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Several injuries reported in Oct. 3 collision

By Taylor Boyd
Three vehicles were involved in a head-on collision on Route 103 on Tuesday, October 3.

Clint Weidhaas, captain of the Stuart Volunteer Fire Department, said the accident occurred at 6:21 a.m. about half a mile past Elastic Plant Road.

“CCDF Fire & Rescue got alerted of a motor vehicle crash involving three vehicles on (Route) 103 with the road blocked and a severe entrapment of one driver,” he said.

Stuart Fire, Francisco Volunteer Fire Department, JEB Stuart Rescue Squad, CCDF Rescue, and Station 8 were also alerted.

“A gold Toyota Sienna van was traveling west on 103 towards Mount Airy, struck a white Chevrolet Express van head on. The van left the roadway and struck a tree head-on afterwards,” he said.

Weidhaas said the Toyota Sienna continued on and struck a Branch Highway pickup. Both of the vehi-

cles came to rest in the roadway, blocking the road.

“There was a significant injury to the driver of the SUV,” Weidhaas said. The driver “was pinned in by the dash of the vehicle. CCDF along with Stuart Fire and Francisco worked to free the patient which took about a good 28 minutes.”

Weidhaas said to free the driver, first responders from CCDF and Stuart Fire removed the driver’s side doors completely, cut off the back of the driver’s seat completely, and used a spreader tool to push the dash off of the victim’s legs.

“These types of rescues can be very technical and time-consuming and taxing for volunteers, but it was a job well done. I think we got the person out in a very reasonable amount of time,” he said.

Weidhaas said four people in the white Chevrolet Express van were injured, in addition to the person pinned in, for a total of five.

Two of those injured in the white



Several people were injured in a multiple vehicle crash on Route 103. (Contributed photos)

van were transported by Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The entrapped party, who appeared to have non-life-threatening injuries, was transported to Martinsville Emergency Room due to the road being blocked in the direction of

Mount Airy, N.C.

Weidhaas estimated the road was completely shut down for about an hour following the accident.

The Virginia State Police is investigating the cause of the accident.

Harrell hopes to hold onto board post

By Taylor Boyd

Two incumbents are battling for the Blue Ridge District seat on the Patrick County School Board in November: Ryan Lawson and Shannon Harrell. Lawson is the current incumbent in the Peters Creek District. He was shuffled to the Blue Ridge District during redistricting.

Harrell, 35, said she believes one of the biggest challenges the school system is facing is accreditation, which is tied to student attendance.

“That can be really difficult because that’s kind of something that’s outside of the school’s control to an extent,” she said.

Harrell said Patrick County High School (PCHS) has been trying to work with positive reinforcement to increase attendance. For example, she said PCHS is holding a competition between the different grades, with the winner to be the one with the best attendance rate.



Shannon Harrell is seeking reelection for the Patrick County School Board’s Blue Ridge District seat.

(See Harrell p.3)

Lawson seeks first term in new district, second term on school board

By Taylor Boyd

Ryan Lawson, the current Peters Creek District representative on the Patrick County School Board, will seek a second term in November, but it would mark his first term in a new district.

Due to redistricting, Lawson is seeking the Blue Ridge District against incumbent Shannon Harrell, in the November election.

By far, budget issues continue to be the biggest concern facing the school division, Lawson, 43, said.

“I think the easiest way to face that would be, of course, continuing with conservative spending, continuing to utilize the one percent sales tax money that we have for all of our capital expenses and the capital improvements we’re continuing to make,” he said.



In his free time Lawson enjoys fishing, camping, and watching his children play sports.

(See Lawson p. 3)

Walmart unveils new services in grand reopening

By Taylor Boyd

Walmart held a grand reopening on Friday, October 6 to celebrate the updates to the store, welcoming customers inside the newly transformed Supercenter to mark the end of the much-anticipated remodel. Walmart associates marked the occasion with a ribbon cutting ceremony, community celebration, and a community inspired mural unveiling by local artist, Bob C. The local VFW chapter provided the presentation of colors.

“As we celebrate the eagerly awaited renovations of our Supercenter, we’re excited to introduce the new upgrades to the Stuart community,” said Sam Barnette, Walmart Store Manager. “Customers can expect an elevated shopping experience, helping them save time and adding access to more items.”

Barnette said Walmart invested \$6.1 million in the renovations, one example of the company’s commitment to the community.

(See Walmart p. 7)



Battle smoke ring

A reenactment during the annual Civil War Encampment & Living History Weekend left a smoke ring on the battlefield. The event was held October 7-8 at Gen. J.E.B. Stuart’s birthplace, Laurel Hill, located in Ararat. See related story p. 17. (By Pat Delaney)



The new mural at Walmart was designed and illustrated by local artist, Bob C.



VFW Chapter 78 provided the Presentation of Colors at Walmart’s grand reopening ceremony.



Walmart held a grand reopening Friday at its supercenter in Stuart.



Several people gathered at Walmart Friday as the store unveiled several new updates.

Leave leaves on yards to aid biodiversity

Edwin J. Viera
Virginia News Connection

A new study finds the autumn chore of raking leaves could be a disservice to budding plant life. The National Wildlife Federation found fallen leaves can be crucial to biodiversity. Experts find keeping leaves in a yard is similar to mulching. The leaves cover roots under plants, suppress weeds, and keep the soil moist. While the group's research finds this is common knowledge, only 25% of people surveyed said they actually leave the leaves.

Holly Shimizu, a board member with the American Horticultural Society, said for a lot of people, it comes down to aesthetics.

"A lot of people, they love everything super neat and tidy, and if you're using leaves as your mulch, it's not going to have that same,

like, totally tidy, neat look," she said. "It's going to be a little bit more natural looking."

But, she added the perception is slowly changing, as more people are working with nature in their gardens. The report reflects this shift as 82% of people surveyed are open to keeping leaves where they are to benefit wildlife.

While keeping leaves has benefits, there are limits to how well this can work.

David Mizejewski, a naturalist with the National Wildlife Federation, said a portion of the yard being covered with leaves can benefit wildlife, but leaving a couple inches of leaves on a lawn will kill it. Either way, bagging leaves is not a better alternative.

"Bagging them up and sending them to the landfill actually is a really bad thing," he said. "It re-



ally contributes some really nasty greenhouse gasses to the atmosphere that are a piece of climate change."

Mizejewski noted some states

have taken action to keep leaves out of local landfills. The U.S. Composting Council finds 17 states have yard debris bans in place.

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P&HCC's Nationally Accredited Early Childhood Program Hosts Connections Event

Patrick & Henry Community College Early Childhood Education program has earned the national Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation - the highest level of accreditation possible for early childhood programs. P&HCC's program is one of 200+ to earn the designation in 2023.

Program director Dr. Jan Harrison said, "NAEYC accreditation identifies P&HCC's Early Childhood Development program as meeting national standards for providing care and education to children, birth to age eight (or third grade). Our graduating students will bring the highest quality of standards into both private and public childcare workforce community, as well as public classrooms as licensed teachers in the state of Virginia. We are excited to provide this level of quality education for our graduating students as they transition to the childcare workforce and provide improved practices for local community programs."

NAEYC has set 10 standards for early childhood programs that can help families make the right choice when they are looking for a childcare center, preschool, or kindergarten. The standards and criteria are also the foundation of the NAEYC Accreditation system for early childhood programs. To earn accreditation, programs must meet all 10 standards: Relationships; Curriculum; Teaching; Assessment of Child Progress; Health; Staff Competencies, Preparation & Support; Families; Community Relationships; Physical Environment; and Leadership & Management.

"While many community colleges offer early childhood education credentials, only a few of these programs are NAEYC accredited. Moreover, in order for local childcare centers to seek NAEYC accreditation, they must employ graduates from NAEYC accredited programs. This has the potential to positively impact local economic development efforts as high quality childcare for workers is always part of the recruiting equation," said P&HCC President Dr. Greg Hodges.

P&HCC's accreditation efforts were launched thanks to a generous \$100,000 donation from the Davenport Foundation. "My wife and I are pleased to support this important program at Patrick & Henry Commu-



Early Childhood Education students participate in a painting activity during Dr. Jan Harrison's course.

nity College. Quality early childhood education is being offered at P&HCC and will make a profound difference in the future of those enrolled," said Ben Davenport.

P&HCC's Early Childhood team will host its annual Community Connections event on Friday, October 13. Students and early childhood education community members are invited to attend the second annual Early Childhood Community Connections Event. Representatives from seven collaborative colleges (Longwood University, Old Dominion University, Radford University, George Mason University, Bluefield University, James Madison University, and Virginia Commonwealth University) will share information about their programs and the required steps students need to take to successfully transfer to their colleges and will also answer any questions students may have. The event will be held in Frith Exhibit Hall from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

"Our annual community connections event is focused on students who are interested in working with children or becoming licensed teachers in the state of Virginia. The event will feature our seven transfer universities, as well as community support agencies to assist students planning to enter the childcare workforce after graduation. All students interested in early childhood education or teaching are welcome and encouraged to attend," said Harrison.

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Harrell

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“So just trying to do some positive reinforcement instead of just the negative like the phone calls and the truancy. So, that’s something we’re facing, just trying to encourage school attendance. We definitely don’t want kids to come if they’re sick, but otherwise we need them there,” she said.

While the schools are still dealing with the learning loss suffered due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Harrell said the teachers and staff have done a really good job at overcoming it, in part because of the adopted Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) curriculum.

“That really works on reading, but it’s a cross curricular program, so students are reading, but they’re also learning some history, learning some government. I think that’s something important that we’ve done to try and get ahead of the learning loss,” she said.

Harrell said the school division went through different curriculums and picked the CKLA curriculum and “kind of was ahead of the game compared to the rest of the state of Virginia” because it was one of the few school systems that went ahead and used it.

“So now with all the really good numbers coming back from that where it’s helped increase our reading scores and stuff in our lower grade levels, it looks like a lot more school systems are going to adopt something like that,” she said.

To help address the learning loss, Harrell said the school system is also trying to have more teaching assistants and keep class siz-

es small, so the student to teacher ratio is better. That will allow for more one-on-one time between students and teachers. The school division also implemented some positions it didn’t have before to try and help with the learning loss.

Harrell believes public involvement is important as the school board serves the public.

“We’ve been trying to have the schools send out more information. So, like at the high school, I know they post a lot of stuff on Facebook,” she said.

At Meadows of Dan Elementary School, Harrell said a weekly phone call to parents lets them know what will be going on that week, such as drills, to allow parents to speak to their children about it. Schools are also releasing newsletters to let parents know how they can be more involved.

“We’re also having more volunteer training so that parents or community members can come be a part of the schools. We always welcome people to come to our meetings,” she said.

Harrell said she supports transparency as long as it’s not a situation where one has to protect the students’ rights.

She also thinks schools are already transparent, and noted when there’s been a lockdown drill or a teaching lockdown, schools have notified the parents to let them know what’s going on.

Harrell said she believes the school division is excelling academically.

“We’ve been recognized as one of the top schools in our cohort, which

compares our students’ scores to those in surrounding counties and in the state of Virginia, and then in the United States,” she said.

As the students are being recognized, Harrell believes it’s a testimony to the students, community, and school staff.

Harrell said the school division is currently making improvements, primarily because of the one percent sales tax.

“We’re being able to make improvements to some of the areas that maybe have been neglected because of a lack of funding,” she said. “So, we’re making those improvements like with the bathrooms and locker rooms at the high school, it’s just not for sports it’s going to be for Title 9 compliance for male and female, and then also for our students with disability it allows them to have a larger area.” Improvements will also be made to the PCHS tennis courts and football field lights and to the other schools’ bathrooms.

“It’s not that necessarily that anything was broken, but it’s nice to be able to go in and make some updates that maybe were overdue,” she said.

Harrell believes people should vote for her because she gives the teacher perspective on the board.

“I’ve been an educator for 15 years, so I think that’s the role that I serve on the board is to ask those questions from the teacher’s perspective or from the educator’s perspective,” she said.

Harrell is also invested in the community as she’s a mother of two children and understands what it’s

like to have children in the schools.

As a coach, she works with the Patrick County Parks and Recreation Department, and serves on the board’s gifted committee, transportation committee, and recreation department committee.

Throughout her tenure, Harrell said she’s had good communication with the people who have contacted her with their issues.

“I’ve been thanked by numerous staff members, not just teachers, but bus drivers and other people who work in the school system. You know, they’re just grateful that I listen to them or the questions that I ask,” she said.

A Meadows of Dan native, Harrell has been married to her husband Dennis for 13 years. The couple have two boys, Dorsie, 7-years-old and Dawson, 3.

Harrell graduated from Radford University with a B.S. in mathematics and an M.A. in education with a concentration in mathematics. She received her M.A. while she was teaching.

From the fall 2009 until spring 2014, Harrell was a math teacher at PCHS where she taught Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. Since fall 2015, she has taught at the Piedmont Governor’s School for Math, Science, and Technology (STEM) at the Martinsville site, teaching 11th grade Pre-Calculus with Trigonometry for college credit and 12th grade Statistics I and II for college credit.

