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Preview of new year provided at luncheon



Angie Brown, site facilitator at the Stuart site of Patrick & Henry Community College was among the 11 community leaders to provide updates at the Nov. 15 Lunch with Community Leaders event.



Patrick Cooper, at the podium, talked about several economic development plans.



More than 50 people attended the event.

By Taylor Boyd
 More than 10 speakers provided updates and previews of the coming year to nearly 50 people gathered for the second annual meeting with community leaders, an event held on Nov. 15. Hosted by the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with the Reynolds Homestead, Patrick County High School (PCHS) hospitality students prepared and served lunch.

P&HCC and the Patrick County Education Foundation
 Angie Brown, site facilitator, said P&HCC has multiple locations

where classes and services are offered, with general education classes, offered like English biology, and mathematics, available at the main site.

"We continue to work on program pathways to ensure that students put them on a focused career path as soon as possible so that they can achieve their goals whether that's going into the workforce or transferring," she said.

The Fabrication Laboratory is also housed there and provides design software and digital fabrication equipment like laser engravers

and 3D printers that are available to students, businesses, and makers in the community. Classes are offered for the equipment.

The Baliles-Reynolds Learning Center across from the P&HCC site houses mechatronics equipment and a lab where classes in industrial electronics and mechatronics are offered, Brown said.

The automation and robotics program, which has in-demand credentials, is also onsite. Two cohorts have completed the Simmons mechatronics level 1 and NC3 industry certification. Level two is

scheduled to begin in January.

"Manufacturing and maintenance technicians are highly sought after, well-paying positions as industries increasingly automate their processes," she said.

Welding classes are held at Patrick County High School (PCHS), with dual enrollment classes offered during the day and other classes held in the evening.

"We continue to have great enrollment with a waiting list, and we are grateful to Patrick County High School that the Patrick County

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Some members of One Family Productions are pictured.

One Family Productions to operate Star Theatre

By Taylor Boyd
 The Stuart Town Council selected One Family Productions, a nonprofit agency, to operate the Star Theatre. The group will pay rent of \$300 per month for the first year, with an increase to \$500 per month in the second year.

Mayor Ray Weiland explained at the November 15 meeting that the council hopes to eventually get the rent to \$1,500 per month, "but we don't want to do that too quickly. We're going to slowly step up to that."

Town Manager Bryce Simmons said the rent amount would all be negotiable per the lease that was put together with the council.

"The first year we do the \$300, the second year we do the \$500, and renegotiate after two years on the lease. Then either renegotiate every two years or do a three-year. We'll kind of make that determination when that time comes," Weiland said, noting that he believes the rent is reasonable to help One Family get on its feet and get projects together at

the theatre.

Weiland added the theatre will be a great thing for the town.

One Family Productions is a 501 c3 charitable organization with the mission of promoting and supporting community enrichment and growth. It specializes in creating impactful partnerships and events that are accessible, innovative, and engaging.

In other matters, the council:

- *Approved the meeting minutes as presented.
- *Approved giving \$250 to sponsor WHEO streaming the annual Christmas parade.
- *Heard updates on public works projects.
- *Discussed revising the inoperable vehicle ordinance.
- *Discussed the draft copy of the proposed noise ordinance.
- *Approved giving town employees Friday, November 24, the day after Thanksgiving, off as a paid holiday.
- *Approved giving town employees \$200 as a Christmas bonus.
- *Paid the bills.

Primary school students learn about worms



Kindergarten and first-grade students at Patrick Springs Primary School learned about worms and composting from several members of the Patrick County Master Gardeners group. (See inside for more information and photos.)

Patrick County Holiday Shopping Guide

Shopping SMALL in Patrick County makes a BIG Impact

By Rebecca Adcock
 Patrick County transitions from fall to the Christmas holiday season as quickly as the last candle expires in our Jack O' Lanterns. The holiday season in Patrick County is full of school plays, church recitals, and family gatherings. Gifts are always part of the equation. So, if you need a little help with your shopping list, we have plenty of options, on Small Business Saturday, (November 25 this year), or any other day.

First off is where to shop- traditional shopping districts in Stuart and Meadows of Dan are busy spots during the festive season. In Stuart, swing by Mattie B's for clothing, home decor, and more. The Honey Pot has Christian-themed books, floral arrangements, and home goods. More shops scattered along Main Street offer cards and gifts from Main Street Cards & Gifts, unique items from The Hatteras Pearl, and wonderful fabric to make something special can be found at Quilted Col-

ors. The Visitor Center offers Patrick County branded t-shirts and mugs. In downtown Stuart, Pet Provisions offers plenty of goodies for your furry friends. Gift cards from our local restaurants on Main Street: El Rancho, Uptown Stagecoach, and Leonardo's Pizzeria and Bistro make great options for stocking stuffers or co-worker gifts.

Meadows of Dan has several shopping options starting at the top of the mountain at Poor Farmers Farm for fudge, clothing, and yard sculptures. On down the road High Country Lavender offers plenty of lavender-infused items to help you and your loved ones handle the stress of the holidays. In the Meadows of Dan business area, Poor Farmer's Market and Concord Corner Store are great places to hunt for treasures. Nancy's Candy operates a storefront where your sugarpalum dreams come true. From truffles to jelly beans, the sweet tooth

(See Shopping Guide p. 7)

Small Business Saturday set for Nov. 25

By Rebecca Adcock
 Small Business Saturday will be held in Patrick County on November 25 this year. Created in 2010 to help support small businesses and the communities that we love, the event has become a holiday shopping tradition that leaves many feeling inspired to Shop Small year-round.

Small Business Saturday is about more than just shopping at local stores. It's about celebrating and sharing the small businesses that are part of our lives -- from corner stores to family-owned eateries, to vendors at the farmers' market. They're the places we call our own and can't imagine living without. It's these businesses and the people behind them that make Patrick County unique. And when they succeed, we all do.

Patrick County offers several ways to Shop Small for Small Business Saturday. Meadows of Dan is always a great place

to shop, from the High Country Lavender, The Mayberry Trading Post, Poppies, Concord Corner Store, Villa Appalaccia, Nancy's Candy Company, and more. Spend the day shopping in Meadows of Dan, and be ready for their annual Christmas Parade at 3 p.m.

Other activities in the county include a Holiday Market at Fairy Stone State Park (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), Stanbong Winery will be open (12 to 4 p.m.) along with Ayers-Kreh Tree Farm (9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) and the shops along Main Street in Stuart, such as Mattie B's, Uptown Stagecoach, The Honey Pot, The Hatteras Pearl, and more.

Support the businesses in your community and in the county -- shop locally on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

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

Congressional staff to visit

Congressman Morgan Griffith's Ninth District staff will be available in Patrick and Henry counties on November 29.

Staff will be in Henry County from 10 – 11:30 a.m. in the Henry County Administration Building, Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, Conference Room 1, 3300 Kings Mountain Road, Martinsville.

Staff will then travel to Patrick County, where they will be from 12:30 – 2 p.m. in the Patrick County Administration Building, Conference Room, 106 Rucker Street, Stuart.

In the event of inclement weather (heavy snow, sleet, icy rain, etc.), traveling office hours may be rescheduled to avoid putting constituents at risk. If schools are closed in either location, then its office hours will be closed as well. Contact the Christiansburg Office at (540) 381-5671 or the Abingdon Office at (276) 525-1405 with any questions or schedule an appointment time in the event of office hour closure.

Immediate fire ban issued on all DWR properties West of I-95

Due to exceptionally dry conditions, the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) has implemented a complete ban on any open burning (e.g., campfires, grills) on all of its properties (e.g., Wildlife Management Areas, Wildlife Con-

servation Sites, boat ramps) west of Interstate-95, effective immediately and lasting until further notice.

For updates on this restriction, visit <https://dwr.virginia.gov/> or the DWR's social media pages as conditions are expected to change.



Tourism Talks

Hi Patrick!

I hope you are doing well. It has been a few weeks since we last talked. As you know, we have just had the busiest time of the year for tourism, which was both fun and challenging. Now that we are winding down, we can focus on the upcoming holidays, which is one of my favorite times of the year, despite the weather changes. Although the leaves are gone, and some people want to hibernate, we have much to be thankful for. Personally, I am thankful for you, and I appreciate your beauty, charm, the peace provided by the majestic mountains, and the many streams that flow through the valleys. I am also grateful for the community and people that make you warm and inviting. The community that shows up in times of need and as-

sists us in overcoming life's challenges is something to be thankful for as well. Patrick, you have provided us with opportunities to be better than we have ever been before. As you read this, I hope you will see how blessed you are! You may not have everything you want, but you do well with what you have. So, Patrick, I want to thank our Emergency Response Teams (Fire, Rescue, Sheriff's Department), the volunteers, public offices, school staff, and citizens who make you unique. I hope you hold your traditions close this Thanksgiving, and as always, "Come get lost and find yourself here!"

Sending you my love, Patrick!

Happy Thanksgiving!

James Houchins, Director of Tourism (jhouchins@co.patrick.va.us)

Upcoming Shows Presented By

SAT. 11/25	R.W. SHUCKS Seafood Block Party <small>On the Historic Courthouse Square in Uptown Martinsville</small>	LOW TICKET WARNING!
SAT. 12/2	RUMOURS A Fleetwood Mac Tribute <small>HJDB Event Center, Bassett, VA</small>	ON SALE
SAT. 12/9	SNEEZY <small>Funk Soul Band at TAD Space, Martinsville, VA</small>	ON SALE

Tickets and Info: RoosterWalk.com

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Pets of the Week



This handsome male Red Tick hound found on Harbour Lane in Stuart.

There are lots of adorable kittens in the shelter to choose from.

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

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Luncheon

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ty Schools for the opportunity," she said.

Seven students have participated in the new powerline worker training class which started in September. Those students have completed the powerline portion of the certification and are now working on the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) portion of the program offered in partnership with Wytheville Community College and PCHS.

The Patrick County Education Foundation was created to focus on the educational growth and economic mobility of Patrick County residents. Its early work focused on improving on-time high school graduation and GED attainment rates, she said.

"Now, the foundation understands the need for post-high school attainment is critical to meet the demands of employers," she said, adding that in 2022, the national post-high school attainment rate was 53.7 percent. Virginia's rate was 59.3 percent. Patrick County's was 28.8 percent.

"Which leads us to Patrick Promise. In support of the education foundation's goal, the Patrick Promise will provide last-dollar funds for Patrick County graduates to attend Patrick & Herny Community College at no cost to the family for up to two-and-a-half years," Brown said, adding that funds continue to be raised to help ensure the Promise can help graduating students.

Economic Development

Patrick Cooper, executive director of the Economic Development Authority (EDA), said he participated in a housing summit in Danville with the Southern Virginia Regional Alliance in mid-October, and "presented some of the available properties, mainly land, that Patrick County has to offer for developers. So, we're very hopeful" that developers will follow up.

Strides are also being made on the mobile healthcare unit, Cooper said. A new truck was recently bought to pull a trailer that is being purchased. A respiratory machine, Life Pack15, communication equipment, and a custom truck bed for the new truck chassis were also ordered.

"We are preparing to contract for a custom trailer that will provide some enhanced medical capabilities," he said.

Currently, the primary focus for the Business Development Center (BDC) and Recovery Center is working on asbestos abatement from the property's flooring, he said, adding that the EDA is about 95 percent complete on documents to secure some funding to start the Cockram's Mill and Freehouse Brewery projects.

PCHS

PCHS Assistant Principal & CTE Coordinator Trey Cox said the school system is focused on high-quality, work-based learning.

"It's not really a mandate from the VDOE (Virginia Department of Education), but it is getting our kids into careers that they can make a living at, be at home, live in Patrick County," he said.

Cox said employment and the things that are going to happen cannot be predicted, but "when we talk to you guys, you can help us predict what you need and what you need coming up. That's what we have to do. We work hand in hand with P&H, they have things we're trying to incorporate into our schools. We want to model ourselves, in our CTE, like P&H."

Cox said the school does a lot of fundraising and goes after grants to provide opportunities to students.

One opportunity is the Marketplace under the new School Board Office, where food, plants, things made in the woodshop, and other items, will be available for purchase.

"Our students will be working that, which once again leads into our high-quality work-based learning, which is giving them the experience they need to come out into the workforce," he said.

West Piedmont Planning District Commission

Interim Director Kristie Eberly said the organization offers numerous services including community development, economic development, comprehensive economic strategy for the region, housing planning and development, transportation planning, and hazard mitigation planning.

In Patrick County, Eberly said the WPPDC has been assisting with the Moonshine Heritage Trail, Rich Creek Business Park, and the Star Theatre.

The agency "is also handling the broadband projects for the region and currently Charter (Charter Spectrum) is working on permitting and getting under construction in several areas. Appalachian Power and Riverstreet Networks" are finishing engineering and will be under construction in February 2024, she said.

Eberly said the other project WPPDC has been working on is the Business Development Center where it helped secure funding for that, and hopes to be advertising for a contractor in early 2024.

Patrick County Tourism

Director James Houchins said "As we transition into 2024, we're going to be highlighting" the natural resources available in the county, and "those amenities that we have."

By working with the West Piedmont Planning Commission and the Friends of Southwest Virginia, Houchins said there are some grants that are going to be coming up that should grow the county even more.

Houchins said the more than 70 entities in the county on Airbnb "do well, so we've got areas to increase in. We would love to have a hotel, not to take away business from Primland, but to help



Tourism Director James Houchins talked about the county's amenities.

that business. Because if you're not able to stay overnight, you could still go and do the golfing, you could go do the horseback riding, you could do any of the trails, and you could stay at a local hotel."

Houchins said attracting a hotel to locate in the county is on his wish list for a number of reasons.

"It would help us in our sports tourism and in other ways," he said, adding it would "enhance what we have."

Houchins also spoke about the Moonshine Heritage Trail, working on getting the Covered Bridge Festival restarted, and the VA250 Council focused on celebrating the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution.

