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High school student awarded Carnegie Medal

By Taylor Boyd

Rayna Michelle Montgomery, of Stuart, took little thought for her own safety when she risked her life to help save two sisters from drowning in 2021, but on September 6, she was recognized for her heroism with a Carnegie Medal.

Ninth District U.S. Rep. Morgan Griffith, R-Salem, presented the medal from the Carnegie Hero Fund, which was established by Andrew Carnegie in 1904 to recognize acts of selfless acts of heroism, bravery, and courage performed in the United States or Canada.

"The Carnegie Hero Fund Commission awards the medal to those who risk death or serious physical injury to an extraordinary degree while saving or attempting to save the lives of others," Griffith said.

Montgomery's actions on April 18, 2021, at Kure Beach, N.C., prompted the award, Griffith said of the day that two sisters, aged 11 and 14, were pulled 110 feet from shore by strong rip currents.

"Multiple people responded including Jessica Lea Embry, a 40-year-old Wilmington, North Carolina teacher, and our honoree, Rayna Michelle Montgomery, a 17-year-old from Stuart, Virginia."

Griffith said Embry reached at least one of the girls in water nine feet deep, but was repeatedly submerged by rough surf and eventually lost consciousness.

"Rayna swam to the panicking 11-year-old who repeatedly submerged her. Rayna towed her to a point about 15 feet from the shore where a man took the girl and



Ninth District U.S. Rep. Morgan Griffith, R-Salem, presented the Carnegie Medal to Rayna Michelle Montgomery on Wednesday, September 6 at the Virginia Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame.

brought that child to safety," he said.

Montgomery then exited the (See Carnegie Medal p. 3)



Rayna Michelle Montgomery received the Medal with her friends and family in attendance.

Unique moving day celebration capped Labor Day festivities



The house nears its final resting place, with three of Mr. Carter's daughters seated on the porch glider.



An aerial view of the move, courtesy of Hubbard 1 Productions, which can be found on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1qfBaGGbKa4_sc08r1h3SA. Hubbard 1 Productions can also be found on Facebook.



Mrs. Carter's four sisters were among the onlookers.



Two of Mr. Jim Hopkins' grandchildren, Betsy Hughes, (standing), and Nancy Smart, were among the family members watching as the house was moved.



The house with the wheels to move it in place. (Photos by Joanne Hill)



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By Joanne Hill

Labor Day 2023 was a momentous occasion for many who gathered at the corner of JEB Stuart Highway and Central Academy Road to watch the moving of the Hopkins/Carter house. Much like a tailgate party, there were coolers and chairs, summer hats, and

homemade cake. The grandchildren of J.D. "Jim" Hopkins, who built the large, two-story farmhouse, and the present owners, the children of A.C. and Lillian Carter, who were the second owners of the home, were especially pleased to see the house spared from new road construction by being

moved several yards to the east.

Highway 58, previously known as Wytheville-Danville Turnpike, is the connector road between Stuart and Meadows of Dan. It is being upgraded to a four-lane highway to better manage mountain traffic; the familiar Hopkins/Carter landmark was stand-

ing in the way of the new route so would either be destroyed or relocated. The house was built in 1918, and locals who have observed the house, some daily, were also happy to see the landmark being preserved.

Jim Hopkins and his family were (See Moving Day p. 3)

Lengthy investigation yields nearly 200 drug related charges

Thirty-nine people were indicted on 191 narcotics distribution charges in a round of indictments that will remain sealed until September 19, according to Patrick County Sheriff Dan Smith.

The indictments stem from an 18-month investigation conducted by the Patrick County Sheriff's Office's Special Investigation Unit, and led by Lt. Nicholas Pendleton and investigator Brian Hubbard, Smith said.

Law enforcement officers were active throughout Monday making arrests, and as of 3 p.m., Smith said 16 people had been charged.

"We will remain active throughout the week searching for those on the list, in addition to working with authorities in Henry County and North Carolina to apprehend those who live there," the sheriff said.

All of those names will be released once the indictments are unsealed.

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

Grand jurors also handed down several indictments unrelated to the sealed documents on September 5.

According to records in the Patrick County Court Clerk's Office, those named are:

*Henriy Galeas, 19, of Stuart, one count each reckless handling of a firearm causing serious injury and unlawfully shoot in occupied dwelling, Jan. 18.

*Brittany Nicole Ownes, 28, of Stuart, one count each child endangerment and possession of methamphetamine, on or between Aug. 14 and Aug. 15, 2022.

*Andrew Tyler Clifton, 28, of Stuart, child endangerment, Aug. 14, 2022.

*Joseph Eugene Dodd, 27, of Stuart, (See Drug Charges p. 3)



Danny Miller is gauging community interest to start a Lions Club International club in Patrick County.

Miller is gauging interest in creating a Lions Club

By Taylor Boyd

A Meadows of Dan man wants to gauge interest in creating a local Lions Club International Club in Patrick County.

Danny Miller, who is a member of the Hillville club, said there's a club in Martinsville, but not in Patrick County.

"There used to be a Lions Club in Stuart years ago, and it went away. I've talked to people in Stuart, 'oh yeah I remember that' and they did a lot of good things I heard," Miller said. "But sadly, and I'm right there

with them, people get older, and as they do, many people don't feel like they can do as much as they used to. Well, you can't, but you can still do things. You can still help people."

The Lions Club is an international service organization that began in 1917 in Chicago.

Miller said as World War I was still ongoing and several immigrants were coming to the country, Melvin Jones, the organization's founder, wanted to do something to help others.

(See Lions Club p. 3)



Tourism Talks

Hello Patrick, Are you ready for some excitement? How about the 69th Annual Patrick County Agricultural Fair? This is a place with lots of lights, games, sounds, smells, and fun things to do. It's more than just a fair! It's a homecoming and gathering of friends, a place where you can go and see people you haven't seen in a while. I highly recommend that this be on your radar this week. We just wrapped up another great weekend with all of the various music events and fellowships. So, let's keep the ball rolling with even more awesome happenings. I do want to let you know that the new Fall 2023 Patrick County Magazine is hot off the press and will be available at the fair. You must come by and get one. I can tell you

that you will be pleasantly surprised, and it is outstanding! Tourism has a lot on our plate this month and next. We appreciate the county's support and the various groups that brings us all of the entertainment. So, ride the rides, take a chance on the games of skill, eat food you normally don't get, enjoy the crafts, view the exhibits, enjoy the music, do some square dancing, watch some cars go for the trophy at the Demolition Derby, and have some fun! We hope to see you and remember, "Come Get Lost and Find Yourself Here." At the Fair!!! I'll be in touch soon. Best regards, James Houchins, Director of Tourism (jhouchins@co.patrick.va.us)

Arrests reported

The Patrick County Sheriff's Office reported the following:
 *Jeffrey Scott Bridgeman, 40, of Stuart, was charged Sept. 1 with trespass. Lt. D.L. Foley was the arresting officer.
 *Joseph Brooks Iddings, 40, of Stokesdale, N.C., was charged Sept. 2 with assault. Sgt. L.L. Carroll, Jr., was the arresting officer.
 *James Daniel Biggs, 32, of Stuart, was charged Sept. 3 with one count each public intoxication and break and enter. Deputy J.S. Kendrick and Sgt. L.K. Carroll, Jr., were

the arresting officers.
 *Casey Marie Henderson, 36, address unavailable, was charged Sept. 3 with two counts each trespass and intentional damage to a monument. Senior Trooper J.N. Mabe was the arresting officer.
 *Robert Lee Marshall, 60, of Meadows of Dan, was charged Sept. 4 with brandishing a firearm. Deputy E. Sain was the arresting officer.
 *Tommy Joe Strothers Jr., 38, of Meadows of Dan, was charged Sept. 4 with a warrant of extradition. Sgt. C.A. Frick was the arresting officer.

Pesticide Collection Program Dates, Collection Sites Set

Farmers, pesticide dealers, pest control firms, certified applicators, homeowners and golf course operators are encouraged to participate in the 2023 Virginia Pesticide Collection Program. The program collects unwanted, outdated or banned pesticides, at no cost to eligible participants, and disposes of them in a safe manner. The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) Office of Pesticide Services, with participation from Virginia Cooperative Extension and the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services, oversee the program, which has collected and destroyed more than 1.5 million pounds of outdated and unwanted pesticides since its inception. The program is funded through pesticide product registration fees collected by VDACS.

Tightsqueeze Industrial Rd., Chatham, Va. Oct. 11 - National Guard Armory, 315 Commonwealth Blvd. W., Martinsville, Va. In administering the Pesticide Collection Program, VDACS divides Virginia into five regions. Each year, the department conducts a collection in a different region. Once all five regions have been served, the program starts another cycle. Click here for the list of future collection localities. Participants must transport their unwanted pesticides to the collection sites. If participants cannot safely containerize the unwanted pesticides for transport, VDACS may arrange assistance on a case-by-case basis. Only pesticides will be accepted. Pesticide contaminated material (for

example, pesticide contaminated fertilizer) will not be accepted as part of the collection program. In addition, the program does NOT accept motor oil, paint, fuel, fertilizer or other chemicals. Participants need to complete a pesticide collection registration form prior to the scheduled collection date and return the completed form to ops.enf@vdacs.virginia.gov or mail to Office of Pesticide Services, VDACS, P.O. Box 1163, Richmond Virginia 23218. The form is available at www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pdf/disposalregistration.pdf or by contacting the program at (804) 371-6560. Participants should direct questions to their local Virginia Cooperative Extension agent or to the VDACS Office of Pesticide Services at ops.enf@vdacs.virginia.gov.

The following is a list of the 2023 collection sites and schedule. All locations are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Sept. 26 - Lynchburg Livestock Market, 243 Livestock Rd., Rustburg, Va.
 Sept. 27 - Southern States-Farmers Cooperative, 182 Smi Way, Farmville, Va.
 Sept. 28 - Meherrin Ag & Chemical, 1409 Vincent Store Rd., Charlotte Court House, Va.
 Oct. 3 - Nutrien Ag (Fertilizer Warehouse), 204 South Lunenburg Ave., South Hill, Va.
 Oct. 4 - Halifax County Agriculture Marketing Center, 1001 Farmway Ln., Scottsburg, Va.
 Oct. 5 - Piedmont Farmers Cooperative (Formerly known as Southern States Chatham Co-op), 485

Pets of the Week



This gorgeous female Husky has been hanging around the Abram Penn Hwy area for months being fed by good neighbors. We would like to find her owner. If you recognize her, please call the shelter. This little heeler mix is the sweetest girl and the ladies at the shelter just love her. She is so upset at the shelter we would like to find her owner or a home as soon as possible. She was found on Midway Drive in Spencer. The Patrick County Public Animal Shelter (PCPAS) is packed with a lot of nice pets looking for homes. Call the shelter at (276) 694-6259, or view available pets on the shelter's Facebook page. Adoption fees are \$10 and include spay/neuter and a rabies vaccination. The Patrick County Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) offers a spay/neuter program for dogs. Call (276) 694-2378 and leave a message. Someone will call you back.

Chamber Chat for August

By Rebecca Adcock

"Less than a month ago, all of August still stretched before us – long and golden and reassuring, like an endless period of delicious sleep." – Lauren Oliver

The beginning of each new month always feels like forever but before you know it we are turning the page in our monthly planners. With all the events and planning there was little time for sleep.

We kicked August off right with the Southwest Virginia Tourism Awards on August 1st. Patrick County walked away with four awards: The Magazine, a print ad in Our State Magazine, Rising Star Grace Cooper at Patrick County Tourism and Primitive Coffee. Next up was a follow up meeting with the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation. They are in the process of working on initiatives to unify the gateway communities along the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Villa Appalaccia celebrated their five-year anniversary under the new owners and fundraised on behalf of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Their celebration weekend netted \$1,209 for the program. This along with another \$1,300 from an anonymous donor will help us in getting more books into children's hands at that early age of 0-5 years old. We currently have over two hundred kids registered for this free program. For more information, check out the Chamber's website.

We also spent a lot of time in Meadows of Dan this month visiting businesses as well as events. The Chamber is happy that Skyline National Bank opened, and we assisted with their ribbon cutting on August 18th. The Folk Fair was well attended and enjoyed great weather. The Chamber worked with the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation to show Rock Castle Home, the documentary about Rock Castle Gorge. It was well attended with some descendants showing up to see it. Then we were back up to

The Mayberry Trading Post on August 22nd for the Business After Hours and again on August 23rd meeting with Senator Warner on his



visit through the area when stopped at Mabry Mill.

The Chamber was also busy this month meeting with the new county EDA director and working to assist with getting up to speed. Interviews for the county administrator position occurred and by the time you are reading this, I hope we have a newly appointed administrator. There are so many projects that we need an energetic person to come in and keep moving Patrick County forward. I look forward to working with the new county administrator along with all the other county and town officials as "we all play in the same sandbox" that is Patrick County and work for the betterment of the county as a whole.

