-edge EnChroma technology — in use at nearly 40 state and national park locations in 16 states — is available at Natural Tunnel State Park year-round. The experience of looking through the viewfinders for a person who is colorblind can vary. Typically, they see a broader array



Blockhouse yard looking at the Birding Trail, Natural Tunnel State Park ©Megan Roark

Color Blind View by EnChroma

and greater vibrancy of colors immediately or within seconds. Some visitors have a more dramatic experience, depending on the severity of their CVD.

"Natural Tunnel State Park bursts with colorful foliage that a sizable percent of the population cannot appreciate because they're color vision deficient," said Erik Ritchie, CEO of EnChroma. "We applaud the park for being a leader in promoting accessibility to this wonderful, color experience for col-

orblind visitors, and hope their example will inspire other parks in Virginia, and the nation, to follow suit."

EnChroma is the lead advocate for "color accessibility" through its EnChroma Color Accessibility Program™. The program helps public venues such as schools, parks, libraries, museums, tourism bureaus, resorts and other organizations purchase EnChroma viewfinders and glasses for colorblindness to help students and guests better un-

derstand schoolwork that involves color, and make colorful exhibits, attractions and experiences more accessible to the colorblind. Through the program, EnChroma donates a pair of glasses for each pair an organization buys to loan to the public or students. State and federal parks in 16 states, spanning nearly 40 locations, already partner with EnChroma to make visits by colorblind guests more 'color accessible' and memorable.

Exhibit

(cont. from page 13)

exploring some abandoned house, tramping through the woods, or hunting for fossils along the Neuse River shoreline. My art is an extension of that need to examine and investigate the world we inhabit. My recent paintings explore the shapes, light and places that tell me I am home. A playful and contemporary application of watercolor is paired with an emotional attachment to my roots in Pamlico County.

Bennett's educational experience includes an A.A.S. at Marine Laboratory Technology at Cape Fear Technical Institute and Business Administration and studying Japanese Language at North Carolina State University. Bennett also is an art instructor and taught two Beginning Watercolor Workshops at the Camden Senior Center in Camden NC and Watercolor as well as Introductory and Continuing Study classes at Pullen Arts Center in Raleigh, NC. He taught Creative Aging, Portrait Class in conjunction with Raleigh Parks and Recreation as well as plein air painting with Raleigh Parks & Recreation at Lake Johnson. In 2019, he lectured for the City of Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange on the topic of Creating Community Through Art.

Bennett's accomplishments and achievements are numerous. His art was published on the cover of the NC Fossil Club publication for North Carolina Fossils (Vol. 1-4). He serves on the Board of Directors for the Watercolor Society of NC as the Permanent Collection Chair. He is the Past President and Past Member of the Board of Directors Visual Art Exchange and led the VAE Plein Air Painting Group for seven years. Bennett also participated in Nationally Recognized Watercolor Workshops

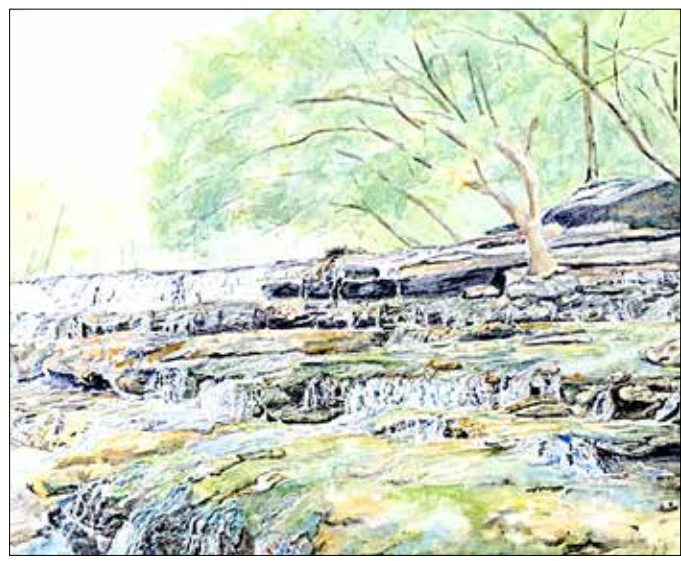
with Ryan Fox in November 2015, Iain Stewart April 2016, and Sarah Yeoman, April 2018.

During his career, Bennett has exhibited in several notable exhibitions with Clayton Visual Arts Tipping Paint Artists, Pullen Arts Center, Fine Art League of Cary, Small Treasures Old Habits, Cary Gallery of Artists, Maria V. Howard Arts Center's 64th National Juried Art Show, Watercolor Society of NC Members Exhibition, Watercolor Society of NC Annual Exhibition, Scope Landscapes of the South, Visual Art Exchange, Beyond Despair, An Environmental Call for Art, VAE & National Humanities Center, National Arts Program, Block Gallery, Watercolor Heaven at 311 Gallery, Solo Exhibition with the United Arts Council, Scope Visual Art Exchange, Contemporary South, Visual Art Exchange with a curator from the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA), Raleigh Fine Arts Exhibition, Belle Arts Gallery, and Mattie King Davis Gallery Beaufort. For more information, visit rickbennettwatercolors.com.

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