In her free time, Harrell enjoys being outside, riding four-wheelers, tie-dyeing, reading, and spending time with her family.

Lawson

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Lawson said this would help keep the operating budget more directed towards operations and less towards any type of capital expenses.

Another issue is decreased student enrollment, Lawson said, adding the continual downward enrollment trends also negatively affect the school division’s budget.

To address this, Lawson wants to look at ways to increase enrollment, “whether it’s through trying to find a way to work with the county to find creative ways to lure people to the area or offering better programs to potentially get out of district students interested in the division,” he said.

Lawson believes the grant writer shared between the county and the school division could also help.

“I know there’s monies out there, state and federal, that could potentially help us,” he said.

Lawson said he supports public involvement in local offices.

“Ever since I took office for the first time, I’ve welcomed anyone to call me anytime, email me, whatever, flag me down on the street. I’m always available and I want to stay available,” he said. “I’m always willing to discuss with anyone. Whether they’re in my district or out of my district, it doesn’t really matter.”

Lawson also encourages peo-

ple to attend the monthly school board meetings and be part of that process, particularly by speaking during the public comment period.

“We would love to hear from the community and their thoughts and opinions, and maybe someone would have a good idea or something they could bring to help us look in a different direction, if need be,” he said.

Lawson said he believes the board has always shared everything it can legally share with the community.

“I know at all of our meetings we try to be as open and transparent as possible. We don’t want to hide anything,” he said.

When spending money, “the people have the right to know where it’s going and what’s being done with it” because it’s taxpayer money, Lawson said, adding that he believes folks that don’t have children in the school system should also be involved because the funds they pay in taxes also help to fund the school division.

Ranked 9th in the state and 7th in the Standards of Learning (SOLs), Lawson noted the teachers and employees in the school division excel at educating children.

“We’re excelling at educating the children, especially with limited resources and being a lower

income community,” he said.

Lawson feels as though he is the better candidate because of the amount of training and conferences he’s attended in person through the Virginia School Board Association (VSBA).

“Every year, I have attended the yearly conference through the VSBA, and every time I was available to attend the capital conference, at which time we were able to network with the vendors and suppliers for school systems,” he said.

Lawson said he was also able to go speak with legislators in the Virginia General Assembly and make them aware of the school division’s needs “in an effort to boost funding and share new programs and thoughts that may be beneficial for the school division.”

Lawson was the chairman of the board last year and has served on the building and budget committees.

“So, I’m familiar with the budget needs and the processes for working towards capital improvement planning and executing those capital improvements that are needed,” he said.

During his tenure, Lawson also helped secure the one percent sales tax funding.

“Through that, we’ve started several projects to upgrade facilities that had

needed repairs through the years that budget constraints wouldn’t allow,” he said. “That one percent sales tax money has also allowed us to start some new projects that are going to be extremely beneficial to the school system.” Projects “that we would not have been able to do without it.”

Lawson added he also feels instrumental in the discussion to upgrade the Patrick County High School (PCHS) locker rooms to bring them into compliance with Title IX.

Lawson has been married to his wife Crystal for 16 years. She is in her 17th year of teaching and is an employee of Patrick County Schools. The couple have two children Sarah, 11, and Amilya, 10, who are both students at Hardin Reynolds Memorial School (HRMS).

A graduate of Patrick County High School (PCHS), Lawson received his associate in administration of justice from Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC).

Lawson previously worked in central supply and durable medical equipment at the former R.J. Reynolds Patrick County Memorial Hospital. He also worked for another medical equipment company delivering and instructing on the usage of home medical supplies. Since 2006, he has worked for the Virginia State Police.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor

The elections for Patrick County offices are a truly mixed bag this year. I won't address the Board of Supervisor's race since the supervisor for my district (Smith River) isn't up for election this year. In a few of the constitutional offices, highly qualified and proven incumbents are running unopposed at this time: Dayna Bobbitt for Commonwealth's Attorney and Sandra Stone for county Treasurer. I believe that these candidates have demonstrated that they are well qualified for another term. And Dan Smith's record as Sheriff is exceptional, and we are very fortunate to have him as the head of our law enforcement and public safety.

The races for Clerk of Court and Commissioner of Revenue are a difficult choice for Patrick County. In a surprise turnabout of circumstances, we are faced with choosing from a wealth of qualified candidates. As for the Clerk of Court office, all three candidates are well qualified, and both Morgan Boothe and Nancy

Turner Belcher have the experience and knowledge to fill this position. However, I am compelled to cast my vote for Erica Cipko Wade based on my personal experience with her accurate, comprehensive, and dedicated work in Chris Corbett's office for the past decade.

Similarly, I feel that both Glenda Morse and Tabitha Overby would serve the County well as Commissioner of Revenue, but I could only vote for one, and I cast my ballot for Ms. Morse.

I think it's a rare circumstance that ALL the candidates for these positions are well qualified and well experienced, and it makes the decision difficult. Also, whoever gets elected is going to leave a noticeable vacancy in their former job that will be difficult to fill.

I wish the best of luck to all these candidates, and I'd like to remind everyone to **GET REGISTERED AND VOTE!**

Kurt Bozenmayer,
Buffalo Ridge

Dear editor

Our current delegate in the Virginia General Assembly seems to enjoy wide support locally, but I cannot endorse his candidacy. Though he is a "local boy" and a lawyer who comes from a prominent family here, those are not necessarily good reasons to vote for him.

For one, campaign literature used in the recent Republican primary stated that he was "100% Pro-Trump." While that may go over well with some people, I suggest that many other people do not regard Mr. Trump so highly, including many of those who worked closely with him during his presidency and who were once among his most ardent supporters. Many of them resigned their jobs in his administration following the January 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol, knowing that Trump incited this outrage and then did virtually nothing to stop it for several hours while his ardent followers were trashing the Capitol, assaulting police, and threatening to "hang Mike Pence."

Does Wren Williams really want his own son to grow up to be like Donald Trump? Someone who gropes women and then brags about getting away with it because he's a millionaire? Would Williams want any child to be the kind of person who criticizes a true American hero like the late Senator John McCain

and, more recently, suggests that the recently retired Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Mark Milley, be executed? Does Mr. Williams agree with Trump that the U.S. Constitution should have been "suspend-

ed" so that he could retain his grip on power?

Fact is, voters in Patrick County have a better choice of who will be their delegate in 2024. Patty Quesenberry is the Democratic candidate for this important office. Patty is a long-time Floyd County resident who volunteered with the local rescue squad for more than 30 years while raising two daughters as a single parent. She knows the health needs of the people in our area and what it's like to be scraping by from paycheck to paycheck. Patty has declared she will accept no campaign contributions from the big utility companies in Virginia, Appalachian and Dominion Power. She will vote to protect the right of a woman to make her own personal health decisions - based on her personal physician's advice and based on her own religion beliefs - as opposed to those of politicians and ultra-conservative religious folks.

If you think Republicans in our state legislature will stop at a "15-week ban" on abortion if they gain power, think again. Some have endorsed a "personhood" status for an embryo immediately after the union of a human sperm and egg such that virtually any abortion, even those in cases of rape or incest or those pregnancies with fatal defects that endanger the life of the mother, will be legally questionable. If you believe in personal freedom, integrity, and upholding our Constitution, vote Quesenberry for Delegate on or before November 7.

John Reynolds,
Critz

Dear Editor:

I have had the privilege of being both a colleague and friend to Morgan Boothe for years.

Because Morgan and I are friends, it was without question that I was going to support her in her decision to pursue the position of Patrick County Clerk of Court. At the same time, I am a compassionate registered voter who cares about the quality of services being provided in the County of Patrick and would not vote for someone solely based on an obligation of friendship. I believe that you can both support a friend's dream and make an impartial voting decision.

I worked as the Circuit Court Judge's Assistant and Court Reporter for a little over 9 years and I have seen firsthand how laborious and meticulous the duties are of the Clerk of Court. This position requires advanced knowledge of literally hundreds of different tasks, consistent motivation and late hours since the job is not a typical 9-5, and skills that cannot be taught in a few weeks or months' time.

Our friendship aside, and from the perspective of a registered voter in Patrick County, I am impressed with the fact that Morgan already knows those hundreds of different tasks, has demonstrated that she can dedicate the exceedingly large amount of hours required to get the job done -

during the week hours, after hours, and weekend hours, and she does not need to be trained to be the Clerk of Court. She knows the job and she is currently doing the job.

I was present in the Clerk's Office every day for years to see Morgan perform her duties as a Deputy Clerk and she did her job very well. I was also working at the Patrick County Circuit Court during the transition to her current position, Interim Clerk of Court. As a friend and colleague, I knew that Morgan would do a fine job transitioning, but she has went above and beyond. I am so proud of her, as her current position as Interim Clerk of Court has brought so much growth in her professional and personal life. Not only has she taken on the Clerk of Court duties and performed them well, she has renovated many aspects of the Clerk's Office and brought it into the 21st century.

I am proud of my friend and the growth I've seen in her life from the very beginning of her journey at the Patrick County Circuit Court. From her start in 2017 as a Deputy Clerk of Court to today, Interim Clerk of Court. Without a doubt, I support Morgan Boothe in this election . . . not only as friend, but as a registered voter in the County of Patrick.

Leigh Anne Reynolds,
Stuart

Paul Harvey – How I would destroy America if I were Satan...

(from his 1965 radio broadcast)

If I were the devil... I would not be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree — thee.

So, I would set about however necessary to take over the United States.

I'd subvert the churches first, and I would begin with a campaign of whispers.

With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve: "Do as you please."

To the young, I would whisper that the Bible is a myth. I would convince them that man created God instead of the other way around. I'd confide that what's bad is good and what's good is square.

And the old, I would teach to pray after me, "Our Father, which are in Washington..."

Then, I'd get organized, I'd educate authors in how to make lurid literature exciting so that anything else would appear dull and uninteresting.

I'd threaten TV with dirtier movies, and vice versa.

I'd peddle narcotics to whom I could. I'd sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. I'd tranquilize the rest with pills.

If I were the devil, I'd soon have families at war with themselves, churches at war with themselves and nations at war with themselves until each, in its turn, was consumed.

And with promises of higher ratings, I'd have mesmerizing media fanning the flames.

If I were the devil, I would encourage schools to refine young intellect but neglect to discipline emotions—just let those run wild. And before you knew it, you'd have drug-sniffing

dogs and metal detectors at every schoolhouse door.

Within a decade, I'd have prisons overflowing, I'd have judges promoting pornography. Soon, I would evict God from the courthouse, then from the schoolhouse and then from the houses of Congress.

In his own churches, I would substitute psychology for religion and deify science. I'd lure priests and pastors into misusing boys and girls and church money.

If I were the devil, I'd make the symbol of Easter an egg and the symbol of Christmas a bottle.

If I were the devil, I'd take from those who have and give to those who wanted until I had killed the incentive of the ambitious.

What'll you bet I couldn't get whole states to promote gambling as the way to get rich?

I would caution against "extremes" in hard work, in patriotism, in moral conduct.

I'd convince the young that marriage is old-fashioned, that swinging is more fun, that what you see on TV is the way to be.

And thus, I could undress you in public and lure you into bed with diseases for which there is no cure.

In other words, if I were the devil, I'd just keep right on doing what he's doing.

Paul Harvey, good day.

Does this sound familiar to you? It should.

Pray for our country.

William Salser,
Stuart

Pro Morse

I am writing this letter in support of Glenda C. Morse for Patrick County Commissioner of the Revenue. I have had the pleasure of working with Glenda for sixteen years. In that time, she has proven time and time again that she has what it takes to get the job done. Glenda has worked for Patrick County Building Inspection, Patrick County DMV Select and came to the Patrick County Treasurer's office in 2007. Each position she has held has helped to prepare her for her next step. In 2012 when I became Treasurer, Glenda was promoted to Bookkeeper and she serves as my Chief Deputy Treasurer. This entails handling all county funds, helping co-workers as needed and filling in as needed in the absence of

the Treasurer. In order to fulfill this role, you have to be honest, dependable and trustworthy all qualities that Glenda possesses.

Glenda has the best interest of the Patrick County Citizens at heart and always goes out of her way to see that their needs are met. She possesses a vast ray of knowledge and experience that will enable a smooth transition. She puts in long hours, helps her co-workers and doesn't leave until the job is done. These are all qualities that I for one want to see in our next Commissioner of Revenue. So please join me on November 7th and cast your vote for: Glenda C. Morse for Patrick County Commissioner of the Revenue.

Sandra K. Stone
Patrick County Treasurer

Pro Boothe

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about Morgan Boothe. Morgan has been working at our Clerk's Office since 2017. She has learned all of the aspects of the job. She is serving as the interim clerk and filling the role presently. She is the only candidate with experience working within the Clerk's Office. Morgan is the most qualified candidate as she has been

working in this office for 6 years. She has worked late hours, attended professional development conferences and done whatever has been asked of her while in her present position. Please consider voting for Morgan Boothe for Clerk of Court on November 7, 2023. Thank you.