As we look into September, of course the big event is the Patrick County Agricultural

Fair Sept 12-17. Stop in and see the Chamber's booth when you are visiting the fair. We have also updated the Apple Dumpling Festival 5K registration form for the race to be held on Saturday, October 21st.

For more information on any of the events past and upcoming, visit the Chamber's website www.patrickchamber.com or call 276-694-6012.

New Members: Bent Fox Farm, Stuart Ruritan Club, and Bassett Community Center. Thank you to all who join and support the Chamber of Commerce.

(Adcock is the director of the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce.)

*Offer ends 9/15/2023. Subject to approved credit with John Deere Financial. Some restrictions may apply. See James River for details.

Carnegie Medal

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ocean and vomited the water she had swallowed, Griffith said. The 14-year-old girl also reached the beach, while firefighters rescued another man and Embry.

"Embry could not be revived. She had drowned. Rayna went to the hospital the following day, and her treatment included the use of an inhaler. Thank goodness she recovered," Griffith said.

While Montgomery may not have fully appreciated the risk she had taken, Griffith said it was clearly dangerous because not everyone survived.

He thanked Montgomery for her selflessness and her heroic actions.

"I will tell you there is nothing I honor higher than courage. The courage to do something like this is amazing. While you may not have thought about it at the time, there were lots of other people on the

beach who didn't do what you did, who didn't have that instinct to go into the water," he said.

Montgomery said she was visiting Kure Beach for a day trip.

"I'm just glad I was there for the 24 hours I was there, and I was able to do that," she said.

Montgomery had also only been in the ocean once before when she was young and had no idea what she was getting herself into.

"When I did, I realized it was scary, and it was a fight. She fought and I fought like the whole 100 feet, I guess. It felt shorter than they said it was. They say it was 100 feet, but just know it just felt very shorter and faster and chaotic," she said.

Montgomery said she was scared when she went into the ocean because the girl she saved kept pushing her under to stay above the

water.

"She actually was taking my top off, so I was topless in the water at one point," she added.

Montgomery said she went into the ocean on pure instinct.

"The thing that set me off was I heard the word 'kids.' They were like, 'there are kids drowning,' and as soon as I heard kids, it was just a heartdrop, and I have to help them because they're kids," she said. "You hear kids, and you have to help them."

Following the rescue, Montgomery used an inhaler for three days as needed. She believes it was needed because of the soreness in her lungs from breathing so heavily.

Montgomery said she got her swimming experience from the pool in the apartment complex she grew up in.

"I was in the pool every day, that's where I got my skills," she said.

Montgomery currently works the third shift at the Stuart Walmart. She was enrolled in the online school offered at Patrick County High School.

Noting that he's been in office for 13 years and represents a district that is larger than nine states by land mass, Griffith said this marked the first time he has ever been asked to present a Carnegie Medal.

While the ceremony was to honor Montgomery, she requested those in attendance to take a moment to honor Embry.

"I know that her brothers are receiving it for her, I can't be there, but I do want to make sure that she's honored in any kind of way," she said.

Moving Day

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farmers in the Buffalo Ridge section of Patrick County and moved to the Central Academy area in 1910. According to an account recorded in Patrick County Heritage, Volume I, by A.D. Hopkins, Jr., the family was moved by two ox-drawn wagons to the new location to run a store. They later built the house for their expanding family. The home had an indoor bathroom and electricity, both unusual for that time period. Nancy Smart, nearly 90 years old and a grandchild of Jim, who was watching the move, recalled sitting on the edge of the bathtub washing her feet before bedtime, as she would have gone barefoot all day.

At some point, Route 58 was moved several yards to the west, which left the back side of the home facing the present-day highway. So, as the house was being repositioned, it had to be rotated a quarter turn so the front would face Central Academy Road.

As onlookers patiently awaited the beginning of the move, they were in awe that there was no heavy equipment on site to move the house. They learned that all of the moving would be done by remote control. The house had been elevated and wheels placed underneath. This was puzzling as all the wheels seemed to be facing different directions. Employees of Wolfe House and Building Movers, from Bernville, PA, were busily working all around the house preparing for it to move.

Eventually, the operator of a small remote device squatted near the corner of the house, and very, very slowly, the house began to move. Excitement among the crowd heightened as the fascinating concept became a reality. One had to focus on a nearby stationary object to actually see the movement of the house, as it proceeded so slowly. It had to be moved a little and then stopped to re-shuffle the boards that were placed under the wheels for each short move. Appalachian Power Company was present to move a power line, and several trees had been cut to make way for the move.



Aerial views are courtesy of Hubbard 1 Productions, at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1qfBaGGbKa4_sc08r1h3SA.



The home moves across the pavement before finally coming to rest. (Photos by Kurt Bozenmeyer)

After several hours, the house had been turned and reached its final destination. Not a brick had fallen from the two chimneys in the house, and not a chair had moved an inch on the porch. Three of the Carter children who lived in the house after their family bought it in 1968 sat on a glider on the side porch as the house was moved the final few feet.

Feelings of sadness, happiness, nervousness, and excitement were expressed. Many relatives,



all five Carter children, and their grandchildren and great-grandchildren, five of Lillian's siblings, grandchildren of Jim Hopkins, plus neighbors and friends were present to witness the migration of this 100+-year-old country home. Much work will still need to be done, but a sigh of relief could be felt at the end of this memorable Labor Day celebration.

See more photos online at www.theenterprise.net.

Drug Charges

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art, hit and run attended property, April 3.

*Darian Rayburn Tatum, 49, of Critz, elude, Jan. 10.

*Susan Michelle Smith, 40, of Martinsburg, WV, six counts larceny of catalytic converter and two counts conspiracy to commit larceny of catalytic converter, on or between Feb. 1 and March 17.

*Tony Lee Epperson, 51, of Mt. Airy, N.C., six counts larceny of catalytic converter and conspire to commit larceny of catalytic converter, on or between Feb. 1 and March 17.

*Crystal Kathleen Luckado, 33 of Stuart, assault and batter on law enforcement officer, April 16.

*Crystal Sue Darrah, 48, of Eden,

N.C., grand larceny, Jan. 14.

*Andrew Manuel Tapanes, 30, of Meadows of Dan, elude, April 22.

*Dale Anthony Helms, 26, of Stuart, assault and batter on law enforcement officer, May 20.

*Debbie Jean Sexton, 58, of Stuart, one count each assault and batter on law enforcement officer and destruction of property, on or between Sept. 1, 2022 and Feb. 24, 2023.

*Wendy Marie Tilley, 47, of Bassett, two counts grand larceny of a motor vehicle, on or between July 18 and Aug. 23, 2022.

*Dillard Clayton France, Jr., 54, of Ararat, two counts domestic assault and battery - 3rd offense, and one

count child endangerment, June 13.

*William Scott Jackson, 49, of Woolwine, malicious wounding, on or between July 15 and July 19.

*Anthony Leroy Brannon, 58, of Jonesville, SC, one count each abduction, prevent 911 call, and malicious wounding, Feb. 27.

*Brandi Gibbs Crews, 43, of Eden, N.C., possession of methamphetamine, March 25.

*Matthew Blake Foley, 20, of Stuart, one count each object sexual penetration and sodomy of victim age 13+, one of between Jan. 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.

*Vershonda Tamika Renne Lewis, 39, of Bassett, one count each concealed carry a concealed weapon,

possession of Schedule I or II drugs, and possession of Schedule I or II drug while possessing firearm, Feb. 11.

*James Robert Mullins, 45, of Bassett, one count each possession of oxycodone, possession of fentanyl, and possession of methamphetamine, Jan. 28.

*Billy Joe Plaster, 45, of Salem, possession of methamphetamine, Feb. 9.

*Lori Beth Tate, 40, of Stuart, possession of methamphetamine, Jan. 13.

*Russell David Worley, 26, of Stuart, one count each possession of fentanyl and possession of methamphetamine, Oct. 8, 2022.

Lions Club

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"He contacted some of his business colleagues and they got together and formed a group. Over the next several years it became a national organization and now it's an international organization," he said.

The Lions Club currently has around 1.4 million members worldwide with over 40,000 clubs in more than 200 countries.

Miller said the club is based on service and works to fulfill the needs of individual communities and the world.

"Right now, Lions International (has) funds to give to Florida to help with the hurricanes. Around the world, they support and provide humanitarian aid for disasters" on all levels, he said.

While the club does anything it

can to help, Miller said it has five main initiatives of focus.

The biggest is its Sight First program, which addresses sight loss and hearing loss. It began as a way to help people who couldn't afford glasses.

"Today on a local level, Lions Clubs collect glasses. Those glasses are sent to a recycling center in Roanoke, one of four in the nation. Every pair of glasses is manually inspected, if they're good then they are thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. If they have problems, they're broken or whatever, then the parts are recycled," he said.

Its other main initiatives include environmental issues, hunger, diabetes, and childhood cancer.

Miller said he's trying to get information about the organization to

as many people as possible to see if there's local interest.

"It's for people who have a heart for service. That's what it takes, someone who's willing to give some of their time to help a neighbor," he said. "That's what it really boils down to, people helping people. That's what Lions are about."

Miller said the club funds its projects through donations and fundraising efforts.

"The monies that they raise, 100 percent of it goes to their projects," he said. "There's not a lot of administrative costs. The club is the club. We pay dues" to cover those expenses, he said.

To start the fully chartered club he wishes to create, 20 members are required. However, to create a branch club of a parent club, only

five members are needed.

Miller said there is also the potential to start a Leo program for children and teenagers. The program is designed for those 12 to 18 years old and focuses on the individual and social development of teens and preteens.

"Generally, they are part of a high school program to get the younger generation interested in serving, and they do their own projects and all," he said.

As the club has not officially been formed yet, no meeting place has been decided on. However, Miller does have some places in mind.

Those interested in joining the club should contact Miller at (434) 610-1933.

For more information, go to www.lionsclub.org.

An Empty Barrel Makes the Most Noise

By Bryan Golden

You know the type. He or she is the loudest at parties, always showing off at work, boasting about their accomplishments to anyone who will listen, or acting as the know it all. There is no specific age, occupation, or education level that categorizes this type of person.

People who act in this fashion are big turnoffs to many. Given the option, you probably seek to escape them whenever possible. Why do people behave in this manner? There are many reasons as well as theories. The cause is unimportant. What does matter is not getting caught by their conduct.

How do you prevent behaving like an empty barrel yourself? Believe in yourself. You don't have to prove anything else to others. There's no need to convince anyone of the legitimacy of your dreams. You follow your path because it leads to your destination, not to make an impression.

We all strive to be good at what we do. However, bragging about your competence is never appreciated. Those who do boast are viewed as attempting to make up for some deficiency. It's OK to be proud of your accomplishments. Real achievements speak for themselves. Keep in mind that your objective is to achieve your dreams, not to impress others.

Rather than talking about yourself, show an interest in what someone else has done. Not only is a good listener appreciated, you will learn a great deal. Everyone has something to teach you, but you have to keep your ears open to discover it.

You encounter empty barrels in all settings; at work, socially, with family, and even with strangers in public. How can you avoid being impacted by them? Each situation requires a different strategy.

At work, the offending person can be a boss, a coworker, or a subordinate. In dealing with your

boss, you have to endure some contact. Keep your exposure as brief as possible by focusing your communication on specific work issues. Whenever possible, you can excuse yourself by saying you have to get back to work.

When interfacing with coworkers, also stick to business. If you initiate social conversation, you open the door for annoying behavior. Always be polite. Don't insult, put down, or embarrass anyone. Excusing yourself to get back to work is effective with coworkers as well.

In managing subordinates, lead by example. You set the tone as to the type of behavior you consider appropriate. If someone is out of line, always speak to him or her in private. Never criticize in public.

Family can be more of a challenge. Depending on the relationship, you may not be able to avoid or minimize interaction. What you can do is try to change the subject as often as necessary. You won't be able to change the offending person, so don't waste energy trying.

You have discretion regarding who you interact with socially. Those individuals you find annoying can be avoided. Excusing yourself and walking away is always an option. When confronted by an empty barrel, you aren't obligated to respond. Just because someone asks you a question or makes an annoying statement doesn't mean you have to answer.

When facing an empty barrel, you won't convince them of anything. You won't change their behavior. You don't have to defend yourself. The maxim, "Never argue with a fool, onlookers may not be able to tell the difference," has a lot of validity. Stand aside and let the empty barrels roll by.

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Biden Policies Make the U.S. Look Weak Abroad

All Americans have personally felt the negative consequences of the Biden Administration's domestic policy choices. Rampant inflation, spurred in large part by the multi-trillion-dollar spending packages touted by the President, is now costing families an extra \$700 per month in spending.