Primland Resort

Rajiv Malhotra, general manager, said the resort had another strong year and is expected to finish the year with about 70 percent occupancy.

"We have a total of 64 keys, and the 70 percent occupancy is at a rate of about \$805 per room per day. So, that's a very, very strong number," he said, adding Primland has added two luxury treehouses for a current total of five for rent.

"We spent a little shy of \$1 million for the treehouses. We opened them in early October, and they have been doing very well," he said, adding the cost per night is \$4,000.

Another mountain home, this one a six-bedroom, is currently being built, he said. It has an estimated cost of around \$5 million and will be ready in the first quarter of 2024.

Virginia Department of Transportation

In addition to the U.S. 58 project, resident engineer Lisa Price-Hughes said road construction projects are planned, including two intersection safety projects.

"One's at 103 and Hatchers Chapel (Road) and Archie's Creek Road intersection. This is \$1.2 million proposed for the spring of 2025," she said. "Then we have" the intersection "of Route 8 at Ashby Drive. That's a \$5.4 million project also proposed to begin in the fall of 2025."

Price-Hughes said work on the TJ George Bridge in Stuart has a construction estimate of \$10,340,000.

VDOT is currently working with a consultant on the scope and fee proposal for the project.

"The new bridge will be two spans with a pier in the center, 32 feet wide, and a five-foot sidewalk on the upstream side, so we can accommodate the pedestrians that we know use that bridge," she said.

Price-Hughes said it will be a complicated project that likely will have multiple temporary signals involved because of trying to maintain access to the businesses and the different legs of the nearby intersections.

"It's going to be a lot of coordination required for the local businesses. But it's going to be complex, in addition to some of the utilities that are there around the bridge," she said.

Price-Hughes said the Vesta section of U.S. 58 is four miles long and mostly in a new location.

"This is going to be a design-build contract, similar to what we have for Lovers Leap. The engineering services and the construction services are in one contract. The estimate for that project is \$235 million," she said.

The request for quotes for the project is scheduled to be advertised in the summer of 2024 and the notice of award is expected to be posted in the spring of 2025.

"Right now, we're looking at six to seven years from that notice of award to the end of construction. So, it's a long process but it will be worth it to get that additional section of 58 completed and take us all the way," she said.

Patrick County Parks & Recreation

Travis Murphy, the director, said the department is working to introduce more senior citizen activities in the future.

"Our sports programs are still going strong for the kids. For the next year my goals are to expand a bit more on the softball programs that we had success in the fall, the adult softball program, which was co-ed, we helped out the Patrick Springs softball league," he said.

Murphy said football season is finishing and the basketball program will soon begin. The department has also worked to provide more items for every park.

"I know there's a lot of growth opportunities, and I do have a" potential list of ideas "that will be economically dynamic, I think, for the county. This will take some time that will bring in a lot of economic opportunities ... and also enable our youth a better opportunity to grow in sports," he said.

Town of Stuart

Stuart Town Manager Bryce Simmons provided an update on projects he discussed at last



County Administrator Beth Simms discussed plans to create a strategic vision after new members of the Board of Supervisors are sworn in.

year's event.

"The Town of Stuart has completed the \$2 million wastewater treatment plant improvement project. We've installed a new raw water pump for our water treatment plant, we were able to use ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds for that," he said.

The town hired a new public works director, repainted the caboose red, and reinstated the Planning Commission.

"We're currently working on our Comprehensive Plan along with the West Piedmont Planning District Commission. Being able to get that commission back in order has been really great in reviewing our ordinances, helping to better plan for the future of the Town of Stuart," he said.

Simmons said the town has also completed the Star Theatre feasibility study in cooperation with funding from One Family Productions and the Tobacco Commission. The results ultimately led to the town purchasing the Star Theatre.

The Downtown Revitalization Project and Plan was completed by Hill Studio in March 2023 and approved by the town council. The town has applied for approximately \$1.7 million to fund aspects of that plan, Simmons said.

"At this time, the plan improvements include parking improvements at the Farmers' Market, and the adjacent areas, plus a new playground with ADA (American Disabilities Act) accessibility at the top of the hill, a new bandshell over the concrete pad at the existing market, wayfinding signage throughout all of town," he said.

Simmons said the most exciting part is the collaborative project with the property owners to build a structural deck along the historic properties between Patrick Avenue and South Main Street called the Mega Deck.

"I really think that's going to be a great community effort that will draw people to our downtown," he said.

Patrick County

County Administrator Beth Simms said because new board members will be sworn in in January, the county will consider a strategic vision early next year.

"My job as county administrator is to work with them in setting a strategic vision for the county," Simms said, noting that the county must pull together in the same direction and identify where it's coming from, what opportunities it has, and then, get to work.

"Yes, we're Patrick County. Yes, we're small. Yes, we're un-zoned. Yes, we're rural. That doesn't mean that we can't have best practices and we shouldn't have high expectations," she said, adding the county cannot be shy or afraid to ask for help, because doing so is an opportunity to learn from other localities.

Infrastructure, like roads and water and sewer, and housing, help bring new businesses, "so, water and sewer is something that the board wants to look at and something" to consider in terms of "how do we enhance and increase and improve water and sewer infrastructure to make our community more attractive to residents and businesses," she said.

Branch Civil

Project Superintendent Chad Sutton said the primary focus this year is the earth movement for the U.S. 58 expansion project. The company is preparing to move about 10 million yards of dirt for the project. To date, about 4.3 million yards have been moved.

"There're nine box culverts to install. The total length of the box culverts is about 1,200 million feet of box to be installed. The project is actually 7.4 miles long from the top of the mountain to where it ties in at the four lanes," he said.

While 7.4 miles may not seem like a lot, Sutton said there are two lanes each way, "so, really it's 29.2 miles of lane miles, plus turn lanes and side roads and all of that."

Sutton said deep drainage, which moves an existing stream or creek under or around a road, and top drainage will be used.

"There's roughly 9,400 feet of deep drainage and there's roughly 37,000 feet of top drainage. Top drainage is kind of (what) controls your rainwater, moves it along, moves it into sediment basins to be filtered out, cleaned out, and then put back into the existing creeks and streams," he said.

Sutton said there are 82,000 tons of base asphalt that will be put down for the project, 37,000 tons of intermediate asphalt, and 35,000 tons of surface asphalt.

This is similar to the amount of asphalt put down for the almost 8-mile Tri-County connector project.

Thanksgiving Through the Years

Every November, families and friends gather across the country to give thanks for the many blessings they have received during the year.

A holiday that many look forward to every year didn't always have such a predictable nature.

It took almost a century and a half for Thanksgiving to be what it is today. Some of our country's most influential presidents even played a hand in establishing Thanksgiving as the holiday we know today.

As some may know, the first thanksgiving was celebrated in Virginia in 1619, when a group of 35 settlers and their leader, Captain John Woodlief, set sail from England for the New World, bound for land in Virginia along the James River. This settlement would be known as Berkeley Hundred. This was two years before the pilgrims held their Thanksgiving in Massachusetts.

Sailing into the Chesapeake Bay on November 28, the group lingered in that area for a few days, weathering a fierce storm, before arriving at Berkeley Hundred on December 4.

Once on shore, Captain Woodlief prayed, offering words that had actually been provided by the Berkeley Company which funded the settlement: "We ordaine that this day of our ships arrival, at the place assigned for plantacon, in the land of Virginia, shall be yearly and perpetually kept holy as a day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God." Unfortunately, the Berkeley Hundred settlement would last only a few years due to attacks by Native Americans.

Later, in 1777, following the Battles at Saratoga, which were pivotal to America receiving the foreign assistance it needed to win the Revolutionary War, the Continental Congress declared the first national American Thanksgiving.

Then, in 1789, President George Washington proclaimed Thursday, November 26, as a day of "public thanksgiving and prayer" dedicated to "the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, and that will be."

Though Washington had declared a national thanksgiving in 1789, the holiday had not yet caught on throughout the country and was mainly celebrated in New England.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln designated a national "day of Thanksgiving and praise," thanks in large part due to the actions by American writer and activist Sarah Joseph Hale. Mrs. Hale is perhaps best known as the author of the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

In addition to many Members



Morgan Griffith

Representative

of Congress and Governors, Mrs. Hale wrote to five presidents before Lincoln, failing to persuade them to support a national holiday. Finally, after 17 years of advocacy, President Lincoln was persuaded to designate the final Thursday in November as Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Hale is also believed to be responsible for popularizing the Thanksgiving menu. One of the chapters in her novel Northwood: Or, a Tale of New England, is dedicated to describing the dishes of Thanksgiving, including turkey, gravy, stuffing, pumpkin pie, among others.

With the help of Lincoln's declaration, Thanksgiving became a nationally celebrated holiday. It became federally recognized by Congress in 1870.

In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared November 23 as Thanksgiving, the next to last Thursday that year. It is said that President Roosevelt viewed Thanksgiving as too late that year and wanted to move it forward to give Americans an extra week of Christmas shopping.

Many Americans were upset by the president departing from tradition and refused to celebrate Thanksgiving on the 23rd. Critics called it "Franksgiving" (Franklin's Thanksgiving).

Two years later, acknowledging he made a mistake and attempting to correct it, President Roosevelt signed a law designating the fourth Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day. And since 1941, Thanksgiving has since been celebrated as such.

Though it took many years for Thanksgiving to become what it is today, the spirit of the holiday has held true since the founding of our nation. We must not forget to stop to thank the Lord for our many blessings and to thank loved ones for their support and guidance in our lives.

As always, I pray that everyone has a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Abingdon office at (276) 525-1405 or my Christiansburg office at (540) 381-5671. To reach my office via email, please visit my website at www.morgangriffith.house.gov. Also on my website is the latest material from my office, including information on votes recently taken on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Stuart DMV Select to close for Thanksgiving Holiday

The DMV Select in Stuart will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday starting at noon on Wednesday, No-

vember 22. The agency will remain closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24.

Letters to the Editor/Viewpoints Policy

The Enterprise welcomes letters to the editor and/or reader viewpoints of 500 words or less. Submissions may be edited for clarity, length, legal ramifications or general taste at the editor's discretion. We reserve the right to refuse to publish submitted letters for the same reasons. All letters must be signed by an individual and include community. Verifiable sources for information cited must be forwarded to the editor. Letters that do not meet these guidelines will not be considered for publication.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

December blood drive set

Thank you, Patrick County. Our goal was met! Twenty equivalent units of blood were collected which translates to helping 60 patients with medical issues.

Thank you, Volunteers! They are the ones who make your donation experience as pleasant as possible. The Volunteers take time out of their schedule to help donors through the general process of donation. Volunteers this month were Patti Brunner, Denis Clark, William Hines, Debra Boswell, Harriette Moore, and Jack Vestal.

Next month is special, of course. The volunteers will be offering donors extra-special treats.

We are always interested in add-

ing to our roster of Volunteers. If you are interested in giving back to your community, please consider volunteering your time with the Patrick County Blood Drive, the oldest continuing blood drive in the county. Please stop by the next blood drive or contact one of the volunteers for further information.

Please remember that the American Red Cross encourages donors to make an appointment for your time to donate via internet at redcross.org or by calling 1-800-733-2767.

Next month's blood drive is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Happy Thanksgiving.

Gene Stirewalt,
Stuart

China mocks San Francisco

(MRCTV, Newsmax, Fox, Daily Signal, American Thinker, Heritage Foundation)

China's state-controlled media, the China Global Times, mocked how San Francisco's drug, filth and homeless problems "miraculously disappeared overnight" ahead of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in the city. "The clean-up shows San Francisco can - but will not - address the city's problems for the sake of its citizens. San Francisco's clean street and the disappearance of homeless people demonstrate the city has the ability to address the malaise but only seems willing to do so when an international summit is approaching rather than for the sake of its own people. The real concern for San Francisco residents is why the government can solve century-old problems that have plagued the city for the president but cannot solve these problems for ordinary people."

The Global Times also posted before-and-after photos of a street in the city first published by The San Francisco Standard. The photos were also widely circulated by China's largest government-controlled social media outlet, Weibo.

"There's a lot of money coming into this conference, and none of that is being set aside for unhoused people who are being displaced," Coalition on Homelessness Executive Director Jennifer Friedenbach says in the article. "They're just moving people around."

Reporters from the Czech Republic did not have the same protection from the reality of San Francisco's dangers, however. Over the weekend, the Czech film crew was robbed of equipment and footage worth more than \$18,000. What is

more, the robbery was not an isolated incident in San Francisco, for those who live and work in San Francisco, because local television crews have resorted to traveling with armed guards. Unfortunately, the Czech film crew must not have been aware of the local custom, so they did not employ a security detail while visiting San Francisco. The camera crew was also robbed of the footage it took, depriving it of the ability to portray San Francisco to their viewers back home as a visitors' paradise.

Ironically, there actually is a chance that, if caught, the thieves will be aggressively prosecuted - because the \$18,000 value of the equipment and footage stolen exceeds San Francisco's \$950 threshold for legitimate prosecution. Shoplifting has surged since a 2021 law decriminalized retail theft.

When California Democrat Gov. Gavin Newsom, admitted that clean-up efforts in San Francisco were a consequence of "fancy leaders coming into town," he did more than say the quiet part out loud. Newsom showed the true winner of his policy goals, and it is not the 40 million Californians or citizens in the country he harbors ambitions of leading as president. It's Xi Jinping, president of the People's Republic of China, who sat down with President Joe Biden at Wednesday's highly anticipated Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting.

Why do Democrat leaders from Gavin Newsom to Joe Biden keep favoring this country's interests over our own when it comes to China. The answer: money - always follow the money.

Pray for our country.
William Salser,
Stuart

Arrests Reported

The Patrick County Sheriff's Office reported the following:

*Robert Wayne Osborne, 25, of Patrick Springs, was charged Nov. 9 with threat school employee. Sgt. W.D. Hill was the arresting officer.