Jeanie Clark,
Moorefield Store Community

To the Citizens of Patrick County:

The Circuit Court Clerk is charged with more than 800 statutory responsibilities making experience within the Clerks' office imperative. That is why I support Morgan Boothe in her candidacy for Clerk of Patrick County. Ms. Boothe has over 6 years' experience within the Clerk's office and has served in this position as Interim Clerk since last November, making

her knowledgeable of the office. I believe she will serve the citizens of Patrick County with not only her prior experience and professionalism, but with a commitment and dedication to assume the responsibilities of the Clerk's office.

Tina T. Glazebrook,
King William County Circuit Court Clerk

Patrick County Voter,

In December 2022, I had the honor of meeting Morgan Boothe, Interim Clerk of Patrick County. We both were attending Clerk of Court training sponsored by the Compensation Board and we also spent several days at Clerk training sponsored by the Supreme Court of Virginia. I was very impressed with

Morgan's professionalism, confidence, and knowledge of her clerk duties.

It was obvious that Morgan Boothe was totally committed to her position as Clerk of Court and her desire to be elected in November. Morgan cares deeply for the citizens of Patrick County. It is her desire to bring confidence and respect back to the Clerk's Office. She is implementing new procedures and technology to

benefit the citizens of Patrick County.

Morgan is a working clerk and has the experience and knowledge to move the clerk's office forward. She is already trained in the functions of the office and continues to seek and maintain training for herself and her deputies. A vote for Morgan Boothe ensures the citizens of Patrick County that the office will be ran with integrity, dedication and transparency and will allow the office to continue to function with no interruption of a leader that will have to be trained in all areas of the office.

Morgan Boothe is already trained and is doing the job and deserves to be elected as your Clerk of Court.

Jean Nunn,
City of Martinsville

Patrick Pioneers

John Conner Stanley and Martha Adams Stanley

By Beverly Belcher Woody

For the past two weeks, we have been learning about the first four generations of Stanleys to move to the area, starting with Zachariah Sr., Zachariah Jr., John the gunsmith, and Hiram Stanley. This week, we will look at the fifth generation and the oldest son, John Conner Stanley of the oldest son, Hiram who was the oldest son of John the gunsmith.

John Conner Stanley was born on the third of December 1852 to Hiram and Lucy Ann Conner Stanley. John married Miss Martha Frances Adams, the daughter of Reverend Samuel Greene Adams and Lucy Ann Barnard Adams of Westfield, North Carolina. Samuel was the son of Reverend Joshua Adams, the much beloved and popular minister from the Patrick Springs area. Hilda Stanley Vivier related the following story about John and Martha's long wedding trip home to Laurel Fork... my sister was fifteen when Grandma (Martha Frances) died, and Grandma told her about the day they were married. Grandpa was twenty-eight and she was twenty-three. John and Martha married on the 23rd of December 1880, they came up the mountain on a wagon road that was so muddy from the rain and the ruts were so deep they could barely travel." Hilda and I discussed their journey, and it was likely they traveled along Jar Gap to make their way home.

Hilda also shared the following story about her grandparents, "John had built a home for his new bride, and it wasn't quite complete when they married. I don't know why, but Grandma left a lot of her dowry, household items, linens, etc. in the unfinished house while they lived with John's parents, Hiram and Lucy. Flying squirrels got into the incomplete house and destroyed the handmade linens, lace, and crocheted bedspreads."

The young couple's first child, Samuel Hiram Stanley, was born on the 20th of February 1882. At the age of twenty, he married Miss Orleana Marshall, and they had two young children before Orleana died in 1905, at the age of seventeen. Samuel next married Miss Almenda Saterfield in 1908; the couple had one child who only lived a couple of months. Shortly after the death of their child, Almenda died from tuberculosis. Samuel then married Miss Tennie Culler and they also lost a child, but then had two more children. The young family moved to Baltimore, Maryland for Samuel to

find work when World War I struck. Samuel served bravely and achieved the rank of Captain in the service. After the war, he started a Coca-Cola bottling plant in Annapolis, Maryland and was the Vice-President of the Maryland Bottling Association when he passed away in 1931.

John and Martha's second child, Lucy, was born on the 8th of January 1884. Lucy married Thomas Jefferson Taylor of Surry County, North Carolina. The couple moved to Reidsville where Thomas went to work for the Penn Brothers at American Tobacco Company and Lucy raised their three children.

The third child of John and Martha was a daughter named Louvinia who was born on the third of February 1886. Louvinia married William Byrum Culler and they ran a sawmill in the Laurel Fork area; they had four children.

Twins came next for John and Martha on the ninth of January 1890, baby boy Posey Dell and baby girl Amanda Belle Stanley. Tragically, Posey Dell died at age of eighteen. Amanda Belle married Dixie Banner King and they had one daughter. Tragedy struck again when Amanda died of leukemia at the age of forty-four.

Four years after the twins, Mary Jane was born on the 18th of October 1894. Mary Jane married World War I veteran, Ernest Elihu Culler of Laurel Fork. They moved to Hampton, Virginia where Ernest worked in government service and Mary Jane raised their three children.

The next child born to John and Martha was John Dunkley Stanley; he was born the ninth of February 1901. As a young man, he struck out to Pennsylvania and found work as a machinist. He eventually settled in Annapolis, Maryland where he managed the Coca Cola plant after the death of his older brother, Hiram in 1931. John served as the manager of the plant until his death in 1958. John Dunkley married Miss Lena Dawson from Maryland.

When their youngest son, Charles Lee Stanley was born, Martha was forty-seven years old, and John was fifty-two. Charles married Miss Audrey Puckett, the daughter of Falus Penn Puckett and Mabel Bolt Puckett. Audrey was born in Indiana where her father had worked as a train engineer, but the family returned to Laurel Fork where Audrey grew up. Charles and Audrey had four children, Carole, Earl, Hilda, and Nelson Stanley.

So, how did John Conner Stanley and wife, Martha Adams Stanley feed and clothe their eight children?



John Conner Stanley sawmill. Daughter Lucy is pictured, and John, with son, Charles Lee. (Courtesy of Hilda Stanley Vivier)

Grass certainly did not grow under the couple's feet! John Conner Stanley ran a sawmill in the last years of the 1800's all the way until his death in 1918. Granddaughter Hilda relates the following story about her grandfather's sawmilling business, "Grandpa sold box cars of lumber to companies in Maryland, West Virginia, North Carolina, and up and down the East Coast. Grandpa also sold a lot of lumber to Mt. Airy Furniture in Mt. Airy, North Carolina. I don't know how they managed to get the lumber to Mt. Airy, but I know the Dinky Railroad went from Mt. Airy to Kibler Valley, primarily to haul lumber and to go by the "spa" at White Sulfur Springs. It is likely too that they hauled lumber using the wagon road down the mountain to Ararat, called Jar Gap, which was in sight of the John Conner Stanley homeplace."

In addition to the sawmill, John Conner Stanley operated a licensed distillery in the 1880's and also served as the postmaster of the short-lived Pinnacle Post Office from 1891-1894; the post office was located at Squirrel Spur.

In 1892, John was also appointed Deputy Treasurer by Patrick County Treasurer, S. H. Dunkley. John had the authority to collect taxes (including back taxes) and honorably served in this capacity until 1904. Also, in 1904, John Conner Stanley was hired as a deputy sheriff for Patrick County. Hilda recalled a story that her Dad related to her about her grandpa John, "He had to travel to West Virginia on horseback to pick up a prisoner. On part of his journey, he rode alongside a train and his horse could keep up with the train."



John Conner Stanley & Martha Frances Adams

John Conner Stanley and Martha Frances Adams Stanley. (Courtesy of Hilda Stanley Vivier)

John Conner Stanley passed away from cancer in 1918 at the age of sixty-five. His wife, Martha lived for thirty-three more years, passing away in 1951 at the age of ninety-three. I am in awe of the ingenuity of John Conner Stanley and how accomplished he was in a time when resources were very limited.

Thank you so much to John's granddaughter, Hilda Stanley Vivier, for sharing her family's pictures and stories with me the past three weeks. Hilda and her husband still live in and devotedly care for the beautiful home that John Conner Stanley so lovingly built for his new bride, Martha in 1880.

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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 – How Do Disability Programs Affect Social Security's Budget?

Dear Rusty: I read with interest an analysis of the history, reasons, and financial costs of the SSI (Supplemental Security Income) and SSDI (Social Security Disability Insurance) programs. My question is, specifically, what portion of the Social Security budget goes toward SSI and SSDI vs. for regular SS retirement income for those who paid into the fund during their working lives? How are the costs of SSI and SSDI covered by the federal government? When did these two sections of the budget enter the law and what was the impetus behind them? Signed: An Inquiring Mind

Dear Inquiring Mind: No part of So-

cial Security's "budget" is used to pay SSI (Supplemental Security Income). SSI is a means-tested general assistance program for disadvantaged children and needy disabled adults and aged seniors who have very little income and very few assets. Federal SSI benefits are paid from the government's General Treasury, not from Social Security Trust Funds. SSI is jointly administered by the person's state of residence and the Social Security Administration, and the state usually provides additional benefits to supplement the financial assistance provided by the federal government under the SSI program. The Social Security Administration only administers the SSI program, it does not fund it.

By contrast, SSDI (Social Security Disability Insurance) benefits are for employed Americans who become disabled and unable to work full time.

SSDI benefits are meant to provide limited income replacement for the disabled worker, and those benefits are paid from a separate Social Security "DI" (Disability Insurance) Trust Fund. The DI fund receives a portion (0.9%) of the FICA SS payroll taxes every American worker pays on their earnings and is used to pay disability benefits to eligible American workers who are unable to perform "substantial gainful activity" for a year or more. The eligibility criteria to collect SSDI are very strict, but those approved receive their benefits from this separate DI trust fund, not from Social Security's Old Age and Survivors Trust Fund. Payroll taxes collected for disability purposes are deposited in the DI Trust Fund as interest-bearing government bonds, and those DI assets are redeemed as needed to pay SSDI benefits. FYI, SSDI (disability) benefits stop when the person reaches full retirement age, at which point the beneficiary is automatically switched to regular SS retirement, and after which their benefits are paid from the regular "OASI" Trust Fund.

"Regular" Social Security retirement benefits, spousal benefits, dependent benefits, and survivor benefits are paid from Social Security's Old Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI) Trust Fund, which receives most (5.3%) of the 6.2% FICA Social Security tax withheld from the paychecks of American workers. As of the end of 2022, the OASI Trust Fund held about \$2.7 trillion in interest bearing government bonds. Neither SSI or SSDI affect this "regular" OASI Trust

Fund - only true SS retirement benefits and benefits for dependents of the retiree are paid from the OASI Trust Fund (As an aside, Social Security reform is needed to prevent the OASI Trust Fund from being fully depleted in 2033).

To answer your last questions, the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Trust Fund was established in 1956, after which SSDI benefit payments to eligible disabled American workers began. Federal "Supplemental Security Income" (SSI) assistance was codified into law in 1974. And, as you likely know, Social Security retirement, spousal and dependent benefits were enacted in the 1930s, before the first monthly Social Security check was mailed in January 1940. The impetus behind these programs? Avoiding poverty for the neediest among us. Without these programs, at least 22 million more Americans would be living below the poverty line.

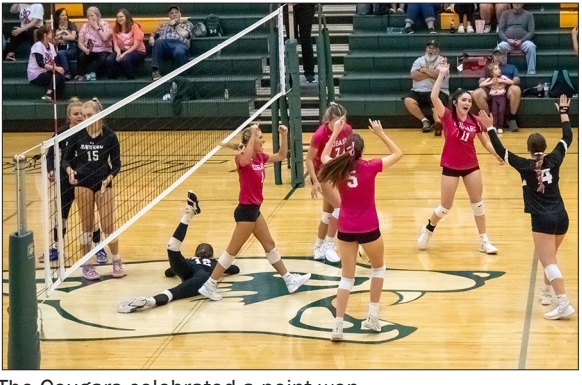
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Cougar volleyball falls to Radford in a close match



The Cougars celebrated a point won.



Journey Moore with the dig.



Lilly Hazelwood eyes the ball as she goes up for the spike.