And then there are the Biden Administration's energy policies, which have severely hampered domestic oil and gas production and made permitting new fossil fuel projects extremely difficult (including recently canceling Alaskan drilling leases). As a result, everyone continues to pay more at the pump.

Everywhere we go, prices are up and in turn, life is more difficult.

Unfortunately, the Administration's flawed policies are not only seen here in the U.S. - they also extend to the world stage.

This past August marked the two-year anniversary of Biden's chaotic and deadly withdrawal from Afghanistan. Within hours of the withdrawal, Afghanistan's President Ghani had fled, and control of the country ceded to the Taliban.

The Administration's poor planning led to troops abandoning Bagram Airfield in the middle of the night, leaving behind approximately \$7 billion worth of military equipment, including guns, ammunition, military vehicles, aircraft, etc.

In addition, our chaotic exit led to the death of 13 U.S. service members, after two ISIS-K suicide bombers, freed from prison by the Taliban, detonated bombs at the Kabul International Airport, where our military was leading evacuation efforts.

And now I believe we've seen our failure to withdraw in an orderly manner, that would be expected of a professional military, has opened the door to aggression elsewhere by our adversaries. Our failed withdrawal has allowed

Iran to push the narrative that the West is unreliable, its policies destined to fail, and that they themselves are the only reliable actor in the Middle East.

Many argue, including myself, that our country's failure in Afghanistan essentially gave Vladimir Putin a green light to invade Ukraine. Putin's National Security Advisor Nikolai Patrushev publicly argued that given what happened in Afghanistan, Ukraine could not rely on the U.S. as it lacked the patience to achieve a military victory and, in the end, we would be disloyal to our allies in Ukraine, just as we were in Afghanistan.

Within weeks of the Afghanistan withdrawal, Putin began a buildup of Russian troops and weapons on the Ukrainian border. By February 2022, Russia invaded.

However, what was projected to be a war lasting little more than a few weeks by both Russia and the American military establishment, has turned into a prolonged war.

Now with the war raging on, Russia's supplies have dwindled and many of our other adversaries have come to their rescue.

U.S. intelligence reports say that China has been a huge supporter of Russia's war effort, helping them evade Western sanctions. China has increased their purchase of Russian oil, gas, and other energy exports. Additionally, they are allowing Russia to use their financial system to conduct transactions otherwise blocked by Western sanctions. China has also sent Russia navigation equipment, parts for



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Digital Currency

(Newsmax, Reuters, Bloomberg, Newsweek, US Sun, Newsmax, Fox, CNN Business)

The Federal Reserve and the Biden Administration has quietly been considering the creation of a central bank digital currency (CBDC), which would be managed by the Federal Reserve. On March 9, 2022, Biden signed an executive order requiring government to assess the risks and benefits of creating a CBDC.

What it is: In summary, a central bank digital currency (CBDC) is a digital form of money issued by a central bank, similar to paper money but in electric form. A US CBDC would be the digital version of the US dollar issued by the Federal Reserve, backed, and regulated by the central bank. CBDCs would function as legal tender and are supported by the issuing bank. Over 90 countries central banks are currently exploring their own CBDCs.

How it works: Currently, when people deposit money in a bank, it becomes a liability for the bank, and that money is used to fund loans, which are the bank's main assets. With a CBDC, if individuals and businesses switch from bank deposits to CBDCs, their money will no longer fund the economy through loans but will instead fund the government and government sponsored enterprises. It will shift the source of funding from the private sector (banks and loans) to the public sector (government and its related entities).

What the dangers are: A CBDC would not be a digital version of the existing paper based dollar,

but rather an entirely new currency that would exist exclusively in a digital electronic nonphysical form. The digital form would be programmable, trackable, and easily manipulated. A programmable digital currency could easily be controlled and tracked by a government agency, no matter where you go in the country, and could be used to restrict you from being used in only certain situations. There would be no way for you to physically take CBDCs out of a depository account, store them privately, own them directly, or use them without being surveilled by a government agency. All of your money would be kept by a bank or the Federal Reserve directly, which means they would own all of your CBDC money.

Current situation: The Federal Reserve's position is that it has made no decision on issuing a central bank digital currency (CBDC) and would only proceed with an authorizing law from Congress.

Whether Biden will try to use and Executive Order to establish a CBDC system is a lingering question, given that his efforts to bypass Congress's authority are not new. Stay tuned.

If a programmable CBDC is rolled out in the near future, you will not own money and you will have very little privacy, if any at all. That is great news for those who advocate for a socialist government and want more power, but it would be a catastrophic loss of freedom for the rest of us.

Pray for our country.

William Salser,
Stuart

Time change noted for Blood Drive

The Patrick County Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19, 11 am - 4 pm, 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.

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, September 19.

Gene Stirewalt,
Stuart

Save Planet Earth With Nuclear Power

We have to reduce Carbon emissions to address global warming. Renewable energy sources like wind power and solar power can only provide about 20% of our power requirements. To meet energy needs in the eastern U.S. we would need 100,000 square miles of solar panels (the size of New England) or 800,000 square miles of windmills (the size of Alaska and California).

As a past scientist and engineer I believe the solution could be the construction of small-scale nuclear power generating units linked together. A drawback to nuclear power has been previous accidents. The Chernobyl plant accident was due to shoddy construction and mismanagement, and the Three Mile Island partial meltdown was due to inadequate operator training. Another drawback has been the high cost of building large nuclear power plants.

Kairos Power is testing a small scale and affordable nuclear power unit in New Mexico. It is only 16 feet tall and could be housed in a small building. It uses molten fluoride salt to cool the reactor. If there is a cut to the power for the cooling system and a failure of safety systems, the reactor will not melt down.

Nuclear power plants produce a minimal amount of spent fuel which is safely stored in sealed and monitored casks at the plant sites. The use of deep drilling to create horizontal bore holes could provide permanent storage facilities.

The future of our planet could rely on the replacement of fossil fuel power plants with nuclear power systems.

Note: The information in this letter came from The Atlantic magazine of March 2023.

Donald Moskowitz,
Londonderry, NH

fighter jets, and drones/drone parts.

Iran has also helped by supplying Russia with drones and other military equipment.

Further, North Korea and Russia are close to reaching an agreement, in which North Korea would supply Russia with artillery shells and anti-tank missiles, in return for access to Russian technology for satellites and nuclear-powered submarines and supplies of food.

While our previous Administration was able to ease tensions with North Korea, this Administration's actions are leading to a strengthened North Korean economy and their unpredictable military becoming more lethal.

On China, we already know that since 2021, they have "employed multiple diplomatic tools in an attempt to erode U.S. and partner influence, such as highlighting the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan and criticizing U.S.-backed security partnerships," according to the Department of Defense's 2022 report to Congress.

Perhaps that's why earlier this year China was emboldened to deploy a spy balloon over the U.S. in order to collect intelligence.

And the Biden Administration showed weakness when it didn't intercept the offending balloon until it crossed the whole daggone country.

What's next? Taiwan.

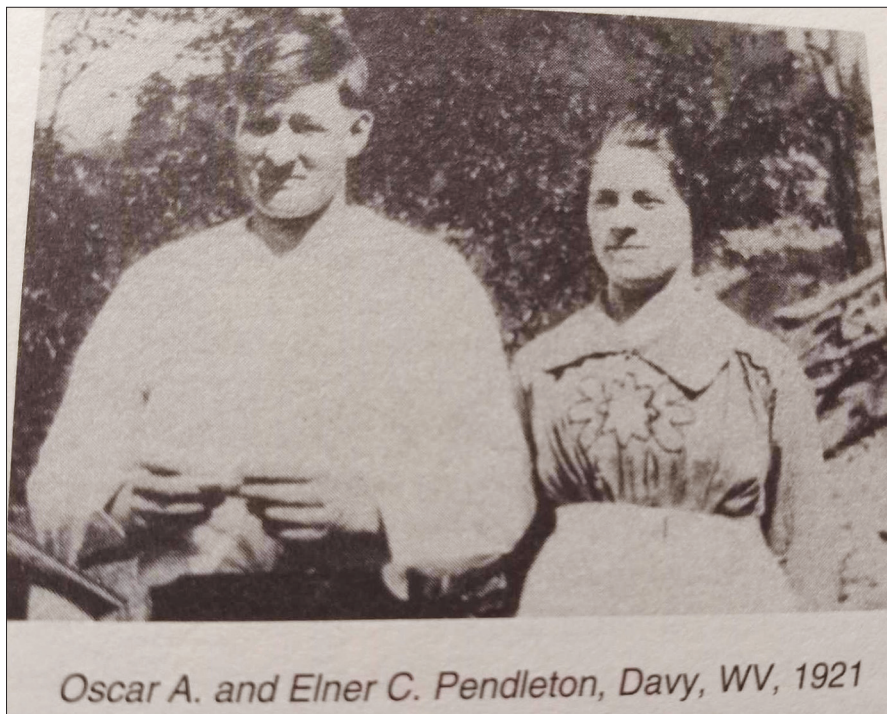
Right now, China is watching us, calculating how we will respond if they invade Taiwan.

I worry our missteps on the world stage these past two years have indicated to China that invading Taiwan might be a sound move.

Why wouldn't they? From a foreign viewpoint, our country's President and his Administration are too weak to do what is necessary to defend Taiwan and other allies in the South Pacific.

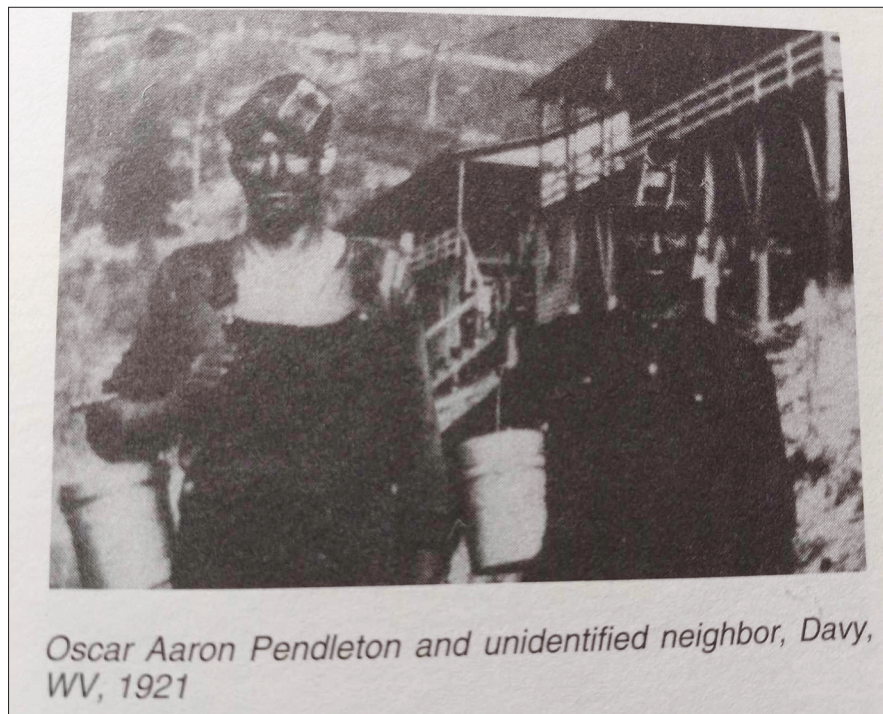
If you have questions, concerns, or comments, call my Abingdon office at (276) 525-1405, my Christiansburg office at (540) 381-5671, or via email at www.morgangriffith.house.gov.

Patrick Pioneers



Oscar A. and Elnor C. Pendleton, Davy, WV, 1921

Oscar and Elnor Pendleton (photo from Wilda Vipperman)



Oscar Aaron Pendleton and unidentified neighbor, Davy, WV, 1921

Oscar Pendleton and neighbor (photo from Wilda Vipperman)

Oscar Aaron Pendleton By Beverly Belcher Woody

If you travel to the end of Sunset Drive and take a right on Route 642, you will cross over the Oscar A. Pendleton Memorial Bridge that spans Poorhouse Creek on its way to meet the South Mayo River. Who was Oscar A. Pendleton?

Oscar's great granddaughter, Michelle Morrison, stated, "Grandpa Oscar petitioned the town to build a new bridge leading to the county poorhouse because heavy rains often made the road impassable. The bridge was dedicated in his honor."

Oscar Aaron Pendleton was born in 1897 to Moses Martin "Babe" Pendleton and Martha Adeline Harris Pendleton; Oscar was one of seven children born to the couple. His siblings were Eddie Greene, John Isaac, Clara, Lillie Annie, Mary Jane (Mae), and Inez Texas.

Oscar's father, Babe and his family ran a dry goods store in Meadows of Dan where Helms Road and DeHart Lane come to an intersection and a grain and feed mill across the road on Langhorne Mill Road.