*Devin Michael King, 32, of Winston Salem, N.C., was charged Nov. 9 with one count each break and enter dwelling and petty larceny. Sgt. C. Frick was the arresting officer.

*Nathan Eugene Bedsaul, 38, no address available, was charged Nov. 11 with probation violation. Carroll County made the arrest for Patrick County.

*Timothy McAdams, 53, of Bassett, was charged Nov. 13 with probation violation. Deputy R. Dillon was the arresting officer.

*Susan Murphy, 41, of Stuart, was charged Nov. 13 with two counts contribute to delinquency of a minor. Deputy J.G. Pickernel was the arresting officer.

*Timothy Dale Underwood, 25, of Stuart, was charged Nov. 13 with trespass. Deputy J.G. Pickernel was the arresting officer.

*Brittany Nicole Owens, 29, of Stuart, was charged Nov. 14 with fail to appear. Sgt. C. Frick was the arresting officer.

*Lawrence Eugene Mishoe, 60, of Martinsville, was charged Nov.

14 with probation violation. Martinsville PD made the arrest for Patrick County.

*Ulises Hernandez-Chiquito, 18, of Mt. Airy, NC, was charged Nov. 15 with warrant of extradition. Deputy A. Kinney was the arresting officer.

*Jakeyse Tychon Bostick, 22, of Collinsville, was charged Nov. 15 with three counts utter, two counts each forge writing and obtain money by false pretense. Martinsville PD made the arrest for Patrick County. Arrests were also made for Floyd County and Carroll County.

*Nyzah Antonio Bradley, 21, of Martinsville, was charged Nov. 15 with one count each utter, forge, and obtain money by false pretense. Martinsville PD made the arrest for Patrick County.

*French Andrew Bailey, 34, of Martinsville, was charged Nov. 16 with probation violation. Deputy M.T. Rorrer was the arresting officer.

*Christy Leigh Martin, 47, of Stuart, was charged Nov. 16 with fail to appear. Deputy M.T. Rorrer was the arresting officer.

*Michael Lewis Quinn, 40, of Axton, was charged Nov. 16 with probation violation. Sgt. D. Celozzi was the arresting officer.

Patrick Pioneers

Sarah Cockram French

By Beverly Belcher Woody

Sarah Cockram French was born in 1863 to William Henry Cochran and Nancy Bathsheba Hylton. You will notice for the purpose of this story; I spell the family surname differently. I am writing the name just as I find it in census records, death records, etc.

Sarah was the oldest daughter of William Henry and Nancy Bathsheba Hylton Cochran of the Mountain View community. Henry was her older brother, and younger siblings were Nancy, born in 1871; Larkin, born in 1873; Susannah, born in 1875; George Edward, born in 1883; and John P., born in 1887.

Sarah was named for her paternal grandmother, Sarah Elizabeth Newberry Cockram, wife of Peter Cockram of Franklin County. Sarah's maternal grandparents were Moses and Elizabeth Cruise Hylton of the Lone Ivy community.

Sarah married Isaac French on the 16th of December 1885 in Russell County, Virginia. In the 1900 census, the couple was living in the Smith River district of Patrick County with their four children, Alice Virginia, age 11; John, age 9; Lucinda, age 7; and Daniel Joseph, age 10 months.

Sarah and Isaac made their home in what is known as the "Dark Hollow" in the Mountain View section

of Patrick County. The tiny log cabin was located along the "River Road," down the side of the mountain below Conner's View Primitive Baptist Church.

By the 1910 census, Sarah's daughter, Lucinda had married Thomas Green Branch from Patrick County, and they were living in Coalwood Camp #6 in McDowell County, West Virginia. Sarah's son, John, was also living with the couple and working as a coal miner too. Sadly, John was killed by a train shortly after arriving in West Virginia. By the time of the 1920 census, Sarah's son Daniel Joseph had moved out to West Virginia and was living with his sister, Lucinda and working in the coal mines too.

Isaac passed away in 1923 and this left Sarah and daughter Alice alone in the Dark Hollow. Alice was born with what we would probably describe today as nonverbal autism. According to my cousin Ivalien, although Alice couldn't speak, she was still able to do many things. Ivalien wrote the following memories, "Miz Sarah could show Alice a poke salad leaf, and Alice could go pick the poke greens for a meal. The one thing that stands out in my mind is Alice's bark baskets. She would peel the bark off of trees and weave baskets. They were real sturdy and useful. Alice would roam the mountainside picking wild straw-



Sarah Cockram French on Old Mae, and daughter Alice by porch.

berries in her bark baskets."

Ivalien also loved cherry picking time in Sarah's orchard, "What I always loved most was in the summer, about June, going cherry picking down at Miz Sarah's. I'd grab my little Karo Syrup bucket and head down that winding path with Dad. You had to hold to bushes and vines to keep from rolling down the mountainside."

In late March of 1949, no one had seen Sarah or Alice for a couple of days. Folks found Alice sitting beside her mother in the cold, dark cabin. Sarah had suffered a stroke; she was taken to Mount Airy hospital where she passed away. Alice was sent to the Southwestern State

Hospital in Marion where she lived for 8 years, 3 months, and 28 days before passing away.

Sarah and Alice were both laid to rest at Mountain View Methodist Church cemetery. The photo with this article was taken at the home of Dollie Hylton of Mountain View and shows Sarah on her horse, "Old Mae," and her daughter, Alice, standing by the porch.

Woody may be reached at rockcastlecreek1@gmail.com or (276) 692-9626. Thank you to all the supportive messages and phone calls I have gotten about Patrick Pioneers. I will try my best to respond to each of them over Thanksgiving break.

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 - Can I Voluntarily Suspend My Social Security Payments?

Dear Rusty: My wife retired in 2015 and is receiving Social Security. I am past my full retirement age, and I still work. I recently filed for Social Security benefits and received my first payment earlier this month, and my benefits are around three times my wife's. I now find that, due to other income, I am having some regrets about filing for Social Security, as the taxes will be complicated. So, my questions are:

1. If I do a "Voluntary Suspension", can my wife still apply to get up to 50% of my benefits, or do I have to be "actively" receiving Social Security benefits? In other words, does the "Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015" prevent this?

2. If I do a "Voluntary Suspension", how soon could I "restart" my benefits?

Signed: Having Second Thoughts
Dear Second Thoughts: The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 closed a loophole which previously allowed someone to file for their Social Security retirement benefit in order for their marital partner to claim a spousal benefit, after which the primary beneficiary could suspend their own benefit and allow it to grow to maximum at age 70. That "file and suspend" option went away in April of 2016; thus, your wife cannot claim her spousal benefit while your Social Security retirement benefits are suspended (you must be "actively" receiving benefits for your wife to get benefits on your record).

Nevertheless, because you've already reached your full retirement age, you can voluntarily suspend your benefit payments at any time to allow it to continue growing by simply calling Social Security at

your local office (or at the national number 1.800.772.1213) and asking them to do so. Your wife will not receive her spousal benefits for any months your benefits are suspended, but she would continue to get her own SS retirement amount (only the spousal portion of her monthly amount would be suspended).

You will be able to restart your benefits at any time by calling Social Security again and asking that your benefits be resumed. You can suspend and restart your benefits as needed (no restriction on how many times), but they will only start/resume the suspension effective with the month following the month you call. And, as you likely already know, for each month your benefits are suspended you will earn Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) resulting in a higher payment amount later.

Just for clarity, voluntary suspension of benefits is only available to those who have reached

full retirement age but is an excellent way to increase your monthly Social Security payment. Your benefit will grow by .667% for each month suspended and, if your benefit is still suspended when you turn 70 years old, Social Security will automatically resume payments at that time, at your higher maximum monthly amount.

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Diabetes and Self Compassion

Did you really eat that whole bag of chips? Did you choose healthy carbs, but eat way too many? Is it easy to commit to your health goals in-between-meals, but more difficult to follow through when it's time to eat? Do you beat yourself up when you make a mistake? Do you find it easy to show compassion to your friends, but more difficult to be kind to yourself?

As a diabetes educator, I find that many people are hard on themselves. They especially remember their failings. As we start a session, many patients say, "You're going to be upset with me." But I don't need to scold. Usually my patients have already scolded themselves and are overwhelmed with feelings of guilt. That's why my goal is to encourage. Success comes when we focus on what we have done right, rather than ruminating on our failures.

We all know more than we can do. We struggle to bridge the gap

between the health information in our heads and the practical application in our lives. I too struggle to make good health choices. It's worse when I let myself feel guilty and discouraged. Yes, I make mistakes, but I can learn from each mistake and continue toward my goal.

Wikipedia defines self-compassion, as "extending compassion to one's self in instances of perceived inadequacy, failure, or general suffering." Dr. Kristin Neff, Associate Professor in Human Development and Culture at the University of Texas, has proposed three major components of self-compassion:

Self-kindness: Showing warmth and acceptance to yourself when you encounter personal shortcomings, instead of ignoring them or hurting yourself with self-criticism.

Common humanity: Recognizing that suffering and personal failure are part of the shared human experience.

ence.

Mindfulness: Becoming more aware of your own emotions and negative thoughts without denying or judging them. It includes not focusing or ruminating on negative emotions, just acknowledging them.

Denial refuses to accept the reality of a situation and imagines that choices have no consequences. Self-compassion is not denial of the illness. It means accepting the diabetes but still treating yourself with kindness and love. This is the same kind of love and respect that you would freely give to a friend encountering the same problem.

It may be helpful to write down your self-talk. As you become more aware of what you're saying to yourself, you can choose to change your degrading and belittling chatter to something encouraging and positive. Love and kindness are far better motivators than self-criti-

cism.

"But I'm not perfect!" True. But you can become more skillful and aware. So what if you forgot to exercise, ate more than you planned, or skipped a blood glucose test? Say, "Yes, that was a poor choice; I can do better. There will be another chance to choose."

You have already taken positive steps in managing your diabetes. You may congratulate yourself and look to the future. Every little step toward your goal can improve both your present health and your future prospects. You can set reasonable goals, make reasonable efforts to meet them, and practice self-compassion. You may find that love is the best motivator of all.

(Submitted by Betty Dean. Written by Betty Jo Vercio, RN, MS, CDE. Used by permission from www.lifeandhealth.org. Courtesy of LifeSpring - Resources for Hope and Healing Stuart, VA)

Annual Creative Writing Contest now accepting entries

Entries are now being accepted for the annual Creative Writing Contest sponsored by The Enterprise.

The contest is open to all Patrick County students.

To be considered for publication,

stories must be typed and received via email to dhall@theenterprise.net.

Entries must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8.

To be considered for publication, each entry must include the first

and last name of the student, the grade level, and school (if applicable).

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in three grade levels: K-3, 4 through 7, and 8 to 12.

Winners may claim a prize by

calling The Enterprise, at (276) 694-3101.

PLEASE NOTE: Printed or scanned entries will NOT be considered for publication.

**Prizes must be claimed by Jan. 30, 2024.

Farmers, residents mobilize to help battle Madison County blaze

When the Quaker Run fire was inching closer to the Syria community, local farmers and residents mobilized to help fire crews to establish a containment line and protect nearby homes and structures.

The Quaker Run fire, currently the largest wildfire in Virginia, has burned 3,937 acres and is 41% contained, according to the Virginia Department of Forestry. Gov. Glenn Youngkin recently declared a state of emergency in Madison County, as well as in Patrick County for the Tuggles Gap fire, to employ additional resources needed to combat the blazes.

Brad Jarvis, Virginia Cooperative Extension agent in Madison County, noted that while “we were lucky not to have any agricultural damage,” the fire did threaten some nearby homes in Syria, as well as Graves Mountain Farm & Lodges. Crews and volunteers rallied to install large containment lines to keep the fire away from the community.

“We had a lot of people volunteering—many of them farmers and bear hunters,” said Clay Jackson, chairman of the Madison County Board of Supervisors and vice president of Madison County Farm Bureau. “We were up there every day putting in fire lines, using leaf blowers, cutting trees and snags, just trying to keep it away.”

Many also distributed water and meals to crews working around the clock to keep the fire at bay.

“It was probably about 100 yards above our motel,” said Lucky Graves, who runs Graves Mountain Farm & Lodges with his family and serves as Madison County Farm Bureau president. “When it got close, we back-burned from our line back up to the fire” to consume

the fuel in the fire’s path and stop its trajectory.

Fortunately, the fire didn’t reach the structure or any of the farm’s orchards or crops, but it did have some impact on the business’ agri-tourism operations.

“A couple of our cabins were right next to the mountain where the fire was,” Graves said. “We had a few cancellations, but not as many as I expected.”

Smoke in the area also “was heavier on certain days, and it was hard to get things done outside—eyes burning, a little bit harder to breathe,” Jarvis said. “It would come and go.”

While Madison County received some light rain last Friday that helped with the fire, the county and several other localities are experiencing significant drought and rainfall deficits. The National Weather Service reports that nearly the entire state is “abnormally dry” with areas experiencing severe and extreme drought levels. In addition to creating an ideal environment for wildfires, the dry conditions pose challenges for farmers.

“We’ve got a lot of crops in the ground for winter that are just kind of sitting there right now because we haven’t had any water,” Graves said.

Jarvis added that there have been losses in grazing and low hay yields, but “even though we’re short in the forages, (farmers) are making do with what they have.”

Crews continue the battle the Quaker Run fire, which is one of several active wildfires in the state. Virginia’s wildfire season runs Oct. 15-Nov. 30, and the VDOF reports that over 9,400 acres have been burned from wildfires so far.

General Fund Revenues Remain in Line with Forecasts

General fund revenues for October 2023 remain in line with updated revisions to the official revenue forecast, Gov. Glenn Youngkin announced last week.

Year-to-date through October 31, general fund revenues are up 12.1 percent over the prior year. The year-over-year increase is driven largely by elevated non-withholding collections and lower-than-expected individual income tax refunds related to the elective Pass-Through Entity Tax (PTET), while other major revenue sources were generally in line with expectations.