By Pat Delaney
The Patrick County High Volleyball Team fell to the Radford Bobcats, three sets to one in a hard fought, back-and-forth match. Those in attendance watched a fantastic match full of hustle, determination and great plays on both sides of the net.
In the first set, Radford got off to a strong start, taking a 14-9 lead. The Cougars fought back, going on a 12-5 run, tying the score at 21. The Cougars held onto the momentum, taking the first set, 25-23.
Things got off to a slow start for Patrick County in the second set, falling behind 3-7, but once again battling back to a tie at nine. After taking the lead 14-12, the Cougars faced several multi-points runs by Radford, who pulled away to take the set 18-25.
In the third, both teams struggled to hold any momentum as

they played many long points, extended by the hustle of both teams. Through the first half of the set, the Cougars held a small lead, not allowing Radford to go on any sizable runs. Tied at 14, the set stayed close, with Radford able to chip away with runs of two or three points, which was enough to win the third set 20-24.
The fourth set began the way the third set went, with Radford able to put points together in small runs. Cougar head coach Heidi Moore called a timeout with the score 11-17, and the team responded. Coming out of the break, the Cougars went on a 9-2 run, tying the set at 20. Though the whole match, both teams extended points with hustle plays, and the next few points were no exception. Radford took the next two points, with the teams trading points to set and match point, with the visitor taking the set 22-25,

and the match, three sets to one.
A factor in the match was Radford's ability to go on multi-point runs. The Cougars won many big points, but couldn't string together the runs needed to take the momentum.
"If we can put another ball down, it changes the momentum. It's such a momentum sport that we've got to make sure that when we get it, we keep it, or as soon as they get it, we squash it," said Coach Moore. "On those big points, get maybe a point or two after, and not get in those ruts where you lose three points in a row. I think it would have been a different outcome. We played much better than the first time we played them. Games were way closer, so that was more impressive."
Summing up the night, Coach Moore said, "We played hard, we played really aggressive, and we

were close."
Jayden Callahan's 13 kills, 2 blocks and 21 digs led the Cougars. Camille Gonzalez chipped in 6 kills, 11 assists and 13 digs. Journey Moore had 22 digs and 2 assists.
The Volleyball Team traveled to Floyd County on Thursday, October 5, losing in 4 sets: 25-23, 18-25, 20-25, and 22-25. Jayden Callahan had 13 kills, 2 blocks, and 21 digs. Camille Gonzalez had 6 kills, 11 assists, and 13 digs. Journey Moore had 22 digs and 2 assists.
The Cougars will travel to face district rival Carroll County, at 7p.m. on October 12, and will be at home to James River on October 17, and Martinsville on October 18. Both games start at 7 p.m.
Ashlee Mullis contributed to this report.
(For more photos, visit theenterprise.net)

Highlanders top Cougars in district matchup

By Pat Delaney
The Patrick County Cougars fell to the Glenvar Highlanders, 41-21, on October 6th.
Coming into the game, Glenvar had outscored their opponents 161-73 over their first five games. Their only loss was to Radford the previous week.
"You know you know exactly what they're capable of coming in. They played a really tough Radford team last week," said Cougar Head Coach David Morrison. "This is just a very well coached team, very well prepared and what they do, they do very, very well, so they have the ability to put up a lot of points. And defensively, they're a very tough team."
It was the Cougar defense making big plays early in the game. Following a Cougar punt, Glenvar went to the air on their first offensive play. Jay Howard read the play and intercepted the pass after batting the ball with one hand and catching it before it hit the turf.
After going three-and-out, the Cougars punted, and once again the defense stepped up with Stephen Spencer picking off the Glenvar pass. The following Patrick County drive stalled, forcing a 45-yard field goal attempt, which came up just short of the mark.
Taking over in their own territory, Glenvar marched down field for the opening touchdown, taking a 7-0 lead in the second quarter.

The Cougars were forced to punt on their next possession, but a Glenvar roughing the kicker penalty gave Patrick County the first down. Four plays later, the Cougars punted again. This time, Cougar special teams pounced on a mishandled catch by the Glenvar returner, giving them the ball back just inside Glenvar territory.
After picking off a Cougar pass attempt, the Highlander offense got into high gear, scoring on their next several possessions, taking a 35-0 lead into the fourth quarter.
In the fourth, the Cougar offense got a boost. Forced to go for it on fourth down, Patrick County got new life and a first down following an unsportsmanlike conduct, fifteen-yard penalty on Glenvar. Aden Penn and the offensive line capitalized on the Glenvar miscue. Penn dashed through the line, breaking several tackles, rushing 40 yards for the Cougar touchdown.
Following a failed outside kick attempt by the Cougars, Glenvar scored on a 51-yard run. With their extra point attempt no-good, Glenvar led 41-7.
Following the Glenvar kickoff, the Cougar offensive line provided solid blocking, springing Aden Penn for a 64-yard touchdown run. Penn finished the game with 131 yards on 15 carries and two touchdowns.
"Aden played a really good game," said Coach Morrison. "The offen-

Cross Country Team Wins Meet

By Ashlee Mullis
The Patrick County Cross Country Team competed in the East Montgomery Invitational at the Alta Mons Summer Camp and Retreat Center. Sadie Martin placed first overall in the Girls Division.
The Boys Team were the overall champions.



sive line started opening up some holes for him. That's big. Without your O-line, you don't have a chance offensively. That's something we have to hang our hats on is better offensive line play."
With little time left in the game, a Glenvar punt pinned the Cougars up against their own goal line. Starting on the one-yard line, they moved the ball out of danger, crossing midfield with seconds left. Cougar quarterback Avone Kidd threw a long pass to Jermaine Penn for a 45-yard touchdown as time expired. With the Reyli Martinez-Tejeda extra point, the final score was 41-21.

Offensively, the Cougars struggled to take advantage of early turnovers created by the defense.
"We put ourselves in a pretty good position in the first quarter. We just couldn't put enough stuff together. It seemed like we couldn't string three plays together. It would be two decent plays and one negative one," said Coach Morrison.
On defense, the Cougars were led by Jay Howard, who in addition to his interception, had nine tackles. Paul Pascale chipped in six tackles.
The Cougars will host the #1 ranked 2A team in the state, Radford, at 7 p.m. on October 13.



Aden Penn on his way to the endzone.



Avone Kidd about to toss a 45-yd TD to Jermaine Penn.



The Cougar defense stops Glenvar for a loss.



Patrick County recovering an onside kick.



The offensive line clears the way for Aden Penn.



Taylor Broc goes for the catch.

Walmart

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“Through these investments, we got to do a lot of major upgrades. We upgraded our online pick-up where we have a dedicated space for it to make it more accessible for our customers” and added additional parking spaces for pickup, he said.

Barnette said the store’s pharmacy area now has a health clinic room that will allow it to better serve the community. He also highlighted the store’s transformations and new interactive features, including:

- New self-checkout registers and expanded Grocery Pickup with more parking spaces for expedited experience
- Additional shopping carts for customer convenience
- New signage for easier store navigation
- New fixtures and LED lighting throughout the store for better line-of-sight and easier shopping
- Refreshed interior and exterior, including paint and new flooring in almost every department
- Updated food departments, including deli with hot meals and expanded beer and wine selections
- Updated Pharmacy for customer care
- Expanded pet department

with fresh pet food selection

- Updated Customer Service area
- New private mother’s room for nursing mothers
- Modernized, remodeled restrooms

“Although this process has not been easy,” but “it has been a better thing for us as to bring better services to our customers,” Barnette said. “This has been our goal throughout the process. This helps us enable it to make it reach our mission as Walmart to have our customers live a better life, and to save money, and to be better for the community.”

Walmart reinforced its dedication to the community by presenting \$6,000 in grants to local organizations, including:

- Patrick County Sheriff’s Office
- Stuart Rotary Club

The store’s new mural, designed and illustrated by local artist, Bob C., is an eye-catching installation that displays the area’s iconic landmarks, including the Blue Ridge Mountains, the Bob White Covered Bridge and Marby Mill. The mural is part of Walmart’s Community Mural Program, the largest public-facing art installation celebrating communities across America.



Walmart presented a check worth \$3,000 to the Patrick County Sheriff’s Office for its Shop with a Cop program.



Walmart presented a \$3,000 check to the Stuart Rotary Club for the Backpack program.

Walmart’s Community Mural Program is an important part of each store’s improvements and furthers Walmart’s commitment to the local community.

Stuart Walmart customers can save time and money by shopping when, where, and how they want. The Stuart store continues to offer the following innovations:

- Pickup – Walmart’s Pickup option has become a favorite among busy shoppers. It provides the convenience of online shopping and allows them to quickly collect

their groceries without stepping out of their vehicles. The best part is that Walmart Grocery Pickup is completely free of charge. Furthermore, customers using SNAP in most states have the option to avail themselves of the pickup service as well.

- Delivery – Walmart’s convenient delivery service is also a hit with customers. Even more, Walmart has now made both pickup and delivery contact free.
- Walmart Pay – a touch-free way to pay.

5 Things Your Body and Brain Need

Simple choices go a long way to help boost your brainpower, your immune system, and your energy. Discover five healthy habits to help you live life to the fullest.

A 10 Minute Walk

Studies show that just ten minutes of walking can help reduce tension, depression, anger, or confusion. When things get a little tense, remember the power of a ten-minute walk.

A ten-minute walk can also stimulate your brain and help you stay on task and increase your productivity.

A few minutes of moving can wake up your fat burning enzyme “lipoprotein lipase.” When you sit for more than 20 minutes, your fat burning enzyme goes to sleep. Get up and move around for just a couple

of minutes to “wake up” the fat burning enzyme and get it back to work.

Take a short walk inside or outside, up and down the stairs, or even in place right there at your desk or in your home. Your brain will be refreshed and your body will get back to burning fat!

A Time to Relax

Get enough sleep. This is a big secret to controlling your appetite. Without enough sleep, your stress and appetite hormones may be elevated the next day which means you may be more driven to eat sweets and snack foods.

You know you can handle so much more when you’ve had a good night’s sleep. Your brain is sharper, you have more energy (no need for a caffeine or sugar boost), and

you are probably a little nicer to be around.

A Refreshing Drink

Drink water and give your body a bath on the inside. Your cells are thirsty for clean, clear, refreshing water. Ditch the high calorie drinks and learn to quench your thirst with the best choice – water. Add a twist of lemon or lime. For a refreshing taste, try adding sliced oranges and fresh thyme to your water.

A hot herb tea is a great way to end your meal. Push away from the table, sip and relax.

A Deep Breath

Take a few short minutes to sit back and just breathe deeply to calm your stress and energize your body and brain. Put your hand on your belly. Breathe so that as you take a breath, your belly moves up,

and as you exhale, it moves down – just like a baby breathes. Do this for just 2-3 minutes and notice how relaxed you feel!

A Plate of Color

Enjoy a rainbow on your plate – a rainbow of colors. Each color – red, purple, yellow, orange, green – provide rich phytochemicals that protect your cells from damage and help repair existing damage. Don’t miss out on the delicious taste and protective value of a colorful plate. Fresh fruits and vegetables add great color, flavor, and power to your meal.

(Submitted by Betty Dean. Written by Evelyn Kissinger, MS, RD. Used by permission from www.lifeandhealth.org Courtesy of LifeSpring – Resources for Hope and Healing Stuart, VA)

Allmendinger grabs emotional win in Charlotte Road Course elimination race

By Reid Spencer
NASCAR Wire Service

Road course aficionado AJ Allmendinger stole some thunder from the NASCAR Cup Series Playoff drivers with a convincing victory in Sunday’s Bank of America Roval 400 at the Charlotte Motor Speedway Road Course.

Driving the No. 16 Kaulig Racing Chevrolet, Allmendinger led twice for a race-high 46 laps, including the last 33, and beat runner-up William Byron to the finish line by 0.666 seconds to win his first Cup race of the season, his first at the Charlotte Road Course and the third of his Cup Series career—all on road courses.

Kyle Busch finished third at the 2.32-mile, 17-turn circuit, two spots short of the win he needed to advance to the Playoffs’ Round of 8. Joining Busch on the Playoff elimination list were Ross Chastain (who finished 10th), Bubba Wallace (16th) and Brad Keselowski (18th).

Allmendinger took the lead for the final time when Ryan Blaney pitted from the top spot on Lap 77, under caution for a wreck in the frontstretch chicane involving Denny Hamlin, Ty Dillon and Mike Rockenfeller.

The 41-year-old from Los Gatos, Calif., survived four more cautions and four more restarts before he completed what he termed “the drive of my life.”

Allmendinger was weeping during the cool-down lap and teared up in his post-race interview.

“I hate crying right now, but it’s a freaking Cup race, man,” he said. “You don’t know when it’s ever going to happen again...”

“This is why you do it. This is the only reason you do it. You fight. All the blood, sweat, tears, everybody at Kaulig Racing has just been such... I’d say a down year, but up-and-down year. It’s our second year in the Cup

Series.”

Byron and Ryan Blaney already had advanced to the Round of 8 in the Playoffs by virtue of their respective victories at Texas and Talladega.

Joining them in the next round, which starts next Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, are Tyler Reddick (who ran sixth from the pole on Sunday), Denny Hamlin (37th), Christopher Bell (15th), Chris Buescher (seventh), Kyle Larson (who started from the rear in a backup car and finished 13th) and Martin Truex Jr. (20th).

The regular-season champion, Truex, claimed the final berth in the Round of 8 by 12 points over Chastain, the first driver out.

Ill-fortune that befell Chase Elliott near the end of Stage 2 facilitated Allmendinger’s victory. Just as Elliott, the race leader, was approaching pit road to “short” the stage, BJ McLeod’s spin in Turn 4 caused the second of seven cautions and forced NASCAR to close pit road.