When Oscar turned sixteen, he left home and went to work in the coal mines in West Virginia and Ohio. It was there at the Gulf Smokeless Coal Company that Oscar received his draft board notice on July 20th, 1918; on his WWI draft registration card, he is described as being stout and tall. Oscar completed his basic training

at Fort Lee, Virginia and was sent to France to fight in World War I. Thankfully, he survived the war and was discharged at Fort Dix, New Jersey on March 3, 1919.

The following year, Oscar married Miss Annie Elnor Craig, the daughter of Billy and Minnie Howell Craig, of the Ballard area of Meadows of Dan. Oscar took his new bride back to Davy, West Virginia where he resumed work in the coal mines and Elnor began raising their little family. The first of four daughters, Monnie Delene, was born on the 13th of February 1923, followed a year later by daughter, Wilda born on the 25th of July 1924.

After two of Oscar and Elnor's closest friends and neighbors were killed in the coal mines, the couple decided to take their family back to Patrick County. Two more daughters were born to the couple, Thelma in 1929 and two years later, Velma Janice.

Oscar's daughters and grandchildren have many memories and stories of this caring, sensitive, gentle man. Great-granddaughter Michelle Morrison shares that, "Grandma Monnie said they never knew there was a Great Depression until someone asked her about it, because her father, Great-Grandpa Oscar made sure that they grew and harvested enough to support them, help neighbors, and still have some to sell or trade. Grandpa

Oscar was worried about sending his daughters to school, so he hired a girl to take care of them during the day. She cut up letters from the Corn Flakes box and taught them to how to read and write. When Grandma Monnie did start school, she only went for three years, but completed seven years of education in those three short years."

By this time, Oscar's parents had sold the store and mill in Meadows of Dan, had purchased a farm near Stuart, and were operating the M.M. Pendleton grocery store, adjoining Patrick Hardware in downtown Stuart. Oscar and his brother, John Isaac continued to run the store after their father's death in 1938 until the store was destroyed by fire on June 17, 1961, when the Patrick Hardware Store burned down.

Losing the store was a tragedy in more ways than the fire, because Pendleton's Store was a gathering place for the community, as everyone loved the Pendleton brothers. The late Kenneth Harbour shared the following memories with me several years ago. "When I began working at United Elastic in the 1950's, me and my coworkers would walk across the street to Pendleton's Store for our dinner break. I can remember Oscar standing behind the counter, slicing and weighing the cheese (which came with free crackers for each nickel's worth of cheese). We all would

catch up on the latest news from John Isaac while eating cheese and crackers, Vienna sausages, and bottles of pop." From what I gathered from Kenneth's story is that Oscar was the businessman and John Isaac was the public relations man (smile).

Daisy DeHart Pendleton wrote the following tribute to Oscar Pendleton in the Enterprise, "Now, this man expected no claim to fame and gave so much of his time to making everyone's life more meaningful, just living his life as a dedicated father, husband, and Christian. And yet, since his death, as you enter the valley, the beautiful drive by the creek, a bridge which spans Poorhouse Creek is dedicated to him. This was done to honor him for his dedicated interest in better roads and bridges for Patrick County. His concern for his family, friends, and neighbors ran so very deep. What a joy to have been the wife or child or friend of a man such as this."

If you would like to learn more about this giant of a man, his late daughter wrote a wonderful tribute to him in the Patrick County Heritage Book, Volume I, 1791-1999. Thank you to his great-granddaughter, Michelle Morrison and the late Kenneth Harbour for sharing their precious memories too.

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Social Security Matters

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

Ask Rusty - Why Is my Age 70 Benefit not Higher Than My January Amount?

Dear Rusty: I plan to retire in 2025 (the year I turn 70). Given that I'm still working, I'm delaying my Social Security until that year. I noticed on my Social Security statement that my payment in January of 2025 will not be much different than my age 70 amount in October of 2025. If that is truly the case, would it not be better for me to start taking Social Security payments starting in January of 2025. Am I missing anything here? Signed: Uncertain Senior

Dear Uncertain Senior: Your benefit in October 2025 at age 70 will be about 6% more than it will be in January 2025. If that isn't shown on your Statement of Estimated Benefits, it may be due to a partic-

ular nuance in Social Security's rules relating to Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs). When benefits are claimed mid-year after full retirement age (FRA), the DRCs earned in that year aren't applied until the following January. Thus, someone who claims benefits to start mid-year will initially get the DRCs they've earned through the end of the previous year, but not immediately get credit for the additional DRCs earned during the claim-year. Those extra DRCs earned between January and the month benefits started will be applied the following January.

By way of example, if someone beyond FRA claims benefits to start in October 2024, their initial SS retirement benefit will be what they were entitled to at the end of 2023 and would not include DRCs earned between January 2024 and September 2024. They will collect that initial January 2024 benefit until January 2025 when the DRCs earned in 2024 are applied, at which point their benefit would increase by 6%. There is, however, one exception to this rule, which is that all DRCs are immediately credited when

start in the month you turn 70 (October 2025) you will get your maximum age 70 benefit immediately and won't need to wait until January 2026 for those extra DRCs to be applied.

Unfortunately, Social Security's benefit estimator doesn't explain how this nuance works and may show someone claiming mid-year receiving the same benefit as for the preceding January, without further explanation. That is, in my opinion, a flaw in the estimator which may result in people making a wrong decision on when to claim their Social Security benefit. Nevertheless, rest assured that your benefit in October 2025 (the month you turn 70) will be your maximum amount - 6% more than it would be if you claimed benefits to start in January 2025, and you won't need to wait until the following January to get the DRCs earned earlier in 2025.

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Cougar Golf Plays Non-District Matches

By Ashlee Mullis
The Cougar Golf Team hosted Bassett August 30 at the Gordon Trent Golf Club. The Cougars shot a 321, taking a big win over Bassett who shot a 372. Chance Corns shot a 74, Lauren Worley and Parker Roop shot an 81, and Kendra Worley shot an 85.
“Chance played a very solid round of golf today for us,” said Coach Philip Steagall. “Today was also our best team score of the year yet. As we get to the middle of the season, we have made a lot of progress. We just need to keep the same mindset as we finish out the upcoming weeks.”
The team competed at Copper Cove Golf Club, on September 1. Franklin County took the win shooting a 337, while the Cougars shot a 368.
Lauren Worley led the Cougars with an 89, Parker Roop shot a 92, Chance Corns shot a 93, and Kendra Worley shot a 94.
Coach Steagall said, “Lauren played well today at a course she had only played one time before.”



Chance Corns and Lauren Worley were low scorers for the Cougars.

Volleyball Team Loses To Radford

By Ashlee Mullis
The Lady Cougars lost on the road at Radford September 7, losing in straight sets 18-25, 17-25, and 15-25. Journey Moore had 17 digs and 2 kills, Camille Gonzalez had 15 assists and 2 aces, Marissa Bentley had 5 kills and 5 blocks, and Lilly Hazelwood had 5 kills and 5 blocks.



Marissa Bentley



Lauren Hazelwood



The PCHS Cougars during a match against Glenvar.

JV volleyball team tops Glenvar in a thriller

By Pat Delaney
The Lady Cougar JV volleyball team won a thrilling match against Glenvar on September 5 at Patrick County High School.
After dropping the first set, 20-25, the Cougars fought back in a close second set, 25-23, to send the match to the third and deciding set.
The third set went back and forth in their race to fifteen

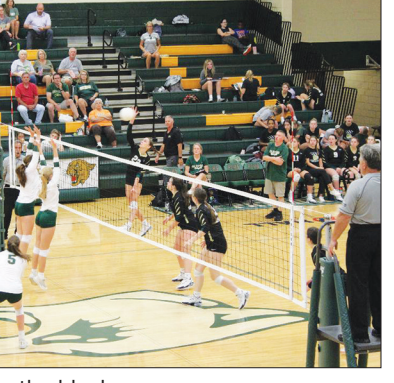
points. Players on both teams made several point-saving plays to keep the match tight. While both teams went on multiple point runs, neither could keep the other team from coming right back.
The Cougars and Glenvar tied at 10 a piece, and again at 12 a piece before the visitors took the lead at 12-13, just two points from the match win.

The Lady Cougars stormed back, winning the next three points to give them the 15-13 win in the set and the match victory.
Sidney Tatum led Patrick County with four kills, with Brooklyn Barner, Kendra Penn and Arionna Catrom each chipping in three. Brooke Collins added twelve assists, and Lauren Hazelwood led the team with twelve digs.

Lady Cougars fall to defending state champs

By Pat Delaney
The Patrick County Cougars hosted the two-time defending state volleyball champs, Glenvar on September 5.
Despite getting off to a strong start, the Cougars fell in three sets, 14-25, 11-25, 17-25.
The opening set stayed close, with neither team able to put many points together. The Cougars took the lead for the first time in the set at 10-9 as the two teams battled back and forth. Glenvar pulled away with a 9-1 run and ultimately took the set, 14-25.
In the second, Glenvar got off to a fast start, going up by 10 at 5-15. The Cougars battled back, but couldn't make up the difference before Glenvar won the set, 11-25.
The third set was the strongest performance for the Cougars. They took the early lead by two points and held it for the first part of the set. Glenvar chipped away, tying the score at 10-10. Many long rallies highlighted the set, with both teams keeping points alive, but with Glenvar taking most of the long points. Glenvar went on a 3-9 run, pulling out to a 13-19 lead, finishing the set, and the match, 17-24.

any kind of multiple point run against the defending champs.
“We struggled with that part,” said Coach Moore. “I think there were times where it looked like we were rolling. We had a lot of hustle plays and big, long rallies, but we didn't put the ball down.”
Overall, Coach Moore thought there were positives from the night's action. “They picked on some of our weaknesses, which are things we're working on, but those weaknesses were not as evident tonight. I thought this was the best we've swung at the ball this season.”
The top performers for the Lady Cougars were Lilly Hazelwood with 5 kills and 3 blocks. Jayden Calahan chipped in 5 kills and 15 digs, Journey Moore had twenty digs, and Camille Gonzalez added 14 assists, 3 kills and 1 ace.
Looking ahead, Coach Moore



Cougars going up for the block.



Cougars trying for the dig.



Receiving the Glenvar serve.

Coach Heidi Moore liked the way her team competed.
“We came out fired up in the first set. I wish we could have kept that intensity the entire time. But we showed we can compete, and we showed some heart and determination in the third set to give a little bit of a battle.” Moore also thought the Cougars “adapted to the game, and they didn't show any quit.”
One struggle for the Cougars was putting together

feels the team is “getting a little better each game and hopefully that's what we continue to do throughout the season.”
Upcoming home games for the Cougars include hosting Carroll County on September 19 and Bassett on September 26. Both games begin at 7 p.m.

PC Football Defeats North Stokes

By Ashlee Mullis
The Patrick County Football Team had a comeback win Friday night at North Stokes. The Cougars were down 0-14 at the half, but came out strong in the 2nd half fighting their way to a 24-20 win. Aden Penn had a big night with 14 runs for a total of 244 yards and 3 touchdowns.

Quarterback Easton Harris went 1-5 for 15 passing yards, 35 rushing yards, and 1 interception. Stephen Spencer had 30 yards on the ground and a 3-yard run. Jay Howard had 20 yards on the ground.
The team combined for 329 rushing yards and 15 passing yards. Howard led the defense with 10 tackles. Paul

Pascale had 8 tackles, Broc Taylor and Joshua Jimrusti had 5 tackles each.
Scottie Hubbard, Cameron Collins, Conner Goad, and Trevor Joyce had 4 tackles each.
The Cougars are now 2-1 on the season. PC will host the Chatham Cavaliers Friday for the Homecoming Game.

PCHS Sports Schedule		
Patrick County High School's Sports Schedule for the week of Sept. 14-19 is below:		
9/14	2pm	Golf vs Abingdon, Bassett, Franklin Co. (at Olde Mill GC)
	7pm	Volleyball at Alleghany
9/15	7pm	Football vs Chatham
9/16	TBA	Cross Country Invitational @ Hidden Valley High School
9/19	2pm	Golf vs Floyd County (at Olde Mill GC)
	7pm	Volleyball vs Carroll County

Tyler Reddick wins overtime thriller at Kansas to advance in NASCAR Cup Playoffs

By Reid Spencer
NASCAR Wire Service

With a bold move to the front of the field in overtime, Tyler Reddick won Sunday's Hollywood Casino 400 and left his car owner frustrated at the end of the second NASCAR Cup Series Playoff Race at Kansas Speedway.

Reddick beat Joe Gibbs Racing driver and 23XI Racing co-owner Denny Hamlin to the finish line by 0.327 seconds. Hamlin led 63 laps and was more than two seconds ahead of Reddick when Playoff driver Chris Buescher blew a right rear tire on Lap 261 of a scheduled 267 to cause the ninth and final caution.