“Our prudent forecast for this fiscal year appropriately reflected the economic risks on the horizon,” said Youngkin. “While we are slightly ahead of plan, year-to-date performance reinforces that we must remain measured as decisions at the federal level continue to drive inflation. We must continue our efforts to address the cost of living for all Virginians and drive job growth across the Commonwealth.”

“While PTET-related collections and refunds continue to distort overall revenue collections, underlying revenue growth in our major revenue sources such as payroll withholding and sales tax is roughly on plan,” said Secretary of Finance Stephen Cummings. “We are confident in our conservative

revenue forecast that reflects moderating revenue growth over the balance of the fiscal year, and we are carefully watching a number of economic headwinds, including the possibility of a federal government shutdown, persistently high interest rates, and spillover effects from the military operations in Gaza and the economic slowdown in China. Given these downside risks, we will maintain a cautious outlook going forward.”

Among the major revenue sources, payroll withholding taxes were 2.6 percent higher for the month on an unadjusted basis and up 1.0 percent year-to-date through October. Sales tax collections are 0.3 percent higher year-to-date, and corporate income tax revenues are up 24.4 percent year-to-date.

Adjusting for policy and excluding PTET-related refunds to better reflect underlying economic growth, total general fund revenues decreased 5.3 percent year-over-year in October and are up 1.8 percent year-to-date. For the full fiscal year, the official revenue forecast anticipates a year-over-year decline in general fund revenues of 5.5 percent, including the impact of various tax policy actions adopted in 2022 and 2023, and reflecting the potential for an economic slowdown in the latter part of the current fiscal year.

PCHS Sports Schedule

Patrick County High School Cougars Sports Schedule for the week of Nov. 23-29:

- 11/27 7 pm Girl’s Basketball at Dan River
- 11/27 7 pm Boys’ Basketball vs Dan River
- 11/28 5 pm Wrestling at Glenvar
- 11/29 7 pm Girl’s Basketball at Chatham
- 11/29 7 pm Boys’ Basketball vs Chatham

Federal Prosecutors Work Up the Chain and Convict

California Man Trafficking Fentanyl into Southwest Virginia

A Buena Park, California man, who supplied as many as 30,000 pressed fentanyl pills a week to individuals who shipped the pills to Southwest Virginia, pleaded guilty to a pair of federal drug charges last week.

Robert Contreras, 23, a.k.a. “Quill,” pled guilty to one count of conspiring to distribute and possession with the intent to distribute 400 grams or more of fentanyl, and one count of possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

After the plea, U.S. Attorney Christopher R. Kavanaugh said, “Fentanyl, especially in the form of pressed pills, is taking its toll on America, and Virginia is no exception. This case shows one way we are combatting the pressed pill epidemic.

“After a tragic overdose event in Southwest Virginia, the federal prosecutors in my office worked with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to identify, prosecute, and convict the wholesale supplier of the overdose, who was here in Virginia,” he said. “We then identified his direct supplier (Ortiz) in California, who we also charged and convicted here in Virginia. We identified Ortiz’s supplier in California (Orozco) and charged and convicted him here as well. In this matter, we identified Orozco’s supplier – Mr. Contreras – who was selling between 10,000 and 30,000 pills a week for distribution into communities across America, to include the Western District of Virginia.”

Kavanaugh said, “Our bottom line is this: We will not sit by and allow individuals to profit by distributing

this poison into our communities, and we will follow the trail as far as we can. We will investigate and prosecute individuals like Mr. Contreras and hold them accountable here in the Western District of Virginia.”

According to court documents, between 2020 and 2023, Contreras sold between 10,000 and 30,000 pressed fentanyl pills from his home in California to co-conspirator Marco Orozco at least once a week for further distribution. At the height of the conspiracy in late 2021 and early 2022, Contreras sold Orozco 10,000 pressed fentanyl pills multiple times per week.

Contreras knew Orozco, and others, were distributing the pressed pills he provided to customers throughout southwest Virginia and other locations across the country. Specifically, Orozco’s sub-distributors used various social media platforms to facilitate their drug trade.

On March 6, 2023, a search warrant was executed at Contreras’ residence in California. At that time, officers recovered 1,639 pressed fentanyl pills, \$31,294 in cash, and five firearms without serial numbers, in addition to approximately 7,000 alprazolam pills, 3,000 Adderall pills, 242 grams of cocaine, and other hallucinogenic narcotics.

Contreras is scheduled to be sentenced on February 22, and faces a mandatory minimum penalty of 15 years in prison. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after considering the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

Several local, state and federal agencies assisted in the investigation/prosecution of the case, which is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lena L. Busscher.

Initial claims for unemployment insurance trend down

The number of initial unemployment insurance claims edged lower in the latest filing week to 1,711 and remained at typical pre-pandemic volumes experienced in 2019, according to data from the Virginia Department of Workforce Development and Advancement (DWDA).

For the filing week ending November 11, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims for unemployment insurance in Virginia was 1,711, which was a decrease of 19 claimants from the previous week. Continued weeks claimed totaled 12,283, which was little changed from the previous week but an increase of 72% from the 7,158 continued claims from the comparable week last year. An industry was reported for ninety-three percent of continued claims. Of those, over half (53 percent) of continued claims were from professional, scientific, and technical services (1,834), administrative and support and waste management (1,744), manufacturing (1,364), and health care and social assistance (1,121). 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 November 11, the advance U.S. figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 231,000, an increase of 13,000 from the previous week’s revised level. The previous week’s level was revised up by 1,000 from 217,000 to 218,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 215,874 in the week ending November 11, an increase of 1,713 (or 0.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 200,237 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

Looking at preliminary data, most U.S. states reported decreases on a seasonally unadjusted basis. Oregon’s preliminary weekly change (-1,364) was the largest decrease. Georgia’s preliminary weekly change (-1,221) was the second largest decrease. Pennsylvania’s preliminary weekly change (-737) was the third largest decrease. Illinois’s preliminary weekly change (-603) was the fourth largest decrease. Virginia had the 17th largest decrease (-224).

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Shopping Guide

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on your list will be taken care of. Primitive Coffee - Antique Market & Bakery offers everything from coffee to locally produced food, and gifts. Poppy's is a charming little shop filled with alpaca, vintage, handmade, unique gifts and collectibles. They also specialize in carrying quality yarn, with an eclectic selection of new and used books. And don't forget The Mayberry Trading Post which is located a few miles south of Meadows of Dan on the parkway. This old-fashioned general store has a little bit of everything from artisan goods to mountain crafts, snacks, and books.

Locally produced food is always a great gift option. The aforementioned coffee shops sell coffee by the bag. Our county is home to two award-winning wineries, Stanburn Winery in Patrick Springs

and Villa Appalaccia located off Blue Ridge Parkway. Across the Blue Ridge Parkway and minutes from Villa Appalaccia is Chateau Morrisette in Floyd County which offers a wide variety of wines. Wood's Produce in Meadows of Dan creates customized fruit baskets for any budget and filled with fresh produce and goodies that make great gifts.

Christmas markets are plentiful in Patrick County. These markets and craft fairs offer customers so many wonderful options. The season starts with the Reynolds Homestead Holiday Craft Fair on the second Saturday in November, followed by the Christmas Market at Fairy Stone State Park's Fayerdale Hall on November 25th. The Mistletoe Market at the Stuart Farmers' Market during our Hometown Christmas weekend,

the first weekend in December is a destination for county residents and visitors alike. All markets feature homemade baked items, crafts, gifts, and holiday decor.

For the person who has it all on your list, consider making a donation to one of the many local charities that serve Patrick County. Our county would not be complete without the large local nonprofits that provide many services to our residents. Caring Hearts Free Clinic provides healthcare to the uninsured, and The Patrick County Community Food Bank helps to provide food for those in need. Always appreciative of donations, one of the county volunteer fire and rescue squads that service and protect our county. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library that the Chamber, along with multiple partners, started for Patrick

County is a book gifting program for county children under five years of age. The Patrick County Alzheimer's Group gives support and supplies to families dealing with this disease.

The majority of the businesses in Patrick County are small and locally owned. Your purchases from them create a big impact for our county. Part of the holiday shopping tradition is Small Business Saturday. This day is celebrated each year since 2010 on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Many of the local shops offer Small Business Saturday events and promotions that day. For a complete listing of businesses and nonprofits, visit the chamber's website at www.patrickchamber.com.

(Adcock is the executive director for the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce)

Mentoring Program Focused on New Principals Leading At-Risk Schools

The Virginia Department of Education, in collaboration with the Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals (VAESP) and the Virginia Association of Secondary School Principals (VASSP), announced the Virginia Principal Mentoring Project, a pilot program focused on mentoring principals with a year or less experience and who are leading federally identified at-risk schools.

"Principals are the leaders in their school buildings. They set the tone and are the ones looked to establish a vision for high standards and success," Superintendent of Public Instruction Lisa Coons said. "For many new principals, it can be tough, on-the-job training. With this mentoring pilot project, we are focusing on supporting our

new principals leading in some of our most challenged schools and equipping them with support that can help them and their schools be successful."

With the focus on principals leading federally identified at-risk schools with a year or less experience in the position, the project will pair current principals with successful recently retired principals best able to share their experience in the position and perspective on overcoming the challenges faced in the current educational environment.


"Studies consistently emphasize the pivotal role of principals in shaping student and school outcomes. School leaders' impact is second only to classroom instruction. They significantly influence

student achievement, attendance, teacher retention, community involvement, and various other aspects," said Krista Arnold, executive director of VAESP. "With the growing national shortage of educators, many principals are assuming leadership positions with limited years of experience. This strategic investment in Virginia's educational future aims to abolish the outdated notion of "sink or swim" for principals and instead offers essential aid and support, providing a partner in what too often can often be an isolating role."

"Mentoring new principals is crucial to improving teacher performance and the learning outcomes of students," said Randy Barrack, chief education officer of

VASSP. "This collaborative venture of the VASSP, VAESP, and the Virginia Foundation for Educational Leadership all working with the Virginia Department of Education is a significant step in helping principals be strong instructional leaders for teacher and student success."

Recognizing the crucial need to support new principals in challenged schools, in addition to pairing new principals with mentors, a comprehensive professional development program will be implemented to enhance their leadership capabilities in key areas. Designed to initially work with 24 principals at federally identified at-risk schools, the pilot program is expected to fully commence before the 2024-2025 school year.



LOVE LIGHTS AT THE COURTHOUSE

LOVE LIGHTS IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

A project of the Patrick County Alzheimer's Group LLC

**DECEMBER 1, 2023
6:00PM
PATRICK COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

The Patrick County Alzheimer's Group is excited to announce they are bringing back the Love Lights Program. Purchase a Love Light in honor or in memory of a loved one. An angel ornament with the individual's name will be placed on the Christmas tree at the courthouse. Each \$5 purchase will include the individual's name on an ornament and a card sent to the family. Money raised through the program will be used for Alzheimer's patients in Patrick County and the surrounding areas.

Love Lights Registration Form

1) Name placed on Love Light: _____
(please circle one): In Honor of In Memory of
Name of Purchaser: _____
Address of Purchaser: _____
Name of Love Light Family: _____
Address of Love Light Family: _____

2) Name placed on Love Light: _____
(please circle one): In Honor of In Memory of
Name of Purchaser: _____
Address of Purchaser: _____
Name of Love Light Family: _____
Address of Love Light Family: _____

Love Lights \$5 Per Light
Checks payable and mail to:
Patrick County Alzheimer's Group LLC
PO Box 1301
Stuart, VA 24171

Tax deadline looms

Tuesday, Dec. 5 is the due date for payment of all 2nd half 2023 Real Estate Taxes and 2023 Personal Property Taxes.

If you have not received your statements, contact the Treasurer's Office immediately.

A 10% penalty is added to unpaid taxes on Wednesday, December 6, and 10% per annum interest begins to accrue on the unpaid tax plus penalty 26 days after the due date.

Payments are honored if postmarked by the post office December 5, 2023.

Pay in person at the Treasurer's Office, located in the Veterans Memorial Building, Room 221 or Mail to Sandra K. Stone, Treasurer, P.O. Box 668 Stuart, VA 24171. Make check or money order payable to Treasurer, Patrick County. The Treasurer's Office is open

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. (open through lunch). Call (276) 694-7257 for additional information.

Pay by phone by calling 1-833-398-6729 or online at www.acipay-online.com (use jurisdiction code 6215) There is a nominal fee for these services.

Payments are also accepted at a drop box located outside the Treasurer's office door (please no cash in drop box). If mailing, using our drop box or coming into the office, please include or bring your tax statements with you. If you do not bring or include your statements, it will be up to you to make sure that all bills you intended to pay are paid.

The office will close at noon on Wednesday Nov. 22, and remain closed through Friday November 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**December 2, 2023
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

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Winter Blender

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Home decor, gourmet delights, hand crafted items, jewelry, clothing, handbags, beauty products, dog treats, and more! Come shop with local adult vendors and Rise & Shine Youth Entrepreneur vendors!

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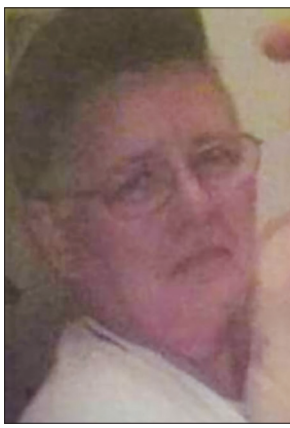




Laura Catherine Barnard

Mrs. Laura Catherine Barnard, age 64 of Meadows of Dan, passed away Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at her home. She was born in Floyd County on January 11, 1959, to the late Johnny Hylton and Inez Webb Hylton. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a grandson, Thomas Smith; a son-in-law, Michael Nester; one sister, Joyce Perkins; and one brother, Donald Hylton. Laura had worked at Mabry Mill for over 20 years.