Elliott steered back to the racing surface and won the stage but lost critical track position after pitting during the stage break and never regained it. He finished ninth behind Hendrick Motorsports teammate Alex Bowman.

Ty Gibbs came home fourth, followed by Joey Logano.

After a strong run from start to finish, Busch was philosophical about his exit from the Playoffs.

“The guys gave me a great piece today,” he said. “The Lenovo Camaro was pretty fast, just lacked a little bit on the long run, just didn’t quite have the feel of the tire that I was really looking for to be able to turn into the corners and to be able to drive out of the corners and keep pace with the front two there at the end.”

“But overall, this ride is on me anyways. The first two weeks of this round



AJ Allmendinger, driver of the #16 Celsius Chevrolet, celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Bank of America ROVAL 400 at Charlotte Motor Speedway on October 08, 2023 in Concord, North Carolina. (Photo by Jared C. Tilton/Getty Images)

were obviously not very good, and we didn’t score any points. That’s where it’s at. That’s where it lies. Texas, Talladega, just not being able to execute and do a good job when points were on the line.”

PCHS Sports Schedule

Patrick County High School Cougars Sports Schedule for the week of October 12-18

10/12 7pm Volleyball at Carroll County

10/13 7pm Football vs Radford

10/17 7pm Volleyball vs James River

10/18 TBA Cross Country at Blacksburg High School

10/18 7pm Volleyball vs Martinsville

We Told You Duh, we told you!

Someone in the Biden Administration finally came to the realization that we have a crisis at our southern border and building a border wall would be a good idea.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) just announced that they would be bypassing 26 federal laws in order to continue construction of 20 miles of the border wall in Texas. Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, who filed a notice in the U.S. Federal Register, stated, "there is presently an acute and immediate need to construct physical barriers ... in order to prevent unlawful entries into the United States."

Well, duh!
According to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), during the month of August (the most recent statistics reported) 232,972 illegal immigrants were encountered along the southern border - a 14% increase since last August and an 100% increase since fiscal year (FY) 2019.

As a candidate for President, Joe Biden stated that there would, "not be another foot of wall constructed on my administration." Following through on this promise, he paused border wall construction on his first day as President.

I went down to the border a few months after he took office (one of several trips I've made) and saw construction materials for the wall lying uselessly in the sun feet away from where it was to be installed. This was an area illegal immigrants were known to enter the country.

In another area, a gate was built into the wall allowing pecan farmers in the area access their land. The engines that were to operate the gate had not yet been installed. Even though all of the equipment was paid for and on site, and only the opening and closing mechanisms were left to be installed, the Biden Administration ordered a stop to construction, leaving the gate open. Therefore, two Border Patrol agents had to monitor the gate in twelve-hour shifts instead of being able to rove along the border.

It was disappointing to see so much material wasted and already paid for by American taxpayers. Further, one could anticipate the health and safety consequences to both Americans and illegal immigrants by not finishing the wall and enforcing sensible border policies.

Close to three years since Biden took office, the consequences of his border policies are clear - a flood of immigrants that the United States cannot handle in such short order. Not to mention the human consequences of the cartels getting rich off of drug and human trafficking.

It reminds me of the Roman Emperor Nero who, according to



Morgan Griffith

Representative

legend, played the fiddle while Rome burned to the ground.

House Republicans in Congress have long called on the Biden Administration to close the border by resuming border wall construction, providing more resources to control the border, and following existing immigration law.

House Republicans passed H.R. 2, Secure the Border Act of 2023, in May, with not a single Democrat voting in favor. Further, the bill has never been brought up in the Democratic-controlled Senate.

When a short-term government funding bill was brought to the House floor on September 29th, with most of H.R. 2, every Democrat again voted against it.

Our border states have begged the Administration for help for years. Those cries for help have all fallen on deaf ears.

In 2021, Governors Abbott of Texas and Ducey of Arizona had to turn to the other states for help because the federal government was unwilling. So far, eight states (all Republican) have answered the call for help, including Virginia, sending members of their National Guard or other state law enforcement officers to the border.

It wasn't until northern Democrat-run cities began to feel the effects of the border crisis that Democrats finally began to speak up.

Mayors from Washington, D.C., Chicago, and New York City have all called on the Administration for help, declaring immigration emergencies in the last year. Democrat Governors from Massachusetts and New York have also called for help, declaring states of emergency this past August.

Frankly, it is ridiculous that this has become a Republican vs. Democrat issue. This should have been an American issue, united in securing our borders.

Now that enough Democrats have become angry by the Administration's policies, and another presidential elections looms just around the corner, the Administration finally decides to act.

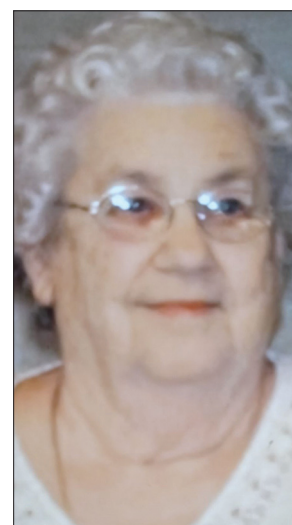
But the 20 miles in new border wall DHS just announced is just a drop in the bucket. We have a long way to go to fix the damage done by this Administration by not protecting our borders.

Duh, we told you!

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.

Easter Mozelle Webb Boyd

Mrs. Easter Mozelle Webb Boyd, age 94, of Meadows of Dan, Virginia passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at Heritage Hall Laurel Meadows in Laurel Fork, Virginia. She was born in Floyd County on March 31, 1929, to the late Lonnie Webb and Edith Melissa Pendleton Webb. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Davis Henry Boyd; five brothers, Kyle Webb, Wayne Webb, Lonnie "Buddy" Webb, Sidney Webb, Lowell "Binky" Webb; four sisters, Lois Boyd, Hallie Semones, Hilda Dalton, and Betty Rose Webb. Mozelle loved hotdogs, yard sales, church, and above all, her family. Mozelle enjoyed collecting lanterns and owls. She had a great sense of humor and loved to joke around. The joy of her life was being "Granny Boyd"



threw Smythers, Allison Marshall (Jarred), Blake Stanley; four great-great grandchildren, Kenley Rector, Dustin Rector, Fisher Rector, Colton Rector; several nieces and nephews; and many dear friends.

A funeral service for Mrs. Mozelle Boyd will be held on Monday, October 9, 2023, at 12:00 noon at Moody Funeral Home Chapel in Stuart with Pastor Nathan Montgomery officiating. The burial will immediately follow the funeral service in the Meadows of Dan Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the funeral service on Monday morning at the funeral home. Flowers will be accepted. Moody Funeral Home in Stuart is serving the Boyd family, and online condolences may be sent by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

to her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren. Mozelle will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Left to cherish the fond memories of Mrs. Mozelle Boyd are her daughter, Geneva Boyd Stanley of Laurel Fork, Virginia; two grandchildren, Rhonda Smythers (James), Travis Stanley (Trish); five great-grandchildren, Tate Rector (Kendra), Austin Rector (Jennifer), Mat-

Living Without Anger

By Bryan Golden

The "benefits" of anger are many. Stress, anxiety, diminished judgment, reduced productivity, poor digestion, sleeplessness, elevated blood pressure, negative impact on relationships, unhappiness, and attraction of negative situations can all be yours just by being angry.

Anger repels people, destroys relationships, creates problems, intensifies problems, causes regret, burns bridges, and dissolves solutions.

Anger doesn't have to manifest itself via your behavior to be destructive. Anger that is internalized can be just as damaging. A fundamental misconception is that people, events or circumstances make you angry.

Anger is a chosen reaction to your environment. As you allow anger to become a conditioned response, a downward spiral develops. Habitual anger feeds itself and increases in intensity over smaller and smaller matters. Without vigilance, resistance to anger diminishes and it becomes automatic behavior when faced with adversity.

Anger does not serve you. Regardless of your reasons for being angry, anger never resolves problems; it makes them worse. You can learn to manage and eliminate anger. To do so requires a recognition, understanding and acceptance. First, you and you alone are responsible for your emotions and behavior. No one has the power to make you angry. You create your own anger. Second, you must identify what arouses anger within you.

Some common causes of anger are injustice, hurt, frustration, annoyances, being treated unfairly, being taken advantage of, a threat of loss, experiencing a loss, plans don't materialize as expected, regret over the past, people don't behave as expected or a situation that is out of your control.

Do you engage in behavior that evokes anger in others? You can become angry in response to someone else's anger and someone else may become angry in response to your anger.

Anger is a vicious cycle that will rapidly escalate unless diffused by one or both parties involved.

There is no way to eliminate those things that make you angry. But you can manage your reaction so that anger doesn't take hold. Through a thorough understanding of what makes you angry, you can preplan alternative strategies for responding.

If you feel angry, don't make any decisions or take any action until you allow the anger to subside. If you act while angry, there is a high probability that you will say or do something that you will regret.

As soon as you find yourself starting to become angry, identify the specific circumstances you are reacting to. Without understanding the cause, you can not diffuse the anger and it will most likely get worse out of frustration.

Once you have identified the source of your anger, determine if there is any action you can take which can rectify the situation to the benefit of all. Revenge, punishment, mistreatment of others or self-pity does not qualify. The past can't be changed and must be accepted. The only decision you have to make is what to do now to move forward.

Anger, once it takes hold, needs a certain amount of time to subside. As you practice anger management techniques, the amount of time needed will decrease substantially. The ideal is to condition yourself to eliminate the anger stage completely.

Anger can be managed, controlled and eliminated. Anger is a habit that develops over time. Changing any habit takes desire and effort. The more determined you are to change, the more rapid will be the results.

Living without anger will make you happier, healthier, and more pleasant to be around.

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Will thinking be forbidden?

By Van Yandell

Proverbs 3: 5 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."

Are we being encouraged not to think? It appears this may be true, if not now, in the future. Perhaps this is a part of a scriptural prophesy indicating the appearance of the Antichrist.

Revelation 13: 8 "All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Our inability to think and reason will increase his influence.

The implication from this verse is seen by some to indicate there will be a one-world leader and he will be revered and have supernatural powers. People will see him as the answer to all the world's problems. We should remember from history, Adolph Hitler was seen by many of the German people as being supreme.

Hitler convinced the people the Jews were responsible for all the problems in Germany and they were convinced to kill six-million people in what has become known as the Holocaust. Having a propensity for silver-tongue rhetoric doesn't make one divine, just verbal.

Developers of technology have inadvertently discouraged thinking. To have this computer correct my spelling is one thing, but to have it change a word or sentence to what "it thinks" I'm saying, is very frustrating.

Intentional or not, technology is taking away our ability to think and reason. In bygone days we heard the term "common sense". Good sense and reasonable decision making seems not to be required with computers doing our thinking for us.

The personal nature of so many seems to be in a state of decay. The daily drudge of staring at a computer screen that thinks for the operator is enough to destroy the individuality someone may have.

Many appear to have a rapport with their phones, but not with people. Interpersonal relationships are currently strained for some. This may have begun with mechanical calculators. Blaise Pascal invented a mechanical calculator with a carry mechanism in 1642. But like the printing press, it took production technologies a few hundred years to catch up.

Mass production did not reach an acceptable potential until after Eli Whitney's development of interchangeable parts (1798) and subsequently the assembly line method of production.

Excessive television viewing has diminished our reading skills, including comprehension. Time spent watching TV has replaced the time we spend reading. Children's lack of interest for reading has diminished language skills, and research reveals that children are becoming intellectually lazy, inattentive, and without imagination.

Research shows that electronic devices overload the sensory systems and contribute to delays in development which directly impairs communication skills, problem-solving and social skills (interpersonal relationships). Read an article or obituary from the 1800's. You will see writing skills not seen in today's world.

I well remember working in a pool hall when I was a child and much of my math abilities came from that experience. Simple math was a matter of necessity and to have a machine do the math was considered ridiculous. My dad had a plumbing and paint store and we figured material bills with pencil and paper. I sometimes figured bills in my head.

My dad told me not to do that because adults would not trust the "in-the-head" math abilities of a young boy. Customers really liked to see the numbers on paper. Later, with electronic calculators the math skills seemed to decrease. Not "using it has resulted in losing it" for this generation.

During my school days, we were required to memorize such things as the multiplication table, our ABC's, the Gettysburg address, the Pledge to the Flag, John 3: 16 and Genesis 1: 1-3. To eliminate these has its price.

I recently tried to place an order by phone and was told "I can't take your order because the computer is down." I asked, "Do you have a pen and paper?" All the response I got was "Huh?" That incompetence cost that company

several dollars.

As the years passed, technology accelerated exponentially until today's "totally dependent on electric gadgetry" age has made mathematical illiterates of many. To be able to function in a twenty-first century world is dependent on the power grid. Should the electricity stop flowing, our world will stop.

EMP (Electromagnetic-Pulse) is a condition that can interrupt the power grid and could not quickly be repaired. We may be assured the enemies of America are researching ideas to cripple us. A nuclear explosion in the atmosphere over the center of this country would instantly send us back to the dark ages.