Diverging strategies then gave Reddick the opening he needed to gain automatic entry into the Playoffs' Round of 12. Daniel Suarez stayed out on 31-lap-old tires and inherited the lead. Erik Jones, Kyle Busch and Joey Logano made two-tire stops and restarted second, third and fourth.

Reddick restarted on the bottom of the third row and surged forward while Hamlin hung back in the top lane. After the field rounded Turn 4 on the restart Lap, Reddick shot to the bottom of the track and took the lead right before the start/finish line.

On the final circuit, third-place finisher Erik Jones moved up the track on the backstretch to block Hamlin's progress for a moment, and that gave Reddick all the breathing room he needed to secure his second victory of the season, his first at 1.5-mile Kansas and the fifth of his career.

"Just an outstanding job by this whole 23XI team," Reddick said, after climbing out of the window of his No. 45 Toyota during his celebratory burnout.

"We had really good pace, but just couldn't get ahead of Denny there, but chaos ensued, people stayed out, some took two tires, and the bottom lane opened up. Pretty crazy."

Beaten by a car he owns, Hamlin took the defeat philosophically. The second-place run leaves him 49 points ahead of teammate Martin



Tyler Reddick MoneyLion Toyota, driver of the #45 23XI Racing, poses next to the winner sticker on his car in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Hollywood Casino 400 at Kansas Speedway on September 10, 2023 in Kansas City, Kansas. (Photo by Sean Gardner/Getty Images)

Truex Jr., the first driver below the current Round of 12 cut line.

"Well, the 5 (Kyle Larson, behind Hamlin in the top lane for the final restart) was just laying back so much," Hamlin said. "I was trying to back up to him. Should have just kind of focused forward probably."

"It gave the 45 (Reddick) an opportunity to get up there in front of us. Just kind of sleeping on the restart, looking in the rear view instead of looking in the front."

"Just another really, really fast car—just didn't need that caution at the end."

Larson finished fourth after leading a race-high 99 laps and winning the first stage. Logano came home fifth, thanks to the two-tire call by crew chief Paul Wolfe. Chase Elliott was sixth, followed by Kyle Busch, pole winner Christopher Bell and Brad Keselowski, who won the second stage.

The race, however, had dire consequences for Playoff drivers now

in danger of elimination next Saturday at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Disaster struck Regular Season Champion Martin Truex Jr. before the race was four laps old. As the field was working Lap 4, Truex started to slow on the backstretch and then slammed the wall in Turn 3, the result of a cut tire.

With the suspension on his No. 19 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota damaged beyond repair, Truex retired to the garage in 36th place and fell seven points below the cut line for the Round of 12.

"Just unfortunate and very unlucky," Truex said after exiting the infield care center. "I took off really tight, and I knew something was up, and then cut a right rear. Not really sure what happened, obviously, but it blew in the worst place possible."

"I hate it for my guys. We had an awesome Bass Pro Toyota Camry. We were going to have a great day, just not sure what we need to do to

get some luck here."

Bubba Wallace was next to have his hopes of advancement to the Round of 12 suffer a crippling blow. Wallace was running second on Lap 108 when his right rear tire exploded, sending his No. 23 Toyota hard into the outside wall.

Wallace brought the car to pit road to repair a bent right rear toe link and lost three laps in the process. After a second trip to pit road, he was five laps down in 34th place and could recover only to 32nd by the end of the event.

Now 14th in the Playoff standings, Wallace leaves Kansas 19 points behind Kevin Harvick in 12th.

After two brushes with the outside wall, Ricky Stenhouse Jr. came home 23rd and is 22 points behind Harvick. Michael McDowell dropped 40 points below the cut line with a 26th-place result and realistically needs a victory at Bristol to advance to the Round of 12.



Friday's Jam was a hit

Thankful to all the musicians, singers, kitchen helpers, 50/50 ticket sales, and the audience who came out Friday night. We all enjoyed the (bluegrass) Banjo pick-

ers immensely. The open jam was held at the Willis Gap Community Center, 144 The Hollow Road, Ararat, an affiliated partner with The Crooked Road, Virginia's Heritage

Music Trail.

Pictured, (left to right) are Ralph Keen on Harmonica, Tommy Nichols on Guitar, Glenn Paschal on Banjo, from Surf City, NC. Tommy

Morse on Banjo from Stuart, and Alan Cray on Guitar. In the back seated Don Rierson on Fiddle, and Ed Dalton on the Bass. (Photos by Mary Dellenback Hill)



Richard Howard "Ricky" Cox

Richard Howard "Ricky" Cox, age 49 of Laurel Fork, passed away Sunday, September 3, 2023, at his home. He was born in Patrick County on August 2, 1974. He was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Juanita Kaye Rorrer. He enjoyed playing golf and was a diehard UNC fan. He loved his family dearly and was a great husband, father, pappy, son, brother and friend.



Mr. Cox is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Sonya Jane Rorrer Cox, of the home (who would say, "Love you more, forever and a day plus one!"); a daughter, Holli Taylor Cox, of the home;

Gloria "Jean" Wood Banks

Mrs. Gloria "Jean" Wood Banks age 78, of Meadows of Dan, Virginia passed away Friday, September 8, 2023, at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. She was born August 22, 1945 to the late Arther Dewey Wood Jr. and Helen Virginia Fitzgerald Wood Fitzgerald. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Kenny Banks; the man who raised her, "her dad", Sterling "Bunk" Fitzgerald; three brothers, Waymon Wood, Leon Wood, K. T. Fitzgerald. Jean was a member of Seventh Day Adventist Church. She enjoyed



working in her flowers, decorating and her cleaning business. Jean was a very giving person and a great loving mother and wife.

Surviving is her devoted husband of 58 years, Bill Banks of the home; one son, Donnie Banks of the home; siblings, Ann Helms and husband Richard of Meadows of Dan, VA,

Geraldine Gusler Lawless

Geraldine Gusler Lawless, age 97, passed away September 1, 2023. Born to the late Walter Bunyon Gusler and late Eva Agee Gusler, she spent her childhood and teenage years in the Woolwine area of Patrick County before moving to Collinsville, Virginia.



She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Lawless; sister, Edith Gusler Jones; and brother, Leon B. Gusler.

Surviving are her son, Ralph Michael Lawless (Debbie); daughter, Elizabeth

two brothers-in-law, Eric Rorrer (Heather) of Kernersville, North Carolina, Matthew Rorrer (Sharmae) of Danville; his father-in-law, Eugene Rorrer of Stuart; several nieces and nephews; and his beloved dogs, I.B.L.B and Zelda.

A memorial service will be held Friday, September 8, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart with Pastor Wayne Moore officiating. The family will receive friends from 1:30 p.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be private. Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

Lynn Dalton of Lynchburg, VA, Carolyn Belcher and husband Linwood of Meadows of Dan, VA, Robert Wood and wife Arlene of Meadows of Dan, VA, Victoria Gregory and husband Tim of Stuart, VA, sisters-in-law, Pat Kinipple and husband Richard of Ashville, NC, Annalee Shelor of Meadows of Dan, VA, Bernice Puckett of Stuart, VA; several nieces and nephews; her dog, Josie and cat, Jake.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Childrens Hospital. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

"Beth" Lawless-Coale (Donny); sister, Evadell Gusler Rogers; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held Thursday, September 7, at 11:00 a.m. at Sycamore Baptist Church cemetery in Woolwine. The family requests memorial donations be made to Fieldale United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 218, Fieldale, VA 24089, or a charity of choice.

Collins Funeral Home in Bassett, Va. is in charge of arrangements for the Lawless family.

James Lester Sabatino

Mr. James Lester Sabatino, age 67, of Stuart, Virginia traded this earthly life for his heavenly home to be in the presence of his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at his home. He was born in Dade County, Florida on February 11, 1956, to the late Ralph G. Sabatino and the late Sophia Citko Sabatino. Mr. Sabatino was a member of Patrick Springs Pentecostal Holiness Church, where he loved his church family dearly and everyone that he met through the church. James will be



sorely missed by all who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish the special memories of Mr. James Sabatino are his loving wife of 22 years, Deanna Mullinix Sabatino, of the home; twelve children;

ten grandchildren; three brothers; one sister; and special furry and feathered friends.

A celebration of life service will be announced by Patrick Springs Pentecostal Holiness Church at a later date. In lieu of flowers, may be made to the James Lester Sabatino Memorial Fund, c/o Moody Funeral Home, P.O. Box 307, Stuart, VA 24171. Moody Funeral Home in Stuart is serving the Sabatino family, and online condolences may be sent by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

Sally Anne McLaughlin

Sally Anne McLaughlin, 90, of Limerick, Pennsylvania (and more recently Stuart, VA), died September 6, 2023 at the Northern Regional Hospital in Mount Airy.

Sally was born on August 29, 1933 to Sarah "Sadie" & Patrick Nolan in Rosemont, Pennsylvania. She married Roger P. McLaughlin on April 23, 1953. They had six children: Roger, Sallyanne, Joan, Francyne, and "the twins" Timothy & Thomas.

Sally was a master of many careers, from hospitality management to school administration. One of her most valued roles was mother and matriarch to a large family of 18, including children & grandchildren. Sally was passionate about volunteering and giving back to her commu-



nity. She was a member of the Red Hats Society. She volunteered at the polls and community centers. Sally was a big part of her church family and earned the position of Eurchuarist Deacon in the Catholic Church, which she used to take communion to homebound community members.

She was an avid swimmer, reader, and card player. An excellent baker of Irish soda bread from a recipe

that she learned at her mother's side.

Sally is survived by 5 children - Sallyanne McLaughlin, Joan (David) Gardner, Francyne McLaughlin-Roberts, Timothy (Dee) McLaughlin, and Thomas (Tammy) McLaughlin; 12 grandchildren - Matthew, Brian, Michael, Kirk, Sadie, Allyson, Chris, Alexis, Daray, Stephanie, Holly, and Thomas; 9 great-grandchildren; and her sister and brother-in-law, Patsy and Vince DeSanctis.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister (Rose), one son (Roger), one daughter-in-law (Gloria), and two sons-in-law (Julian and Daniel).

Services will be held at a future date in her home state of Pennsylvania.

Grant earmarked for Tri-Area Health

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through its Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program, has awarded \$100,000 to Tri-Area Community Health Center.

The center serves residents in the counties of Patrick, Carroll, Floyd, Franklin, and Grayson counties, as well as the City of Galax.

Ninth District U.S. Rep. Morgan Griffith visited Tri-Area Community Health Center's Ferrum location

vides to the region.

"Community health centers provide vital medical services to many in rural areas, including Virginia's Ninth District," Griffith said last week after learning about the award. "Having recently visited Tri-Area Community Health in Ferrum, I know firsthand the funding announced today by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will help the Center continue to provide comprehensive medical services to those in need."

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The Priority of Prayer

By Pastor Wayne Moore
High Point Baptist Church

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“And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.” Mark 1:35

Jesus was an early riser. This verse puts great emphasis on the time of day. It was early in the morning, a great while before daylight, when Jesus got up to start the day. What makes this even more remarkable is what Jesus did the night before. Mark 1:32-34 records that “When evening came, after the sun had set, they brought to him all those who were sick and demon-possessed. The whole town was assembled at the door, and he healed many who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons.”

The reason the people waited until sundown to bring all their sick folk to Jesus was because that is when the Sabbath day ended. It was not lawful for them to bring them earlier. The Bible does not give an exact time, but Jesus must have worked well into the night healing the sick. Despite going to bed late, Jesus still rose up early the next morning. I am going to guess that there are a lot of people who stay up late on Saturday night, but not for the reason Jesus did. I also guess that few people get up before daybreak on Sunday morning to do what Jesus did. He got up early to pray.

The Bible uses extra words to let us know that Jesus did not stay in the house where He slept to pray. “He went out and departed into a solitary place.” Jesus went somewhere that He would not disturb Peter’s family and the other disciples who were staying in the house. I like the King James translation, “solitary.” The King James Version correctly translates the same word as “wilderness” in verses three, four, twelve, and thirteen. It translates it as “desert” in verse forty-five. But since there was no desert near Capernaum, the mean-

ing is “solitary.” Jesus deliberately went to a place where He would not be disturbed. He wanted a peaceful, quiet place to spend time alone in prayer.

Solitude and prayer are difficult things for me to include in my busy life. I know the priority prayer should have in my life. I know that, without prayer, I run out of energy, wisdom, and passion. I know that prayer is vital to my relationship with Christ. And yet, everything else tries to crowd prayer out of my life. Finding a time and place to pray is about priority. We are more likely to do what we prioritize. If our priority is sleep, we will hit the snooze button. If our priority is work, we will immediately get busy. If our priority is fellowship with our heavenly Father, we will find a time and place to spend with Him.