Surviving is her husband of 38 years, Les-



ley David Barnard of the home; one daughter, Dawn Nester of Laurel Fork; one son, David Barnard of Roanoke; one granddaughter, Abygail Smith; two brothers, Rex Hylton of Hillsville, Gerald

Hylton of Willis; one sister, Betty Vanness of Roanoke; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Friday, November 17, 2023, at 1:00 PM at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart with Pastor John Franklin officiating. Burial will follow in the Barnard Family Cemetery on Hurricane Ridge in Meadows of Dan. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

Angeline Smith Foley

Angeline Smith Foley, 92, entered Heaven's gates to be in the presence of her Lord and Savior on Friday, November 10, 2023.

Born in Henry County, Virginia on June 7, 1931, she was the daughter of the late Charlie Lee Smith and the late Dora Cox Smith. She is survived by her daughter, Son-da Foley Boles of Kinston, NC. She leaves to cherish her memory two grandchildren, Chadwick Lee Boles and wife Audrey of New Hill, NC, and Amy Boles Williams and husband Jeff of Winterville, NC. Additionally, she has two great grandsons, Jackson Lee Boles and Kaleb Tristan Boles and these little guys were the love of her life. Preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Jack Foley, a minister of the Gospel for over 70 years, they had two precious children who died in infancy that were waiting for her in Heaven, Steven Lee Foley, and Lois Annette Foley. She will be hugging them for eternity! Being an only child, Angie was accepted into the Foley family of 10 children which was a large group of folks to love her. Even



though most of them have passed away, she has left behind 2 of Jack's brothers, Sam Foley and wife Helen of Richmond, Texas, and Marvin Foley of Stuart, VA. Waiting for her when she entered Heaven was her very favorite son in law, Roger Boles, who was more like a son and loved her dearly.

During their marriage of 68 years, Jack and Angie were privileged to pastor the following churches of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church: Valley Chapel PHC, Collinsville PHC, Preston PHC, Patrick Springs PHC, and Wilson Street PHC. Additionally, they pastored God's Mission for two years after retirement. As a minister's wife,

Angie supported Jack in every endeavor and aided him in teaching Sunday School, organizing a Women's Ministry, playing the piano and working with choirs and trios. She was never one to sit idly by but was always ready to lend a helping hand to aid whatever ministry had a need. She was a great listener and encourager, especially to the ladies of their church congregations. In addition to all their church work, Angie worked in the business offices of several large companies locally and was the Office Manager for Jack Foley Sawmill, Inc. for 40+ years.

Funeral arrangements are Tuesday, November 14, at the Patrick Springs PHC. Visitation is 1:00, followed by the funeral at 2:00. The funeral will be livestreamed from Patrick Springs Pentecostal Holiness Church's Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/psphc>

Burial will follow at Mountain View Cemetery in Ridgeway.

Wright Funeral Service is serving the Foley family. Online condolences may be made at www.wrightfuneralservices.net.

Janie Elizabeth Hubbard Brammer

Mrs. Janie Elizabeth Hubbard Brammer, age 90, formerly of Collinsville, passed away November 17, 2023, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. She was born in Patrick County on July 29, 1933, to the late Walter Ethan Hubbard and Mattie Elizabeth Agee Hubbard. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Brammer was preceded in death by her husband, Troy Shirley Brammer; a son, Tommie Wayne Brammer; four brothers, Ernest, Clayton, Wayne and Harley Hubbard; and a sister, India Williams. She enjoyed crafting, chatting on the phone,



and working in her flowers.

Mrs. Brammer is survived by her daughter-in-law, Margie Brammer of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; three grandchildren, Brooke

Lipat (Jaime), Zacharie Brammer (Mayah) and Maggie Beth Brammer; two great-grandchildren, Luca and Lily Lipat; a sister, Essie Hughes of Patrick Springs; and a brother, Melvin "Pete" Hubbard (Iola) of Meadows of Dan.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. in the Woolwine Cemetery with Pastor Dewayne Troutt officiating. Moody Funeral Home in Stuart is handling the arrangements, and online condolences may be sent by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com

Young Farmers advocate for expanded farmland availability and financing

The future of Virginia agriculture is in good hands, though available farmland and financing are beyond reach for many beginning farmers.

Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers are advocating for expanded availability of farmland, attention to transition planning, streamlined financing and preservation measures to keep acreage in production. Young Farmers competition winners shared their perspectives with the VFBF board of directors in October, ahead of the American Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers & Ranchers competitions in January.

Thomas and Rachel Henley of Alvis Farms in Goochland County won the VFBF Excellence in Agriculture Award for agricultural advocacy and Farm Bureau involvement. They help with the family's multi-generational farm and agritourism operation among other off-farm jobs, and serve on their county Farm Bureau board and the VFBF Young Farmers state committee.

Farm transition planning is deserving of more awareness, especially on the East Coast, Rachel said. She recently was elected to the International Farm Transition Network board and trains industry specialists in succession planning.

"Farm transition, succession planning and estate planning are often thought of as the same thing," Rachel explained. "They're related, but different. For continuation of farmland to be owned by family members, you just need an estate plan. If there's a farm family business you want to transition to the next generation, you re-

ally need a succession or transition plan."

Meanwhile, suburban sprawl increasingly consumes good farmland. The Henleys have tried to buy property, purchase land from conservation easements and take over for retiring farmers.

"But we can't compete with development or solar facilities," Thomas said.

The Henleys are focused on building relationships with lawmakers, urging greater farmland preservation.

The VFBF Young Farmers Achievement Award recognizes full-time agriculturalists for farm accomplishments, management decisions and business development, and was awarded to Adam Davis of Halifax County, who also serves on his local Farm Bureau board and the VFBF Young Farmers state committee.

Though the opportunity to work the family farm dissolved, Davis still leaned into his calling.

"I acquired 60 acres of rented land," he recalled. "As years went on, I beat the bushes for every piece of land I could find. And I try to leave each tract better than I found it."

Now he farms about 700 acres of row crops, manages grasslands, and runs a cow-calf operation.

"Availability to capital and land are the two biggest hurdles," he said. "If I want to buy a farm, it's a minimum 20% down unless you go through a government program. And for any decent-size farm, you're talking about a tremendous down payment. Any help on the capital side, or ideas to alleviate that pressure on young farmers, would be the best thing."

Mrs. Shirley Lee Collins, age 79 of Stuart, passed away on Saturday, November 18, 2023, at Northern Regional Hospital in Mt. Airy, NC. She was born on November 6, 1944, in Claudville to the late Lee Elijah Collins and Katie Irene Hooker Collins. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her precious infant daughter; two brothers-in-law, Wade Williams, Robert Gilbert Collins; two sisters-in-law, Jean Varner Collins, Donna Gail Collins; a nephew, Dwayne Bowman; and her special friend and cousin, Betty Jean Conner. Shirley was a member of New Hope Community Church for 63 years. She loved

the Lord, her family, reading, gospel music especially Bluegrass. She especially loved her grandkids. Surviving is her loving husband of 62 years (married on July 1, 1961), Clarence Collins; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Dorcas Collins, Mark and Crystal Collins; adopted son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Sue Hall all of Stuart; four grandchildren, Jacob (Kaitlyn) Collins, Katie (Justin) Armes, Benjamin (Lily) Collins, Cody Collins all of Stuart; great grandson, Waylon Randall Collins; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Ervie and Lewis Stevens, Sue and Roy Hanks, Linda Williams all

of Stuart; one brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Brenda Sue Collins of Stuart; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at 3:00 PM at New Hope Community Church with Pastor Mark Collins and Bishop Burgie Penn officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Trinity Christian School, 14 Gammons Rd., Stuart, VA 24171. Online condolences may be sent to www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

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Thankful for Jesus

By Pastor Wayne Moore
High Point Baptist Church
Stuart, VA

I am thankful for Jesus. I am thankful for a lot of things but, above all else, I am thankful for Jesus. The Scripture passages below do not mention thankfulness. In fact, they tell of sorrow, the sorrow of Jesus as He faces the cross. I do not rejoice in the sorrow Jesus experienced in the Garden of Gethsemane, but I do rejoice in what He accomplished through that sorrow. Three of the four Gospels write about Jesus praying in the garden (Matthew 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; and Luke 22:39-46).

Matthew emphasizes that Jesus prayed the same prayer three times. Mark emphasizes that the disciples were found sleeping three times when they should have been praying. Luke emphasizes that Jesus intensified His prayer each time until His sweat became as drops of blood.

Jesus prayed three times that if it were possible, "this cup" would be removed from Him. Throughout the Old Testament, "the cup" represents judgment. Jesus was praying that He would not have to experience God's judgment. "Nevertheless," He prayed, "Not my will but Your will be done." Jesus' prayer was answered. God's will was done. After praying three times, Jesus was no longer troubled. He left with the peace He needed to face God's judgment on our behalf. For this reason, we can be thankful for what Jesus accomplished in the Garden of Gethsemane.

The first and most important thing we can be thankful for is that Jesus went to the cross for us. Jesus died on the cross because He loves us. If you have trusted Jesus as Your Savior, His death and resurrection means that your sin debt is paid. It means that you are forgiven. It means that you are reconciled to God. It means that you don't have to be afraid to die. It means that you will be with God in heaven forever. Praise the Lord!

Second, we can also be thankful that Jesus relates to our suffering and showed us what to do when

our souls are troubled, deeply distressed, and sorrowful. Jesus didn't just breeze through life without suffering. Before He took our sin upon Himself on the cross, He bore the burden of our sin in Gethsemane. He knew that if we die in our sins, we will enter a hopeless eternity without forgiveness and a Savior.

The author of Hebrews did not record the event of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, but he did describe it. "In the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him." (Hebrews 5:7-9)

Because Jesus suffered, prayed, and found strength, we can too. "Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:14-16)

Third, we can be thankful that Jesus taught us to desire God's will more than our own will. In His humanity, Jesus wanted to avoid the cross. But He desired God's will more. He prayed in faith, believing that He would receive what He asked for. And He received it; God's will was done. He did not leave the garden troubled, distressed, or sorrowful. He left confident, resolved, and at peace with God's will. When our greatest desire is God's will, we can have confidence that all our prayers will be answered.

From a passage that does not mention thanksgiving, and is full of sorrow, we find many things to be thankful for. May your heart be full of gratitude this Thanksgiving season.

BIBLE TRIVIA

BY WILSON CASEY

- Who wrote in Ephesians 5:20, "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"? Matthew, Peter, Paul, Jude
- From Psalms 107:1 and 118:1, we should give thanks to the Lord, because He is ...? Evermore, Good, Watching, Hopeful
- Which book of the Bible (KJV) mentions the word "thanksgiving" the most times at eight? Genesis, Nehemiah, Psalms, Isaiah
- In 2 Timothy 3:1-2, what human qualities does Paul list as being signs

- In Leviticus 22, a sacrifice of thanksgiving is most meaningful when it is ...? Sincere, Often, At your own will, Extravagant
 - Who were commanded in 1 Chronicles 16:4 to thank God? Levites, Ammonites, Benjaminites, Danites
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Two recommended to fill judicial vacancy

U.S. Sens. Mark R. Warner and Tim Kaine sent a letter to President Biden recommending both Patice Holland and Jasmine Yoon to fill one upcoming vacancy on the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia, which will be created when Judge Michael F. Urbanski assumes senior status in July 2024.

Patice Holland was born and raised in Franklin County and has worked at Wood Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC in Roanoke, Virginia since 2007, having first joined the firm as a law clerk and now serving as a Principal Attorney and chair of the firm's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task

Force. In addition to her practice, she currently serves as substitute judge in the 23rd Judicial Circuit of Virginia. Ms. Holland dedicates her free time to community outreach and serves on nine bar associations in Virginia.

Jasmine Yoon is the Vice President for Corporate Integrity, Ethics, and Investigations at Capital One Financial Corporation. Prior to this role, she served as Interim University Counsel and Associate University Counsel at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, her alma mater. She also worked as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, where she investigated

and prosecuted over 80 financial crimes and public corruption cases.

"We are pleased to recommend Ms. Patice Holland and Ms. Jasmine Yoon for the vacancy on the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia, following the decision by Chief Judge Michael F. Urbanski to assume senior status effective July 4, 2024," said Warner, D-Alexandria and Kaine, D-Richmond. "Both would serve with great distinction and have our highest recommendation."

Warner and Kaine said their recommendations are based on Holland's and Yoon's distinguished

records and the assessments of an independent panel of attorneys from across the Commonwealth as well as feedback from numerous bar associations in Virginia. President Biden will now nominate one individual for the position to be considered by the Senate Judiciary Committee. The nomination is subject to confirmation by the full Senate.

Under President Biden, the senators have confirmed 153 federal judges to the bench, including the Honorable Toby Heytens, Patricia Tolliver Giles, Michael S. Nachmanoff, Elizabeth Haines, Jamar Walker, and Robert Ballou for federal courts across Virginia.

Virginia's Mixed October Jobs Data Reflects National Economic Cross Currents

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Local Area Unemployment Statistics ("LAUS", or "the household survey"), the labor force in Virginia continued growing this month by 4,285 to 4,615,227, while the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased 0.2 percent to 2.7 percent, Gov. Glenn Youngkin said.

"This month's labor force participation and jobs numbers reflect slowing national trends and the risks posed by inflation and increased interest rates," said Youngkin. "These storm clouds increase the importance of our pro-business economic agenda. Our focus must remain on reducing the cost of doing business, so that companies continue to invest, grow and hire in Virginia, advancing workforce and talent development, and reducing the cost of living so more families call Virginia home."

The labor force participation rate, which measures the proportion of the civilian population age

16 and older that is employed or actively looking for work, remained unchanged at 66.8 percent in October, which is the highest labor force participation rate experienced in Virginia since April 2012.

According to BLS LAUS, Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in October increased by 0.2 percentage points to 2.7 percent, which is 0.4 percentage points below the rate from a year ago and 1.2 percentage points below the national rate. The labor force increased by 4,285 to 4,615,227; and the number of employed residents decreased by 1,938 to 4,492,524 as the number of unemployed residents increased by 6,223 to 122,703.