Solar flares could also create an EMP. Terrorist attacks on the power grid computer system are more likely than other ways of stopping the flow of electrons (electricity). Technology is a wonderful thing as long as it works. But when it shuts down because of an electrical outage, we will be crippled in our everyday function and our existence would never be the same. The food chain would be interrupted and people could be murdered for a loaf of bread. Examples of destruction are too numerous to even consider.

Conditions such as this are only going to become more prevalent with artificial intelligence on the rise. Hollywood writers and actors are panicking over AI. Designers and engineers of many products are at risk of their jobs being replaced. Teachers will become paper stackers (if there still is such a thing as paper).

When and if AI becomes a reality in the many aspects of our lives, the human factors of compassion, ingenuity and logic will become a thing of the past. If machines do all our thinking, we will have no need for any level of common sense and emotion. The human factor is constantly and quickly being eliminated.

So, where does religion, especially Christianity come into this scenario of mostly dire sounding events and developments? Like so many circumstances in life, it will be what we make of it.

As much of the world falls victim to artificial intelligence, it is the responsibility and opportunity of the Christian community to utilize whatever methods available to promote the Gospel of our Jesus. We must be intentional and creative in our efforts.

Perhaps AI is a part of God's plan. Daniel 12: 4 "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

We are told that knowledge is increasing exponentially. In such a case, should not the Christian perspective of telling others about Jesus also benefit from such knowledge and innovations?

Since Jesus gave us a direct statement to "Go ye therefore," it seems reasonable for Christians to investigate and attempt any and all methods possible to tell the world about HIM.

There is no excuse for any Christian not to evangelize. Acts 1: 8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

While Acts 1: 8 lists four geographic locations, the first responsibility of any believer is to tell their own family about Jesus. Statistically speaking, we are all surrounded with unchurched, unsaved people; at work, at school, in our social circles or even across the gas pump.

How many excuses can we offer for not sharing Jesus? He is not a big secret. He suffered, bled and died for the sins of the world, not a select few.

Thinking has not yet been forbidden. We must constantly be alert and aware of those around us and take every opportunity to share Christ Jesus. He was crucified for the remission of sin and resurrected. By believing this, one can have eternal life in the presence of God (John 3: 16).

(Yandell is a retired Industrial Arts teacher, an ordained gospel evangelist and commissioned missionary, from Fredonia, Kentucky. A part of the Bible Connection series. Email: vmy2121@outlook.com.)

BIBLE TRIVIA

BY WILSON CASEY

1. Is the book of Mark (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What phrase did Jesus use three times in resisting the temptations of Satan? My father above, God is love, It is written, Thou must repent
3. In II Peter 1, what were holy men moved by in regard to prophecy? Kindred spirit, Holy Ghost, Sins, Love of God
4. From Judges 6, which judge threshed wheat by the winepress?

Gideon, Joash, Neco, Hosea
5. Who was Saul's daughter who married David? Jephthah, Oholah, Rahab, Michal
6. Shechem was the son of ...? James, Hamor, Jacob, Onan
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 - 7 Babysits, e.g.
 - 12 Heavy burden
 - 16 Machines connected to mice
 - 19 Person expressing viewpoints
 - 20 Do some igniting
 - 22 Syrup source
 - 23 Beginning of a riddle
 - 25 Even a hint of
 - 26 Not so bright
 - 27 Old sporty Pontiac
 - 28 The Palm Treo was one, in brief
 - 29 Arctic home
 - 31 Riddle, part 2
 - 39 "— qué?" ("Why?" to Juanita)
 - 40 Tofu base
 - 41 Contest involving balancing on a floating log
 - 42 Lead-in to bad news
 - 45 "— girl!"
 - 47 Fortunetellers
 - 49 U.S. pres. during the Gulf War
 - 53 Riddle, part 3
 - 57 Austrian "a"
 - 58 Hidden valley
 - 59 "— From Muskogee"
 - 60 "Incredible" superhero
 - 61 Bert's Muppet pal
 - 63 "— darn tootin!"
 - 64 Broad smile
 - 65 Foal's father
 - 66 Mini-carpet
 - 68 Riddle, part 4
 - 72 Woman with will power?
 - 74 Deteriorates
 - 75 Dahs' Morse counterparts
 - 76 Pet treat
 - 79 "Tomorrow" musical
 - 80 — d'oeuvres
 - 81 Peru's capital
 - 82 "Gotta go!"
 - 83 Muscle jerk
 - 84 Riddle, part 5
 - 89 Tree of Life's garden
 - 91 Boffo reviews
 - 92 Funnywomen Schumer and Poehler
 - 93 Has a go at
 - 94 Have a loan from
 - 96 Lead-in to puncture or pressure
 - 97 Class for U.S. immigrants
 - 98 End of the riddle
 - 107 Put back to 0, perhaps
 - 108 NASA "yes"
 - 109 Tolkienie meanie
 - 110 Rom- (film genre)
 - 112 Aussie avian
 - 113 Riddle's answer
 - 121 Diana Ross musical, with "The"
 - 122 Relaxes, informally
 - 123 Shoeleace hole
 - 124 Disco — (guy on "The Simpsons")
 - 125 "Yes, yes!" in Yucatán
 - 126 Discontinues
 - 127 Cookout condiment
- DOWN**
- 1 Op-ed columnist Maureen
 - 2 Green garden pest
 - 3 Marlins' city
 - 4 House pest
 - 5 Stitch up
 - 6 Food chain
 - 7 Letter-shaped opening in a machine shop
 - 8 LAX abbr.
 - 9 Certain caucus reply
 - 10 Visit briefly
 - 11 Reading room
 - 12 Two — kind
 - 13 Not a one
 - 14 Website ID
 - 15 Frozen floating brine
 - 16 Church song
 - 17 Tippy craft
 - 18 Observe slyly
 - 21 Put — on (limit)
 - 24 Broadway's Hagen
 - 30 Mapmaker's sci.
 - 32 Home to Barcelona
 - 33 Driver's alert
 - 34 Lauder of perfume
 - 35 Chomsky of linguistics
 - 36 Vacuum cleaner company
 - 37 Actress Petty
 - 38 Rick's love in "Casablanca"
 - 42 Azalea of rap
 - 43 Manicurist's tool
 - 44 From the time that
 - 45 Guitarist Chet
 - 46 Entify
 - 47 Rejects with disdain
 - 48 Trapped morays
 - 50 Much-married English king
 - 51 Nintendo console that debuted in 2012
 - 52 Rare blood type, in brief
 - 54 Pierces
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 - 64 Say "hi" to
 - 65 Cutoffs, e.g.
 - 66 Hostility
 - 67 Affix a new label to
 - 69 Hexa- halved
 - 70 Recurrent theme
 - 71 Benefit spiritually
 - 72 Dislike a lot
 - 73 "National Velvet" novelist Bagnold
 - 77 Roof's edge
 - 78 Feet have five
 - 80 Widespread destruction
 - 81 Primate of Madagascar
 - 82 Keyboard command for "paste"
 - 85 Rich rocks
 - 86 Vatican's denom.
 - 87 Go quickly
 - 88 Stilted-sounding reply to "Who's there?"
 - 90 G flat, for one
 - 95 — hat (Broom-Hilda costume part)
 - 96 Beginning of a classic JFK quote
 - 97 Artist working on glass
 - 98 Pub offerings
 - 99 Send in, as payment
 - 100 Japanese truck maker
 - 101 "Mighty" trees
 - 102 Yule songs
 - 103 9-Down and 119-Down are opposite ones
 - 104 Bit of a circle
 - 105 GI tract bacterium
 - 106 Tender spots
 - 111 Fictitious tale
 - 114 "Bali —"
 - 115 Officeholders
 - 116 Hi-tech film effects
 - 117 Dove's noise
 - 118 Cobra type
 - 119 Certain caucus reply
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Meeting Notice

Patrick County Public Service Authority Business Meeting
The Patrick County Public Service Authority will hold a Quarterly Business Meeting on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the 3rd Floor Court Room of the Patrick County Veterans Memorial Building. Petitions and requests from the public shall be submitted in writing to the PSA located in the Patrick County Administration Building at 106 Rucker Street, Suite 218, Stuart, VA not less than five (5) business days prior to the scheduled meeting and placed on the official meeting agenda in order to be considered.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION Case No. JJ004920-06-00/07-00
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
VA. CODE §8.01-316
PATRICK J & DR - JUVENILE
Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* EASTER, RYDER
PATRICK CO. DSS v. TIFFANY ALFRED
RONALD EASTER

The object of this suit is to: PATRICK CO. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SEEKS TO TERMINATE THE RESIDUAL PARENTAL RIGHTS OF TIFFANY, ALFRED, MOTHER AND RONALD EASTER, FATHER TO THE CHILD BORN TO THEM ON 6-16-2019 NAMED RYDER EASTER. ALL PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 16.1-283 It is ORDERED that TIFFANY ALFRED & RONALD EASTER appear at the above-named court and protect his or her interests on or before 10/26/2023 at 2:30 p.m. SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE LEASE & OPERATION OF THE STAR THEATRE TOWN OF STUART, VIRGINIA

The Town of Stuart is seeking proposals from interested parties and organizations to lease, operate, and manage the Star Theatre, a 250 seat facility located in Stuart, Virginia. The Facility is owned by the Town of Stuart and is centrally located in the Stuart Downtown Historic District, at 318 Patrick Avenue.

The Town intends to enter into agreement with an organization that has demonstrated experience in theatrical management or other qualified experience involving live performances, music, film, spoken word, and/or conference activities. Respondents to this Request for Proposal must demonstrate an understanding of current market trends in their written submission, and verbally, through presentation to the Stuart Town Council.

The Town of Stuart will accept bound and concise Proposals until 4:00 PM (EST), on Thursday, November 2nd, 2023. Two (2) hard copies, and one (1) digital copy (via email or direct link accepted), of the Statements shall be mailed or hand-delivered to PO Box 422, 100 Patrick Avenue, Stuart, VA 24171. Inquiries regarding this solicitation should be made prior to Thursday, October 12th 2023, to Kathleen McEvoy of the West Piedmont Planning District Commission.

The full Request for Proposal can be found on the Town of Stuart's website at: WWW.STUARTVA.ORG

INQUIRIES
Pre-submission questions and inquiries regarding any aspect of this Request for Proposal or any other matters related to this RFP may be directed in writing to the Town of Stuart representative by October 12th. Kathleen McEvoy
Director of Community Development
West Piedmont Planning District Commission
1100 Madison St
Martinsville, VA 24112
kmcevoy@wppdc.org
(276) 638-3987

PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL
Respondents must submit (2) sealed copies of the proposal, and one digital copy. Proposals are due on November 2, 2022 at 4:00 and submitted to:

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Apple Dumpling Fest set for Oct. 21

By Taylor Boyd

The 22nd annual Apple Dumpling Festival will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Stuart's historic downtown district.

Stuart Town Manager Bryce Simons said Patrick Avenue will be closed off from the dry bridge down to the intersection of Commerce Street, "which includes the parking lot that is right there in front of Tony's Pizza and Calliope."

Typically, between 80 and 100 vendors set up at the festival, he said, and added the vendors offer a variety of items, including hand-made crafts, food, jewelry, and others.

There is no deadline for interested vendors to apply, but there is a cost of \$25 per vendor.

"We typically will accept vendors up until the day of the event," Simons said.

Those interested are encouraged to call the Town Office and ask for Billy Gammons at (276) 694-3811, or email billy.gammons@stuartva.org.

Marice Horne and Mike Pend-

leton will perform from 10-10:45 a.m., and Reggie Johnson "Bluesman" will take the stage from 11-11:45 a.m.

From noon to 12:45 p.m., Ben Currin "Music with Ben" will perform with Jordan T. Morrison and The Foothill Boys finishing the event from 1-2:45 p.m.

The Patrick County Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Dan River Basin Association (DRBA), will hold the annual Apple Dumpling 5K fundraiser.

The race is held on the Mayo River Rail Trail and starts at 8 a.m. in Downtown Stuart. Registration for the race begins at 7 a.m.

Proceeds from the event will benefit DRBA's trail development in Patrick County.

Pre-registered runners will be guaranteed a T-shirt to commemorate the race, and all runners will receive a finisher medal, marked course, and chance for awards.

The cost to register is \$25 in advance or \$30 the day of the festival.

For more information, contact Rebecca Adcock at (276) 229-9917.

Broadband up date set for Oct. 16 meeting

It has been a while since the broadband committee sent an update. A lot has happened behind the scenes in finalizing contracts and other essential but time consuming requirements including State Corporation Approvals, engineering, etc., with not much to report on.

We should soon see physical evidence of progress as construction gets underway. Charter/Spectrum, who will be providing service to areas south of Meadows of Dan along the Parkway and to some locations in the Ararat and Claudville areas, will make a presentation to the

Board of Supervisors at the October 16 meeting.

RiverStreet Networks, which will serve areas in the rest of the county, will also make a presentation during the meeting that begins at 6 p.m. on the third floor of the Patrick County Administration Building.