Inevitably, our prayer times will often be disturbed. No matter how hard we try to find a time and place to spend in solitude, something will come along to interrupt it. The same thing happened to Jesus. Mark 1:36-37 goes on to say that “Simon and his companions searched for him, and when they found him, they said, “Everyone is looking for you.” Jesus did not get upset or distracted by what people wanted. He simply ended His prayer time and continued with God’s will for His day: “And he said to them, ‘Let’s go on to the neighboring villages so that I may preach there too. This is why I have come.’” (Mark 1:38) The reason He did not get upset or give in to the people’s wants was because He made prayer a priority. Even though His prayer time was interrupted, it was not hindered. He made it difficult for anyone or anything to disturb Him. He was praying long before His disciples could find Him.

Your prayer time may not be in the same place or at the same time as others. That’s okay, as long as it is a priority to you and you have taken steps to protect it. May the Lord bless your time alone with Him.

BIBLE TRIVIA

BY WILSON CASEY

1. Is the book of Jehoshaphat (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Revelation 8, what’s the falling star called when the third angel sounded? Armageddon, Wormwood, Rapture, Zabulon
3. Who carried a letter from the king of Syria to the king of Israel? Stephen, Naaman, John the Baptist, Delilah
4. From 2 Chronicles 11, Rehoboam took 18 wives and how many “score” of concubines? One, Two,

- Three, Four
5. What name did the apostles give to Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus? Barnabas, Cephas, Amos, Gideon
 6. In 2 Corinthians, who traveled to Corinth to help pick up an offering for needy saints? Vitas, Timothy, Philemon, Titus
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Wormwood, 3) Naaman, 4) Three, 5) Barnabas, 6) Titus
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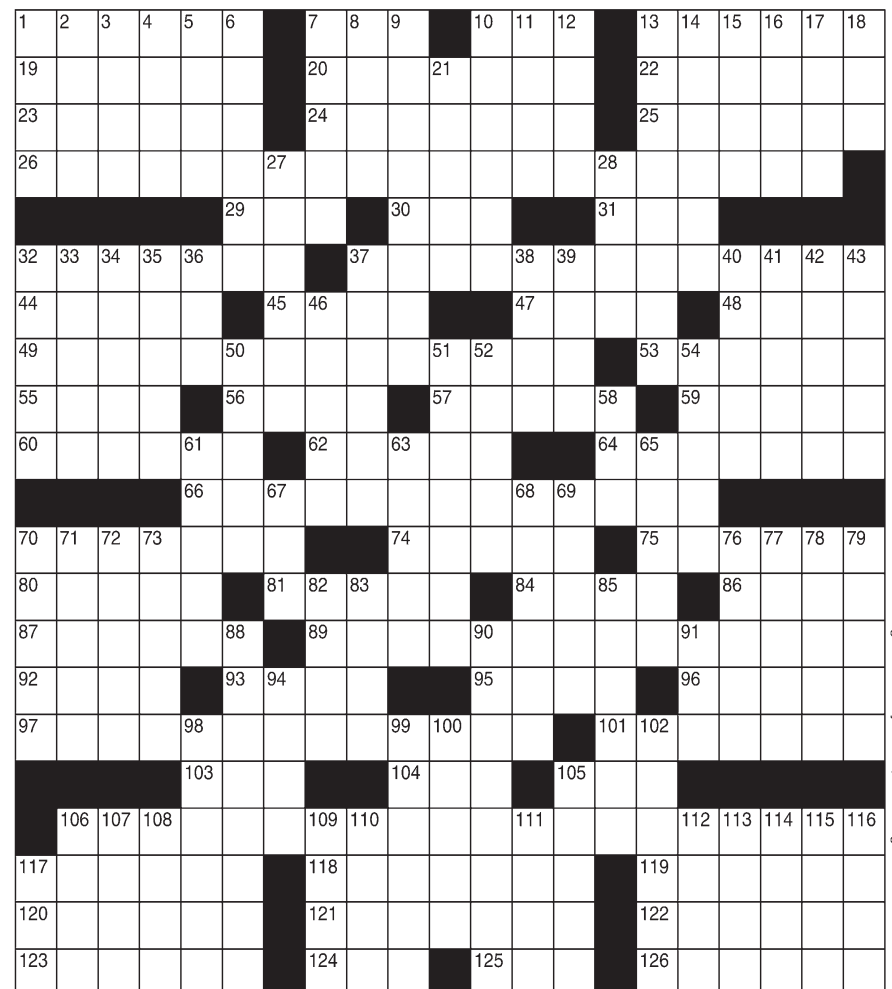


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 - 7 TV title alien
 - 10 Garden pond fish
 - 13 Cause to blunder
 - 19 Cook too long
 - 20 Ned of NASCAR
 - 22 Ned of “The D.A.”
 - 23 Appear gradually, as a scene
 - 24 “No, seriously!”
 - 25 Surrounded by
 - 26 Mountain laurel
 - 29 Clumsy type
 - 30 Stocking stuffer
 - 31 It’s charged
 - 32 Alternative to ChapStick
 - 37 “Old Folks at Home”
 - 44 Vital artery
 - 45 Spellbound
 - 47 1989-2007 senator Trent
 - 48 Stein fillers
 - 49 Blue spruce
 - 53 Propose a date to
 - 55 Author Ferber
 - 56 Pro — (in proportion)
 - 57 “— a customer”
 - 59 Joe of “GoodFellas”
 - 60 Clinton aide Myers
 - 62 Susan of “Goldengirl”
 - 64 Eurasian animal with antlers
 - 66 “North to the Future”
 - 70 Used up
 - 74 118-Across was one
 - 75 Printing goofs
 - 80 Humdinger
 - 81 Reformer
 - 84 “OK” from Tom Sawyer to Aunt Polly
 - 86 Workplace welfare org.
 - 87 Fuddy-duddies
 - 89 Topaz
 - 92 Relative of a lutz
 - 93 Bullfight yells
 - 95 Israeli airline
 - 96 Right wrongs
 - 97 Cactus wren
 - 101 Went in date to
 - 103 To the — power
 - 104 Savings acct. accrual
 - 105 Hail, basically
 - 106 Some legislators (or the theme of this puzzle?)
 - 117 Arrived by plane
 - 118 Opera legend Pavarotti
 - 119 Make a comment
 - 120 Response to “You’d never do that!”
 - 121 Ill-fated NASA mission of 1967
 - 122 And others, to Ovid
 - 123 Dwelt
 - 124 Round bread of India
 - 125 Subj. for some immigrants
 - 126 Passable
- DOWN**
- 1 Tip politely, as one’s hat
 - 2 Human face’s shape
 - 3 Whoop — (extravagant fanfare)
 - 4 Expanded
 - 5 Sedgwick of whose seat is Fairfield
 - 6 Marilyn of “Niagara”
 - 7 In — (pronto)
 - 8 Desktop illuminator
 - 9 No longer being detained
 - 10 Sax celebrity
 - 11 Soulful Redding
 - 12 Really tiny
 - 13 “Saturday Night Fever” star
 - 14 Hard Italian cheese
 - 15 “Sure, put me down”
 - 16 Toenail treatment, informally
 - 17 Astral bear
 - 18 Coffee holder
 - 21 Rambled
 - 27 Mexican city due south of Dallas
 - 28 Elevate
 - 32 Waiting with — breath
 - 33 2013 Grammy winner for “Royals”
 - 34 Dunne of classic films
 - 35 Lieu
 - 36 Chinese ideal
 - 37 California county whose seat is Fairfield
 - 38 Sign word after “Ye”
 - 39 Stocking stuffer
 - 40 Worked on a leaf collection?
 - 41 “You beat me”
 - 42 Tennis tie
 - 43 Up and about
 - 46 Gained access to
 - 50 Refrigeration fluid
 - 51 Workers with shingles, maybe
 - 52 Kofi, once of the U.N.
 - 54 Caveman’s weapon
 - 58 Scrub nurses’ sites, in brief
 - 61 Be hammy
 - 63 Tribal pole emblem
 - 65 — Mountain (Vermont ski resort)
 - 67 Two fives
 - 68 — Marymount University
 - 69 Stadium’s kin
 - 70 Britcom of the ‘90s
 - 71 Pope before Paul V
 - 72 Coors offering
 - 73 Trade group
 - 76 GPS calculation
 - 77 1941 Oscar winner Mary
 - 78 Scottish title
 - 79 Emitted a contented sigh
 - 82 Ending for golden or New
 - 83 Arnaz of TV
 - 85 Decide on
 - 88 Toned down
 - 90 Outside clearance event, of a sort
 - 91 Quite chubby
 - 94 Bert with lion lines
 - 98 Not delayed
 - 99 Diamond substitute
 - 100 Baseball pioneer Buck emblem
 - 102 Came closer
 - 105 One way to fry food
 - 106 Chunky slice
 - 107 Garr of films
 - 108 Spellbound
 - 109 Flair
 - 110 Cocooned
 - 111 Son of Seth
 - 112 Head, in Haiti
 - 113 Classroom insect
 - 115 Bard’s Ireland
 - 116 Revue sketch
 - 117 Pill-OK’ing agcy.



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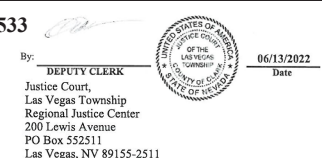
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² When service of the Summons is made by publication, the Summons shall, in addition to any special statutory requirements, also contain a brief statement of the object of the action substantially as follows: "This action is brought to recover a judgment for the sum of (indicate dollar amount), due and owing." or as the case may be. (JCRCP4(b)).



Ararat Club reviews summer projects

The Ararat Ruritan Club is wrapping up its third quarter community service projects.

A Community Appreciation Day/Cruise-In honoring local veterans and first responders kicked off the summer season in mid-May, and many members placed flags on area veterans' graves for Memorial Day.

In June, the club recognized the State Champion PCHS Cougar Baseball Team, and the club sponsored the newly formed Stuart Ruritan Club. Monthly Nutrition Education Workshops started up in July, led by certified nutrition-

ist (and past president) Kathleen Loveland. The club's Bingo players brought in school supplies which were donated to Blue Ridge Elementary School, along with other supplies bought by the club.

"Meet the Candidates Night" was hosted by the club in August with a really good turnout of folks learning more about each candidate for offices that are on this November's county election ballot. The club also hosted a Crime Watch Meeting and American Red Cross Blood Drive in August. (

During the August business meeting, the three scholarship

winners and their families were treated to a covered dish meal and were presented with their scholarships, which were announced in May for the graduating seniors.

The Ararat Ruritan Club recently made a donation to the Patrick County Bookmobile. Jo Slate, longtime Ruritan member and Bookmobile patron, presented Gayle Wagoner with the club's donation.

Upcoming events at the Ararat Ruritan Club building include a pancake breakfast on Saturday, September 16 from 7:30 - 10:30 a.m., Tom Talks History on Saturday, September 23 at 10 a.m.,

featuring Danny Martin's book on Moonshining, monthly nutritional workshop on Friday, September 29 at 7 p.m., and a Bone Marrow Drive in honor of the memory of McRay Smith on Saturday, September 30 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Our annual BBQ/Cruise-In is set for Saturday, October 21 from noon-6 p.m., and raffle tickets are now available for our Christmas Cash Giveaway.

Find the Ararat Ruritan Club on Facebook to keep up with our events and projects, or join us for our monthly meeting on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.



The Ararat Ruritan Club hosted a Meet the Candidates Night in August.



Irene Smith and Chloe Wright are pictured with Scholarship Committee members Ray Smith (retired teacher) and Kevin Smith.



Ruritan National Director and club member Merlin Scales, who also is a member of the Red Bank Ruritan Club, is pictured during his recent blood donation.



Jo Slate, longtime Ruritan member and Bookmobile patron, presented Gayle Wagoner with a donation from the Ararat Ruritan Club.



Club Vice-president Tom Perriello is pictured presenting to Macy Hall. (Contributed photos)

Constitution Week is Sept. 17-23

The United States Constitution is the oldest

constitution still in active use in the world today and is the basic document of our republic. It protects the individual liberties of all citizens through written law. The signing of the Constitution occurred on September 17, 1787 when 39 delegates to the Constitutional Convention, representing 12 states endorsed the document.

The observance of Constitution Week runs annually from September 17 to September 23. It was officially enacted on August 2, 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower from a congressional resolution petitioned by the Daughters of the American Revolution, DAR.

A proclamation from the Town Council of Stuart, VA, signed by Mayor K. Ray Weiland, proclaims the week of September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week and "...ask(s) our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties."

The Colonel Abram Penn Chapter NSDAR invites the public to visit the Patrick County Library in Stuart during Constitution Week

and enjoy the display of the Constitution. The Chapter encourages you to celebrate Constitution Week by resolving to be better informed and responsible citizens. Read the Constitution.

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Meetings

Thursday, Sept. 14
The Patrick County School Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the School Board Office.