"With unemployment in October at 2.7 percent, well below the national average of 3.9 percent, Virginia continues to outperform most states and continue to provide strong job opportunities for Virginians," said Secretary of Labor Bryan Slater.

"Since this time last year, there

are nearly 180,000 more employed Virginians," said Secretary of Commerce Caren Merrick. "We are focused on increasing this continued progress for our businesses and labor force."

BLS publishes an additional employment figure from its Current Employment Statistics Survey ("CES" or "establishment survey"). The CES survey uses payroll records of establishment employers and is designed to provide a count of jobs under which the employer pays unemployment insurance. The LAUS survey is based on household interviews conducted each month for the Bureau of Labor Statistics and provides comprehensive data on the labor force, including those who are employed and unemployed. Establishment survey data reflects changes for updated seasonal adjustment factors, and industry classification conversions (NAICS), as part of the annual benchmarking process.

The household survey only distin-

guishes between whether a person is employed or unemployed, whereas CES counts each employee that is on an employer's payroll. CES excludes business owners, self-employed persons, unpaid volunteers and private household workers, and those on unpaid leave or not working because of a labor dispute.

Seasonally adjusted total non-farm employment data is produced for eleven industry sectors. In October, five experienced over-the-month job gains, one remained unchanged, and five experienced a decline. The largest job gain occurred in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+2,900) to 671,300. The second largest job gain occurred in Miscellaneous Services (+2,000) to 195,400. The third largest job gain was a tie between Construction (+1,800) to 212,600, and Health Services (+1,800) to 584,300. The other gain was in Manufacturing (+700) to 245,600. Mining and Logging remained unchanged.

Truck Driver Training Course to Start New Year in 2024

Surry Community College is offering a Truck Driver Training class beginning Wednesday, Jan. 3, that will meet at The Yadkin Center, 1001 College Drive, Yadkinville.

The class runs through Thursday, March 7, and will meet Mondays through Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with on-line meetings on Fridays. A mandatory orientation session is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 10 a.m., also at The Yadkin



Surry Community College is offering a Truck Driver Training class beginning Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024, that will meet at The Yadkin Center, 1001 College Drive, Yadkinville. To pre-register for the course, visit bit.ly/SurryTruck or contact the Yadkin Center at (336) 386-3580.

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the course, visit bit.ly/SurryTruck.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the median pay for truck drivers is over

\$47,000. Drivers with experience can make more than \$50,000.

The SCC Truck Driver Training Program teaches proper driving

procedures, safe driver responsibility, commercial motor vehicle laws and regulations, and the basic principles and practices for

operating commercial vehicles. The coursework includes motor vehicle laws and regulations, map reading, vehicle maintenance, safety procedures, daily logs, defensive driving, freight handling, security and fire protection.

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

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

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

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

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If you have not received your statements, please contact the Treasurer's Office immediately. 10% penalty is added to unpaid taxes on **WEDNESDAY December, 6th**. 10% per annum interest begins to accrue on the unpaid tax plus penalty 26 days after the due date. Payments are honored if postmarked by the post office December 5, 2023. Pay in Person: At the Treasurer's Office located in the Veterans Memorial Building, Room 221 or Mail to: Sandra K. Stone, Treasurer, P.O. Box 668 Stuart, VA 24171. Make check or money order payable to: Treasurer, Patrick County. Office hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00 (open through lunch). Telephone 276-694-7257

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Meetings

Tuesday, Nov. 28
The Patrick County Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) will meet at 4 p.m. at the Patrick County School Board Office in the conference room. This meeting is open to the public.

Wednesday, Dec. 6
The Patrick County Economic Development Authority (EDA) will meet at 7 p.m. in the Patrick County Administration Building.

Monday, Dec. 11
The Patrick County Board of Supervisors will meet at 6 p.m. in the third-floor court room of the Patrick County Administration Building.

Events

Wednesday, Nov. 22
A Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at the Meadows of Dan Community Building from 4-6 p.m. The meal is free. Those who are in the Meadows of Dan or Laurel Fork area can contact Katlyn Boyd at (276) 694-9708 to be added to the delivery list if they are unable to drive to attend the event.

Friday, Nov. 24
Pastor Teddy Hiatt and the congregation of Wayside Community Church will hold a Thanksgiving Jam Session with the Shelton Brothers starting at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. The church is located at 3520 Wayside Road, Stuart. Please bring a friend.

Friday, Dec. 1
The Community Mobile Food Pantry will be at the Woolwine VFD from 3-4 p.m.

Love Lights at the Courthouse, 6 p.m. at the Patrick County Courthouse. Sponsored by the Patrick County Alzheimer's Group LLC. Purchase a light in honor or in memory of a loved one for \$5. Use the registration form on page 7.

Saturday, Dec. 2
The Church of the Living Water (formerly Stuart UMC) will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be Christmas items, soups, and baked goods. For more information, call (276) 694-3322.

A community breakfast will be held at the JEB Stuart Rescue Squad Building, 1258 American Legion Road, Stuart, from 7-10 a.m. Plates are \$8 each. Dine in, carry out, and curb service available. Orders can be placed by calling (276) 694-6171.

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

Ongoing
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, and the LEGO Club with Ms. Sam, for school age children, on Mondays, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. 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 Veterans Memorial Honor Guard meets the first Tuesday of every month at the American Legion Post 105 at 7 p.m. Interested veterans are welcome to attend.

Introduction to Zen Meditation and Zen Buddhism at the Blue Ridge Regional Library Stuart site, 1:30-2:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays.

Messianic Bible Study, Fridays from 6-7:30 p.m. 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.

Help for Stuttering is as Close as Your Library

Thanks to generous donors, the Stuttering Foundation has donated books and DVDs to public libraries across the country, including the Blue Ridge Regional Library.

Stuttering Foundation books are directed to parents of children who stutter, adults who stutter, speech pathologists, pediatricians, family physicians, nurses, health care professionals, hospitals, schools, clinics, day-care centers, and all those concerned with the problem of stuttering. The DVDs feature some of the world's leading therapists with children who stutter. Since the original publication, Foundation materials have reached millions of individuals worldwide.

More than three million Americans stutter, yet

stuttering remains misunderstood by most people," said Jane Fraser, president of The Stuttering Foundation. "Myths such as believing people who stutter are less intelligent or suffer from psychological problems still persist despite research refuting these erroneous beliefs."

Sixteen books and DVDs produced by the 76-year-old nonprofit Stuttering Foundation are available free to any public library. The Foundation has provided free materials to over 20,000 public libraries nationwide. A public library that will shelve them

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Academic Awards: Lydia Clement, Grayson Guynn, Hope Hedgepeth, Talan Hernandez, Kara Hiatt, Kasen Rupert, Brooklyn Stanley.

Principal's Award: Jase Bowman, Marlee Dailey, Ian Roman, Landree Simmons.

4th Grade

Academic Awards: Olivia Chaney, Eastyn Handy, Raven Hernandez, Early Hill, Staci martin, Daniel McGrath, Renesmee Moody,

Principal's Award: Karleigh Saunders, Evan Seal.

5th Grade

Academic Awards: Cailey Arnett, Amelia Bowman, Montana Cain, Arieanna Crews, Brent Crocker, Dilan Diego Joan, Nicholas Goad, Khloe Gunter, Jade Hedgepeth, Tanner Horton, Austin Marshall, Payton Odell, Colton Smith, Wyatt Thompson.

Principal's Awards: Emily Adams, Kaylee Bowles, Sadie Bowman, Lucas Hall, Jay Hill, Matthew Morales, Lincoln Puckett, Kaya Reeder, Tobin Simmons, Bentley Stanley, Olive Waycaster.

6th Grade

Academic Awards: Haylee Bowman, Elijah Brown, Ryan Chaney, Mason Epperson, Camdon Fain, Maddox Frye, Grayson Holland, Reese Horton, Christian Humble, Brody Hunger, Chloe Lawson, Tommy Lawson, Mason Stanley.

Principal's Awards: Bronx Beasley, Kimberly Guiterrez, Brigham Meredith, Beckham Terry.

7th Grade

Academic Awards: Fisher Colna, Sydney Easter, Noe Guiterrez, Montana King, Ashland Noonkester, Reed Puckett, Midori Waycaster, Isaiah Willard, Bella Wright.

Principal's Award: Cassidy Brim, Ean Martin, Kayleigh Smith, Gage Whitaker.

Hardin Reynolds Memorial School 4th Grade

Academic Awards: Colton Blackard, Shawn Cooley, Ella Dollarhite, natalie Ferguson, Julianne Harmon, Holly Lawrence, Amya Stephany.

Principal's Award: Bentley Brooks, Matthew Clifton, Paisley Holt, Timothy Hough.

5th Grade

Academic Awards: Wesley Burge, Dylan Clark, Nataley Graham, Mackenzie Harman, Jake Holt, Andrew Keen, Miles Lange, Amilya Lawson, Andrew Nelson, Ethan Nelson, Jada Stump, Linnea Tankersley.

Principal's Award: Braiden Brooks, Savannah Carroll, Colston Collins, Simon Frazier, Aiden Hagwood, Avalynn Huffman, Lucas O'marra, James Pombo, Leila Stephany, Alice Terry, Elena Turner, Mason Whitlow.

6th Grade

Academic Awards: Kody Agee, Mason Collins, Caden Harris, Kendra Howell, Benjamin Hudson, Jayden Johanknecht, Gabriella Johnson, Hailey Lester, Mahala Martin, Alaina McBride, Savannah Sanchez-Austin, Jennifer Stowe.

Principal's Award: Kira Barker, Aleah Bowman, Caitlyn Collins, Eli Collins, Brayden Conner, Kenneth Craig, Ronald Davis, Addyson Foley, Evelyn Hayes-Linton, Noah Jenkins, Sarah Lawson, Arianna Lemons, Brinlee Mills, Levi MONTgomery, Dane Orton, Novie Rutledge, Mia Spangler, Asher Vaughn, Maci Whitlock.

7th Grade

Academic Awards: Steven Brooks, Adrian Dehne, Anna Dixon, Conor Dollarhite, Tiffany Eckrote, Isaiah Gilley, Robert Goff, Laila Hairston-Slater, Andrew Harmon, Wesley Kruse, Evan Leon-Vargas, Rosalinda Medina, Mauricio Mendoza-Gonzalez, Natalie Moore, Lily Purdy, Collins Rakes, Jenna Robertson, Aishwraya Tatum, Jayson Turney.

Principal's Award: Cali Biggs, Lilly Boyce, Madilyn Callahan, Kylee Childress, Bentlee Davis, Sky Evans, Gramh Foley, Sarah Hagwood, Levi Hankins, Maddyson Kendrick, Anna Long, Paul Matthews, Gabrielle Reynolds, Ava Rigney, Gavin Smith, Samuel Tatum, Kody Townsend, Reagan Underwood, Cooper Wikstrom, Damian Wolfe.

Meadows of Dan Elementary School 3rd Grade

Academic Awards: William Maner, Carter Puckett.

Principal's Award: Banner Davis.

4th Grade

Principal's Award: Hayleigh Phillips, Lexi Proffitt.

Academic Awards: Easton hall, Jayce Pascale.

6th Grade

Academic Awards: Ayden Garcia, Allysa Jordan.

7th Grade

Principal's Award: Caleb Howell, Hannah Phillips, William Wood.

Academic Awards: Isabel Wilson.

Patrick Springs Primary School Principal's Award

Will Keffer, Emma Nelson, Destiny Plaster, Harlem Smith, Sarah Wyatt.

Academic Award

Ryan Graham, Mia Hagwood, Abigail Hall, Rebecca Handy, Sophia Hylton, Nathaniel Jones, Porter Keffer, Natalie Lawrence, Londyn Martin, Trinity Plaster,

Cameron Redd, Kaiden Valentine, Caroline Whitlow, Taelyn Wilson.

Stuart Elementary School 3rd Grade

Academic Award: Adley Black, Addison Bowman, Corbin Butski, Raelynn George, Hayden Hall, Whitney Hanks, Adelyn Hutchens, Milagros Juarez-Luna, Scarlett Kendrick, Maewyn McCraw, Skilynn McDonnell, Alana Morris, Olivia Morrison, Colton Overby, Brystol Pack, Nora Post, Jacob Pruitt, Bentley Queen, Conner Scott, Jocelyn Stevens, Bella Terry, Reina Tucker, Bradley Wheeler.

Principal's Award: Avery Brown, Annie Crowell, Wyatt Fain, Brooklyn Fulcher, Landon Hall, Preslie Hall, Ethan Parsons, Korbin Puckett, Isabella Queen, Canon Rakes, Zion Turner, Wesley Whitener.

4th Grade

Academic Award: Peyton Adkins, Nella Bembry, Lucas Black, Braeden Campbell, Carter Foley, Kaythan Gray, Cooper Hall, Adrian Hodges, Courage Jackson, Hadley Jones, Jose Matias, Paige Ragsdale.

Principal's Award: Caleb Allison, Aiden Brown, Kay'cee Glenn, Harper Russo, Lucas Wheeler.

5th Grade

Academic Award: Easton Childress, Charlee Handy, Milayna Helms, Zania Hines, Ava Lawson, Alex Leon Cisneros, Ethan Nester, Hana Martinez-Tejeda, Addyson Minter, Chandler Moles, Keller Muse, Maddox Scott, Karoline Walton, Ivy Witt.

Principal's Award: Elise Cagle, Eli Fain, Avery Hubbard, Adaleee Hughes, Sophia Martin, Hannah Post, Millicent Scott, Juliet Turner.

6th Grade

Academic Award: Ian Baker, Carles Campos, Savannah Fain, Milli Foley, Brantley Fortner, Carrie Gregory, Madison Handy, Jada Hylton, Kiah Jackson, Adilynn Jones, Shyanna Murphy, Nathan Spencer, Mya Taylor, Kalyb Wilmoth.

Principal's Award: Savannah Fain, Vanessa Gregory, Ashton Hall, Pagan Smith, Bryson Turman.