Bring your questions and learn what you can expect and when. We expect exciting details on these projects costing over \$50 million bringing internet to our homes and businesses with offerings of phone and other services on par with the best available anywhere.

The Rise of Smishing

If you have a cell phone, you've probably noticed an increase in text messages from people you don't know.

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Do not engage with texts from unknown people. Rather than clicking on text links, type the web address you know to be legit-

imate into your browser. Alternatively, call the alleged sender at a number you know to be legitimate. Also, you can filter out junk texts by updating your phone's messaging app settings, using call-blocking services through your wireless carrier, or installing call-blocking apps.

The AARP Fraud Watch Network is a free resource for all. Learn how to proactively spot scams or get guidance if you've been targeted. Visit www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork or call our dedicated helpline to speak to a fraud specialist at 1-877-908-3360.

Arrests Reported

The Patrick County Sheriff's Office reported the following:

*Monica Marie Foley, 33, of Patrick Springs, was charged Oct. 1 with fail to comply with support obligation. Sgt. L.K. Carroll, Jr., was the arresting officer.

*John William Fowler, 42, no address available, was charged Oct. 1 with probation violation. Radford City PD made the arrest for Patrick County.

*Crystal Sue Darrah, 48, of Eden, NC, was charged Oct. 2 with warrant of extradition. Sgt. C. Frick was the arresting officer.

*Joseph Michael Fleenor, 35, of Patrick County Jail, was charged Oct. 3 with probation violation. Sgt. C.A. Frick was the arresting officer.

*Randall Keith Fagg, 73, of Patrick Springs, was charged Oct. 3 with one count each possess Sch. I or II drugs and possess controlled paraphernalia. Deputy C.L. Elgin was the arresting officer.

*Michael David Knox, 44, of Patrick County Jail, was charged Oct. 3 with intentional damage to a monument. Deputy J. Fain was

the arresting officer.

*Joshua Stephen Mitchell, 40, of Bassett, was charged Oct. 4 with fail to appear. Sgt. D. Celozzi was the arresting officer.

*Ricky Lee Marshall, Jr., 41, of Claudville, was charged Oct. 4 with fail to appear. Deputy E. Sain made the arrest for Henry County.


*Brandon Ashley Royal, 42, of Bassett, was charged Oct. 5 with probation violation. Henry County made the arrest for Patrick County.

*Deanna Snider, 29, of Patrick Springs, was charged Oct. 5 with fail to appear. Deputy C.L. Elgin was the arresting officer.

*Summer Nicole Collins, 36, of Stuart, was charged Oct. 5 with one count each grand larceny, obtain money by false pretense, fail to appear, and probation violation. Martinsville PD made the arrest for Patrick County.

*Cory Adam Martin, 35, no address available, was charged Oct. 5 with fail to obey court order. Deputy E. Sain was the arresting officer.

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Meetings

Monday, Oct. 16
The Patrick County Board of Supervisors will meet at 6 p.m. in the third-floor court room of the Patrick County Administration Building.

Tuesday, Oct. 17
The Patrick County Planning Commission will have a sub-committee work session at 4 p.m. followed by a regular business meeting at 6 p.m. at the Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) community room.

The Social Services Board meets at 6 p.m. in the 3rd floor conference room of the Patrick County Administration Building. Enter the building from the PCDSS entrance. Call (276) 693-2084 for information.

Wednesday, Oct. 18
The Stuart Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the Stuart Town Office.

Events

Wednesday, Oct. 11
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.

Volunteers are needed for the Woolwine October Festival Community Apple Peeling starting at 8 a.m. at the Woolwine Volunteer Fire Department Grounds in Woolwine. Lunch will be provided.

Thursday, Oct. 12
The Patrick County Senior Citizens Group will meet at 11 a.m. in the Hooker Building at Rotary Field in Stuart. Entertainment will be provided by Johnny Joyce and friends. The Landmark Center and Blue Ridge Therapy Connection will be providing the meal for all attendees. Attendees are requested to bring desserts to share with the group.

Friday, Oct. 13
The second annual Early Childhood Community Connections Event will be at Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) Frith building, room 129-exhibit hall from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14
The annual Woolwine October Festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Woolwine Volunteer Fire Department Grounds. Admission is free. Located at the Woolwine Volunteer Fire Department Grounds in Woolwine. Music provided by Friday Night Band, Jordan

T Morrison & The Foothill Boys and Twin Creeks String band (Formerly Dry Hill Draggers). Events include Music, Dancing, Apple Butter, crafts, etc. Food: Hotdogs, Fried Apple Pies, HAM PLATES, Bake Sale and Beverages. Craft vendors are welcome at no charge. Call (276) 229-8241 for more information.

The 53rd annual Lord's Acre Sale will be held at Rotary Field with doors opening at 7 a.m. There will be food, baked goods, crafts and homemade treasures available. A brief worship service will be at 10:30 a.m., and an auction beginning at 11 a.m.

Forest School at Philpott Lake, 1058 Philpott Dam Road, Bassett, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join DRBA and the US Army Corps of Engineers at Philpott Lake for 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.

Sunday, Oct. 15
Thanksgiving service for Lord's Acre will be at 7 p.m. at the Mt. Nebo Pentecostal Church. Pennies for the Penny House will be collected.

The Freemans will be singing at The People's Church of the Living God, 8065 Fairystone Park Hwy., Bassett, at 6 p.m. All are invited.

Thursday, Oct. 19
The Patrick County Republican Committee meets, 6 p.m., Motorsports Hall of Fame Auditorium.

Friday, Oct. 20
Medicare and Social Security program at the Patrick County Library, noon.

The Woolwine Methodist Food Truck at the Fairystone VFD, 3-4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 21
The Fairystone Volunteer Fire Department will hold a country breakfast from 6:30-10 a.m. Dine in prices are \$10 for an adult plate and \$5 for a child plate. All take out plates are \$10 each. To place an order, call (276) 930-2113.

The Patrick County Master Gardeners will hold a Native Plant Sale from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. beside the Tourism Office on Main Street in Stuart. Plants are \$2 and up, and proceeds will benefit the Patrick County Alzheimer's Group. For info email Ginnie Conaway - ginnieartist@hotmail.com.

Ongoing

Fridays in October - The Stuart Farmers' Market is open from 8 a.m. till noon, with locally grown fruits, vegetables, meats, baked items, eggs, crafts and more.

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

The Patrick County Parks and Recreation Office is now accepting basketball registration for the 2023 - 2024 school year. Students who are currently in grades K - 7 are eligible to participate in the recreation department's basketball program. Registration forms are available at any elementary school or parents can call the recreation office at (276) 694 - 3917 to register children. The deadline for registration is Friday, October 27, 2023. Games will begin the second week of November 2023.

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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Community Meal held at Ararat church



Volunteers are pictured in the kitchen at a Community Breakfast, held on Saturday, September 30 at Hunters Chapel Assembly Church, 3057 Ararat Highway, Ararat. The meal was a hit among visitors.



One of the table groups enjoyed the Community Breakfast, with biscuits, gravy, sausage, bacon, eggs, juice, and coffee. (Photos by Mary Dellenback Hill, Representative, Dan River District, Patrick County Tourism.)

Mountain Valley to Host Pediatric End-of-Life Education Event

Mountain Valley, a nonprofit hospice & palliative care organization, will host a Pediatric End-of-Life

Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) course on November 10. The course will be held at the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Mount Airy, N.C.

Designed to provide education to nurses, nurse practitioners, social workers, DNs, and pediatric care providers, the class will provide valuable information surrounding the unique needs of pediatric patients in end-of-life care.

"We are excited to offer this important training," said Kristie Byrd, director of patient advocacy at Mountain Valley. "This ELNEC pro-

vides healthcare professionals with the skills and knowledge they need to provide the best possible care to children and their families at the end of life."

The Pediatric ELNEC course will include an introduction to palliative care, pain assessment and management, symptom management, ethical and legal issues, cultural and spiritual considerations, and communication skills. It is open to all, and the \$50 registration includes lunch, snacks, and 8 CE hours for nurses.

To register for the course, please visit the Mountain Valley website at www.mountainvalleyhospice.org/peds-elneec.



2023 Convocation in the Grove. (Photo by Sri Chattopadhyay/Ole Miss Digital Imaging Services)

Nelson among August grads

Hannah Nelson, of Patrick Springs, is among the more than 900 students who graduated from the University of Mississippi in August 2023.

Nelson, who majored in Health and Kinesiology, received a Doctor of Philosophy in the Graduate School.

"Our August 2023 class of graduates is distinguished by incredible achievements and character," Chancellor Glenn Boyce said.

"They accomplished so much during their years at Ole Miss, and we can't wait to see all the ways they will pursue their passions and reach their full potential on their paths to a bright future."

August 2023 graduates were invited to walk across the stage at the University of Mississippi 2023 Commencement exercises, which were held May 10-14. Morning convocation was held on Saturday, May 13 in the Grove.

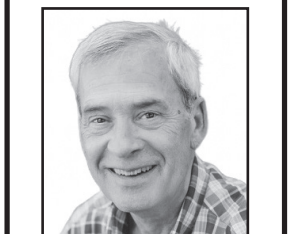
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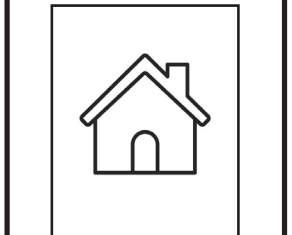
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by Linda Thistle

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Affordable Health Screenings Coming to Springfield, Virginia

Residents living in and around the Springfield, Virginia can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will host this community event on 10/27/2023. The site is located at 8304 Old Keene Mill Rd in Springfield.

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September Jam was crowd pleaser

The Open Jam on September 29 was a crowd pleaser. The jam, (The Crooked Road, Virginia's Heritage Music Trail), is held at 144 The Hollow Road, Ararat, and attendees enjoy the music, food, and dancing.



(left to right) Ralph Keen on Harmonica, Lead Singer Mary Dellenback Hill, Tommy Nichols on Guitar, Alan Cray on Guitar, back is Don Rierson on Fiddle, Ed Dalton on Guitar, and Dot Shikenjanski on Bass.



Fredia and Dave from Fort Mill, South Carolina have a vacation home in The Blue Ridge Mountains.



Sherry and Stomper, dancers, made their first-time visit from Galax, VA.



Hannah H. Freeman, with two nephews and a niece in the Easter family, (first-time visit) to the jam in Ararat. (Photos by Mary Dellenback Hill, Representative, Dan River District, Patrick County Tourism.)

Franklin County names interim economic developer

Long-time economic developer Beth Doughty was named interim director of economic development in Franklin County. Doughty, who retired in 2021 as executive director of the Roanoke Regional Partnership, will assume the post vacated by Beth Simms, who will begin her duties as the Patrick County Administrator on Oct. 12.

"There are so many economic development initiatives underway in Franklin County that bringing on an experienced interim director who is familiar with the county is the best way to keep the ball rolling and not lose

momentum," said Christopher Whitlow, county administrator in Franklin County. "We will begin a search for a permanent director right away."

As interim director, Doughty will serve as liaison with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership and Roanoke Regional Partnership, engage with existing business, facilitate business expansions and locations, coordinate development of the Summit View Business Park, and roll out new initiatives.

Doughty was with the Roanoke Regional Partnership, of which Franklin

County is a member, for twenty-two years. During her tenure, she helped recruit more than \$1 billion in investment to the Roanoke region and conceived an asset-based economic development strategy focused on outdoor assets that became Roanoke Outside. She also was president & CEO of the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce for nine years. Doughty was president of the Virginia Economic Developers Association and received the association's Cardinal Award. She was named one of the Top 50 Economic Developers in North America three

years in a row by Consultant Connect.



Beth Doughty

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- **Morgan Boothe** 6 years
- Candidate 'B' 0
- Candidate 'C' 0

CLERK'S OFFICE TRAINING:

- **Morgan Boothe** Virginia Judicial System 89 credit hours.
- Candidate 'B' 0
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Initial unemployment claims increase in September

The number of initial claims for unemployment increased in the latest filing week to 1,748 and remained at typical pre-Pandemic volumes experienced in 2019, according to the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement (DWDA).

For the filing week ending September 30, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims in Virginia was 1,748, which was an increase of 331 claimants from the previous week. Continued weeks claimed totaled 12,595, which was 235 claims lower than the previous week but an increase of 43.9% from the 8,754 continued claims from the comparable week last year. An industry was reported for ninety-three percent of claimants. Of those, over half (53 percent) of continued claims were from professional, scientific, and technical services (1,908), administrative and support and waste management (1,712), manufacturing (1,465), and health care and social assistance (1,120). 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 30, the advance U.S. figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 207,000, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 204,000 to 205,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs[1], unadjusted, totaled 172,775 in the week ending September 30, a decrease of 2,875 (or -1.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 167,378 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 (-1,629) was the largest decrease. Alabama's preliminary weekly change (-902) was the second largest decrease. Missouri's preliminary weekly change (-617) was the third largest decrease. Illinois's preliminary weekly change (-492) was the fourth largest decrease. Virginia had the fifth largest increase (+318).