Monday, Sept. 18
The Patrick & Henry Community College Board Academic & Student Affairs Committee will meet at 11 a.m. in Room 124 in the Frith Economic Development Center. The board's Legislative Committee will meet at 11 a.m. in Room 133 in the Frith Economic Development Center. Both are public meetings, but public comment will not be received.

The Patrick & Henry Community College Board will meet at 11:30 p.m. in the Hooker Exhibit Hall, Frith Economic Development Center. This is a public meeting, but the Board will not receive public comment.

Tuesday, Sept. 18
The Patrick County Planning Commission will have a sub-committee work session meeting at 4 p.m., followed by a regular business meeting at 6 p.m. The meetings will be at Patrick & Henry Community College (Stuart Site) in the Community Room.

Wednesday, Sept. 20
The Stuart Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the Town Office.

Monday, Sept. 27
The Patrick County Economic Development Authority (EDA) will meet at 7 p.m. in the Patrick County Administration Building.

Events

Wednesday, Sept. 13
The Patrick County Community Food Bank will hold a food distribution day at the Stuart site from 8:30-11 a.m. and from 5-6:30 p.m. There will be a morning distribution in Ararat from 8:30-11 a.m., and an evening distribution in Meadows of Dan from 5-6:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 15
The Woolwine Methodist food truck will be at the Fairystone Volunteer Fire Department from 3-4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 16
The Fairystone Volunteer Fire Department

Ladies Auxiliary will hold a country breakfast from 6:30-10 a.m. at 6687 Fairystone Park Highway (57 West), Stuart. Dine-in prices are \$10 for an adult plate and \$5 for a child plate. All to go plates are \$10 each. To place an order for pick up, call (276) 930-2113.

Francisco Farmfest 2023, Old Fashioned County Fair, with tractor parades, a farm equipment show and lots of other activities, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 7165 NC HWY 89 West, Westfield, N.C.

Sunday, Sept. 17
High Point Baptist Church on Big A School Road will hold a Homecoming Service at 11 a.m. Singing will be by Yvonne Hughes and Shelley Roberts, with preaching by Paul Heman. A potluck meal will be served following the service.

The Goard Family Reunion will be held at the Patrick Springs Fire Department at 1 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 21
The Carroll County Genealogy Club will meet at 5 p.m. in the Historical Courthouse on Mainstreet in Hillsville.

Friday, Sept. 22
The Patrick County Library will hold an educational presentation about Medicare and Social Security starting at 12 p.m. A similar program will be presented at noon on Friday, Oct. 20.

A Spaghetti Supper will be held at the Dobyans Community Building from 4-7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 23
Middle Cross Youth Yard Sale, 59 Wayside Road, Stuart, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds go to youth fund for outreach programs.

Saturday, Oct. 7
The Woolwine Methodist Women will be making apple butter and having a yard sale starting at 9 a.m.

Ongoing

Ross Harbour Church, 6260 Elamsville Road, will collect pennies, loose change of any other form of money to benefit The Penny House from 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10

a.m. till noon each Saturday in September.

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

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

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

The Patrick County Parks and Recreation Office is accepting football registration for the 2023-2024 school year. Students who are currently in grades k-7 are eligible to participate in the program. Registration forms are available at any elementary school or parents can call the recreation office at (276) 694-3917 to register their children. The deadline for registration is Friday, Sept. 8. Games will begin the first week of Oct.

Messianic Bible Study, Fridays from 6-7:30 p.m. Event is for anyone wanting a deeper understanding of the Old Testament and how it relates to us now. Come and discover the Hebrew side of the Christian Faith during the meetings held at The Honey Pot, 106 N. Main St., Stuart (across from The Coffee Break). Call (276) 694-2356 for more information.

Last Tuesday of each month, Golden Oldies, Open Jam at Willis Gap Community Center, 144 The Hollow Road, Ararat, with 50s, 60s, 70s Rock and Roll. Doors open at 6 p.m. Music gets underway at 7. Food is available.

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Grant Opportunity for Folk & Traditional Arts Projects in Central Appalachia

Mid Atlantic Arts' Central Appalachia Living Traditions: Folk and Traditional Arts Experiences grants fund public-facing projects and events in Appalachian Regional Commission-designated counties of Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia that bring community members together around folk and traditional arts practice and cultural knowledge. Funded projects will encourage broad public awareness, understanding, and appreciation of living traditions and/or grow and disseminate artistic skill and cultural knowledge within the community. Because this program intends to diversify and expand the types of folk arts and cultural activities available in communities

throughout the region, applications must be for new projects or projects that expand and/or diversify existing programming.

Non-profit organizations and folk and traditional artists/practitioners in ARC-designated counties of Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia are eligible to apply for grant amounts from \$1,000 to \$10,000. No match is required. The majority of project activities must take place within the designated counties.

Eligible project activities include but are not limited to hands-on learning experiences, workshops where traditional artistic practices are taught or demonstrated to the public or a group of peer practitioners, public art projects, exhibi-

tions of folk and traditional art, a performance project or series, film/video, podcast, or archival collection or fieldwork with a significant public-facing component.

Priority will be given to projects that engage multi-generational participants as well as projects occurring in communities identified as under-resourced or marginalized, including the most geographically remote counties in the region.

To apply, review our guidelines here and apply at midatlanticarts.org. Applications opened September 5.

The deadline for applications is October 20.

Contact Joel Chapman, Program Associate, Folk and Traditional

Arts, at jchapman@midatlanticarts.org with questions or for additional information.



Meadows of Dan class gathers



Meadows of Dan High School's Class of 1964 reunited recently. Pictured, (L to R) are Hilda Stanley Vivier, Maurice "Smockey" Shelor, Evelena Newman Dalton, Joan Lawson Griffin, Ruby Boyd Asbury, Richard Conner, Buford Jessup. The photo was taken at the September 3, 2023, Ice Cream Social/Memorial Service honoring Gary Cockram, a classmate who passed away July 20, 2021.

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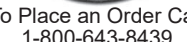
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Harvest season has started

As we head into fall, harvest season is in full swing in various communities. Pictured is hay being harvested at Laurel Hill Park, 1091 Hill Ararat Highway, Ararat. (Photos by Mary Dellenback Hill)



Elizabeth's Garden, with bales of hay beyond.



Looking down from the (house site). On the lower left is the Commemorative Pavilion with a Memorial Brick Floor.



The Picnic Pavillion on the right going into the park, Notice the two small shrubs at the bottom left. Two of 17 (Dark Pink Crepe Myrtle) shrubs were planted recently.

The Landmark Center Celebrates National Assisted Living Week

Established by the National Center for Assisted Living in 1995, National Assisted Living Week (NALW) is held this year Sept. 10-16. This year's theme, "Season of Reflection," encourages assisted living communities around the country to host a variety of events that honor the individuals who reside, work, and volunteer in these communities.

The Landmark Center in Stuart scheduled a variety of activities to celebrate with all who come together to create great memories for residents. They kicked off the week on Sunday, Sept. 10 with a Grandparents Day Friends and Family Dessert Bar, where residents and their guests enjoyed delicious desserts prepared by the dietary staff and had photos taken with their families.

Monday, September 11 was recognized as a Day of Reflection with staff and residents dressing in their favorite 50s or 60s outfits. Dining services provided hot dogs, hamburgers and milk shakes for everyone for lunch.

Tuesday recognized the National Day of Encouragement, with everyone wearing tie dye and residents making their own tie dye shirts in activities. Landmark staff gave away homemade cookies with encouraging messages for student night at the Fair.

Uncle Sam Day is Wednesday, and everyone will be wearing red, white and blue. Uncle Sam himself will be around all day giving out goodies and prizes to residents, and Landmark will be giving away hats at their fair booth.

Thursday celebrates Virginia Day, and everyone will be wearing Virginia-related apparel. The Landmark is hosting an Afternoon Tour and Tea at 2:00 and will be offering special move-in deals for anyone thinking of residency there. As part of Senior Citizen Night at the Fair, bottles of water with Landmark coozies and large-print seek-a-word puzzle books will be the giveaways.

Rounding out the week on Friday, Landmark and Blue Ridge Therapy will be teaming up at the Stuart Farmers' Market with blood pressure checks and a free breakfast table for the community. Staff and residents will enjoy a big party in the game room, and the drawing for the big screen TV will be held at the Fair.

The Patrick County Historical Society and Museum partnered with Landmark to loan out historical photographs of Patrick County as well as other items that residents might remember from their youth. These will be on display throughout the month of September, and visitors are encouraged to enjoy them.

The Landmark Center thanks all family and friends who are helping them celebrate Assisted Living Week.

Memorial Ride raises \$16,000 for charity

Local Stuart Eagles Aerie #4007, along with many selfless donors, raised an amazing \$16,000 for the Ronald McDonald House on Saturday.

The 3rd Annual Garland Hall Memorial Ride on September 9th was a little rainy, but folks still turned out and came together to support a great cause making it the

biggest annual event to date. Thank you to ALL that donated auction items, money, time and effort for the children and their families in medical need locally and regionally.



Three local students named to SNHU's President's List

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) cited the following students on being named to the Summer 2023 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

- Emily Keith of Stuart;
- Gracie Luckado of Ararat;
- Pamela Paquette of Patrick Springs.

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

Electronic Title Transfer now offered for Qualified Vehicle Sales

As part of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV's) renewed efforts to provide superior service to Virginians, the agency is expanding its already extensive menu of online options on its newly designed website. Qualified vehicle buyers and sellers now have the ability to transfer vehicle ownership electronically. The electronic titling (e-titling) program gives an individual selling a vehicle to an individual buyer the ability to transfer the title through DMV's website.

The seller, buyer, and vehicle must meet certain requirements in order to take advantage of the e-titling program. Requirements for e-title transfer include:

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- *Sale is one owner to one buyer
- *No liens present on the title
- *No holds on customers' accounts
- *Sale for a passenger vehicle (car, sport utility vehicle, truck; no trailers, mopeds or all-terrain vehicles)

"The next time you buy a car from someone who isn't a dealer, you may be able to transfer ownership without having to go to a DMV office," said DMV Commissioner Gerald Lackey. "With the launch of our reimagined website, we continue to look for innovative ways that allow Virginians to take care of their DMV business anytime and anywhere."

For a complete list of e-titling requirements, visit dmv.virginia.gov/etitle.

IALR to lead regional work-based learning collab

The Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (IALR) will lead the new Virginia Talent + Opportunity Partnership (V-TOP) Innovative Internship effort serving Southern Virginia. Involving higher education institutions, K-12, economic development organizations and employers, this collaborative will promote and develop opportunities for employers and students to connect through work-based learning. It will also help prepare both students and employers for those opportunities.

“Working with excellent partners, IALR has a proven track record in developing and growing work-based learning programs and activities that make a tangible impact on the regional economy. We are excited to lead this collaborative, which will improve the work-based learning landscape across 15 localities in Southern Virginia,” said Dr. Julie Brown, Vice President of Advanced Learning.

This collaboration will have a positive and measurable impact on:

- The number of work-based learning opportunities provided to regional students

- The number of organizations providing high-quality work-based learning opportunities

A \$250,000 grant from the State Council for Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV) funds this initiative. IALR is the ninth and final regional collaborative grant, which is part of a larger effort by SCHEV to expand work-based learning opportunities across the Commonwealth. Similar efforts are being led by Northern Virginia Community College, James Madison University, UVA-Wise, the University of Mary Washington, Virginia Tech, Virgin-

ia Commonwealth University (in partnership with ChamberRVA), Old Dominion University and the University of Virginia (in collaboration with Virginia Career Works – Piedmont).

These grant funds will empower employers to improve their work-based learning initiatives and connect with students. The primary goal of the collaborative will be to inventory, promote and improve work-based learning and internship opportunities across Southern Virginia. Through surveys and joint meetings, IALR and partners will explore how to expand work-based learning opportunities and better connect businesses and talent. The collaborative will seek to identify and share work-based learning best practices and support options.

Organizations, businesses, economic development organizations and educational institutions in V-TOP Region 3 should contact Jessie Vernon about participating in this collaborative.

“The grant was awarded to the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research to help coordinate efforts with other partners and employers to expand quality paid and credit-bearing student internships and work-based learning opportunities in Southern Virginia. This marks a milestone for the Virginia Talent + Opportunity Partnership (V-TOP), which is pleased to have all nine regions represented,” said Alisha Bazemore, Assistant Director of Innovative Work-Based Learning Initiatives with SCHEV.