7th Grade

Academic Award: Rae Atkins, David Clark, Tucker Collins, Emmalynn Corns, Ethan Craft, Gabe Delgado, Daniel Freeman, Layla Hege, Riley Hostetter, Ethan Hutchens, Ben Joyce, Jameson Lawson, Nexaniel Martinez de Jesus, Audrey McGhee, Ellie Post, Heidi Prillaman, Abigail Quesinberry, Charlie Tabor.

Principal's Award: Noah Bembrey, Kobe Bogle, Elena Cagle, Molly Cassell, Kinsleigh Harris, Mariah Scott, Jillian Turner.

Woolwine Elementary School 3rd Grade

Academic Award: Paisley Cardenalli, Maelynn Jones, Zoey Mabe, Talin Maselli, Asher Perez.

4th Grade

Academic Award: Brystol Helms, Emmalyn Hubbard, Cameron Kendrick, Lettie Moricle, Raina Newsome, Sphoia Otero-Garcia, Joel Shaffer.

Principal's Award: Moncerat Joaquin-Ortega, Charlee Shuff.

5th Grade

Academic Award: Aubree Bowman, Blake Miles, Dixie Scott, Natalie Worley.

6th Grade

Academic Award: Jasper Lockhart, Jackson Osborne, Nathan Shuff.

Principal's Award: Kaitlyn Gunter, Grant Iacovone.

7th Grade

Academic Awards: Mason Conner, Addison Friedrichs, Conner King, Ainsley Lawson, Isabella Martin, Corrynn McAlexander, Lemuel Newsome, Levi Ojodeagua.

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8th grade: (88 or higher average)

Hailey Anderson, Kloe Armentrout, Rylee Barker, Lily Bowman, Casey Boyer, Cody Boyer, Logan Brown, Jake Bryant, Piper Burgess, Mysteri Campbell, Ivy Carter, Ariel Clarke, Isabella Clarke, Caleb Clement, Olivia Clifton, Cole Coffey, Presley Combs, Gracen Conner, Oliver Cruise, Rain Davis, Eli Dillon, Carson Farrar, Kaylene Garcia, Karson Gillispie, Cheyenne Gregory, Scarlett Gregory, Ashton Gurley, Zoey Haas, Evan Hancock, Mason Hancock, Morgan Handy, Abigail Hanks, Jordan Hardee, Arabella Haynes, Nakoma Hickey, Nathan Hodges, Lowell Hopkins, Martina Hubbard, Soledad Huerta-Dominguez, Brayden Hylton, Owen Jenkins, Ivan Joaquin-Ortega, Analeigh Jones, Riley Jones, Mason Keith, Leah Kendrick, Olivia Kendrick, Evan Kruse, Owen Kruse, Savannah Lawrence, Halo Martin, Jayden Martin, Madelyn Martin, Isabella Mashburn, Peyton McBride, Jayme Moose, Kinley Morrison, Kyara Nieves, Christian Pendleton, Camryn Perkins, Asher Perry, Ernesto Ponce, Emma Purdy, Cameron Rakes, Mark Register, Kamiya Reynolds, Alexa Rivero, Marion Rowe, Maggie Rutledge, McKenzie Sanchez, Brisan Scott, Eva Sechrist, Josiah Shelor, Julianna Silva, Aiden Slate, Kalix Smith, William Smith, Aaliyah Spencer, Gabriella Swisher, Nevaeh Teague, Jared Thompson, Layla Thompson, Julianna Turner, Caleb Vaughn, Jonathan Walton, Ethan White, Haileigh Wingfield, Carly Wood, Colton Wood, Conner Wood, Kayleen Wood, Meredith Wood, Jenna Woods.

9th-12th grade (3.2 GPA or higher)

9th grade:

Caleb Ashworth, Myhia Ballenger-Mijes, Melissa Barker, Joseph Beasley, Ruth Lee Belcher, Nathaniel Bright, Noah Cain, Nathan Callahan, Mason Cassell, Ariona Catron, Isobel Clay, Riley Clifton, Conner Corns, Jayden Corns, Madison Corns, Jason Day, Leah Delgado, Adam Edwards, Jacob Edwards, Laine Errichetti, Mason Fain, Jaylee Foley, Aedan Frazier, Bristol Goad, Caleb Goins, Kaylee Gravely, Jahdoir Hairston, Addisyn Hall, Natalie Hancock, Kaydence Harman, Wheeler Helms, Ava Hi-

att, Chloe Hubbard, Willow Hylton, Kyra Ingalls, Elyjah Jenkins, Lily Kelly, Aubreigh Large, LeMia Lemons, Garreth Link, Fisher Martin, Hunter Martin, Kimatai Martin, Nexander Martinez De Jesus, Michael Mitchell, Landon Moles, Brady Moore, Oren Osborne, Alyssa Overby, Peyton Pascale, Emily Pearson, Anderson Philpot, Riley Pruitt, Logan Rakes, Ryder Richardson, Raiden Ross, Hayden Rowe, Jacob Spencer, Mason Spencer, Lacey Sutphin, Maddox Taylor, Tripp Thompson, Zachary Thompson, Joseph Turner, Karleigh Vasquez, Isabella Walker, Emily Whitaker, Lilliana White, Paige Whitt, Jonas Wooden.

10th grade:

Telmuun Angarag, Skye Ayers, Jaxon Ayers-Rosas, Amber Barnett, Eli Bogle, Devon Booth, Andrew Bowman, Autumn Bowman, Felicity Boyd, Isaac Boyer, Rachel Branch, Reggie Brown, Abigail Bryant, Jason Burks, Lilieann Butler, Jackson Callahan, Jayden Callahan, Brooke Collins, Tonya Collins, Haley Conner, Alexandra Cotoc Santos, Alexis Cox, Tristan Cox, Dylan Cruise, Nathaniel Curry, Lacey Easter, Bronson Edwards, Carrington Fain, Daniel Finnegan, Avery Foley, Adin Geiger, Camille Gonzalez, Carter Gregory, Journey Grier, Avril Gutierrez, Jaeden Hairston, Jykevis Hairston, Aiden Handy, Logan Handy, Johnathan Harbour, Peyton Hazlewood, Will Heath, Cynthia Hernandez, Joselin Hernandez, Noah Hiatt, Robert Holt, Taylor Holt, Zachary Holt, Chloe Hostetter, Hunter Hubbard, Kristopher Huerta, Christian Hylton, Tyleke Hylton, Hannah Ingalls, Jacob Jones, Mitchell Keith, Avone Kidd, Raegen Kingsley, Gaius Klisiewicz, Benjamin Knight, Keona Knight, Sadie Knight, William Lancaster, Hayden Lawless, David Lawson, Kylee Leonard, Jacob Lester, Brycen Lewis, Alyssa Light, Evan Martin, Kiley Martin, Erik Martinez Tejada, Draysin Maselli, Elijah McBride, Jose Mendoza Gonzalez, Antwain Mitchell, Callie Montgomery, Ellianna Montgomery, Journey Moore, Virginia Nations, Rocky Nelson, Novella Nester, Samantha Nester, Eden Nickelston, Angela Overby, Benny Pack, Abigail Pendleton, Michael Perez, Angel Plaster, Brandy Ponce, Braydon Priest, Ha-

ley Rakes, Nathan Register, Aaliyah Reynolds, Jazmyne Reynolds, Hunter Roberts, Parker Roop, Abigail Royall, Cassandra Sanchez, Madison Scott, Cayden Smith-Adame, Rylee Soliday, Vishal Somasundaram, Katelynn, Spillman, Brady Stewart, Mitchell Stovall, Sydney Tatum, Adara Taylor, Greely Terry, Alyssa Titular, Kyra Titular, Tala Urrutia, Wyatt Westmoreland, Dana Wilcox, Xena Wilcox, Kade Williams, Jaiden Wilson, Saidie Wingfield, Callie Wood, Eli Wood, Kathryn Wood, Zoe Wooden, Kendra Worley, Savannah Wright, Jed Young, Denali Zimmerman.

11th grade:

Anna Arellano, Tylor Ashworth, Seth Atkins, Dante Belcher, Jordan Belcher, Burke Black, Jeremiah Bowman, Kali Bowman, Heather Brim, Mya Bryan, Donovan Buchanan, Emma Buchanan, Alyssa Callahan, Sasha Campos, Carrie Cassell, Bryan Clark, Amelia Clement, Eliza Clifton, Jonah Clifton, Tara Collins, Taylor Collins, Zachary Collins, Daryl Combs, Skyler Conner, Alysha Copening, Williams Corns, Lexi Cutchins, Mason Delenback, Emma Dellinger, Blake Dillon, Emily Eastridge, Kendall Epperly, Arienah Evans, Rachel Fitzjarrald, Brett Foley, Joshua Freeman, Santa Garcia, Seth Geiger, Haley Gillispie, Conner Goad, Nicol Gonzalez, Jacob Gosnell, Nicolas Haden, Breanna Hall, Easton Harris, Lilly Hazelwood, Hunter Heath, James Hensley, James Hodges, Sydney Hopkins, Jackson Horton, Caleb Hostetter, Riley Hubbard, Allison Hughes, Jackson Iacovone, Noah Jessup, Tessa Johnson, Autumn King, Alivia Kirk, Whitley Kruse, Trinity Lackey, RYANNE LARY, Chelsea Lawson, Haley Lawson, Cindy Leon-Cisneros, Zachary Letchworth, Jymasia Manns, Tyler Marshall, Jude Martin, Sadie Martin, Raeli Moran, Matthew Nester, David Neziric, Chase Norman, Owen Nutter, Rocio Olivares, William Overby, Dayton Pack, Paul Pascale, Sydney Peer, Hunter Pendleton, Quentyn Penn, Rhythm Poynter, Carley Quesinberry, Dylan Quesinberry, Kieran Rodriguez, Lane Ross, Mason Scott, Sophie Scruggs, Sadie Shelton, Jonah Shockley, Hunter Smith, Talan Smith, Emily Stiltner, Benjamin Sutphin, Dhritik Tanna, Lucas Taylor, Xavier Torres-Seda,

Isabelle Turner, Sydney Turner, Katie Vernon, Josilene Williams, Kendall Williams, Mary Beth Williams, Noah Wingfield, Cheyenne Wood.

12th grade:

Matthew Allen, Draiden Archambo, Andi Arnold, Dakota Ashworth, Jackson Barbour, Alexandria Barker, Seth Beasley, Carlos Becerril, Riley Bell, Marissa Bentley, Daniel Betancourt, Jack Blaylock, James Brintle, Marissa Brown, Paul Bryant, Tyler Buchanan, Curtis Busick, Jonah Byers, Stuart Callahan, Morgan Cambron, Moises Cisneros, Cheyenne Clifton, Ethan Cobbler, Lillian Cobbler, Bryan Cole, Pasidee Craft, Kali Craig, Luke Cutchins, David Darnell, Alura Day, Dustin DeHart, Coby Dillon, Hunter Durham, Nickolas Durham, Colt Easter, Heather Edwards, Austin Errichetti, Alexander Frazier, Hannah Gay, Brayden Gilley, Haley Gilley, Autumn Goins, Bethany Goode, Miranda Hall, Kyle Handy, Nevaeh Haynes, Madeline Heath, Myranda Helms, David Hernandez, Tanner Herring, Shyanne Hicks, Shauntel Hill, Jonathan Hodges, McKenzie Holt, Trinity Holt, Miller Hopkins, Jerry Howard, Austin Hylton, Jewel Iacovone, Anaiah Jenkins, Katelyn Johnson, Aaron Jones, Lindsey Jones, Kylee Joyce, Danyel Koger, Nathan Large, Colby Layman, Cecilia Leon Cisneros, Aidan Lester, Gabriel Lomibao, Cherilyn Lopez-Gonzalez, Angel Luna, Zackary McHone, Hunter Meade, Remi Miller, Madison Mills, Allanah Mitchell, Dakota Moore, Caleb Morris, Hayden Norman, James Nunez, Lance Overby, Montana Oxendine, Arya Patel, Nicholas Pell, Aden Penn, Aniya Penn, Quentin Perkins, Dalcyce Pike, Kason Pinnix, Kaitlyn Puckett, Brandy Quesinberry, Destiny Rakes, Abigail Ramsey, Rebekah Ramsey, Brayton Reynolds, Pablo Rios, Bobbijo Roberts, Elijah Rogers, Sabrina Rorrer, Elizabeth Rose, Gina Rubio, Anna Bella Russo, Rayshawn Sawyers, Bishop Smith, Heather Spencer, Stephen Spencer, Joseph Stiltner, Bradley Swails, Hunter Tankersley, Jonathan Tate, Andrew Taylor, Nicole Torres-Seda, Emily Trent, Maria Turner, Faith Viperman, Levi Viperman, Stephen Wagner, Gage Welch, Lauryn Williams, Hannah Wood, Lauren Worley, Mason Wright, Audrey Young, Jaylan Younger.

Average price for a Thanksgiving meal in Virginia is \$91.30

As the cost of consumer goods continues to trend upward, so has the price of a Thanksgiving meal.

According to an informal survey conducted by the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, the average cost to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving meal for 10 is \$91.30, or \$9.13 per person.

The survey's menu consists of turkey, ham, stuffing, sweet potatoes, russet potatoes, rolls, carrots, celery, cranberries, green beans, peas, milk and pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

A meal without ham, russet potatoes and green beans costs \$66.88, or \$6.68 per person.

This year's statewide average increased by \$17.39—a 24% increase—from the 2022 average of \$73.91 for a 10-person meal.

Prices reported by volunteer shoppers were collected between Oct. 25 and Nov. 6—before major retailers began offering holiday discounts, promotional sales or coupons.