Reward for Escaped Inmate Increases to \$20,000

The U.S. Marshals Service increased its crash reward for information leading to the apprehension of escaped inmate Naseem Isaiah Roulack, 21, to \$10,000, bringing the potential reward total to \$20,000.

Earlier this week, the Montgomery County, Md. Department of Police announced a reward of up to \$10,000 for information that leads to the arrest of suspects, including Roulack, in a recent armed theft of an automobile.

Montgomery County police said the theft occurred on Friday, September 1 within the locality.

"This is a significant reward and one that we hope compels people to share additional, actionable information," said VADOC Director Chadwick Dotson. "Bringing Roulack back into custody is our department's top priority and I continue to appreciate the collaboration from local, state and federal partner agencies."

The U.S. Marshals Service has indicated that Roulack, also known as Lil Nas, should be considered armed and dangerous. The U.S. Marshals Service can be contacted at 1-877-WANTED2, or tips can be submitted via the USMS Tips app.

If you encounter Roulack, do not approach. Anyone with information is urged to contact VADOC's fugitive line at 1-877-896-5764 and Virginia State Police by dialing #77

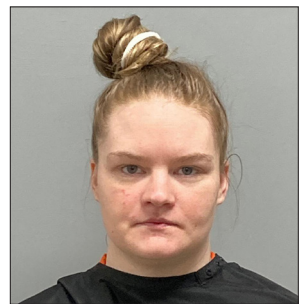


or 911.

Roulack is described as a Black man who is 5-feet, 8-inches tall, weighs 225 pounds and has brown eyes. Roulack has four identified tattoos, including one on his chest that reads "Marie," one on his left arm that reads "RIP Ish", one on his right cheek that reads "Cut Throat" and one on his right arm that reads "Faith Is Seeing Light With Your Heart When All Your Eyes See Is Darkness."

Roulack escaped from the supervision of two VADOC security officers at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in Henrico County at approximately 5:50 a.m. Saturday, August 12.

Patrick woman charged in alleged drug-related jail incident



Casey Lynn Rogers



Amanda Heather Hill



Kathy Smith Hacker

A woman from Meadows of Dan was among those charged in connection with a drug-related incident in the Henry County Detention Adult Center, according to Henry County Sheriff Wayne Davis.

Davis reported that deputies were conducting rounds inside the center around 5:10 a.m. on Oct. 2, when they discovered a woman who appeared to be suffering a medical emergency. The deputies immediately took action and began life-saving measures, including the administration of Naloxone. The inmate was stabilized and transported to SOVAH Health Martinsville.

A short time later, a second female inmate in the same pod also was found to be suffering a medical emergency, and deputies again took action, including the administration of Naloxone and CPR. The second inmate was also transported to SOVAH Health Martinsville, Davis said.

Investigators interviewed both women at the hospital and obtained information as to how the

narcotics came into their possession. Multiple witnesses reported that another female inmate who had been in the center for seven days had been placed into the female dorm the day before, Davis said.

According to witnesses, early the next morning, that inmate allegedly retrieved a small quantity of an unknown substance from inside a body cavity and distributed it to the two inmates, who consumed it orally and then experienced an overdose, Davis added.

He said his office worked with the Henry County Commonwealth Attorney's Office to determine the applicable criminal charges. As a result, the following were charged with felonies by prisoners, procure, sell, secrete or have in their possession any chemical compound which they have not lawfully received:

- Casey Lynn Rogers, 30, of Mountain View Road, Meadows of Dan.

- Kathy Smith Hacker, 47, of Conway Dr., Axton;

- Amanda Heather Hill, 27, of Grace Dr., Bassett.

SCC seeks comments on APCo's application to decrease Its fuel factor

The State Corporation Commission (SCC) is offering time for members of the public to provide comments on an application by Appalachian Power Company to decrease its fuel factor for usage on and after November 1.

Appalachian Power's application requests approval to recover the company's estimated Virginia jurisdictional fuel expenses of approximately \$433,839,311 for the November 1, 2023, through October 31, 2024, fuel year, and its projected October 31, 2023, unrecovered fuel deferral balance of \$273,125,395, subject to a mitigation proposal which would spread recovery of the unrecovered fuel deferral balance over two years.

For a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month, the average weighted monthly bill would decrease by \$1.80, from \$161.77 to \$159.97, under the company's proposal. The Commission has permitted the company to place the proposal into effect on an interim basis, subject to further modification, effective November 1, 2023.

The SCC has scheduled a public witness session to begin at 10 a.m. on January 17, 2024. Public witnesses intending to provide oral testimony must pre-register with the SCC by 5 p.m. on January 10, 2024. The hearing will be webcast at: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting.

Public witnesses wishing to provide oral testimony may preregister in one of three ways:

Completing a public witness form for

case number PUR-2023-00156 on the SCC's website at: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting.

Emailing the same form (PDF version on the same website as above) to SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov.

Calling the SCC at 804-371-9141 during normal business hours (8:15 a.m. - 5 p.m.) and providing your name and the phone number you wish the Commission to call to reach you during the hearing.

A public evidentiary hearing will follow the public witness hearing at 10 a.m. on January 17, 2024, in the SCC's second-floor courtroom at 1300 East Main Street in Richmond to receive testimony and evidence from the company, any respondents and the SCC staff.

For those who prefer, there is also an opportunity to provide comments in writing on the Appalachian Power application. Written comments may be submitted through the SCC's website by January 10, 2024, at scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. Simply go to the SCC website, select "Cases" and then "Submit Public Comments," and scroll down to case number PUR-2023-00156. Then click SUBMIT COMMENTS.

Comments can also be submitted by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments must refer to case number PUR-2023-00156.

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MoD students prepared for Fire Prevention Week

Students attending Meadows of Dan Elementary School are well prepared to celebrate Fire Prevention Week this year, after participating in the First Responders Day in May.

First Responders from various local departments including Meadows of Dan, Stuart, and other areas met and spoke with students and demonstrated safety protocols.

Students participated in hands-on learning activities such as putting on fire equipment, touring the firetruck, spraying the water hose, and meeting firefighters, police officers, rescue squad members, and the Life Flight crew.

Scholl staff were provided the opportunity to learn how to use a fire extinguisher and practice putting out a controlled fire. Kevin Keith represented the Department of Forestry and taught the students how he practices fire safety. Students were able to try on gear for fighting forest fires and learn the differences between forest fires and household fires.

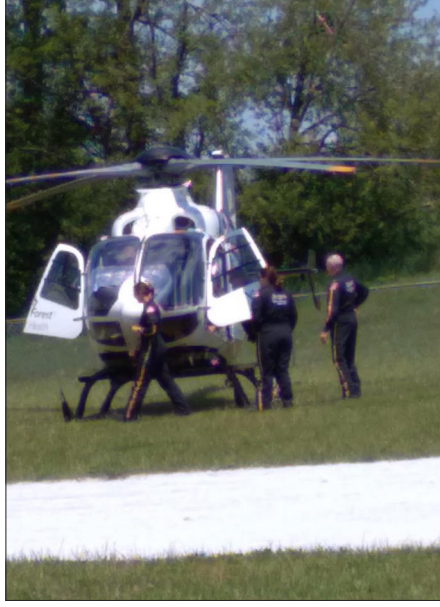
Students also enjoyed seeing the Stuart Fire Department show off their repelling skills as Clint Weidhass rappelled from their tallest ladder. The students loved the demonstration.

School Resource Officer Rob Martin arranged for a Life Flight crew to land a helicopter on the school's baseball field. Students watched the helicopter land and take off, and the crew gave students an in-depth look at the inside of the helicopter. The students loved being able to sit in the helicopter.

The students and staff at Meadows of Dan Elementary want to thank all the first responders for everything they do for our community every single day. They are everyday heroes who do not go unnoticed and are very appreciated by the students and staff at Meadows of Dan. The students are eagerly looking forward to the next First Responders Day.

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Pride of PC delivers fall show

The Pride of Patrick County Band performed at halftime of the PCHS/Glenvar game on October 6.

The band delighted the crowd with a fall themed musical and visual performance. On Saturday,

they opened their competition season finishing 3A Best in Class, 1st place Color Guard, 1st place Percussion, 1st place Marching, 1st Place General Effect and 1st Place Music.

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Reenactors share love of history

By Pat Delaney

Hundreds were entertained and educated at the annual Civil War Encampment & Living History Weekend, October 7-8 held at Laurel Hill

in Ararat, the birthplace of Gen. J.E.B. Stuart.

Attendees were treated to a battle reenactment, complete with cannons firing, horses and infantry battling

for the field. Many reenactors thrilled the youngsters in the crowd, interacting with them after the battle, answering questions and sharing their love of history.



Original Conestoga Wagon to Be Displayed at 50th Folklife Festival

The Blue Ridge Institute and Museum is excited to announce an original Conestoga wagon will

be displayed at this year's Folklife Festival. The antique farm equipment exhibit is one of the primary

features of the festival along with traditional food preparation and farm skills such as black smithing.

"These wagons were first made by Pennsylvania Germans near the Conestoga River in the mid-1700s for freight hauling purposes. Not many are still intact, and we are excited to have one on display during the 50th Folklife Festival," said Bethany Worley, BRIM director.

The 50th Folklife Festival will take place on October 28 at the Blue Ridge Institute and Museum at Ferrum College. To purchase festival tickets and learn more about the festival visit the event page at <https://blueridgeinstitute.org/blue-ridge-folklife-festival/>.

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Now, let's consider the alternatives:

Morgan Boothe: Ms. Boothe worked at the Clerk's Office for almost 5 years as a deputy clerk where paperwork and files have been lost, Orders were backlogged, and annual audits weren't without issue. Ms. Boothe stated "...When the previous bookkeeper retired at the end of 2019, [she] assumed that role...and began making daily deposits...applying fines and costs to defendants [cases], setting up defendant payment plans, and filing unclaimed property with the state."* In the 2021-2022 Audit from the Auditors of Public Accounts [when Boothe worked as the bookkeeper], the APA noted a **24%** error rate showing **\$7,370** of misallocated money or over-collected fines and costs for defendants in **9 of 37** cases pulled.** (There are thousands of cases handled annually at the Clerk's Office.) Ms. Boothe claims to be experienced in ALL areas of the Clerk's Office. Ms. Boothe claims all of the problems were of former Clerk Sherri Hazlewood, why weren't these problems brought to light before the election? Why didn't Ms. Boothe choose to act with integrity and speak out about the detriment of our Clerk's Office? Because the problems and choosing to act with integrity **didn't seem to matter until** there was an election.

Nancy Turner Belcher: Ms. Belcher has many years of criminal legal experience primarily in the Commonwealth's Attorney office, which means that she does not need many more years to retire. This is an 8 year term, and an office would be best served with consecutive terms to implement corrective action and create long standing transparency and trust for the citizens.

Conclusion:

On **November 7, 2023**, make your voice heard by choosing the candidate who embodies **competence, integrity, longevity, and dedication.**

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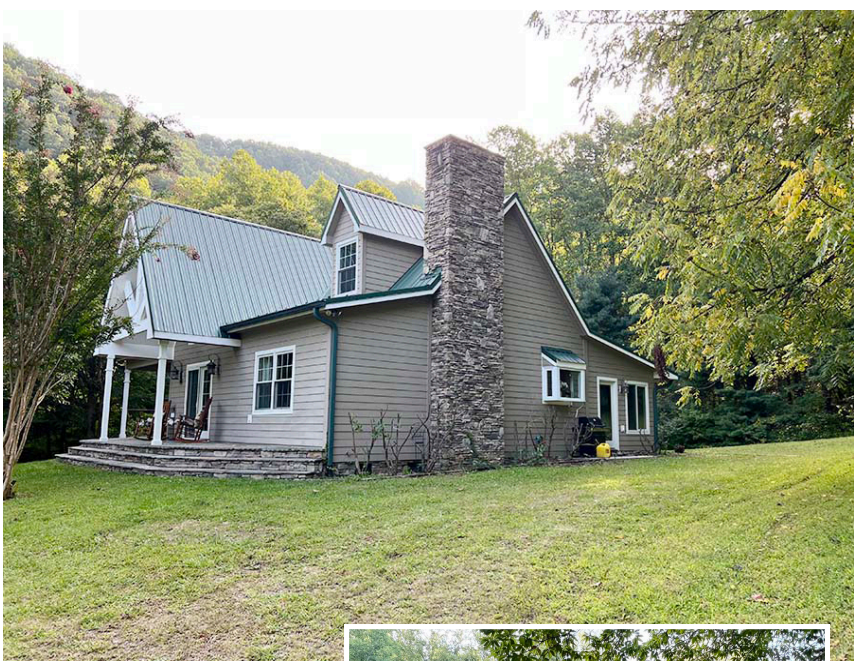
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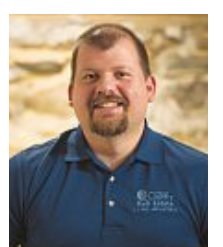


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