Over the last decade, IALR has served as Southern Virginia’s lead intermediary for many career exposure and engagement opportu-



Kendall Moore, a Coding and Robotics Intern for the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (IALR), explored several design concepts before landing on a hydroponics system to be incorporated into IALR’s SMART Tables. Moore studies Aerospace Engineering at the University of Virginia.

nities for K12 and postsecondary students, convening partners and securing extramural funds to support various career development initiatives. Current work-based learning opportunities IALR supports include apprenticeships, internships, mock interview days, teacher externships and high school teamships. This collaborative will extend the impact of IALR’s existing work-based learning framework to better support students at the postsecondary level, resulting in two net new offerings:

- Internship opportunities for college freshmen and sophomores during the academic year

- An interview/hiring event for high school and college internships

V-TOP seeks to better connect students, higher education and employers to facilitate more and

improved work-based learning opportunities. Funded through the Commonwealth Innovative Internship Fund and Program, Virginia TOP is supported by the Virginia Chamber Foundation, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and the Virginia Business Higher Education Council.

The Institute for Advanced Learning and Research serves Virginia as a regional catalyst for economic transformation with applied research, advanced learning, advanced manufacturing, conference center services and economic development efforts. IALR’s major footprint focuses within Southern Virginia, including the counties of Patrick, Henry, Franklin, Pittsylvania, Halifax and Mecklenburg along with the cities of Martinsville and Danville.

Workshop extols the benefits of trees

Master Gardeners Jessica Hines, Jen Harrison and Norma Bozenmayer taught a work-

shop on the benefits of trees while Landmark artists created a whimsical tree to be displayed

in their activity room. The oak tree can support over 700 species of native insects. For information

on trees or Master Gardener programs email mgpcva@gmail.com.



National observance reminds agriculturalists to prioritize safety on the job

Some of the nation’s most vital workers face life-threatening situations every day.

“Agriculture, fishing and forestry workers encounter hazards daily that put their health and well-being at risk,” said Laura Siegel, health communications officer for the Agri-Safe Network. “Through accessible education, we can lower their risk and help them to live long, healthy lives.”

AgriSafe is a nonprofit organization representing health professionals and educators who are striving to reduce health disparities in agricultural communities.

Recent data indicates that the agricultural sector is still the most dangerous in America with 573 fatalities in 2019—equal to 23.1 deaths per 100,000 workers. In 2021, 4.6 workers per every 100 were ill or injured on the job, ac-

ording to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

To remind agriculturalists to prioritize safety in the workplace, the U.S. has observed National Farm Safety and Health Week since 1944. It’s held during the third week of September, during harvest season—one of the busiest and most dangerous times of the year for farmers.

The annual observance returns Sept. 17-23 with the theme “No One Can Take Your Place.” This reminds farmers of their immeasurable value—providing food, fuel, fiber and a future for agriculture.

Daily themes include equipment and rural roadway safety, health and wellness, priority populations, confined spaces and brain health.

Becky Broaddus, a member of the Virginia Farm Bureau Farm Safety Advisory Committee, said it’s im-

portant to help spread awareness of stress’ impact on mental health. Broaddus has led a series of mental health trainings for individuals who work with farmers.

“Being mentally healthy is important for everyone on the farm,” Broaddus said. “Anyone who is dealing with mental health issues may not be as physically capable of working or thinking clearly—both of which increase the chance of injury on the farm.”

Also slated for the week is a series of free webinars on relevant health and safety topics hosted by AgriSafe.

“While we provide year-round trainings virtually and in-person, National Farm Safety and Health Week is when we get the most attention and can make the greatest impact,” Siegel said.

AgriSafe will provide 10 free ed-

ucational webinars Sept. 18-22 via Zoom with Spanish interpretation. Topics include ATV and chainsaw safety; infectious disease prevention on farms; cardiovascular health; mental health access for farmworkers; confined spaces on dairy farms; grain entrapment prevention and response; and managing stress and mental health.

For more information or to register, visit agrisafe.org/nfshw/.

Additional farm safety resources can be accessed through the VFBF safety website, which addresses topics such as accident response, agricultural hazards, mental health and rural road safety. Site content also includes links to safety resources offered by other farming advocacy organizations.

For a suite of resources addressing youth farm safety, visit cultivatesafety.org.

New members inducted into Patrick County High School's Beta Club



Patrick County High School recently held its National Beta Club induction ceremony. On August 29, 35 students were inducted into the National Senior Beta Club, and 17 students were welcomed into the National Junior Beta Club at Patrick County High School.

These students were selected for membership based on their academic achievement and character and joined more than 500,000 members across the world. National Beta Club is the largest independent, non-profit, educational youth group in the United States. The National Beta Club serves to promote principles of academic achievement, leadership, and service.

The ceremony began with a brief introduction from Patrick County High School's principal, Hope Perry, followed by a short speech from Senior Beta sponsor, Kristie Bentley. Mrs. Bentley discussed the requirements to join this prestigious organization as well as congratulated the new inductees for their outstanding achievement. She then introduced the 2023-2024 Sr. Beta officers who discussed the

eight core values of the National Beta Club; these values include charity, service, humility, justice, industriousness, responsibility, cooperation, and honesty. The new Senior Beta Club members were then officially inducted, followed by the induction of the new Junior Beta Club members.

The PCHS Beta Club is one of the oldest in the nation, and has been inducting members since 1937. The club sponsors, as well as returning members, are excited to continue this tradition by welcoming the new members into this organization. The PCHS Beta Club is proud of its new members, and looks forward to seeing how they contribute to the club.

Perry told the new inductees, "I look forward to seeing how membership in this prestigious organization will impact you and how you, in turn, will impact National Beta Club," a sentiment shared by all those involved in the PCHS Beta Club.

Sr Beta sponsors, Kristie Bentley and Jonathan Turchek, as well as Junior Beta sponsors Cami Conner and Allison Eames, are looking forward to a wonderful

year. The following students were inducted:

- Joseph Beasley
- Anderson Brim
- Jayden Callahan
- Morgan Cambron
- Mason Cassell
- Taylor Collins
- Madison Corns
- Jason Day
- Mason Fain
- Jahdoir Hairston
- Addisyn Hall
- Kyle Handy
- Kaydence Harman
- Easton Harris
- Peyton Hazelwood
- Chloe Hubbard
- Willow Hylton
- Elyjah Jenkins
- Lily Kelley
- Aubreigh Large
- Jacob Lester
- Fisher Martin
- Hunter Martin
- Nexander Martinez De Jesus
- Draysin Maselli
- Remi Miller
- Angel Plaster
- Nathan Register
- Madison Scott
- Alexia Shuff

- Mason Spencer
- Jacob Spencer
- Lacey Sutphin
- William Vernon
- Paige Whitt
- Isabella Clark
- Caleb Clement
- Karson Gillispie
- Mason Hancock
- Jordan Hardee
- Sierra Hughes
- Nathan Hodges
- Soledad Huerta-Dominguez
- Kiera Hylton
- Mason Keith
- Rylan Montgomery
- Candace Nelson-Hopkins
- Camryn Perkins
- William Smith
- Hailleigh Wingfield
- Anna Witt

In addition to the induction ceremony, the Patrick County High School Sr. Beta Club installed its 2023-2024 officers:

- Heather Edwards- President
- Daryl Lynn Combs- Vice President
- Kylei Blevins- Secretary
- Kylee Holiday- Treasurer
- Kali Craig- Reporter
- Whitley Kruse- Activities Director

Forest School Event at Philpott Lake

Join the Dan River Basin Association (DRBA) and the US Army Corps of Engineers at Philpott Lake for an event that is sure to get the family excited about nature. September 23 is going to be an exciting day at Philpott Lake as we celebrate the US Army Corps of Engineers 70th anniversary at Philpott Lake, along with National Public Lands Day. To commemorate the day, DRBA has partnered with the rangers at Philpott to present a family-friendly event, Forest School.

Forest School will be held on Saturday, September 23, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Philpott Lake Visitor Center, 1058 Philpott Dam Road, Bassett.

"We are looking forward to Forest School, and we are excited that it coincides with National Public Lands Day. We can't think of a better way to celebrate National Public Lands Day, than coming out and learning all about public lands. We are also excited about having the public here to help Philpott Lake celebrate its 70th anniversary," said Dillon Brown, Interpretive Park Ranger, Philpott Lake.

This is a free family event which will provide learning opportunities about our natural resources. Educational exhibits and activities will be set up in the grassy area for youth to participate in, with giveaways. Free meals will be provided to the first 100 youth

and their parents. DRBA's Education Outreach Manager, Krista Hodges, said, "This is going to be a family friendly event that will give children and parents a fun and safe opportunity to learn about nature while also spending time together."

This event is proudly sponsored by the Eco Ambassador Council, local businesses who join together to protect and promote our local natural resources.

DRBA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and promoting the Dan River watershed through recreation, education and stewardship. To learn more about the Dan River Basin Association, visit www.danriver.org.

Initial claims remain at pre-pandemic levels

The number of initial claims decreased in the latest filing week to 2,568 and remained at typical pre-Pandemic volumes experienced in 2019, according to data from the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC).

For the filing week ending September 2, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims in Virginia was 2,568, which was a decrease of 209 claimants from the previous week. Continued weeks claimed totaled 13,092, which was 166 claims lower than the previous week but an increase of 9.5% from the 11,955 continued claims from the comparable week last year. An industry was reported for ninety-three percent of claimants. Of those, over half (51 percent) of continued claims were from professional, scientific, and technical services (1,988), administrative and support and waste management (1,808), health care and social assistance (1,200), and manufacturing (1,176). 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 September 2, the advance U.S. figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 216,000, a decrease of 13,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 228,000 to 229,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs[1], unadjusted, totaled 190,190 in the week ending September 2, a decrease of 3,240 (or -1.7 percent) from the previous week. There were 172,835 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022. Looking at preliminary data, most U.S. states reported decreases on a seasonally unadjusted basis. Ohio's preliminary weekly change (-2,909) was the largest decrease. New York's preliminary weekly change (-2,114) was the second largest decrease. Oregon's preliminary weekly change (-801) was the third largest decrease. Florida's preliminary weekly change (-773) was the fourth largest decrease. Virginia's preliminary weekly change (+99) was the sixteenth largest increase.

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Preserving the Harvest at the Learning Garden

Master Gardeners Carrie Ingles, Donnaah Sparkle, Debbie Hyde, Denny Jennings and Sherry Eastbrooks taught techniques on preserving the garden harvest using canning, dehydration, freezing, fer-

mentation and root cellars. There was also a special presentation on growing and using lavender. The presentations were followed by a feast of lavender cheese, lavender lemonade and tea, special recipes

of pickled okra, carrots and cucumbers as well as dehydrated apples, and zucchini.

The next Learning Garden will be on Saturday October 6, at 10 a.m. 1208 Tudor Orchard Road. Don't

miss the second annual Master Gardener Native Plant Sale on Saturday, October 21, 10 a.m. to noon, held in Uptown Stuart outside the Patrick County Visitors Center.



Mayberry Trading Post hosts music, antique vehicles

Last week, Mayberry Trading Post in Meadows of Dan hosted an antique Plymouth, while Robbie and Betty Vance performed Sock-

Hop favorites. The mercantile is located just off the Blue Ridge Parkway near Meadows of Dan. (By Joanne Hill)



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LEGO Club 4:00													
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LEGO Club 4:00													
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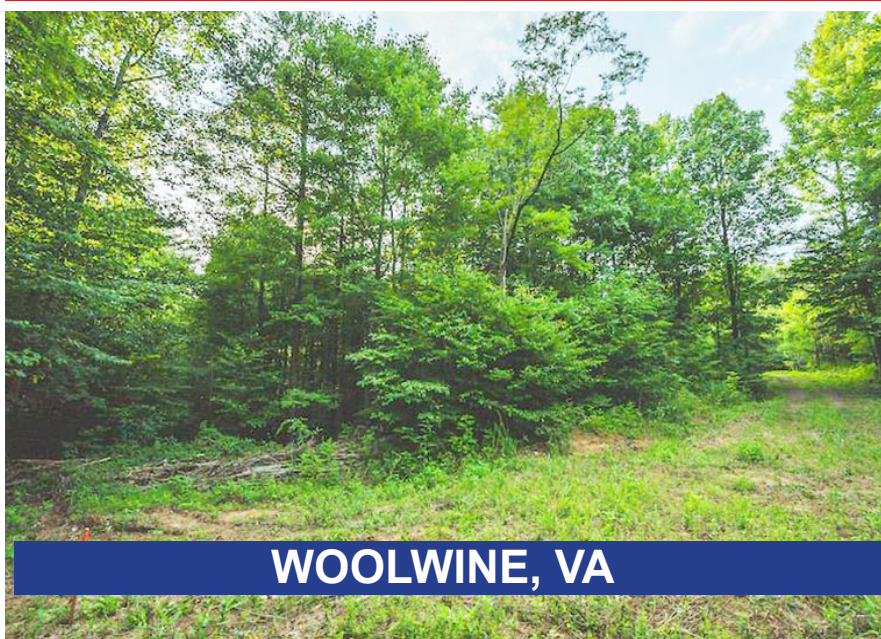


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