This year, the average per-pound price for a whole frozen turkey during the data collection was \$2.18. But on Nov. 8, when one major supermarket chain ran its weekly sale ad, consumers could buy a whole frozen turkey for 39 cents per pound.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Nov. 10 retail report indicated that the Southeast region's average price for an 8- to 16-pound whole frozen turkey was \$.87 per pound, down from \$1.43 per pound in the Nov. 3 report. The Nov. 10 report also said 66.9% of Southeast stores were running sales promotions, versus just 13.8% in the Nov. 3 report.

“Although turkeys are plentiful in Virginia and across the country this year, with the state's production up 5.5% from a year ago to 15.4 million birds, there has been a trend of retailers waiting to run promotional prices and sales closer to the holidays,” noted Elijah Griles, VFBB commodity specialist. “This is consistent with this year's Thanksgiving dinner survey findings.”

This is the 20th year Virginia Farm Bureau has conducted the survey, which is based on an annual survey organized by American Farm Bureau Federation. Volunteer shop-

pers checked prices online and in person at 45 grocery stores throughout the state.

The VFBB survey showed the average cost of a 16-pound turkey was \$34.86, or \$2.18 per pound. This represents a 24% increase in price versus the 2022 average of \$1.76 per pound.

The Farm Bureau survey discovered the average price for a 4-pound boneless ham was \$18.45, while last year the average price for a 4-pound bone-in ham was \$10.24.

“There's a significant price difference between boneless and bone-in ham, which could easily explain the large increase this year,” Griles explained.

Consumers pay more for boneless hams because it costs more to produce them due to the processing involved, like deboning and packaging.

As for the other ingredients for a traditional Thanksgiving meal, the survey showed that a gallon of whole milk was \$3.47; frozen peas, \$1.77; frozen green beans, \$1.84; three pounds of sweet potatoes, \$3.06; a 5-pound bag of russet potatoes, \$4.13; fresh celery, \$1.91; fresh carrots, \$1.17; two pie shells, \$3.43; whipping cream, \$3.47; canned pumpkin pie filling, \$4.21; fresh cranberries, \$2.43; stuffing mix, \$3.30; and a dozen dinner rolls, \$3.80.

Most items increased in price versus 2022 values except for sweet potatoes, russet potatoes and whole milk, which were all less than last year.

The locality with the highest average cost for a traditional Thanksgiving meal was Powhatan County at \$124.84. The locality with the lowest average cost was the city of Richmond at \$57.93 for a 10-person meal.

Inflation continues to affect families across the country, including the nation's farmers.

“Although there is a great deal of volatility and unpredictability in both production costs and marketing of agricultural products, farmers are efficient and effective at what they do and they persevere to provide food for our tables in Virginia, across the nation and around the world,” noted VFBB president Wayne F. Pryor.

Consumers do have some options for low-

ering their Thanksgiving meal costs, Griles said. They can compare store prices, look for special promotions and buy store brands rather than name brands.

Nationally, American Farm Bureau Federation's survey found the average cost of its classic Thanksgiving meal for 10 was \$61.17, a 4.5% decrease from \$64.05 in 2022. The basic AFBB survey does not include ham, russet potatoes and green beans. With these items included in the AFBB findings, the national average cost for a traditional meal was \$84.75, 8% lower than the cost in Virginia.

Veronica Nigh, senior economist for AFBB, noted that turkey prices nationally were down 5.6% because of the reduction in avian influenza cases.

AFBB also reported that volunteer shoppers checked prices Nov. 1-5, before most grocery store chains began featuring whole frozen turkeys at sharply lower prices. Details about the AFBB survey findings are available at fb.org/newsroom.

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Patrick County 4-H Marksmen Compete in 2023 Virginia 4-H State Shoot Match

The Patrick County 4-H Marksmen recently traveled to Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center in Appomattox, Virginia to take part in the 2023 Virginia 4-H State Shoot Match. Twenty-eight 4-H shooting clubs from around the state attended, with more than 314 kids competing in thirteen different events. Competing for the Patrick County 4-H Marksmen were Abby Corriher, Levi Corriher, Lauren Murphy, James Pombo, Reagan Underwood, and Cooper Wikstrom.

Individual and team results include:

Light Rifle Smallbore Junior Scope Individual: Reagan Underwood, 1st place, Cooper Wikstrom, 4th place, James Pombo, 20th

Archery Instinctive Senior Individual: Levi Corriher, 14th place, Lauren Murphy, 21st place, Abby Corriher, 24th place

Archery Instinctive Senior Team – 4th place: Levi Corriher, Lauren Murphy, Abby Corriher

Light Rifle Smallbore Junior Scope Team – 1st place: Reagan Underwood, Cooper Wikstrom, James Pombo

Light Rifle Smallbore Senior Iron Individual: Abby Corriher, 8th place, Lauren Murphy, 9th place, Levi Corriher, 13th place

Light Rifle Smallbore Senior Iron Team – 3rd place: Abby Corriher, Lauren Murphy, Levi Corriher

22 Rifle Silhouette Junior Individual: Cooper Wikstrom, 4th place, Reagan Underwood, 8th place, James Pombo, 36th place

22 Rifle Silhouette Junior Team – 5th place: Cooper Wikstrom, Reagan Underwood, James Pombo

22 Rifle Silhouette Senior Individual: Abby Corriher, 3rd place, Lauren Murphy, 10th place, Levi Corriher, 34th place

22 Rifle Silhouette Senior Team – 3rd place: Abby Corriher, Lauren Murphy, Levi Corriher

3P Air Pistol 11 and older Junior Individual: Reagan Underwood, 12th place, Cooper Wikstrom, 17th place, James Pombo, 38th place

3P Air Pistol Junior 11 and older Junior Team – 9th place: Reagan Underwood, Cooper Wikstrom, James Pombo

3P Air Pistol Basic Supported Junior Individual: Reagan Underwood, 10th place, Cooper Wikstrom, 14th place, James Pombo, 27th place

3P Air Pistol Basic Supported 11 and older Junior Individual: Reagan Underwood, 9th place, Cooper Wikstrom, 13th place, James Pombo, 22nd place

3P Air Pistol Supported Position Junior Team – 6th place

Air Rifle Silhouette Junior Individual: Reagan Underwood, 5th place, Cooper Wikstrom, 8th place, James Pombo, 9th place

Air Rifle Silhouette Senior Individual: Abby Corriher, 5th place, Lauren Murphy, 12th place, Levi Corriher, 17th place

Air Pistol Silhouette Junior Individual: James Pombo, 12th place, Cooper Wikstrom, 24th place, Reagan Underwood, 35th place

Air Rifle 3P Junior Individual: Reagan Underwood, 6th place, Cooper Wikstrom, 7th place, James Pombo, 14th place

Air Rifle 3P Junior Team – 3rd place: Reagan Underwood, Cooper Wikstrom, James Pombo

Air Rifle 3P Senior Individual: Abby Corriher, 11th place, Lauren Murphy, 16th place, Levi Corriher, 28th place

Air Rifle 3P Senior Team – 4th place: Abby Corriher, Lauren Murphy, Levi Corriher

BB Junior Individual: Cooper Wikstrom, 15th place, Reagan Underwood, 24th place, James Pombo, 30th place

Muzzleloader National Junior Individual: Reagan Underwood, 3rd place, Cooper Wikstrom, 4th place

Muzzleloader National Senior Individual: Lauren Murphy, 4th place, Levi Corriher, 5th place, Abby Corriher, 10th place

Muzzleloader National Senior Team – 3rd place: Lauren Murphy, Levi Corriher, Abby Corriher

For more information on the 2023 Virginia 4-H State Shoot Match results visit <http://www.orionresults.com> and choose VA State Shoot 2023 under the results section.

The Patrick County 4-H Marksmen use shooting as a vehicle to teach youth ages 9-19 life skills such as responsibility, self-discipline, and teamwork through skills learned in archery, muzzle loading, pistol, rifle, and shotgun. Through these disciplines, youth also learn firearm safety and marksmanship. The Patrick County 4-H Marksmen would like to thank American Legion Post # 105, Stuart Family Restaurant, and Shooters Pawn for their continued support. The Patrick County 4-H Marksmen operates on fundraising and grant funding and would like to thank the NRA Foundation for their generous grant that helps make shooting club programming possible in our community. For more information, please contact the Patrick County Extension Office at (276) 694-3341.

Master Gardeners teach students about composting, worms



Master Gardeners Revonda Gilbert, Jessica Hines and Norma Bozenmayer recently led a workshop on composting and worms for first graders from Mrs. Mosketti, Mrs. Norman and Ms. Martin's classes and kindergarten students from Mrs. Foley and Mrs. Barnhart's classes at Patrick Springs Primary School. Students learned about composting their food waste and how worms can produce beautiful soil. The students held and examined the parts of red squiggly worms and then built their own vermicompost (worm) bins for their classrooms. For more information on this program or other Master Gardener programs email mgpcva@gmail.com. (Contributed photos)

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Virginia to offer nutrient management training in January



Certified agricultural nutrient management planners help farmers fertilize for maximum crop yield and minimal nutrient loss to ground and surface waters. (Photo courtesy of DCR.)

(Photo courtesy of DCR.)

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation's Nutrient Management Program will offer a two-part agriculture nutrient management training school in January. The school is for anyone interested in learning about the development of agricultural nutrient management plans or how to become a certified plan writer.

ing training will be in-person at Brightpoint Community College in Midlothian, VA.

Each day would run from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Registration is \$150 for each session with a deadline of Dec. 29. Registration is available online at dcr.virginia.gov/soil-and-water/nmtrain.

Nutrient management continues to be an important factor in a farmer's decision-making process when considering application of materials to supply nutrients to crops. Nutrient management plans determine rates for applying manure, fertilizers, biosolids and other soil amendments so that crop yields are maximized, and nutrient loss to ground and surface waters is minimized. Appli-



(Photo courtesy of DCR.)

The first session, Jan. 4-5, is a lecture series by Virginia Tech professors on soil science, soil fertility and crop production. The two-day soils and crop lecture series will be hosted online.

The second session, Jan. 9-11, will cover nutrient management plan writing using a case-study farm. The three-day plan writ-

cation rates are determined by a process using actual yield records or soil productivity when yield records aren't available.

Contact Stephanie Dawley at 804-382-3911 or stephanie.dawley@dcr.virginia.gov for additional details.

DRBA's First Saturday Outing Hike will be held at I.C. DeHart

The Dan River Basin Association (DRBA) will host its First Saturday Outing (FSO) on December 2. The outing is a 4.0-mile hike at I. C. DeHart Park's Woolwine West Trail. Participants are asked to meet at 10 a.m. near the trail head kiosk at 2631 Charity Hwy, Woolwine.

bikers. DRBA, the ECO Ambassador Council and a host of dedicated volunteers have been key to the improvements to the park.

All participants are asked to dress in layers of synthetic fabric, wear hiking boots, be prepared for rain and cold, bring hiking stick(s), lunch or snacks, and water, and sign a waiver.

In the event of inclement weather, check the DRBA web site by 5:00 pm on Friday, December 1, for any announcements regarding the hike.

Directions: From Virginia 8 in Woolwine, take Rt. 40 East for 2.6 miles, turn left into the park; From U.S. 220 at Bassett Forks, take Virginia 57 West to Virginia 8, turn right and follow the directions above.

For trip information, contact trip coordinator Wayne Kirkpatrick, 540-570-3511 or email wynbtyk@embarqmail.com.

Outings and meetings of the Dan River Basin Association are free and open to the public.



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Regional food hubs deliver more than \$2 million food

The Virginia Department of Education, Office of School Nutrition Programs partnered with two regional Virginia food hubs to deliver \$2.1 million dollars of locally grown and raised food products to school nutrition programs in the Commonwealth. The Centralized Local Procurement Pilot Program (CLPPP) – funded through a U.S. Department of Agriculture Supply Chain Assistance grant – was designed to strengthen regional food systems and avoid supply chain disruptions.

“We know that students learn best when they start the day with nutritious breakfasts. We also know that Virginia communities thrive when schools connect students to locally grown food,” Superintendent of Public Instruction Lisa Coons said. Throughout Virginia, 54 local school divisions ordered local agricultural products through Virginia regional food hubs, 4P Foods and Appalachian Sustainable Development. The variety of local foods included fresh, seasonal fruits and vegetables, as well

as chicken and beef. “We are continuously developing innovative strategies to support school nutrition programs and we are proud to be the only state in the nation to utilize this USDA funding opportunity,” VDOE Office of School Nutrition Director Sandy Curwood said. “Our office maintains its commitment to ensure every Virginia student has access to freshly prepared, nutritious, locally sourced, and culturally inclusive meals.”

“The CLPPP has been transformative for our local food system,” partner food hub 4P Foods Founder and CEO Tom McDougall said. “Not only is it good for the farmers and students, it’s also good for our environmental footprint, the nutrient density of the food, the economic opportunity for our farming communities, the resiliency of our supply chains, and so much more.”

“I am so excited to be a farmer involved with the farm to school initiative,” said Amy Carwile of Archlynn Farm in Charlotte County, Virginia. “I am passionate about growing fresh, wholesome produce, and that Virginia’s children are the recipient of some of that hard work is an encouragement. In addition, sales are the lifeblood of any farming operation and increased revenue streams at fair and equitable price points are always meaningful and appreciated.”

The VDOE Office of School Nutrition Programs is working on an impact analysis of the program and plans to extend the program for an additional year.

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Food bank gets donation



Walmart store #3770 donated \$3,000 to the Patrick County Community Food Bank to assist them with the cost of turkeys for their Thanksgiving distribution. (Contributed photo)

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Joseph C. Campbell, Jr., M.D.

Dr. Campbell is originally from the town of Buena Vista, Virginia. He attended college at Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Va. and Medical School at the University of Virginia Medical School in Charlottesville, Virginia. He did his residency in Orthopedic Surgery at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Bethesda Maryland. He was a staff Orthopedic Surgeon at Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, NC 1997-1999. Orthopedic areas includes General Orthopedic Surgery. Special Orthopedic Interests include Sports Medicine, Arthroscopic Surgery, Foot and Ankle surgery. Dr. Campbell is a board certified Orthopedic Surgeon.

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